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**Cable News.**

Special to Evening Telegram.

OTTAWA, April 8. Premier Borden has given notice of a straight closure Bill for Wednesday.

ROME, April 8. Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli have all become active at the same time, the first occasion on record.

ROME, April 8. Pope Pius suffered a severe relapse last night, his temperature rising to 100. His physician has forbidden him even to receive the usual daily report of Vatican affairs.

DETROIT, April 8. Woman suffrage is apparently beaten here, Detroit voted overwhelmingly in favor of municipal ownership of street railways. It is believed the returns will show a 4 to 1 vote in favor.

LONDON, April 8. Sir Thomas Lipton has sent an unconditional challenge for America's Cup. Lipton says the New York Yacht Club must now race or give up the Cup. He intends to enter a 75 footer, and the building will commence immediately.

WINNIPEG, April 8. Sir Charles Tupper is scheduled to leave Vancouver to-night for London, but his health is precarious, and he is suffering from a recent fall. He has declined to attend a banquet at Montreal, saying that he will never again make a public speech.

MONTREAL, April 8. If the Wilson tariff amendments come into active being, it will mean a big thing for the Maritime Provinces, is the general opinion. The free entry of fish foods into the States will mean increased prices, and increased fleets and equipments. It means more fish and an increased price of \$1.25 per one hundred pounds. There is plenty fish in Canadian waters, and should the tariff come into force, the industry is sure to grow.

CHRISTIANIA, April 8. Failure has overtaken the German Arctic expedition under Lieut. Schroeder Stranz, several members dying from exposure and scurvy. Four men have returned to Advent, Bar, Spitzbergen, and two others are reported safe at Treurenburg Bay. The aviator and cook are dead from exposure and starvation, while nothing has been heard from the commander since he started on a sledge expedition alone, in August last.

TOKIO, April 8. "The hollowness of American equality," is the subject of an ironical editorial in the Asahi, the leading independent newspaper of Japan which says that Californians propose to treat their neighbors across the Pacific worse than negroes. The article continues by saying the anti-Japanese agitation must impress Japanese people with a keen sense of humiliation which will require many years to efface, and Americans must be prepared for a cool reception when they settle in Japan.

LISBON, April 8. Jose Cosentino, bull fighter, is for the moment the hero of the Royalists. His appearance in the bull ring Sunday night, after he had been acquitted by court martial on a charge of conspiracy against the Republic, was the cause for desperate rioting. Ten thousand spectators cheered and hissed him, according to politician sympathies until he left the ring. The exhibition of the monarchists and republicans fought outside. There was much shooting, many being badly wounded. The troops eventually restored order.

DUDLEY, April 8. Last night the suffragettes made an attempt to blow up historic Dudley Castle, which dates back to the 8th century. The town was awakened at midnight by a loud explosion. The police found chemicals and blasting powder, some of which failed to explode. Some old siege guns, weighing a ton each, were brought into the embrasures by the explosion. "Votes for women and damn the consequences" was one of the lady-like messages attached to an old cannon. One story says that a criminal gun captured at Sebastopol, was fired.

WASHINGTON, April 8. President Wilson to-day commended his first message to Congress. It was unusually brief, dealing exclusively with the need for thorough moderate, well-considered and early reforms in the Banking and Currency laws. He said that for the present he refrained from urging any other legislation, as it might divert the energies of Congress. The message urged that special privileges and exemptions from competition be cut off the Nation's tariff system, and that revision be made to "square with facts as they are," drawing attention to the party's pledge of tariff revision.

LISBON, April 8. Former King Manuel declares, "I foresee I shall soon return to the throne of Portugal," in an interview published to-day in a monarchist newspaper, which does not disclose his whereabouts. Manuel outlines a programme of social and economic reforms to be introduced on his return. He describes the condition of Portugal as deplorable, affirming that actual despotism has replaced parliamentary self-government, and is controlling the Courts of Justice, whilst neglecting agriculture, commerce and industry, and augmenting the taxes to such an extent as to force 120,000 Portuguese to emigrate last year. The interview is regarded as indicative of a renewal of monarchist activities.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. J. Quirk wishes to thank the many kind friends who sympathized with her in her sad bereavement and sent wreaths and flowers to adorn the coffin, and especially The Marine & Fisheries Department, Mrs. T. Green, Mrs. J. W. Spry, Mr. R. Spry and Mrs. George Hayward.—adv't.

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**An Island of Mystery.**

BRITISH SCIENTISTS ARE INVESTIGATING EASTER ISLAND.

Cyclopean Masonry of Incalculable Age and Strange Tablets Containing Indecipherable Writings Are Among the Riddles of Tiny Speck of Land in the Southern Hemisphere—Egiles in Lava.

Two recent events have revived interest in and promise the final solution of a mystery that has puzzled the world for 200 years, or at least since the Dutch navigator, Jacob Roggeveen discovered the triangle of land known as Easter Island on Easter morning, 1722, 27 degrees and 30 minutes south of the equator, 2,000 miles from South America and 1,400 miles from the nearest land, Pitcairn Island.

The two facts that may prove the keys that will unlock the secrets of Easter Island are the sailing of an expedition of research and investigation in charge of W. Scoresby Routledge and some late conclusions by Prof. W. E. Safford of the United States Department of Agriculture, botanist and ethnologist, who has travelled among the isles of the Pacific and also in South America to trace points of similarity, as they exist between the as yet unsolved sculpture and untranslated language of this forty-two square miles of land and the monuments and peoples of Peru and Bolivia.

On this bit of territory have been counted 550 sculptured statues created upon cyclopean masonry, according to the latest bulletin of the Pan-American union; also there are stone houses, some more than 100 feet in length, with walls six feet thick, built like forts. There are tables in a strange language, terraces on headlands, with wall toward the sea, sometimes thirty feet high and more than 200 or 300 feet long. On the land side of the terraces are large stone pedestals for the images.

Most of the figures and inscriptions are cut from rough solid lava. Forty are inside the crater of one volcano, and outside are as many more at the foot of the slope, where they were placed for removal to different platforms. Some platforms measure only three or four feet in length, while others are eighty feet in extent. The largest is in an unfinished state. If erected upon its pedestal it would stand seventy feet in height. The smallest figure is but three feet high. All are of the same grim, frozen-faced type, with the head long, eyes closed under heavy brows, nose large, low-bridged and very broad at the nostrils, the upper lip short and the lips pointing. In most instances the head tilts backward. The lower part of the face is broad and heavy, but however they are formed. Ears are long and pendant. The shape generally ends at the shoulders or waist. The expression is profoundly solemn, disdainful, rudely picturing supercilious scorn.

One of the most remarkable features of the mystery is the fact that only one of these images stands in its original position upon a platform. All the others were thrown down. The work of these ancient statues suddenly. But why? For two centuries this question has remained unanswered. Was it the eruption of a volcano that did it? Some of the largest of the images are buried to the neck in ashes and fragments of lava.

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Prof. Safford, a man of great learning, has made the interesting discovery that the language of the less than 200 inhabitants to-day is essentially Polynesian and like that of Hawaii. Nearly all the words in the language spoken by the natives could, by observing certain fixed laws or changes be converted into Hawaiian. Some of the gods have the same names as the ancient Hawaiian gods, although the islands are separated by 2,000 miles of water. Contrary to the theory of others, Prof. Safford believes that the handful of present-day inhabitants are the descendants of the ancient lava carvers.

Easter Island, with its buried yet visible mysteries, now belongs to Chile, which has discovered ceremonial scepters, clubs, idols of stone and hardwood with eyes of glassy volcanic rock and shell, ceremonial paddles, feature headresses and small clubs for beating the bark of paper mulberry trees for tapa cloth.

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