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New York, March 25.—The Sun publishes the following from its London correspondent to-day. "Mr. Gladstone is dying of a cancerous growth involving the bone tissues back of the nasal passages. The melancholy truth is now admitted privately by his son, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and other members of his family. The unanimous verdict of several specialists who have been consulted regarding the case is that an operation is impossible owing to the aged and enfeebled condition of the patient. It would be possible to afford considerable relief and also to prolong life by surgical means if Mr. Gladstone were younger, but his heart already threatens failure to perform its functions and the surgeons are of the opinion that the administration of anaesthetics would result in immediate death. "The only relief possible is that afforded by opiates and other palliatives. These will be used freely as the disease progresses, for, although they tend to shorten life, it is the wise judgment of the physicians and the family alike that they would not be justified in seeking to prolong the agony which has already led the aged sufferer to express a pitiful longing for death."

The pain has now continued for six months and although it is somewhat less acute than what it was a few weeks ago the strength and vitality of the patient is wonderful. The preliminary hearing after the adjournment of the inquest was held before Messrs. Joynt and Bellamy, justices of the peace. A disagreement arose between them as to the value of the evidence. Joynt said he considered it sufficient to convict the prisoner and took upon himself to order his discharge. Bellamy objected to do so without advice, and Joynt withdrew. The coroner's inquest on the case. It is reported that the business upon which the deceased called at the Pear home on the night of the tragedy was not wholly in connection with the sale of the patent alluded to.

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WORK OF AN ENEMY

MAINE COURT OF INQUIRY DECLARES WRECK DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSE. SPANISH GOVERNMENT CABLES THAT IT HAS FORMED A CONTRARY OPINION. WAR PREPARATIONS HURRIEDLY GOING ON AND CONFLICT NEAR AT HAND. TORPEDO FLEET THE LIKELY OBJECT OF THE FIRST ATTACK.

Washington, March 25.—The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion. The State department by direction of the President has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The President and his cabinet advisers had two extended sessions to-day, one at 10:30 a.m. and another at 3:30 p.m. at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of a grave character and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical. The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster of the Maine to be of internal origin. The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla bound for the Canaries and will be disinclined to consider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposition of the fleet by its own force.

Ohio River Rising. Prospect of a Prodigious Flood Should Main Occur as Expected—Loss of Life Reported. Cincinnati, March 24.—At 10 o'clock to-night the Ohio river at Cincinnati registered 51 feet 2 1/2 inches, rising an inch an hour. Reports from the source of the Mononohoc river in the heart of the night and of a rapidly rising river to-night. There is an assurance that the Ohio will have a protracted high stage during the present season. It is expected should the tributaries receive an accession of rain within two or three days.

Support from Montreal. Board of Trade There for All-Canadian Route to Kettle River as Well as to Yukon. Montreal, March 25.—(Special)—The board of trade council adopted and forwarded to Ottawa to-day the following resolution: "Whereas the opening of communication with the Yukon district is of vital importance to the mercantile and manufacturing interests of this country; and whereas such communication is being suspended and there have been numerous wrecks of small craft. The lifeboats and rocket service have been suspended and the shipping everywhere is seeking shelter. Much damage has been done to the harbors. The Kettle River Head, lost all her crew by drowning."

Photographic Freak. How Certain Substances Make Pictures of Themselves Told by a Scientific Expert. London, March 24.—According to the Daily News, Dr. W. J. Russell, a prominent scientific man, has discovered that a certain substance placed in juxtaposition to a highly sensitive photographic plate in common darkness will become a polished piece of zinc after four or five hours contact. The sensitive plate has, as he paradoxically puts it, been hurriedly to complete its work at the same time the zinc plate has been polished by the light showing lines scratched on the zinc, silks, etc. Several other metals, wood, glass, straw and other substances, it is reported, have been discovered in the same manner. Actual contact with the plate is not necessary.

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WHAT ABOUT RUSSIA?

British Government Reproached by the Press for Permitting the Chinese Concessions. Japan Said to Have Been Conciliated by Promise of Withdrawal From Korea. Chinese Fleeing Pell Mell From Port Arthur—Three More Russian Warships.

London, March 25.—In the house of Commons to-day Mr. Curzon, parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, said the government had no confirmation of the news contained in a despatch to the London Times to the effect that the Chinese had agreed to all the Russian demands. The morning papers publish anxious articles reproaching the government for its inaction in China, and asking whether England has surrendered to Russia. The Times charges the government with vacillation. It says that the port shall be open to the ships and commerce of the whole world with a customs tariff similar to that of a Chinese treaty port, although its administration will be the same as at any other Russian port. China having represented that T'ai-lien was certain to supplant Niuchwang as the chief port of Manchuria, and to take the place of the Chinese government as the collector of the customs collected at T'ai-lien after payment of expenses. Through this arrangement is obvious temporary, the Chinese are much flattered and the concessions the conditions generally are cleverly designed to conciliate the trading states, while Russia will consolidate her power and strengthen her base prior to the absorption of Manchuria.

Blizzard in England. Snow and Sleet Throughout the Kingdom and Great Suffering From the Cold. London, March 24.—Snow and sleet is falling to-day in various parts of the United Kingdom, while heavy gales are sweeping the coast causing vessels to seek shelter in the harbors. A blizzard is raging in Derbyshire, impelling the flock and pedestrians. There were many small wrecks without loss of life on the east coast, and the steam trawler "The Arrow" from Scarborough, which was lost at the Kettle River Head, lost all her crew by drowning.

Financiers Against War. Offer to Supply Indemnity Funds to Spain Should United States Demand Reparation. London, March 24.—The Cuban crisis has aroused financiers here to make efforts to avert war. A movement to this end is on foot in Lombard street, and American bankers who are leading it are supposed to have the sympathy and aid of a certain substance placed in juxtaposition to a highly sensitive photographic plate in common darkness will become a polished piece of zinc after four or five hours contact.

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IN HUMANITY AT SEA

Steamer Runs Down a Schooner and Proceeds Without Assisting the Imperilled Crew. Marseilles, March 25.—The Italian schooner Addolomata, of Messina, Sicily, was run down off Monte Cristo while on her way to Genoa by an unknown steamer which proceeded disregarding the signals of the crew of the schooner. The crew after enduring great privations and masterless for four hours in the schooner's boats, heavy weather prevailing, landed at Monte Cristo. The underwriters of this city offer \$2,000 for the discovery of the identity of the steamer.

The Train Wreck. Remarkable Escape of the Passengers From More Serious Injury—A Traveler's Statement. Winnipeg, March 26.—(Special)—The passengers of the train wrecked near English river reached here this morning. None are seriously injured excepting C. W. Markes, of Detroit, who is in the general hospital with very severe injury to scalp and back. He is unconscious. C. A. Dowler of Detroit, who sustained several contusions and cuts on the head, was seen by a press representative this morning, and said: "I was in the fifth car of the train, a colonist sleeper. Immediately after the crash I was congratulating myself on having escaped any injury, though I remember striking my head against what I thought was a cushion. After clambering out of the car I felt blood trickling down my neck, and found that my head was badly cut. Considering the circumstances there was no panic to speak of. Anyone seeing the wreck would imagine that at least 50 persons must have been killed. The train crew were prompt in getting the people out of the cars, and in less than an hour and a half a wrecking train had arrived with a crew of men. The cars, with one or two exceptions proceeded west to-day."

British Coast Storms. Much Damage to Shipping and Many Heroic Rescues of Imperilled Seamen. London, March 26.—The severe gales, accompanied by snow and sleet, are unabated all over England. The weather is especially severe over the southeast coast, and it is worse off the French coast. The trips of the channel steamers to the continent are still suspended. Telegraphic communication is seriously interrupted. There have been numerous shipping disasters all around the English coast and along the North Sea to the Baltic. There have been many heroic rescues. The crew of the Norwegian bark Diamant were landed by the rocket apparatus in the presence of thousands of spectators. At Dorset the gale was especially severe, the shore being strewn with wreckage; while at Lowestoft huge masses of cliffs were washed away and the houses on their top were endangered. Over one hundred fishing smacks are missing.

Newfoundland Grievances. Particularly the Wrongs Inflicted by French Fishermen to be the Subject of Investigation. St. John's, March 25.—In the legislature to-night the premier, Sir James Winter, introduced a resolution inviting the British government to send a royal commission of inquiry to visit the colony and to report on the financial condition and resources of Newfoundland, and particularly the grievances under which the settlers along the French treaty coast of the island suffer from wrongs done by French warships and predatory French fishermen.

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LIBERALS' GREAT LUCK

Another Member Secured by Vote of Returning Officer—An Election Fund Molested. Toronto, March 26.—(Special)—Four election protests were filed this morning against Premier Hardy, Mr. Russell, Mr. Harcourt, Monck, Mr. Southwell, East Hastings; and Colquhoun, West Hastings. Decision was given in the West-Horn case, in which four ballots were left blank in the service. The "Gingy and Garow, Liberal, disallowed was counted for him, and one ballot counted for Beck, Conservative, was disallowed. Two other ballots claimed by Beck and disallowed by the county judge were again disallowed. This leaves the vote a tie, with the election in the hands of the returning officer, who will distribute the seat to the Liberal. The previous decision was in favor of the Conservative. Yesterday protests were filed in the cases of Brockville and South Toronto. The special charges in the Toronto case are to the effect that moneys were subscribed by Sir Charles Tupper, Messrs. Whitney, Marter and others.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL. Contractors Said to Have Given Up Fight for Yukon Bill in the Senate. Liberal Caucus Demands That Public Services be Utilized for Party Purposes. Mr. Slavin Quarrels with the Dawson Delegates—Drummond County Railway.

Ottawa, March 25.—Mackenzie and Mann have practically given up the fight in connection with the Yukon railway bill and withdrew their lobby to-day. The bill will be defeated in the Senate by at least twenty. The report is current to-night that the government is endeavoring to secure Lord Aberdeen's consent to appoint six new senators under the provisions of the B. N. A. act. It is doubted whether the home government will permit the request he granted it cannot save the bill.

During the last two days the Liberals have been in caucus eight hours. A big row over patronage. A demand is to be made against all Tories in the government service. It is said that all Tory deputy ministers will be retired. The Liberal version of the caucus says the questions of removing minister influence and the removal of the party in power, to the promotion of the interest of Conservatives, was again discussed. Another question of the caucus of opinion registered was that it is necessary in the Liberal interest and for the safety of the party entrusted with the reins of power that Liberal influence should prevail in the councils of the government.

Mr. Slavin got into a big fight with the miners' delegates, as a result of his attack upon them in a letter to the senators attempting to discredit them. The delegates are still suspended. It is reported that Boyle and Slavin are seeking a grant from the government of five million. At the Drummond County railway investigation this morning, Mr. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk, admitted that the contract for the line was a bargain in the latest agreement, a feather in the cap of the Senate, which threw out the original contract. The estimate will be brought down on Monday, and the budget will be presented on Friday.

Premier Laurier stated to-day that Mr. Mackintosh is still governor of the Territories. The debate on the franchise act in the commons continued until midnight. The railway debate in the senate was continued by Mr. Dwyer, who supported the bill, and Messrs. Bolduc and McAllum, who opposed it.

Kootenay for Canadians. Rossland and Trail Feel the Effect of Carrying the Le Roi to a Foreign Shore. Rossland, March 25.—There was great indignation this morning among many prominent citizens when it was announced that a so-called public meeting had been held without any notice, and the feeling is so high that it is to be hoped the arrangement of holding meetings will never occur again in Rossland. A resolution was passed at the meeting which might lead people to believe that all Rossland was in favor of the Kettle River Valley railway, but such is really not the case for Rossland Canadian citizens generally feel keenly that in their proximity to-day they have built up the neighboring towns of the United States, and it is likely that Canadians in this camp will be invited to organize in order to encourage smelting in British Columbia, and build up Canadian towns instead of smelting everything to cross the line. In carrying out this idea the citizens feel assured of the support of the C.P.R., to whom the territory of Port and Government for reducing smelting and transportation charges. On this account Rossland is to-day on the eve of great prosperity, for although the Le Roi mine which all its ore to Northport and thereby closed down the Trail smelter, the C.P.R. has filed the breach and the smelter at Trail will operate at a larger scale than ever, for the famous War Eagle mine at least is owned by Canadians.

Very fortunate for Roger's car factory, a couple of workmen went up on the roof of the building yesterday afternoon to make some repairs, for they then discovered a small fire in progress, with prospects of a first-class burn up in a little while. An alarm was turned in from the corner of Port and Government streets, and the fire department came up on the run, to find that a few buckets of water had been applied had made an end of the danger.

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THE POLICE

Magistrate Macrae Spends a Busy Morning—Mrs. Ahern's Fear for Her Life.

Convicted Sneak Thief Acknowledges Police Attention—Family and Friends Desert.

A number of interesting cases which had been announced for hearing at the police court yesterday morning attracted an unusually large audience...

Joseph Ahern, the man who made matters so exciting for a short time in St. George's Hall on Thursday morning, pleaded not guilty to the charge of aggravated assault preferred against him by Mrs. Pellow...

Marie Schmeider, proprietress of the London Hotel, charged by John Sandycroft with the theft of \$95, did not appear. Her counsel presented a medical certificate to the effect that she was unable to attend court...

It was on last Monday night that Sandycroft claimed to have been robbed. He says he was drinking at the Victoria Hotel and fell asleep with \$95 in his pocket...

Walter Montgomery, late of Winnipeg, admitted that he had stolen \$25 in jewelry from the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday night. When Montgomery departed from Winnipeg he left some jewelry in a box...

A large number of people called at E. J. Sander's and Co.'s 14 Johnson street, yesterday, and sampled the delicacies cooked with La Mont's crystallized eggs. The visitors were much interested in the difference between the taste of crystallized eggs and those taken fresh from the shell...

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IN EASTERN PROVINCES

Faster Pacific Mail Service Looked for by the Admiralty—Arrangement for Peterson Ships.

Ontario Pastor's Scheme for New Utopia—Newfoundland's Governor and Ministers.

A communication from the Admiralty office dated May 6th, 1892, states that it has been necessary to modify the plans of the proposed Atlantic fast mail steamers to make provisions for the construction of spousons suitable for carrying quick fring guns at the height of the lower promenade deck...

The wholesale trade at Toronto has undergone little or no change. The demand for retail goods is good and the movement is active for the season. In dry goods and hardware reports are more satisfactory, and a number of Mr. Peterson's letters will extend that of corresponding months for many years...

Another feature of the correspondence is the intimation given by the Under Secretary of the Imperial Government, that the Imperial subsidy of \$50,000 is intended to aid the accomplishment of a fast Pacific, as well as a fast Atlantic service, as follows: They (the Imperial Government) are anxious that it should be clearly understood by the Dominion Government...

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Board of Trade a resolution was passed favoring the early construction of a telegraph cable from British Columbia to Australia, and authorizing the board to appoint a committee to co-operate with the Vancouver Board of Trade in bringing the subject before parliament at the present session...

A pair of marine glasses were also found in the prisoner's room, but whether they are stolen property or not could not be known. The case will come before Magistrate Macrae this morning.

Even Port Townsend a Trifle Ashamed of the "Corona's" Cheap Theatrical Play. Taking for a text the Washington dispatch as to the Treasury's action in the Corona case, the Port Townsend Herald writes that the citizens of this town are somewhat indignant at the Corona's cheap theatrical play...

M. Raoul Rinfret, C.E., of Montreal, who leaves shortly for the Yukon with the Slaven-Boyd party, has been commissioned by Minister of the Interior to act as a meteorological service in the Yukon country, as well as to make certain surveys for the Interior Department.

The relations between the government and the railway companies, which were for a second time strained, at the request of the Colonial Office a supplementary bill, declaring that the American Telephone Rights were not affected by the railway bill, was enacted, and the Governor refused to sign the railway bill until the C.P.R. a large crowd of Californians also arrived on the City of Puebla...

The death of Mr. W. J. Tippins, who had been ill for some time past occurred at the late residence, Carey road, on Wednesday morning. The deceased came to Victoria as an officer with the British warship Boxer at the time of the Crimean war, when it was thought necessary to have protection at this point against the Russian fleet which was at that time stationed at Sitka, Alaska. The funeral will take place on Sunday under the auspices of Columbia lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member.

A rich claim on Walsh creek has been located by Mr. W. H. Burkholder, of this city. The claim, which has been located by him and forty others happened to be camped for the winter a short distance from Walsh creek, where the rich strike there reached them. All left immediately for the scene and staked claims. Mr. Burkholder found on his claim a ton and a half of gold in the gravel nuggets about the size of peas.

GRAHAM'S WATER BILL

The Legislature Kills It on the Second Reading After a Long Discussion.

Master and Servant Bill Amended so as Not to Discriminate Against Canadians.

Mr. Kidd resumed the debate on the second reading of Mr. Helmcken's Alien Labor bill, and supported it on the ground that it was advisable to keep this country as much as possible for the Anglo-Saxon race. Lord Kelvin when he was here had in the course of a speech said in speaking of the province that "paranorm was the growth of the British race."

The Premier recalled that one clear year had not elapsed since the last act was passed and the government were taking steps to ascertain how the matter stood in Ottawa. Mr. Helmcken's objection to the bill was that it was a violation of the principles of representation by population; therefore, your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body will not pass the bill.

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NEATLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY.

Tony Jerrjowich Returns to Victoria For a Brief Visit, But May Remain a Few Months.

A daring robbery and a prompt and clever piece of detective work were executed in the city inside of two hours yesterday.

Tony Jerrjowich, who left Victoria about two days ago, returned from Seattle by the steamer City of Kingston yesterday morning, evidently with the intention of staying in the city for a few days. He was armed with about a dozen skeleton keys, all of which he considered the property of the woman with whom he was met on the stairway of the Vernon house by the landlady who questioned him on the side he informed him that he was looking for a friend named Byloff, and passed on without giving the woman much chance to size up the man.

Ten minutes later the landlady was informed by Mr. G. A. Strazza, a guest, that he had been robbed of his watch, and that he had left his clothes in a bathrobe he left all his clothes in his room behind him, locking the door. Mr. Jerrjowich was seen to keep up with orders. Imports of dry goods are heavy while the export trade of the Dominion fell the eight months of the year. The large and increasing railway traffic reflects the activity in general commerce. In groceries the leather trade is good. There has been another decrease of half a cent in hides in sympathy with the rest of the world. Payments are reported as satisfactory and no failures of prominence are recorded. Money is firm with call loans negotiable at 4 1/2 per cent. The week was 31st against 50 for the same week of last year.

Another snap, 100 pairs ladies' last year Oxford ties, black, tan and ox blood at \$1.00—a small line of slippers for 25cts., at Geo. H. Maynard, 85 Douglas street.

Mr. W. Blaylock, who recently returned from the Klondike, left for the gold fields on the steamer City of Kingston. He is accompanied on his return trip by James Morrison, late of Weller Bros., and Chas. Cunningham. They intend to return to the Yukon with which they intend to operate on the Salmon river.

A large number of people called at E. J. Sander's and Co.'s 14 Johnson street, yesterday, and sampled the delicacies cooked with La Mont's crystallized eggs. The visitors were much interested in the difference between the taste of crystallized eggs and those taken fresh from the shell. It was in fact a very good success, and the difference between the taste of crystallized eggs and those taken fresh from the shell was not so great as it was reported to be.

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Mr. Kidd resumed the debate on the second reading of Mr. Helmcken's Alien Labor bill, and supported it on the ground that it was advisable to keep this country as much as possible for the Anglo-Saxon race. Lord Kelvin when he was here had in the course of a speech said in speaking of the province that "paranorm was the growth of the British race."

The Premier recalled that one clear year had not elapsed since the last act was passed and the government were taking steps to ascertain how the matter stood in Ottawa. Mr. Helmcken's objection to the bill was that it was a violation of the principles of representation by population; therefore, your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body will not pass the bill.

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FREE TO LADIES.

For Infants and Children.

Following is the return presented in the legislature of the number of voters in the province at the 31st of January last—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Voters. Includes entries for Comox, Nanaimo, Victoria, etc.

Total 26,793

The Provincial Secretary yesterday presented returns of correspondence under the new Clauses Act.

Superannuation allowances are made of a class of persons who have been employed in the public service for 30 years.

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A CRISIS

Russia Threatens Unless Her Demands are Met.

Lack of Money Emperor Frederick's Position.

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