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TALKING OF PEACE

London Newspapers Think Spain's Case is Hopeless and Advise Submission.

Great Britain Willing to Take the Initiative to Bring About Peace.

London, June 10.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon publishes a long editorial pointing out the hopelessness of the present position...

There is no need of a strong armament with the Spanish could not drive the most would produce a tremendous effect.

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FROM THE CAPITAL

The Commons Dealing with the Remaining Business of the Session Very Rapidly.

Sir Richard Cartwright Enlightens Mr. Foster re the Fort-nightly Service.

Ottawa, June 10.—At the opening of the House this morning Mr. Sifton confirmed the reported appointment of Reginald Himmer, secretary of the Reform Association, as a member of the Indian Department at \$2,000 per year.

On board the Associated Press despatch boat, Dauntless, of San Diego, Cal., Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m.—(Via Kingston, Jamaica, June 9, 11:30 a.m.)—On Friday night it was believed that the night attack on the American fleet by one or both torpedo destroyers with the Spanish fleet had been frustrated by the vigilance of the New Orleans and that the destroyers had been repulsed and driven back into the harbor by the hot fire poured into them by the New Orleans, New York and Massachusetts.

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MINTS TO WORK OVERTIME

Nearly a Hundred Million Dollars in Gold Bullion on Hand.

Washington, June 9.—Secretary Gage sent to the house a recommendation for the appropriation of \$250,000 for the payment of the wages of workmen and sundry expenses in connection with the mintage of gold and silver for the next fiscal year, together with an elaborate statement of the gold bullion now in the treasury and the needs for its conversion for mintage.

The secretary calls attention to the \$7,000,000 held in the treasury on June 1, and the apparent necessity for its conversion into coin at an early date, to be applicable for disbursement from the treasury in case it should be required.

Of the gold bullion in the treasury, \$2,000,000 is held at the assay office at New York and at the mint at Philadelphia, and to be mintage at a reasonable time it will be necessary to run overtime at the Philadelphia mint for several months.

While the stock of gold bullion on hand at San Francisco at the present time is about \$4,500,000, it will be increased by the receipt of receipts from the Klondike, most of which will be deposited in that institution.

Conservative estimates place the amount that will be received from the Klondike during July and August at not less than \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and it will probably be necessary to work the mint overtime for two or three months.

General Wolseley

A Report That He May Be Appointed Governor-General

Great Britain is Desirous of Selecting a Man of Distinguished Ability.

New York, June 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "The British government has had unusual trouble in filling the vacancy of the viceroyalty of Canada."

The good relations now existing between Great Britain and America, make it important that the new governor-general of Canada should be a man of high reputation.

It is generally believed that the war office has been selected for this important post.

Nothing has yet appeared in print about it, but it will be stated in the course of the day.

It is said that a majority of the senate is determined to insist on its amendments to the franchise bill.

It depends entirely upon what the senate will do as to whether the bill will pass.

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REVENUE AGREEMENT

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A DEAL THAT FAILED

George Bohun Martin Tries to Sell His Ranch to the Dominion With Official Assistance.

He Asks for a Favorable Report and Wants the Whole Matter Kept Quiet.

The Fourth Minister Who Tries to Serve Himself by the Aid of Public Opinion.

Evidence has repeatedly been presented to the public that Messrs. Turner, Pooley and Baker were using their positions as ministers of the crown to advance their own personal interests.

In the case of Messrs. Turner and Pooley, it has been shown that they allowed their names and official titles to be used as directors of a speculative Klondike company.

Col. Baker manipulated the Crow's Nest Pass Railway land grant to such good purpose that he is now believed to be a rich man.

The president of an important Philippine company having its office in London, who presented a statement to the ambassador, discussed the question with a representative of the Associated Press.

Mr. Geo. B. Martin is the next member of the government to demonstrate his belief in the policy that "public office is a private snare."

Mr. Martin owns a ranch on the Thompsons river, east of Kamloops; he is commissioner of crown lands and was a supporter of the late Dominion government.

Mr. W. Wood was Indian agent at Kamloops; that was during the administration of the late Dominion government.

With this explanation the following extraordinary correspondence will be easily understood:

(Private) Lands and Works Department, B.C., Chief Commissioner's Office, Victoria, April 22nd, 1895.

Dear Wood,—"Father Le Jeune" has written me about selling my place to the Dominion government.

He has written me about it, and he tells me it is written to you. I will have to ask you to report on it.

Now give me a favorable report as you can. The land is first class and plenty of it.

It is a very good piece of land, with a garden and orchard, etc.

Yours very truly, G. B. MARTIN.

(Private) Lands and Works Department, B.C., Victoria, B.C., April 20th, 1895.

Dear Wood,—"I have spoken to Mr. Vowell and he is willing to assist me in the matter. Mr. Vowell will also do the best he can.

The reason for showing the advisability for the purchase of the land is that the Indians on the east side of the Thompsons river have no water whatever for irrigation purposes.

I do not like the idea of mentioning the matter to Tom Graham, but if you will recommend the matter strongly to Mr. Vowell it can be arranged satisfactorily.

REFERENCE TO THE TAX MATTER.—I HAVE SEEN MR. BOOTH AND HE WILL PUT THE MATTER OFF AS LONG AS HE CAN, PROBABLY TO THE END OF JULY. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE TAX MATTER HAS NOT BEEN PAID SINCE 1892.

THE PHILIPPINES

Startling Stories of Spanish Misrule in the Islands.

London, June 9.—Whatever may be the policy of the United States towards the Philippines, the British capitalists whose investments there give them the right to speak with authority upon the conditions and needs of the colony are of one mind.

Delegations of leading men, representing some of the most important interests in the Philippines, have called upon Ambassador Hay to urge him to make representations to the government of their desire that the United States should obtain permanent possession of the Philippine Islands.

They are agreed in the belief that with the guarantee of a stable government, the Philippines would become richer and more desirable possessions than Cuba.

Should the islands remain under Spanish sovereignty that government might make conditions burdensome for business men who were on record as desiring a change and who had made revelations about Spanish misrule. They can make known their desires only through secret diplomatic channels, as they have done.

The president of an important Philippine company having its office in London, who presented a statement to the ambassador, discussed the question with a representative of the Associated Press.

He gave the usual recital of extortion by the officials who go from Spain to these islands as they go to Cuba with the same purpose of acquiring as much money as possible in the shortest time.

Under a proper treatment the islands, although consisting of several different races would be entirely tractable.

The great difficulties the United States would encounter in managing the islands would come from the religious orders, which have been accustomed to oppress the natives and have accumulated much valuable property.

The present instruction to the Philippines office of the government is against the government and conducted by a secret society which has been organized to oppose the priests, a "freemasonry" which has spread throughout the islands.

Investigations by the most efficient engineer have proved that the gold deposits in the Philippines are among the richest in the world, and he thought would surpass Australia; and South Africa.

In conclusion he said the American government should not be deterred by the usual purpose of acquiring as much money as possible in the shortest time.

During the past few years he had known of but one epidemic of disease and that not of a serious nature.

GREAT ADVANCE IN SURGERY. Sick Soldiers in the Present War Well Cared For.

Washington, June 9.—Surgeon General Van Replen, of the navy, is back from a trip to New York, where he inspected the naval ambulance ship, the Solace, and saw the sick and wounded soldiers brought from Admiral Simpson's fleet, 54 in all.

The wounded include those who participated in the engagements at Marikina, Cienfuegos and Matanzas. The men are doing well and there will be no fatalities.

One of the men will lose an arm. All the other parties will be more fortunate.

Surgical science has made such great advances since the civil war that there would be no such great loss of limbs and other personal disfigurements as occurred 30 years ago.

One of the men brought up on the Solace had his thigh bone shattered by a piece of Spanish shrapnel. The shell went into the fleshy part of the thigh, crushing the bone to splinters and emerging on the other side of the leg.

It made a gaping wound completely through the leg with the thigh bone severed. During the civil war such a wound would have necessitated the amputation of the leg near the hip.

But under the present method of antiseptic treatment amputation was not necessary in this case. Treatment by the Spaniards on board ship has a depressing influence on the fighting crews.

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