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U. S. HOUSE AND SENATE.

Twenty-five Millions Appropriated Without Debate.

PUERTO RICO TARIFF

Under Consideration for a Short Time--Republican Representatives Insist on a Generous Measure of Relief for the Storm-Stricken Puerto Ricans.

Washington, March 19--The house today refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Puerto Rican relief bill. The Democrats supported a motion to concur on the ground that it would avoid further delay in extending relief to the inhabitants of the island, but the Republicans stood firmly behind Chairman Cannon in his demand that the house should insist upon its original provision to appropriate not only the money collected on Puerto Rican goods up to January 1, but all subsequent moneys collected or to be collected. The remainder of the day was devoted to District of Columbia business. Washington, March 19--Two measures of national importance and many of slighter interest were passed by the senate today. The legislative bill, carrying more than \$25,000,000 was passed without debate. The measure providing for the appointment of a commission to adjudicate and settle claims of citizens of the United States growing out of the war with Spain was also passed without opposition. For a brief time the Puerto Rican government and tariff measure was under consideration. Mr. Forsaker, in charge of the bill, submitted some committee amendments. A few of them were agreed to, but the important ones are still pending. A free trade amendment to the bill was offered by Senator Beveridge.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASSUMES NO LIABILITY

For Loss to Shippers Through Goods Being Detained awaiting the Decision of the Prize Court.

London, March 19--In the House of Commons today, in answer to a question on the subject of the seizure of the British steamer Mashona, laden with American flour for the Transvaal, by the British gunboat Partridge, and whether the government, through the United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, had undertaken to meet any claims for loss of damage sustained by American citizens in consequence of the delay of the delivery of their goods, and whether the claims of British subjects would be treated on the same footing. Mr. Broderick confirmed the announcement that the prize court had released the Mashona and added: "Her Majesty's government does not admit liability in respect to claims of the nature indicated. Claims with respect to the non-delivery of cargo awaiting the matter for settlement between the claimants and the ship undertaking to deliver the goods. British subjects owning goods on a British ship have no right to trade with the enemy, and they are not in the same position as foreign owners."

A SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK.

Plant Line Train Left the Rails and Two Coaches and Two Sleepers Rolled Down an Embankment.

Montgomery, Atlantic, March 19--The fast mail on the plant system which left here last night, was wrecked near Ozark, resulting in the injury of a number of passengers. William Kellar, commercial traveler from Savannah, is dying as a result of his injuries. Others hurt are: R. L. Todd, division passenger agent of the Plant system; Montgomery; Jack Cornley, Southern passenger agent of the Mobile & Ohio; Montgomery; Conductor Reed, fatally; C. L. Mizell, a merchant of Ozark, seriously. The rear trucks of the tender jumped the track and the entire train excepting the last sleeper left the rails. Two coaches and two sleepers rolled down an embankment.

The Bath Ship Carpenters' Strike.

Bath, Me., March 19--The ship carpenters' strike is still unsettled, but it looks as if an agreement will be signed early this week.



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THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

How the Canadian Militia Are Armed.

THE PAST CANAL POLICY.

Motion Passed to Have Brought Down All Correspondence Relative to Newfoundland Entering The Confederation of Canada as Proposed.

Ottawa, March 19--This was private members' day in the house and routine transactions chiefly occupied the session. There was quite a lengthy debate on a resolution for the bringing down of correspondence relative to Newfoundland entering the confederation, but the resolution was finally passed without opposition. Mr. Flint introduced a bill respecting the Yarmouth Steamship Company. Sir Charles Tupper asked whether the premier intended to lay before the house the protocols placed before the Quebec commission. Sir Wilfrid replied that he did not think that the negotiations with the United States had come to an end. They were only suspended.

Col. Prior asked the minister of militia whether Esquimaux was to be garrisoned by Canadian troops exclusively. The minister promised to answer the question tomorrow. In answer to another question as to the repatriation of the One Hundredth or Leinster Regiment, the minister said that from the negotiations going on with the war office he had strong hopes that it would be accomplished. Mr. Casey again brought up the Pacific cable question, basing his remarks on the Hansard report of the Victoria legislation of February 9, which seemed to show that the Imperial Government had consented to a variation of the terms of the contract. Hon. Mr. Mulock said that he thought the attitude of the Imperial Government had been entirely misrepresented in the report.

In reply to a question by Mr. Oser, Hon. Mr. Borden said that 34 battalions of the Canadian militia were armed with the Lee-Enfield rifle and 57 were not so armed. Forty rounds of ball ammunition and ten rounds of blank were issued to each officer and man of the militia for class firing. Those who qualified as marksmen for competition received ten rounds extra. In reply to a question by Mr. McMillen, Hon. Mr. Blair expressed the opinion that it was not the policy of the late government of Canada or of the late finance minister to complete the St. Lawrence canal with all possible dispatch, but rather to pursue a delatory policy. In reply to a question, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the government was disposed to buy the Plains of Abraham if they could be obtained for a reasonable price. Sir Henry Joly said that the amount of Canadian tobacco manufactured in 1890 was 474,000 pounds; in 1897, 690,000; in 1898, 1,940,000 pounds; in 1899, 2,192,000. Mr. Foster objected to an answer made by Hon. Mr. Fielding in regard to the expenditure on consolidated revenue account because it contained the year 1895, which he had not asked for. He said Mr. Fielding was acting small. Mr. Foster was called to order. Sir Richard Cartwright said Mr. Foster had no right to criticize the answers; it was a violation of the rules of the house. A number of other questions were answered by the ministers, and the unopposed motions for papers were passed by the consent of the premier as proposed on Friday.

DR. RYERSON HAS CABLED FROM KIMBERLEY.

He Has Established Ninety Beds There--Canadian Nurses Assisting.

Toronto, March 19--Dr. G. S. Ryerson, Canadian Commissioner in South Africa, cabled from Kimberley under the date of March 18, stating he has established 90 beds at Kimberley and that the Canadian nurses are being sent there to assist in the nursing. He also reports there are 1,600 sick and wounded at Kimberley alone with 1,700 of all ranks in the hospitals either by reason of wounds or sickness.

Schooner Sank at Anchorage.

Ellsworth, Me., March 19--Schooner Olive Avery, Captain Cousins, of Surray, was sunk at her winter anchorage at East Surray today. Damage caused by floating ice was the cause of the accident. She can be raised.

GEN. BULLER TO FORCE THE BIGGARSBERG RANGES.

News of the Next Serious Fighting Should Come from Northern Natal--No News from Mafeking but Mr. George Wyndham Says He Thinks it is All Right--The Second Canadian Contingent Heard From.

London, March 20--4 a. m.--The war office has had no news up to this hour confirming reports of the relief of Mafeking, but Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary under-secretary for war, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the House of Commons about midnight, smilingly said: "I think it is all right." The Free States seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in considerable force around Smithfield, although much dispersed. A British spy from Rouxville reports that Commandant Olivier and a commando of about 100 men are in the neighbourhood of Bloemfontein. It is surrounded by a country of hills and jungles. General Gatacre is now resting at Springfontein, preliminary to joining Lord Roberts. General Buller's hill work before Ladysmith has given him an experience which is about to be used in forcing the Biggarsberg range. It is believed that 25,000 of his 40,000 men are about to engage General Botha's force and the next news of fighting will probably come from Natal.

THE IRISH SILENCE SLIGHTLY BROKEN.

Redmond, Although Abstaining from the Discussion, Permits Himself to Make Comments.

London, March 19--During the budget session in the house, Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader, said the Irish members abstained from the discussion, but they did not regard it as a humdrum budget, as it imposed upon Ireland an additional war tax of over a million a year at which the conscience of Ireland, he added, revolted.

RAISING MEN IN TORONTO FOR HALIFAX.

Two Hundred Are Wanted from That District--Most of Them Secured.

Toronto, March 19--Recruiting officers for the Halifax garrison today secured 18 men. So far Toronto and district have supplied 148 men, 46 of whom are still waiting to be sent to Ottawa. The recruiting officers aim at getting 200 from this district. A further draft will probably be sent east tomorrow night.

THE GALLANT DEFENDER OF LADYSMITH.

Sir George White at Cape Town, but Too Ill to Attend a Public Reception.

Cape Town, March 19--General Sir George Stewart White, the defender of Ladysmith, has arrived here, but is too ill to permit of a public reception being given in his honor.

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN A POPULAR LOAN.

Three Hundred and Thirty-five Million Pounds Subscribed for the War Loan.

London, March 19--In the House of Commons today, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that the total number of applications for the war loan was 39,800, and that the total amount of subscriptions was £335,500,000. The largest application, he added, was for £10,000,000. Applicants for £10,000 and upwards would get 6 per cent. of their application. Below £10,000 the assignments would vary from 6 per cent. to an allotment in full.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE CANADIAN PREMIER.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Felicitates Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the Tone of His Speech.

Ottawa, March 19--Premier Laurier has received a cable message from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain felicitating him on the elevated tone of, and sentiment expressed in his patriotic address in the Canadian House of Commons on Tuesday last.

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THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Carnarvon, Cape Colony, March 19--The Canadian Mounted Rifles, under Colonel Herchimer, and the Canadian Artillery, commanded by Col. Drury, have arrived here with a contingent of Yeomanry. The presence of this force here has had an excellent effect in the district. It is reported that a large force of Insurgents is in the vicinity of Van Wyskvele.

BISHOP POTTER INTERVIEWED

He Discusses the Philippines, Japan and India.

CHANCE FOR MISSIONS

Of the Anglican Church--China and Japan are Drawing Closer Together--The United States Must Hold on to the Philippines.

New York, March 19--Bishop Potter talked to newspaper reporters today. Dr. Potter has just returned from a five months tour, which included visits to the Philippines, Japan and India. The trip was made at the instance of the committee on increased responsibilities of the Protestant Episcopal church. He was most interested, he said, in the condition of affairs in Japan and China. He noticed a gradual friendliness between the two nations and prophesied that when Japan had taught the Chinese the art of war neither England, Russia nor Germany would decide the fate of the east. The Chinese do not love the Japanese, but recognizing that they have nothing to hope from the European nations are glad to establish an entente cordiale with the Japanese. Referring to the Philippine situation, Bishop Potter said he went to the islands in an attitude of antagonism. He declined to say whether his opinions had altered, but said he recognized the question as a purely academic one. "Whatever we might have done," he said, "a year or more back, there is but one thing for us to do now and that is to hold on to the islands and assume the responsibility for their future. The military administration of the islands is beyond praise. Gen. Otis has not received half the recognition to which he is entitled. New questions are arising daily and he has handled them all with discretion. One thing is evident and that is that the Philippines are in no condition for self-government. If a civil government was imposed it would need a large military force to maintain it. "Several friends of Aguinaldo," continued the Bishop, "called upon me in Hong Kong and they told me that they were satisfied that there could be no success for his undertakings. The better class of Filipinos are satisfied that American occupation means increased prosperity and are not making any objections." Bishop Potter told of a visit he made to a factory in Manila where about 450 Filipino boys and girls were spinning cotton cloth. The overseer told him they had learned to work the looms in about six weeks, whereas Irish and Scotch children took as many months before they were of any service. Asked about the future of the Anglican church in the islands, Bishop Potter said he saw no reason why it should not successfully be introduced to the natives. He had found, he said, no evidence of any Pagan religion. The Roman Catholic religion was pretty generally observed and as education spread the tenets of the Anglican church would receive general acceptance.

HUSBAND AND WIFE GORED TO DEATH.

Their Bodies Found Beneath the Snow in a Yard where a Savage Bull is Kept.

FRENCH LEGISLATORS LOOK AFTER AMUSEMENTS.

The Chamber of Deputies Adopt a Credit to Replace the Theatre Francais.

Paris, March 19--The chamber of deputies today adopted a credit of 2,400,000 francs for the construction of the Theatre Francais, recently destroyed by fire and for the provision of a temporary home for the Comedie Francaise at the Odéon.

FROM WOODSTOCK.

Serious Accident to an Old Lady--Measles Epidemic.

Woodstock, March 19--Mrs. W. A. Long, an aged resident of Newburgh, met with a serious accident on Sunday last. While crossing the road to a neighbor's house she slipped on a piece of ice and broke her leg. Mrs. Arnold is 80 years old. Dr. Saunders set the limb.

Austrian Law-makers Excited.

Vienna, March 19--Scenes of wild disorder were witnessed in the Reichsrath today. The president of the chamber, Doh von Eschen, suppressed a German nationalist interpellation. Greatly excited, the Germans interrupted the proceedings for half an hour, denounced the president and hurled at him such epithets as "blackguard," "convict," and "thieving scoundrel."

Water Supply for Camden.

Camden, Me., March 19--The fight in the town meeting today was on the question of independent water supply and it was decided to raise \$1,000, the necessary amount to meet the expenses of preparing to introduce a plant worth \$60,000. In the election the officers chosen were F. H. Wilbur, Josiah Hobbs, Everett Duffy, selectmen; Charles Wood, clerk.

Plague in Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 19--Another death from bubonic plague has occurred here and two fresh cases are officially reported.

Adelaide, South Australia, March 19--Five deaths have recently occurred here from what is suspected to be the bubonic plague.

No Railway Pool Wanted.

New York, March 19--Officials of the Truck Line Association deprecate all talk of a "pool" because of the association's harmonious arrangements with the Western Passenger Association in the management of the immigrant passenger business. They deny that the agreement has any object other than the regulation of methods in the handling of such traffic.

THE CHINESE PROBLEM.

Dowager Empress Never Hostile Towards Foreigners.

GERMANY SNUBBED.

Hen Tung Has Been Decorated with the Three Eyd Peacock Feather--St. John Broderick says there is No Trouble in China but Conditions Are Normal.

Pekin, March 19--The ascendancy of the anti-foreign party is becoming more pronounced daily. The Dowager Empress appears unable to sufficiently reward the officials who exhibit marked hostility to everything not Chinese. Hen Tung, probably the most bitter anti-foreign official of the Empire, has been appointed governor of the Shan Si district, a snub to the powers interested and likely to prejudice British interests in the province as the powers believe his maladministration is the cause of the present state of affairs in Shan Tung. London, March 19--Being asked a question in the House of Commons today regarding the reports of trouble threatening to occur in China, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Sir William St. John Broderick, said Her Majesty's government had taken and continues to take all necessary steps to protect British interests in this connection. He also denied the story published in the Free States that the American government was sending war ships to China.

FUNERAL OF DR. COULTHARD.

Leading Men of Fredericton Yesterday Him Their Last Resters.

Fredericton, March 19--The funeral of the late Dr. G. E. Coultard took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The weather was one of the largest ever seen in this city. Rev. G. M. Campbell officiated. The pall bearers were Dr. H. J. Larn, Bridget Atkinson, Seery, G. J. McNally and H. H. McNally. All medical practitioners of this city. The teachers and male students of the city school were in a body in advance of the hearse. Following them came members of the city board of school trustees, members of the provincial board of health, including Hon. Jas. Holly and James McMinn, of St. John. Thence came the professors and students of the U. N. B. and hundreds of citizens. The House of Assembly took recess to enable the members to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Lord Dufferin Remembers Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 19--The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, writing to City Clerk Henderson from Glendoe, Ireland, thanks the corporation of Ottawa for its resolution of condolence on the death of his son, the late Earl of Ava. He says: "I hasten to acknowledge the resolution of the city council of Ottawa in reference to the death of Lord Ava. "In reply I ask you to convey to the mayor and members of the municipality in name myself and Lady Dufferin, my expression of our deepest gratitude for the signal mark of your sympathy with us in the death of our eldest son. Reassuring we do many happy years pass in Ottawa and constant consideration shown to us by inhabitants, it's soothing to our feelings that they should still remember us and live in the heart of us in our sorrow. The action of the municipality in displaying the national ensign at half-mast for a week was a tribute to our son's memory that has touched us to the heart. Your Obedient Servant, Dufferin and Ava."

A Two Million Dollar Policy.

Providence, R. I., March 19--What is believed to be the largest single life insurance policy ever written at one time on the life of one man was placed last week by August Belmont on the life of John McDonald, contractor for the New York Rapid Transit Tunnel. The policy is for \$2,000,000 for the term of five years and was taken by a New York Life Insurance company. The amount to be distributed among most of the companies in the country and some in England.

Australian Wheat Crop Shor.

Melbourne, March 19--The official statistics of the wheat crop in Victoria show only 15,000,000 instead of 21,000,000 bushels which was the estimate before the harvest. The exportable surplus will be 6,250,000 bushels instead of 12,000,000.

Publishers of Daily Telegraph.

I most heartily congratulate you on the improved and nearly perfect mechanical "get up" of your paper. Editorially it has long been the first paper in the lower provinces. REV. R. S. CRISP.

WAR NEWS.

London, March 17, 4.20 a. m.—With the railway communication to the Cape in...

It was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation...

It is understood that all the continental powers, with one exception...

The possibility of the destruction of Johannesburg is discussed here...

Lord Roberts comments upon the earlier operations of the war in London...

The Times observes that this silence is perhaps more significant than words...

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The failure was mainly due to reliance on inaccurate information regarding the ground to be traversed to the position held by the Boers...

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Lorenzo Marques dated Friday, March 16:—

Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal River at Vereeniging.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—

"The Boer prisoners, I learn, will be detained indefinitely on board the transports...

London, March 16.—The Daily Mail publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Cecil Rhodes...

Mr. Rhodes declared that there had only been 30,000 Boers in the field altogether...

"A military force of 70 officers and 112 men will sail for Lorenzo Marques Tuesday next...

London, March 16.—General Gatacre is holding Bethulie, and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein...

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts has sent the following despatch to the war office:—

"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16.—Gen. Clements crossed the Orange River yesterday.

"Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Pont have commenced and will be shortly be ready for traffic.

"Gen. Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein now is practically in rail communication with Cape Town.

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred Burgheers have expressed the intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupation.

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Gen. Pretorius's proclamation stipulates that the arms must be delivered by noon on Sunday, March 18.

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There are Many "Good-luck Box" Frauds--Boer Sympathizers are Talking Peace--An Organization of British Army Veterans in the Hub--Move to Reduce Taxes--The Theatres.

Boston, March 14.—Boston should have a society for the prevention of crime and fraud similar to the one in New York...

London has its Whitechapel, decidedly Boston has its south and north ends, where the poor congregate...

A large number of British army veterans are resident of Boston and vicinity.

The new Boston Music Hall, a building strictly for concerts and oratorios, is showing up grandly and will no doubt be completed at the time appointed.

Theatrical people say this city is the best show place in the country.

Arthur Beebe, a young Boston physician, shot himself in his house on Monday.

Investigating the Bridge Charges.

Fredericton, March 15.—The old Supreme Court room, which was the site of the investigation is being held, was fairly well filled this morning with spectators.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

Fredericton, March 16.—Hon. Mr. Emerson introduced a bill further amending the law relating to election to the general assembly.

Hon. Mr. Dunn committed a bill authorizing the school trustees of district No. 2, Lancaster, St. John county, to issue debentures.

Hon. Mr. McKewen committed a bill to confirm an agreement made between the city of St. John and the Imperial Dry Dock Company of St. John.

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