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THE YUKON CONTRACT WILL BE MODIFIED A Victory of Importance Gained by the Opposition.

Government Takes Additional Power in regard to the Allowments to McKean and Hanna. Mr. Fisher State the Announcement in Reply to Mr. Haggart's Criticism-An Explanation by Mr. Oiler.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. Several Members Asked for Information and Got Some-Debate on Yukon Bill Resumed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.-[Special.]-In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Richardson introduced a bill respecting shipment of grain.

Mr. Sifton informed Mr. Davin that a permit to dredge for gold over 30 miles of the North Saskatchewan had been granted to Chevalier Drouet at a rental of \$50 per annum for each 5 miles, the lease being for a term of 20 years.

Mr. McDougall asked for information respecting the disposition of the estate of the County of Cape Breton since June, 1896.

Mr. Haggart resumed the words of the Yukon Bill and advocates the Dalton route as being the best.

Mr. Haggart, on rising to resume the debate on the second reading of the Yukon bill, proceeded to criticize the nature of the proposed railway. If built according to the standard of the Kaslo-Spean road, the route would be as bad as the old route, and the road could be cheaply constructed.

The statement had been made in the public prints that the 28-pound rills from the old Lehigh line were to be used. He asked the Government to say whether they would permit the contractors to put down 28 lb. rills and draw their subsidy for each ton-mile section.

Mr. Sifton: No. Mr. Haggart then proceeded to discuss the question of routes. He said the one by way of Chilkat, Pass and Dalton's Trail to the Yukon River was unquestionably the best. Probably the reason why the Government had abandoned this route was because they feared trouble with the United States about not giving privileges. He believed that the Yukon River was unquestionably the best. Probably the reason why the Government had abandoned this route was because they feared trouble with the United States about not giving privileges.

Mr. Haggart pointed out that under the Russian treaty we had no right to the navigation of the Yukon and Porcupine Rivers. According to Judge Grease of British Columbia the treaty of Washington was an extension of the Russian treaty, and according to Lord Carnarvon's despatch in 1877, it was plain that the territorial rights of the United States were held to be paramount in the mouth of the Stikine River. In fact the United States could make such onerous regulations in regard to transportation as to prevent us from being able to compete with a railway starting directly from America.

Taking serious ground. Sir Louis Davies: The hon. gentleman is taking very serious ground on an international question. The hon. gentleman is taking very serious ground on an international question. The hon. gentleman is taking very serious ground on an international question.

Mr. Haggart: I am taking merely the ground which the London Times, when it expressed the hope that, having undertaken the construction of a railway direct from the Government, the Government would have those facilities assured by arrangement with the Government at Washington.

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AFTER THE MAINE DISASTER Government at Washington Settles Down to Await Events.

Great Shock Gives Way to a Calmer and More Judicial State of Mind-Court of Enquiry into the Cause Will Be Depended on to Solve the Mystery-Many Messages of Condolence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.-The Government has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana Harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer and more judicial state of mind, and, realizing from the events of the day, that the court of inquiry is the sole dependence in the search for the cause of the Maine's loss, the naval officials are now resigned to await the results of that inquiry by a court named today by the Navy Department. There was little news to add to the sum of information as to the disaster during the forenoon. No forebodings came, and all that could be gleaned was a denial of some absurd story or other that had crept into print, or become current gossip. All the news of the day came in the late afternoon in Captain Sigbee's report of the authorization of the funeral of his dead sailors and General Lee's brief story of the struggle for life in the dark hull of the Maine.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE. Britain's Queen, the German Emperor and Representatives of Various Governments Express Sorrow.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 17.-A number of messages have been received at the State Department from foreign governments, expressing regret in connection with the Maine disaster.

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SOME GOOD PLUMS FOR FAVORED ONES Dredging Leases for the Yukon and Its Tributaries.

Money Has to be Paid in Advance for the First Year-Congressman Lewis and Mr. Sifton Agree-Senator Macdonald Wants Klondike Vessels Rigidly Inspected-Mr. Hardy at the Capital-Ottawa News.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.-[Special.]-Many of the gentlemen who by favor of the Government the other day secured dredging leases on the Yukon and its tributaries stand to make a good thing. The rental is \$100 per mile per annum, the first year's rental to be paid in advance. Mr. Hardy to-day in the House referred to the fact that it was common report in Ottawa that these leases are now being peddled round the country. Some of the lucky lessees place as high a figure as \$5000 per mile on their leases.

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THAT "SWING OF VICTORY." A cartoon illustration showing a clock face with the months of the year around it. The hands of the clock are pointing to the month of March. The text around the clock says "GOVT" and "REFORM SIDE". The text below the clock says "IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE".

But it will swing the wrong way for little Arthur Sturgis this time. A cartoon illustration showing a man in a suit, looking distressed, with a speech bubble that says "REFORM SIDE". The text below the man says "A LITTLE LONDON ROMANCE".

DEATH OF FRANCES WILLARD. An Announcement Which Will be Received With Profound Regret, Especially by Her Friends. A full biography of Miss Willard appears to-morrow.

DE LOUVE INCIDENT CLOSED. Decree Gazetted Accepting His Resignation and Censuring Him. Dispatch from Gen. Woodford to Secretary Sherman Announcing Appointment of Senor Polo de Bernabe as Minister-Spain Disclaims the Reflections and the Incident is Ended.

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RAILWAY CHANGES ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE There Will Probably Be a Revolution When Spring Opens.

Ottawa & New York to Connect With the Delaware and Hudson-Grand Trunk and O. & N. Y. to Become Allies and Canada Atlantic to Seek Independent Entry to Montreal-C.P.R. Whites Grain Rates-Montreal News.

Montreal, Feb. 17.-[Special.]-Great changes are expected to take place in the several railways as soon as spring opens. A gentleman from Cornwall states that the Ottawa and New York Railway will be ballasted as soon as the frost leaves the ground. He refers, of course, to the section between Cornwall and Ottawa. The material for the new bridge over the St. Lawrence is all on the ground, and when the southern section of the line is completed it is understood that the company will make connection with the Delaware and Hudson at Saratoga.

It is likewise said that the Grand Trunk and the Ottawa and New York will form an alliance, so that the Grand Trunk will part company with the Cornwall and Ottawa Railway, and the Grand Trunk expect to do more, for instead of transferring at the Suspension Bridge their eastward-bound American travel from Chicago, they will bring it right through to Cornwall and there hand it over to the Ottawa and New York.

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LAUNDRY CO. PROPRIETORS. COE STREET.

Shoe. \$5.00. ST.-W. SOLE LOCAL AGENTS.

BUILDING TRADE IN TORONTO. Total, 1907, \$63,130. These figures, in comparison with those of the previous year, show that there were...

COLD WEATHER AGAIN. HIE'S WHISKEY. At MICHIE'S. 5 1/2 King Street West.

ALD. SCORE UNSEATED. Disqualified by Having Been a High School Trustee When Elected—About the Chairmanship.

Hailam is in it Again. The decision of the court opens again the complications in regard to the chairmanship of the Parks and Exhibitions Committee...

GOLD AND GODLINESS. Rev. Davis Gardner Will Dig for the Yellow Staff on Week Days and Preach on Sunday.

London Markets Stagnant. New York, Feb. 17.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: The stock markets here were languid today...

AT DRY GOODS ONLY. Lowering Stocks. In all departments before the arrival of the new Spring Goods...

You've Been Wrong. FRESH ARRIVALS TO-DAY. In Dress Fabrics, New Colored Plain Cloths...

VANCOUVER IS ON THE BOOM. Klondikers by the Hundred Arriving From All Directions.

Steamers Cannot Begin to Carry the Crowds That Want to Go North—Dan Mann Thinks His Men Should Go Ahead of Prospectors—Americans Outfitting at the Canadian City Because of Its Cheapness.

The boom is on. At this writing 500 people have arrived in the last two trains from the east to outfit for the Klondike...

A Klondiker Bestirred. The scraps of conversation that one caught in wandering around the ship were interesting and sometimes laughable...

TECHNICAL SCHOOL. Inaugural Address of Chairman Polson—Recommendation of Appeal to the Legislature for Aid.

SOUTH TORONTO CAMPAIGN. Meeting in Support of Mr. W. H. Rogers, the Liberal Candidate—Several Students Speak.

Meeting in Support of Mr. W. H. Rogers, the Liberal Candidate—Several Students Speak. A well-attended meeting was held last night in the interest of Mr. W. H. Rogers, the South Toronto Liberal candidate...

DRUG SECTION. Our Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil contains 50 per cent. of Pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil...

A Home-Like Store. Storekeeping, after the manner of the Big Store, is very different to what it used to be in ye olden times...

Men's Wants for Saturday. We persist in what we know is a popular plan, in setting aside Saturday as a special day for men. Special goods in all departments.

Men's and Boys' Clothing. Men's Extra Fine Merino Shirts and Drawers, ribbed ankles and cuffs, well finished, medium size only...

Men's Furnishings. Men's Extra Fine White Unfinished Shirts, double back and front, special...

Men's Boots. On the second floor, Shoe Section, Saturday we will sell 250 pairs of Men's Casco Calf, Lace and Elastic Side Boots...

Five Specials in Ladies' Hosiery. You will be attracted to the Hosiery Section, main floor, by these five specials for Saturday shoppers:

KLONDIKE FOOD SUPPLIES. It is important that parties going to the Klondike should be sure that the food supplies are the best—will withstand change of climate and keep well.

Floral Section. On the main floor, in the popular Floral Section, we will sell on Saturday: 5000 Cut Violets, the very finest, large and fragrant...

The Robert Simpson Co. (LIMITED). S.W. CORNER YONGE AND QUEEN STREETS. 170, 172, 174, 176, 178 Yonge Street. 1 and 3 Queen Street West.

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS. Toronto Junction, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Smyth of Willowby-avenue last night entertained a number of friends on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. Nichols of Fairview-avenue is confined to his bed, the result of a fall received near St. John's Church, whilst walking to the C. P. R. shops. His feet slipped from under him, whilst passing over a icy spot covered with snow...

The Toronto Junction Gun Club held their sixth shoot for the Sheppard trophy on the Willowby-avenue grounds this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following scores were made: Toronto, 24; Fairview, 17; Phillips, 17; Wilson, 17; Garbutt, 15; Player, 15.

Mr. Charles Wilson, an aged man living in Coxwell-avenue, in jumping from a sixth story window slipped and fell into the street, his left leg near the thigh. Dr. Rowan was called in and reduced the fracture.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Munn, with a number of other guests, were entertained at a dinner at the home of Mr. Robert Gray of the Street Car Department of the City of Toronto, Wednesday, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Gray's youngest daughter.

The annual session of Zion Baptist Church, Eglington, was held at the church last night. The subject of the evening was 'The Kingdom of God is Within You.' The Rev. J. H. Kennedy, presided, and the services were most enjoyable.

Union Will Reform East York. East York, Feb. 17.—Conservative Candidate J. W. Hayes of East York is carrying on his campaign for the seat of the Liberal Candidate John Richardson held a meeting here to-night, and an hour was spent in the discussion of the issues of the day.

York County News. The friends of Washington Church and Sunday school met at the residence of J. Andrus on Wednesday evening. An address was presented to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heron, on which an easy chair for the former and a beautiful lamp for the latter. After the presentation a pleasant evening was spent with music being given by Mrs. Heron.

W.A. MURRAY & CO. Are pleased to announce that they have leased the large four-story Building immediately adjoining our own premises on Colborne Street...

A Fine New Stock of Carpets, Rugs and Furniture. OCCUPYING THE GROUND AND FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS. And we will immediately commence a SPECIAL INTRODUCTION SALE IN THESE NEW SECTIONS.

25 BALES NEW CARPETS. In Tapestries, Brussels, Wiltons and Axminsters. Which will be marked at unusually low prices.

Special Display of Carpets, Etc., in Large East Windows, King Street.

W.A. MURRAY & CO. KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS. Romantic Comedy at the Grand. At the Grand last night was presented before an appreciative audience 'Prince Rodolph,' one of the most captivating romantic comedies Toronto has ever seen.

Liberal Rally Last Evening. The Liberal rally, which was advertised to take place at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, was a failure as regards numbers, there being at actual count only 47 persons present...

Toronto Astronomers. The Astronomical Society met last night in the Technical School. Dr. E. A. Meredith presided. A complimentary was paid the society by the Astronomical Society of France in the purpose of a communication which was read.

An Evening With Scott. The members of Wesley Church and their friends enjoyed an evening with Scott last night. The entertainment was under the management of the Epworth League and was specially arranged by Mr. George Peppas.

The citrates, tartrates, etc., extracted from pure fruits, act on the system with the same beneficial results as the salt contained in the juices of fresh fruits. These salts are the foundation of ABBEY'S EFFERVESCENT SALT.

