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CABLE NEWS.

Disastrous Fire in a Theatre in Spain.

Old Scenes about to be Re-enacted Between the Fenians and Officials.

Parrell's Arrears Bill Rejected on the Second Reading—Vote, 228 to 248.

Fire in a Theatre.

LONDON, March 21.—A dispatch from Oporto early this morning states that the theatre there was burned to the ground on the 19th inst.

Parliamentary Notes.

Parrell, in moving the second reading of his bill in the house of commons this afternoon, said it was desirable that it should not depart from the foundation laid down by the act of 1887.

A Compromise Confidently Hoped For—Continuation of the Unrestricted Reciprocity Debate.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 21.—Unrestricted reciprocity still holds the boards, but the debate is becoming monotonous. The general of the entire district of Alaska at a salary of \$1,000 a year, and the receiver of public moneys a salary of \$800 a year, the secretary of the territory to be the latter officer.

Notes from COMOX.

Condensed Dispatches.

Quarantine Regulations Amended.

A NAVAL STATION.

Pilot Boats Given Up.

One Hundred Mills Inaugurated.

The Hall Started.

San Francisco, March 21.—The board of health this afternoon decided that a quarantine be used for very long distances.—Nanaimo Free Press.

New Saw Mills.

Pilot's Disastrous.

Chances at Cards.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Mr. Peter Gross, wife of a well-to-do farmer in Murray Township, Belleville, has been taken ill by a fit of temporary insanity.

Mr. Mackenzie Absconded.

Mr. Mackenzie has become so persistent in his refusal to be taken as a witness on all sides that the authorities have not hesitated to the prosecution of the offender. He was arrested by the police and is now being held in the city jail.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

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