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Mr. Blair would be quite justified in assuming that "the Sun can't wait" for his promised political explanation.

Mr. John E. Wilson, who was one of the opposition candidates in the last local election in St. John, was operated on for appendicitis yesterday at the St. John public hospital.

Mr. Tarte has not gone to England to help Mr. Chamberlain, although he was freely advertised as intending to take that step some weeks ago. Perhaps the expected invitation never came.

Mr. Foster assured an audience at Oldham, England, that if Canada had the protection of the British navy, we will build on Canadian soil a nation that in fifty years will be able to stand at the back of the Motherland against her enemies.

The Telegraph speculates to the extent of nearly a column on the prospects of an early general election, but neglects to enlighten its readers on its own political attitude. The Herald never gambles, but it does not hesitate to predict that the Telegraph, when the blast of battle blows, will be found among its former political friends.

The Sun is working itself into a panic over a rumour that Mr. Fielding may oppose Mr. Borden in Halifax. We do not censure the Sun for its frenzy, for if the finance minister measures swords with the Tory leader in Halifax, the Tory party will be looking for a new leader after the ballots are counted. Mr. Fielding has a fashion, an unpleasant fashion for the Tory party, of always winning the elections he contests.

The Yankee appetite for territory, encouraged by the decision of the Alaska boundary tribunal and the signing of the Panama treaty, is reaching out for more food of the same kind. A Congressman has introduced a resolution favoring the annexation of Cuba, and American papers are working up an agitation for the purchase of St. Pierre and Miquelon, French islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Senator Dell Perley of Wolsley, N. W. T., in a letter to the Sun observes: "If the Grand Trunk Pacific railway opened up this country west of Lake Superior, the country that has to produce the traffic for the road, it would be a wise and profitable undertaking. This is a question that concerns eastern Canada quite as much as we in the west. The more money we have to spend the more you get of it. We in the west buy all except the food that is produced out of the soil that our climate will admit of. Therefore the west is a great market for the eastern manufacturer and merchant." It is a great pity that Senator Perley did not take this broad view when the G. T. P. bill was before the Senate, where he was one of the most extreme opponents of the measure.

Would Annex Cuba.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Senator Newlands, author of the resolution annexing Hawaii, today introduced a joint resolution inviting Cuba to become a state of the United States upon terms of equality with the States of the Union. It provides that Porto Rico shall become a county or province of Cuba; that all present officers of Cuba shall retain their positions until their terms expire; that the \$15,000,000 bonds of Cuba shall become the bonds of the State of Cuba, with interests reduced to three per cent, and two per cent, to be applied to a sinking fund; that the present rural guard of Cuba shall be incorporated into the army of the United States; that the money in the

Cuban treasury shall become the money of the State of Cuba.

The resolution closes with the following declaration:—"That the foregoing resolutions are inspired not by a desire to annex forcibly or to assert sovereignty over the Island of Cuba or to exercise any form of compulsion, but solely by a regard for the interest of the two countries, and a conviction that the interests of the States composing the Federal Union and Cuba are identical, and that they can be best secured under one form of government in which all shall be represented on equal terms, and be governed by equal and indiscriminating laws, insuring freedom of trade and equality of right and privilege."

Tried to Steal Bridegroom.

New York, Nov. 21.—The Sun today has the following from Williamsport, Pa.: "Because he broke the vows of his bachelor club and deserted it to be married, members of the organization last night tried to kidnap Gena R. Fisher and prevent the ceremony. Failing in the attempt they enticed him from the home while the wedding supper was being eaten and attempted to carry him off in a closed carriage. The first attempt was made at the house of the bridegroom, but failed, because he had already left for the home of the bride, Miss Cora Cornelius. There after the ceremony was called to the front porch to sign for a decoy telegram. Eight men pounced upon him and attempted to carry and drag him to a closed carriage. He fought furiously and called for help. His father, who is a blacksmith, ran to his assistance, and routed the kidnappers, some of whom were recognized. Young Fisher's wedding clothes were torn and he was badly bruised and beaten before he was rescued. During the excitement the bride fainted and the mother of the young man was attacked with heart failure, from which she was resuscitated with difficulty."

A Dawson Editor Shown Up.

The true inwardness of the persistent and malignant agitation by a group of street corner politicians in the Yukon, whose cause has been espoused by the Conservatives, is beginning to be apparent. The noisiest agitator has been the Dawson News, edited by W. A. B. One of the matters persistently attacked has been what is known as the Bronson and Rae concession. Lately Mr. Tyrell, the well known geologist, who has been acting for the owners, made and published an affidavit that Beddoe had suggested to him that if he would arrange to give Beddoe a claim in the concession, Beddoe's attitude toward the concession would be favorably modified.

Beddoe sued Mr. Tyrell for libel but the jury at Dawson found in the latter's favor. The proceedings in court brought into striking relief the motive of the persistent agitation which has been maintained.

Two Hundred Drowned.

London, Nov. 23.—A telegram has been received at the Indian Office from the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, saying that according to reports received at Madras a flood in the Palar river, Nov. 12, destroyed half of the town of Vizambadi in the Salem district. Two hundred persons were drowned.

Dalhousie Won.

Montreal, Nov. 23.—In a thick snow storm Dalhousie College played football this afternoon with Westmount (champions of the Quebec intermediate union). The Nova Scotia champions scored six points in the second half. Westmount failed to score.

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Mr A B Campbell of St John is registered at the Queen.

Charged With Murder.

Eastport, Me., Nov. 24.—A coroner's jury yesterday held Everett Socabasin and Newell Frances with the murder of Joe Socalexis, whose body was found near the railway tracks outside of this city, Friday night. They will be given a hearing tomorrow. The men are members of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, to which tribe the dead man also belonged. The police believe that he was killed during a drunken brawl.

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