

PROPOSAL WOULD INSULT.

London Evening Press on Lord Balfour's Speech.

COLONIAL STATESMAN WILL NOT BE GAGGED--DOWNING STREET DOES NOT UNDERSTAND.

London, April 14.—The London Globe, referring to the debate in the House of Lords, said: "The colonial conference, when it assembles, will be composed of business men and politicians accustomed to give and take in all the affairs of life, and it would be nothing short of insult to the practical ability of the colonial statesmen to invite them to confer with their hands tied and their mouths shut on the questions of greatest importance and interest to the colonies and ourselves for fear that they should prove too impractical in their demands, or too insistent on their acceptances."

WOULD ENSTRANGE COLONIES.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "If anything were capable of enstranging the colonies it would be the arrogant intimation that their fiscal views are heretical and that an orthodox free-trade country cannot condescend to discuss them; that the bonds they seek to establish with the headquarters of the empire are 'squalid,' and that in aspiring to

closer ties with the United Kingdom they are animated with what Lord Balfour calls the 'basest motives of commercial gain.'"

The Evening Standard says: "The colonies do not love Downing street and Downing street even now does not quite understand them. A collection of high-spirited, keenly assertive communities cannot be regulated, much less 'bossed' by a bureau of permanent officials."

AN APT ILLUSTRATION.

The Western Daily Press of Bristol says: "A very curious, not altogether pleasant illustration of the difficulty of getting some of our colonies to think imperially, has been supplied by the government and legislature of British Columbia. With out any discussion whatever, the legislature passed a bill restricting the immigration of the Japanese. It is obvious that this action on the part of the British Columbia parliament is quite inconsistent with the relations between the British government and Japan."

IRELAND UP AND IN ARMS.

Revolt is What Mr. Redmond Would Advise.

IF HE THOUGHT THERE WAS THE SMALLEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

London, April 14.—Home rule for Ireland was discussed at Wednesday night's session of the House of Commons. The government was well represented.

Premier Balfour was greeted with ironical opposition cheers when he entered.

Mr. Tuffis (Conservative) called the attention of the House to speeches by certain members of the opposition on home rule for Ireland, and moved that: "In view of the conflicting statements by various leaders on the subject of home rule, the House deems it expedient for the member for Stirlingburgh (Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman) to explicitly declare whether it is the intention to recommend to the electors of the United Kingdom the policy of establishing a parliament in Ireland."

Sir Walter Plummer (Conservative)

seconded the motion.

Mr. John E. Redmond declared that Ireland demanded home rule as a right. If there were the smallest reasonable chance of success he would not hesitate to advise his countrymen to end the present situation by an armed revolt; but they desired to terminate the ancient quarrel upon terms satisfactory and honorable to both nations.

Premier Balfour spoke briefly, alluding ironically to the dissensions among the opposition leaders upon the Irish policy, and declared that if the Liberals returned a large majority at the next elections Irishmen might whistle, but if they emerged with a small majority they would cry in heaven's name for justice to Ireland.

At midnight Mr. Tuffis invoked the closure, which the speaker refused to apply, and the debate was adjourned.

FOUND A COAL AREA.

McKenzie's Lonely Walk of Four Hundred Miles.

Vancouver, B. C., April 13.—In a land of magnificent distances like Canada there have been not a few remarkably long walks, but one of 400 miles over snow, just accomplished by George McKenzie, has characteristics that render it unique. He travelled on foot alone across the rugged interior of Northern British Columbia, and undertaking few men

would care to face, but he speaks of it as a holiday trip.

MacKenzie is a true westerner of the late Jim Wardner type, ever seeking new mineral fields to conquer. He is at home in mining camps of the real wild west type. Last spring, finding that the boundary country was becoming too fetid, he, with Edward Sullivan and H. B. Thorne, left it to find something fresh in the way of life and minerals in the far north, to which so many pioneer eyes are turned today. The three went over land via the Similkameen, the Cariboo road, Juesnal, and the Dawson telegraph trail.

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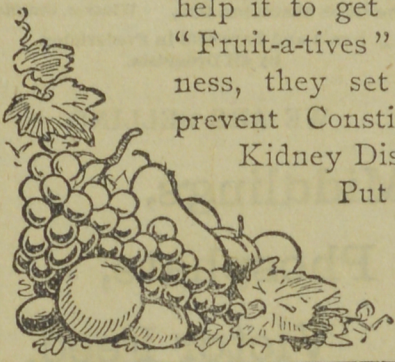
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It was in order to interest special capital in the coal mine and also to learn the value of some quartz finds that McKenzie made his 400-mile trip over the northern mountain ranges on snowshoes. Leaving his partners in camp last February, he turned his face Pacific-wards, carrying a 50-pound pack and samples that weighed 25 pounds. Not a human being did he meet for 200 miles, and for twenty consecutive nights he slept in the snow without even a tent to cover him.

FIRST WHITE MAN TO MAKE TRIP.

In order to travel as light as possible he took no gun, and his only weapon of defence in case of an attack by wild animals was an axe. The only game he sought for food was rabbit. It took him just 40 days to reach Port Essington, at the mouth of the Skeena river, where he caught a steamer for this city. He looks as though the trip did him good, and he is recommending it to his friends for the benefit of their health. He plans to return in a few days. He will take the Hudson's Bay Company steamer up the Skeena to Hazelton, and from there he will have another walk of 250 miles over land to where his partners are anxiously awaiting his report. He says the district he has prospected bears no evidence of ever having been visited by white men before. He claims to have been the first white man to make this trip, and nobody seems to dispute the assertion.

HURROO FOR TOMPKINS.

Star-Spangled Banner in all its Purity.

Albany, N. Y., April 13.—Assembly Tompkins' bill to prevent the emasculation of the national anthem was passed by the Assembly Tues-

day, and if it receives the approval of the senate and governor public school books must contain "The Star-Spangled Banner," according to Francis Scott Key, and not according to Superintendent Maxwell. The bill is directed against the curriculum of New York city's schools, which used a version in which interpolated lines are substituted for original verses.

In the text book this stanza of the original song is left out: And where is that band, who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more?

Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terrors of flight or the gloom of the grave.

"This stanza," Professor Tompkins said, "was cut out by Superintendent Maxwell, who is an Englishman. The lines omitted were offensive to the English, and many patriotic citizens throughout the State demand that the anthem shall not be mutilated."

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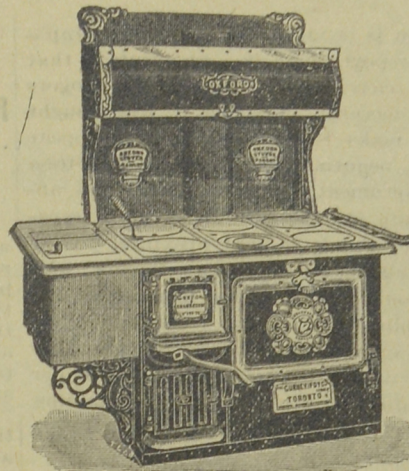
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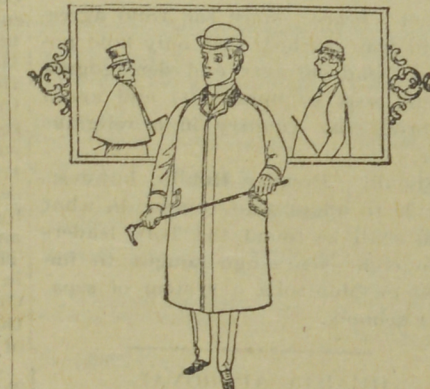
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