

DOODGES THE ISSUE

Balfour Lets Free Traders Win by Default.

ONLY TWO OPPOSING VOTES

Unionists Almost All Abstain From Voting on Motion Condemning Chamberlain's Fiscal Plan, Saving the Government.

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While the action of the Cabinet yesterday left no opening for a critic to show the opinion of the House the imposition of a general duty on all manufactured goods imported from abroad not exceeding 10 per cent on an average, and varying according to the amount of labor on these goods would be injurious to the commercial interests of the United Kingdom.

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GRAND JURY COMPLETE

INVESTIGATION OF BEEF TRUST IS UNDER WAY.

QUEEN'S WELCOME AT LISBON

Showers of Flowers Greet Alexandra as She Enters City.

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MUST MAKE PRICE UNIFORM

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MISSOURI'S WAR ON STANDARD

Trial of Proceedings Under Anti-Trust Law Is Set.

DEAL WITH THE BONDHOLDERS

They Contend It Is Not Contrary to Washington Protocol.

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MAKES MONEY BY DELAY. CASTRO SELLS ASPHALT FROM AMERICAN PROPERTY.

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Catarrh Invites Consumption. Little Liver Pills. Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sick Headache. Positive cured by these Little Pills.

ANTONIN PROUST, ASSOCIATE OF GAMBETTA, SHOOTS HIMSELF.

PARIS, March 22.—(Globe M.)—Antonin Proust, Minister of Fine Arts in the Gambetta Cabinet, died today as a result of two shots in the head, self-inflicted. He had long been a victim of melancholia, and it is supposed to have been intensified by differences with Rosita Mauri, the celebrated dancer of the opera, with whom he was closely associated. She died at his apartment Monday evening, the tragedy following shortly after her departure.

WONDERS OF JAPAN'S NEW ISLAND.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The new island reported to have been thrown up late in December by a volcanic disturbance in the Sea of Japan, has, according to a Times dispatch from Tokio, been visited by inhabitants of two islands. They found the surface covered with volcanic tuff, and the interior surrounded by a belt of sand, and there is a selling of lava on the northern end below a peak 200 feet in height.

NO SHIPS TO CARRY TURKISH TROOPS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22.—The Minister of War has been ordered to have further battalions in readiness for service in Yemen Province, Arabia, but meanwhile the government is unable to obtain ships to convey to Arabia the troops already awaiting transportation. Reinforcements are urgently needed. The casualties of the imperial forces since the outbreak of the insurrection are already estimated at 600 to 800 men.

SIR HENRY IRVING POSTPONES TOUR.

LONDON, March 22.—Sir Henry Irving's United States and Canadian tour which has been postponed for a year, by the advice of his doctors that he should not undertake so great a strain in the near future. The health of Sir Henry is improving and all preparations are making for his appearance at Drury Lane Theatre, April 22.

PATRIARCH OF LISBON RESIGNS.

ROME, March 22.—The Italian has received the resignation of Cardinal Netti as patriarch of Lisbon, which is quite unusual, considering the many prelates who, although older, occupy even more responsible positions. The pretext for the cardinal's resignation is his health.

MEXICO'S NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

MEXICO CITY, March 22.—General Manuel Gago has taken the oath as Secretary of War. Vice General Mena, resigned. General Cosío is 89 years old, and is a veteran of many campaigns.

CLOSE OF SANTA FE INVESTIGATION.

CHAMUTE, Kan., March 22.—Hugh P. Farrelly received a telegram last night from Charles D. Schuckers, County Attorney of Chautauqua County, instructing him to close the investigation against the Santa Fe Railway so soon as the testimony of Mr. Trevelan, division freight agent of the Santa Fe, was taken. Mr. Trevelan today explained the rate situation, and gave the advances in rates on oil from time to time.

SHUT AGAINST SANTA FE STOPPED.

CHAMUTE, Kan., March 22.—The investigation started by the County Attorney of Chautauqua County in its suit to shut the Santa Fe Railroad from the above-mentioned territory, by the action of Mr. Monet, the attorney who was conducting the case for Kansas, left for his home in Ohio.

NEW OILPIPS FOR KANSAS.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—A contract for 500,000 of pipe for the five-inch oil pipeline between Chanute, Kan., and the proposed independent refinery in Kansas City has been awarded. The main line and laterals will require 20 miles of pipe. J. B. Levy is at the head of the project.

OUTFIT FOR ROOSEVELT'S BIG HUNT.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 22.—The Adjutant-General today shipped a carload of traps, iron bedsteads and other camping outfit for Bart T. Cox, near San Antonio, Tex., to be used by President Roosevelt and party on their big hunt.

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