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finers are paying forty-five cents.

The Tax Bill.

Washington, April 18.—The tariff

bill has been reported to the house and

referred to the committee of the whole.

J. P. DEVIN, Gen. Secy.

FOREIGN.

Situation in Spain—The Panama Canal, The British East African Company

Awakening—Other Cablegrams.

London, April 18.—The Carlists con-

gratulate themselves for having forced

the hand of the republicans in Spain by

creating the emirate in Valencia, and at-

tracting the attention of the government

to the liberals there.

Don Carlos, it is well known, has

agents at work in the Basque provinces,

where his principal strength lies, pre-

paring for a speedy up-

rising there, but the Carlists

have shown themselves unusually

pliant upon the frontier, and even al-

lowing to the Basques and administration

into the frontier provinces have

simply resulted in the loss of the ter-

itorial.

Still the scenes of violence at Valencia

have partially served their purpose in

furnishing the clerical party with an

excuse for appealing to all conservative

forces against the aims of the irre-

sponsible revolutionaries who bent on

overthrowing the government in the

country, as well as the administration.

"I had a pretty ugly experience in the

mine myself eight years ago," said one

of the party, an ex-Nevadan.

"I was a boy of fourteen or fifteen

then, with about as little sense of pru-

dence as most boys of that age, and I

had a chum about as old who was as

careless as myself.

"We lived toward the north end of

Virginia City, and had a big back yard

in which we always planned our expe-

ditions. One day, in poking around that

big yard, we found near an old shed a

big iron ring. This was fastened to a

heavy plank ever that had the mouth of

an old shaft. This cover was hidden by

a couple of inches of dirt.

"When the first big excitement struck

the Comstock miners went to digging

and not the whole side of Mount David-

son is full of abandoned shafts as a

Swiss cheese is of holes. Within the

town limits all the abandoned shafts are

filled up or covered so as to keep belated

pedestrians out of them. The mine we

discovered was in the corner of the

yard. We hurried after him and picked

up his candle, but he must have turned

into some other drift, for we could not

find him, and our search soon be-

came as hopeless as before. We had by

this time been in the mines a good many

hours and had cried ourselves sick. No

matter which way we turned there were

the same dead cold walls of rock. The

passages were endless; they seemed to

lead nowhere. We passed several old

cooling stations, and at last we got to one

and stopped. We were utterly exhausted,

and with all our misery choking us we

swallowed some of our lunch, blew

out our candles and, holding each other's

hands, fell asleep.

"I remember that my last thought be-

fore I became unconscious they would find a

body, and I even composed my face so as to

make a more effective corpse. Nothing

about this struck me as being funny. In-

deed, I fell asleep crying. We must

have slept a good many hours, and my

next recollection is of our lying there to-

gether, sobbing, in the dense darkness.

Suddenly I became conscious of a low,

continued roar of water running a long

way off. My companion heard it and we

listened, duly wondering what it could

be. We finally lit a candle, ate the

last of our lunch and started to find out.

We had been down the mines frequently

before and had no fear of the darkness or the rats, so we went without

hesitation. It was not hard to follow the

noise. Along tunnels, down short up-

rises and up inclines we went until we

struck one corridor. We followed on to

ward the noise. It was louder here, and so we advanced it grew into a perfect

roar that filled the tunnel.

"Soon we ran into a wall of wood, from

behind which the noise came. We peered

through a chink in the plank partition

and saw a broad moving line. It was the

cable that hoists the cage, and that is what

made the noise. We watched through the

chink until we saw a cage loaded with rock go up, and then began to think how we could reach the point from which the cage had started.

We knew that we were very far

underground, for the rocks that we

threw down the frequent shafts sprang

up in the water at the bottom, so we did not

attempt to climb to the top. It was not long before we found a deep shaft, and down that we clambered. As we neared

the bottom we heard another rambling

an ear running along the runway.

We shouted, and the carman answered our

cry. Soon we were standing by him, while he

looked us over with wonder.