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(From Wednesday's Daily).

## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

China has practically declared war against the civilized powers. The fact that warships in foreign nations in the harbor of Taku have been fired upon with the result that a number of men were killed and many others injured is tantamount to a formal declaration of war and without doubt hostilities are well under way ere this. The most interesting feature in the situation is the position occupied by the United States government. There are many American missionaries in China and for the protection of these as well as for the preservation of property owned by American citizens, United States blue jackets have been landed in considerable numbers. These troops have thus far worked in conjunction with the forces of the other powers, although it has been well understood that this action of the United States has been a matter of expediency only and not necessarily to be accepted as a pledge or even as an indication of the future policy of that country.

That policy will, in all probability, not be clearly defined until ample measures have been taken to guarantee as nearly as possible the preservation of life, and property interests. This is the first consideration, and undoubtedly the United States government will stand shoulder to shoulder with the other powers as long as any of her citizens are endangered. Her attitude thereafter remains yet to be determined.

The uprising in China has been directed against Americans, apparently, as strongly as against the representatives of other powers. No favoritism has been displayed in that respect and reciprocally, it would appear that the United States should undertake retaliatory measures with as much vigor as is displayed by the other nations.

The logical outcome of the war should it be prosecuted upon the scale which seems now likely, will be the partition of a considerable portion of the Flowery Kingdom and the division of the same among the powers interested. It will be found that participation in such a distribution on the part of the United States will be bitterly opposed by a very influential element, and possibly by a majority of American citizens. The extension of American supremacy over the Philippines has met with strong opposition and that opposition would be increased tenfold should the United States government manifest an intention of becoming entangled in the complexities incident to the allotment of territory where so many conflicting interests and so important and delicate diplomatic questions are involved as are apparent in the case of China. On the other hand, once involved in the struggle, and it may be said that the United States is already involved, it is difficult to

see how she will be able to withdraw or avoid responsibilities which may come as a result of the war. Should it appear to the United States government that it is advantageous or necessary to enter into the settlement of the Oriental problem, in all likelihood a close defensive and offensive alliance will be formed with Great Britain.

The step to such an alliance would now be easy and natural. The drift of public opinion in both countries has been in this direction for a number of years. The relations between the two have steadily become closer and more intimate, and the consummation of a binding union between the great English speaking powers has been deferred only by reason of the absence of sufficient occasion.

That occasion may be found in the present crisis with China.

The attention of the Council is directed to the fact that street crossings are required very badly in several portions of the town. Property owners have been compelled to comply with the ordinance providing for the construction of sidewalks, but without the connecting crossings the ordinary pedestrian prefers taking the middle of the street. On Third street three blocks of sidewalks are practically useless owing to the absence of crossings. The Council should perform its portion of the work of improving the city with as much expedition as is required of property owners.

Not a day passes but new buildings are begun and improvements inaugurated by different business concerns who find they have outgrown their old quarters. This does not speak so badly for a town which, in order to make out a number of local prophets anything but liars, should by this time be little more or less than a deserted array of log cabins.

Something should be done with the man who persists in inquiring if it "is warm enough for you." We respectfully refer the matter to the Yukon Council with a recommendation for speedy and appropriate legislation.

### Insane Patients Shipped.

Eight insane persons, seven men and one woman, were shipped to the outside by the steamer Columbian last night. They will be taken to the asylum at New Westminster, B. C., where they will be detained unless care of them is assumed by friends. It is feared that the majority of those taken are hopelessly insane. A constable from the N. W. M. P. force went along in charge of the party, and he will be assisted in his care of the patients by the members of the N. F. F.

While bringing the unfortunates from the barracks to the steamer one of them was very frantic in his appeals to the people along the street to release him from the officers in charge. The man is a Bohemian and is probably incurable. With this exception, the patients were all quiet and apparently in good humor. The insane woman taken has been cared for at the Sisters' hospital for the past several weeks.

Steamer Gold Star will leave Yukon dock for St. Michael, 8 p. m. Saturday, June 30th. This will be the last opportunity of teaching Nome until the arrival of steamers from the mouth of the river. The Gold Star will not take a barge and will make quick dispatch to St. Michael.

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## STROLLER'S COLUMN

A crowd of a dozen or fifteen men, nearly all of them ex-lymen who haven't made fortunes to any extent, were sitting in the shade by the end of the C. D. warehouse yesterday afternoon. Hot weather was the topic of conversation and the general opinion was that yesterday was about as hot as it ever gets in the Yukon. Not a man in the crowd, and some of them had been here since '97, had ever experienced warmer weather here.

About the time the subject was apparently exhausted, an old man who had appeared to be asleep, raised up on his elbow and said:

"I ain't s'prised at youse fellers not knowin' no more nor youse do. Taint 'spected at tenderfeet 'll know anything about the country."

"See that place up there on the hillside that you greenies calls a slide? Well, 'at no more slide nor it is a volcano. It is simply a case o' the hillside a meltin' down. It happened long afore any other white man hit ther country, and the same year ther ice went out in February, from which time it grewed hotter as day follered day. By the middle of June everything was burned to a crisp, and fish in the Yukon would stick ther heads outen the water and pant like tired dogs."

"But hotter grewed the weather, and on ther fourth of July ther hillside began to melt an' run down inter the river where it made the greatest sizzin a man ever heerd, an' fer the next week the finest biled fish I ever et I picked up right on top o' the water, b'gosh. An' that is what made what youse fellers calls the slide."

If there is any satisfaction in committing a cold-blooded, malice afore thought murder, I'll have it if I ever set eyes on that fellow with his arm around that girl up yonder by the aft life boat," said a man on the wharf Monday as he pointed towards a very affectionate looking couple who were waving handkerchiefs from the hurricane deck of the Tyrrell as she pulled out for Nome.

"What is the matter," asked the Stroller, in a callow tone of voice.

"Matter? The meanest matter a man ever had to contend with in his life," responded the man who acknowledged to having murder in his heart. "It is this way:

"Night before last that fellow you saw with his arm around the girl, came down from the creeks dead broke; and as he and I came down the river together, I took him up to my cabin, introduced him to my housekeeper and gave the scoundrel a good supper, his eating of which put me in mind of a starved mufumute. The way he ate my steak was a corker. After supper he and I walked down town together and I gave him \$5, just half of all the money I had in the world. Well, sir, he bought half a stack of whites and began playing the bank. Luck was with the brute and in two hours he cashed in \$572.

"Did he divide? Not a bit of it. He steered me into a room back of a laundry and got me interested in a little game of penny ante; then he sneaked out and back up to my cabin. He showed my housekeeper his roll and coaxed her into going to Nome with him, and there they go. What could I do to prevent it? I was dead broke and am yet, and all I can do is stand here and see them waving their handkerchiefs and throwing kisses at me. If any man says a tinhorn gambler ain't got a heart, just point me out to him as the horrible example."

While a pleasure party was out in a small boat in the Yukon near the mouth of the Klondike a few evenings since, several bunches of radishes were noticed floating on the surface of the water and were at once picked up by the boatmen. In the party was one man who is afflicted with "denseness," and to him the matter of finding radishes floating from the mouth of the Klondike was incomprehensible.

"By Jove, you know, it is the most remarkable thing I ever saw in my life," exclaimed the "deuse" gentleman.

"Nothing remarkable at all about it," replied one of the others. "Those are wild radishes that grow in great abundance along the banks of the Klondike and its tributaries, and the high water has caused the banks to cave in, hence the floating radishes."

"Oh, I see; simple, ain't it, when you know how it is? It is a most natural consequence," replied Mr. Density.

Two days later the "b'oke" said to the man who had enlightened him:

"Don't you know I have been thinking about them radishes ever since the evening we were out in the boat, and while I don't doubt but that they grow wild along the banks of the river, yet I 'cawn't' for the life of me, make out why every bunch of the bloomin' things had a string tied around them, don't you know?"

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