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PORTO RICO'S FUTURE.

United States May Give the Island a Colonial Form of Government. Washington, Aug. 12.—Plans for the temporary government of Cuba and the territory acquired from Spain as the result of the war are now under consideration by the President and members of the cabinet. Porto Rico will be placed in charge of a military governor who will exercise supervision of all the functions of government under the direction of the President until congress shall determine upon a permanent form of government for the island. The President under the constitution and laws has not authority to go beyond this preliminary or temporary stage in the establishment of any system of government control, and although it is altogether probable that in his message to congress on the subject he will exercise his constitutional prerogatives of making recommendations, upon congress alone will determine the stability and duty of determining the character of the political relations which Porto Rico shall permanently bear to the United States. There are reasons for believing that the President favors the constitutional form of government and that his view is shared by members of the cabinet.

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AS GOOD AS A WILKIE.

Equally Rich Mining Ground Discovered Within the Borders of British Columbia. There has managed to get a boat for the rest of the journey. Mr. Oliver, the representative of the Bennett and Klondike Transportation Co., went up on the steamer Nora. He had two men with him. They took a boat to go up the Atlin river, and the two men went on shore to tow it. Mr. Oliver remained in the boat. The tow mules were too strong, or the current was. The boat went over, and Mr. Oliver in his shirt-sleeves had to swim to shore. He lost the outfit, a valuable gold watch and his clothes. Hatless and in his shirt-sleeves, he slept one night under the stars, and the next morning rushed up the creek, bareheaded, and staked his claim.

REPORTS OF GREAT FINDS NEAR TAGISH CONFIRMED BY DEVELOPMENTS.

Skagway, Dyea and Juneau Contribute to Swell the Stampede. "Klondike" is no longer the name to conjure with in that great gold country broadly known as "the North." No longer are the fortune-seekers pressing on through boiling rivers or over rugged mountains to the far distant Yukon wilderness. "Tagish" is now the cry, and with only fifty miles to be traversed from the stambot-landing at Skagway to the new gold fields, and from 50 cents to \$6 a pan being taken from the dirt on bedrock when one sees there, it is no wonder that Dyea, Skagway and Juneau have been deserted practically by their entire male populations, and that the excitement of the stampede is at fever heat.

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PAYDIRT RUNNING SIX DOLLARS TO THE PAN, AND BEDROCK BUT FIVE FEET DOWN.

At the head of this river and on Lake Atlin, the pioneers surveyed and staked out claims, and in some cases across the lake, is a stream emptying into it which has been called Atlin creek, but which is now called Skagway creek. Here is where the discovery post of the district is located. The site of this new city is about eighty miles from the Atlin river, and is being regularly run off, there, charging \$20 each way. The erection of a number of permanent buildings has already commenced, and the city is being laid out in a regular plan. The Atlin river from Taku Arm to the new city the townsite promoters are building a train line.

MANITOBA CROPS.

Flourishing Report From Every Section—Largely Increased Cultivated Area. Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—Reports from provincial points are that wheat harvesting has commenced, although at some points wheat will not be touched before August 20.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK ANNUAL STATEMENT—EXPERIENCES IN MODERN COLD STORAGE.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The annual statement of the post-office savings bank shows that deposits increased \$800,000, withdrawals increased \$1,150,000 and interest allowed depositors decreased \$41,780. The amount at credit of depositors increased \$2,100,118.

DOWN MAN.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The orders sent to General Merritt to suspend hostilities were as follows: "The President directs all military operations against the enemy be suspended. Peace negotiations are pending completion, a protocol having just been signed by representatives of the two countries. You will inform the commander of the Spanish forces in the Philippines of these instructions. Further orders will follow. Acknowledge receipt."

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Hardy Government Secure Six Majority on the First Division. Toronto, Aug. 13.—(Special).—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was concluded in the legislature this morning. Mr. Whitney, leader of the opposition, spoke for two hours. He quoted from the Globe during the Dominion election campaign of 1887 two editorials, in the issues of February 21 and 24 respectively, in which it was argued that constables are not legal voters. Mr. Whitney laid great stress on this disposition of the views of the Globe. A division was taken at 3 a.m. and resulted in the government being sustained by six of a majority. The figures were 49 to 43.

FATAL CLOUDBURST.

Seventeen Persons Reported to Have Lost Their Lives in Tennessee. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 13.—A special to the Banner from Knoxville says: "The great cloudburst that has been occurring at Clarksville, Tenn., has occurred at Clarksville, Tenn., a locality in Hawkins county, near twenty miles from Rogers Hill. Seventeen persons, it is reported, lost their lives. Thirteen of the bodies have been recovered."

WINDING UP THE WAR.

Washington Plans How to Reduce Army and Navy to Peace Footings. Likly Members of the Peace Commission Soon to Meet at Paris. Commanders at Manila Not Yet Notified That the Fighting Is Over.

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Washington, Aug. 13.—The sudden transition from war to peace was reflected today in a complete dullness and stagnation through official quarters. Instead of the bustle and activity which have prevailed for months through the corridors of the war and navy departments there was a calmness not apparent since the midsummer vacations of last year. Most of the officials went home early in the day. There will be a large amount of important detail to be worked out from this time forward, and a general reduction of the army and navy to peace footings, the establishment of temporary and permanent administrations for our new colonial possessions, the carrying out of the terms of the peace commission which is to meet at Paris, and of the military commission to meet at Havana and San Juan. The President conferred with Secretary Day during the day relative to the peace commission, but it was said the state department late in the day that the announcement of the names of the commissioners might be deferred until the morning. Several of the public men who saw him today were satisfied that the commission would be made up of Secretary Day, Senators Allison and Gorman and Joseph H. Choate or Root of New York, and probably a prominent army officer. General Corbin is spoken of favorably in connection with the appointment.

MEASLES ON THE AORANGI.

Big Australian Liner Detained at Quarantine All Night. The Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi was boarded by Dr. Watt and ordered to quarantine, there being three cases of measles on board, two children and one of the crew, all, however, convalescent. The passengers suffering from measles were landed at Suva and the others took the disease after leaving that port. The vessel is detained at quarantine all night, but will be docked early this morning. The patients are in the quarantine hospital.

SHORT DESPACHES.

America's Cup Challenge Accepted—Alderdey Visits Chataqua—The Pope Unwell. A board has been appointed at Washington to meet at such time and place as may be designated by its president to examine the locality of the proposed bridge across the Niagara river and to report to the secretary of war. The board consists of Rear Admiral J. G. Walker, retired; Major T. W. Symons, corps of engineers, and Mr. R. G. Harlan, assistant U. S. coast and geodetic surveyor.

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GERMANY REPENTING.

Semi-Official Statement That She Meant No Offence Against United States. In Earlier Stages of the War She Looked Upon Americans as Bullies. But Now Has Reached the Conclusion That Spain Deserves Her Fate.

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