

LATEST OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

United States Troops and Insurgents Still Fighting.

Dyea Wants to Become a British Port—Trouble Feared Between Americans and Canadians in the Porcupine Region.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Military government of the Philippine Islands, under General Otis, will be continued until congress makes other provisions and President McKinley has appointed a commission to aid in extending authority and good government in the islands, consisting of five members, Rear Admiral Dewey and General Otis being among the number.

MANILA, March 13.—Fighting between the Insurgents and United States troops in the Philippines continues. General Wheaton attacked and captured the city of Pasig, east of Manila, this afternoon. The enemy retreated after an hour's fighting. Filipino loss, 30 killed and 16 wounded; United States troops, 6 wounded.

CHICAGO, March 11.—The conditions in Porto Rico are becoming alarming and General Henry has asked for more troops. The people are clamoring for local self-government and feeling between the natives and American troops grows stronger every day.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The prize money for officers and men of Admiral Dewey's fleet in Manila will amount to \$400,000, plus the salvage of three vessels recently raised.

VICTORIA, March 10.—A telegram received at Stockholm from the Swedish minister at St. Petersburg, says that the report of the finding of the remains of Andree and his companions has received no confirmation. That intelligent and exhaustive search failed to find any traces of the expedition in the locality from which the reported discovery came.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—A nugget weighing 204 pounds avoirdupois has been unearthed about 20 miles from Marble Bar, in the Pilbarra gold fields of western Australia.

OTTAWA, March 10th.—Mr. J. B. Charleson, of the public works department, will leave with a staff of assistants tomorrow to build a telegraph line from Skagway to Dawson. The work is to be pushed forward and it is probable that messages will pass over the line from Dawson to Ottawa, via Skagway and Victoria before parliament is prorogued.

DYEY'S EXTREMITY. VICTORIA, March 10.—It is reported from Dyea that the residents of that place are desirous of becoming a British town and that they are drawing up a tripartite petition asking that they be taken in as one of the cities of the empire, one copy to be addressed to the members of the Joint High Commission, one to the Ottawa government and one to the Washington government. The citizens of Dyea consider that they will be greatly benefited by becoming a British port of entry.

A recent Canadian paper reports the loss of the steamer Labrador, of the Dominion line, one of the boats operating between St. Johns and Liverpool. No lives, but the entire cargo, consisting of \$80,000 worth of wheat, together with mail and baggage were lost.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN QUARREL. CHRISTIANA, March 13.—Owing to the illness of King Oscar, the crown prince, Gustav, has been appointed regent. This is evidently very obnoxious to the Norwegians, for the prince's presence on the streets today incited a hostile demonstration against him, during which he was hooted and pelted with snowballs. The prince has shown a disposition to prevent Norway's little show of "independence," and this, together with several worthy debates in the Storting, have created a feeling of jealousy and animosity that is quite suggestive of future trouble.

CONFLICT BETWEEN MINERS. WASHINGTON, D. C.—According to late advices there is grave danger of an armed conflict between the American and Canadian miners in the Porcupine region over the boundary question. The Canadians have encroached six miles on American territory, where they claim the right to stake claims and search for gold while denying the same rights to the Americans. The latter have threatened to expel the former by force and it is feared that a conflict will be brought on. Gov. Brady, of Alaska, has written a letter on the subject to the secretary of the interior, and the secretary of state has called the attention of the British government to the action of the Canadians and has asked that they be recalled to their own territory.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CABINET. VICTORIA, March 12.—The following changes in the British Columbia cabinet have been announced: Premier Semlin to be provincial secretary; Colton, finance minister, will be commissioner of lands and works; Humes, formerly provincial secretary, will be minister of mines.

THE STRIKERS LOSE. VICTORIA, March 15.—The strike on the White Pass railway is over. The soldiers were withdrawn to Dyea yesterday and business at Skagway has assumed the normal conditions. Of the 1,000 men who went on a strike, only 200 were allowed to return to work on the last day. The strike was the result of a reduction in wages from 85 to 70 cents an hour.

CHINESE ATROCITIES. VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.—The Chinese mail brings particulars of the slaughter of Catholic converts and the horrible death of Rev. Father Victorien—a missionary at Hwei-Fei? The latter was stripped naked, and then tortured and mutilated until a slow death resulted. The manner of his torture is unprintable. Chinese pirates on West coast lately seized and looted

eight vessels, principally British, and Consul Mansfield has made a demand for their immediate annihilation or ample amends.

RIVALRY THE KLONDIKE. VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14.—A rich vein of gold has been discovered under the Siberian railway track near Chilibinsk, Siberia. It is so fabulously rich as to present a yellow appearance when exposed. The government claims it, and will move the railroad track to get at it. A French syndicate has offered a large sum of money for the ground.

FASHODA AFFAIR ENDED. PARIS, March 8.—A semi-official note issued this evening says: "A satisfactory settlement between France and Great Britain of the questions arising out of the Fashoda incident, may be expected within a fortnight. France is to have trade rights on the Nile, and the plans for the respective territories have already been drawn." The relations between the two countries are already more cordial.

FIRE AT DYEY. DYEY, Alaska, March 2.—Fire last night destroyed the Palace and Northern hotels, the Chicoot tram stables, the Senate saloon and the court house, the total loss being \$12,000. There is no fire apparatus here, and the flames were fought by a bucket brigade.

NEWS NOTES IN BRIEF. Political circles are excited over a rumor that the United States has been asked to use her influence to prevent the threatened absorption of China by the foreign powers.

The Cuban assembly having become displeased with General Gomez, passed a resolution on March 12 removing him from the command of the army. There is a growing dislike for the army among the people, who do not approve of the assembly's action.

The United States government has given up the attempt to raise the Spanish gunboat Colon, sunk at the battle of July 3, it being considered a hopeless task.

A hurricane recently swept the coast of Queensland, causing the destruction of much shipping and the drowning of 400 colored people.

Queen Victoria arrived at Nice, Italy, on March 12. She was enthusiastically received by the populace.

Senator Jones is very ill at Washington, and his life is all but despaired of.

Constantine Bahlwin, of the N. W. M. P., committed suicide at Calgary by shooting.

Topo Leo is reported to be making rapid progress toward recovery.

Mining Operations Below. George McDougall can vary the sport of man-hunting with the business of news gathering quite successfully. It seems, for he returned from the lower country the other day with another batch of interesting and reliable news of mining operations there.

Todd creek, a tributary of Charlie river, he designates as a very promising stream. From seventy-five to eighty men are now at work there on a three foot vein of gravel, worth up to eighty cents to the pan. Fourth of July creek has been practically abandoned, and plans are now on for prospecting Washington creek, a tributary of the Yukon, which comes in about fifty miles below Seventy-Mile. A strike has been reported on a branch of the Tanana river, about seventy miles across the divide from the upper waters of the Seventy-Mile. Quite a number of miners are going over, including McDougall himself. Shale creek, a tributary of Eureka in the Forty-Mile district, is proving better and better, the reports from there being even more promising than those Mr. McDougall first received. Jack Wade creek is also holding up to the first reports.

In regard to the coal operations, Mr. McDougall says the Y. C. company have 2,000 tons on the banks at Nation river, and that their vein has "pinched out," in consequence of which Mr. Williams and his crew were preparing to return to Dawson. The N. A. T. & T. Co. are still taking out coal from their vein near Forty-Mile, and have a good stock on the ground, but it is of a poorer quality than that on Nation river.

Kipling Among Friends. A writer in the San Francisco Argonaut tells the following anecdote as coming from the lips of an American traveler who spent some time in the company of Rudyard Kipling in London lately: "One afternoon we went together to the Zoo, and while strolling about, our ears were assailed by the most melancholy sound I have ever heard, a complaining, fretting, lamenting sound proceeding from the elephant house. 'What's the matter in there?' asked Mr. Kipling of the keeper. 'A sick elephant, sir; he cries all the time; we don't know what to do with him,' was the answer. Mr. Kipling hurried away from me in the direction of the basement, which was growing louder and more painful. I followed and saw him go up close to the cage, where stood an elephant with sadly drooped ears and trunk. He was crying actual tears at the same time that he mourned his lot most audibly. In another moment Mr. Kipling was right up at the bars and I heard him speak to the sick beast in a language that may have been elephantine, but certainly was not English. Instantly the whimpering stopped, the ears were lifted, the monster turned his sleepy little suffering eyes upon his visitor and put out his trunk. Mr. Kipling began to caress it, still speaking in the same soothing tone and in words unintelligible to me at least. After a few minutes the beast began to answer in a much slower tone of voice and evidently recounted his woes. Possibly elephants, when 'enjoying poor health' like to confide their symptoms to sympathizing listeners as much as do some human invalids. Certain it was that Mr. Kipling and that elephant

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carried on a conversation with the result that the elephant found his spirits much cheered and improved. The white went out of his voice. He forgot that he was much to be pitied, he began to exchange experiences with his friend, and he was quite unconscious, as was Mr. Kipling, of the amused and interested crowd collecting about the cage. At last, with a start, Mr. Kipling found himself and his elephant the observed of all observers, and beat a hasty retreat, leaving behind him a very different creature from the one he had found. "Doesn't that beat everything you ever saw?" ejaculated a comrade of mine, as the elephant trumpeted a loud and cheerful good-by to the back of his vanishing visitor, and I agreed with him that it did. "What language were you talking to that elephant?" I asked when I overtook my friend. "Language? What do you mean?" he answered, with a laugh. "Are you a Mowgli?" I persisted, and can you talk to all those beasts in their own tongues?" but he only smiled in reply.

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st. Having broken the United States is now the two horns of a dilemma. Insurgents can either be left to themselves, which is equivalent to rule under an ever increasing military administration. United States can develop a similar to the British India.

Klondike gold for the man has as much right as his figures are the same consideration. of dollars has been suggested, but it must not royalty was only paid millions. The output is more than doubled so that royalty will this more than eight millions. temptations and evasions double that amount of the territory for the summer of '99. The is used in working the very unlikely that the more than from twelve s at the outside.

promised the records missioner's office should be made after January first. failed to make his work is as incompetent to mess of the territory as arrived. Men stand in days for an opportunity business with the gov. they did last summer. asp of the affairs of state n and events are utterly trol. His indecision is sively painful to wils. If he has let goals up trying to maintain between the government. eeds of the service.

crossing subject of com just now is the probing up of the river in A number of side w to be running water and opinions appear y divided as to whether e will be able to wither until the first of May. water fronters go to bed in with the confiding child, notwithstanding push of tumbling ice may s make an entire clean to end of the street.

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