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THE FILIPINOS STILL DEFIANT.

Claim to Have Six Hundred American Soldiers in Captivity.

Decline to Release the Spanish Prisoners for Any Sum Less Than \$7,000,000—Englishmen Also Within Their Lines.

New York, March 1.—A dispatch from Madrid says: It is reported here that Spain authorized General Rios to offer the Philippine republic \$500,000 for the release of Spanish prisoners. The offer was indignantly refused, and the insurgents asked \$7,000,000. General Rios threatened to expose the Philippine republic as a lawless set of bandits, whose idea of government is the destruction of life and property. If they refused to accept his condition for the release of the prisoners, Senator Flores and Senator Torres conveyed the message from Rios to Aguinaldo.

The reports that the rebels are offering to treat for peace is untrue. About twenty British subjects, including some women, are within the rebel lines north of Manila. Nothing has been heard of them since February 5.

LONDON, March 1.—The Philippine European Junta has received the following dispatch from Manila, dated February 25: "The last encounters have been real battles. We now hold Pasig, Palermos and Guadalupe. Our northern line was advanced to Tordo. The American losses are far larger in proportion than ours. We hold six hundred American prisoners, who will be taken into the interior. Not one of our people has surrendered, and our government will not yield."

A Filipino telegram from Zebal asserts that the foreign residents have asked the insurgents to withdraw to avoid a bombardment. The Filipinos have acceded, trusting their action will be brought before the foreign consuls with a view of arranging an equitable settlement with the Americans.

The rebels are very active at Calocan and Malabon. They evidently intend to mount a battery in front of Malabon church, destroyed by the fire of the monitor *Monadnock*, on February 27. They can be seen throwing up earthenworks for the guns.

Lord Herschel is Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Baron Farrer Herschel, one of the commissioners from Great Britain on the high joint commission, recently in session here, to adjust differences between the United States and Canada, died quite suddenly at 7:05 this morning at the Shoreham hotel, where he had been confined to his bed for two weeks with a broken bone, caused by a fall on a slippery sidewalk.

Lord Herschel's death came without warning. Except for the pain, incident to the fracture of his leg, which occurred on the 15th, he has been in excellent health and spirits, and up to almost the hour of his death there were no preliminary symptoms of the coming end. In answer to inquiries the physicians said that they were unable to give the exact cause of death, but the symptoms, it was thought, indicated that it was angina pectoris.

The Supreme Court of the United States adjourned immediately upon convening today out of respect to the memory of Lord Herschel. Lord Herschel sat with the court on January 30 last. The only other person to whom the honor of a seat with the court was extended is Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, and this occurred during his visit to the United States in 1883.

OTTAWA, March 1.—The news of Lord Herschel's death came as a great shock to the community. Plans were half-made on all the public buildings. Sir Louis Davies left for Washington this afternoon to attend as the representative of the Dominion government to the transmission of the remains to England. Lady Herschel is now on the Atlantic, and will not learn the sad tidings of her husband's death until her arrival in New York.

Two Per Cent. is Enough.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Sir Charles Tupper, who has just arrived from England, was asked about the feeling on the other side of the Atlantic concerning the Yukon mining regulations, and said:

"There is great disappointment, and the Yukon is paralyzed. The existing regulations have had a tendency to close the smaller mines, and only the best paying properties can be worked in the face of the ten per cent. royalty. Under the circumstances I have felt warranted in calling the attention of the minister of the interior to the condition arising from the regulations, and he replied that he would consult his colleagues in regard to the matter. As I received no further reply, I concluded that the cabinet had not yet considered the question. However, I gave assurance to the English people interested that if the changes had not already been made they would be in the near future."

"There are two reasons for condemning the present regulations. First, the ten per cent. royalty has a tendency to close the small mines and to restrict the development of the richest claims. The majority of miners are unable to work under the present laws. The unprecedented royalty of ten per cent. on all gold taken out leads to no end of smuggling and concealment, and in my judgment no more than half the gold is accounted for. I am convinced

that a two per cent. royalty would give better returns than the present charge of ten per cent."

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An appropriation of \$30,000 has been set aside to properly introduce corn and corn food stuffs at the Paris exposition.

WISCONSIN, Feb. 28.—The republicans have introduced a bill compelling all lobbyists, under penalty, to register their names and their purpose. Advocates of certain legislation will be termed legislative counsel or attorneys.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—High officials at the foreign office declare that the story based upon a dispatch from Aden, Arabia, to the St. Petersburg *Viedomosti*, to the effect that Great Britain has recently assumed a protectorate over the whole of South Arabia is nonsensical, as Great Britain has for many years exercised a protectorate over the tribes around Aden, and there has been no change in the situation for the last two decades.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Dismissal from the military service of the United States without any recommendation for clemency is the verdict passed by the court-martial upon Commissioner-General Egan for his recent virulent attack upon Maj.-Gen. Miles. The verdict was reached within 45 minutes after the trial ended today. Notwithstanding the nature of the court's conclusions, the president can exercise clemency if he so desires, and Gen. Egan's friends will urge that his punishment be confined to relieving him from the duties of commissary-general of subsistence and to a detail to garrison duty.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 28.—No call was held on the Colorado Springs Mining Exchange today, business being suspended to allow the clearing house to catch up with work. Notwithstanding the splendid organization of the clearing house, the employment of all the extra men obtainable for this kind of work and all night work, the enormous sales on the exchange have thrown the clearing house two days behind. The sales each day this week have amounted to about 2,000,000 shares. Late advices from the Isabella property fully confirm all reports sent out concerning the marvellous richness of the ore.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 27.—Representative Joseph Burns, of Lancaster county, introduced the following resolution in the house: "Resolved, That the house of representatives of the State of Nebraska hereby extends its congratulations to Senators Allen and Thurston for their patriotic efforts to secure the ratification of the treaty of peace, and we congratulate them that in so doing they upheld and approved the administration of William McKinley, the greatest president this country has had since Abraham Lincoln." The resolution was adopted by a vote of 53 to 30, one republican opposing and a number of fusionists supporting it.

Dawson Club Social.

The Dawson Club gave another of their successful entertainments on Wednesday evening last. The hall was comfortably filled with invited guests, who were not disappointed in having anticipated a pleasant evening. The feature of the evening was the violin solos by Mr. John Lampe, who was compelled, by the hearty applause which his playing elicited, several times to return and play again. The program was as follows:

Instrumental music, orchestra recitation, "Expansion," by Miss Josephine Meyer; emblem song, Mr. Arnold; recitation, "The Trump," Mrs. O. S. Hall; violin solo, Mr. John Lampe; club singing, Prof. Freudenstein; song, Mr. Chisholm; recitation, Mr. Cruden; song, "Oh Promise Me," Mr. McDonald; exhibition of parlor magic, Prof. George; song, Mr. Storry; violin solo, Mr. John Lampe.

After the program daily refreshments were served, after which the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in until an early hour. The Dawson Club deserves a great deal of credit in furnishing these entertainments, whereby the ladies of Dawson may attend and enjoy an evening's pleasure.

A Letter From Manila.

T. C. Stryker was this week in receipt of a letter from his friend, James C. Smith, corporal of Company G, First Regiment of California Volunteer Infantry, now stationed at Manila. It was written on the morning of the battle of Iloilo, before the engagement, hence it contained no news with which *Nugget* readers are unacquainted. The letter is interesting, however, for the spirit of tolerance, bravery and chivalry it breathes and which seems to affect the whole army now arrayed against the Filipinos, from the general commanding to the joyliest private. It would not be right, he tells his friend, for Uncle Sam to severely punish the natives, as they are unenlightened and not so well equipped for fighting as their opponents; and it will be the policy of the American army only to use sufficient means to assert their supremacy and establish their authority. To do otherwise, argues the young soldier, would ap-

pear like a big boy taking away the little boy's apple. Smith says that malaria and typhoid fever are the worst enemies of the soldiers in the Philippines, and more lives have been lost through them than in battle.

Prosecution Dropped.

Dr. Brunner was arrested a few days since, on complaint of Dr. Edwards, charged with practicing his profession without a license; but the complaint was withdrawn Thursday owing to the fact that the council have passed an amendment to the ordinance which will enable the doctor to become registered, unless it is vetoed by Commissioner Ogilvie. Dr. Brunner paid the costs of the action and made a deposit on an application for registration. Attorney Sparling appeared for the medical council and Mr. Ridley represented Dr. Brunner.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Stark Humes is arranging for a trip out over the ice.

The "Opera" house was closed down this week, to allow of important improvements and alterations to the interior.

The office of the Fairview hotel is undergoing a series of important improvements under the direction of Manager Louis Cooke.

Good Friday was observed by all the government offices and other public places being closed.

Information has been received of the arrival at Seattle of little Klondike Dawson Schultze, whose mother died at Valuto on the way out.

Seattle people will be interested in a report which has reached here that Cramp, the Philadelphia shipbuilder, has purchased the business of Moran Bros. at Seattle.

N. H. Marks, of the Arctic Express Co., brought in a large consignment from Crele city on Thursday, the trip occupying ten days. The bulk of it is for Dawson people.

William Murphy, of 56 Sulphur, has been very ill with fever for several weeks; but is now on the mend—a piece of information which will carry welcome cheer to his many friends.

Louis Schonborn, proprietor of the Yukon hotel, finds himself under the necessity of going outside for the benefit of his health, which is becoming quite threatening. He will sell the hotel and all his business interests before going, if possible.

There are better fighters than Billy Cooper; but his fist affairs are always among the best patronized in town. On April 5th he takes on Jack Nedrous at the Monte Carlo, and it goes without saying that the public will be present in large numbers.

A butter-making experiment was tried on Friday by Madame Isidore Clifford and Newman. The milk from the few Dawson cows evidently makes good, sweet butter, but the absence of proper feed for the cows causes it to be white as talow, though quite eatable and acceptable.

Messrs. Cowan and Douglass call attention to the fact that the new owners of the Willie Irving have been incorrectly mentioned as Sawyer & Douglass instead of as above. On Monday the work of removing the boat from the ice pack to safe quarters for the break-up will be commenced by a large gang of men.

William Stoney goes to Swede creek next week to get out about \$10,000 worth of timber which he has cut there. High water last spring carried off nearly that amount, but this time he is forewarned. He has a contract from one of the sawmills for most of their logs this season. Will Robinson will be one of the men employed in the work.

Last Tuesday evening Warren Lamb, on No. 26 above, on Bonanza, was treated to a surprise party by his friends, who unexpectedly called on him with music, a caller and whatever was necessary to make an evening a success. The affair was managed by Alexander Hamilton, R. O. Lezian, Roy Williams and John Hickey, who got together a band and a company from the Forks.

April 13th will be devoted to Little Mae Edgerton at the Family Theatre and will be styled "Baby's" night. Captain Jack will put on some of his best numbers and John H. Lampe will give several of his violin selections which are causing so much comment in music circles just now. This will be Mr. Lampe's first appearance in Dawson at a public entertainment.

The police have been taking a census of the British subjects the past week, presumably with a view to jury duty and incidentally to settle the delicate matter of the proportion of whites to Americans in the Yukon business. It may be mentioned that the census is being taken very thoroughly, each cabin and establishment being visited in turn with a personal inquiry for subjects.

A team of spirited dogs created a scene of confusion on First avenue on Tuesday afternoon. They first ran into and spilled a sled-load of stumps, then ran down a team of horses and threw the driver under their feet, then went like a shot up the street, knocking down pedestrians here and there and finally spilling the occupants of the sled into the "slough" near the government buildings. They are warm numbers.

"Billy" Wilson, as a boniface, is a case of the occasion seeking the man. The new Bonanza hotel is naturally becoming the most popular stopping-place on the Bonanza trail, and even the dogs on the trail turn in there with a naturalness which would indicate that the drivers are not strangers to the "sphinx." There is always good fare and good cheer at this popular hostelry and guests are loud in their praise of this the most popular house of refreshment and rest on the creek.

Paul Outhouse, of 49 B. Bonanza, is confined to the Anglo-American hospital as a result of an accident sustained on Monday. He was engaged at the time in hauling wood from the hill above, and losing his footing, he fell to the bottom, striking violently against some jagged timbers with the result that five large splinters entered his person for depths varying from one to three inches. The splinters were removed at the hospital and the injured man now bids fair to recover without serious results. He expects to return to his claim on Sunday.

The Yukon Male Quartette will make their first formal appearance before the public at the Family Theatre, April 6th. The gentlemen comprising the quartette are sufficient guarantee of the class of music to be produced, and also of the excellence of its rendition: First tenor, F. W. Zimmerman; second tenor, G. G. Hunt; first bass, W. H. Chisholm; second bass, E. Erhardt. The program consists of some 11 numbers, with Miss Elizabeth Ross, elocutionist, in several of her best. To lovers of good music this affords a fine opportunity, and tickets for the affair are already selling freely.

Removed, Louis Pond & Co., two doors north of Monte Carlo.

A FULL REPORT OF JACK WADE CREEK

What is Known at the Present Time of the Gold on This Stream.

Nuggets and Gold From No. 8 Above Lower Discovery to the Amount of \$500—Three Feet of Dirt From 20 to 40 Cents to Pan.

We are pleased to be able to make a full report of Jack Wade creek as it is known at present. Mr. Thomas H. Pike has returned from a tour of the creek with maps and data carefully and conservatively prepared. The creek is about 15 miles long and is reached by passing up forty-mile river to Steel creek and then up Steel creek and over the divide. There are numerous side streams on Jack Wade, but so far only two have been prospected. On Robertson, about 12 miles from the mouth of Jack Wade, and about a half-mile up that stream, the dirt was showing 40 cents to the pan and bedrock not yet reached when our informant left there.

On Jack Wade, at the mouth of Galliland, which is really the forks at the head of the stream, there is 25 cent dirt being taken out with about three feet of pay and 11 feet of bedrock.

No. 3 above upper discovery is giving an average of 20 cent dirt with 2½ to 3 feet of pay gravel.

From upper discovery to No. 8 above lower discovery nothing much has been done so that very little is known as yet of the ground.

It is this claim, No. 8 above lower, belonging to Ables & Tilt which has occasioned the excitement on the creek. Nuggets weighing from \$6 to \$41 have been picked out of the pan which then went as high as \$22 in gold. From the one hole which had been sunk at the time of our informant's visit there had been \$500 taken out in nuggets and panings. The gravel to bedrock is deeper than at points higher up the creek, bedrock being found at 17 to 18 feet.

Between 8 above and the lower discovery three claims were found to be working and all claimed to have pay.

Nos. 2 and 4 above the mouth are giving an average of 25¢ to the pan from two and a half to three feet of gravel.

The benches and side streams will come in for greater attention later on, only one bench being included in the report. This is opposite No. 1 above lower discovery and the workers claim to have pay.

Extensive preparations are being made for the summer's work and vast quantities of grub are being "mushed" over the divide. While the creek is not at all an Eldorado, it has occasioned a great excitement on the extensive nature of the deposits, and has been staked from end to end, and this summer will find it the most extensively worked creek in the district.

The Dark Shadow.

William Denker died at St. Mary's hospital on Friday morning as a result of heart disease after an illness of 10 days. He was 52 years of age and a pioneer of the Yukon country. He was a member of the Y. O. O. P. and the British flag flies at half-mast over their hall in remembrance of him.

Henry Barnett died on Wednesday at St. Mary's hospital from a general breaking down of the system. The funeral took place Friday afternoon from the establishment of Jenkins & Barker.

A Pretty Site.

West Dawson has been platted and placed on the market, and presents an opportunity for Dawsonites to acquire a home in a locality where spontaneous sickness is almost unknown, where is found an abundance of pure, sweet water, and where the natural drainage keeps the ground dry throughout the summer. The site is the most picturesque imaginable, and its convenience to Dawson affords an opportunity for our people to escape from the pestilential atmosphere which will make a plague spot of Dawson the coming year. A ferry boat will be operated by George Leon and F. B. Johnson, and trips will be made every half hour. At present the lots are being held at exceedingly reasonable rates, and even for speculative purposes are pronounced a "good buy" by the knowing ones. Sickness in Dawson is destined to bring about a stampede to this garden spot, and this suggests the wisdom of getting in early on the site. Messrs. Stauf & Zilly have been secured to handle the townsite, which secures to investors honorable dealings and consistent treatment.

A large proportion of Dawson's population are men of family ties, and have wives and children depending upon them for subsistence. In many cases it is little less than criminal for them to defy sickness and death, as must be the case from living in Dawson and breathing its tainted atmosphere day in and day out. With a residence at West Dawson, where the water is pure, the site dry and healthy and garbage unknown, the Dawsonite need not fear to spend the business part of the day in town. The half-hourly ferry service will make the crossing of the river a positive pleasure. A residence in West Dawson may mean life to you. No one knows whom the fever will choose for its own, and you may be among the numbered ones. The lots are of convenient size, 30x70 feet, and first come first served is the policy of the company.

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