

FRIENDLY FEELING

Exists in China Between Americans and British in Fight-Boxers.

ARE NECK AND NECK IN THE RACE.

U. S. Soldiers in Cuba Anxious to Go to China.

THE PLAGUE IN YOKOHAMA

Makes Its Appearance for the First Time—Weary of Life, Two Women From Seattle Suicides.

(From Friday's Daily.)

London, June 27.—A special dispatch from Chefoo says: The fight of the allied forces against the combined Boxers and the Chinese soldiery barring the road to Tientsin opened at day-break. One hundred and fifty Americans were among the second international troops. The Chinese soon broke under the heavy shelling and then the arsenal was attacked and the guns were gradually silenced. The fight was practically over at noon.

The keen friendly rivalry for the honor of first entering the city resulted in the Americans and British neck and neck with the others close up.

Soldiers Are Interested.

Havana, June 27.—Much interest has been aroused among the soldiers by the Associated Press dispatch announcing that probably half the troops will leave Cuba during the next few months. The rumor here that the Second Infantry will leave within the next few days soon as a transport is available, and go direct to China is generally believed. Governor General Wood, however, denies all knowledge of the reports, and it seems that an officer of the regiment received a private cable dispatch from friend to that effect.

The Black Plague.

Victoria, June 27.—The Empress of China brings news of the presence of the plague at Yokohama. A seaman of the P. and O. steamer Rosetta, who had been suspected of suffering from the plague, died on June 11, and a post mortem examination, which was held immediately afterward, revealed the plague bacilli. The body was cremated and the ship sent to Nagahama for disinfection. This is the first case of the true plague to appear at Yokohama.

Dance Hall Women Suicide.

Seattle June 27.—Minnie Donaldson, an inmate of the Standard Music Hall on Douglas Island, Alaska, committed suicide a few days ago. Very little is known of the former life of the woman. The woman was from Seattle and about 22 years of age, and had been at the Standard for over six months. Nothing was ascertained as to her family relations.

Tina Daniels, also of Douglas, died the same day from a dose of carbolic acid. A coroner's jury found from the evidence that the terrible drug had been taken with the intention of suicide. The deceased went to Douglas from this city.

Steamboat News.

The Nora arrived last night at the hour expected and will leave again at 7 p. m. tonight. These boats arrive and depart with such regularity that Agent Calderhead is contemplating using their itinerary as a means of correcting the official time, thereby dispensing with the noonday gun and its consequent vibrations.

The Victorian left Whitehorse this morning at 2 o'clock. The Canadian was reported at Five Fingers at 7 o'clock today. She will sail Saturday afternoon.

The steamer Rock Island of the S.-Y. T. Co., has made a flying trip from Dawson to St. Michael and return. She left St. Michael on the same day as the Sarah, the 21st, and was in the lead all the way up the river until Eagle City was reached, where something happened to delay her, as she was passed by the Sarah. She will probably arrive today

and will sail on her return trip immediately after discharging her cargo. The Rock Island is a splendid boat and is officered by first-class men who take an interest in the affairs of the company, and the comfort of the passengers.

As the forms go to press the steamer Rock Island is coming up the river and will arrive at the S.-Y. T. dock at 3:45.

The steamer Hannah was passed by the Rock Island and Sarah, seven days from Dawson, at a point about 15 miles from the mouth of the river.

The steamer Sarah, of the A. C. Co.'s fleet of lower river steamers arrived this morning at 6 o'clock. This is the first boat from St. Michael this season and she brings the latest news from the beach diggings, a full account of which will be found in another column.

She is loaded with 300 tons of general merchandise and carries 3 1/2 tons of mail in 110 sacks.

To Relieve the Nott.

The steamer Emma Nott has been fast grounded in a blind slough near Tulare during the past two weeks, and can only get off by the aid of another steamer. The Columbian will take her off on her upward run this trip, after which she will probably get on to Dawson. As she is loaded with live stock her two weeks' tie up has been expensive.

Tanana Looks Good to Him.

By the steamer Sarah, which arrived from the lower river this morning, Foreman Geo. E. Storey received from A. X. Grant, a former typo in the Nugget office, the following letter:

Circle City, June 11.

Friend George: I thought I would drop a line to you and the rest of the boys who are anxious to learn something about the new Tanana diggings. I will say from what I hear from these old time sour doughs and others that the new fields look good to me—in fact, very good. I will also say that I think I would rather take my chances in the new field than stay in Dawson and work. I say that for myself, without advising anyone else either one way or the other. Definite particulars are hard for me to get. I can only pick up a little here and there, but the tenor of all the talk is that the new diggings are O. K., and that Circle City, which is now a dead burg, will before long be a lively place. In case anyone were coming here he certainly ought to bring

stuff over. I have been here for a little, after he had it here, for there is good grazing all around here. Am writing this under disadvantages, and so you will excuse brevity.

A. X. GRANT.

Yukon Council Meeting.

A special meeting of the Yukon council was held in the commissioner's office Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the commissioner presiding.

This meeting was called for the purpose of meeting the members of the Dawson Bar, to discuss with them informally a proposed amendment to a legal ordinance, the members of the bar having expressed a strong desire that some amendment should be made so as to allow legal business to be carried on during the vacation. Mr. Justice Craig having expressed his willingness to act, provided the necessary change was made to the ordinance.

The commissioner opened the meeting and remarks were made at length by Mr. Wade on behalf of the bar, followed by Mr. Tabor, Mr. Pattullo and Mr. McKay, after which an informal discussion was held for some time.

An agreement was arrived at, and the commissioner called a meeting of the council for the afternoon of Thursday, the 5th day, at 4 o'clock, to take into consideration the passage of the proposed amendment.

A special meeting of the Yukon council was held on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the commissioner's office. The members present were: Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Senkler and Clement.

Mr. Clement, the legal adviser, introduced an amendment to the legal ordinance which was read a first time. It being a matter of urgency second reading was moved, seconded and carried.

The council then went into a committee of the whole and the amendment was then proposed for a third reading, carried and passed.

The ordinance respecting assessment of Dawson was amended by extending the time for the completion of the assessment to July 10th.

Ben Ferguson's Sad News.

By the arrival in Dawson Wednesday night of Mrs. Luff Hall from Victoria, Ben Ferguson, of the Fairchild bar, learned of the death of his wife, which occurred in Seattle from typhoid pneumonia a few days ago. She was sick but a short time. Mrs. Ferguson was a sister of Mrs. Hall who brought the sad news to the bereaved husband.

SARAH ARRIVES.

With Passengers, Freight, and Tons of Mail from St. Michael.

BRINGS HARD LUCK STORIES OF NOME

Caspar Kossuth Returns and Talks of His Trip.

THE BEACH IS WORKED OUT.

Shooting Scrapes and Suicides Numerous—Fuel Scarce and Grub High—Many Disappointed.

Caspar Kossuth, of the City Meat Market, was one of the Sarah's passengers from St. Michael, and is glad to get back to Dawson. Mr. Kossuth left here on the steamer Gustin, June 4th, and was in Nome but a short time, but long enough to satisfy his curiosity regarding the place and its future. He says he got back in a hurry so as to be ahead of the rush which must without doubt come to this place. Mr. Kossuth's first experience in Nome was a snow storm which occurred on June 19th. The place, he says, was and is, enough of a frost without any such assistance from nature. The city, as Mr. Kossuth describes it is all contained in one long street where live some 18,000 to 20,000 people. There is another tract of land supposed to be a street, but as it is a swamp where a mosquito would mire, it is little used. Great quantities of goods of all descriptions are piled high on the beach. Regarding the mines, Mr. Kossuth stated

from the ground has been worked over thoroughly. The creeks are very small and narrow, and owing to the great size of the claims staked, no room was left for more stakers. Mr. Kossuth went to Nome on a strictly business trip, in short to examine the conditions relative to the meat business. He is perfectly satisfied to remain where he is, as he considers the business outlook in Nome very bad.

Ernest Dechenes is another of the Sarah's passengers from St. Michael, who visited Nome and while not regretting his trip, is at the same time exceedingly glad to get back to Dawson. According to his statement the beach has been worked over for a distance of about 300 miles, and there is no gold left in it anywhere.

"I was only there three days," he said, "but that was plenty long enough to satisfy me. During those three days, five shooting scrapes occurred, and five men were buried as a result. Many people have been drowned in crossing from the mouth of the river, without going to St. Michael, to Nome in small boats. Many bodies have been washed up on the beach, and of course there are others who will never be found. One steamer picked up three small boats well out in Bering sea. Their occupants had come down the river and had gotten out of sight of land, and when picked up by the steamer had no knowledge whatever of their location. The bodies of seven men and two women were picked up near together at one time.

"The bay is full of steamers, which will return to Seattle as soon as possible to get another load of freight and passengers, the capacity for both having been completely sold before they started on the first trip."

Hugh Madden formerly of this place is said to be proprietor of the most extensive saloon and restaurant business in the place.

The passengers returning from Nome are those who, for the most part went there to investigate business chances, and did not stay long enough to become acquainted with the affairs of others who had gone before them and are engaged in mining or business. All concur in the belief that Nome will be, for the most people who went there to mine, a gigantic failure.

The shortage of fuel works one of the greatest of all hardships. Coal is \$25

per sack, and wood is practically unknown. Some idea may be gained of the conditions arising from this fuel famine from what one of the returning Dawsonites says he saw on the beach.

"Whenever anyone is fortunate enough to have a little fire," he said, "there are always a lot of less fortunate ones waiting, frying pan in hand, to get a chance to warm up something to eat. I have seen as many as 30 people waiting in this way, for a turn at one small fire."

Water is selling at three pails for a quarter and meals such as are charged a dollar for in Dawson, are a dollar and fifty in Nome.

On the 19th of June 500 U. S. troops were landed from the steamer Rosecrans.

It is reported with regard to the other camps between here and St. Michael that the reports gained from the various stopping places nearest the new diggings, are too vague to be satisfying.

N. Peterson, the U. S. mail carrier from Circle, was a passenger on the Rock Island, as far as Eagle, competition in the matter of speed between that steamer and the Sarah resulted in Peterson getting left at Eagle, as the Rock Island only stopped there ten minutes.

Two miles from the mouth of Seventy-mile a \$40,000 hydraulic plant is in operation and is said to be getting good returns.

E. S. Tennant of the Mondamin hotel of Skagway, returned to Dawson on the Sarah from a trip to Jack Wade creek, where, he has interests. He says he found things in a very satisfactory condition there, and is well satisfied with the outlook.

The Referee's Report.

In the well known Faulkner mining cases, the report of Joseph McGillivray is as follows:

In the Territorial Court of the Yukon Territory. Between J. W. Raymond, Peter Falk and N. J. Falk, plaintiffs, and G. M. Faulkner and A. J. Kroenert, defendants.

I, Joseph McGillivray, beg to inform the court that in accordance with the order made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Dugas, in the territorial court of the Yukon territory, bearing date of June 1st, 1900, have, for the purposes of the above action, personally examined the mine and surroundings both on surface and underground; also have heard evidence produced by both parties and would submit to the court the result of my investigation and findings.

And in answer to question (1). "If the said workings encroached on the mining claim of the plaintiffs, the Clarken claim, and if so to what extent?"

That the defendants have encroached on the mining claim of the plaintiffs, the Clarken claim, to the extent of twenty-five square yards on bedrock.

(2). "If any pay dirt has been taken from the said mining claim, and if so to what amount?"

That pay gravel has been taken from said claim by defendants to the amount of thirteen thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$13,125), a portion of which has been rocked out in the mine and a portion put in the dump.

(3). "The amount of pay dirt in the dump in question?"

I estimate there are about 2463 yards, and value same at eighty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$83,279).

(4). "Generally the condition and manner of the said workings?"

That the drifts and tunnels are not made in a miner-like manner in order to be made for permanent use.

They should not have made them wider than five feet and should have been straight on the sides and arched at the top, whereas these drifts and tunnels in instances have been made as much as 12 feet in width, flat and gouged in underneath.

(Signed.) JOSEPH M'GILLIVRAY.

Territorial Court.

Judge Craig, the newly arrived judiciary, sat in chambers today, when considerable progress was made in the disposal of court business. The judge has decided, owing to the great number of cases which have accumulated, to waive his right to a vacation and dispose of all cases in which the parties thereto are ready to proceed to trial. He will also dispose of all criminal cases in which the defendants have elected to be tried by the judge instead of by jury. By the time for the opening of the regular session in September, the docket will be in much better condition than at present.

For Sanitary Improvement.

Commissioner Ogilvie has issued a call for a meeting of local physicians and business men to be held this evening in the A. C. Co. store. The meeting is called for the purpose of considering the sanitary condition of Dawson and to take such measures as may be deemed advisable for the improvement of the same.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. MIGHTY BLAZE

In New York Destroys Ten Million Dollars Worth of Property.

AND SEVERAL HUNDRED HUMAN LIVES

Piers and Many Big Atlantic Liners Burned to Water's Edge.

BATTLESHIP OREGON ASHORE

On the Chinese Coast in the Gulf of Pechili—Crew All Saved—Vessel May Be Floated.

New York, June 30, via Skagway, July 6.—Four of New York's largest piers were burned here this morning, fire breaking out at 3 o'clock this morning; origin unknown. The North German Lloyd and Hoboken passenger steamers Saale and Bremen, and the Hamburg-American line steamer Phoenicia were burned to the water's edge.

The big German steamer Kaiser Wilhelm was saved by being towed into the middle of the stream, although she was badly scorched. The freight steamer Main was also burned with all her crew.

The loss of life on the passenger steamers is frightful, but at present the number is not known. All the crews, being asleep at the time, perished in the flames.

The Campbell warehouses, five in number and all five stories high, were all destroyed. Policeman Peter Quinn says that 30 people who were in the warehouses were all burned. Many jumped from the burning buildings into the river and were drowned, it being impossible for small boats to save them owing to the intense heat.

Many members of the crews of the burning steamers were seen at the piers, but it was impossible to approach or render them any assistance.

The loss is roughly estimated at \$10,000,000. The loss of life cannot be estimated, but it is doubtless well up in the hundreds.

Battleship Oregon Ashore.

Shanghai, June 30, via Skagway, July 6.—The American battleship Oregon is ashore in the Gulf of Pechili in Chinese waters. All her crew was saved without the loss of a single man. There is a chance that the ship may be floated.

The Three-Legged Race.

In yesterday's issue of the Nugget an error was made in the result of the three-legged race, giving Agee brothers first place and Lyons and Watson third. The position should have been reversed, as Lyon and Watson led the procession and came in first. Agee Brothers took second money.

Swift Water Married.

A letter received by the Nugget from Circle City this morning states that "Swiftwater Bill" paused long enough at that place to take unto himself a wife.

As there is a lady out on Dominion creek who bears that title already, it is presumed that William found his voyage unbearably lonesome. To quote the letter exactly it says: "Swiftwater Bill" was married at his rooms to Miss Beatrice Beebe on the 23d day of June and went down the river in an open boat on his wedding tour.

If this report is proved correct William is complicating his affairs at a rate which renews his right to at least a part of his title.

Up the River.

The reports from up the river today are that the weather is quite cool, the mercury being as low as 50 above at Bennett, with little variation at intermediate points. At the same hour it was 20 degrees warmer in Dawson than in Bennett.