

NEW FLAG OVER CUBA

Stars and Stripes Planted on High Hill Near Santiago Amid Great Enthusiasm.

Insurgent Auxiliary Forces Prove an Unclad Assortment of Negro Boys.

On board Associated Press despatch boat Dauntless, off Baiquiri, Thursday afternoon, June 23, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 24.—Late yesterday afternoon the American flag was flown from the top of Alto de la Cruz, a hill of about 200 feet, and amid wild enthusiasm. The men cheered and waved their hats, the warships and transports let loose their sirens and the bands played "The Star Spangled Banner." Major Lamont, with two men of the volunteer cavalry, climbed the heights and raised the flag.

The Cubans, Gen. Demetrio Castillo, who entered Baiquiri after the Spaniards had deserted the town, were little more than a mob of ragged, half-dressed men, some with no trousers and only tattered shirts, while the majority of them were barefooted. They were dressed in ragged, half-dressed men, some with no trousers and only tattered shirts, while the majority of them were barefooted. They were dressed in ragged, half-dressed men, some with no trousers and only tattered shirts, while the majority of them were barefooted.

The sun was blazing hot and a number of the soldiers, prostrated by the intense heat, were taken on board the hospital ships. The troops are in fine spirits and are overjoyed at the aggressive attitude assumed by General Shafter, who believes he can force his way into Santiago and strike the Spanish a heavy blow.

The celebrity of the forward movement of the United States army has emboldened the quartermaster's department. Gen. Lamont sent back this afternoon an urgent request for more rations. The mules and stores are already ashore, but some of the rations are still on board ship and will be taken off during the night. Col. Humphreys says he will have a pack train loaded and on its way by daylight tomorrow. It should reach Juraguá before night. An attempt to send supplies to Juraguá this afternoon by boats failed.

HAWAII STOCK TAKING.

National Guard Regards as Significant An Order to Report on Equipment in Member's Possession.

Honolulu, June 17, via San Francisco, June 24.—Orders have been issued requiring all members of the Hawaii National Guard to report on the equipment in their possession. The order is significant in that it requires the reporting of all equipment, including the amount and character of any equipment in their possession. The order is significant in that it requires the reporting of all equipment, including the amount and character of any equipment in their possession.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Stolen Bank Bills Appear in Montreal—Missing Young Lady's Body Found.

C. P. R. returns for the week ending June 21 were \$476,000, for the same week last year, \$490,000. The increase is due to the fact that the C. P. R. has been carrying a larger load of freight than last year.

Montreal detectives are on the hunt for the burglars who broke open the safe of the Dominion Bank at Napanee last fall and secured \$20,000 together with \$1,000 in unsigned Dominion Bank \$10 bills. Either the burglars themselves or their confederates are in Montreal and are being sought by the police.

Mr. William Van Horne has reached Montreal from England. He stated that his trip abroad was very successful and that he had secured a large number of new subscribers for the Dominion.

There was no celebration of St. Jean Baptiste day, the French-Canadian national feast at Quebec, yesterday, it having been postponed until the inauguration of the Champlain monument, about September 15 next.

Judge Harlan, of the United States Supreme court, is in Montreal en route to Murray Bay, where he will spend the next few weeks. In discussing international relations he thoroughly endorsed the proposal for an Anglo-American alliance.

James Gillian, one of the best-known citizens of London, Ont., was knocked down by a bicyclist yesterday and was seriously injured.

The New Zealand old age pensions bill provides that persons of good character attaining 65 and having resided for 20 years in New Zealand shall be entitled to a pension annually.

Healthy, happy children make better men and women of all. A little effort and a little planning before birth is often more important than any other factor in the life of the child.

On the west and southwest coasts of Korea the tide rises and falls from 26 to 38 feet.

TRADE REVIEWS.

Canadian Reports Satisfactory—War Has Not Injurious Affected United States Business.

New York, June 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow: Very little of the business seen in proportion to the aggregate has been caused by the war. Not any discoverable by ordinary tests has been prevented by the war. In two months this country has gained beyond calculation in relative importance among other nations by reason of its quickly exerted power. Neither has the collapse of the wheat speculation caused the expected decrease of shipments as exports continue remarkably large. The world's markets are evidently at our command. Wheat ceased to fall and begins to rise in price because foreign needs are not yet satisfied.

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AMERICAN BLOOD FLOWS.

Many Cavalrymen Killed and Wounded Five Miles From Santiago.

Playa del Este, Cuba, June 24.—A serious engagement took place this morning five miles from Santiago, on land more than 1,000 American cavalrymen and rough riders fought 2,000 Spanish troops, driving them back into the sea. The Americans lost twelve or thirteen, with at least fifty wounded, including six officers. Several of the wounded will die. Twelve Spaniards were killed and several were taken prisoner. The Spaniards had every advantage in numbers and position.

HOOTALINQUA GOLD.

A Story Calculated to Turn Attention to a New District.

Vancouver, June 24.—(Special)—Wm. Abbott, one of the passengers who arrived by the steamer Harvey from gold dust in his trunk. He had not told anybody of his good luck and it was not until yesterday that his story was obtained. Mr. Abbott stated that in October last he left Skagway with nine prospectors from Michigan state. They traveled through the coast of the Yukon for two months without result and were returning home disgusted when they sighted a gulch on the Hootalinqua, which they decided to try. They worked down two feet and washed the frozen earth, with the result that it averaged \$4 to \$5 to the pan. They at once decided to stay right there all summer and work commenced in earnest. The place was isolated from regular travel and they were not disturbed. The yields improved in richness as they worked downwards, until at last had pan averaged \$37 to the pan. Mr. Abbott cleaned up for his season's work \$15,000. Many of the others realized more than this, the total amount aggregated \$230,000. Mr. Abbott has returned to his home in Seattle with a reputation for veracity and he could only state one claim himself, take three friends with him, and requested that the story be not published until he had been away, in order to prevent trailers. Mr. Abbott is a very reliable Vancouver citizen with a reputation for veracity and there seems no reason to doubt that the story is correct. The strike will be the means of turning attention to the Hootalinqua, and incidentally to the Stikine route, as the diggings are located from 50 to 100 miles from Teslin lake.

Prof. A. P. Denys, who arrived by the Tartar, speaking of J. McLean, whose three brothers were hung at Westminister in the eighties for wholesale murder at Kamloops, and who is said to be at Glenora for attempting to murder an Indian, says that he never saw a man so brutally hacked up and never heard of one who survived after such a beating. Many terrible wounds. Prof. Denys has material enough in his diary to fill a volume relating to his trip as far as the Second Kootenai drive. Several Canadian parties, chiefly the Doty party of Montreal, are well on their way to the Yukon. The Doty party is expected to take an army of officers to look after vicious owners of horses and dogs. He has a pack train of mules and pack animals and a donkey dead, because he could not get through a bad overland. Out of one unit of 110 dogs and a pack of 100 mules, the pack is combined with short rations. Mr. Denys, the narrator, is a doctor of philosophy of Princeton College.

In every million of people in the world there are 800 who are blind.

A part of the German soldier's equipment is a non-verbal religious book called the "Lia Chan," a domestic of the second kind, described as a Chinaman who deserted from H. M. S. Sparrowhawk. He was probably an officer's servant.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Two More Ministers Will Soon Enjoy Themselves in the European Capitals.

Ottawa Liberals Annoyed That Supreme Court Registrar Will Come From London.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, June 24.—(Special)—Mr. Fisher gives as the reason for his trip to Europe that he wants to get more space for Canada at the Paris exposition. Commissioner Robertson also is going to the Old Country.

After Mr. Fisher, Sir Richard Cartwright will be the next minister to go abroad, his mission being to consult the Imperial government regarding trade matters. Mr. Choquette is here to expedite his appointment to the judiciary. The severities of the election campaign in the Commons will not be filled until autumn. There is a big row over the appointment of Mr. Cameron, of London, to the position of registrar. A deputé Mills today to protest against his appointment and urge the appointment of Mr. Latchford, a local man. Mr. Mills held out no hope. Mr. Cameron's appointment has gone to the governor for signature.

TENNIS IN ENGLAND.

The Champion From Cambridge Defeats The American in Semi-Finals.

London, June 24.—In the semi-finals of the all-England championship tennis tournament today R. F. Doherty, of Cambridge University, who won the championship last year, beat Clarence Hobart, the American player, 2-3, 6-4, 6-0, 10-8, 6-4.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY.

Semi-Official Statement as to Health Matters—Ex-Mayor Cope's Body.

Vancouver, June 24.—Arthur Heathorne, who returned from the Naval Academy, states that the body of Fred Cope, ex-Mayor of Vancouver, was found still on the horse, the fingers tightly gripping the reins high up and the knees pressed close. The body was in a state of cold water. The body was placed in a sack and buried. Someone casually told Mr. Heathorne about the finding of the body and Mr. Heathorne, thinking it probably the body of Mr. Cope, had proved to be correct. A brother of the fellow who was present took charge of the body something over \$100 and a gold watch and chain.

Mr. Heathorne, a brother of the undertaker of that name, died in the hospital last night after a brief illness.

At an inquest yesterday on the body of a boy named Musket who was accidentally drowned in False Creek on Wednesday, the usual verdict was returned.

The News-Advertiser printed the following editorial yesterday, under the heading "The Health of the City": "In view of the late gained credence in this city and vicinity, as to not only the prevalence of disease in certain parts of the city, and particularly by reason of the reports having reached neighboring districts through ill-advised and indiscreet talking to do, thereby alarming groundlessly residents and others of those districts, the officials have deemed it expedient to state the facts of the case, as they are, and how these rumors have got abroad. The health officers particularly are to be known that, so far as the city is concerned, there is no epidemic and more sanitary condition. For a time, a few cases of smallpox caused energetic steps, but the prompt and public safety. At present, there are no patients, and the disease is isolated and all in the convalescent stage. No fresh cases have been discovered within the last eight days, and the utmost vigilance has been exercised to detect the least symptoms of the disease. With regard to any other possibility of epidemic, it should be stated that the health officers are well in check, and the number of cases is decreasing daily. There is not a suspicion of diphtheria in the neighborhood."

ESQUIMALT SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises Held Yesterday in the Presence of a Number of Visitors.

The midsummer closing exercises of Esquimalt public school were held yesterday afternoon when a large number of parents were present. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers, flags of all nations and bunting, arranged in a most artistic and pleasing manner. The exercises were presided over by Mr. Haywood for competition in the Esquimalt district schools, and won this year by Miss Lizzie Wensley, of Esquimalt school, decorated the up to the school for the school and the popular teacher, Mr. L. A. Campbell. The prizes and honor rolls were presented by Mr. Hicks, and are as follows:

Honor-Rolls—Proficiency, Lizzie Wensley; department, Bella Alfred; regular, Lizzie Wensley; and punctuality, Alfred Hammond. Prizes—Proficiency, fourth reader class, Maggie Blatchford; senior third reader class, Willie Young; junior third reader class, Willie Wensley; second reader class, Violet Goodwin; first reader class, Winnie Goodwin. Fred Bailey for progress in junior third reader class; and for progress in fourth reader class, Lizzie Wensley. Alfred Hammond for punctuality and regularity.

The enjoyable exercises were closed by singing "God Save the Queen."

A Chinese deserter from the British navy, or in fact a Chinaman playing any role in the service of Her Majesty, is somewhat of a novelty, at least in this part of the world. But that they do occasionally slip into the service is shown by a warrant which was yesterday handed to the police. It is for the arrest of Lia Chan, a domestic of the second kind, described as a Chinaman who deserted from H. M. S. Sparrowhawk. He was probably an officer's servant.

FIGHTING IN EARNEST.

American Land Forces Now Close to Santiago Though Many Have Been Slain.

U. S. Fleet to Bombard Spanish Coast Cities if Cervera Menaces Dewey.

Washington, June 24.—The war is to be carried into Africa, metaphorically speaking, if Spain is foolishly enough to send the Cadiz fleet through the Suez canal to attack Dewey in the Philippines.

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JANE GREY DID NOT SINK.

Indians Report That the Wrecked Vessel Floated Ashore Above Clayoquot.

The Schooner Jane Gray, of Seattle, did not sink in mid-ocean as claimed by the captain, officers and surviving passengers, who arrived here on the schooner, but that it was driven ashore by the force of the wind and waves, and was built of material which after sinking would again come to the surface and drift for at least a hundred miles, and schooners are not built of such stuff.

For the schooner Jane Gray is ashore just above Kiyuquot, according to a story brought by the steamer Willapa, which arrived yesterday afternoon from the West Coast. Capt. Foot and the officers did not see the schooner themselves, but that they received reliable information from Indians at Clayoquot that she had drifted ashore above Kiyuquot in her starboard bow had been sprung, the Indians knew nothing of the condition of the vessel. The story said there were no bodies on board, but it is probable that the schooner was waterlogged and that they were unable to reach the cabin.

According to the position of the vessel as given by the Indians she must have been carried by the wind in exactly the same direction as was the launch in which the survivors reached shore. She must soon break up, Capt. Foot says, because the coast in that vicinity is very rocky. It will be remembered that when the survivors reached Victoria, two of them reported that they left the schooner as they went down. The probability is that a wave swept over her and they thought she was sinking.

The Gruesie will leave for the West Coast early next week and will probably visit the wreck.

The torpedo boat destroyer Sparrowhawk has arrived from Comox with some of the crew of the flagship sent to the naval hospital.

MODERNLY EQUIPPED.

Being as confident and hopeful in the future of the northern trade as they have ever been, the Klondike, Mining, Trading & Transport Corporation continues to make themselves better equipped and more firmly established in the business. The loss sustained in the wreck of the Iskut has been an incentive to the company to have construction work on the Nahleem more hurriedly advanced. This steamer it was originally intended to have ply on the Yukon, but now the vessel is being rapidly prepared for service on the Stikine. The work is being done under the supervision of Capt. J. G. Gray, of Esquimalt, and a large force of carpenters under Contractor Stephenson and machinists, numbering in all 40 men, are steadily employed on the steamer at the company's wharf, above the E. & N. railway bridge. The steamer will be ready for service next week. She will be in many respects the finest vessel that has yet been built for the northern service. A walk around her spacious decks assures the most casual inspector that the heavy material everywhere used, the extra knees put in to support and give special strength to the second deck, etc., that more than average care is being taken in her construction. Her hull was built at Vancouver and was brought down here to be built up. She has a tonnage of 200 tons and will accommodate for 200 tons of freight and 200 passengers, a number of whom will be provided with the "pullman" berth in the saloon. The dimensions of the steamer are: Keel, 145 feet; beam, 30 feet; draft, 10 feet; b/d, 515 feet. In addition to the pullman b/d, which take up but little room and which add rather than detract from the appearance of the steamer, there are special features about the boat that are rarely seen combined. One of these is an improvement on the ordinary spar arrangement, which avoids all delay when changing fuel from wood to coal, or vice versa. A patented steam-steering gear, also provided for, being in very light weight, but for all, capable of giving a pull of 5,000 pounds when needed on the tiller. The boilers and machinery, which together with the hull have built by the C. B. Iron Works, are most modern, the engines being arranged with double exhausts, which give them, it is claimed, 20 per cent. more power than they would have with the single exhaust. Their main valves being of piston pattern and rotating on a horizontal axis, they are provided for, the cabins are elegantly built with two rounded ends permitted in construction by a cover over the paddle wheel. The hull is built of steel, and a "Grecian bend," innumerable lockers, cubby-holes, etc., are furnished together with electric light, and in brief everything has been arranged with special regard to comfort, lightness of draught, speed and safety.

THOSE DREADFUL APPLES.

To the Editor: I was with the deepest astonishment that I listened to Col. Gregory's impassioned prophecy, last Friday night, that the Turner government would be defeated "as sure as the Lord made little boys." I am sure that the prophecy of apples appears to be fast becoming a mania with the unfortunate gentleman. He not only annoys his soldiers by feeding them apples, but he bores the electors by talking about apples when momentous issues touching the welfare of the province are at stake. We have all heard of people with wheels in their heads, and water in their brains, but this may well be possible, but the Colonel should recollect that the language of apples has been arranged with special regard to comfort, lightness of draught, speed and safety.

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