

NO PICNIC AT MANILA.

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General Advance of American Forces Looked For Immediately—Last Spaniards Away.

Colored Troops Have Had Enough of Warfare and Refuse to Be Enlisted.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 11.—The war department to-day received the following cablegram from General Otis at Manila: "Manila not safe place for officers' families. Great difficulty experienced in caring for those now here, and their safety the chief cause of anxiety. Officers' families should remain in the United States." Under such conditions, the secretary of war says no more families of officers or enlisted men will be permitted to accompany troops.

Manila, March 11.—Extensive preparations are being made for a general advance of the American forces. The movement will probably take place soon. At quiet, however, along the line. At daybreak the rebels were caught working on a trench at Calocan, and were shelled by a battery. Desultory firing took place at San Pedro Macati. The last batch of Spanish soldiers, 885 men, except a few who are in the hospital, embarked on the transport Buena Vista to-day.

Madrid, March 11.—It is asserted that Aguilado has rebuffed his opposition to the release of the Spanish prisoners now in the hands of the insurgents, because General Polavieja, minister of war, caused Dr. Brizal, who drew up the statutes of the Philippine League, and was therefore practically the instigator of the revolt in the islands, to be shot in December, 1896.

Savannah, Ga., March 11.—The soldiers of the Sixth Immunes, recently from Porto Rico, will be mustered out next Wednesday. They have decided that they do not want to go to the Philippines or elsewhere with the regular army. Upon enquiry among them to-day it was developed that not half a dozen of them will re-enlist in the regular army. The members of the Third Connecticut feel about the same way.

KIPLING AND THE EMPEROR.

His Majesty's Solitude Has Helped to Enhance the Writer's Value to Publishers.

London, March 11.—Emperor William's message to Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, has naturally attracted great attention, particularly the reference to "our common race." The Spectator to-day says: "The Emperor is evidently willing to substitute the Teuton for the Anglo-Saxon as the ruling race of the future. He did not venture to call Kipling an American, but being anxious that his telegram should be taken as a compliment to the American rather than Englishmen, the German journals received a hint to describe him as an American." It must be a singular experience, even for Kipling, to wake up from a serious illness and find that two great peoples have been interested in his work, that an emperor has grieved for him in words having the weight of a political manifesto, and that his value to publishers has been increased by hundreds, perhaps by thousands a year.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Bank Accountant's Death—Doukhobors Move to Their Farms—Conservative Party.

Winnipeg, March 11.—(Special)—F. S. Douglas, a young man who came here from Toronto several weeks ago as assistant accountant of the Bank of Commerce, died yesterday in a hospital. He had not been long in the city.

Five hundred Doukhobors this morning presented Commissioner McCreary with an address conveying their gratitude for the kind manner in which they have been treated by himself and all officials since their arrival in this country. Four hundred of their number then marched out to board the train for Cowan, at the end of the Dauphin line, bound for and where houses for each family, with stoves and other necessary furniture, are already being erected. Commissioner McCreary accompanied the party, as did Count Folstoil and Dr. Hubbell.

An interesting turf event will be held in the auspices of the Manitoba Jockey Club, the first week in September. The capital of the club has been placed at \$20,000. Constable Baldwin, of the N. W. M. P., committed suicide at Calgary barracks by shooting himself with a revolver.

A VERY OLD ACTRESS.

London, March 11.—Mrs. Keeley, the well known actress, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Keeley is the oldest living actress, being 89 years of age.

ROYAL DRY HOP YEAST CAKES. BEST YEAST IN THE WORLD. LONDON, ENGL. EWING & CO. TORONTO, ONT.

QUEBEC LEGISLATION.

Quebec, March 11.—One hundred and fifty-eight measures have been added to the provincial statutes by the legislature, which prorogued last night. One of the acts constitutes a department of education, without, however, an additional minister. It consolidates also the existing laws concerning education, the registration of immigrant children being made compulsory. Three extra judges will be appointed for Montreal.

THE PROHIBITION SHUFFLE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government Might Have Done Better if Friendly to the Cause.

Ottawa, March 11.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter to the Dominion Alliance, declaring that the prohibition did not show a sufficient vote in favor of prohibition to warrant legislation, continues the subject of adverse criticism in prohibition circles. There is talk of the prohibitionists forming a third party.

Montreal, March 11.—The Witness says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier's idea evidently is that the majority are by no means anxious to declare themselves at all, even on the abstract question of putting any actual measure in force, they would, as in the case of the Scott act, have always some fault to find; they would soon drop the whole thing and leave the government that had passed it high and dry. If such was his reasoning, there are still ways of throwing the responsibility back on the people by giving them enlarged powers to adopt the principle of prohibition by sections, or by British Columbia ports, but these are the temperance people themselves who get to agree upon, to be voted on in the form of a referendum at the next general election. We are convinced that in shelving this great question by a simple fiat refusal the government has taken a most perilous course, throwing itself open to both the taunts of its political opponents in the house and the anger of the disappointed patriots in the country."

MILLIONS IN THE SAND.

Fabulous Rental Reported Promised for a Drained Lake in Alaska.

Mining Men at Juneau Curious About Reported Deal With New Yorkers.

By Associated Press. Juneau, via San Francisco, March 11.—The property of the Pando Basin Gold Lacer Co. is reported to have been leased for five years to F. P. Voorhees, who is said to represent a New York syndicate. The rental is fixed at \$2,050,000.

In Pando Basin is a lake out of which early last January was drained 61 feet of water to make a tunnel in order to leave exposed the gold bearing sand on the beach.

A mining expert named Turner reported, it is said, to the New York syndicate, represented by Voorhees, that the sand would yield \$83 to the ton, and that there was in that an average of at least \$7,000,000.

Many mining men here are incredulous about this deal.

CANADIAN DEATH ROLL.

Methodist and Presbyterian Clergymen and a Grand Master of Workmen.

Kinardine, Ont., March 11.—Rev. Andrew Cunningham, pastor of the Methodist church here, died yesterday, after a long illness. He had many important stations throughout the province.

Huntingdon, Ont., March 11.—Rev. J. B. Muir, D.D., died from pneumonia to-day, aged 65. He was for ten years in charge of Presbyterian churches at Lindsay and Galt.

Kingston, March 11.—Peter Johnson, D.D., East D.D., died at Kingston district, A.O.U.W., is dead as a result of blood poisoning. He was 85 years of age, a Scotsman, and prominent in Conservative circles and the Anglican church.

NANAIMO AND DISTRICT.

Texada Island Wharf Succumbs—Accident at Chemainus—Died in Hospital.

Nanaimo, March 11.—(Special)—The coroner's jury to-day brought in a verdict of death from natural causes in the case of Robert Morrison, who dropped dead while working in the chain gang.

Frank Sessions had his leg broken at Chemainus this morning by lumber falling on him. He was taken to Nanaimo hospital for treatment.

Christopher Cronce, aged 28, who arrived from the North a few weeks ago, died this morning at the hospital.

Texada island wharf has blown down with 100 tons of iron, 6,500 feet of lumber, and a team of horses and driver, which escaped without injury. A heavy southeast wind was blowing.

The steamship Wyfield arrived last night and sails to-morrow for San Francisco with 5,000 tons of coal. The Arthur Bullock has established Turkish baths rooms in this city.

C. P. R. STATEMENT.

Montreal, March 11.—The C. P. R. balance sheet shows that the gross earnings for the year were \$38,188,477, and working expenses \$15,663,605, making net earnings \$10,475,321, and leaving a surplus for the year of \$4,121,412. The working expenses amounted to 89.92 per cent. of the gross earnings as compared with 87.11 per cent. last year.

TAXES ON ENTERPRISE.

Miller Ogilvie Will Not Submit to Heavy Charge for Which Montreal is Preparing.

Montreal, March 11.—(Special)—Ogilvie, the flour miller, is wrathfully over legislative action obtained by the city from the provincial legislature empowering it to impose a tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on the value of machinery. He declares that the city attempts to collect the tax on his tario and Manitoba.

PILOTS ARE AGITATED.

Movement to Make Their Employment Optional Brings Out Natural Protests.

Visions of Wrecks Galore and Costly Insurance When Compulsory Charge Ceases.

But All Declare That Victoria Can Be Made With Absolute Safety.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Vancouver, March 12.—The published remarks of Vice-President Ward of the British Columbia Board of Trade at a recent meeting of that body, has caused much comment in pilotage circles in Vancouver, and the arguments advanced against optional pilotage by those directly interested are very numerous.

Capt. Ertshanks, senior pilot of the port, expressed himself briefly but emphatically. He said in effect that optional pilotage meant a higher rate of insurance and an inefficient service. At present the four Vancouver pilots were not making a living, but hoped to even things when the Hastings mills were running and lumber ships were more plentiful. With optional pilotage those at present in the business would have to retire. It was for the public to judge whether they were efficient or otherwise. He reckoned that with optional pilotage 50 per cent. of the foreign vessels would be lost to pilots at the Victoria end, and perhaps the same percentage at the other end. He pointed out that the British Columbia charges were actually the lowest. He advanced other reasons for compulsory pilotage, but requested that as he was directly interested any further statements be not published.

Johnston, who has been 13 years on the coast as pilot, and never scratched a plank or plate in the Gulf waters, also made a more complete explanation of the matter, but only permitted the following general remarks to be quoted: "We are suffering now from high insurance as the result of numerous accidents in British Columbia waters before the present efficient pilotage system came into force. There are many dangerous points along the coast, where the water is often scraped by boats, than most people imagine. Without efficient pilots the rates would be so extremely low in British Columbia that there should be no reasonable objection made to compulsory pilotage. The numerous accidents occurring to Klondike boats are cited as the result of optional or inefficient pilotage."

Johnston said he believed that Victoria was less in need of compulsory pilotage than Vancouver. He thought, however, that the government should give before any objection to compulsory pilotage would be seriously considered by the government, if at all, and before that the government should be satisfied that the pilotage system was being run by a person, besides other authorities in British Columbia on marine matters, would be necessary for Vancouver. Frank Burnett in an interview published in the Province, speaks even more strongly than Mr. Johnston, as a pilot commissioner. It is said that the pilots here are decidedly in the opinion that should the agitation be continued, and three gold gratices were brought from the Dorothy Morton mine to-day. It is said they are valued at \$10,000, but accurate information could not be had. The bricks represent a month's work. The centres of the missing boys, George Howison and Isaac Fine boys, George Westminister, were recovered with grappling irons in Burnaby lake to-day. The little steamer, which was reported missing that night, that they knew where an old canoe was hidden, and that it was found across the lake where the ice had been formed. Searching parties traced the boys, who had dragged the canoe two miles over the ice to the open water. Here all trace was lost; the bodies were dragged for several days.

The Alhambra was opened very auspiciously last evening by "The Pearl of Pekin" company. Most of those who took part in the performance were not strangers to a Vancouver audience, having won their way into the hearts of theatre-goers as "Geisha" girls. Last night the Alhambra drew from the audience quite enthusiastic applause. Miss Maud Goodwin, Miss Cooper and Dr. Robertson were highly praised for their meritorious work. The local morning paper gives special praise also to W. Barton, A. T. Goward, F. A. Cooper, W. Williams, Miss Fawcett, Miss Dwyer, Miss Watkins and Mrs. Williams. All the seats were taken for the performance, and the immense audience were unanimous in their opinion that the clever company of Victoria amply deserved all the praise that had been bestowed upon them. The Alhambra theatre company, composed entirely of Vancouver citizens, were very fortunate in securing a competent and experienced management of Mr. Lence, will be popular as an inexpensive place of refined entertainment and become a paying concern.

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ALLAN'S PRIDE GONE.

Fine New St-amer Castilian Becomes a Hopeless Wreck Before Completing First Trip.

Went on in Fog Off Nova Scotia Coast—Passengers and Their Effects Safe.

THE QUEEN'S HOLIDAY.

Fine Passage to Boulogne and Splendid Reception by People of That City.

London, March 11.—Queen Victoria started for the Continent to-day. The sea was calm. The Princess of Wales, Prince of Wales and Prince Charles of Denmark also left England this morning by way of Dover and Calais, on their way to Paris, where they will spend two weeks. They will then go to Marseilles and embark on the royal yacht Osborne for a Mediterranean cruise.

Boulogne sur Mer, March 11.—Immense crowds awaited the arrival in the harbor of the special steamer bearing the Queen and her suite. The most valuable cargo the Allan line ever shipped from Portland. The principal items were grain and provisions.

The saloon passengers include Capt. L. Arbuthnot, Lord Archibald Douglas, London, England. Twenty-three others are from Montreal, Ottawa and other points. There were also 16 other cabin and about 25 steerage passengers.

The steamer began leaking immediately after she struck, but the best discipline prevailed among the passengers. They returned to their berths and were called out again to don life-preservers, which were caught when they reached Yarmouth on Tugs at 8:15 this (Sunday) evening. The passengers and crew all arrived and are in session to-day preparing for the business of the grand lodge.

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MONTREAL IN REPLY.

Canadian Capital Makes Important Deal in Washington State Property.

Montreal, March 13.—(Special)—McCaig, Rykert & Co. are named as the parties who have bought the big Republic mine in Washington state. Volney D. Williamson, who was associated with McCaig in the War Eagle deal, is also in this deal. The company, which is present has \$1,000,000 capital, will be re-capitalized at \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 will be paid in the treasury. The present shareholders will receive two shares each in the new company for each share of their present holdings.

KIPLING'S PLANS.

He Will Return to England in Early Spring and Will Not Visit Mexico.

New York, March 13.—Though Mr. Kipling has no definite plans for the immediate future, an intimate friend said this morning that his visit to this country will be a short one. So soon as he is strong enough he will go to Brattleboro, Vt., for a few weeks. In all probability he will return to England in the spring. He will not go to Mexico.

W. F. MACLEAN HURT.

Member of Parliament Thrown by a Horse and Breaks His Leg.

Toronto, March 13.—(Special)—Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., proprietor of the World newspaper, met with a serious accident near Woodbine last night, as a result of a collision with a street car. He sustained a broken leg and a severe shaking up. He was going west along Queen street about 6 o'clock, riding a nervous horse, and as the street car came along had great difficulty in managing the animal. Just as the car was about to pass, the terrified horse threw himself and his rider in front of it. One of Maclean's legs was broken midway above the knee, and the horse's spine was injured so much that he had to be shot shortly afterwards. Mr. Maclean will be confined to the house for some weeks.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

French-Canadian Mayor Stands by a Comptroller at the Expense of City Engineer.

Sons of England Grand Lodge—Route for Yukon Supplies—Army Recruiting.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, March 13.—There does not seem to be much prospect that recruiting stations will be opened in the several military depots for the 100th Royal Canadian Infantry Regiment solely. It is felt that the results would be not commensurate with the expense. In military circles it is considered that it would be far better to open recruiting stations for any arm of imperial service so that in this way Canadians animated with a desire to serve the Queen might be able to join in Canada any regiment they desired. The matter of transportation is, however, a ticklish one, and the scheme has not been devised for dealing with it.

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MILES' BEEF EXPOSURE.

A Powerful Weapon in the Hands of Those Favoring Exclusion From Germany.

Berlin, March 11.—The testimony in the Miles-Gean beef dispute at Washington has furnished the agrarian press here with welcome material for the war on American meat. Some of the comments are extremely uncompromising to the American packers. "Since the testimony of General Miles has proved that the packers are so conscientious as to furnish totally unfit meat to their own soldiers at the front, they would not scruple to sell such meat to foreigners. We hope these facts will not be lost sight of when the new meat inspection is considered in the Reichstag."

As the Reichstag adjourns over Easter in March 22, the meat inspection bill will not be considered until the middle of April. The chances of its passage in the present shape have diminished lately, owing partly to the revelations of Gen. Miles, and also to the vigorous agitation of the whole agrarian press.

GOMEZ TURNED DOWN.

Cuban Military Assembly Deprives Him of His Command.

Havana, March 11.—The Cuban military assembly in public session this afternoon impeached General Maximo Gomez and removed him from his command as general in chief of the Cuban army. The first ballot taken resulted in 26 votes being cast in support of the motion to impeach and remove General Gomez, against 4 in opposition.

ALBERNI'S TURN NOW.

Gold Ore Rich Almost Beyond Belief Yesterday Struck on Granite Creek.

Patsy Clark the Millionaire Mining Operator Only Lately Purchased the Claim.

Prospect of Early Development on Large Scale—Peacock Ore at Hayes Camp.

Alberni's day has come at last, this camp is much promising having yesterday revealed a deposit of glittering ore so rich as to be beyond the most sanguine expectations of even the men who have been most confident that exceptional wealth lay hidden there.

The strike, which means millions to the owner, was made on a claim on Granite Creek owned by a man already a millionaire, this fortunate individual being "Fatsy" Clark of Spokane, well known for the magnitude and success of his operations in the mining camps of the West.

Only a few weeks ago his agents bought the property, then merely a prospect of more than average promise, from two prospectors named Wilson and White. A few thousands was the modest purchase price, cheerfully paid in the faith that there was a likelihood of striking ore appearing not very far distant which had shown on assay value of upwards of \$6,000 to the ton.

An estimate of the value of yesterday's strike is not ventured, as the figures would probably seem beyond credence. But Mr. Short, the owner's representative, is on his way out with some of the ore, which is described by our Alberni correspondent as "so rich that it is about the pure stuff itself." Mr. Short is to consult his principals, but feels safe in saying that in view of the report he can make to them, a large force of men will be put to work, and that before long the ore will be coming out in large quantities.

Our Alberni correspondent reports the discovery as "one which eclipses every thing heretofore found on Vancouver Island." The town is naturally greatly worked up over the event, which means for it the opening up of the era of activity in saying that the Alberni district, under other property in the Alberni region, whose hopes of course accordingly rest. There is no doubt substantial basis for the confident expectations of these enterprising citizens, who have staked much on their faith in the productiveness of Alberni, but however their individual interests may be affected, it is certain that the city as a whole will profit largely in the outcome of yesterday's discovery. A mine so rich in the hands of operators of the wealth and experience of Mr. Clark and his associates, means much to the base of supplies, which Victoria undoubtedly is to the mines of Alberni.

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MUST DO IT.

Full Court Gives This Effect in War.

Stehographist Joins Liver a Transference in.

The appeal from Justice Drake in the Eagle, deciding that who acted as stenographer of the action was a transcript yesterday reversed. Mr. Justice Walker following written judgments in the appeal. "This is an appeal by Mr. Justice Drake February last, dismissed application to compel delivery a transcript in which took place in the last. Mr. Justice the application on the was no evidence to show had been appointed by the court by order in the by the Supreme Court is said on the appeal may have been the fact as official stenographer for what he as far as the public sec. 171 of Taylor or has been cited to us, stated that the fact acted in an official of the evidence of his office, because of the that he would venture into a public situation authorized to fill. A cases are cited in which the Treasury, Masters party County court and others. The assumption also an admission of Taylor on evidence, in the case of Taylor, in the case of the bankruptcy, Lord Elton in respect of evidence such persons had been found as assisting in a quite clear that any person standing in any others is prying into the person making such that relation exists."

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