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Preparations to Despatch Troops From San Francisco When Advice Are Received.

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Should Admiral Dewey's troops be held the Philippines, he will be sent as many as he needs directly from San Francisco and very likely state volunteers will make up the quota. The cabinet talked about this to-day and are only waiting to hear what Commodore Dewey wants. Meanwhile the plans for the Cuban campaign are being steadily developed and there is no indication of a change of purpose on the part of the military authorities who are expected to land an expeditionary force in Cuba in very short time.

Admiral Sampson so far as the navy department knows is steadily maintaining the blockade of the Cuban coast and this is not likely to be abandoned for the present though two or three of his ships may be sent away temporarily to meet the Oregon on her way from Rio Janeiro. The officials naturally interested in this race of the magnificent battleship around the continent profess to feel little anxiety over the outcome, understanding a report of the effort of the Spanish squadron to cut off the Oregon. The vessel sailed from Rio on a course known only to the admiral and the chances of her being overtaken on the high seas are very slight. Even should the Spanish vessels be able to catch her, it is by no means certain, notwithstanding their numbers, that she would be defeated by the combined Spanish forces as her magnificent speed is superior to every way to those of the Spanish ships.

FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, May 3.—A leading diplomatic official said it was unfortunate at this juncture that the assertion was made by leading men here that the Philippines would be taken and held at least until the war ended, when they might be sold to Great Britain. The official pointed out that while this course might be a wise one in due time yet its announcement now only served to awaken European powers to the fact that intervention was needed and impolitic to excite resentment in other quarters. There was no principle of international law, he said, which kept a victorious nation from enjoying the fruits of warfare by holding territory gained in battle. Intervention by the powers of Europe, he pointed out, as a necessary procedure, quite apart from international law, and based upon only the strength of their united action. He added significantly that the United States would often make international law. The suggestion that Great Britain would take the Philippines in exchange for the Bermudas or other British possessions near this country is not regarded as feasible.

There has been no suggestion yet of intervention from any foreign source, although it is thought the occupation of the Philippines is more likely to develop a move in this direction than any other step thus far taken. A diplomatic official of long experience in Asiatic countries pointed out that there were circumstances connected with the Philippines which would make their acquisition by the United States more a burden than a benefit.

THE DAY IN MADRID.

Madrid, May 3.—In the lower house of parliament to-day Senor Caneles, editor of El Heraldo, said he preferred to give Cuba independence than to embark on foreign war without proper preparation. In parliament to-day Premier Sagasta in a determined reply to criticism declared it imperative that Spaniards show themselves energetic and united. In the name of the soldiers and the farmers he begged the chamber to adopt the necessary war credits. In the same debate Cardinal Horta spoke in favor of the government's policy because he desired to "strut up the public against the cowardly Americans."

The proclamation of martial law has caused a great indignation, being declared unnecessary unless the government has information of a sectional conspiracy. Sunday's demonstration was a protest against the martial law proclamation upon the occasion of the proclamation of the Cuban armistice. The newspapers are particularly discontented with the state of affairs existing, as the mention of any military operations is punishable severely. The great crowds which gather around the spots where the martial law proclamation is posted are promptly dispersed.

All interest now centres in the debates in the cortes.

SPANIARDS IN THE STATES.

Washington, May 3.—The proclamation directed against the Spanish residents of the United States by the state department has not yet been issued, but it is certain that it will be issued, probably depending upon the course pursued by the Spanish government in their treatment of American citizens.

CHINA DECLARES HERSELF.

Washington, May 3.—China has issued her neutrality proclamation to-day. There is now no place left on the Asiatic coast open to the use of war vessels.

of Spain or the United States. This is rather remarkable in as much as it marks the first action of this kind on the part of China, which has never before issued a neutrality proclamation.

TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

The steamer Yale, formerly the American liner Paris, left her dock shortly before 6 o'clock last evening under sealed orders. The Yale carried full supplies for an extended cruise and had 5,000 tons of coal aboard.

The auxiliary cruiser Eagle while off the southern coast of Cuba near Cienfuegos, sighted the Spanish steamer Argonaut and drove the big steamer along the coast toward the Maribhead and Nashville, into which the Argonaut at most ran. They put a couple of shots across her bows and she quickly surrendered. The Nashville took the Spanish army officers on board as prisoners of war and brought them into Key West.

A special proclamation of martial law at Madrid expressly prohibits the publication of any news concerning war movements of the Spanish navy.

An Evening World dispatch from Key West says: "The blockade of the Philippine fleet is imminent. No one need be surprised to see Admiral Sampson's ships take definite action to-day, either by concentrated bombardment or a quick descent on Porto Rico."

A special from Madrid says if a military dictatorship comes it will most likely be under the Queen Regent with Campos or Polveja as premier with full powers.

The gunboat Castine has brought to Key West the two masted fishing schooner Antonio y Paco, bound for Havana.

SUPPLIES FOR PHILIPPINES.

Swift Steamers To Be Sent From San Francisco With Coal and Other Necessaries.

New York, May 3.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long has taken immediate measures to relieve the United States fleet in the Pacific of any embarrassment it might feel for want of coal. Orders have been telegraphed to the government authorities at San Francisco to select the swiftest ships at that port, load them with coal and dispatch them at once to the relief of Commodore Dewey's squadron.

As China and Japan have delayed making declarations of neutrality some experts on international law hold that the United States may still obtain coal at Eastern ports.

Commodore Dewey's achievement, however, have caused the administration to feel that the government should not hesitate to send him supplies at once, without waiting to speculate what Eastern ports may be open to him.

San Francisco, May 3.—George H. Griffin, pay inspector of the United States navy, has received instructions from the navy department to charter packets now in port to take coal supplies at once to Commodore Dewey's fleet. The steamer "Cuba," a boat of 4,500 tons capacity, capable of sustaining 15 knots an hour, has been chartered. Mr. Griffin has also opened negotiations for the big steamer "Elm" of the Pacific Mail line. It is believed she will go later and be used as a transport ship to carry California troops to co-operate with Commodore Dewey in the conquest of the Philippines and hold the islands during the continuance of the war.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Winnipeg Insurance Agent Charged With Embezzlement—A Town Character Drowned.

Vancouver, May 3.—(Special)—Dick Hunt, a well-known character about town, was found drowned in Burrard inlet this morning. He came here from Birmingham, England, about ten years back.

J. Gore, of Stevenson, who was kicked by a horse ten days ago, died in the city hospital to-day.

The Winnipeg police to-day took back to the city a man named F. Young, who is alleged to be wanted for embezzlement. Young, who is an insurance agent and broker of Winnipeg, is said to be short some \$3,000 and has been in Vancouver a fortnight with his wife and child.

NANAIMO ASSIZES.

Ex-City Clerk Pleads Guilty—Indian Murder Cases Before the Grand Jury.

Nanaimo, May 3.—(Special)—At the assize court this morning Wm. Thompson, ex-city clerk and treasurer, was charged with falsifying the city books and stealing the funds of the city. The grand jury brought in a true bill. On he being arraigned Thompson, in answer to Judge Hiersons said: "Guilty, my lord." The judge reserved sentence until the morning.

Wallace and Leads, Indians, charged with murder, were dismissed, the case not being sent to the grand jury.

Soneyer, an Indian from Westholm, charged with attempt to murder, had a true bill returned against him. He will be tried in the morning.

In the case against Ned Harley, highway robbery, "no bill" was returned.

There are thousands of bakers in Canada. Each one bakes hundreds of pies every year. There are thousands of housekeepers in the Dominion. Each of these bakes hundreds of pies every year. Think then, how much pie does every person in Canada eat in a year?

Now, the pie is called the "Grand Old Dispensary." And the pies baked in Canada, in a year would cover acres of ground.

During the demonstrations in Madrid Monday night the soldiers at the barracks were only prevented from joining the mob by the personal pleadings of the officers. Many officers mingled with the mob, inciting an attack on the residences of ministers.

IN DAYS OF OLD.

In days of old there was only one Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, but that day is a day of the past, that Emulsion is now an Emulsion of the past. Griffiths' Norwegian Emulsion with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda combined with Iron and Manganese is an improvement on all previous Emulsions brought before the medical profession. Norwegian Emulsion is unequalled for Chronic Coughs, Colds, Consumption, The Child's Emulsion of purest cod liver oil. As a tonic flesh producer it has no equal. All druggists 50 cents and \$1.

BRITISH OFFEND SPAIN

An Offer to Protect Chinese in the Philippines Rejected With Indignation.

Interpreted as Part of a Scheme to Establish Protectorate Over the Islands.

Other European Powers Invited to Take Due Notice of the Proposition.

Madrid, May 3.—The official account of Captain-General Augusti was communicated to the cortes to-day together with the offer of the British consul-general at Manila to place all Chinese subjects in the Philippines under the protection of the British flag. Captain-General Augusti wires that the British consul called upon him to say that he would take the Chinese subjects in the Philippines under the British flag, in the event of the British consul-general at Manila had assured him that they were satisfied with the protection of Spain.

More, the minister of the colonies, replied to Captain-General Augusti, that there was no reason to accept the protection which the British consul wished to exercise. The British consul's offer has been communicated to the powers. The government apparently sees some deep laid machination on the part of Great Britain, as the official note says: "This news caused surprise, although people were accustomed to the methods of those who direct the British interests. The question was asked, what can be the object of the British request? China is not in a position to expect this or any other protectorate, but the British take it upon themselves to be the protectors of the Celestial empire against the French, Russians, and Germany, undoubtedly to acquire a new title to the protectorate of Chinese in the Philippines. The Spanish government cannot accept the request and rejects the proposition, at the same time informing the powers who are disposed to allow others to protect China that they have squadrons in the Far East themselves for that purpose."

RATIONS OF A SOLDIER.

Economy of Space and Weight the Watchword in Preparing Them.

(Cincinnati Inquirer.)

During these times, when the prospect of war is filling the minds of the great masses, it has appeared that the emergency rations for the army has been spoken of and its components have been mentioned. As a rule the most important of these are the food and the equipment. The following article, compiled from official data, gives the true ration as issued by the subsistence department of the army and gives a true idea of how much nourishing food can be compressed into a small space.

About two years a board of army officers was ordered to prepare an emergency ration for the army. After many months of hard work the present ration was adopted. In deciding this point the next point to be decided was the most nutritious and could at the same time be put up into the most palatable and at the same time be easily carried. The board had many decisions to make and many disappointments. The ration for one day consists of 10 ounces of bacon, 16 ounces of hard bread, 16 ounces of peas meal, 4 ounces of sugar, 1/2 ounce of tea, 4 grains of saccharine, 64 1/2 ounces of salt, 4,100 ounces of pepper, and 1/2 ounce of tobacco. The ration issued for five days, the board having decided that such time was the maximum time for which men could live and be in the "wood fighting condition." An account recently appeared in a local paper of a man carried "tucked away in the corner of his haversack" the ration for ten days, great error, as the figures above show. This ration is kept in tin cans in the stores at all military posts ready for immediate use. This is how it is put up in small packages. The tin contains two weighing fifty ounces, would be wrapped up in a paper prepared for the purpose and the tin is packed in a tin box, one for each day's ration. The hard bread is not the proverbial "hard-tack" of olden times. It comes in the shape of small, crisp crackers, one pound to a box. For five days a man would carry five boxes. Small tins are issued in which to carry the roasted and ground coffee and salt. A small tin of paper, like a pill box, contains the pepper, while the tea contains two tablets (extra strong) are carried in another pill box. Each tablet contains two grains, the box holding ten, two for each day. These tablets are so strong that a small piece will sweeten a large cup of coffee or tea. Each man carries in his haversack a folding metal can, with a handle on the handle, in which to carry the tin. With this and the bacon and the pea meal the man can make coffee or tea and eat it. The Board of Officers fully considered this matter, and while it is not, of course, a food, it is used so much by soldiers that they would rather go short of food than go without their tobacco. Moreover, those habituated to its use, when deprived of it, and as it is the object of the individual ration to keep the powers of the stomach in the most active condition, the time being on the smallest amount of food possible, the tobacco is a most important part of the ration. Hence the tobacco was added. The man who does not use tobacco would find no trouble in getting along without it, but for some other man who did use it for an equal amount of something to eat. The ration is issued in tin cans, and is easily carried in the haversack. The old Alaskan drew five feet and the new Louise draws four feet and a half when loaded.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache, "Carter's" Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

While the Nashville was away trying to capture a mail steamer, two Spanish gunboats came out and attacked the Hornet. The Hornet returned the fire and the Spanish gunboats were compelled to retire. Captain McCalla thinks he sunk one of the Spanish and probably two more. The fight occurred off Cienfuegos.

That block in Chinatown on which the city market building stands and which many years ago was one of the most beautiful structures in the city, is gradually being cleared of the unsightly looking old shacks which covered it. Some thirty odd of them were burned down to make room for the market building, and last evening by order of the city council the fire department burned another.

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Natural Route to the Yukon Country Leading by Sources of the Gold.

Visitor's Impressions of Possibilities of Wagon and Railroad Construction.

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WEST KOOTENAY RIDINGS.

A Fourth Member to Be Given to Represent Slocan District.

The amendment which Hon. Mr. Oberlin has given notice of moving in committee of the whole in the redistribution bill gives a fourth member to West Kootenay by creating another riding to be called Slocan riding. Rossland riding remains unchanged, the boundaries of the other ridings being as follows:

"SHEVETSTOCK RIDING." Shall comprise all that portion of the said district of West Kootenay which lies to the north of a line commencing at the point where the western boundary of the said district intersects the height of land lying to the south of Innochiek Creek and its tributaries; thence along the said height of land to the headwaters of the Lower Arrow Lake and the centre line thereof; thence northerly along the centre line of Lower Arrow Lake to a point opposite the height of land south of Cariboo Creek; thence along the height of land to the south of Cariboo Creek and its tributaries, and following the said creek to its head; thence following the height of land between the waters flowing into Slocan Lake and those flowing into Upper Arrow Lake to the headwaters of the Poplar Creek and Cascade Creek, to the Larder River, at a point halfway between the mouth of the Larder River and the north-easterly to the height of land between the waters flowing into the headwaters of Hall or Cameron Creek; thence down naturally to the headwaters of the Duncan River; thence to the mouth of East Creek; thence up said East Creek to its head waters; thence due east to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district.

"SLOCAN RIDING." Shall comprise all that portion of the said district of West Kootenay which is bounded on the north by the Shevetstock Riding; on the west by Lower Arrow Lake and the centre line thereof; on the south by the Kootenay River and the west end of Kootenay Lake and a line running from the mouth of the Larder River to the mouth of Crawford Bay, and thence the eastern boundary of West Kootenay District; and on the east side by the eastern boundary of West Kootenay District.

"NELSON RIDING." Shall comprise all that portion of the said district of West Kootenay lying to the south of the Slocan Riding and West Kootenay and east of the Columbia River.

"WING-CHONG FAILURE.

The Company Had Been Carrying on a Private Banking Business.

The decision of Hon. Fred. Peters, the arbitrator in the dispute between the Wing Chong Company and the British Columbia Company and the Wing Chong Company, respecting a contract entered into by the Chinese company to make the cans and put up the salmon at the Dense Island cannery, was reversed by the British court by Mr. Justice Drake. The amount awarded the cannery company by the arbitrator was \$2,624. The arbitrator sat for several days being obliged to make the cans made by the Chiamen or a large number of them burst after being packed. Shortly after the decision of the arbitrator in his own court, the interested parties the Wing Chong Company made an assignment.

In Chinatown this assignment has caused no end of excitement, the Wing Chong Company being one of the oldest firms of the coast, and besides they carried on a private banking business, by both of their creditors being Chinamen who had made small deposits with them. The liabilities total \$36,200, including the amount awarded by the arbitrator and most of the balances being made up of the small deposits mentioned.

The assets are valued at \$50,000, including \$46,000 in book debts, the balance being in real estate and other property. The book debts \$38,000 are classed as doubtful, most of the larger debtors being Chinese firms, which in early days carried on business in the interior of the province, but which are now seldom heard of.

STIKINE THE GATEWAY

Natural Route to the Yukon Country Leading by Sources of the Gold.

Visitor's Impressions of Possibilities of Wagon and Railroad Construction.

Wrangel, Alaska, April 20.—(Special)—Not having been able to give the Colonist letters from all the points visited in Alaska, as requested, I will try and make amends by giving general summary from this point. After looking over the situation for several months and comparing all the points of advantage and disadvantage, I have finally settled on Wrangel as the coming permanent port of Alaska. "Comparisons are odious" yet it would be difficult to point out all the advantages of Wrangel without alluding to other points on the coast.

The residents of Dyea and Skagway have more vim and energy than the people of any other point on the coast is a self-evident fact; and to this fact alone I attribute their present success. But neither energy, nor energy and capital combined can accomplish impossibilities. I know well from many years experience in the mountains from Colorado to California what energy, capital and railroad engineering can do, and yet I emphatically assert that they cannot overcome the difficulties presented by that precipitous range that stands like a huge Chinese wall, a menacing barrier between Lynn Canal and the Yukon.

There are so many who want to come back alive, whether they strike it rich or not, that the Klondike has become a popular name. Now if one has plenty of time and is satisfied to go in one year and out the next, he can go by way of the Yukon. So be said by New-way or the Andree route. But making due allowance for the time, what is the chance of success? The Klondike is a long and arduous journey and then he is at the tail end of the rush?

The latest and most promising gold discoveries are everywhere above the Klondike towards the head waters of the Yukon on the Stewart, Pelly, Salmon and other rivers. It is where one would naturally expect to find them, or notwithstanding all the theories to the contrary placer gold has its source in quartz and it does not wash away. I predict the next great gold excitement will have its basis in numerous fine milling quartz ledges in the great divide between the Mackenzie and Yukon rivers. Every stream and tributary that heads in this divide from Cassiar northwest, a distance of seven hundred miles, flowing either into

DEFENCES OF MANILA

U. S. Squadron Declared Unequal to the Task of Even Engaging the Land Batteries.

Russia Gives a Hint of Possible Intervention Either Diplomatic or Military.

Twelve Hundred Cubans Placed in Fighting Front of the American Army.

London, May 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Sunday Special asserts that the Queen Regent of Spain has appealed to the Czar through the Empress Francis Joseph of Austria to assist Spain in her conflict with the United States. Emperor Nicholas replied directly to the Queen Regent assuring her of his deepest sympathy with Spain, on which country the United States has forced war, but stating that he does not consider matters yet ripe for Russian diplomacy or military intervention, though he will do whatever is possible at the proper time.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Madrid, April 30.—(10:30 p.m.)—Up to this hour no news has been received from Manila. During the continuance of the debate in the chamber to-day, Senor Silveira, the Conservative leader, declared that this was not a moment for political discussion as the matter was now in the hands of the army and navy.

London, April 30.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Hongkong, dated Friday, says: War news is scarce. Nothing has been heard from Manila. Commodore Dewey considers that his duty will be done when the Spanish fleet is destroyed and safely secured for America. Trading vessels, eleven of the vessels are overdue, and Americans are exceedingly anxious.

The American fleet carries in all 2,000 officers and men. The Concord is expected to return here for despatches on Wednesday.

Hongkong, April 30.—It is said that the entrance of Manila Bay is commanded by about sixty heavy guns. It is impossible for the American warships to enter the bay without a battleship of the cooperation of a strong land force. It is believed that Commodore Dewey will not force an entrance to the harbor, but will blockade the port until the insurgents move on Manila. Agents of the insurgents here are trying to charter a steamer in the expectation of being the worst destruction is reported from near Archer, in O'Brien county, Primagah, Manila bay. British warships and torpedo boats at Hongkong have been forbidden to commence fresh repairs, which seems to indicate the possibility of a movement in the near future upon the part of the British fleet.

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been expended in the erection of the main buildings of the federal government, having appropriated \$300,000. Thirty-five states, including all the Coast states, are sending exhibits, Washington having contributed \$25,000 for a display of their products. Fourteen foreign countries are to be represented. The Dominion government has contracted for considerable space for a general exhibit, but it is thought advisable to have a special mineral exhibit from British Columbia. On account of the interest in Alaska and the Canadian Yukon, it is thought that the attendance will be fully 100 per cent. greater than it would be under ordinary circumstances anywhere from fifty to one hundred thousand a day. Mr. Knapp will spend several days in Victoria and will go from here to Rossland.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Great Speculative Activity in New York—Early Closing of War Suggested in London.

New York, May 2.—Wall Street saw a day of speculative activity and furor which has not been equalled before this year. The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: "The only two points to note in the money market are the growing belief that the war may collapse soon and the demand for gold. Demand for gold. New York bought \$300,000 of this week's arrivals from the Capt and the price has risen 1/2% to 1/4%.

Closing Prices—Am. Sugar, 12 1/2; Atc. pld, 27 1/2; H. O. 17; Bay State, 2 1/2; C. B. 4 1/2; S. 1/2; C. B. 1 1/2; P. 1/2; W. 1/2; C. C. C. & St. L., 2 1/2; D. L. & W., 1 1/2; Gen. Elec., 3 1/2; Leclercq Gas, common, 4 1/2; N. P. common, new, 2 1/2; Pfd., 3 1/2; N. G. & W., 1 1/2; W. P., 1 1/2; Tex. Pac., 1 1/2; U. S. Leather, 6 1/2; W. P., 6 1/2; P. & R., 1 1/2; Son. Com., 8 1/2; Wash. & N. E., 1 1/2; W. 1/2; Met. 1 1/2; Raib. T., 3 1/2.

SHORT DESPATCHES.

C. D. Hill, senior member of the firm of Hill Pike & Co., wholesale grocers of Calais, Maine, accidentally shot himself yesterday at his residence at St. Stephen, N. B., while cleaning a gun.

Lord Salisbury has returned to London appearing bronzed and robust. He has never looked better.

A devastating cyclone swept over northern Iowa on Saturday night. The worst destruction is reported from near Archer, in O'Brien county, Primagah, Manila bay. British warships and torpedo boats at Hongkong have been forbidden to commence fresh repairs, which seems to indicate the possibility of a movement in the near future upon the part of the British fleet.

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WASHINGTON SURE!

Already Discussing the Use to Be Made of the Philippine Islands.

Reinforcements for Commodore Dewey Will Not Be Sent Unless Asked For.

No Official Advice Yet and no Information as to American Losses.

Washington, May 2.—It is a curious fact that the nation most directly interested of all in the combat which took place at Manila yesterday should be among the last officially to know of the result. Up to the close of office hours today, absolutely the only information that the government had received of the victory of Commodore Dewey came to the government through the medium of the press despatches. If the report is true that Commodore Dewey has begun a bombardment and blockade of the city of Manila, it is unlikely that he can spare a vessel from his fleet to carry the news to Hongkong, the nearest cable station, so it is not known when official advice will come.

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FIRST BATTLE

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THE GRANDEST YET.

The Fall Exhibition at New Westminster This Year to be a Big Affair.

Preparations Have Already Commenced—People Are to Be Invited From All Over.

Preparations have already commenced for the fall exhibition at New Westminster this year and according to the plans which the directors have in view it will far surpass anything of the kind ever held in the province.

Commissioner W. H. Keary, who is about to start on a tour of the province in the interest of the affair, is at present in the city. He has been interviewing the government, manufacturers, merchants and all others who are in any way interested in the exhibition and says that if the success he has met with here is any indication of what he will meet with throughout the province the most sanguine expectations of the directors will be realized.

When seen by a Colonist reporter last night Mr. Keary said that as the programme was still in an embryo form he could not say in variety. Of her affairs was already certain, however, that there would be numerous exhibits of every valued product of the province.

For both day and evening, special attractions of merit will be provided. In the line of sports there will be exciting horse and bicycle races, the directors having already passed a large appropriation for the fixing of the track.

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NEW CABLE CONNECTION.

Line Between Beachy Bay and Port Crescent to be Complete This Evening.

By this evening Vancouver Island will, it is expected, have the long looked for connection by cable with the American mainland, as yesterday morning half the line running between Beachy Bay and Port Crescent had been laid and the remaining part would, it was thought, be completed inside of forty-eight hours from that time.

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For Infants and Children.

RESOURCES OF CUBA.

The Troubled Island Described as the Most Variedly Fertile Spot on the Globe.

Now that Cuba is assured of her freedom it may be interesting to inquire into the resources of the country and ask what may be her prospects for prosperity when she is no longer restrained and overtaxed by the greedy government of Spain.

The area of Cuba is about 42,000 square miles. Its greatest length is 700 miles and its breadth ranges from 20 to 125 miles. Perhaps there is no space of earth equal in size to Cuba that can begin to compare with her in the production of those things that are useful to man.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Short Sitting at Which a Good Deal of Business Was Transacted.

Several Bills Related to a Third Time and Passed—Little Debating Indulged In.

MONDAY, May 2.

The proceedings in the legislature were brief, adjournment being reached by five o'clock.

SONGHEES RESERVE.

Mr. Helmecken moved for the correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial governments...

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Higgins—What were the amounts the Bank of British Columbia...

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But a Few Days Will See Steamers Starting from Wrangell for Glenora.

Customs Officers Make a Show of Enforcing the Liquor Law at Dyea.

News From Victorians Who Are on the Trails on Their Way to Klondike.

In a very few days now the Stikine river will be open to navigation.

Pasenger will arrive from the North on the steamer Islander yesterday.

There was very little ice left in the river and the captains of the river steamers expected to make a very early start.

This was the best news brought by the Islander, which had a very successful trip, close on a hundred men, many of them down for fresh supplies, returning with her.

There has been no late news from the interior, in fact very few men have been moving either way, those who were on the ground in Wrangell over on the snow now being at the lakes ready to go down with the first water.

There is but one man, a newspaper correspondent, who expects to start before the ice goes out, and he is under contract of reach Dawson in time to gather the latest news and go down the Yukon with the first steamer.

A good deal of freight is moving over the Skagway trail by pack train, but it is very slow work, and the rates have been raised.

A pretense of enforcing Collector Ivey's order for the suppression of the liquor traffic was made at Dyea, all the saloons being raided, but the proprietors had been warned and they got their stocks out of the way before the officials arrived.

For a couple of days last week a severe gale was blowing up Lynn Canal, causing considerable inconvenience to the smaller craft.

Upon the receipt of news that war had been declared between the United States and Spain, a number of patriotic Americans commenced to make preparations to come south and volunteer for service.

The Islander was beached at Port Simpson to have two new blades put on her propeller.

That little tug, the "Hawkeye," is booming, the Indians having returned from a successful oolachan fishing season.

Kingsley, one of the Victorians to arrive on the Islander, has been back and forth over the White Pass trail between the coast and the foot of Lake Lae, carrying a score of times, and is frequently considerable news concerning those now on their way in to Dawson from this city.

Ell and James Hume he saw towards the end of March, and had gone into the hotel business at Lake Bennett and were then looking forward to making their venture a financial success.

Don Kennedy, who a year or so ago was foreman in the tramway sheds, was seen on March 20 heading for the Big Salmon, and J. Pope and A. Brown were met at Lake Bennett, where they were encamped waiting for the river to break up.

J. Collins and J. Clemens, Bennett and they, too, were met and proceeded by water to Dawson. On Mr. Kingsley's last trip to the coast he met Ed. Harrop, southern agent of the Big Salmon, and would have shared badly had not Mr. Kingsley given him his text.

The White Pass trail as far as the Summit is described by Mr. Kingsley as being in a bad way, and he says it now takes four hours to draw 1,500 pounds over Forcena's ridge.

But from there on the trail is fairly good. Few people are going now to Skagway or Dyea, and what number there are are landed principally from Victoria vessels.

Mr. Herd, who has a claim on Tahuna river and also has a part interest in one Skookum creek.

In a letter to a Victoria friend, David Henry, who went north with Colin Cameron, reports that they reached Taga Lake safely, and are settled in a colony of Victorians, waiting for the river to open.

Mike King is doing well with his saw mill, selling lumber at 15 cents a foot.

Other Victorians mentioned as being well are Louis McNeill, Dallas, J. C. Byrne, the Beckingham brothers, Chadwick, Campbell, James Ward and party, and Jack Cameron and party.

Three went to Walsh creek and secured claims, but they do not speak very highly of the diggings.

COWICHAN OPPOSITIONISTS.

Wm. Herd Chosen as a Candidate at the General Elections.

At the opposition convention held at the agricultural hall, Duncan, on Saturday last, W. Herd was chosen as the general candidate for Cowichan district at the coming general elections in the opposition interests.

Alex. Herd presided and the names of the delegates put up for nomination were A. Herd, W. Herd, J. N. Evans, B. Hands, M. C. Duncan and Evans, McKinnon and Garnet, Wm. Herd, J. N. Evans and J. Norcross were the only ones who would accept nomination and Wm. Herd secured the nomination by 15 votes to 10 for Norcross on the second ballot.

Several speeches were made after the nominations. Mr. Herd spoke against the government and Mr. Semlin in the course of his remarks said the government could not swallow the anti-Chinese clause.

He claimed that the opposition really had a platform of their own and that it was not copied from the government. Mr. Herd copied from the redistribution bill. He objected to Vancouver having a fourth member and said Victoria should have one of her four representatives taken away.

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Soe Line of the C.P.R. Securing Special Western Agencies to Offset Boycott.

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The C.P.R. officials in taking these extreme measures state that they possess satisfactory documentary evidence that a boycott actually exists. Of the rival lines the Wisconsin Central is the only one which is not on the boycott. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern are particularly aggressive in the violation of the interstate commerce law against boycotting.

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