





NEW-YORK IS UNEASY.

Fear That the Enemy's Fleet May Open Proceedings by Bombardment There.

Cruisers Having Preliminary Practice With Tramp Freighters and Fishing Smacks.

Germany Gives Moral Support to the Cause of Spain While Preserving Neutrality.

New York, April 23.—New York was thrown into a panic this morning by a Berlin dispatch saying that this city would be bombarded as the real beginning of the Spanish naval hostilities, that the Spanish fleet was quietly waiting until the United States war vessels were engaged in blockading Cuba before the Spanish vessels would leave for this city, and other prominent Atlantic sea-coast cities, to begin the work of bombardment and destruction.

Some naval officials point out that the westerly inactivity of the Spanish fleet, which quietly rests at the Cape de Verde Islands, while stirring scenes are going on in front of Havana and other parts of the Cuban coast, is purely strategic. They also say that this westerly inactivity is significant that Spain knows our capacity for guarding our harbor as well as our coast defence, and whether she will be able to silence our forts in the conflict.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE. Berlin, April 23.—With singular unanimity the German press of every class is condemning the United States for the course taken towards Spain.

Mobile, April 24.—A special from Biloxi, Miss., says: "The revenue cutter Menona from Mobile captured the Spanish steamer Santa Rosa, at Ship Island, Miss., at one o'clock to-day, but will likely have to remain in quarantine with the prize until the time of quarantine is out, to-morrow or next day."

Key West, Fla., April 24.—A special from Key West says: "The United States gunboat Wilmington, in the Spanish schooner Candida with a deck-load of charcoal intended for Havana, where it is very valuable for fuel, was captured at sea by the cutter Menona from Key West with a prize crew of four men under Naval Cadet Dubois."

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ALASKA WHISKEY MEN. Collector Ivey Having Trouble.—The Military Will Enforce the Law On the Trails.

News from the North by the steamer Ningshow, which reached Victoria on Sunday from Alaska, says that the Collector of Customs Ivey is having a deal of trouble in trying to enforce the law which prohibits the importation or sale of intoxicants in Alaska.

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WAR ON MERCHANTMEN.

Blockading Squadron Makes Prizes of Spanish Freighters Bound for Havana.

First Seizure Referred to the Powers as Act of Piracy and Unlawful.

Spain Preparing in Turn to Prey Upon American Mercantile Marine.

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PROGRAMME OBTAINED

Preliminary Arrangements Made for the Celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

Will Commence With a Grand Sham Battle or Review on Monday Morning.

Bicycle Races on Monday Afternoon and Yacht Races and Regatta on Tuesday.

The outline of the programme for the celebration of Her Majesty's birthday was arranged at the first meeting of the general celebration committee held last evening.

It was just a bare outline that was decided upon, but it gives assurance that the attractions will be fully up to those of former years.

For Monday evening the only attraction so far is a military entertainment to be held in the Drill hall.

The first business taken up at the meeting was the appointment of a treasurer. Mr. Charles Kent, who has filled the position for so many years, declining re-nomination.

The band and printing committee consists of Messrs. N. Shakespeare, A. Stewart, H. L. Curry, Col. Wolfenden and A. Macgregor.

Regatta Committee.—The officers of H. M. navy and R.M.A., Mr. Chase, of H. M. navy yard, Mr. W. Pease, of the S. Yates, A. J. Dallan, T. J. Cartmel, J. S. Yalson, A. J. Dalrymple, J. A. Lobb, D. O'Sullivan, F. Hussey, B. W. T. Drake, Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. J. D. Thomson, J. W. Pearce, J. C. Baker, P. R. Brown, F. Elworthy, W. L. Chal-loner, Capt. Warren, Sergt. Major Mulcahy and the members of the admiralty.

Sports and Games Committee.—Messrs. J. Cartmel, J. W. Pease, W. Snider, G. A. Kirk, John Braden, M.P.P., A. J. Dallan, Thomas Deasy, W. H. Cullen and Major Williams.

Some objection also was taken to celebrating on Monday and Tuesday, several members of the committee preferring Tuesday and Wednesday, but the mayor said that he had decided upon a meeting of citizens.

The secretary announced that he had arranged for advertising in the papers of the Mainland and Sound cities, and his action was endorsed.

The proposal to hold a flower carnival was dropped, the committee considering it too early in the year.

After passing the regular resolution that the general committee would not be responsible for the expenses of the committees above the amount voted for each, the meeting adjourned.

B. C. EXPRESS COMPANY. Details of the Northern Service of This Pioneer Enterprise.

The British Columbia Express Co., Ltd., with headquarters at Ashcroft, B.C., was incorporated in the year 1878 by special act of the legislative assembly of British Columbia.

The company has made a record for itself through the unflinching courage of its officials and the interest manifested by them in the comfort of passengers traveling over the line.

POWDER WORKS WRECKED. At Least Seven Lives Lost in a Great Explosion in California.

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 23.—Three explosions at about 5:15 this afternoon at the California Powder Works caused a greater loss of life than any previous accident in the history of these works.

The first heavy shock of the explosion was felt for many miles around and was quickly followed by two lighter shocks. The smoke from the works arose in volumes so dense that it was impossible for a time to perceive the extent of the damage that had been caused by the explosion.

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How a Bold Japanese Merchantman Best Of Three Chinese Junk.

A thrilling story of a fight with pirates off the Chinese coast was brought by mail advices by the steamship Empress of China yesterday.

The Japanese merchant successfully defended his ship against three pirate junks and defeated the sea robbers with considerable loss of life.

WILL ATTACK MANILA. American Ships Were Gathering at Hongkong When the Empress Left.

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KLONDIKE NURSES.

Miss Powell and Her Assistants Spend a Day in the City En Route North.

Faith Fenton, the Correspondent Will Accompany the Party to the Interior.

The four nurses who have volunteered for duty in the Klondike country and Faith Fenton, the correspondent of the Toronto Globe and other Eastern papers, who is to accompany the party to Dawson, spent yesterday in the city as the guests of the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. McInnes.

The nurses are Miss Powell, superintendent; Miss Payson, Miss Hanna and Miss Scott. They do not in the least fear the long trip they have before them, or the hard life of a rough mining camp, although they appreciate the fact that life will not be quite as comfortable as they have been used to.

They will accompany the troops which are being sent to the interior by the Dominion government, so that they will be well taken care of on the trip. It was expected that a start would be made immediately, but advices received yesterday say to the effect that the troops will not leave Ottawa until the 15th.

The nurses therefore have a couple of days to spend in the coast cities waiting for their escorts. They left for Vancouver this morning and expect to return to Victoria for a few days before going north.

Yesterday their time was well occupied. Lunching with the Bishop and Miss Pease, they returned to Government House where they were the guests of honor at a reception, attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in charitable movements.

It was arranged that each of the nurses should "say a few words" but they backed down when they saw the size of the audience, and to Miss Fenton was left the duty of delivering an address. She was fully equal to the occasion, and delivered a most interesting little talk on the Victorian Order of Nurses.

The movement to send four nurses of the Victorian Order to Dawson was started by Lady Aberdeen, in fact the Governor-General is bearing most of the expenses of the salaries of the young ladies for one year.

The government has undertaken to transport them to Dawson and see that they do not suffer from lack of food and clothing. In return for the assistance rendered by the government the nurses will attend any of the infantry, police or officials who may need their services.

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KILLED BY A DREAM.

A Japanese Stabs to Death Wife and Sister Under a Dream Delusion.

A strange story comes from Samsu in Japan of a most unfortunate man killed two of his family in his sleep. The Japan Daily Advertiser of April 12 states that Goro Yamazaki while asleep dreamed that two robbers were standing over him demanding money.

THE STIKINE-TESLIN ROAD. To the Editor.—Recently Ex-Mayor Beaven had a communication in the Colonist, strenuously advocating a trail or road between Stikine and Teslin lake.

With steamship agencies and management preparations for the opening of navigation on the Stikine and Yukon rivers are rapidly taking form. The C. P. R. company, which owing to wide connections, can be taken somewhat as a leader in their estimate as to traffic likely to develop when the second rush sets in, has been no way retarded in their preparations through the present temporary lull.

Next week will see the first to sail, the Victorians being now about ready to start on their long voyage on sea and river. After inaugurating their service these steamers will be operated exclusively on the river and at Wrangell will make connection with the great western lines.

IMPORTANT AD TO NAVIGATION. After long consideration the American government has at last decided to place a lighthouse off Flattery rocks. According to the report of the American Commissioner of Lighthouses, the new Flattery light will be established in 25 fathoms of water about 2½ miles S.W. from the head of the Stikine river.

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River Steamers Being Hurriedly Got Ready for Service—Tartar Sails To-day.

Puget Sound Steamship Owners are Alarmed Over Their Prospects for Northern Trade.

With steamship agencies and management preparations for the opening of navigation on the Stikine and Yukon rivers are rapidly taking form.

The steamship owners are alarmed over their prospects for northern trade. The Puget Sound Steamship Company, which has been no way retarded in their preparations through the present temporary lull, is being followed by others in the very near future.

Next week will see the first to sail, the Victorians being now about ready to start on their long voyage on sea and river. After inaugurating their service these steamers will be operated exclusively on the river and at Wrangell will make connection with the great western lines.

IMPORTANT AD TO NAVIGATION. After long consideration the American government has at last decided to place a lighthouse off Flattery rocks.

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The Colonist.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1898.

IMPORTANT.

News comes from Lynn Canal that steps are being taken to get two lines of railway started immediately from the Coast to the Yukon.

FARMERS' BANKS.

The Montreal Gazette deals very sarcastically with the "cheap money" bill introduced into the provincial legislature by the government.

The Gazette makes the singular error of supposing that a bill of this nature, pledging the credit of the government, could be introduced by a private member.

THE SENATE.

In an article on the Senate, the Toronto Globe elaborates at very considerable length a point made by the Colonist a few days ago, namely, that while every one admits the Upper Chamber in the Dominion parliament to be unsuited to the requirements of the country.

It is in the interest of Canada that one of the parliamentary chambers should have a political complexion and not be amenable to the popular vote?

hundred voters will answer this question in the negative. At present the Senate is largely Conservative. It is Conservative because most of its members were appointed by a Conservative ministry and did not leave their partisanship outside of the Senate chamber.

Yet, as we have already said, these considerations do not settle the matter. It is one thing to answer the above question and quite another to say what ought to be done in view of that negative answer.

History throws some light on this point, that is not the history of other countries, but of our own. We agree with the Globe that there is not much use in going to other nations for arguments on this point, and we remind our contemporary that we do not need to look far afield for illustrations.

We have had nearly thirty-one years' experience of confederation. Out of this period the Conservatives were in power twenty-three years. We recall only two cases in which the Senate ever threw out legislation introduced in the House of Commons by the Conservative ministry.

Every one admits the desirability of settling the Songhees reserve matter without delay, but it is not so pressing that the convenience of the city merchants could not have been consulted at the outset.

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English-speaking people the world over are great sticklers for a severe ballot but it is not certain that much claimed on behalf of such a system is not without warrant.

It appears that a representative of the Cuban Junta, which claims to be a part of the government of the unhappy island, recently offered a friend of President McKinley several million dollars of Cuban bonds at one cent on the dollar.

We notice several editorials in Eastern exchanges on the fact that Hon. Clifford Sifton is learning to dance. What is that quotation about "happy is the country whose annals are" well very commonplace?

A provincial paper speaks of Sir Charles Tupper as "a healthy imitation of a man." This habit of referring disrespectfully to public men very greatly mars the press of British Columbia.

The New Denver Ledge attacks Vancouver and Victoria business men for their alleged indifference to the commercial wants of Kootenay. We do not think the attack at all warranted.

The Columbian thinks the Edmonton route to the Yukon a "bugaboo." We would be sorry to be unable to take that view of the case if we did not feel confident that notwithstanding the opposition of the Columbian, the legislature will not be prorogued without securing the construction of a railway from the Coast to the Yukon.

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The Roseland Times is alive to the fact that a railway to the Yukon will enable the Coast cities of Victoria and Vancouver to compete with their United States rivals.

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We do not think the Vernon News will suffer in public esteem for its frank expression of its views on the redistribution bill. The News is friendly to the government, but does not think the measure referred to does justice to East Yale.

Recent despatches convey the impression that Spain is wholly dependent upon foreign nations for her supply of coal. This is not the case, for in at least four of the provinces of the kingdom there are extensive coal deposits of excellent quality.

The Sloan City News doubts if there ever was in the British Columbia legislature "a more puerile opposition than at the present time."

The Roseland says the construction of a railway from the Coast to the Yukon will not save the government at the next election.

In order that the people of Victoria may not be kept in suspense as to the war news, the Colonist will issue a bulletin to-morrow morning, which will be on sale at an early hour.

The chase of the Don Pedro by the New York was not so valiant a performance as to be worth telling by wire. As a matter of fact the capture of the ship was not very different from an act of piracy.

The Nanaimo Review has entered upon its second year of publication and says it is in first class shape to go on for the future. The Colonist is not often able to agree with the Review on political questions, but is glad to know it is prospering.

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NEWS OF

Artillery Company Inspection - Mission

Westminster Police Against Railways Electric Company

(From Our Own Vancouver, April 27th)

Peters will report Vancouver militia, gaged in inspecting W. H. Gallagher in the opposition. The body of an found in a shock ing. The man had killed himself by a pointed strap in no evidence of foul play.

A man named L. Eschew from Hika suffering from blood shed arm, as a patient. The Very Rev. P. M. L. Vicar General of the Roman is now in Vancouver. Father Gendreau will from this city, acc clerical help being that the Stikine may the season, as he would cover on a short journey North, in qu balloonist, Andre, a interest of science.

A lady from Asher while attending an in in this city she had of a ticket to Asher money. These are a rants and sneak they The Vancouver Bicy ing to the District race meet here on Ju of Vancouver's annual There are not many wholesale markets th freely offered by the demand is not great commodity is going u States. Flour, oats advanced.

The City Council is a request for a municipal Van Andra Copper an Company towards the company to erect and smelter, which in the cient encouragement, t in or near Vancouver. The city's proposed with the B. C. Elctvides, amongst other company shall place fee and also enables the time it shall be found to the company to a ground for overhead w ions of motors.

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Mrs. Mary Fisher, Mary London, of West yesterday morning of p early age of 23. She rived from her home in C ceiling a citizen's mee week to consider the subsidy question. It is Postmaster Brown will tion to the government meeting, but in this Mr. posed substitute will. It ceive much support from bers of the board of th government aid.

Col. Anderson, enginee department, has left for after arranging for a ne Point at the mouth of v has gone to Wrangel on tending on the way to h and arrange for its pr lighting. Two convicts from the New Westminster has for trial on charges of break from prison. The seventh annivers Victoria West Methodist we had resulted in ve both in point of attende cially for the \$100 whic funds to add to the quarter fund for all the year. services Rev. T. W morning and evening. M of Emmanuel Baptis ing at the afternoon public meeting on Mon dress were made by R Rev. T. Crosby and Rev

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