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## SPANISH PLOT

### To Assassinate President McKinley Has Been Frustrated.

### CUBANS MIXED UP IN THE AFFAIR.

### The President's Friends Greatly Exercised Over Revelations.

### M'KINLEY NOW AT CANTON.

### Where His Home Is Closely Guarded by Officers—Detectives Working Out the Plot.

New York, July 11.—The World says: A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been frustrated. It was concocted by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators who had headquarters in New York.

One of the plotters weakened and sent a warning letter to a member of the Republican national committee. The letter was placed in the hands of the Secretary Charles Dick, who referred it to Chairman Odell, of the New York state committee, for investigation. Chairman Odell engaged a detective, who speedily verified certain allegations made in the warning letter. Thereupon Mr. Odell reported to Secretary Dick, who laid all the facts before Chairman Mark Hanna. Mr. Odell's report caused great alarm among the president's close friends and advisers.

Mr. Odell made it plain that he regarded the plot as a matter of the utmost seriousness, and urged that extreme precautions be taken to keep the president out of harm's reach.

Messrs. Dick and Hanna laid the whole matter before the president before he departed for Canton. They in-

structed Mr. Odell to continue his investigations, and cautioned him to work with the utmost secrecy.

To a World reporter last night Mr. Odell admitted that he and certain members of the national committee had discovered a plot to assassinate the president.

"Yes, it is true," he said, "but I regret exceedingly that the matter has become public."

He was extremely anxious that no reference whatever should be made to the matter.

#### Dispatch From Canton.

New York, July 11.—The World's Canton correspondent telegraphs as follows:

It leaked out here today, through a close friend of the president's family, that several private detectives are on guard night and day about the McKinley house; that extra precautions are being taken to prevent the possibility of harm to the president. The story back of these somewhat unusual precautions is startling. A little over three weeks ago a member of the national committee received a letter from a man in New York stating that he had discovered the existence of a plot formed by certain Spaniards and Cubans in New York city to assassinate McKinley.

The writer apparently was not a crank, made no demand for money, but only urged that he be protected in every possible way, as his life, he said, would pay the forfeit if he were disclosed in the matter. He gave an address on Broadway as the center from which the schemers operated. This letter was at once turned over to Secretary Charles Dick, national committeeman. While he was not at first inclined to take the matter seriously, he decided to write to Chairman Odell, of the New York state committee, to whom the whole matter was referred. Within 48 hours Odell sent a long report to Dick stating the results of his investigation, and advising that the president be warned to be very careful. Extra detectives were engaged, and since then the president has appeared very little in public. Detectives are still working on the case in New York.

#### Rains Came to Late.

Owing to scarcity of water on many of the creeks for sluicing purposes, a number of claim owners gave it up for this season and moved their effects to town some time ago. The recent rains have raised the creeks and caused plenty of water; but it is too late, as those who had left their claims for the summer have now made other arrangements for business, with the result that many dumps will remain unsluiced until next season.

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## UNCLE SAM

### Will Not Bring Back Stranded Nome Stamped-ers.

### THEY MUST HELP THEMSELVES.

### Senator Gear of Iowa Dies Very Suddenly.

### PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, BURNED

### The Town Is a Total Loss—Crowd of Notables En Route to Dawson—Skagway and the Boundary.

Washington, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—There is no probability that the government will make any provision to furnish transportation for the thousands who will be stranded on the Nome beach.

The government is of the opinion that people going to Nome should provide for getting back before starting.

#### The Boer War.

London, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—Roberts has sent nothing further regarding the heavy loss sustained by the British at Nitrals Nek. Pretoria dispatches today, however, show that halt of the Lincolnshire regiment was lost, including half the officers. Col. Roberts was severely wounded. A Boer prisoner declares the British losses were more than 200.

The front rank of the Boers wore Khaki uniforms and helmets and were mistaken for British troops.

#### Senator Gear Dead.

Washington, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—U. S. Senator John Henry Gear, of Iowa, died suddenly here today from heart disease. He was 75 years of age. He leaves a widow and two married daughters.

#### Prescott Burned.

Prescott, Arizona, July 15, via Skagway, July 20.—This city is now on fire and there are no hopes of its being confined until it burns out. The business portion is all destroyed. The loss so far exceeds \$700,000.

#### Notables Coming.

Skagway, July 20.—Secretary Gage and Speaker Henderson are expected here in a few days en route to Dawson.

The new lieutenant governor of British Columbia, Sir Henry Joli, is expected here on the way to Dawson about August 1st.

#### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

News has been received of the death of First Lieut. Horace Webster, of the Forty-second volunteer infantry in the Philippines. He was related to former Postmaster General Bissell.

James H. Hoffman, president of the Hebrew technical institute; trustee of the Baron de Hirsch fund, and for more than 35 years prominent in Hebrew charities in the United States, is dead, aged 67 years.

Maj.-Gen. John R. Brooke says that the two battalions of the Fifteenth infantry ordered to the Philippines are the first and third. The first is now at Plattsburg and the third is on Governor's island. They will number, the general says, 1100 men.

#### Bishop Gronard's Hard Trip.

Bishop Gronard, of the Roman Catholic church, of North western Canada, was one of the passengers who arrived on the steamer Hamilton from Fort Yukon

the other morning. He has quite an interesting story to relate concerning his trip from the Red River Mission to Fort Yukon.

The bishop was accompanied by a brother of the church, and three Indians, and says the trip was by no means lacking in either adventure or hard work. The passage of the rapids of Rat river are described with great accuracy and detail, and are said to be full of peril and hardship for those who come through.

The bishop is a man well along in years and of a venerable appearance, yet full of vigorous, well preserved manhood. Although he is familiar with a very large portion of that part of the Northwest, having passed 38 years in it, he never before attempted the Rat river route, and never wants to repeat the experience again. One peculiar phase of his trip is that since he left the Cape of Good Hope on June 13, till his arrival at Fort Yukon on July 11, the sun was never out of sight. A month, lacking two days was consumed in the trip from Red River. He will return to his headquarters in two or three weeks, via Vancouver.

#### Lookout For Him.

It does not speak well for the intelligence of a community for a man to even presume to pass confederate bills on our citizens for good money, but as he actually succeeds in doing it, and doing it in heaven's broad sunlight, it looks as though the stranger had not reckoned amiss on Dawson intelligence.

The writer once occupied a bedroom in the land where the gentle gurgle of the alligator is heard to mingle with the cheerful notes of the shotgun and wails of chicken disturbers, that was papered with confederate bills. Such things are common in that country, and nobody there ever thinks of taking the paper off his bedroom walls and putting it in circulation.

On Wednesday of this week a man who is described as being of medium size and weight, wearing a brown suit, and a small chain to which is attached a big nugget, entered the London cigar store and from the woman in attendance purchased tobacco to the amount of \$1, tendering in payment therefor a \$100 bill. When the woman said she could not change so large a bill, the affable stranger discovered one of the \$50 denomination. This one the woman changed, giving him \$49 in change. The man left the tobacco, saying he would call for it in an hour. He has not yet called.

The fraud was not revealed until several hours afterwards. Sergeant Wilson now has the \$50 bill, on which appears in plain words "Confederate States of America." The bill is evidently one of the last series made at Richmond, as it indicates that at the time of its issue the Confederate states were shy on good paper, it being printed on paper of a quality little better than ordinary news.

The sleek stranger, whoever he may be, probably has a roll of the worthless stuff which he will attempt to work off as his temporary wants demand. Look out for him; the handle of a royal wood saw is itching for his touch.

#### Bordman in Need.

One of the passengers on the Susie carried a letter to this place from Paul Bordman, who left here on the steamer Hannah for Nome. Bordman reached Nome all right, and the letter sent back by him is to his wife, Blossom, in which he makes an earnest and urgent appeal for money with which to pay his fare back to Dawson. The letter was brought by a paper seller named Conklin, who left for Nome on the Hannah, and who is now back very much wiser, as well as poorer, for his trip.

#### Decline in Mercury.

The weather report from the upper country this morning is that between here and Bennett it was about 40 above, being the lowest point reached by mercury for a number of weeks.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn

## SUSIE ARRIVES.

### News That Nome Is a Frost Fully Corroborated.

### THE NOME SMALLPOX QUARANTINE

### Alone Prevented Her From Bringing a Crowd to Dawson.

### PEOPLE AT NOME ARE SORE.

### Immense Crowd Anxiously Awaiting an Opportunity to Get Away—No Through Mail.

The A. C. Co.'s palatial steamer Susie from St. Michael, swung gracefully into the company's dock this afternoon at 1:30. Crowds lined the dock in order to gain a view of the steamer which it was generally anticipated would bring back a load of disgraced Nomads.

In this respect the crowd was disappointed, not because the aforesaid Nomads are not willing and anxious to get back to Dawson but by reason of the strict quarantine which has been established by the American health officers against the beach city.

Purser Radcliffe was seen by a Nugget representative shortly after the boat landed and had been inspected.

The Susie left St. Michael on the 6th of July, taking 14 days in which to make the trip. Mr. Radcliffe states that the strictest kind of quarantine is maintained at St. Michael against Nome and that communication between the two points is practically suspended on this account.

His report concerning Nome does not vary materially from the information brought on the Hamilton. The immense crowds at Nome have found the diggings a practical frost, and thousands are endeavoring to get away, restrained at Nome only by reason of the smallpox quarantine.

"We would have had a full list of passengers," said Mr. Radcliffe, "had they been able to get away from Nome. The general report about the country is that no pay of consequence is being taken out and the people are all sore and anxious to get out."

"The general estimate is that 25,000 people are now at Nome."

"We have no passengers from Nome direct but there are three or four from the latter place who had been at St. Michael some time prior to our departure. There was no through mail from Nome, the mail brought consisting of company mail and a few sacks."

The Susie brought a cargo of about 500 tons of miscellaneous freight for the A. C. Co.

She passed the S.-Y. T. steamer Seattle No. 3 at Eagle City.

#### Telegraph Line to Boundary.

Division Superintendent of Telegraph Lines Crean left last evening on the steamer Hamilton for Fortymile, where he goes on a tour of inspection of matters connected with the proposed wire line to the boundary. Mr. Crean stated before leaving that nothing definite had as yet been arranged concerning the construction of the line, but there are strong reasons to hope that it will be built.

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**THE EXPORT DUTY.**

The substitution of an export duty in the place of the ruinous royalty tax has several desirable features which would tend to relieve the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs, as brought about by reason of existing legislation.

Primarily and principally it would serve to distribute among all classes of our population the burden of taxation, which at the present time falls practically upon the miner alone. Under the export tax system every person, no matter what his occupation or by what means he acquires his gold would be compelled to pay the tax upon all gold taken out of the country by him. As long as he keeps his money here for re-investment, no tax would be collected, and thus every encouragement would be given for the development of the resources of the territory by home capital.

Money taken out of the country is dead money so far as concerns our own development and growth. It will not come back to be used in our channels of trade, nor will it come back for investment. Another point to be considered in this connection is the fact that to a large extent gold shipped out of the country represents profits, and in consequence a tax levied upon gold so shipped would be far more equitable than the present royalty tax, which not infrequently is charged against net losses.

The imposition of such a tax should carry with it the complete abolition of the royalty and the establishment of a local government assay office where exchange of dust for currency may be effected at the smallest possible cost. Beyond a doubt legislative measures along the above lines would aid materially in bringing about a period of renewed prosperity for the entire Canadian Yukon country.

**UNCLE SAM'S POSITION.**

If President McKinley does not keep a pretty tight rein on the imperialist steeds that have hitched themselves to his chariot, he is apt to get carried farther into this China business than will be comfortable for either the Republican party or the United States. It is well to have a vigilant eye to the protection of citizens in a foreign country—in fact that is a part of a government's duty—but when the president of the United States, without explicit authority from congress, sends the army, or a portion of it to a friendly nation with which this government is maintaining diplomatic relations, on the grounds, either real or assumed, that American citizens who are in that country, most of them in private capacities, are not safe or that their property is being destroyed, he is getting dangerously close to imperialism, or at least establishing a precedent that may lead us a good way from the governmental landmarks that are imbedded in the Declaration of Independence and in the constitution.

The lust for territory is so rampant among the imperialists of Europe that it is plain that China, sooner or later, is to be partitioned among them. In fact, through the medium of a "sphere of influence," such a partition has practically been already made. A few provinces of the former empire still remain to China, among them Pechili. It is rumored that the powers of Europe are willing that this province shall be in the "sphere of influence" of the United States.—Seattle Times.

Latest authorities on the subject of the Nome diggings express the belief that discoveries of sufficient value have

been made in the vicinity of Nome to maintain a population of from 2000 to 3000 people. The number of people now at Nome is variously estimated at figures ranging from 30,000 to 50,000. It would appear, therefore, that the ratio between the actual population and the population which the city of ruby sand fame is really entitled to is in the neighborhood of 16 to 1. This startling economic discovery ought to furnish a large amount of campaign material for the use of Democratic war horses in the great political battle now in progress in the states.

It is worthy of note that when the question of granting the Yukon immediate representation in the house of parliament was voted upon, a negative vote was recorded by the member from Alberta, Mr. Oliver. We do not believe that we should be much the gainer if Mr. Oliver's district should be extended to include this territory as is now proposed. The only effects which would accrue from such action would be to postpone the day when representation from the Yukon district will be granted. Any such plan as that involved in the suggested extension of the Alberta district is a fraud pure and simple.

Immense quantities of mining machinery have been brought in already this season and in all probability an amount equally as large will yet come in. The most important feature in connection with this heavy importation of machinery lies in the fact that most of it is brought in under contract with claim owners direct. This insures operation during the coming winter upon a large scale. There is every reason for believing that more men will be employed at steady labor and fair remuneration during the coming season than ever before in the history of gold mining in the Klondike.

**Politics Don't Go.**

When interrogated yesterday concerning his attitude towards allowing political issues to find their way into the Board of Trade meetings, President Fulda said: "The Board of Trade is an institution wholly devoted to commercial and mining interests, and politics are altogether foreign to its mission, and will therefore not be allowed to take up time at the meetings."

"Yes, I noticed that matters had a decided tendency to drift towards politics Wednesday evening, but as it was the first meeting devoted to the matter now before the board I let things take their course, but you can say for me that the Board of Trade as an organization is not in politics."

**Unknown Parts of Canada.**

Charles A. Bramble, of Montreal, a civil engineer employed by the Canadian government in surveying unexplored parts of the province of Quebec, and now visiting this city, talks inter-

estingly of his explorations and of the vast amount of game found. During the past winter he traversed from Alaska to Lake Teunscaminique, 150 miles from Ottawa. The work of surveying the country is done mostly in winter, but Mr. Bramble intends returning early. He will spend the summer in hunting as well as exploring. He has been engaged in civil engineering work in Canada for 20 years, and says that civilization in the northern part of Quebec has been extended slowly. Dense forests of pine and spruce are all that can be seen, and the land is not fit for farming.

Indians constitute the meager population. They are a harmless, half-breed variety, and live peacefully, never creating disturbances for the Canadian government. There is a colony of Englishmen at the head of Lake Teunscaminique who devote themselves to fishing and hunting. Of late during the summer there have been hunting parties in the region.

American speculators have leased plots of timber lands 100 miles square from the government. Mr. Bramble says the pine has been found to be the best yet discovered for the manufacture of pulp. A pulp mill is to be erected at Mattawa.

The climate is cold in winter and warm in summer. Mr. Bramble says the four seasons are about a week behind those of this district. A person can live cheaply in the district, said the explorer. Moose is abundant, and the principal subsistence of the natives. Wild ducks are undisturbed, as they are too small game for the natives.

The Canadian government will send an expedition to the extreme northern part of the province next winter in search of minerals, because of recent discoveries by some of its engineers. It is thought that gold and diamonds are to be had in the Hudson bay vicinity.

"There is a territory as large as Ireland," said Mr. Bramble, "in the center of Canada that no civilized man has ever explored. Nothing is known of that part, even to whether it is inhabited. The Canadian government is working industriously in this direction, and has many engineers and men engaged for the purpose."—Syracuse Post-Standard.

**Lieut. Adair Leaves.**

Lieut. E. S. Adair left last night on the steamer Hamilton for St. Michael en route to Nome, where he expects to remain about two weeks, going from there to Seattle. He expects to return to Dawson for the winter, reaching here sometime before the close of navigation.

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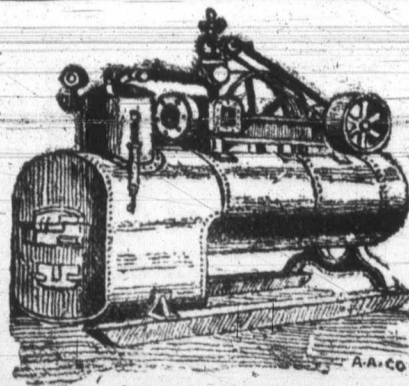
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Above the noise of everyday events the clamor of political intriguers, the din of more or less disreputable warfare, the cry of starving India, increasing in volume from day to day, so demands for itself a hearing that it can no longer be disregarded. How much longer the lives of white men in the outlying districts will be safe, while the natives are experiencing death in its most ghastly forms, is a question which is beginning to agitate that portion of the public mind which is personally interested in the fate of that unhappy country. White men are already regarded by the ignorant classes as responsible for a great amount of the suffering; but, while there may be grounds for complaint, it is certain that no nation would have accomplished more than has England while laboring at such a disadvantage. Of course, mistakes have been made. In the distant past, conditions, to a certain extent, righted themselves. During years of drought, followed by famine, the population was so decimated that in the succeeding years of plenty there was an abundance for all. But, as it was noted that the drought usually affected but one or two provinces at a time, the government caused the poorer people to be moved around from place to place, thus preserving life, until, at present, in a territory but little over half as large as the Dominion of Canada, there is a population of 300,000,000 of people. During the last two years the drought has become general and now 130,000,000 are suffering from the famine which, with slow insistence, seems likely to desolate the entire country. In its wake follow bubonic plague, cholera and smallpox. The germs of all these diseases find the best of soil for development in the feverish, impoverished bodies of the starving people. And now the water supply has become so short that, with the limited means of transportation, it is difficult to send a sufficient supply into the localities where it is entirely exhausted to enable each inhabitant to receive even a few drops daily.

Early in the history of the famine masses of the people traded all their worldly possessions for bread. Next, many of them sold their girls to the Mohammedans, receiving in return, in some instances, but 35 cents. The boys are not marketable and are turned adrift and may be seen in great, homeless groups, sometimes 50 together, literally starving to death. They eagerly lick up the sweepings of the granhouses, and are so emaciated as to be hardly recognizable as human beings.

The natives may blame themselves largely for existing conditions. They refuse to adopt modern methods of farming. The English government is doing its utmost, but the people often refuse to be placed on the relief list until too weak to recover. The viceroy recently declared that conditions are steadily growing worse. The plague is spreading alarmingly and another drought is threatened. He announces his intention to spend all the money in the treasury for the relief of the sufferers. Outside contributions have been made but available funds are inadequate to meet demands.

A full-grown man at the relief works may only receive 4 cents per day. However, 5 cents daily will keep a Hindoo alive indefinitely, for, in his land, the supporting of life on a minimum of cheapest food has been reduced to an art. A few grains of rice, supplemented with roots and grass seed, will furnish him a fair meal. When the garrison of the British fort at the siege of Lucknow were reduced to daily rations of four ounces of corn made into gruel, some of the Hindoo auxiliaries offered to live for a week on the water in which the corn was boiled. If the whole civilized world unite in the work of assisting people who are satisfied with so little the worst features of this famine, the details of which are too horrible to describe or read, would be alleviated.

To their abstemiousness, the English are largely in debt for the loyalty of the native soldiers. Each man knows that when his time of usefulness has expired the government guarantee of a pension sufficient to purchase a yearly suit of white cotton, and rice for his daily meals, is assurance of a sufficient provision for his old age. The religion

of the country prohibits the use of animal food. As available funds for the relief committee are only sufficient to reach about 15 per cent of the sufferers it is feared that wandering groups may resolve themselves into armies of bandits who, having disposed of their homes through want, will for years constitute a menace to the safety of the more fortunate inhabitants of India. Crowds of distressed human beings are daily streaming into the cities, and even in Bombay people without means of obtaining food starve in the streets. Famine prices prevail. Owing to financial depression mills are closed down and in many cases the wages of those still employed have been reduced. What sufficed perhaps for mere existence in prosperous times means now slow starvation covering a period of weeks or even months. Those dying in cities are buried in ditches, if in the open country they lie where they fall. Near some of the relief works men are constantly engaged in burning bodies, often large numbers of them together. It is a fearful sight, but seems the only way of protecting the living.

The suffering seems to be largely among the agricultural classes of which 80 per cent of the population of India is composed. Large sections of the arable lands depend entirely for their productiveness upon irrigation, the source of which is in rivers and streams which are supplied by rains. Every recorded Indian famine may be traced to failure of rainfall. A number of years ago the Indian forester announced his theory that the responsibility for droughts might be placed upon the great herds of goats—sometimes 15,000 or 20,000—always apparently starving, which attacks the shoots of every young tree in the course of their depredations. Thus when old trees die off there are no young ones to take their places. Rains, which depend so largely upon the existence of forests, fall short, then famine and plague follow. The early rains come in June, are known as the southwest monsoons and originate in vapors drawn from the Indian ocean and the Arabic sea. Breaking on the Malabar coast for three months, they may be expected to flood India; the average fall of water being about 100 inches. At such times crops are abundant. But when these rains fail, as was the case last year, famine is the result. The "later" rains or northeast monsoons arrive in November and December from the Bay of Bengal. These also failed last year. Insufficient rainfall may be expected at intervals of from five to 25 years. Existing conditions are the worst recorded. The present drought, following so closely that of 1897, has rendered the ground so dry that there is a scarcity of water, even for drinking purposes, heretofore unknown.

### Bluffers at Nome.

Reports of mistreatment of newcomers at Nome by men who have been there some time, and who operate in a clique to keep the chechakos from taking gold from the beach are given, says the Alaskan, by George W. Hazen, who has returned from Nome. He says:

"Men wearing badges and parading as marshals, and without authority go up and down the beach, and if they see a man taking out gold they will tell him to get, and he must go. It is simply a big case of bluff, and the bluffers are sour doughs imposing on tenderfeet.

"Many men went prospecting in various directions and came back disgusted. It seems there are a few good creek claims, but nothing more, and they are shallow. The reported new strikes are no good.

"It was expected by many they would be able to at least wash out enough to get a ticket back to the Sound, but they are disappointed in that. The government will have to take back many.

"It is not a great and thrifty camp such as is found in a place of a big output. The merchants and gambling houses are not doing much, which is sufficient proof of the matter. Eating houses and hotels, of course, are doing a rushing business.

"The tundra is just like so many wet sponges.

"Water used in the camp is taken from the tundra.

"I went to Nome with a certain purpose and having succeeded in that I am going home.

"I wrote a letter aboard the Farallon setting forth my views in general, and the passengers as a whole passed on them, and said I was more than conservative."

### Feeding England's Vast Army.

After water, which is literally the crying need at all times and everywhere, the demand is for bread. Happily the British commissariat supplies the ingredients of the staff of life in fair quality and abundant quantity; and the regimental or camp bake-ovens do the rest: it is a sight which does good to the eyes of the hungry men, whose appetites

are as stalwart as their bodies, to see the bread spread out on the ground in trays fresh from the field ovens, or loaded high in the wagons at the stations ready for transport to the camps. The men selected for service at the ovens are drawn largely from the Indian contingent, and they know how to produce a wholesome article. Of course there are other things besides bread and water, though often the soldier must be content with these when he is moving about rapidly. A regular British army ration for a day includes a pound of bread, a pound and a half of meat, coffee and seasonings. To such things there is usually added the long list of toothsome viands and edibles which the modern canning industry has brought within the reach of the whole world—corn, tomatoes, fish, berries, apples, beef and sauce. Fresh beef and mutton have been a rare visitation at the mess tables in South Africa until latterly, when the transport service has been under better organization and train loads of cattle and sheep have been brought in from the outlying country. In some parts of Natal and the Orange Free State the resident population have always depended chiefly on stock raising, and their flocks and herds have come in handy as a food supply for the invading army. The British army authorities, however, have been exceedingly scrupulous in the matter of securing forage, and will tolerate neither stealing nor looting from defenseless and innocent people. All supplies taken from the inhabitants are either paid for on the spot or payment is arranged for on a reasonable basis.—Leslie's Weekly.

### The Deacon's Scheme.

Opposite the railroad depot there was a grocery kept by a colored man, and we had some time to wait for the train three or four of us crossed over to look at his stock. Business was very brisk with the merchant, though all his customers were colored. We noticed that sugar, tea and codfish seemed to sell above all else, and during a temporary lull the colonel approached the battered old scales on which everything was weighed and picked up some of the weights. The hollow in each one had been filled with lead, and when quite sure that the pound weight would balance 20 ounces at least he said to the old man:

"I see you have filled your weights with lead."

"Yes, sah; yes, sah," he replied as he rubbed his hands together.

"What was the idea?"

"To keep the dirt out o' de holes, sah. Can't no dirt git in dar now."

"Was it your own idea?"

"No, sah. I never should hev got dat idea if it hadn't bin fur Deacon Williams. De deacon said it was de way dey did down in Greenville, an he fixed 'em up fur me widout cost."

"The deacon buys all his groceries here, doesn't he?"

"He do, sah; yes, sah, he buys 'em all yere, an he was tellin me only dis mawnin dat he neber did see de beat o' how dem groceries held out."

He was advised to take his weights over to the cotton warehouse and have them weighed, and he picked them up and in a slow walk and very much puzzled he proceeded to the warehouse. When he returned, it was on the run and his eyes hanging out, and as he reached the store he exclaimed:

"No wonder I has gone into bankruptcy fo' teen times an had to sell my mews in a hogs an make de ole woman go har'tut! Dat air pound weight weighs 22 ounces, an every time Deacon Williams has bought two pounds o' sugar an codfish he has taken away three pounds an a half! Shoo, but I ze gwine to close de doan an put up a sign o' 'Busted Ag'in'!"

M. QUAD.

### Will Stay With It.

Alex Mathews, well known by all Western Washingtonians as an ex-sheriff of Pierce county, who has been in the Klondike since the fall of '97, is in the city from his claim on Sulphur, where he has a large lot of mining machinery which he believes will yet enable him to leave the Klondike a rich man. As none are more deserving than he, it is hoped his fondest expectations will be fully and speedily realized.

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# THE COMING WINTER SPORTS

**Dawson Athletic Association Formed Last Evening.**

**A Large Number of Charter Members Signed the Roll and Great Things Are Expected.**

The Dawson Athletic Association, that is the name of the club whose charter members signed the roll last evening in the Board of Trade rooms.

Great things are expected this winter in the line of athletics and social events under the auspices of the young association, as the members are nearly all enthusiasts. It is proposed to buy a building, if one suitable can be found, for club and gymnasium purposes, and to build one otherwise. Grounds four acres in extent are also desired. These last for the purpose of preparing grounds for outdoor sports. Ball grounds, bicycle track, skating rink, curling rink, etc., etc., almost without end.

Among other enthusiasts present was Col. W. O'Rourke, who delivered an extemporaneous oration on the grand old game of curling. When the colonel began to speak on the subject, many present did not know the meaning of the word except as applied to the feminine hair with hot irons. When he finished everyone knew and admired the game—some could give expert testimony as to its virtues. During the colonel's remarks he made the very generous offer to bring in for the association from the outside a set of curling stones, free of expense. At the close of his speech the association returned a vote of thanks for his offer.

A committee of three was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Clark, Young and Story. After considerable debate it was decided to furnish each member with a membership roll, and that these were to be filled, as nearly as possible by the time of the next meeting, when further and more permanent organization will be effected.

The next meeting will be subject to the call of Secretary Young, as Dr. Wilcoxon, temporary chairman, expects to leave for the outside in the near future.

An offer has been made in connection with the foundation of the association, by J. G. Morgan, of the New York Life Insurance Co., to furnish a cup to be contested for by club champions contests this winter.

Following is a list of charter members who signed the roll last evening:

Dr. Wilcoxon, chairman; C. W. Young, secretary; Dr. Richardson, W. F. Clayton, A. L. Smith, J. C. Dougherty, J. A. Clarke, J. S. Sugrue, Col. W. O'Rourke, M. Marsden, J. A. Davidson, E. C. G. Berry, E. C. Brown, John O'Hare, Frank Slavin, Thos. McKay, Humboldt Gates, W. Norville, R. M. Croford, C. G. K. Nourse, E. K. Liffee, Mr. Tomilson, W. M. McKay, W. Burritt, P. C. Stevenson, M. H. Jones, D. Buchanan, E. E. Tiffin, R. Cowan, O. T. Fienice.

### With a Clean Bill.

About the time the steamer Hamilton was due to haul in her gang plank and pull out for St. Michael last night the thought entered some head that she should carry with her a clear bill of health. The project was carried out with that characteristic swiftness (?) of Dawson red tape. The health officer went on board and among the passengers, and after upwards of an hour which was occupied in looking at tongues, feeling of pulses, having passengers trot up and down stairs as a test of wind, filling out papers and certifying to the same, the steamer pulled out at 9:15; and, while she did not carry many passengers she did carry a duly certified clear bill of health, thus insulating from contagion any and all points at which she may touch on the downward voyage.

### A Miner's Theory.

A late issue of the Seattle P-I contains the following communication which may prove of interest to the mining portion of our readers:

Everett, July 6, 1900.

To the Editor: In today's Post-Intelligencer is an article headed "Hidden Gold in Alaska" and the "Source of Rich Placers Found There." I believe the following to be a partial solution of the source of the gold found. I would take the richer part of the Klondike as an example. That it is simply the weathering down of hundreds of feet of the soft schistose rock, where the gold is found. Where the pay streak is narrow the schists stood nearly vertical; where at a varying angle the pay streak would be wide, as on Eldorado creek

and the bench claims adjoining, where the pay is wide.

My reasons are that the gold found there, and elsewhere, is flattened, as coming from a laminated rock, like slate or shale or schist; the absence of any amount of gravel; the finding of nuggets of gold sticking on the outside of pieces of clear crystalline quartz; and the quartz looks as though freshly broken, showing no sign of movement by water or of ice; and the finding of this crystalline quartz in places in the soft schistose rocks there, from the thickness. Also the finding of gold in place in two places widely apart.

And my advice to men going to prospect, from the Quesnelle river, in British Columbia, north to Point Barrow, that know nothing of mining, would be to hunt for the soft schists and slates that will be found on either side of the belt of granite, the softly rounded hills and cream-colored dirt as found on the Klondike; and my belief is that gold will be found in hundreds of places and it would seem to me that there are big chances for capital to prospect, if done intelligently.

If you think there is anything in my reasoning that would be of interest to those going north, I would give my reasons more in detail.

C. H. BRIDGES.

### BRIEF MENTION.

W. C. Leak is stopping at the Metropolitan.

Wm. Northep, of Bonanza creek, is registered at the Regina.

James Kelley, of 22 Dominion, is stopping at the Plannery.

A number of sewers were flushed today by the fire department.

Mrs. R. I. Hiltz was a passenger for the outside on the Flora yesterday evening.

Mrs. Archie Allen and son Frank, started for their former home, Whatcom, Wash., on the Flora.

Dr. Tugard, until recently matron of the Good Samaritan hospital, left for the outside last evening.

Dick Adams, of the American consulate, left for the outside last evening. He expects to be back Sept. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Heidinger were passengers on the steamer Flora, en route to their old home in Puyallup, Wash.

The number of passengers now traveling up the river is much greater than the number returning on the same steamers.

The roads being in fairly good condition, pack trains and teams are now busy transporting supplies to the various creeks.

Dr. Wharton who has been critically ill with typhoid at the Good Samaritan hospital is recovering rapidly and will soon be out again.

Bishop Grouard will hold services at the Catholic church next Sunday, at Grand Forks on the 29th, and at Dominion on Aug. 5th.

On Dawson's social horizon may be dimly seen the coming formation of a Bohemian club. Tom Cunningham and Sheriff Hilbeck would make a healthy nucleus.

When F. B. Millard, the visiting Examiner man, returns from his present visit from the creeks he is to be invited to partake of a small dinner, and incidentally meet a number of old newspaper friends and acquaintances.

### River News.

The steamer Lightning of the D. & W. H. N. Co., will sail this afternoon for up-river points. She is now at her berth at the Yukon dock.

The Gold Star arrived last night and is unloading at the lower end of town. Manager Nixon, immediately upon her arrival, took a trip up the creeks. It is not known when she will sail again.

The Yukoner is now on the ways at the C. D. Co.'s shipyard undergoing repairs. Her stem was found to be badly shattered.

The Clara will probably continue for the present in charter for the N. A. T. & T. Co. as a collier. She leaves tonight for Fortymile.

The steamer Columbian is due to arrive today. She passed Selkirk this morning.

The Ora will arrive Sunday. She left Whitehorse this morning.

The Canadian should leave Whitehorse today.

Capt. Richardson, a recent arrival on the Yukoner, has been appointed inspector of boilers.

The Hamilton sailed last night for St. Michael.

### Mohr Still a Partner.

The statement in yesterday's Nugget to the effect that Emil Mohr, of the firm of Mohr & Wilkins, grocers, had disposed of his interests was an error. Mr. Mohr still retaining his interest in the business. He left for Whitehorse on the steamer Lightning this afternoon.

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### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth was in the chair this morning and readily disposed of the short docket before him.

John C. Lilly who lately arrived with a scow load of provisions and who had yesterday sold ten cases of bacon in a wholesale lot to one man, was up under the transient trader ordinance. The court remanded the case until tomorrow morning, as he remarked that the wholesaling of a scow load of goods is not, in the true sense of the word, transient trading. If it is, every man, other than a resident merchant, who brings to Dawson a scow load of goods which he disposes of at wholesale, is liable to arrest and fine under the ordinance whose object it is to protect legitimate dealers against peddlers and hawkers. The construction put upon the ordinance at the hearing tomorrow morning will be of great interest to those bringing in and disposing of goods in wholesale lots.

M. C. Brown, charged with having sold whisky contrary to the Canadian Indian act, was dismissed, the son of the forest alleged to have been the purchaser not being present, having returned down the river on the steamer Sarah.

Alexander King, the old man charged with the murder of Herbert Davenport up the Yukon last Sunday evening, was brought in from jail this morning when the case was remanded until this afternoon. Dressed in a new pair of overalls bearing the brand "P. P." a brown sweater and moccasins, the old man looks as though a full realization of the enormity of the crime he is alleged to have committed had dawned upon him. His look is downcast and troubled, that of a man who had acted in haste and is repenting at leisure.

It is but proper that a baker should want his "dough." It is in line with the eternal fitness of things, and is probably why James Smith has entered suit against Richard Rigor for the collection of \$35 which he alleges is due him for service performed while employed in the latter's bakery at the ferry. Rigor declines to pay the amount claimed, and sets up in defence that this particular member of the family on whom the sun never sets, spoiled his bread, thereby causing the bakery to lose customers and furnish others with 14-ounce loaves of the staff of life instead of with 18-ounce loaves, the regularly ordained weight. Smith said the ingredients with which he was furnished from which to make bread were poor; the yeast cakes were poor, the flour was poor; everything was poor. He submitted documentary evidence to prove that for 26 long years he has been following his trade, that of baker—supply his needs by kneads, so to speak. Mr. Rigor very rigorously denied that Smith is a good baker and asked that the case be continued until he can bring witnesses to prove his position. The court very reluctantly granted the request and the case will be further aired tomorrow morning.

### Opposed to Silver.

The late Chas. A. Dana, for more than a quarter of a century the editor of the New York Sun, a conservative Democratic paper, established for it the reputation of advocating principle regardless of party. The Sun is still a Democratic paper, but, as evidenced by an editorial in a recent issue, the examples set by Dana are still followed and party affiliations cuts but little figure when a principle is at stake. The article reads:

"The congress elections this year will be of the gravest importance to all business interests. The present house of representatives has a Republican majority of 13 only, and that dangerously small margin for the defense of the gold standard is the consequence of the recreancy of the business men of the city of New York in 1898 to the sound currency principles upon which its prosperity depends.

"The first 15 congressional districts of New York are all in the city of New York as it now is, except the First, which is made up of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, in Long Island. In 1898 10 of these districts elected Republican congressmen to the Fifty-fifth congress. Two years after, in 1898, all of them returned Democrats. It was a shameful abandonment of the defense of the gold standard by the great commercial and financial capital of the Union.

"This year when a new congress is to be elected a great effort will be made to persuade the citizens of New York that they can repeat this recreancy without danger on the ground that the gold standard is established by the Republican currency act beyond the reach of disturbance. The gold majority in the senate, it is asserted, will remain for its successful defense, even if Bryan is elected, and along with him a Bryanite house of representatives; but actually there is no such assurance. The probability is rather that before Bryan's administration was over both houses of congress would be controlled by a majority against the gold standard and be ready to repeal the present law.

"No good man of sound judgment, whether a Democrat or a Republican, will risk such a catastrophe by voting for a Democratic candidate for the house of representatives or for a legislature which is to elect a senator.

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city it will stand by Bryan and the Chicago platform heartily and resolutely. Moreover, "anti-imperialist" leaders will be using all their little efforts to defeat Republicans and consequently gold-standard candidates for congress.

"The business interests of the whole Union, and of New York more particularly, will therefore need to unite in supporting the Republican candidates for congress without regard to past political differences, if danger of the repeal of the gold standard is to be avoided."

**The President When Indignant.**  
Those nearest to him have in the past ten days seen emphasized a quality of the president's character which is not often exhibited. The well poised, self-controlled man in the White House seldom appears other than suave. Sometimes good humor strengthens the geniality. At other times responsibilities deepen the seriousness. But the ordinary manner of the president shows spirit and soberness within moderate limits.

The developments at Havana have revealed how deeply the president can be moved and how strongly he can express himself. When the conditions of scandal presented themselves in all of their first hideousness, there was a gathering at the White House which will not be forgotten by those who participated. The look on the president's set face and the short, sharp sentences which came from his lips will live in memory. Before the temper of that council all questions of relative responsibility, all inclination to express credulity, all feeling of personal friendship for the suspected, anything which might tend to minimize the importance of the discovery were dissipated. The heads of departments went out from that conference with the knowledge that the full power of the government would be involved to the complete exposure of the crimes and the merciless punishment of all directly or indirectly concerned. Men who think the greatest thing in public life is the "pull" shook their heads. They would not believe that this one or that one would be compelled to suffer degradation. They argued that influence would save. They refused for a time to accept the revelations. But the sentiment has changed. All Washington now realizes how terribly in earnest this president can be.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### A Seattle Trick.

Louis Theroux, who came here from Larimer, North Dakota, reported to the police last night that he had been victimized to the extent of \$50 by a stranger in the time-worn check swindle. Theroux is a guest of the Hotel Stevens. Yesterday afternoon, while seeing the sights on the water front he was approached by a stranger, who requested a loan of \$50, and offered a sight draft, drawn on a mythical New York bank, as security.

The applicant for the loan said that he desired the money to pay a hotel bill for his wife and daughter. Theroux promptly accommodated him. Last night, after thinking the matter over, he came to the conclusion that he had been victimized. He gave a description of the swindler to the police.

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