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AMERICAN ARMY SAILS FOR CUBA.

Gen. Shafter Goes in Command, Having Quarters on Bancroft.

Sixteen Regiments of Regular Infantry and Eleven Regiments of Volunteers—Sixty Days' Rations Are Taken.

LONDON, June 9.—The *Washington* correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, with the approval of Gen. Greely, cables the following:

"The army sailed from Tampa at noon today (Wednesday). The force numbers 27,000 men, composed of infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers and signal corps.

"The infantry consists of 27 regiments, 16 regular and 11 volunteer.

"The total infantry force is 21,000 men.

In addition there are a battalion of engineers, a detachment of the signal corps, five squadrons of cavalry, four batteries of light and two of heavy artillery.

"Gen. Shafter is in command of the force, which is conveyed by the battleship *Indiana* and the gunboat *Helen* while the training ship *Bancroft*, is the floating home of Gen. Shafter.

The transports are due at Santiago Friday night or Saturday morning, and the landing will be attempted on Sunday. This should be effected without difficulty, and no doubt by Sunday at the latest the stars and stripes will float over Santiago de Cuba.

Order to Embark Issued.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 8.—The *Journal* today prints the following from its Tampa correspondent:

Last Wednesday one of Gen. Shafter's aides posted on the bulletin board at headquarters a copy of the official order for troops to be in readiness for immediate departure. About the same time a notice was put on the board to newspaper correspondents wishing to go with the army to report to Lieut. Mikey at noon Thursday.

The fifth corps includes two volunteer regiments, the Seventy-first New York and the Second Massachusetts. In the corps are about 12,000 men. On Saturday night Gen. Shafter issued an order transferring to this corps all the volunteer troops in Tampa and vicinity, except the Georgia and Florida regiments, making these regiments thereby properly belong to Gen. Lee's corps. This was done of course, to strengthen the invading force.

This addition to the Fifth army corps increased the invading force from about 25,000 to nearly 35,000.

Warships Enter Guantanamo Bay.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 8.—It is reported here that a great battle has taken place at Cumanera, in the bay of Guantanamo.

At 5:30 yesterday morning (Tuesday) five ships of the American squadron opened a heavy bombardment of the fortifications of the town. There was a perfect hail of bombs in the bay, striking and demolishing many houses beyond the fortifications.

On the Spanish side the artillery replied vigorously, maintaining for some time a stiff resistance. The fire from the warships, however, never slackened for an instant. It was regular and carefully directed, and a great majority of the shots proved effective.

The Spaniards were forced to abandon their positions on the shore and retreat to the town of Cumanera proper. It is supposed that later they fled from that position, also, with the inhabitants.

Information has reached here that the Spanish at Santiago and Cumanera are preparing for a final desperate struggle, and are determined to resist the assaults of the Americans to the last extremity. The commander of the district issued an order yesterday to burn Cumanera before yielding it into the hands of the Americans.

The latter forced the entrance to the bay of Guantanamo, and according to the

latest advices from Cumanera it was feared that the Americans would make an effort to land forces here this afternoon. Measures to prevent this, if possible, have been taken by the Spaniards. The American fleet was still maintaining its position.

Cables Interfered With.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, June 8.—Cable communication with Cuba, which has been interrupted for many hours, was partially restored this afternoon, but it is still difficult and precarious. The report of the bombardment at Cumanera came by cable. The bombardment destroyed a little house which sheltered the shore connection of the French cable at Cumanera, though whether by explosion of bombs from the water or by explosives used by a party sent for that purpose is not known. The cables uniting the main cable with the office at Cumanera and the town of Cumanera with Santiago were cut, thus accounting for the prolonged absence of intelligence here as to operations in that vicinity.

It is believed that the cable at Santiago is cut as no direct news from Santiago has yet been received at Cape Haytien since Monday at midnight.

9:15 p. m.—Even before the cables in Guantanamo had been injured so that they could not be worked, the operators at the Cumanera station were forced to flee by the fire from the ships. Up to this hour there has been no direct cable communication from Santiago since Monday at midnight.

Americans Join Forces With the Insurgents.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A special from Cape Haytien says the Americans and insurgents have formed a junction near Santiago, and that a land attack on the city is momentarily expected. The Spaniards claim to have 24,000 seasoned troops in Santiago.

Col. Thenu, a renowned Austrian artilleryist, in the Spanish service, was killed in Monday's bombardment of the forts of Santiago harbor.

FIGHTING THEIR WAY THROUGH.

American Troops Forcing the Spanish Outposts From the Hills Near the City.

NEW YORK, June 8.—American troops are today fighting battles with the Spaniards under Gen. Linares on the slopes of the hills to west and northwest of Santiago bay. The object of the invaders is to gain the heights of Maestra Hills, and particularly Loma San Pablo, which commands Santiago city. They have already gained many points of vantage, and American artillery is shelling the enemy.

Spanish Cruiser Viscaya Reported Sunk.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A special from Cape Haytien says:

There is a persistent rumor here that the Spanish cruiser *Viscaya* has been sunk by Sampson's squadron.

War and Navy Departments Active.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The activity and frequent exchange of communications between the war and navy departments, culminating in visits by Acting Secretary Allen, Admiral Seward and Capt. Crowninshield in person to the war department today led to the belief this afternoon that either the troops were actually embarking at Tampa, or that the movement is about to begin. The officials, however, who were not absolutely ignorant themselves as to what was going on at Tampa, were all under an injunction, delivered by Secretary Alger himself, to keep the movements of the troops absolutely secret. There were intimations that took away in a measure the disappointment occasioned by this attitude, to the effect that once the troops are ashore there will be a considerable relaxation of the rules so rigidly applied relative to the giving out of information as to the army's movements.

The imagination displayed in the Spanish bulletin recounting the killing of 1,500 of Sampson's men during Monday's fight with the forts of Santiago caused a good deal of amusement at the navy department, and the officers profess themselves, though willing to meet the Spaniards with arms, to be utterly unable to contend with them in the field of mendacity. To some of them this bulletin recalled vividly the stirring bulletins issued almost daily from the Spanish legation here in the days of Senor de Lome, telling how the Spaniards, with the loss of one man, had managed to annihilate the Cuban army.

No bulletins were posted at the navy department, and although there were signs that the department was in communication with the South, the newspaper men were assured that there were no events worth reporting treated of in the messages. The department is also very busy in arranging details for the Manila expeditions, having undertaken to make ready the transports which will carry the soldiers from San Francisco to Manila. Work on them is being hurried under telegraphic orders, and by the end of the week there will be sufficient military force afloat to enable Admiral Dewey when it reaches him, to do pretty much as he pleases at Manila. This is a project very much at heart just at present for fully recognizing the good military qualities displayed by the insurgents, according to the newspaper reports, in their combats around Cavite, the officials are loth to depend entirely on them for any length of time, fearing a relapse on their part into savagery that might startle the civilized world. The Japanese are the latest to turn up with applications for permission to study the tech-

nical features of the present war, and today Secretary Alger granted special permission to Commander Ketsuro Narita, of the Japanese imperial navy, and Lieut. Saneyuki Akiyama to go with the army of occupation to Cuba.

A delegation from the Young Men's Business Club, of Cincinnati, brought to the White House today a very beautiful illuminated copy of "The Address to the American Flag," written by Drake. This was intended for presentation to Rear Admiral George Dewey, as a token of admiration of the magnificent ability and great bravery displayed by him in the planning and execution of the battle of Manila, the culmination of the great victory which startled the world, proving American officers of the army and navy are unexcelled. The magnificent piece of penwork was carried over to the navy department, where it will be held subject to Admiral Dewey's disposition.

There is considerable mystery concerning the cutting of cables running out of Cuba, and the continuance of cable service from that island. It was positively established today that the French cable running from Santiago to Cape Haytien went out of service last Friday and remained out of working condition until Saturday. During the 24 hours' interruption the company was unable to carry any business over this line. There is little doubt that the interruptions were due to the work of the cable cutting ship sent out by Gen. Greely and in charge of signal service officers. But the mystery of the affair is that the French cable began working again on Saturday. How this came about is beyond explanation by the best cable experts. The French cable company is as much in the dark on this point as are the authorities here. The matter is further complicated by reports reaching the officials here again today that the cable stopped working Monday.

Miraculous Escape.

By almost a miracle Mrs. Hiltz, of the Popular restaurant, and D. McDonald, are alive today. Tuesday afternoon the report of a rifle was heard on the streets and a puff of smoke from one of the windows in the engine room of the steamer *Hamilton* indicated its origin, and a good sized hole in the corrugated iron building known as the Regina Club Cafe showed where the bullet had found an entrance place. Mrs. Hiltz, who was passing, narrowly escaped instant death, as the bullet entered her straw hat, cutting the crown in equal parts and even taking a small quantity of her hair. Mr. D. McDonald, who was behind the counter inside the cafe, received a slight flesh wound and lost a portion of the waistband of his trousers. Inquiry developed the fact that the rifle was accidentally discharged by David Cone, fireman aboard the *Hamilton*, who was placed under arrest pending an investigation. Mrs. Hiltz, who very sensibly did not faint, in an interview stated she instantly recognized that a bullet had struck her, and the effect was similar to the recoil of a gun.

No Change, Says Mr. Wear.

Capt. P. B. Wear, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., who arrived Tuesday of this week, was seen by a reporter of *The Nugget*, and when asked as to what he thought of the situation in and around Dawson, said:

"I do not consider it bad at all, but, on the contrary, quite bright. This is a healthy camp, the country is rich, and all the people have to do is to get to work."

"Do you not think the number coming in too great?" was asked.

"No, indeed," was the rather energetic answer to this. "The country is large and awaits development, and the crowd now in town will soon be scattered over the entire surrounding district."

"Capt. Wear," said the reporter, "it is rumored about town that your company intends to make a change in its management. In other words, that Capt. Healey will give way to another man. Is that true?"

"No, sir. No change whatever will be made. The affairs of the company are being satisfactorily conducted, and a change of management has never for one moment been thought of."

Justice on the Yukon.

When the *May West* was about to leave, a few days ago, police boarded her with writs of attachment and brought ashore four or five parties, together with their bags of dust. Fortune had favored these men and they were going to the outside world prepared to enjoy all the luxuries that gold can give. They had forgotten, however, that manhood and honor still lives, and neglected to pay bills due for goods furnished last winter. When their debts had been settled the men were permitted to go on their way. Execution of the law, after this manner, is quite encouraging not only to business men, but to every man with a sense of honor in his breast. It teaches that justice will reach those without principle as quickly here as in any other part of the world. The form of law applicable in cases of this kind is, in fact, better here than elsewhere; for there are no delays, no procrastination, and men in the Klondike country must deal honestly with their fellows or be compelled to do so.

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AGUINALDO GAINS THE VICTORY.

Philippine Capital Falls Before the Insurgents.

Spanish Garrison Surrenders Rather Than Face Massacre at the Hands of Native Troops—Every Resource Exhausted.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A copyrighted dispatch to the *World* from Hongkong says:

"A report has reached here that Manila has fallen.

"It is said to be now occupied by the Philippine insurgents, commanded by Aguinaldo. The rebel junta and wealthy Philippine islanders resident here are jubilant over the news and the United States consulate has been crowded all day.

"The American consul, Mr. Wildman, has been the recipient of hundreds of congratulations from the junta, giving him almost as much credit for the reported capture of Manila as they gave Aguinaldo himself, since Wildman has been their unwavering champion and has advised them in all their plans.

"Consul Wildman does not credit the report that Manila has actually been occupied, but he believes that it will be by or before Saturday.

"The Spaniards have been fighting desperately, but their marksmanship is poor and they have lost heavily."

Spanish Garrison Yields to Dewey.

MADRID, June 8.—It is rumored that the Spanish garrison at Manila, rather than be massacred by the insurgents, preferred to yield to the Americans as prisoners of war.

Gen. Corea, minister of war, declared that Capt. Gen. Augusti will defend himself to the last.

Senor Selva says: "The moment has arrived to take supreme resolution."

Gen. Dominguez believes that the intervention of the powers is imminent, "because the fate of the Philippines interests all Europe."

Madrid Hears Disastrous News.

2 p. m.—The minister of war, Gen. Correa, received news from the Philippine islands today and communicated it to Premier Sagasta, saying the governor general, Gen. Augusti, asked for full liberty of action. He added that Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, continues to excite a general insurrection in the archipelago.

A dispatch from the island of Vizcaya says the officials sent two gunboats to the island of Luzon with instructions to try and communicate with Manila, but they were compelled to return unsuccessful. The government, it is added, replied, instructing the commander of the island of Vizcaya to restore communication with Manila at all cost.

Gen. Correa declined to furnish the text of the dispatches for publication, on the ground that it would be prejudicial to the country's interests, but a member of the government whose name cannot be used, admitted that the dispatch of Spanish troops to the Philippines could not change the situation. He added:

"We could send 6000 troops, but if the natives are against us such a force would be inadequate. If they are with us it would not be necessary to send troops."

4 p. m.—The following communication from Capt. Gen. Augusti, dated at Manila, June 3, has been published:

"The situation is very grave. Aguinaldo has succeeded in stirring up the country and the telegraph lines and railways are being cut. I am without communication with the provinces. The province of Cavite has completely rebelled and the towns and villages are occupied by numerous bands. A Spanish column defends the Zapote line to prevent the enemy from invading the province of Manila, but the foe has entered Bulacan, Laguna and Misamis, so that Manila will thus be attacked by land and sea.

"The insurrection has reached great proportions, and if I cannot count upon the support of the country, the forces at my disposal will not suffice to hold the ground against the enemy."

It is reported that the Spaniards at Manila have already been compelled to take refuge in the fortified part of the town.

A Message From Aguinaldo.

LONDON, June 8.—The Singapore correspondent of the *Times*, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The local Philippine insurgent committee received today a dispatch from Aguinaldo, saying:

"We have taken all in the provinces of Cavite, we have captured 10 guns, 1000 rifles, 600 Spaniards from Spain, with 800 Philippine Spaniards killing 300. We are besieging Blonoe. In the church there are 300 Spaniards entrenched, who will soon surrender. We hear that the governor proposes to capitulate."

The Philippines in Singapore surrounded the United States consul general, E. Spencer Pratt, tonight.

Capt. Stearns in Command.

Capt. Courtland Stearns, N. W. M. P., who has been stationed the past winter at Le Barge and who was in command of the police fleet of 12 boats which reached Dawson May 17 from above with supplies, etc., is now in command of the Dawson barracks. Capt. Constantine, the retiring officer, and his estimable wife will leave on the *Hamilton* for St. Michaels.

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THE YUKONER AND FAKE NEWSPAPERS.

The Yukoner is a man above average intelligence, and as such is always after something to read, and pays liberally for any kind of a paper that is liable to contain the information he desires. Just at this time the war between Spain and the United States is the all absorbing topic, because of the vast number of Americans in the various Yukon camps. The papers in the States know of this desire for news, and have sent out large quantities of papers which have been brought in by couriers and sold at prices ranging from one to two dollars each. This was all right so long as the papers were legitimate issues and contained authentic news. But now, with newspapers published here in Dawson, run by practical newspaper men, the field for outside publications becomes more limited, and it is painful to know that such large dailies as the San Francisco Call and Seattle Post-Intelligencer have resorted to "faking" in order to sell large numbers of their "special Klondike" issues at fancy prices. The war issue of the Call, while it contained good information and detail, was so garbled to meet the fancy of the Yukoner (who is supposed to know nothing of the outside world) that to a man posted up to date it was ridiculous. But the worst "fake" of all was the edition of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, dated June 4, which reached Dawson on June 16, making only 12 days from date of paper to arrival in Dawson. Of course the reader thought it required great enterprise to get the news in here so quickly, but it is a fact that that paper was printed on Sunday, six days before, and dated ahead, so that it contained news so later than May 29, and the P.-I. of June 1 only reached here on the 19th inst. Yet the dear people paid one dollar more for that "fake" than they pay for the regular issue. News from the outside is desirable, and The Nugget will supply it as fast as obtainable, not in extended form, but the pith of it, and warns its readers against "fakers" from the outside. "Fakes" have had their day on the Yukon, in a newspaper way at least.

THE CHANGES OF A YEAR.

The past year has been filled with events of exceeding importance to the Northwest Territory and Alaska. From a comparatively unknown region this vast district has suddenly sprung into such prominence that even its small streams and their tributaries have become household words throughout the civilized world. Heretofore the mention of the Northwest Territory and Alaska has conveyed but a vague idea to the minds of most people. Nearly everybody knew that those places were located on the map way up toward the north pole somewhere, but beyond that knowledge their desire for information did not extend. The chief products of the country were supposed to consist of Esquimaux, polar bears and icebergs and as none of these contributed materially to the knowledge or comfort of the world they were allowed to rest in comparative peace and quiet. Along with the general ignorance concerning the other features of the country, the mighty river system that drains it was, to a great extent unknown. Most people could tell that there was such a

stream as the Yukon, but its source and outlet, its tributaries and the resources of the country they drained were matters of which the general public knew nothing.

Since the announcement of the gold discoveries on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, however, the situation has assumed an entirely different aspect. Within less than a year's time the Yukon river has become one of the world's great highways of commerce. Its shores heretofore the retreat of Indians and bears are now echoing to the busy sawmill and the ring of the hammer. Its forests are yielding of their abundance to supply the demands of civilized men while its waters are dotted with various kinds of craft loaded with provisions and other articles of commerce.

In dealing with these sudden changes in conditions that have existed so long, practically the same, new methods are required. Better means of communication with the world must be established, mail service is to be improved, the rocks and shoals upon which so many boats have been wrecked this spring should be removed or marked; in short the Yukon Valley as one of the inhabited portions of the civilized world must be brought into direct contact with all that is necessary to the comfort and happiness of civilized man.

It must not be expected, however, that all this can be accomplished in a day. Time will be required, capital will be required, labor will be required, just as they have been required in the development of other new countries. That it will all be brought about there is little room to doubt. Capitalists are already investigating the feasibility of a railroad to run to the coast in conjunction with boats and it may not be too much to hope that the man who stays on the Yukon until the dawning of the 20th century will have the opportunity of returning home, at least part of the way, in a Pullman sleeper.

THE NEWCOMER IN DAWSON.

There are many men in Dawson at the present time who feel keenly disappointed. They have come thousands of miles on a perilous trip, risked life, health and property, spent months of the most arduous labor a man can perform, and at length with expectations raised to the highest pitch have reached the coveted goal only to discover the fact that there is nothing here for them. For these men the Nugget has a feeling of sincere sympathy, though we are of the opinion that the conditions now existing in and around Dawson are only such as any one might have supposed had he given the matter a few moments of calm and deliberate thought.

It is a fact that for selfish ends newspapers and communities on the outside have taken every opportunity to herald abroad in the most alluring language, the great possibilities for the man of moderate means in the new gold fields of the north. But it is also a fact that fair and truthful statements have been published as well. And had there been no such statements made, any man of ordinary judgment might well have reached the conclusion long before he set out for Dawson that every creek and gulch adjacent to the city would be staked months before he could possibly reach it.

The gold is here beyond question or doubt. The richness of the creeks is no longer a matter of speculation. The difficulty lies in the fact that these things were known and advantage taken of that knowledge long before the present rush began.

Notwithstanding this, however, there is no necessity for discouragement of the newcomer. If he came into the country with the intention of making a business of prospecting, there is plenty of room for him yet and doubtless will be for years to come. There are other creeks besides those immediately adjacent to Dawson, and it is highly probable that important developments in other districts will be made before the close of the prospecting season.

But here, as elsewhere, a great deal depends upon the man himself. If he came into the country with the expecta-

tion of becoming suddenly wealthy without any considerable exertion on his own part he will fall in nine cases out of ten. On the other hand if he brings with him a due amount of pluck and energy and a willingness to endure hardship and privation, in the long run the chances are favorable for his success.

Many complaints are heard from the men who worked on lays during the past winter. It is undoubtedly a fact that on an average the men who worked for wages are better off today than the laymen. The conditions of a lay contract were such that a claim, unless a very good producer, yielded the layman little or nothing.

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WHEN John Bull and Uncle Sam stand shoulder to shoulder the rest of the world must take off its hat. The Anglo-Saxon race holds the balance of power in international affairs and from this time on may be expected to show a united front in dealing with other nations.

The improvements that have recently been made in the gulch trails are worthy of mention. Incidentally it might also be said that the trails are worthy of much more improvement of the same kind.

ONE of the boats that recently came down the river brought with it a large supply of fireworks. We presume that when the 4th of July rolls around "there will be a hot time in the old town."

NEWCOMERS who go up the creeks should be very careful in the matter of building campfires. Considerable loss has already resulted from carelessness in leaving campfires unextinguished.

ENCOURAGING reports continue to arrive from the lower country. A good town somewhere on the American side will be the result if indications may be accepted for anything.

We wonder that no one has started a sausage factory in Dawson. There are enough quadrupeds roaming the streets to supply such an institution for at least a year.

We venture to say that there are more ship builders and ship owners in Dawson than in any other city of equal size in the world.

JUST FROM DAWSON.

A Dawson City mining man lay dying on the ice. He didn't have a woman nurse—he didn't have the price. But a comrade knelt beside him, as the sun sank in repose. To listen to his dying words and watch him while he froze. The dying man propped up his head above four rods of snow. And said, "I never saw it thaw at ninety-eight below. Send this little pin-head nugget that I swiped from Jason Bills. To my home, you know, at Deadwood, at Deadwood in the Hills."

"Tell my friends, and tell my enemies, if you ever reach the east, That this Dawson City region is no place for man or beast. That the land's too elevated, and the wind too awful cold. And the Hills of South Dakota yield as good a grade of gold. Tell my sweet heart not to worry, with a sorrow too intense. For I would not thus have pained out had I had a lick of sense. Oh! the air is growing thicker, and those breezes give me chills. Gee, I wish I was in Deadwood, in Deadwood in the Hills."

"Tell the fellows in the home land to remain and have a cinch, That the price of patent pork chops here is 80 cents an inch. That I speak as one who's been here scratching round to find the gold, And at 10 per cent. of discount I could not buy up a cold. Now, so long," he faintly whispered, "I have told you what to do." And he closed his weary eyelids, and froze solid p. d. q.

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On May 28 a plate tailor's outfit was wrecked at the boat. Several became lodged in the shock and the occupants became the owners of Jas. Murray and the shore they were distance to "D" days they were finally reached a secure provision reached Dawson.

Big Fire
A fire occurred resulting in the 41, 42 and 43. The which had been up the gulch for claim. Three 42 and live on the claims and over the creek rainfall. At last ceased burning.

Accident
Mr. H. J. Gray accidentally shot at the head of a route for Dawson picking up a shotgun, and the trigger. Charged into it opened to be st Graves was at Portland and at Dawson, reached has been doing Richards.

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Dawson is the success of the matches, the of the 10-rod a noted young who met and Francisco. His vest and conscience Frank Allen, a years was box world-famed C trained many a oral finish fight. Both men at their set-to to bet of \$5000 each.

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Fire Destroys Many Cabins on Upper Bonanza

Accidental Shooting—The Coming Prize Fights—Strange Craft of the Berry Boys—Noose Brought In.

On May 28 a large boat containing a complete tailor's outfit and a large stock of cloth, was wrecked at the mouth of Sixty-Mile river. The boat struck against a log jam which had become lodged against a sand bar. The force of the shock almost demolished the boat, and the occupants barely escaped with their lives. The owners of the craft were M. Jorgensen, Jas. Murray and Bill Brynn. After reaching the shore they were forced to walk the entire distance to Dawson. For two and one-half days they were without food of any kind, but finally reached a camp where they managed to secure provisions enough to last until they reached Dawson.

Big Fire on Upper Bonanza.

A fire occurred on upper Bonanza last week resulting in the loss of nine cabins on claims 41, 42 and 43. The fire spread from a camp fire which had been built by a party who had gone up the gulch for the purpose of inspecting a claim. Three cabins on 41 were burned, one on 42 and five on 43. The fire, after spreading over the claims and destroying the cabins, jumped over the creek, but was checked by a light rainfall. At last accounts it had not entirely ceased burning.

Accidental Shooting.

Mr. J. H. Graves of Vancouver, B. C., was accidentally shot by H. Nelson of Portland, Or., at the head of Lake LeBarge, May 12, while en route for Dawson. Nelson was in the act of picking up a shotgun, which was lying on the ground, and accidentally placed his finger on the trigger. The contents of the gun were discharged into the calf of Graves' leg, who happened to be standing a few feet away. Mr. Graves was attended at LeBarge by Dr. Look of Portland and after a two weeks delay came on to Dawson, reaching here June 1, '98, where he has been doing nicely under the care of Dr. Richards.

The Coming Fights.

Dawson is becoming sporty of late and the success of the last fight has led to other matches, the one in particular on the tapis being the 10-round go for Frank Raphael, a noted young pugilist from the Pacific slope, who met and defeated Sam Maxwell in San Francisco. His record is well known as an honest and conscientious fighter. His opponent is Frank Allen, also of the Pacific slope, who for years was boxing instructor of the old and world-famed California Athletic Club. He has trained many a noted pugilist and has had several finish fights himself.

Both men are training conscientiously and their set-to takes place June 30, for a side bet of \$5000 each and total gate receipts.

June 25 a return match between Pat Rooney and Coolgardie Smith takes place, and judging by the clever work of Rooney of late the decision might go in his favor this time. Rooney can fight and handles himself cleverly, hitting a hard blow, and were it not for lack of condition last time might have received the decision. Smith is a determined fighter and stops at nothing, always willing to take a blow as well as to give one. His admirers claim that he can best Rooney again. This remains to be seen.

The fights will be pulled off in the building back of the Horseshoe saloon.

A Strange Craft.

One day last week word was passed along the water front that a scow with boiler, engine and stern wheel attachment, was moving against the current and headed for the bar in the river opposite the Yukon Hotel. This strange sight attracted a large crowd and as the scow made a landing she met with a hearty reception. Inquiry developed the fact that she had aboard eight tons of goods and machinery belonging to Clarence Berry and associates, who own Nos. 5 and 6 Eldorado, as well as the private outfits of some of her passengers.

One of the onlookers remarked: "There is Robert Fulton's original steamboat." A wheel 36 inches in diameter and five in length driven by diminutive machinery, and two men with pike poles in the bow steering, has proven that among the thousands of boats arriving this summer there may still be something new under the sun.

The machinery which furnished the motive power to the wheel was built especially for use on the Berry claims on Eldorado and has already been sent up the gulch.

Following persons were passengers on the steamer-scow: J. W. Livermore, Schuyler G. Hess, Wesley Traber, Chas. Traber, Jack Barrett, Harry Say, Eli Townsend, Gus Anderson and Dr. Blewett.

W. J. Berry of Fresno, Cal., Clarence Berry, wife and sister and Charlie Daring arrived nearly 30 days ago from Lake Bennett in a small boat, bringing but a portion of their supplies and their minds of course were greatly relieved at the safe arrival of their friends.

A Correction.

An item in last week's Nugget relative to the arrival of the little steamer Bellingham, stated that she was the first steamboat to safely make the trip from the lakes. We were misinformed in this regard and gladly correct the statement. Mr. Frank Atkins informs us that he and E. J. Bushnell of Portland, Or., in the spring of '95

brought the propeller Witch Hazel over Chilcoot pass by block and tackle, and the hull is at present near Fort Cudahy. The Witch Hazel, which was built at Bridal Veil, Or., was 27 feet over all with a six-foot beam.

Boat-Building a Failure.

From a recent arrival *The Nugget* learns that the boat-building business on Lake Lindeman was badly overdone this spring. Hundreds of new ventures along the shores of the lake, and boats in large numbers were ready to meet the demand that the rush was supposed to bring. The rush arrived all right, but for the most part each party constructed their own boat, and there was little sale for craft of any kind. A number of sawmills were also set up, but few if any realized any considerable return on their investment.

Calamity Jane.

Calamity Jane, of Deadwood and Leadville fame, and one of Wells Fargo's most trusted detectives, is in Dawson. The life of this woman has been filled with wild adventures, and on more than one occasion she has been forced to take human life in defense of her own; yet a kinder, tamer character would be hard to find. In upholding the law and defending what is right, she is braver than most men, and at the same time, in manner and deportment, she is as gentle and refined as any of her eastern sisters. There is a suggestion in the steel-blue eyes, however, that would warn the unwary, and a glance at the half-sad face indicates that her life has not been all of sunshine.

The Poet-Scout Coming.

Major Walsh has recently received a letter from Capt. Jack Crawford, the famous scout and poet, who is now on his way to Dawson. Capt. Crawford expects to reach Dawson in a short time, and our citizens will have an opportunity to listen to the poet-scout's literary productions as rendered by himself.

Noose Shot on Nugget Gulch.

On June 14 a large moose was killed on Nugget gulch. It was a cow, and was followed by a young calf, which was captured and is now being reared at the Grand Forks hotel. The men who shot the moose realized nearly \$500 from the sale of its flesh.

Pools on the Prize Fights.

The new firm of pool-sellers, Sutor, Davis & Shauf, will sell pools on and after the 20th on both the coming prize fights. Their office will be in the Opera House saloon, where they will be pleased to see those who wish to speculate.

Drowning at Big Salmon.

Paul Jones and wife, and Nick Hanna, of Seattle, reached Dawson June 19. They bring a detailed report of the drowning of George Melham, formerly in the employ of the Seattle Brewing and Malting Co., mention of which appears in another column under date line of Big Salmon. Nick Hanna, George Sherwood and Melham, all of Seattle, formed the fatal party, and the outfits of all three were together in the boat, although Hanna had made other arrangements for passage. When a landing was made at Big Salmon Sherwood went into the police barracks to show customs papers, and during his absence Melham lost an oar overboard. Melham tried to recover the oar, and by some means or other the boat became unbalanced and floated upon a drift some distance below. Being unable to navigate with one oar, the boat was overturned, throwing Melham into the river and under the drift. A boat which noticed the accident followed as speedily as possible and attempted a rescue, giving Melham a line, and in the attempt to save him was also drawn upon the drift pile. As luck would have it the last boat, after four hours' hard work, succeeded in floating off safe and sound. Melham was seen to come to the surface twice, but finally disappeared from sight about 600 feet below the drift. Sherwood, with the assistance of friends, succeeded in rescuing about 1000 pounds of the outfit, in a damaged condition.

IMPORTED HUMOR.

The Bloomer Girl's Secret.

"At last!" The young man heaved an intense sigh of relief as he heard her well-known footstep descending the stairs. For more than an hour he had sat by the drawing-room window waiting for her to dress. His only amusement had been in watching the two bicycles lined up against the curbstone in front of the house. She had promised to take an early spin with him, and as he noted the beautiful autumn morning fleeting away, he began to chafe impatiently and almost regret that he had not gone alone.

"I told you I would be only a few minutes," she said, "with an innocent laugh that showed she was perfectly oblivious of the flight of time, as she bounded into the room and ran her hand carelessly over the mantel in search of a hair-pin to fasten her glove.

"Why, my dear, you've been over an hour," he replied, with a trace of resentment in his tone.

"Pshaw!" she laughed, "you ought to know by this time what a woman means by a few minutes."

"No doubt I should," he returned, "but you're a new woman, you know, and I supposed she was different. How is it you can't dress as quickly as a man, when your clothes are almost identical?"

Before she could reply, her little brother, who had overheard the remark, said:

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