

BURIED IN THE SNOW.

A Hundred People Overwhelmed in an Avalanche on the Dyea Trail.

Thirty-five Bodies Recovered from the Wreck of Cut Off Camp.

Rescue Party Works Hard to Save the Lives of the Unfortunates.

A terrible tale of loss of life by a snowslide on the Chilkoot Pass was brought to Victoria yesterday morning by the steamer Ningchow, and this story was corroborated an hour or two afterwards by the passengers arriving on the Amur. The slide which played havoc last year sinks into insignificance when compared with this new horror, for when the Ningchow left Dyea at half-past eight on Monday night, thirty-five corpses had been dug out of the mass of snow and fifty-seven living persons all more or less injured had been saved. At the very least estimation fully one hundred people had been caught by the fall of the avalanche and that the loss of life was not very much greater is extraordinary. No doubt a number of victims still lay buried in the snow when the steamer sailed.

THE VICTIMS. According to a list compiled by Mr. J. M. Reilly, one of the passengers on the Ningchow, there had been twenty-four of the bodies identified at the time of the vessel's leaving Dyea. They were: C. P. Harrison, W. L. Riley, Gus Zebaloff, Stovenson, Mr. Chapin, all of Seattle; J. A. Morgan, Emporia, Kansas; E. D. Atwood, New York City; I. Sprague, Ballard, Wash.; L. Weidman, Kansas City; Mrs. A. Mason, Pennsylvania; Tom Cullen, Portland; E. Beck, Florida; Mr. Grimes, Sacramento; Murphy, civil engineer, San Francisco; W. Carroll, California; Con. Gephart, Wm. England, State of Washington; Andrew Anderson, San Francisco; Wm. Warner, San Francisco; John Marchant, Humboldt, California; Gephart, Seattle; Rasmus Hedegaard, Baker City, California; Tom Glen and Kinney, where unknown.

HOW IT HAPPENED. Mr. Reilly tells a vivid story of the calamity that brought so sudden an end to the golden dreams of the unfortunates who met death while toilsomly making their way over the Dyea trail. "It was at half-past two on Sunday morning last," he said, "when the first of a series of small snow slides took place on the 'cut-off,' as it is called, a steep piece of rock on the mountain side, a mile long and a third of a mile wide of the regular trail. This short trail is used by packers between the 'cut-off,' which is close to the steep sides of the glacier hundreds of people had pitched their tents for it was a convenient spot for a half-way rest on the arduous ascent. It was a favorite spot to cache their outfits.

At half-past eight a heavy snow storm had been raging on the mountain and the huge weight of snow towards morning caused the first little slides. None of these were serious, however, and it was not till 10 o'clock on the morning that anything serious happened. The mild weather had honeycombed the snow that was lying on the mountain sides before the Saturday night storm, and fresh snow falling on top had proved too great a weight. Consequently the big blankets of snow slid off the steep mountain sides.

THE FIRST VICTIMS. Suddenly with a roar a great mass of snow fell from the mountain and buried three men. Hundreds of people were passing up the main pass and many were also travelling downwards through the snow. It was estimated that at least 4,000 people went over the pass daily. There were many willing hands ready to give assistance, and soon a score of men were digging away to rescue the unfortunates. Not long afterwards a huge body of snow extending along the side of the mountain for a distance of two miles down the trail came tumbling down into the pass, burying men and tents and oxen and horses and dogs. Where a few moments before had stood a hundred men was now a broken mass of snow and ice. When the people who saw this recovered from the momentary panic they rushed up slopes, picks and even pails and pans with which to try and dig out the victims who were buried under the mountain of snow and ice. The work was rendered far more difficult by the fact that there was so much ice mixed with the snow that it was difficult to handle. Word was sent to Sheep Camp two miles down the trail and in short time hundreds of men were working for life and death to save the victims of the snow. Fifty-seven people were taken alive, but not believe the numbers others benumbed with cold and some few quite uninjured. So loud was the noise of the last and greatest avalanche that it was heard at Sheep Camp, two miles away. As fast as the dead were taken they were carried to Sheep Camp, where the living were cared for in the tents of the campers on the main trail.

The first report of the catastrophe reached Dyea on Sunday afternoon, but for a time people did not believe the reports came in and then there was terrible excitement, for many of the people had Dyea friends, relatives or partners on the trail, and the anxiety as to their fate was intense. There was a number of the bodies it was impossible to identify before the steamer left, and no doubt the names of some will never be known. A great many of the killed were employees of the Chilkoot Tramway company and were going up towards the summit when the third avalanche fell on them near what is known as the Stone House. The three men buried in the first slide were Harrison, Reilly and Zebaloff, and all three were killed. They had been working all night and were asleep in

WAR IS THE PROSPECT.

Spain Will Resist the Intervention for Which United States Steadily Prepares.

President's Reply to Ambassadors of the Powers—No Search of Neutral Vessels.

Weakness of Cuban Government Bars Its Recognition—Fleet's Fighting Plans.

Washington, April 7.—The reply of President McKinley to the ambassadors of the powers who waited on him to urge further negotiations for securing peace in Cuba, was as follows: "The government of the United States recognizes the good-will which prompts such friendly communication of representatives of Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, France, Italy and Russia, as set forth in the address of your excellencies, and shares the hope therein expressed that the outcome of the situation in Cuba may be the maintenance of peace between the United States and Spain by affording the necessary guarantee for the re-establishment of order in the island, so terminating the chronic condition of the district, there which so deeply injures the interests and menaces the tranquility of the American nation, by the character and consequences of the struggles thus kept up at our doors, besides shocking the sentiment of humanity. The government of the United States appreciates the humanitarian and disinterested character of the communication now made on behalf of the powers named, and for its part is confident that equal appreciation will be shown for its own earnest and unselfish endeavors to fulfil a duty to humanity by ending a situation, the indefinite prolongation of which has become insufferable.

Key West, April 7.—Conditions here have undergone a decided change within the last twenty hours in consequence of the Washington advices as to the general Lee's approaching departure, and the firm attitude of the administration. The most significant development is the order to withdraw the fleet from the harbor, and the order to lay the cable from Havana to the shore will be completed in a few days. The fleet of torpedo boats and tugs; the second division of cruisers, including the Detroit, Chicago, Helena, and the third of the battleships, Indiana and Iowa, and the fleet of the Atlantic, including the Massachusetts, are ordered to withdraw from the harbor. The fleet will be engaged by the first of the two lines, the plan being to afford the greatest protection to battleships. Should the attack be by a superior force, such as the Victoria or the Almirante Oquendo, the attacking vessels, it is understood, will be ordered to retire to the coast.

When the cruiser Nashville went on patrol to-night she was accompanied by a number of destroyers and a number of the fleet were gone, and she was in fighting trim, ready for any eventuality.

London, April 7.—A special despatch from Madrid says that the ambassadors of France, Germany, Russia and Italy waited together this evening upon Senor Sagasta, foreign minister, and presented a joint note in the interest of peace. Senor Sagasta, replying, declared, according to the despatch, that the Spanish cabinet were unanimous in considering that Spain had reached the limit of international policy in the concession of the autonomy of Cuba, and that the pretensions of the United States were unjustified.

It is learned from a trustworthy source that the subject of the withdrawal of the fleet from the harbor of Havana was discussed in diplomatic circles to-day, and Mr. Balfour expressed the strong desire of the British government that peace be maintained, and that no suggestion be made with that object. The principal errand of Ambassador Hay to the foreign office on Wednesday was to discuss the subject of the withdrawal of the fleet from the harbor of Havana with reference to the Declaration of Paris. As neither the United States nor Spain were to be mentioned in the Declaration, it might arise if either should exercise the right of search on neutral ships. It is understood that England, having received the assurance that the United States will not exercise the right as against the United States with a suggestion that she follow that course, she has definitely settled the question.

MADRID IS EXCITED. Madrid, April 8.—The Paris to-day furnishes its readers with further sensational information from the United States, and it is alleged by the press across its front page. "The Paris Unfolded Great Yankee Infamy," says the "Standard," "an American 'trust' is preparing to 'work' the Spanish stock exchange so soon as the rupture between Spain and the United States takes place, with the object of ruining Spanish credit by spreading news of a fearful Spanish disaster in Cuba, contradictions being impossible owing to the fact that such news for Madrid must pass over the cable leading to the United States. After unfolding this news the Paris Unfolded suggests that the Spanish government should 'take precautionary measures.' Gen. Canales, the Spanish minister for war, in his interview of yesterday said: 'Spain must not be alarmed if war is declared at the sinking of a Spanish warship, as that would be a catastrophe. Spain had not warship from Cuba to the peninsula. We could then say to America, 'We are here, meet us when you please.'"

Gen. Woodford sent a cable message to Washington setting forth that the publication of the statement as to the withdrawal of the fleet from the harbor of Havana, and the order to lay the cable from Havana to the shore, is a step which should be met with the most decided opposition. The general is working for a sense of duty, and he is not strong faith in success. The basis of what hopes rest upon the evident fact that the sense of Spain is slowly coming and that in a few days, if a few days can still be had, we shall see "a crystallization of public opinion in favor of the present Spanish government if it has the courage to do at once the things that are necessary for peace."

A cup of hot water, declares Sir Andrew Clark of London, possesses the same medicinal qualities attributed to an equal quantity of whiskey, and is a more salutary beverage. Hot water in abundance is especially recommended in malarial troubles. The man of 40 may be more finished in his countenance than the youth of 20, and it is a foolish girl who begins making comparisons between the polished and all too often unmeaning compliments of the one and the other.—Philadelphia Times. In Shin the detection of false coins is a skillful, ingenious profession, known as "shinning," and is taught in special schools.

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Charlie Tagish Has Become Wealthy Working on the Upper Stewart River

There Will Be a Big Rush in This Spring.

C. A. Barnard, who left Dawson on January 10, and has been back and forward on the trail ever since...

Mr. Barnard says that he has heard and seen coming out of Dawson are very amusing...

Mr. Barnard is a member of an organization which has about four hundred men when completed...

Wretched Mail Service—Indians Dying for Want of Food—Civil Authorities Powerless.

Washington, April 5.—Secretary Alger has received some interesting reports from Captain P. H. Ray...

SHOTS CAME FAST. Eight Men Engaged in a Fight on Skagway Trail, But Only a Spectator was Wounded.

By the Amur yesterday came news of an exciting shooting at Skagway which one miner had a pitched battle with seven of Soapy Smith's gambling gang...

THE WHITE PLAGUE. Secretary of the Ontario Board of Health on Necessity of Consumption Sanitariums.

The principal features of the report of the Ontario Board of Health, says the Mail, is Secretary Bryce's strong advocacy of county sanitariums for the treatment of consumption.

VICTORIA COLLEGE, BEACON HILL PARK. For boarding or day prospectus, apply to the principal, J. W. CHURCH, M.A.

PAVING THE STREETS.

Alderman Humphrey Talks About the Proposal to Pave Fort and Broad.

Says the Cost Will Be Comparatively Light at the Present Time.

Speaking yesterday of the attempt which the city is now making to get some of the streets paved on the local improvement plan...

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CORBIN'S WOLF BUSINESS.

A North Dakota Man Who Thieves Upon an Absurdity in the Bounty Law.

One of the most picturesque and interesting characters in the western part of North Dakota is Ben Corbin...

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COPPER RIVER EXPLORATION.

Arrangements of the United States Survey Party About to Proceed North.

(From Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

On the steamer Valerian, sailing from Seattle about April 7, Capt. A. R. Abercrombie and the officers, soldiers, Land...

The expedition which will be led by Capt. Abercrombie is one of the most important in many respects that has ever been dispatched to Alaska by the government.

The reports to be made by Capt. Abercrombie on these lines will be directed to the Secretary of War and published for the information of the public in due time.

The officers of the expedition have been chosen with an eye to peculiar fitness for their duties. Capt. Abercrombie, as every one knows, is an experienced...

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MONEY FOR THIS PROVINCE.

Some of the New Expenditures Provided for by Dominion Estimates.

The blue book containing the Dominion estimates for 1898-99 has just come to hand. Taking in order, the items referred to British Columbia, one finds that the estimate for salary...

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GOOD FOR THE FARMERS.

Conditions This Spring of the Most Favorable Description and Work Well Advanced.

His Worship the Mayor, who was consulted about the case, has ordered the chief of constable Chinaman with whom the girl was living to produce her. As yet she has not been found and an arrest will likely follow.

The California Fruit Growers' Association has suffered very much from severe frosts this season; as proof of this I quote from the Oregon Agriculturist of the 1st inst.

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NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:

NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:

NOTICE—Sixty days after date, we, Wm. Anderson, J. H. Bell, and N. O. Aveling, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:

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The Colonist.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1898.

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

The people of this city, in common with those of the whole Coast region of British Columbia, are face to face with a crisis of the gravest possible kind.

We do not think any one will dispute the transcendent importance of this question to the very large majority of the people of British Columbia.

A railway should be constructed from Glenora to Teslin Lake as soon as it can possibly be built.

Referring to the Colonist's article on the necessity for prompt action to secure the railway construction from Lake Teslin to the coast, a gentleman, prominent in public life, said yesterday that he conceded the importance of the proposed railway and the necessity for its immediate construction.

How are these things to be secured? Manifestly they rise above party politics. They strike deeper than any consideration of personal success.

LET BRITISH COLUMBIA LEAD THE WAY. This province can force the hands of the federal government and parliament by prompt action.

A wagon road from Glenora to Teslin Lake.

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large. Every dollar of that cost, can be saved, the road can be secured at the earliest possible date and can be kept in repair by making arrangements for the construction as a part of a contract with a railway company.

The advantage of such a road would be very great. It would mean that a safe and regular line of travel would be established to Teslin Lake as soon as the river opens.

1st. The immediate construction of a wagon road from Glenora to Teslin Lake by a company that will construct stopping places on the way, leading to the finest stretch of water in all the Yukon basin, and to what promises to be one of the most productive of the northern gold fields.

2nd. A railway between the same points to be ready for the transportation of goods this season, and

3rd. To extend the railway to a point on the British Columbia Coast within two years.

Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have the preliminary arrangements made for carrying out such a scheme.

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of what the northern market will mean to them.

Every other consideration now before the people of this province sinks out of sight in comparison with this one.

The New York Commercial Advertiser thinks that if Nelson were in command of the United States navy, the Spanish squadron would never have got across the Atlantic.

Victoria is to have a little decent street paving. This will only be a beginning.

Some correspondents claim that their letters have not appeared in the Colonist.

The terrible accidents at Dyea will have a tendency to alarm the public and lead temporarily to the partial abandonment of that route.

The Colonist extends an Easter greeting to the Nation and begs to assure it that there are several things besides Cleopatra which it does not know well.

The Spectator's warning to continental Europe voices the sentiments of the British Empire.

A provincial contemporary speaks of the people of the United States as the most ingenious in the world.

The Inland Sentinel urges the farmers to raise beans. The advice is good.

The Inland Sentinel alleges that the Colonist has no sympathy for such of its contemporaries as had libel suits on their hands.

From Cairo to the Cape is on the cards, but there is likely to be a lot of very serious fighting before the job is done.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"Let me see," said the man who had picked up an old volume; "don't mean to put things on, doesn't it?"

"It depends on circumstances," replied the friend, who was reading a newspaper.

Mathematician—Figures never lie. English scholar—Neither do hens.

Deacon Jones—What! Not going to church any more? I thought you told me not long ago that you hadn't missed a Sunday in three years?

"Well, Uncle William," said the president of the emigration society, "I s'pose you hear'd de news?"

"W'y, you ain't hear'd 'bout de treasurer?"

"Not a word! What he done now?"

"Tun off wid de funds—'uk every dollar wid him!"

"Lawd, Lawd! En how much wuz in de treasury?"

"Fo' hundred dollars!"

"En you say he gone wid it?"

"Clean gone."

The old man seemed wrapped in thought, and had a far-away look in his eyes.

"Des name it, Uncle William?"

NEW SPRING GOODS. Boys' 3-Piece Suits in sizes from 20 to 26; the very latest designs. Boys' Blue Serge Knickerbockers at 65c., 75c. and 85c.; sizes 22 to 32, well lined and trimmed.

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