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Such is Hawaii From a Military Standpoint.

THE VIEWS OF DIRECTOR SMITH

Nation Possessing the Islands May Safely Defy Her Enemies in Western Waters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—"From a military as well as a commercial point of view," said Director Smith, of the bureau of America republics, "The Hawaiian islands, owing to their location, are of great importance. Hawaii may be said to lie but one-third the distance of the accustomed route from San Francisco to Japan and China ports, from San Francisco to Australia, from ports of British Columbia to Australia and British India, and about half way from the isthmus of Panama to Yokohama and Hong Kong. The construction of a ship canal across the isthmus would extend this geographical relation to the ports of the Gulf of Mexico and of the Atlantic seaboard of North and South America. A glance at the map will at once make clear the fact that no other point in the North Pacific has such a dominating relation to the trade between America and Asia as a place for coaling and a depot of supplies for vessels.

"From a naval standpoint Hawaii is the great strategic base of the Pacific. Under present conditions of naval warfare, created by the use of steam as a motive power, Hawaii would secure to the maritime nation possessing it an advantage as a depot for supply of coal. Modern battle-ships, depending absolutely upon, would be enabled to avail themselves of their full capacity of speed and energy only by having some half-way station in the Pacific where they could replenish their stores of fuel and refit. A battle-ship or cruiser starting from an Asiatic or Australian port with the view of operating along the coast of either North or South America, would be unable to act effectively for so long a length of time at the end of so long a voyage, unless she were able to refill her bunkers at some point on the way.

"On the other hand, if the United States possessed Hawaii, she would be able to advance her line of defense 2000 miles from the Pacific coast, and with a fortified harbor and a strong fleet at Honolulu would be in a position to conduct either defensive or offensive operations in the North Pacific to a greater advantage than any other power."

THE FIGHTING WAS FURIOUS.

Another Account of the Battle Near Aguacate.

KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 13.—An important engagement took place yesterday near Cardenas, Matanzas province. The Spaniards were badly defeated with a heavy loss. General Molin was killed. General Weyler was obliged to retreat from Aguacate to Jarnoca. The insurgents are waiting outside of the town to see if they can attack his forces there. The people of Havana fear the dangers of the situation of Weyler.

Near Gibra, Santiago de Cuba province, the town of Rosalia was attacked. The insurgent entered the town without resistance, finding many Spanish soldiers drunk in the streets and most of officers at a ball. They made a machete charge, killing a captain, three lieutenants and 30 soldiers. Twenty-five guerrillas who came to the aid of the Spanish were mached. After sacking the town it was burned, and only three houses were left.

Weyler has ordered all stores at Esperanza not to sell goods, but to close their doors. The people are dying of hunger and the sick cannot buy drugs. Weyler wants to punish them because the insurgents entered the town and the people made no resistance.

More Gold Found in Trinity Center.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 12.—News was received here from Coffee creek to the effect that \$40,000 more of gold dust and nuggets were taken out yesterday afternoon from the pocket out of which the Graves brothers took their \$42,000 last Saturday.

Another exceedingly rich discovery of gold is reported on Morrison gulch, about two miles from the scene of the Graves brothers discovery. It is said \$18,000 was taken out Wednesday afternoon and that two miners are taking out gold on an average of \$40 to the pan. This strike is on the same vein of the Graves claim, and is supposed to be an extension of the same.

Coffee creek and its tributaries in Northeastern Trinity county have long been known to be rich in gold quartz

and gravel. The main creek heads toward Salmon river, near the Siskiyou county line, where are located several gravel claims. The country between the Salmon and Trinity rivers is said to be rich and "pockety." Seams of decomposed quartz lie in many directions. The distance from the Graves brothers' find on Morrison gulch to the Murphy & Burgess diggings is about 15 miles. There are paying claims on all the near-by creeks and gulches, and several companies are conducting extensive mining operations.

FIRE THROUGH THE BARS.

A Colorado Mob's Attempt to Kill Four Suspected Murderers.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 13.—A special to the Times from Central City says that at 2 o'clock this morning a masked mob from Russel gulch broke into the Central City jail and demanded the keys of the steel cell from the jailer. In this cell were confined four prisoners held on suspicion of the murder of Alex. Goddard, a miner, who was stabbed during a saloon row with Australians last Monday night. The mob was after Dominic Rohr, believed to be guilty of the murder.

The jailer refused to give up the keys, whereupon the mob fired through the bars into the cage. The four prisoners escaped death by hiding behind mattresses in the cell. The mob, supposing it had killed all four, left the jail. Four leaders have been arrested, and a strong guard placed about the jail.

Called Out by the Union.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Two thousand men employed on Chicago's public school buildings will strike today by order of the Building Trades' Council. There are 35 schoolhouses undergoing repairs, and if the strike is not settled soon it is said the buildings will be in such a condition that they cannot be used at the opening of the schools in September.

The union demanded that the board of education insert a clause in future contracts that none but union men be employed on the school buildings. A time was set for last Wednesday when the unions asked to be allowed to be heard by the school board. At that meeting of the board a quorum was not present, and the labor men assert that the members stayed away purposely to avoid hearing their arguments.

Langtry to Sue for Divorce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The Journal's London special says:

It is positively announced by Edward Langtry, husband of the Jersey Lily, that he will bring suit for absolute divorce, and the papers will be served this week. Many persons of high social life, even royalty itself, are to be named as correspondents. Langtry is moved to this course by the report in English newspapers of Mrs. Langtry's prospective marriage to Prince Esterhazy de Galantha of Austria. Mr. Langtry absolutely ignores his wife's California divorce.

Prince Esterhazy is a prominent horseman. He is 54 years old. Mrs. Langtry is a Savoy, where she dined with Esterhazy last evening.

Murd on the Senate.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon publishes a long article in which the opinion is expressed that if Secretary Sherman should be forced to retire from the cabinet he "will make Ohio too hot for Senator Hanna," adding:

"It is awful to contemplate the results of Hanna being done out of his price for making McKinley president. Some innocents may object that if Sherman is too senile to hold office he must be too senile for the senate, but as a matter of fact, no one has yet estimated how incompetent a man must be before the senate is closed to him. In this he shares the advantage of the house of rards."

McCarren's Great Coup.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The general topic of conversation about the hotels is the coup made by State Senator McCarren at the racetrack yesterday. He had \$10,000 on Blew Away, winner of the third race yesterday. Blew Away opened at 12 to 1, and McCarren placed his money at these figures, and as a result won nearly enough to make him even on the Saratoga season. He was many thousands ahead of the bookmakers this year, according to reports, at the time of his arrival at the Springs. Riley Grannan and Henry Harris are said to have made \$26,000 on one race Wednesday.

Three Steamers for Alaska.

TACOMA, Aug. 13.—The steamers City of Topeka and Rosalie sailed for Alaska early this morning with more than 400 passengers, nearly all for the gold fields. The steamer Edith sails this afternoon. All are crowded with freight. The Edith carries 80 pack horses.

ELDER'S SECOND TRIP

Portland Steamer Starts for Alaska Yesterday

WITH A FULL PASSENGER LIST

Her Freight Capacity Taxed—All the Horses She Can Carry—No Confusion in Loading.

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—The preparations for the departure of the George W. Elder this afternoon for Skagway and Dyea have not been attended by the same confusion and feverish excitement that were so noticeable prior to the previous trip. There is still a Klondike fever raging, but the reports from the mountain passes leading to the Yukon have instilled a degree of moderation into the veins of the gold-seekers. The capacity of the Elder was taxed, but the passengers were sober and deliberate in their arrangements. Their outfits were more complete than those who went before, and the information derived from the experience of the first crowd has enabled all to prepare for the trip with better understanding.

The character of the freight taken on the Elder this trip is also different from the previous cargo. Mr. Poston, the agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, states that there will be about 250 tons of supplies, etc., on board, and the remaining freight will be provided for the horses taken this trip and already at Dyea and Skagway. As the number of animals collected at the mountain passes for packing purposes increases, this trade alone will be a considerable item. Feed is bound to be scarce there, which necessitates shipment from the Sound, here, or San Francisco. Hay and grain were yesterday packed in great heaps on the wharf, and were being stowed away in the hold of the Elder as rapidly as her steam windlasses could operate.

The number of horses taken on this trip will tax the capacity of the boat for stock and many more would be taken if there was more room. Every owner of a piece of horseflesh capable of supporting a few pounds of freight seems to be fired with the belief that Oregon's cheap horses have at last found a happy market. The report has been circulated recently that horses were being sold for \$500 and \$600 at Dyea and Skagway. Well-founded information, however, discounts the fabulous price reported, and is to the effect that horses can be had at Dyea for \$150. Even at this figure the freight being added to the purchase price of some of the plugs started from here, and then deducted from the above, would leave a handsome profit to the speculator. The carrying power of the steamers is all that saves the rocky shores at the head of Lynn canal from being covered with half-starved horses. The number to be taken on this trip is approximately 150, being about the same as before.

The arrangements of the steamship company are much more satisfactory now than they were before. The loading and stowing of freight is now conducted without confusion or rush. The method of marking freight and preparing it for shipment has improved, thus relieving the steamship officials of much annoyance and trouble.

Dogs do not seem to be in such demand now as they were when the Elder made her previous trip. Of all the beneficial features in connection with the Klondike discovery, people of the city were hopeful that it would create a demand for the canine. Late sleepers would have reaped a harvest, not exactly golden, but equally satisfactory.

Mr. Becker, from Albany, has his ten goats already for the voyage. He has with him ten little pack saddles, with girths, belts and straps, which he purposes to use for harnessing his goats to their burden. This is a novel venture, which is creating much speculation as to its success. No one doubts the goat's ability to climb, but his carrying power during the act is the question. If the burdens are light, and the driver does not guard his little beasts carefully, admirers of goats predict that Becker may find his animals complacently looking down from the crags of St. Elias, or other convenient peaks.

The work of getting the little river steamboat Engine ready for the Yukon is progressing steadily. She is now nearly finished, and her owners expect to start her for the Yukon next Tuesday. Receipt of freight and reservations for passengers continue, and will be kept up until the 20th inst., which is the latest safe freight can be received here, and then reach the sound by the time the Bristol sails. The all-water route com-

mends itself to many persons who have studied carefully the mountain passes. The crowds flocking about Skagway and Dyea, anxiously waiting for passage over the trails, causes the later arrivals to look for other routes where there will be no delay. The St. Michaels route is admitted by all to be the easiest, if the boats make the trip before the river is blocked with ice.

WEYLER NEARING HIS END.

His Chilly Reception at the Capital—Reply to His Resignation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana, via Key West, says:

Captain-General Weyler's summer campaign came to an inglorious end last Wednesday, when he returned to the city with rebels firing on his rear guard all the way from Aguacate to Havana. The general made a public entry into the capital, but his reception was chilly. General Weyler cabled his resignation to Madrid on Thursday. Last night I saw a copy of the reply he received. He was told to remain in Cuba so long as the present ministry holds power. The suspense here is intense, but no excitement appears on the surface.

The captain-general who succeeds Weyler will have a hard task. The splendid force of 200,000 men Spain placed in General Weyler's hands is, if the truth be told, now only a tattered remnant. A tropical sun has proved more destructive than battles. With the exception of the fortunate ones stationed in and about Havana, the Spanish forces are in a bad way. They have not received pay for months; they are weak from illness and poor food, and they are badly clothed, and many have no shoes. In short, the Spanish army in Cuba is not inclined and not in a position to take the offensive.

An Insurgent Raid.

HAVANA, via Key West, Aug. 14.—At midnight last Wednesday, a band of insurgents entered the town of Guantanamo, province of Santiago de Cuba, and proceeded to the jail where the insurgent leader, Pericho Perez, has been confined for some time, with the intention of liberating him. An attack was made upon the jail, but the insurgents were compelled to retire by the troops stationed in the prison. There were losses on both sides. Simultaneously with the entrance into the town of these insurgents, others entered by different routes, and joined forces on the Plaza de Armas. Several stores were plundered. After an engagement, the garrison of the town compelled the insurgents to retire.

Rumors which have recently been put in circulation to the effect that General Weyler has forwarded his resignation to Madrid are officially denied here.

The report that Evonallas Cisneros, niece of president Cisneros, of the Cuba provisional government, was sentenced today to twenty years at the penal colony on the coast of Africa, is untrue.

THE VICTORIA STEAMERS.

Bristol and Islander Will Both Go Well Filled.

VICTORIA, Aug. 14.—There are in Victoria tonight close upon 1000 men of every class and from every part of the world, who are crazy to start on the long trip to the new Eldorado. These men have tickets which carry them to Skagway bay on the big collier Bristol and on the steamer Islander, which will sail tomorrow. The Bristol has been fitted with bunks for men and stalls for horses from the bottom of her hold to the top of the cabin deck, and every bunk and stall will be occupied. Close upon 500 men are going on the Bristol, and just as many horses and mules. The big collier is well filled up, feed for these animals and the outfits of the men taking up an immense amount of space.

The Islander has as large a crowd, but much of the space on her is taken up by a contingent of mounted police, their horses dogs and outfits. They realize that they have a winter's trip before them before they reach Dawson City, and are taking dogs and sleighs. Horses will be taken as far as possible, and when they are of no more use will be killed and used as food for the dogs. A few men are going up with the idea of purchasing outfits from men who have become discouraged, and are turning back, but most are well provided for, and all are taking pack animals, having in this respect taken the advice of men who went before, and who have written of the difficulty in securing animals or Indians to pack goods across the pass.

H. W. E. Canavan, of Ottawa, who was a member of the Canadian boundary survey, in which capacity he learned much about Alaska, is here on his way north. He takes the Islander tomorrow. Mr. Canavan is going to look over the ground for the Klondike Placer Mining & Prospecting Company, of Brantford and Paris, Ontario. This company will send out a little party in the spring to prospect and work claims in the Canadian Yukon.

HURTS FRENCH PRIDE

All Paris Enraged Over Prince Henry's Defeat.

EXCITEMENT ON THE INCREASE

Reports That Henry Lacked Nerve During the Duel Serve to Fan the Flame.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says:

Paris is intensely excited over the royal duel in which Prince Henry of Orleans was severely wounded by the Count of Turin, a nephew of the king of Italy. The sale of evening papers on the boulevards was almost unprecedented, while on all sides knots of Parisians, gesticulating with their customary energy, were discussing, almost quarreling over the encounter.

Although the Republicans would fain console themselves with the reflection that Prince Henry's overthrow has killed Orleansism for a generation, French pride, irrespective of party, is deeply hurt by the Italian Prince's victory. Happily, the mood of the Parisian changes quickly and often, for if the present temper were to last, international complications would be unavoidable.

The French anger is further stimulated by persistent reports that Prince Henry was inferior to his opponent in nerve more than in swordsmanship, and was completely overborne by the violent, reckless onslaughts of the count. The opinion is said to have been expressed by the count's seconds that if Prince Henry had had proper self-control he had an opening in the second bout which would easily have enabled him to put the Count of Turin hors de combat.

The count is also said to have displayed less than his usual skill and literally to have overborne his antagonist by his desperate onset from the very start.

According to one account, the wound in the abdomen from which Prince Henry was disabled was the result of his own maladresse in parrying a fierce lunge of his opponent.

It is said that the prince collapsed instantly, and that the count looked on in alarm when his surgeon, approaching, asked to be permitted to dress the wound on Turin's sword hand which was bleeding profusely.

The swords used had been rubbed with an anti-septic, but it is needless to say that if Prince Henry has sustained a wound perforating the intestines the danger of peritonitis is great and will not have passed for some days.

It seems to afford appreciable gratification to the average Parisian that the encounter was a reality and not a sham, but that was due to the earnestness with which the Count of Turin entered upon it.

General Albertone's seconds still claim that the prince must meet him when he is restored to health.

THE HUMBOLDT LEAVES TODAY.

Mayor Wood's Klondike Expedition Ready to Be Off.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—Mayor Wood's steamer Humboldt, will leave for St. Michaels this afternoon about 6 o'clock with 130 passengers and 400 tons of freight.

Among the people stricken with the Klondike fever going North are R. C. Washburn, editor of the Post-Intelligencer, and W. H. Snell, a Tacoma politician, and at one time prosecuting attorney of Pierce county.

Mayor Woods believes he will land the passengers at Dawson City before the river freezes, and have 15 days to spare. If this is true, the mayor will get back down the river himself this season and not be compelled to come overland.

Tacoma's Rush About Over.

TACOMA, Aug. 16.—The sailing of the City of Seattle for Alaska tomorrow with 400 passengers, large cargo of freight and horses, is expected to end the rush of gold-seekers to the Klondike till next spring. The principal inquiries for passage at local shipping offices now come from the Eastern points.

RICH STRIKE IN GOLDEN STATE.

Morrison Gulch Discovery Rivalled at the Elinea Mine.

CARRVILLE, Cal., Aug. 16.—Well-authenticated reports of new strikes in the gold fields of Trinity county continue to be received here. Ernest Wagner, superintendent of the Tiben Placer Mining Company, reports that a rich strike was made at Elinea mine last Thursday afternoon. The ore and gold is of the same nature as that found on Morrison gulch.



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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Wagner believes the ore found will assay several hundred dollars to the ton. He also reports a strike on the Black Warrior of ore that will mill \$3000 to the ton.

This morning T. G. Cook, superintendent for G. L. Carr, of the Forget-Me-Not mine, cut into a small vein of quartz at the bottom of a winz 45 feet from the lower level. The vein had pitched above, but gives every indication of widening and is of good grade. Above the ore the body of the vein is from six to eight feet wide, and will mill \$20 to the ton. One hundred and ten feet above the lower level is an ore body that mills \$100 to the ton.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

James H. Parsons, of Hartford Is at Death's Door.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Hartford, Conn., says:

James S. Parsons, the fugitive president of the Continental Life Insurance Company, has returned after ten years, a penniless man, to pay his debt to nature. It is said that he has an incurable disease of the stomach, and can live but a short time. He has been living in Canada since the wrecking of the company, but for a year or so intimate friends have known that he was in Massachusetts, latterly in a Boston hospital.

He was hunted out of the United States by officers of the law, and returns in the hope that he may breathe his last in his own home.

State Insurance Commissioner Fyler began the prosecution against him in 1877. It was believed that Parsons' defalcation amounted to between \$100,000 and \$150,000, though what he had done with the money was a mystery. Four indictments for making false returns to the insurance commissioner were made out against him and against the company's bookkeeper.

MAY SOON BE A STATE.

President McKinley Said to Favor Her Admission.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Herald's Washington correspondent wires:

In all probability one state will be added to the American galaxy during McKinley's administration. The president, it is understood, looks with favor upon the admission of New Mexico, and it is likely that the territory will be the next to join the Union.

The bill for admission will be introduced in the house in the next session by Mr. Ferguson, who is himself a Democrat with silver sympathies, and the eagerness with which the sound-money Republicans will rally to the support of the bill is an open question.

Arizona will make in the house renewed pleas for admission through her delegate, Marcus A. Smith, of Tucson, and Senator Carter is expected to add his efforts in the senate.

Very Rich Quartz.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 14.—John Cobb, who, with E. S. Thompson and Kanaka Sam, owns the McKinley claim, 30 miles northeast of Baker City and two miles south of Sparta, brought in some beautiful specimens of quartz, literally filled with wire gold. The ledge is about two feet wide, and the gold specimens run right through the center of it. Last week they pounded out \$800 with a hand mortar, and now are taking out a little over \$100 a day. They are only in about ten feet below the grass roots. The value of the specimens is over \$100,000 a ton.

To Garréte Canovas' Slay.

MADRID, Aug. 16.—Michael Angiollilo, the anarchist assassin of Premier Canovas de Castillo, who was tried by court-martial yesterday at Vergara, was found guilty and sentenced to death. Upon hearing his sentence Angiollilo turned deathly pale and had to be assisted from the courtroom. He will be garroted within the prison.