

IN CHILKOOT PASS

One Thousand Men Caught Out in It September 1.

A LETTER FROM CRATER LAKE

Dyea Trail Likely to Be Completely Blocked With Snow by September 25.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—A letter from Crater lake, Alaska, dated September 2, says:

A thousand men toiled all of yesterday in a blinding storm of snow and sleet on the summit of Chilkoot pass. The blizzard lasted from daylight till dark.

T. C. Willard, of Butte, Mont., fell from the rocks at a point half way between the summit and Crater lake, and fractured a bone in his left forearm. A physician set the limb and Willard pluckily continued across toward Lake Lindermann.

An Indian at Dyea said a few days ago that Chilkoot pass would probably be blockaded by snow about the 25th. He said that miners fortunate enough to have their supplies across the summit before that time can reach Dawson. The rivers he claims will keep open until late in November, although the lakes will probably be frozen in six weeks.

Ten days ago the Indians charged 32 cents a pound for packing from Dyea to Lindemann, the rate is now 40 cents. When the next steamer arrives it will probably jump to 50 or 60 cents.

COLLEGE-BRED GOLDSEEKERS.

Several of Them Arrive at St. Michaels En Route to Klondike.

HANOVER, N. H., Sept. 21.—F. C. Staley, of Chicago, a member of the class of '98, Dartmouth college, has arrived at St. Michaels on his way to the Klondike. In a letter received from him he states that in the party are a number of college men, two from Yale, two from Harvard, several from Berkeley college of California, three from Stanford university, two from Kenyon, one each from the university of Michigan, Columbia, Iowa and Cornell. In addition he confirms the report of a scarcity of food in the gold region, as told by those returning down the Yukon river.

MRS. STILLS WAS TIRED OF ANDY.

Her Alleged Abduction Really an Elopement.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Sept. 21.—The latest developments of the Stills abduction case are exceedingly sensational. Relatives of the accused parties persuaded Prosecuting Attorney Bradley to go to Jefferson township and investigate. He was taken into the woods 10 miles from the scene of the alleged crime and shown a woman in company with a gang of young men, who claimed to be the missing Mrs. Stills. When questioned, she admitted that she was the wife of Andy Stills, but said she had left him willingly, to go with Hull, McKeeben and Jackson, and did not want to return to him.

Mr. Bradley says he satisfied himself the stories of abduction and outrage of the wife as told by Stills is untrue, but many persons here are not satisfied with the revelations made by friends of the accused.

Constable Hudson says he found that Mrs. Stills was with her mother at White Sulphur Springs up to 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

A liveryman at Leeton says positively that he took Mrs. Stills to the home of her mother, and was paid by a relative of the three accused men for doing so.

OF COURSE ITS FROM ANDRE.

The Daily Pigeon Message Landed in Ohio This Time.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 21.—The Enquirer's special from Xenia says:

A carrier pigeon has been found by B. Sponwell in his barnyard near here. The bird is in an exhausted condition, and gave evidence of a long flight. A silver band was fastened around the bird's leg on which was engraved some words and letters which were so worn and rusted as to be almost entirely undistinguishable. But few of the letters could be made out. Many people here are of the opinion that it is an Andree pigeon. As yet the message has not been deciphered.

PREACHERS ARE INDIGNANT.

Sunday Work in the Chicago Federal Building Displeases Them.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Presbyterian ministers of Chicago are indignant over the fact that the work of excavating for the foundation of the new federal building at Clark and Jackson streets is being prosecuted on Sunday. At the weekly

meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association resolutions were passed and copies forwarded to President McKinley and Secretary Gage, expressing regret that the Christian Sabbath is being violated by the building of the new postoffice and custom-house, and requesting that officers having the building in charge order that the law of God be obeyed and all labor on or connected with the construction of said postoffice be suspended on the Christian Sabbath.

The ministers are confident that the federal authorities will act favorably on the matter.

MINERS' STRIKE ENDED.

Work Being Gradually Resumed at Many Points.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is here to attend a special meeting of the officers of the Federation of Labor, gives the following statement to the Associated Press today:

"Today will see about 75,000 miners resume work in the bituminous coal fields of the Central states. The strike generally ends today. The mining situation is not likely to become disturbed again until the beginning of next year, at which time we hope to be able to settle the wage differences amicably and without the necessity of striking.

"Of course the victory is not altogether one of the miners. While they have done the striking, the trades unions and organized bodies have supplied the necessities, without which the miners could not have possibly succeeded. It is a victory for organized labor and not for any particular trade, and we want our friends who have helped us to feel that it's their victory as well as ours."

MURDER IS THE CHARGE.

Sheriff Martin and Forty Deputies Held for Trial.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 21.—Sheriff Martin and about 40 of his deputies were arraigned in court this morning, charged with the murder of 24 striking miners at Lattimer. Several witnesses testified. The judge held the sheriff and deputies in \$4000 bail each for trial. Bail was furnished and they returned to Hazleton.

FREIGHT SUBJECT TO DELAY.

Effect of Fever Quarantine on the Railway Business.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—Kansas City railroads having outlets at Gulf ports are notifying shippers that freight for Gulf points will be accepted subject to delay only. This is due to yellow fever quarantine which is now being rigidly enforced, freight as well as passenger trains being subject to the rule.

No Alarm at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The report that two cases of yellow fever have been discovered at Cairo, Ill., has not alarmed Chicago health officials. Health Commissioner Reynolds doubts if the cases at Cairo are yellow fever, and believes they are either malaria or "Breakbone" fever. He has no intention of rescinding his proclamation, welcoming Southern refugees to Chicago.

LOCATED SEVEN GOLD MINES.

Successful Prospecting Expedition of Six Oakland Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Six Oakland women have returned from a search for gold mines in the mountains of Shasta county. For two weeks they tramped in bloomers over hills, through canyons, fording creeks, braving all the hardships incidental to a prospector's life. They have seven placer and quartz mines located.

The women were Mrs. May Mauvais, Mrs. Martha D. Hume, Mrs. Alma Haden, Mrs. J. Huges, Mrs. Etta Demoy and Mrs. Lila Herron. They left Oakland, each one fully equipped with miners' outfits. They returned with hundreds of ore samples and gold they had panned from placer claims.

FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA.

Rebel Attack Upon Granada Repulsed by Government Troops.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—A dispatch to the World from Panama says: Nicaraguan reports state that in an uprising in Granada an attack was made on the barracks, but owing to a strong resistance and the government's activity in sending forces to the scene, the revolutionists were defeated.

The government troops recaptured the town after some hours' struggle and hard fighting. The revolutionists fled toward Costa Rica, but it is thought they will be captured soon.

TRAILS ARE CLOSING UP

Winter Has Set In on Chilkoot and White Passes.

FEW ON THE TRAILS WILL GET OVER

Dog Trains Only Practicable Means of Packing Supplies—Horses at a Discount.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 22.—The steamer Queen, which arrived this morning, brought back eighty miners, who decided to wait until spring before proceeding to the Klondike. Winter has set in in earnest at White and Chilkoot passes, there being four feet of snow on the summits, and ice is forming in the small streams.

Those who get over now have to go by dog train, as horses are no longer any use, and animals for which men refused \$300 and \$400 a few weeks ago can be bought for \$5. A large number of men are going to Juneau to winter, but many will come south and make fresh starts in the spring.

A REINDEER EXPRESS.

Government May Establish One to the Klondike.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Secretary Bliss, of the department of the interior, has induced the commissioner of education to have the reindeer now at Teller station, Alaska, which have been broken to work, forwarded to St. Michaels, to be held there for use in forwarding supplies to the Klondike country in case of emergency. There are about eight of the deer, which it is believed by the administration can be utilized in this way, and the opinion prevails that they would be much more useful than dogs, because they can travel more rapidly, draw more, and can live on the little forage the country produces.

The secretary says that each reindeer will carry about 300 pounds, and will travel a hundred miles a day. They are to be sent to St. Michaels in preference to other places, because of the available stores at that point.

FOR USE IN THE KLONDIKE.

Colorado Man Invents a Device to Thaw Frozen Ground.

DENVER, Sept. 22.—A device to thaw the frozen ground of the Klondike has been invented by N. Parker Doe, of Cripple Creek. A formal trial of the machine was made yesterday and was found to work like a charm, although there was no frozen ground to try it on. Six hundred machines will be ordered at once and transported to the Klondike in the spring.

A miner recently returned from Klondike has examined the machine and says it is just what the miner in Alaska needs. The scheme is to generate gas in a tank, the gas passing to a blowpipe, where, becoming ignited, it is forced out in a flame. It can be directed in any position and cannot be blown out by the wind.

WAR CLOUD IS LOWERING.

The Country on the Verge of Conflict With Spain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—"This country

is on the verge of a war with Spain."

These are the words of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt. He used them at a conference of some of the naval militia, whom he had summoned to Washington to learn of the state of their commands and the number of men that can be depended upon to complete the complement of the warships and the auxiliary navy. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt urged the gentlemen who had been called into the conference not to underestimate the gravity of the situation.

The navy department is preparing to use every available man of the naval militia. Commanders of the reserve who have been called to Washington during the last few days have had the importance of getting their divisions in such shape that a sudden call will find them in readiness, impressed upon them.

It is believed that at a conference at the navy department within the last few days the question was put as to how many men the commanders of the New York and Brooklyn battalions would undertake to report as available for three months' war service. Commander Slayton, of the Brooklyn battalion, is reported to have answered that he would guarantee 275 men out of his battalion. W. Butler Duncan, of the New York battalion, estimates his number at 325.

The largest battalion in the country is at San Francisco. Organizations on the Pacific exist at San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Olympia.

The navy department's estimate is that 30,000 men will be needed for the twenty-five merchant cruisers. Of this number 3000 will come from the regular warships.

The significance of Roosevelt's remark, joined with the assemblage of militia commanders at Washington and the bunching of warships and manuevers of the torpedo flotilla is very great.

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TO END THE CUBAN WAR

Pourparlers Opened Between Washington and Madrid.

THE ULTIMATUM STORY DENIED

Present Negotiations Have for Their Object a Peaceable Solution of the Cuban Question.

MADRID, Sept. 23.—The Correspondencia de Espana asserts that Pourparlers are proceeding between the United States and Spain for a friendly settlement of affairs, in Cuba.

El Epoca, after denouncing as "sensational" the story of an ultimatum, points out that the Cubans have not been at war with Spain without the moral and material co-operation of the American people.

There is a great deal of comment as to the origin of the ultimatum canard. It has been attributed to a foreign ambassador, but all the ambassadors deny responsibility for it. The people do not think that war is inevitable.

It is asserted that the liberals will soon form a cabinet, and that on the return of the queen from San Sebastian to Madrid, Captain-General Weyler will be re-called from Cuba and autonomy established in the island, thus leaving no pretext for the intervention of the United States.

WOULD EUROPE SUSTAIN US?

Circumstances Seem to Justify the Assumption That She Would.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—State department officials refuse to discuss the statement made in the Associated Press cable dispatch from Madrid, namely, that the countries of Europe, with the exception of Austria, justify the interposition of the United States in favor of a termination of the Cuban war. Still, it is recalled that while Mr. Woodford was tarrying in an apparently purposeless manner in London and Paris, instead of proceeding to his post in Spain, it leaked out that the United States ministers at various European courts had been instructed to sound the governments to which they were accredited, with a view to learning how intervention in favor of Cuba would be regarded.

Although it was generally supposed at the time that this effort would not succeed, there is now good reason to accept the statement in the Madrid cable as fully warranted by the facts.

NO ULTIMATUM WAS SERVED.

So Emphatically Declares an American Diplomat in London.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A special to the Herald from London says:

In reference to the sensational telegrams from Madrid about the alleged ultimatum and inevitability of war between the United States and Spain, the Herald correspondent had a conversation with a distinguished American diplomat, who, though not personally concerned in the American-Spanish negotiations, is in a position to know the exact state of affairs, but who, for obvious reasons would not allow his name to be mentioned. He said:

"I cannot, of course, pledge in advance the government of the United States, but so far as the present is concerned such a step is not in contemplation. The United States has probably intimated through Mr. Woodford that the present state of affairs is most deplorable and that if we could be of any assistance in bringing this condition of things to an end we should be glad to offer our services. But you may state absolutely that no ultimatum has been sent to Spain by the United States."

FOOD SHORTAGE IS INEVITABLE.

Captain Tuttle's Report on Conditions in the North.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Captain Tuttle, in command of the cutter Bear, of the Behring sea patrol, in a report to the secretary of the treasury, gives an official account of the rescue of Captain Whitesides, his wife and a number of the crew of the steamer Nevarch, which was caught in the ice pack off Icy Cape, July 30th, and also reports as to the condition of affairs at St. Michaels.

The Bear reached St. Michaels August 28th, where about 300 miners were found camping on the beach. On arrival Captain Tuttle received requests from the Alaska Commercial Company and the North American Trading Company to remain with his command at St. Michaels until some means could be devised to maintain law and order. He was informed that among the sudden influx of people were many bad characters,

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and previous to the arrival of the Bear, open threats had been made as to what they would do if the transportation company failed to get them up the Yukon. This was impossible with the means at hand.

Captain Tuttle says that navigation would close in a few days and that twelve vessels were then on the way to St. Michaels, the most of them with passengers, and he thought if they did not return on the vessels which brought them, much suffering must result.

The captain decided to comply with the requests which had been made until Captain Hooper, of the command of the Behring sea fleet, could be communicated with, and another vessel detailed for the duty until September 30th, when he says a military force will arrive.

In concluding his report Captain Tuttle says that in his opinion the situation on the Yukon this winter will be a very serious matter, and in his judgment the limited supply of food will result in starvation.

ALL ARE FOR ANNEXATION.

Hawaiian Senate Unanimously Ratified the Treaty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The steamer City of Peking, which arrived in port last evening and was at once placed in quarantine, brought advices from the Hawaiian islands up to and including the 14th inst.

The senate convened September 8th, but owing to the death of ex-Senator G. Rhodes, president of the legislature, an adjournment was taken to the following day. The session lasted less than two hours, but in that time the annexation treaty was presented and ratified without a dissenting vote.

Commenting upon the unprecedented action of the upper chamber, the Luso, the newspaper organ of the Portuguese residents, of September 13th, said:

"The senate of the republic of Hawaii has unanimously ratified the convention which concedes Hawaii to the United States, not only with all mercantile property of doubtful title, but also tying up privileges which about 5000 voters of the Portuguese colony enjoy and have enjoyed, and which can only be recovered if the congress of the United States from a sense of justice and equity shall concede to us the privileges to which we have a right. The session was closed on the 10th, and will be convened again next March in regular session."

Despite the action of the senate, the opponents of annexation are continuing the fight, and the leaders of the movement express the utmost confidence in their ability to defeat annexation. Before the Peking left a call had been issued for an immediate mass meeting to be held on the 18th, and the indications were that it would be one of the largest ever held in the islands. Some annexationists hope to be able to have Senator Morgan address the meeting, with the object of changing the sentiment of the natives, but there was little likelihood of the plan meeting with success.

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