

THE CLIMAX ABOUT REACHED

Washington Officials Declare Indications Point to a Cessation of Hostilities.

THEY DECLINE TO EXPLAIN

Company G, Second Washington, Captures 150 New Prisoners and Some Ammunition Near Tagnig.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Advices have been received from Manila which indicate that the climax may occur at any hour. The officials here are well pleased with the condition of affairs, but will not at present discuss the details of the dispatches. The indications are that hostilities will end within a very short time.

MANILA, March 17.—4 p. m.—Company G, Second Washington volunteers, has captured 150 additional prisoners near Tagnig, and also seized some ammunition. Most of the rebels' arms were hidden or thrown into the river.

The engineers have thrown a temporary bridge across the Pasig river for the artillery and commissary trains.

The Twentieth regiment will return from the front today.

Work of the Gunboats.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: On Monday your correspondent went aboard the United States gunboat Laguna de Bay and accompanied her on chase of the rebels. She first steamed past the town of Pasig and turned her Gatling guns on the insurgents entrenched along the shore. The insurgents were so frightened that the women, children, horses, soldiers and carebos fled in hundreds across the open fields toward Laguna de Bay. The gunboat ceased firing, but followed close behind the panic-stricken crowd, driving them inland.

On Tuesday the gunboat Ceste joined the Laguna de Bay, both under command of Captain Grant. They made for the lake channel, which had been blocked by the insurgents, but they finally cleared the way.

On the lake we chased two sailing vessels which were full of insurgent troops. Both vessels refused to surrender and ran ashore, the troops escaping in spite of our fire.

During Wednesday, while approaching Santa Cruz, the richest city on the lake, we raised a white flag when 500 yards from the shore. A large force of insurgents is entrenched in front of the town, but they refused to confer with us. Then we shelled their positions effectively and withdrew to the end of the lake to await the landing of our forces.

An Illinois River Freak.

HAVANA, Ill., March 17.—A floating island, between one and two acres in extent, and from four to five feet thick, has come down the Illinois river. It collided with a cable-boat and smashed in the keel and landed it ashore.

The island struck a pier of the wagon bridge, violently shaking the structure and throwing crossing horses from their feet. The island is now stranded between the pier and the shore, and the city authorities contemplate blowing it up with dynamite.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES

Engineer Hodges Sues a Railroad Company at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 16.—A \$10,000 damage suit was begun in the superior court here yesterday against the W. & C. railway, by John H. Hodges, a stationary engineer, formerly employed in the company's carshops at Hunt's Junction. The plaintiff alleges that on

June 30, 1898, he was ordered to leave his regular employment to assist in pressing car wheels upon an axle; that because of the defective apparatus used the operation was attended with danger, against which he was not warned, and in consequence of the company's negligence, while the axle was being turned, one end slipped from the hooks by which it was held and fell. The other being violently elevated, struck Hodges on the head, causing injuries to his brain and nerves. A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, and Garrecht & Dunphy, of this city, are the attorneys for plaintiff.

TERRIBLE FIRE AT NEW YORK

Windsor Hotel in Flames and Doomed to Destruction—Number of Casualties Unknown.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The whole of the Windsor hotel is in flames. It is located at Forty-fifth street and Fifth avenue. The fire is spreading with great rapidity, and the building, which makes the block facing Fifth avenue, looks like a roaring furnace. One woman jumped from the fifth-avenue side. People are on the roof crying for help. The firemen are doing their best to reach the people on the roof and in the windows. Firemen are climbing up the adjoining building and throwing ropes. There are no long ladders yet on the scene.

At 4:10 p. m. there were found four persons dead and twelve injured. Some of the injured were taken to Bellevue. Many jumped from the windows on the Forty-seventh street side. Two guests were seen to stand at the windows. Before they could be saved they fell back into the flames and perished. Two guests jumped from a fifth story window into a life net and were saved. A woman jumped on Forty-sixth street. She was picked up unconscious.

SOMNAMBULIST'S AWFUL FATE

Mrs. B. J. Kelly Killed at Corvallis by Falling Down the Stairs While Asleep.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 18.—Mrs. B. J. Kelly, wife of the pastor of the United Evangelical church, of this city, was killed this morning by falling down the stairway of the family home.

The accident happened at 5 o'clock. The pastor was awakened by the noise of a heavy fall. His wife was a somnambulist, and, divining the truth, he leaped from bed and hurried down the stairs. On the landing near the foot of the stairway he found Mrs. Kelly. There was a three-inch gash across the forehead and the neck was broken.

Mrs. Kelly lived for an hour and a half after the accident, but never spoke or regained consciousness.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists, 6

Princess Kaiulani is Dead.

HONOLULU, March 10 (via San Francisco, March 17).—Princess Kaiulani died March 6 of inflammatory rheumatism. In 1891 Kaiulani was proclaimed heir apparent to the Hawaiian throne.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to May 1st, 1895, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Feb. 27, 1899.

New Ferry at Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Or., March 16.—The new ferry for service on the Columbia, between this point and the Washington shore, was launched today. When completed it will be the finest ferry on the upper river.

THE TERRIBLE NEW YORK FIRE

Search for the Bodies of Victims at the Windsor.

GUNTER PROBABLY A VICTIM

Sixteen Dead, Sixty-Six Missing and Fifty-Seven Injured, the Record—Great Values.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Through the incessant rain today, their efforts hindered by choking smoke that rose from the half quenched ruins, more than 200 men from the building, police and fire departments, sought, but with only half satisfactory results, for the bodies of persons who are believed to have perished in yesterday's fire at the Windsor hotel. The efforts were concentrated on clearing away the debris, and no more bodies were taken from the ruins today. The latest estimate tonight is sixteen dead, sixty-six missing and fifty-seven injured. It is believed the men will be able to proceed with the gruesome search tomorrow, with more satisfactory results.

It was learned today that Eldridge T. Gerry had the building and furniture that belonged to the hotel fully insured, and even the annual rental, from which he indemnified himself with policies aggregating \$75,000. Gerry carried policies aggregating \$50,000 on the building, and had an insurance for \$120,000 on the furnishings. In addition to all this Leland had policies aggregating \$103,000 on his own furniture in the hotel.

No estimate can be made of the precious metals and gems which have withstood the flames and lie hidden in the wreckage of the great hotel. One family lost jewelry valued at \$200,000, and the total will run up at somewhere near \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Nancy Kirk, who lost her life, and her daughter, Miss Mary Kirk, had family jewels valued at more than \$200,000 with them. There were scores of other wealthy families who lived in the hotel, and who lost jewels worth thousands of dollars.

Another Victim.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Archibald Clavering Gunter, the well-known novelist, was a patron of the Windsor, and it is feared by his friends who have not seen him since the fire, that he has lost his life with his child.

IS IT A TRIFLE?

THAT COMMON TROUBLE, ACID DYSPEPSIA OR SOUR STOMACH.

Now Recognized as a Cause of Serious Disease.

Acid dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to digest it, the food remains until fermentation begins, filling the stomach with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic and being an every day occurrence is given but little attention. Because dyspepsia is not immediately fatal, many people do nothing for their trouble.

Within a recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely to cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is becoming rapidly used and prescribed as a radical cure for every form of dyspepsia.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have been placed before the public and are sold by all druggists for 50 cents per package. It is prepared by the F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., and while it promptly and effectually restores a vigorous digestion, at the same time it is perfectly

harmless and will not injure the most delicate stomach, but on the contrary by giving perfect digestion strengthens the stomach, improves the appetite and make life worth living.

A \$6000 Gold Brick.

BAKER CITY, March 16.—Manager Whitaker today brought in from the Balsley-Elkhorn mine a gold brick reliably stated to assay \$6000, the result of eight days' run with two Bryon mills, in which 100 tons of paying gold ore is crushed daily. Today's brick is the third of about the same value this month from the Balsley-Elkhorn.

Snow on Elkhorn mountain is ten feet deep, and the company has two sacks of concentrates weighing 100 pounds each at the foot of the mountain to be hauled to this city, as soon as the roads permit, for shipment to the reduction works. Eight tons daily of rich concentrates are now being realized from the Balsley-Elkhorn.

May Give Us the Klondike.

SEATTLE, March 18.—News was received here that five Finlanders claim to have discovered evidences of the original Russian boundary line inscribed on a series of old mounds, which if established, will place the Klondike country within the United States. It is stated that United States Consul McCook, at Dawson, will communicate with the Washington authorities regarding the matter.

NEXT STEP BY SPAIN

Exchange of Ratifications Is Next in Order, When That is Done Peace Will Have Been Finally Restored.

MADRID, March 17.—The queen regent has signed the treaty of peace. The signed treaty will be forwarded to the French ambassador at Washington for exchange with the one signed by President McKinley. No decree on the subject will be published in the official Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—In the absence of any direct diplomatic communication between the United States and Spain, Secretary Hay expects to receive his first formal notice of the ratification of the peace treaty by the queen regent through the medium of the French embassy here.

The next step must be taken by Spain which must name a special envoy and notify the United States government of the probable date upon which he will present himself at Washington with the exchange copy of the treaty of peace.

Although in most instances little more than a perfunctory ceremony, in the case of the exchange of the ratification of this treaty the details will be of more than ordinary interest, for the occasion will be historical.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Cartain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued to use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. Only 50 cents and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

Was Villamil's Body.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, March 19.—After a careful investigation, Major-General Leonard Wood, the military governor, is convinced that the skeleton found a few days ago, tied in an arm chair, on the shore, about four miles west of El Morro, is the remains of the Spanish Admiral Villamil, who commanded the torpedo-boat destroyers Furor and Platon in the battle which resulted in the destruction of Cerverra's squadron.

Volcanic Eruptions

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THE REBELS ARE DEFEATED

Washington and Oregon Volunteers Whip a Force of Filipino Troops.

BATTLESHIP OREGON AT MANILA

General Otis Will End the War in Short Order—Is Planning Another Blow at the Insurgents.

MANILA, March 19.—(Sunday, 9:30 a. m.)—The Filipinos in force attacked a company of the Washington volunteers at Tagnig last night. Two companies of the Washington and Oregon regiments were sent to the assistance of their commander, and drove the rebels back in front of the twenty second regulars, who also engaged the enemy.

Two American soldiers were killed, and one officer and thirteen privates wounded. The enemy's loss was severe.

MANILA, March 19. (Sunday, 9 a. m.)—The island of Cebu has been made a subdistrict under Lieut. Col. T. R. Hammer, of the First Idaho volunteers. The other officers are Captain W. L. Wood, eighteenth regulars, collector of customs, and Lieut. Thos. F. Schley, of the Twenty-third infantry, port captain. Ensign Everhart has been relieved as port captain at Ilo Ilo, by Lieut. Wm. B. Hanna, of the Montana volunteers.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—General Otis is planning another blow at the insurgents, in the execution of his general scheme of hastening the end of the rebellion in Luzon before the advent of the rainy season.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Miss Clara Barton has received the following telegram:

"Clara Barton, Washington D. C.—The negotiations begun for a pecuniary ransom of the prisoners in the Philippines were interrupted by General Otis, because he feared the sums offered would be employed against his troops. We pray you to earnestly intercede with your government to insure the triumph of humanity. With profound gratitude. (signed) Marquise Villabos, president Spanish Red Cross."

The telegram has been communicated to the secretary of war.

Manila, March 18—10:20 a. m.—The entire American forces have been reorganized, two divisions, of three brigades each, being formed. The Oregon regiment is under General Wheaton.

An attack was made by the rebels yesterday upon the battery at Lona church, but they were repulsed by the Pennsylvanians with heavy loss.

Battle-Ship Oregon Arrives at Manila.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The navy department has been advised of the arrival at Manila of the battle ship Oregon.

Following is the cablegram received from Admiral Dewey.

Manila, March 8.—The Oregon and the Iris arrived today. The Oregon is in fit condition for any duty. Dewey.

ALASKA BOUNDARY CAUSING CONCERN

Serious Clashes Feared Between Americans and Canadians—British and American Governments Soon to Take the Matter Up.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Despite the representations of this gov-

ernment respecting the encroachments of subjects of Great Britain upon Alaska territory, and of the danger of a clash between them and Americans, the Salisbury government has made no satisfactory reply.

It is the expectation of well-informed officials that the Alaska-boundary question will be seriously discussed between the United States and Great Britain during the coming month. It is believed by the administration that if the boundary were well defined there would be no danger of trouble, but the lack of definite knowledge concerning the location of the line gives to Canadians opportunity to encroach upon American territory, and the Americans to retaliate by encroaching upon Canadian territory. Where the land is valuable on account of the presence of gold trouble is likely to arise.

Some consideration has been given to the advisability of sending troops to the district in dispute, but this might be objectionable to Great Britain and also be provocative of trouble; therefore none will be sent.

It is thought the British government will try to hold the matter open until the joint high commission reassembles, after the elections have been held in Canada, with a view to obtaining the concession of a port in Alaska, in exchange for concessions to the United States.

Collector Ivey has reported that the Canadians have established a customs office thirty miles from Chilkoot inlet, a point believed to be southward of the summit of Chilkoot pass, which is understood to be the international boundary line.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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HAVE WHEAT ON HAND.

One Quarter of the 1898 Crop of Lane County Not Sold.

EGGERS, March 19.—Men state that fully twenty-five per cent of the wheat crop of 1898 in Lane county is still in the hands of the growers. No sales are being made, as the price quoted in Eugene is only 45 cents per bushel. Prospects are that better prices will not prevail for some time. Farmers state that this year's crop of wheat will be short. Fall wheat of rank growth was killed by the cold weather, but in no case reported has the damage been sufficient to warrant re-seeding. Scattered over the fields were spots of rank grain, and that was killed, leaving the balance of the field in good condition. One farmer says that in a field of fifteen acres on his farm fully one-third of the crop is destroyed, but the damaged spots are so scattered that re-seeding is unwarranted. Similar reports come from all parts of the country.

As the season of the year when pneumonia, la grippe, sore throat, coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis and lung troubles are to be guarded against, nothing "is a fine substitute," will "answer the purpose," or is "just as good" as One Minute Cough Cure. That is the one infallible remedy for all lung, throat or bronchial troubles. Insist vigorously upon having it if "something else" is offered you. Snipes-Kizersly Drug Co.