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ALASKAN SITUATION

A CONSERVATIVE OPINION OF PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The Early Rush of Eager Goldseekers Having Congested the Passes, Other Routes Will Have to Be Opened.

Special Correspondence.] Although the rush to Alaska may be said to have only just begun, a condition of affairs has already developed in Dyea and Skagway which promises to disappoint the expectations of thousands of eager gold seekers. The trails across the Chilkoot and White passes are practically impassable because of the frequent and severe storms, and will not be in good condition until about the first of April. The result is that thousands of men and thousands of tons of supplies and mining outfits are crowded together on this side of the summit and have already reached such number and quantity as to create a blockade.

It has been generally understood that it was foolish to go up to that country earlier than March with the expectation of crossing the passes, and that one who did so would simply subject himself to a long wait, to needless hardships and possible sickness while consuming supplies which should be kept for service in the gold fields. Notwithstanding this fact, travel began in January and has continued through February, an average of a steamer a day having landed men and freight at Dyea and Skagway. Those who took this early start did so because they feared a blockade and were anxious to get over the summit, expecting to wait at the lakes for the opening of the river to navigation. The blockade they hoped to escape has come upon them and they are not over the summit. Many have spent a month of hardship and toil and are worse off because of it than are the newest arrivals.

There are not less than 20,000 people in Dyea and Skagway encamped along the trails as far as the weather conditions have permitted them to advance, only a few miles at the most. The quantity of supplies, outfits, boats, machinery, etc., averages not less than a ton to each man. This average will be kept up during the month of March, and by the first of April, when the work of getting over the summit will begin in earnest, a moderate estimate of the number of men and quantity of freight that will be assembled there is 50,000 persons and 50,000 tons of freight.

The only thing that has been accomplished on the Skagway trail to make it more passable than it was last summer has been the building of some small bridges, and some improvements on the road leading out from Skagway. There has been a transway project there but no progress has been made with it. The indications are that the Skagway trail will not be materially better than it was last summer, when it was blockaded and rendered practically impassable by 3,000 or 4,000 people and their outfits. Of course, as long as the snow lasts in the spring the trail will be a better one than when the traveler has

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encounter mud and boulders, which were such an obstacle a year ago.

As for the trail from Dyea, which is the one experience has proved to be the best, two tramways are under construction for the transportation of goods. One of these has a tram railroad from Dyea to the base of the summit ridge, and an electric bucket system across the summit to Lake Lindemann. The other has two tramway cables leading from the first and second divides and ending at Lake Lindemann. Connection between the last of these and Dyea will be made with wagons and pack animals. Neither of these enterprises is ready for operation, and the possibilities are that they will not be before the first of April. When in complete operation, their combined capacity will not exceed 400 tons per day. Assuming that by the use of pack animals 100 tons per day could be taken over the White pass from Skagway, this leaves the total capacity of all facilities provided for both passes at 500 tons per day. This means 100 days for transporting 50,000 tons that will be accumulated there by the first of April. In other words, accumulations could not be cleared away before the middle of June. The probabilities are, however, that during the months of April and May an equal quantity of new freight would demand attention.

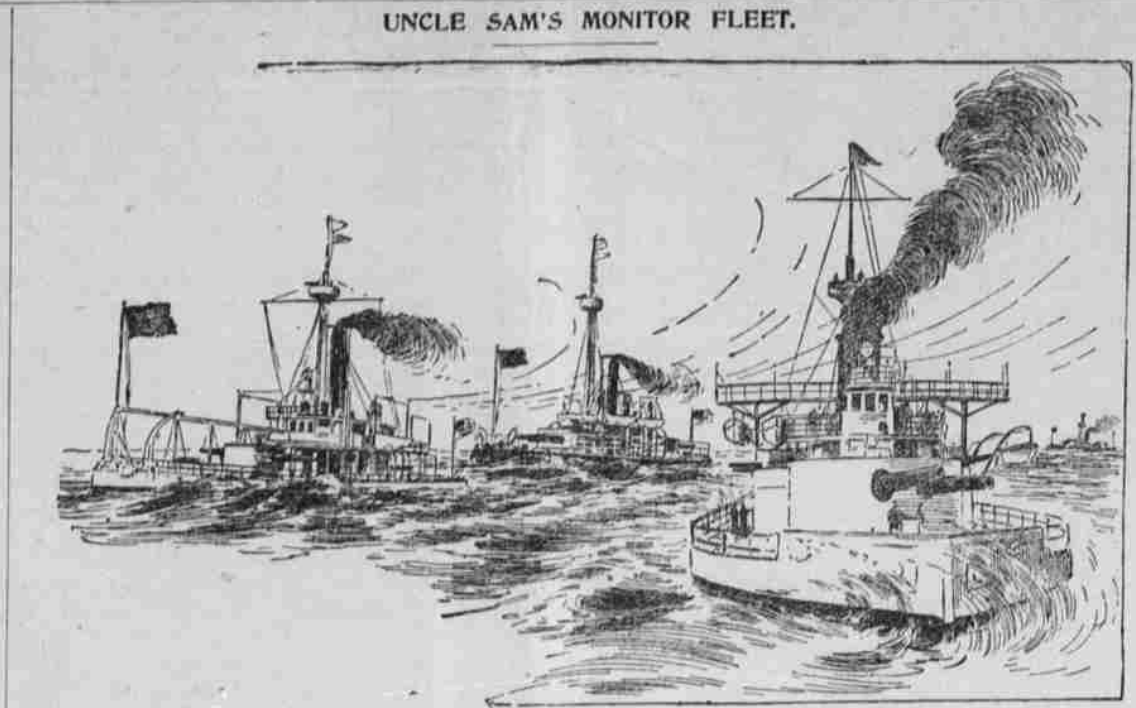
In this calculation no allowance is made for the freight which could be taken on sleds by individuals and by the aid of dogs. This would be inconsiderable. In fact, with such a mass of humanity and of goods, it would be almost impossible for freight to be moved at all on those narrow portions of the trail where the right of way would be the subject of dispute and contention. If people interfered with each other last fall so as to create a blockade on both trails with less than 6,000 people attempting to go over, it does not require a great flight of imagination to see the utter blockade that would be created by 50,000 people.

One who intends to go to Alaska may well stop and consider what his chances are likely to be in such a mob, and whether he would not do better to seek some other route or some other objective point than the Klondike region. Of course, transportation facilities from the coast ports to Alaska have been provided for Dyea and Skagway, but doubtless as soon as this blockade so develops that intending gold hunters demand to be taken somewhere else, steamers will leave the Dyea and Skagway routes and seek other ports, such as Copper River and Cook's inlet. At these places there is room for all. No narrow canyon trail confines the gold hunter to a particular route, but there is opportunity to spread out over a wide expanse of country, now practically unknown, but reported to be rich in gold. There are said to be low passes through the mountains from both Copper River and Cook's inlet, leading over to the Tanana and to the head waters of Birch creek, by which the now promising gold fields on the American side of the line may be more easily reached than by the route across the Chilkoot pass and down the lakes and rivers. The government is now fitting out an expedition for Copper River. Undoubtedly these routes will be opened up the present season by prospectors even should not the great stream of travel be turned in that direction.

There are already indications of a desire on the part of gold hunters to abandon their idea of going to Dyea and Skagway, and to strike out for the Copper River and Cook's inlet. Beyond doubt this tendency will rapidly increase as the crowded condition of the passes becomes better known. At present the only facilities for reaching Copper River and Cook's inlet is the United States mail boat operated by the Pacific Coast Steam Whaling Company from San Francisco, the two small steamers now on the route from Portland to Copper River, and the small steamer running from Port Townsend to Copper River. These steamers are already inadequate to meet the demand and doubtless more will soon be put on the route.

Attention has also been turned in the direction of the route by Fort Wrangel and Stikine river, Telegraph creek and Teslin lake, but as yet, facilities have not been provided. Several small river steamers are being constructed for the Stikine river, to ply between Fort Wrangel and Telegraph creek, which is the point of disembarkation for the overland journey of the 150 miles to Lake Teslin. On this stretch of 150 miles it is proposed by a Canadian company to construct a railroad the present year, under a special grant from the Dominion parliament of 20,000 acres of land per mile, and the time set for its completion is the first of September. It is thus seen that, for this season at least, only such travel can go over the Stikine route as can be handled by pack animals, and this, of course, cannot be very extensive. Possibly several thousand people will attempt this route, with the probability that a large portion of them will make a failure of their

fort.



Miantonomah. Terror. Puritan.

ADMIRAL JOUETT'S assertion that the American monitor is the highest and most satisfactory type of marine fighting machine, is being generally accepted without question by students in the science of naval warfare. The monitor is a form of craft little understood or appreciated until lately even by experienced sea-going men. It came into existence in crude shape during the civil war, and, thanks to the genius of John Ericsson, did such good service that the United States naval authorities decided to improve and perpetuate this peculiar style of vessel. From the "cheese-box on a raft," which destroyed the mighty Merrimack, in 1862, has sprung a fleet of powerful warships, the merit of which has been overlooked the more imposing grandeur and overtowering size and a remnant of monster battle-ships like the Indiana and Iowa. The one vital principle of a low free-board and as small an amount of obstruction on deck as possible. The monitor of 1863 was a shallow-water boat, a craft handy for fighting in rivers and bays, but of little use on the ocean. The new monitor is an efficient, seaworthy ship of the first class, capable of making long voyages through rough water in safety. It is the testimony of one of the best officers in the navy, who took one of the new monitors around Cape Hatteras in the teeth of a wild gale, that he never trod the deck of a stouter, safer, or more comfortable boat.

Uncle Sam is now the possessor of six first-class monitors of the double-turret pattern. They are the Amphitrite, Miantonomah, Monadnock, Monterey, Puritan, and Terror. By naval rating these, as well as the thirteen old-style single-turret monitors, are classed as coast-defense vessels, but this is a matter of nomenclature only. In all the requisites of open sea fighting the new monitors are battle-ships of the highest grade. The Puritan, the largest of the fleet, is a ship of 4,000 tons, and 3,700 horse power. Her armament consists of four twelve-inch breech-loading rifles and two four-inch rapid-fire cannon in the main battery; the secondary battery is made up of six six-pound, rapid-fire guns, four gatling, and two 37-millimeter Hotchkiss rifled cannon. The other boats in the fleet compare favorably with the Puritan in size and fighting force. The monitors are not built for speed, but they make long trips at a uniform log of from eleven and a half to fourteen knots an hour.

A POPULAR HOUSE.

Plans of the One Shown Here Have Been Used 107 Times.

The villa that is pictured here might well be called a "popular house," for the records of the architects show that the plans have been purchased and the house erected from them not fewer



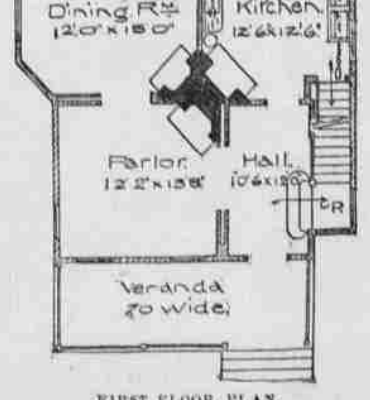
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than one hundred and sixty-seven times. The demand for it has come from all parts of the country, and it has also been erected in other lands. One might find its facsimile in the uttermost parts of the earth. It will be seen that the house is an attractive one, but its success is not due to this part alone. Many houses are just as pretty and as homelike in design, but have nothing like such a record for duplication. Those who have purchased the plan give as the reason for their choice that it is an unusually large and roomy house for its cost. A careful examination of the plans will show that every inch of space has been made available. In especial, there are many bed chambers, and all are well located for light, ventilation and comfort.

If a man has plenty of money to expend in the erection of a villa house, he can afford to indulge his individual taste. He can make his house reflect his own personal whims and preferences. But when his means are limited he naturally seeks most for his money, and to him it is the best investment of the accompanying plan that it has found acceptance as many as one hundred and sixty-seven times. As long as it is different from his neighbor's house, and is individual in its surroundings, it makes no difference to him if it has been erected in many other cities or towns. But think what one hundred and sixty-seven houses mean. Brought all together, they would make not a hamlet, but quite a village. It is certainly the banner record for any set of plans. It proves that human nature

A Dynamo on a Bicycle.

A clever scheme in the way of an electric lamp for bicycles has been designed by a Syracuse locksmith named P. C. Brower. Inside an ordinary bicycle lamp he has placed a tiny incandescent lamp of one-half candle-power. The lens in the lamp magnifies this to five candle-power, giving a light of intense brilliancy.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

is imitative and establishes the fact that wage-earners feel an interest in improved housing.

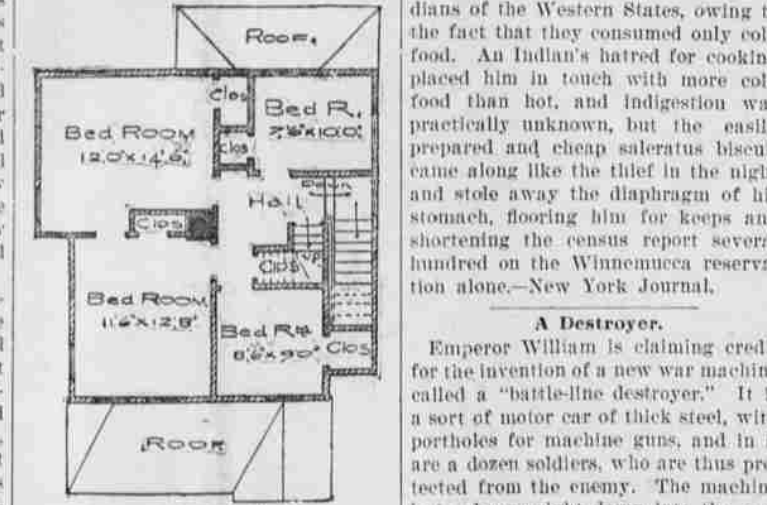
General dimensions: Width through dining-room and kitchen, 29 feet; depth, including veranda and pantry, 37 feet

BISCUITS KILLING INDIANS.

Plute Braves Dying of Indigestion Through Eating Saleratus Cakes.

Nevada, with its 43,000 white inhabitants, is threatened with even a shrinkage among its Indians, all of which can be traced to the baneful effects of the saleratus biscuit. When Lo discovered that he could get a quart of flour to puff up and look palatable by tossing a spoonful of saleratus in the dough he at once began operations on those lines, and hot bread was served three times a day or more, instead of the healthier, but less palatable acorn cracker. The squaw caught the idea of her husband's civilized appetite and stuffed him full of hot biscuit as he lay in his tepee and absorbed what he supposed was a delicacy.

The result is that nine-tenths of the brave Plutes who are living on Nevada soil today are in the last stages of dyspepsia incident to an overindulgence in saleratus buns. It is no uncommon sight along the railroad lines in Nevada to see a buxom squaw with a can or two of saleratus in her grip taking it home to the campsite to make biscuits for her chief, who eats his repast unconscious of the fact that the case of acute indigestion which carried off his brother up the creek a few days before was induced by the saleratus biscuit. Ten years ago stomach troubles were unknown among the Indians of the Western States, owing to the fact that they consumed only cold food. An Indian's hatred for cooking placed him in touch with more cold food than hot, and indigestion was practically unknown, but the easily prepared and cheap saleratus biscuit came along like the thief in the night and stole away the diaphragm of his stomach, flooring him for keeps and shortening the census report several hundred on the Winnemucca reservation alone.—New York Journal.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

and hall; china closet in dining-room and large pantry and closet in kitchen. Cost, \$2,000, not including mantels, range and heater. The estimate is based on New York prices for material and labor. In many sections of the country the cost should be less.

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A Destroyer.

Emperor William is claiming credit for the invention of a new war machine called a "battle-line destroyer." It is a sort of motor car of thick steel, with portholes for machine guns, and in it are a dozen soldiers, who are thus protected from the enemy. The machine is to charge right down into the enemy's line, firing volley after volley as it goes, and, of course, rendering cavalry unnecessary. It will mow down the foe as it charges them, and a few dozen ought to be sufficient to annihilate an entire army, if not blown up or stopped by a fallen tree or ditch, and if the enemy provides easy roads for their approach. It is hardly necessary to add that the Emperor's invention is merely the war chariot of the ancients in a modern dress, and that it has been talked of and condemned by practical military men for years.—New York Tribune.

Chase Homestead.

Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, who went to Ohio to present to friends a plan by which the Salmon P. Chase homestead, near Washington, might be saved from foreclosure sale, writes that she has succeeded in refunding the debt upon the place. The property is valued by conservative real estate judges at \$150,000. The mortgage on it is for \$80,000. She has practically disposed of \$80,000 of long-time certificates of indebtedness, secured by mortgage on the place, and will lift the matured mortgage.—New York Sun.

The Influx to Jerusalem.

During the last few years nearly 150,000 Hebrews have entered Jerusalem, and the arrival of another host is said to be imminent. Already the railways are opening the country between the coast and Jerusalem and Damascus, and a Hebrew migration on a large scale may cause Syria to become once more of vast importance in the East.

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