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Metlakatla.

"Father" Duncan recently arrived in Portland and while there related some of his experiences as "guardian angel" of the Metlakatla Indians. The following is from the Oregonian:

"And now, as to how we came to move. We were on the British Columbia mainland, when the Legislature passed an act to give the Indians 10 acres each, that is 10 acres of forest. I went immediately to the Governor and said to him: If you sign that act so that it becomes a law, look out. There will be terrible bloodshed. I had heard the Indians say they would kill every white man in the country, then die.

"The trouble continued to become graver, so I thought best to consult the Chief Justice. I said to him, 'Let me know exactly what the status of these Indians is.' He read to me from the law, that the Indians had no rights on the soil of British Columbia except such as shall be accorded them by the bounty and charity of the Queen of England.' I wrote to the Indians at once and told them of the situation, and they called a meeting.

"The steamer, upon its return, brought three Indians. They landed in the night

and met me on the street. 'What brought you down? I asked. 'Can't you tell sir? Must see you alone sir,' was the only response they would give. I thought they had decided to fight.

"That night I called upon Mr. Robinson, whose position there corresponded to that of Secretary of the Treasury in United States. His family had retired, so we were alone. I told him three Indians had come to me, and that I did not know their mission. 'I may talk with you tonight about the matter,' I said, 'because I don't know why they have come. Tomorrow, after they have told me, I may not talk with you.' I told him only two courses were open for the Indians, to fight or to go to Alaska.

"If they fight," said I, "they will kill every white man in the country. Troops may be sent, but they will be compelled to pass through canons, and from the tops of the rocks the Indians can easily shoot the soldiers down. If that is the case you will have a big battle on your hands, one which will clean out the British Columbia treasury."

"Well I don't wonder" he said, "when I remember the way we have treated

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