

# Eugene City Guard.

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EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

## EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

The torpedo-boat Fox, built at Portland, has arrived at San Francisco. She made the run from Astoria in 48 hours.

The navy department has abandoned all hope of the recovery of the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon, sunk in the battle of July 3, at Santiago.

The navy department is informed by Admiral Dewey that the supply ship Nanshan has left Manila with supplies for the new naval station at Guam.

A correspondent of the state department, writing from Ponapi, Caroline islands, says the inhabitants like everything that is American. They are hoping and praying, he says, that the Americans will take possession of all of the islands, and, if not all, at least the island of Ponapi.

The differences between the Raisin-Growers' Association and the packers of California, have been finally adjusted. The association will make the sales and the packers will receive a liberal commission. The packers will form an organization with a capital of \$500,000, of which \$10,000 is to be in cash.

The city of Pasig, east of Manila, has been captured by American troops after an hour's fight. The loss to the Filipinos was 30 killed and 16 prisoners. The Americans' loss was one man killed. Six were wounded. The man killed is Private C. E. Thorn, of the Twentieth Kansas. The battle was fought by Wheaton's divisional brigade.

A search steamer which has returned to Brisbane, Queensland, from Cooktown, on the Endeavor river, this colony, reports that three schooners and 80 luggers were lost and that 400 colored persons and 11 whites were drowned during the recent hurricane that swept the northwest coast of Queensland.

There has been a popular demonstration in Christiania, Norway, against Crown Prince Gustaf, Duke of Wornland, who was recently appointed regent on account of the illness of his father, King Oscar. The prince was returning from the military club when he met a crowd of people, who hooted him, hissed him and pelted him with snowballs.

A determined though unofficial effort is being made to secure the exercise by the United States of its good offices in behalf of China. The matter has not yet been brought officially to the attention of Secretary Hay, but it is understood that he is aware of the wishes of certain interested persons, and the advantage from their point of view, which would accrue to this government in case of such action.

A wind with the velocity of 45 miles an hour swept through St. Louis, and five people are reported injured in different parts of the city from falling signboards.

Proposals for an arrangement between the contending forces in Bolivia are now under consideration by the leaders, and it is hoped they will result successfully.

A severe snow storm has been raging in Minnesota and over into South Dakota on the west and into Wisconsin on the east. The snow drifted badly, and traffic was delayed.

Three tugs to use among the Philippine islands have been purchased by the United States at Hong Kong. They are each of about 100 tons, 87 feet long and draw eight feet of water.

A terrific wind storm visited Oklahoma City, O. T. For half an hour it blew a perfect gale, while the rain fell in sheets. Nearly 100 houses were blown down. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost.

The ship Marion Chilcott will take from Puget Sound 800 tons of hay, oats and bran, and 400,000 feet of lumber to Manila for government use, in response to a recent order received by Quartermaster Robinson at Seattle.

The dispatch from the Italian government asking from China a concession of the port of San Man, has been changed into a note of demand, and China, which had refused to cede the port, in answer to the request will now probably yield to the demand.

The Cuban assembly has impeached Gomez and dismissed him from the army for having agreed with United States authorities to disband the Cuban army without consulting the assembly. When Gomez was informed of the action of the assembly, he replied: "All right; I enjoy the situation."

Admiral Sampson has sailed with his flagship the New York, and the Brooklyn, from Havana for Puerto Cortes, on the coast of Honduras. The Indiana and the Texas, of the North Atlantic squadron, sailed from Havana for Cienfuegos. The ships will meet again in the course of a week, probably off the Venezuela coast.

Minor News Items.—Two surveying parties are locating the line of the electric road between Tacoma and Seattle, a distance of 30 miles. The road is expected to be in operation by November 1.

A double tragedy is reported from Nanaimo, B. C. Dave Erwin shot Lucille White dead and committed suicide in their room at a hotel. Both were public entertainers. Unrequited love is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy.

The Delaware legislature adjourned without electing a senator. Unless a special session is called the election goes over until 1901. On the last ballot Addicks led with 21 votes, lacking but five of election. In all 108 ballots were taken in an effort to elect Gray's successor.

Felch & Company, manufacturers of neckwear in New York, one of the oldest firms in that line of business, have become financially embarrassed, and a committee of creditors have been appointed to look into their affairs. Their liabilities amount to \$200,000; assets estimated at \$60,000.

## LATER NEWS.

The directors of the Pacific Coast Company declared a dividend of 2 1/2 and 2 per cent on preferred and common stock.

Reports of the likelihood of a renewal of the trouble among the Indians at Leach Lake, Minn., are not credited at the Indian bureau, at Washington.

Stanton Sickles, secretary of the United States legation at Madrid before the rupture of diplomatic relations, has been in London on a secret mission.

A report is current involving the establishment in San Francisco by the most widely known financial men of the world of a commercial bank, with a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000.

The snow-bound train on the Cheyenne & Northern at Wheatland has been abandoned by the company officials, who will take steps to rescue the passengers by sleds.

Acting Postmaster-General Heath has issued an order directing that hereafter fees for postal money orders issued in the United States for payment in Cuba shall be the same as those fixed for domestic money orders.

Orders have been issued for the muster out of the First Texas at Galveston and the Second Louisiana at Savannah. Both regiments are now at Havana. The Sixth company, volunteer signal corps, at Augusta, Ga., was also ordered mustered out.

The drought which was threatening the loss of millions of dollars to California has been broken by a rain storm continuing for several days. Reports show that both grain and fruit crops are in excellent condition through the big Sacramento valley.

A special from Madrid says: Premier Silveira, in an interview just published, spoke in favor of the intervention of France for the purpose of obtaining permission from the United States for Spain to resume direct negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine rebels.

Six men have arrived at St. Michaels from the North American Transportation & Trading Company's steamer, P. B. Wears, which is ice-bound in the Yukon, near Holy Cross mission. The men do not think they will be able to save her in the spring. Seven men left the steamer, but one got lost coming down, and the others think he was frozen to death.

A party of some 60 members of congress, senators and representatives, will accept the invitation extended by gentlemen representing Panama canal interests and will inspect the Nicaragua and Panama canal works. The party leaves New York, March 2. This body has nothing to do with the official investigation which will be made by the commission to be appointed by President McKinley.

A dispatch from Rome announces that the pope has suffered a renewal of fainting fits, but it is added that his physicians do not regard his condition as serious.

The appellate court, at Chicago, has unanimously sustained a decision rendered by Judge Tuley last summer, that express companies are obliged to furnish war revenue stamps to all shippers.

The sovereign camp Woodmen of the World, the fifth largest fraternal and beneficiary order in the United States are in biennial session at Memphis, Tenn. The session will last ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. Minnie Adams has been arrested at her father's home, in San Francisco, on suspicion of having murdered her two-year-old illegitimate child, John Richard Gray, by administering a dose of carbolic acid.

Senor Quesada, of the Cuban junta in Washington, has received a cablegram from Santiago which says: "The people of Santiago disavow the assembly, sustain Gomez and are preparing a public manifestation."

At the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London, a resolution was passed urging the British government to maintain the "open door" in China and prior British rights in the Yangtze Kiang valley.

A contract has been concluded between the German government and Cecil Rhodes, the British South African magnate, for the construction of a telegraph line in East Africa. A contract for building a railroad through the same territory is upon the point of conclusion.

Rear-Admiral Hichborn, chief naval constructor, in his statement of work accomplished on the vessels now building for the navy, shows that there are now actually under construction, or already contracted for, 31 vessels of various types, ranging from battle-ships to torpedo-boats.

According to a dispatch from Pinar del Rio, five sisters of the American order of Sacred Heart have been ordered away from Cuba by Archbishop Chapelle, papal representative. The nuns are all daughters of Indian chiefs, and the reason given is the "old hatred against the Indian sisters."

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A monument costing \$40,000 is to be erected over the grave of a simple Kentucky private killed in the San Juan fight. The soldier was only one of many wealthy men who were prepared to go to the front in any capacity.

The Danish East Asiatic Company, limited, which, besides being a steamship company, owns large forests and commercial establishments in Siam, lately ordered four more 10,000-ton steamers for its line between the Baltic and the far East.

The Chicago Colony Isle of Pines Co-operative Agricultural Community has been organized at Chicago. As the name indicates, it will be located in the Isle of Pines. It is thought plenty of fertile land can be procured, either in the way of government concessions or by purchase at a cheap price.

Captain Stetson, master of the bark Carondelet, at San Francisco, from Newcastle, N. S. W., reports passing an uncharted reef in the South Pacific ocean. The reef, as it showed above the water, was about a quarter of a mile long.

## REBELS AGAIN DEFEATED.

Philippines Completely Routed by General Wheaton's Troops.

Manila, March 17.—Gen. Wheaton, commanding the United States flying column, attacked and defeated a force of 2,000 Filipinos at Pasig this afternoon, inflicting heavy loss upon them. The Americans captured 350 Filipinos. Many bodies of rebels killed in the engagement are floating down the river. The American loss was slight.

Private Farnoff, of the Twentieth Infantry, was killed today. Private Newman, of the Twentieth infantry, and Privates Carroll, Marshall, Combs and Rogers, of the Twenty-second infantry, were wounded.

About 350 Filipinos surrendered at the town of Taguig to the Washington volunteers, and 175 were captured at Pasig by the Twentieth infantry. Our troops found 106 dead Filipinos, and 100 new graves near Pasig. The prisoners were unarmed, and, therefore, it is presumed they executed their threat of throwing their arms into the river.

Our river boats fought their way into the lake.

General Otis's Advice.—Washington, March 17.—The following dispatch from General Otis has been received:

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## FIGHTING EXPECTED.

German Inciting the Matabala Party to Resist.

Apia, Samoa, via Auckland, March 17.—Owing to the threats by the Matabala people to burn the Malletta villages in the island of Savai, unless they sent taxes levied upon them to support Matabala, the British consul visited Savai on the British cruiser Porpoise, and the commander of that vessel threatened to shell the villages of Matabala's followers if peace was disturbed.

The British and American consuls have issued proclamations denying the rumors in circulation to the effect that Matabala had been recognized and threatening strong action if the provisional government interferes with the loyalists.

## GOMEZ WILL PAY OFF.

Cuban Army Will Be Disbanded and Assembly Ignored.

Havana, March 17.—General Gomez has decided to proceed with the plans agreed upon for distributing the \$3,000,000 to the Cuban troops disbanding, as though the military assembly did not exist. He conferred for two hours to-day with General Brooke regarding details.

General Brooke asked Washington several days ago whether, in case he dissolved the assembly, his action would be approved. The cable reply authorized him to do so, but, if, in his judgment, such an act was necessary. He hopes the assembly will soon cease of its own accord to hold its sessions, but should sessions disquieting to the public mind continue he will intervene.

## Great Northern Wrecks.

Spokane, March 17.—Frank R. Pellett, a Great Northern freight conductor, was killed early this morning at Adrian, 20 miles west of Spokane. He was on the caboose, into which a light locomotive crashed. The caboose was crushed to pieces, and two cars were derailed. Conductor Pellett leaves a widow and two children. The remains will be shipped to Willmar, Minn.

In the 12 hours preceding this accident two other wrecks occurred on the Great Northern. A west-bound passenger train collided with a rotary near the switchback. The baggage-car and smoker telescoped, but nobody was hurt. Early Tuesday evening a freight train crossing the switchback broke in two, and two cars were derailed.

## Santiago Protest.

Santiago de Cuba, March 17.—Last night a mass meeting was held in protest against the action of the Cuban military assembly with reference to General Maximo Gomez, and Senor Gonzales de Quesada. The Veterans' Association issued a manifesto against the meeting, urging the people not to attend, but apparently it had an effect just the opposite to that intended, for the crowd was tremendous, and the name of Gomez was received with great enthusiasm.

## New Bank for San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 17.—The Examiner says that a report is current involving the establishment in this city by the most widely-known financial man of the world of a commercial bank, with a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000. The parties back of the scheme are said to have already acquired mining and other property in California, Mexico and British Columbia, and sugar interests in Hawaii, all of which it is alleged will be gathered under the control of the new bank.

## Will See How the Americans Fight.

Washington, March 17.—Lieutenant Vitale, military attaché of the Italian embassy, has been granted permission by the war department to accompany troops from New York to San Francisco and thence to Manila and to remain with the army during the campaign in the Philippines. He desires to study for his government the American method of land and sea transportation of troops and to observe campaign methods in the islands.

## Another Transport Chartered.

San Francisco, March 17.—The British ship Hildon Hill has been chartered by the government to carry merchandise for the troops to Manila. She is to be paid the lump sum of \$20,000. The Hildon Hill will carry about 2,300 tons of cargo, and should make the run in about 45 days.

## Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—A special to the Constitution from Palmetto, Ga., says: Nine negroes, charged with arson, were shot down by a mob at 3 o'clock this morning. No further particulars known as yet.

## FOUGHT FOUR HOURS

### Twentieth Infantry Captures Another Stronghold.

### VILLAGE OF 700 INHABITANTS

Heavy Odds Against the Americans—The Latter Lost Two Men and the Rebels 100.

Manila, March 18.—The first battalion of the Twentieth infantry regiment has advanced from Pasig, clearing the country to Cainta, a well-defended village of 700 inhabitants, five miles northwest of the foothills.

The troops first encountered the rebel outpost in the dense jungle on the bank of the river. The enemy was dislodged after half an hour's fighting. The Americans advanced in a splendid manner, under heavy fire, until they were ready to volley the rebels from the trenches. The latter had a great advantage, and dropped a number of our men. The Americans charged across the rice fields, making four advances on the enemy, who numbered 1,000 men, 500 of whom were entrenched, and in the face of a cross fire.

Our troops carried the town after four hours of fighting and burned the outskirts, the rebels firing from the windows and keeping up a running fire in the streets. The Americans then withdrew to obtain more ammunition. The rebels lost 100 men and the American loss was: Corporal Johnson, of company C, and Private McAvoy, of company L, killed, and 42 wounded.

### Rebel Line Cut in Two.

Washington, March 18.—The following from General Otis was received at the war department today:

"Manila, March 18.—Reports from Ho Ho indicate an improvement and less activity on the part of the insurgents. Reports from Negros are most encouraging. The inhabitants are enthusiastic. Quiet prevails throughout the island, and Colonel Smith is directing affairs in framing the internal government. Cebu is quiet. Business is progressing under United States protection. Reports from Samar and Leyte indicate the desire of the inhabitants for United States troops. These islands will be occupied.

"The insurgents' control is confined to Luzon, and the occupation of the Pasig river line with control of Laguna de Bay has cut the country occupied by the Tagalos in nearly two equal parts. OTIS."

### THE POPE'S HEALTH.

A Variety of Reports Regarding His Condition.

Rome, March 18.—The pope's health is following its normal course. The Messagero, however, says the pope shows signs of increasing weakness and that his physicians are very watchful. Professor Mazzoni and Dr. Lapponi, the pope's physicians, deny all the alarmist rumors that have been in circulation regarding the condition of his holiness. They declare the wound made by the recent operation is about healed; that the pope's lungs and heart are absolutely healthy, and that his weakness is not more than is natural in a nonagenarian. On the other hand the newspapers print a variety of reports. While the Tribune states that his holiness has resumed his usual avocations, giving audiences, the Opinions declares that he had several fainting fits during the day.

### Spanish Colonists.

City of Mexico, March 18.—El Continente Americano, the organ of the Cuban residents here, strongly opposes allowing Spanish troops discharged from the army in Cuba to come to Mexico as colonists, and says it is a dishonorable and undignified conversion of Mexico into a land of bandits, disguised as colonists. It calls the Spaniards "the Chinese of Europe," and says they will make Mexico the focus of infection for free Americans. The Mexican Herald sustains the ministry in giving a charter for Spanish colonization, contending that the Spanish soldiers will make good citizens.

### Death on a Glacier.

Seattle, March 18.—The steamer Excelsior, which arrived tonight from the mouth of Copper river, Alaska, brings news of the freezing to death of six men on Valdes glacier, about the 1st of March. They were: Adolph Ehrhardt, New York; Maximilian Miller, New York; Dr. Edwin Logan, Denver, New York; Dr. Edwin Logan, Denver, New York; Dr. Edwin Logan, Denver, New York; Dr. Edwin Logan, Denver, New York.

All the bodies except that of Dr. Logan were recovered and buried at Valdes. Ehrhardt, Miller and Allen were members of the Scientific Prospecting Company, of New York. The Excelsior brought nearly 100 passengers, 40 per cent of whom were suffering from scurvy.

### Combination Being Considered.

Boston, March 18.—A combination of the chief woolen mills in the East, a counterpart in many respects to the American Woolen Company (the worsted mills combine), is reported to be under consideration by several wool houses in this city.

### Prehistoric Mammoth Found.

San Francisco, March 18.—A Chronical special from Vancouver, B. C., says: According to the latest mail advices from Dawson, a marvelous discovery has been made on Dominion creek, in the Klondike. A prehistoric mammoth, weighing 20 tons, with flesh still sweet enough to eat, was found on February 8, by August Trulsson, a Swede, and his partner, while working their claim on Dominion creek. They came across the remains 40 feet from the surface.

### Pay for Spanish Troops.

Madrid, March 18.—The Spanish government has concluded a loan of 30,000,000 pesetas with the banking house of Urquijo. The money was handed over yesterday, and will be devoted to paying the arrears due to Spanish troops who have served in Cuba.

### "Dewey Day."

Harrisburg, Pa., March 18.—A resolution was adopted by the house today requesting Governor Stone to name May 1, 1899, as "Dewey day" and designate the same as a legal holiday.

## THE SAMOAN Muddle.

Provisional Government Will Not Be Considered in Negotiations.

Washington, March 18.—Admiral Kautz has reported the arrival at Apia of the cruiser Philadelphia March 6. He made no mention of political affairs.

As negotiations are now in progress between the United States, Great Britain and Germany, respecting the kingdom of Samoa, any action of the so-called provisional government that would tend to force a crisis prematurely would have mischievous effects. The German government is regarded as being particularly solicitous that there should be no outbreak at this time, but unfortunately seeks to impose conditions in the pursuit of this purpose, that if accepted, would seriously compromise the alleged rights of both the United States and Great Britain. Our government prefers to adhere strictly to the lines of the Berlin treaty, so long as that convention remains unchanged. It is understood here that the provisional government referred to in the news dispatches, is nothing more than an assemblage of some of the chiefs and that even Mataafa, the candidate for the kingship, has not joined. Meanwhile, the three governments are somewhat divided over the proposition to undertake a reopening of the controversy over the succession to the throne, the present contention of the United States and Great Britain being that as the chief justice was clothed with specific authority to deal with this question, not even the treaty powers have any power in the matter.

### FOLGER'S PARTY SAFE.

Six at Rampart City and Two Arrive at Peavy.

Seattle, March 18.—H. O. Norvig, of Portland, Or., and G. B. Wilson, of Browning, Mo., are the latest arrivals from the Koyukuk district, Alaska. They report the safety of a party of eight, headed by Jack Folger, an old Alaskan, who started from Rampart City to the Koyukuk, and who, it was feared, had perished in a blizzard. Six of the party returned to Rampart City, but Folger and one companion pushed through to Peavy. For 21 days they subsisted on dog meat.

Mr. Wilson gives the population of the various towns on the Koyukuk as follows: Jintown, 250; Burgman City, 250; Arctic City, 50; Peavy, 150; Union City, 100 or less.

The North American Transportation & Trading Company is about to move headquarters from Peavy to Jintown, on account of the rich prospects on Davis creek, a tributary of the Koyukuk, and although no large amounts have been taken out, every one is satisfied. One man cleaned up \$1,500 last fall, which is the largest amount known. Pans have run from 5 cents as high as \$11. Since then but very little work has been done, and no one knows what the district contains.

### Dr. Huber's Discovery.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 18.—Dr. G. Carl Huber, assistant professor of anatomy and director of the historical laboratory of the University of Michigan, has just discovered that, contrary to the belief of the leading physiologists of the world, the blood vessels of the brain are controlled by nerves. Dr. Huber has demonstrated this and will publish the results of his extensive research.

### Denmark Wants a Slice.

London, March 18.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: It is asserted here that M. Heide, director of the Danish East Africa Steamship Company, is about to go to China in the company's interest. It is also said he has a government mission to seek some convenient harbor in China, as Denmark intends to follow in the footsteps of the other powers.

### A Dreyfus Story.

London, March 18.—The Evening News today publishes a sensational Dreyfus story. It declared that the Russian ambassador, Baron von Mohrenheim, is the real culprit, who sold both Russian and French secrets to the German government, adding that the Russian government itself is convinced of his guilt.

### A Suit Trast.

New York, March 18.—It was reported today that the evaporated salt interests in this state were being brought together under the title of the National Salt Company. It will have an authorized capital of \$12,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is non-cumulative 7 per cent preferred stock and the remainder, \$7,000,000, common.

### The Spanish Prisoners.

London, March 18.—A special from Madrid says: Premier Silveira, in an interview just published, spoke in favor of the intervention of France for the purpose of obtaining permission from the United States for Spain to resume direct negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine rebels.

### Explosion Was Not Accidental.

Paris, March 17.—The Euclaire confirms the report that the government inquiry regarding the explosion of the navy powder magazine at La Goubren has shown that it was not of accidental origin and much credence is now given to the rumor that it was an anarchist outrage.

### The Cortes Dissolved.

Madrid, March 18.—The queen regent tonight signed the decree dissolving the cortes, convoking the new parliament and authorizing the payment of arrears of pay to the repatriated troops.

### Hayton Duties Increased.

New York, March 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Port Au Prince says: An increase of 25 per cent in the duties on all imports went into effect yesterday.

### Sovereign Appointed.

Boise, Idaho, March 18.—The governor has appointed James R. Sovereign, formerly master workman of the Knights of Labor, a member of the board of conciliation and arbitration. His nomination was sent to the senate and rejected. The governor now names him in recess.

### Chicago, March 18.—The appellate court today unanimously sustained a decision rendered by Judge Tuley last summer, that express companies are obliged to furnish war revenue stamps to all shippers.

## AWFUL HOTEL FIRE.

Many Lives Lost in the Burning of the Windsor, New York.

New York, March 20.—Flames which originated from the lighting of a lace curtain, burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor hotel, at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. Just as the St. Patrick's day parade was passing the building, and in a few moments they had leaped to the roof and enveloped the entire floors of the hotel. Forty-seventh street flames were roaring through the interior of the hotel, and all escape by means of the stairways and elevators was cut off.

There was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employees were in the hotel when the fire broke out, and for many of them to escape with safety was impossible. Probably 15 lives were lost within a half hour, and 45 or 50 persons were injured in jumping from windows and in rushing through the roaring flames in the corridors and stairways. Many who were injured died later in nearby residences and at hospitals, and others who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalk were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death. It may be 24 hours or more before the complete list of fatalities becomes known, and it will be longer than that before it can be ascertained definitely how many charred bodies are in the mass of fallen masonry that mark the spot where the hotel stood.

Thus far 14 are known to be dead, 42 injured, and 41 missing.

### TO POLICE PHILIPPINE WATERS

Mosquito Fleet Will Be Sent to Admiral Dewey.

Washington, March 20.—The navy department is taking steps toward the formation of a mosquito fleet for the Philippines. The conditions now prevailing in Luzon indicate that for a long time it will be necessary to maintain a strict police of the coast and inland waters. For the inland work, especially, the department will need some very light-draught boats. For this work the big ocean tugs that formed the mosquito fleet that operated around Cuba during the blockade, and of which the government has a number, are now being looked over with a view to just this service. Some of them are on the Pacific coast.

The department has signaled out a coasting voyage that will take them to the Alaskan coast, coasting at Sitka, to Unalaska and Cook Inlet, thence down through the Aleutian islands to Hakodate, the northern point of Japan, from where they can make the run across the China sea down to Hong Kong and thence to the Philippines. It will be about a two-months' voyage, but one that can be made safely.

### Avalanche on the Great Northern.

Seattle, Wash., March 20.—A huge avalanche of ice and snow on the Great Northern railway, near Wellington, has done so much damage that traffic between this city and Spokane will be suspended until next Monday. An iron bridge 100 feet long has been carried away. The slide is located between Wellington and Madison, about 17 miles west of the switchback. Pending the resumption of traffic, the Great Northern's business is being transferred to the Northern Pacific at Spokane and this city. A large force of men is working night and day repairing the damage.

### The Cape-to-Cairo Railroad.

London, March 20.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard, discussing the recent visit to the German capital of Mr. Cecil Rhodes in connection with his Cape-to-Cairo railway project, says:

The government, it is believed, will submit to the reichstag a bill asking a guarantee of 3 per cent interest for that portion of the line which crosses German territory in East Africa. This section will be built and worked exclusively by Germans and superintended by the German government. It is not unlikely, however, that a portion of the capital will be offered for subscription in England.

### Kautz Arranges a Conference.

Washington, March 20.—Admiral Kautz has called the secretary of the navy from Apia, Samoa, via Auckland, N. Z., that he has arranged for a meeting of the three consuls, those of the United States, Great Britain and Germany, at an early date, to have a free discussion of Samoan affairs. The cable dispatch is dated a week ago.

### Stranded at Copper River.

Seattle, March 20.—Miners who arrived here last night from Copper river, Alaska, say that Governor Brady has been requested to ask the government to send a vessel to Copper river for the purpose of bringing home stranded prospectors. There are between 200 and 300 there who are without means to secure transportation. Many of them are suffering from scurvy.

### Exploration of Alaska.

Seattle, March 20.—In furtherance of the government's plans to continue the exploration of Alaska this season, Assistant Quartermaster Robinson has received orders to purchase 41 pack animals for the use of the Abercrombie and Glenn parties, who will visit the Sushitna and Koyukuk districts. A 75 ton light-draught steamer will also be purchased by the government.

### Princess Kaiulani Dead.

Honolulu, via San Francisco