

ASKS US TO INTERVENE

Aid in Settling Her With Germany.

REPLY HAS BEEN SENT

Offices Will Be Tendered if Acceptance by Germany Is in Advance.

Spokane, Dec. 2.—A special to the government from Washington says: The government has asked the states to use its good offices for settlement of its controversy with Germany. Ambassador White is feeling the pulse of the German authorities in the phase of the subject, and if it is ascertained beforehand that Germany will not reject the good offices of the United States, they will be tendered.

The administration is reluctant to say that it will be called upon to make any assertion about the application of the Monroe doctrine to the present controversy, but state department officials do not deny that this government will take a very firm stand should any make any movement in the direction of permanent occupancy of German territory.

For the purpose of giving adequate attention to American interests in Germany, and show Germany that this government is alert to its own interests, Secretary Long, after consultation with the president, has directed the United States to make a cruise in the West Indies, stopping at Hayti. Instructions have not yet been sent to the commander B. H. Michael, commanding the cruiser, but there is reason to believe that they will direct him to the harbor of Port au Prince and see that Germany takes no action in contravention of well-known principles of international law.

Ambassador White's dispatch to the state department does not indicate that Berlin authorities have any further view than to secure full reparation for the reported outrage on the primary object being to Hayti a wholesome object lesson which will compel better treatment of American subjects in the future. Germany has practically rendered an ultimatum. She has demanded the immediate payment of an indemnity of \$100,000,000. Notice to this effect was served upon the Haytian government before Lueders was released, and in answer to the earnest request of the Haytian minister, declining to submit the whole subject to arbitration, Hayti was informed that Germany would insist upon immediate compliance with her original demand.

Germany Backs Down.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The German government has abandoned its intention of sending the warship Geffion to Hayti to enforce its demands. The Geffion instead will be sent to reinforce the German fleet in the Chinese waters. Baron von Balow, the German minister of foreign affairs, today gave United States Ambassador White a wholly satisfactory explanation of Germany's intentions toward Hayti.

DR. SEE'S DISCOVERIES.

Hundred New Double Stars Found by the Lowell Telescope.

Boston, Dec. 2.—Astronomical discoveries of great value are reported by Dr. T. J. See, who has charge of the Lowell observatory, in Flagstaff, Ariz., established and maintained by Percival Lowell.

Dr. See, who is now in Boston, gave an interesting account of his recent discoveries through the 24-inch telescope built by Allen Clark & Sons, which has been in use for 18 months. He said that August, 1896, he has discovered over 500 new double stars and 700 objects not noted by previous observers. Many of the stars discovered are large and brilliant, and thus possess the greatest interest. The discovery of these 500 new double stars is accounted one of the most important contributions to astronomy since the survey of John Herschel, 60 years ago. One of these stars has been found to revolve once in five years. Both have been of the highest interest to observers.

A phenomenon of general interest is the twinkling stars, so familiar on clear, cold nights. This, Dr. See says, is due to small waves or currents in the air about the size of an egg or sometimes even larger than a man's head. These little waves fill the air under certain conditions, as on a cold night, and imposing before the eye, they convert the light of the star into colors or extinguish it entirely. The appearance is similar to the light reflected from wavy, running water. Dr. See discovered how to see these waves with a telescope, and Dr. See brings proof that they cause the twinkling.

Other important discoveries have been made in the Lowell observatory.

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—A large portion of the business center of the town of Carberry, Manitoba, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is over \$50,000.

NOT ENOUGH FOR ALL.

Jack Dalton Says Many Klondikers Will Be Disappointed.

Spokane, Dec. 6.—Jack Dalton and his partner, J. M. Maloney, arrived here today. They are making a business trip to New York.

"The statement that Klondike miners will starve is much overdrawn," Dalton said. "The food supply is short, but men will not die from hunger. They will suffer from short rations, and are sadly in need of relief."

"How should relief be sent in?" "I would not care to say. Many foolish schemes are talked about. Supplies should be sent to Dawson City, but inexperienced men cannot land them there."

"Do you expect much of a rush over your trail?"

"There will be a rush on every trail. Far too great. Most of them will go straight to Dawson City, and then start for home again. Unless a man has money to buy claims, he stands a poor show of getting anything in that vicinity."

"Where is the most promising country for prospecting?"

"It is hard to say. There were reports of strikes on tributaries of the Stewart river, but nothing remarkably rich. Almost every story that has been told of Klondike has been exaggerated. There is much gold up there, but not enough for the thousands who are planning to go."

Mr. Dalton said that he did not believe there are over 2,000 men all told now in the Klondike region.

"There is no trouble," he said, "in getting down from the head of Teslin lake to Dawson City. I have been over that portion of the route."

Experienced miners are gathering here to go over the inland route in the spring. Dr. Huggins, who is at Teslin lake, writes that the country there is excited over reports of rich strikes on the Hootalingua. This stream is the outlet of Teslin lake.

ADVICES FROM THE NORTH.

Dyea Landowners Refused the Railroad the Right of Way.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 6.—The following Alaskan advices were brought down on the steamer Corunna, which arrived today from Juneau, Dyea and Skagway: The Chilkoot Railroad & Transportation Company endeavored to build through the townsite of Dyea. They were resisted by a large force of men acting in the interest of Healy & Wilson, the original locators of the townsite, who forced them to withdraw. In the melee a man named Peterson accidentally shot himself, inflicting a serious wound. In connection with the disputes over the ownership of the townsites of Dyea and Skagway, United States Commissioner Smith has decided that an improved land hold it if he shows a bona fide intention to improve it.

Steps have been taken for the organization of a municipal government at Skagway.

When Lake Bennett froze up, a number of loaded boats were caught in the ice.

Brooks' pack train made its way over the White pass, last month, with the thermometer 22 below zero. Brooks says now that the trail is broken he will keep it open all winter.

Captain A. F. Pendleton, of Boston, was a passenger on the Corunna. He claims to have located a large deposit of garnets on the Stickeen, near Fort Wrangel.

A Fatal Wreck.

Minneapolis, Dec. 6.—A wreck occurred on the Great Northern railway this morning, near Durham, Mont., on the Blackfoot reservation. The train was the eastbound passenger, and was being pulled by two engines, on account of drifting snow. When nearing a cut, the engines suddenly left the track and fell upon their sides. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail. Engineer William Clark, of Kalispel, was instantly killed, and Engineer Nelson, of Havre, had both legs broken above the knee, and was otherwise badly injured. The firemen were both hurt, but not seriously. Three cars left the track, but the passengers escaped with a shaking up.

Utes Preparing for Trouble.

Denver, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Meeker, Colo., says: Mailcarrier Hulse came in from Range lick, in the western part of this county, and reports the Utes are gathering about the place. About 40 Utes and 300 horses are on Douglass creek. They are sullen and say they came to hunt, and that game wardens will not stop them this time. If the wardens attempt to arrest them, the Indians will make trouble.

On the Free List.

New York, Dec. 6.—The United States board of general appraisers today decided that under the Dingley tariff act, imported calveskins, raw, are not to be classified as uncured hides of cattle, which are subject to a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem, but are wholly exempt from duty, and come under the head of raw skins included in the free list. The decision is important to the shoe and leather manufacturers.

More German Troops for China.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The naval department has sent instructions to Kiel to dispatch 600 artillerymen with field guns and 1,000 marines to China.

MEDAL OF HONOR.

Brave Union Soldier Receives One by Recommendation of Former Foes.

Washington, Dec. 3.—"The secretary of war has granted a medal of honor to a Federal soldier on the affidavit of a Confederate," said Charles L. Evans, of Texas, last night. "and it is probably the first instance on record of this kind."

"The federal soldier who received the medal was Thomas I. Higgins, now of Hannibal, Mo. During the war he was color-bearer of the Ninety-ninth Illinois regiment, and was holding that position at the siege of Vicksburg. In the assault on May 22, 1863, the Ninety-ninth Illinois was ordered to charge and not to look back. I was a member of the Second Texas regiment, and we confronted the charging Illinoisans. We repulsed the Illinois regiment, a short distance from the breastworks, and sent it back in confusion."

"Higgins, however, was literally obeying the orders. He never looked back. He never noticed the retreat of his regiment, but came bounding forward with his colors flying as prettily as a soldier ever saw. When within 40 yards of our works word was passed along the line not to shoot the brave soldier, and all firing ceased."

"When Higgins saw his predicament he started to retreat with his colors, but we told him to come on or we would shoot him. Several men ran out and brought him within the breastworks. We kept him several days, during which time we learned to like and admire him. He was then paroled."

"I was one of the men who witnessed the heroic deed, and made an affidavit to that effect. Several of my companions who remembered Higgins and his charge also made affidavits. On these the secretary of war granted him a medal. Higgins could have been vouched for by members of his regiment, but the novelty of recommendation by his former foes led to the adoption of the opposite course."

RAN INTO A CANNERY.

The Steamer Columbia Caught in a Fog at Astoria.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 3.—In the fog early this morning the big O. R. & N. steamer Columbia ran into the union fishermen's cannery, doing considerable damage.

The Columbia arrived in from San Francisco about 4 o'clock. She was overtaken by a dense fog when nearing the city, and was obliged to come to anchor. The anchor-chain broke, unbeknown to the officers, and when the breakage was discovered the steamer was started slowly ahead, the officers believing the steamer was pointed up stream. She crashed into the union fishermen's cannery, demolishing 20 feet of the warehouse and dumping between 700 and 1,000 cases of salmon into the river, entailing a loss upon the cannery of about \$5,000 on goods and about \$300 on the building. The steamer was not damaged at all. If she had been under full speed she would have gone through the entire cannery like a knife through a piece of cheese.

Debate on Annexation.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 3.—International interest is felt in the Yale-Harvard debate which will take place here Friday evening. The question is, "Resolved, that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States." Many Hawaiians and Japanese will be present, including the attaches of the two legations at Washington.

The selection of the affirmative side by Harvard is regarded as a neat bit of diplomacy. The president of the Yale Union Debating Society is Hiram Biggam, jr., of Hawaii, and he was naturally anxious to have Yale allowed the annexation argument. Harvard, however, wanted that side herself, and forced Yale to act on the defensive.

Food for Starving Cubans.

New York, Dec. 3.—President McKinley is considering the best method of placing before the charitable citizens of the United States an appeal for food to relieve destitution in Cuba. According to the Washington correspondent of the World the Spanish minister has informally conveyed the information to this government that any contributions which will be made will be welcomed. In view of this it is expected that within a few days Consul-General Lee will be authorized to take charge of the supplies donated by citizens of the United States. The administration hopes a general relief movement will be started in this country. In such an event steps will be taken to have the supplies admitted without the payment of duty.

Pillaged by Cubans.

Havana, Dec. 3.—The insurgent generals, Rabi and Salvador Ries, pillaged the village of Guisa, about 15 miles from Bayamo. Their artillery destroyed several blockhouses, killing the military commander and one lieutenant. The garrison, after having lost 50 soldiers, killed and wounded, surrendered. The insurgents plundered the stores, securing rich booty, two months' supplies, a good quantity of ammunition and 200 rifles. The Spanish have sent reinforcements to retake the town.

OREGON STATE NEWS.

Brief Review of the Week Throughout the State.

Salem has at last a chamber of commerce organized and in working order.

The government improvement work at Bandon has stopped, the appropriation having been fully expended.

An old-fashioned freight train arrived in Lakeview from the south last week. It consisted of 10 wagons and 32 horses.

The entrance to Coos bay harbor is marked by a new whistling buoy—placed there by the lighthouse tender Manzanita last week.

During the recent heavy storms the oyster beds at Willapa harbor were buried in drifting sands until at least half the crop will be lost.

The Baker-Canyon Telephone Company now has the long-distance line between Baker City and the Grant county town in working order.

Lyons' broomhandle factory, in Coos county, shipped 40,000 of its best product to San Francisco last week. A portion of the consignment will be forwarded to Australia.

Captain Berry, the aged lighthouse keeper at Port Angeles, died in the Sisters' hospital at Port Townsend Sunday. He has been keeper of the light at Angeles for the past 20 years.

The farmers who supply the Coquille creamery received 26½ cents a pound for butter fat, delivered during October. Two thousand dollars was distributed among those who supplied the creamery.

A Polk county farmer has been experimenting with tobacco culture, and has been so successful that cigars made with tobacco grown by him are said to be as good as the average cigar smoked in Oregon.

It is said that the next grand jury in Curry county will not meet until September next. If this is the case, it is apt to be a long time before the Van Pelts will have to answer the charge of killing A. Coolidge.

A drove of about 125 nice trim young mules, which had been bought in Lake county, were secured at the low average price of \$15 per head. They will be taken to Huntington and then shipped to the Eastern market.

Joe Siver, who is making a tour of the United States from New York and return on a bicycle, was fined \$10 in Harrisburg for riding on the sidewalk. He was allowed to go on condition of his leaving the city at once.

The checks for the second dividend declared by the controller of the currency in favor of the creditors of The Dales National bank have been received by Receiver Wilson, and are ready for delivery to the owners.

The Albany iron works is a very busy place these days. The company shipped out 10 tons of machinery last Friday, including a quartz mill manufactured for Southern Oregon mines, and machinery for the state pumping station at Salem.

One hundred and forty-four bales of hops, aggregating over 27,000 pounds, belonging to five growers in the vicinity of Laurel, were sold Monday for 13 cents per pound. Tuesday 43 bales, aggregating over 8,500 pounds, were sold to J. M. Russell & Co., for 11½ cents per pound.

The grain acreage in Jackson county for the coming year will in all likelihood surpass in extent any year in the history of Rogue river valley, and if conditions prove favorable, the greatest number of bushels of grain in the history of the county will be harvested in 1898. This, says the Tidings, is the opinion of well-informed persons.

During the last few months a Crook county firm has purchased 16,000 head of sheep, and are now handling about 22,000 head. They are all in their winter range, and each flock is within convenient distance of big stacks of hay, more than sufficient to carry them through the hardest winter. The sheep are all reported to be in fine condition and thriving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Albert celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Salem Monday. They were married at Wheeling, W. Va., in 1837. Mr. Albert is 82 years old, and Mrs. Albert 81. A reception was held at their home and a large number of friends paid respects to the venerable couple. The guests included seven children, besides grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The controversy between two quarrelsome members of the Vernonia church was submitted to a jury, or committee, of church members. One of the members was expelled. The other was censured and reduced from full membership to six months probation. It was ruled by the committee that no one in the Nehalem valley is entitled to church membership unless he is imbued with love and righteousness.

The Eastern Oregon Sheep Association of Baker City offers a reward of \$1,000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of wilfully injuring the sheep or property of any member of the association. And a further reward of \$250 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of robbing sheep camps the property of the members of the association.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

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The event of the week in the Chicago wheat market was a jump of 4c in one day in the price of December options. The sentimental figure of \$1 was reached for a moment. The bulk of the wheat in Chicago is in the hands of a powerful clique, who are in a position just now to dictate to the short sellers of December. These people keep on declaring there is to be no corner, but a squeeze is almost certain.

The outcome of the May price depends altogether on the world's statistical position. Europe would not be taking 6,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour from America in one week if there did not exist extraordinary necessity for it. But no one knows how long this demand will keep up or whether the price fairly discounts the situation. A good illustration of how little can be decided with exactness about so vast a question as the wheat supply is the conflict of two respectable authorities in the mere interpretation of an official Russian crop report. The Corn Trade News declares it shows a shortage of 102,000,000 bushels, compared with last year, while Beerboom makes the shortage only 1,000,000 bushels. The profession of crop statistics is like theology. It is so big a field as to permit of all sorts of differences and to enable each teacher to pose before those immediately around him as the only really authoritative one.

Nothing would affect the sentiment at Chicago quicker than a falling off in Northwestern receipts. But on this comparatively simple problem there is no unanimity. Pillsbury a fortnight ago predicted confidently that the car lots at Minneapolis and Duluth by November 20 would be down to small figures, with not over 20 per cent of the crop left in the hands of the farmers. There has all through November been perfect weather for marketing; but the authorities at Minneapolis are now predicting another two weeks of free movement. The weather is to count a great deal on the price between this and December 10th. It will make easy or difficult the continued movement of wheat between Duluth and Chicago; it will keep open or close up navigation between Chicago and Buffalo, and will influence, too, the movement from the spring wheat farmer into Duluth and Minneapolis.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 76@77c; Valley and Bluestem, 78@79c per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$4.25; graham, \$3.50; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 34@35c; choice gray, 32@33c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$15 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50. Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—22½@25c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 30@40c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11½c; Young America, 12½c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@2.50 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$5@6; ducks, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 9@10c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 85@40c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cental. Hops—8@14c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.00; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 5½c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@5½c per pound. Veal—Large, 4½@5c; small, 5½@6c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 12½c; California, 9½c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 30@32c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5½c; mutton sheep, 6c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 7c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4@5c; salmon, 3@4c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2½@4c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50c@1.25 per box; peaches, 75@80c; prunes, 35@40c; pears, 75c@1 per box.