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## SOME DISMAL SCENES

### Three Hundred Gold Seekers Encamped on the Beach

THEIR SITUATION IS PERILOUS

Many are Short of Provisions and Money With No Hope of Ascending the Yukon This Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Information received at the treasury department from Captain Tuttle, of the cutter Bear, now cruising in Alaskan waters, does not give a rosy description of the scenes at St. Michaels and prospects of the gold-seekers. Writing from St. Michaels September 16th, Captain Tuttle says:

"There are in port four sea going vessels and six river steamers, with one steamer and one barge in process of construction on the beach. About 300 hundred people are encamped on the beach awaiting the completion of these vessels. At least seven vessels are expected to arrive, many of them with passengers. There is no possible chance of these people reaching the upper Yukon this season, and they must winter here or at some point inside the mouth of the Yukon.

"While there will be an abundance of provisions, as the trading companies have their main depots here, trouble is likely to arise from those who have no money and no supplies. This, however, is a small matter when it is taken into consideration that matters are much worse above Fort Yukon. On September 13th the steamer Hamilton returned from its up-river trip, having been unable to reach Circle City. Captain Hill reported the river so low as to prevent his reaching his destination. His cargo was landed on the river bank. The steamers Healy, Weare, Alice, Bella and Marguerite are now up the river, but the prospects are that they will not be able to reach Circle City or Dawson.

"Laws in regard to the transportation of steam vessels are entirely disregarded, and no inspector of hulls and boilers has visited this place. At least sixteen such vessels are now sailing in this part of Alaska. If I should seize them starvation would ensue to those who are depending upon these vessels to bring them provisions. At the same time hundreds of people are traveling on these vessels, which are without the safeguards to life that the law provides they shall have.

"A deputy collector of customs is stationed at St. Michaels who is required to attend to all custom business. Frequently there are several vessels in port discharging bonded goods at the same time. It is impossible for one man to attend to all this business. After leaving St. Michaels there is no custom officer in charge of these goods. Vessels frequently get aground, and it is necessary to discharge cargo before they can be afloat. Great opportunities are afforded to defraud the customs. There should be a custom officer on every vessel carrying bonded goods, and provisions should be made to have these vessels inspected as required."

**Something to Depend On.**  
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### YELLOW JACK RAGING.

Disease Is Spreading Very Rapidly at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 11.—From the reports there is little hope in the yellow fever situation. The board of health is daily demonstrating that with a fair show it is possible for modern science to restrict and stamp out the disease. But the people who must suffer from a strict application of scientific methods rebel, the result being that the pathway of the board is beset with difficulty. If there was strict compliance with the health laws, if prompt report was made of cases, the fever germs would be quickly wiped out. But it begins to look now as if from thirty to forty new cases and from four to six deaths would be daily reported until Jack Frost puts in an appearance. Today, as on nearly every day since the fever first started, about fifty per cent of the fatalities were traced to neglect and a disposition to hide cases until it is too late to save life.

The official bulletin issued by the board of health tonight shows thirty-seven new cases and four deaths. Galveston was one of the first cities to raise the bars. Dr. Guiteras on Saturday pronounced several cases of yellow fever as existing in Galveston, but not a line has reached Dr. Oliphant relative to these from the Texas health officials. The only informatyn which Dr. Oliphant had received was from Surgeon-General Wyman.

About fifty Italians reached the city this morning, coming, it is said, from New York. Orders were given by the board of health to prevent their locating themselves in the city limits, and the health officers were instructed to have them sent to one of the camps of detention.

At Biloxi today there were twelve new cases; at Edwards five and two deaths.

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### GENIUS AND OLD AGE.

The Exercise of Intellect Does Not Shorten Life.

The Gentleman's Magazine, in an article on the "Age of Genius," tends to disprove the assertion that brain power is incompatible with health. Once we were told that if we wished to become octogenarians we must lay aside ambition, we must be careful in our diet and temperate in our wishes. We must wait upon our bodies and as much as possible keep the mind out of sight. In order to disprove that counsel, we have only to turn from empty words to solid fact.

First, to take the great men celebrated in war and conquest, since theirs, also, is a species of genius, is to find the list headed with Xenophon, Dumouriez and Wellington at 86, 84 and 83. Thence it continues to Charlemagne at 71. From him the numbers decline, though not hastily, to Napoleon at 51 and, lowest of all, Alexander the Great, at 32. Nearly 60 per cent. of the warriors chosen at random reached the Biblical standard of three score and ten.

Then, beginning with the great names of statecraft, there are Franklin and Tallyrand, both at 84, Palmerston at 81 and Washington at 67, with the list keeping well up in the fifties, and at the end slowly falling to 42. This is imposing, especially if we add Gladstone and Bismarck, both well over their eightieth year.

Science and philosophy begin with Humboldt at 89, and furnish an imposing list of men whose brains were worked to the fullest extent, and of whom no less than 63 per cent. completed their seventieth year.

In short, almost one-half the greatest geniuses the world has yet seen have attained the age of 70 years. Let no one be deterred from becoming a genius by the fear of early death!

### DIMINISHING STATURE.

One of the Chief Causes Is the Military Service Exactod.

This relation between stature and health is brought to concrete expression in the armies of Europe through a rejection of all recruits for service who fall below a certain minimum standard of height, generally about five feet. The result of this, says Popular Science Monthly, is to preclude the possibility of marriage for all the fully developed men during their three years in the barracks, while the undersized individuals, exempted from service on this account, are left free to propagate the species meanwhile. Is it not apparent that the effect of this artificial selection is to put a distinct premium upon inferiority of stature in so far as the future generations are concerned? This enforced postponement of marriage for the normal man implies not merely that the children of normal families are born later in life—that would not be of great moment in itself—it means far more than this. The majority of children are more often born in the earlier half of married life, before the age of 35. Hence a postponement of matrimony means not only later children, but fewer children. Herein lies the great significance of the problem for us. Standing armies tend in this respect to overload succeeding generations with inferior types of men.

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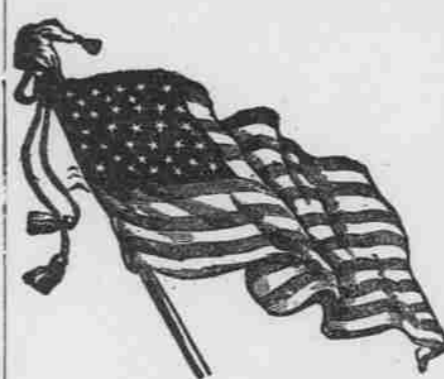
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