

THE DAILY ASTORIAN is the biggest and best paper on the Columbia River

The Daily Astorian

THE ASTORIAN has the largest circulation of any paper on the Columbia River

FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

VOL. XLVIII.

ASTORIA, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1898.

NO. 50.

We Want the ATTENTION of the Housewives who are missing this sale. Closing out entirely the E. R. Hawes stock at a SACRIFICE...

From the Thirty-Eighth Annual Statement of THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY Of the United States. Outstanding Assurance Dec. 31, 1897 - \$951,165,837.00

City Book Store... We carry a large stock of the most commercial stationery. Paperettes in all the latest tints and shades.

To Klondike This route leads you via our stores in Astoria, Skagway and Dyea. Prospecting for Gold and at the same time nourish the inner man for a long time.

UNION MEAT COMPANY ALL KINDS OF CANNED MEATS. Guaranteed The Best in the Market. Hams, Bacon and Strictly Pure Lard

Kopp's "Best" A DELICIOUS DRINK... AND ABSOLUTELY PURE. The North Pacific Brewery, of which Mr. John Kopp is proprietor, makes beer for domestic and export trade.

ANALYSIS OF THE SPANISH IDEA

Absence of Submarine Mines in Havana Harbor a Stand-off. Disposition of the Bodies. Shipments of Ordnance - Army Preparations - More Recruits Than Needed - Only Good Men Chosen.

Washington, Feb. 26.-In the absence of news from Havana on any subject other than the disposition of the dead bodies, the official mind turned today to the analysis of the Spanish statement, made with more or less degree of official sanction, respecting the total absence of submarine mines from Havana harbor.

INDEMNITY WILL BE DEMANDED

Good Round Sum Will Be Asked from Spain for the Mine. Emergency Preparations. Orders Issued by the Navy Department - More Guns Ordered - Minister Woodford Denounced by Senator Lewis.

Washington, Feb. 26.-Secretary Sherman spent some time at the capitol today. He talked freely with the senators concerning the situation in Havana in view of the Maine disaster. He told them that no important addition to the information previously received had reached the state department for the past few days.

GENERAL BLANCO IN A CORNER

Spanish Authority in Cuba Is Now a Dead Letter. Insurgents Can Demand Almost Anything but the Flag - Will Accept Nothing Except Complete Separation.

New York, February 26.-In the turmoil over the Maine disaster internal Cuban policies are forgotten, says the Havana correspondent of the Tribune. Nevertheless recent movements promise to be as momentous to Spain as the loss of the American warship.

SENTIMENT IN FAVOR CORBETT

Looks Like the Man From Oregon Will Be Seated. Foraker, of Ohio, Speaks. Says the Mantle Case Contrary to Law - Vote Will Not Be Partisan - Lafayette Monument.

Washington, Feb. 26.-During the greater portion of the senate's session today the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat from the state of Oregon was under discussion.

STEAMER OREGON BLOWN ASHORE

Stranded on Juneau Flats During a Pierce Gale. Sufferings of Passengers. Ship Came Out Unharmed - Atlantic Lifer Rescues Crew from La Champagne, the Overdue French Line Steamer.

Seattle, Feb. 26.-The steamer Topoka arrived here tonight from Juneau. The officers of the Topoka report that in a terrific wind storm at Juneau last Sunday the steamship Oregon was blown ashore on Juneau flats.

There were a number of alarming stories as to the heavy shipments of ordnance from the Washington navy yard for the arming of the auxiliary of the new navy. It is said at the department that none of these shipments has been made, but that a few for the Chicago probably fourteen of the 5-inch rapid rifle will be dispatched Monday or Tuesday.

With the new recruits there will be seven regiments of artillery and the total strength of the army, including the hospital corps, ordnance and engineer battalions, and the West Point detachment, will be increased to nearly 27,000 men.

WHAT DIVERS SAY. New York, Feb. 26.-A special copyrighted cablegram to the Evening World from Sylvester Bevel, at Havana, says: "Divers working forward yesterday found absolute proof that the forward big magazine, which could have so damaged the ship, is surely unexploded."

San Diego, Feb. 26.-The somewhat mysterious movements of a gentleman named Mons. Henri Eumelen, said to have a commission from the Vatican, has excited a number of rumors since the past day or two. Mons. Eumelen is said to be clothed with authority to select a site for a home for aged and invalid priests of the Roman Catholic church in the United States and his statement that there is a fund of \$5,000,000 set apart for the purpose by the church makes the establishment of such an institution of some moment.

First-Orders to vessels in different parts of the world, looking to their better strategic disposition. Second-The shipping of guns and mounts for auxiliary cruisers from the Washington foundry to the New York navy yard, where in a few hours they can be placed on board vessels of the International Navigation Company, Columbia Steamship Company, Red Star Steamship Company, and the New York-Cuba Steamship Company.

It is generally believed that before any decisive action is taken by the administration that the cruiser San Francisco and gunboats Bancroft and Helena will be ordered home. These vessels would not be effective against armored cruisers of the Spanish navy.

DE LOME INCIDENT. Madrid, Feb. 26.-[Correspondence to the Associated Press.] - As far as outward appearances go, the Madrid press has no given evidence of any great excitement in connection with the De Lome incident.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.-Two more big guns of 10-inch size have arrived for the Presidio fortifications. These guns will be placed in position with all possible speed in view of the disquieting rumors prevailing during the past six days large quantities of ammunition have been stored in the magazines at the presidio and Lime point is for the three and a half inch guns recently mounted there. In the new fortifications at the Presidio five 10-inch rifles are ready for use, as well as three 15-inch rifles, three dynamite guns and sixteen 12-inch mortars. Additional guns and cartridges are expected to arrive from the

While Secretary Govin adds to his unpopularity among the intransigents there is no ground for supposing that he will gain favor with the insurgents. With this feeling possibly there is no cause for wonder at the indifference of the Havana public to the politics of the scheme. The Cuban autonomists by offering to surrender the control of the Cuban government to the insurgents discharge the responsibility which the Madrid ministry has placed on them of persuading the insurgents out of existence.

Should the present menace between Spain and the United States be changed into friendly relations, a provision of friendship might be shown by asking President McKinley's administration to arrange an armistice with the insurgents.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.-The Pacific Export Lumber Company has chartered the big British steamer Albatross to carry lumber from Portland to Vladivostok, Siberia. She left Cardiff, January 15, for Shanghai, and has been chartered for April, loading at 50 a thousand feet.

Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 26.-Yesterday the boiler at Bunch's mill, at Ryan, 25 miles southeast of here, blew out, knocking Bunch 20 feet into a sawpit. He crawled out of the stove of hot water, walked a quarter of a mile to his home with flesh falling from his body. After suffering intensely for ten hours he died.

ARRIVE AT NEW YORK. Laplanders and Reindeer on Board Destined for the Klondike. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 26.-A private message from New York says the steamer Manitoba arrived in New York from Alten, northern Norway, with a party of 30 Laplanders and 200 reindeer destined for Alaska. They will be carried across the continent by order of the government by the Pennsylvania, Milwaukee & Great Northern roads to Seattle and thence to Alaska coast points to engage in the work of carrying in supplies to the miners. This expedition is expected to come west after two days' rest in New York, a like rest for the reindeer being had in this city.

THE RAILROAD RATE WAR. Rebate of \$3 to the Coast Payable on Reaching Destination. Chicago, Feb. 26.-At a meeting of the general passenger agents of the western roads here today to devise ways of conducting the transcontinental rate war, the trans-Missouri roads gave notice that beginning March 1st they would put into effect to North Pacific coast points from the Missouri river gateways the same rates as are now in effect via St. Paul.

CUBAN FILIBUSTERERS. Key West, Feb. 26.-The nine Cubans, who were picked up in a rowboat on Bahia Honda were landed here today by the steamer City of Key West. They are the leaders of a big filibustering expedition which has just landed in Cuba.

SCALDED TO DEATH. Sacramento, Feb. 26.-The members of Warren post, G. A. R., have requested Governor Budd to loan them 10 rifles, 100 cartridges and 100 rounds of ammunition to the military tactics now in vogue, so that in case of war they will be ready to go to the front.

RESCUE IN THE ATLANTIC. New York, Feb. 26.-The Holland-American line steamer Rotterdam, from Rotterdam, arrived at Quarantine tonight with Third Officer George Unsworth and nine seamen of the over-due French liner La Champagne, who were picked up from a lifeboat on Thursday, February 21. The men were in a helpless condition, having been in the ship's lifeboat for six days and nights in attempt to get help for La Champagne, which broke her tail-end shaft on Thursday, February 17, and was anchored on the edge of the New Foundland banks.

SCOUTS FOR EXPEDITION. Washington, Feb. 26.-The war department has telegraphed General Merriam as Vancouver Barracks, authorizing him to enlist one hundred Alaskan Indians for service as scouts to the government relief expedition.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

(Continued on Fourth Page.)