

# NEWS FROM THE FRONT

## The Cruiser Buffalo Shells a Camp of Insurgents.

### OTIS LOOKING FOR AN ATTACK

#### The American Line Being Strengthened by Sending Out Additional Troops—Best Intense and Increasing.

Manila, Feb. 21.—The California volunteers abandoned Guadalupe church at 5 o'clock this morning, which has since been set on fire, and retired to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still hold the country in the vicinity of Guadalupe, Pasig and Patero, despite the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge them from the jungles on both sides of the river.

The heat is intense, and is increasing perceptibly daily. Under present conditions, it is impossible to provide shade for the troops in different parts of the line, particularly McArthur's division. King's brigade is also exposed from San Pedro Macati to Cullion, where it joins Owenshine's brigade.

In view of the fact that the enemy were concentrating on the American right preparations were made last night to give them a warm reception in the event of attack.

General Owenshine's line, consisting originally of the North Dakota volunteers, the Fourteenth infantry, and two troops of the Fourth cavalry, stretching from the beach at Camp Dewey to General King's right, was reinforced by two battalions of Oregon volunteers and three troops of the Fourth cavalry, as infantry.

The Buffalo's searchlight discovering the rebels unusually active about 10 o'clock in the evening, signaled the flagship for permission to fire upon them, and, this being granted, bombarded the enemy's trenches for 20 minutes. The only effect of the fire was apparently to drive the rebels further inland.

Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from the trenches, which were returned with interest, the enemy made no demonstration, and all is quiet along the rest of the line.

Scouts claim to have seen General Pio del Pilar, who commanded the rebels at Paco, with his arm in a sling, directing the troops. General Montenegro, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is reported to be personally conducting the movements in front of General King's line at San Pedro Macati.

#### Guerrilla Tactics.

Manila, Feb. 21.—The enemy have apparently realized the hopelessness of attacking the American position, and are occupied chiefly by occasional sharpshooting from the jungle, whenever feasible. Fortunately, their ignorance of the use of sights minimizes the effect of their guerrilla tactics.

The retirement of General King's advance posts upon San Pedro Macati has evidently been construed by the rebels as a sign of weakness, as they pressed forward along both sides of the river, persistently harassing the occupants of the town.

Last night the rebels poured volley after volley into San Pedro Macati from the brush on the adjacent ridge; but fortunately without effect. General King's headquarters in the center of the town was the target for scores of Remington and Mauser bullets.

The rebels are using smokeless powder, and it is extremely difficult to locate individual marksmen.

#### RUSSIA AND CHINA.

##### First Rupture Occurred at Talien-Wan—300 Chinese Killed.

Peking, Feb. 21.—A serious conflict has taken place between the Russians and Chinese at Talien-Wan, 300 of the latter being killed.

The trouble is said to have originated in a question of taxes.

##### Expected by Lord Beresford.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—Admiral Charles Beresford was seen while passing through Detroit tonight in reference to the battle reported at Talien-Wan between Russians and Chinese. Lord Charles said that such a battle was only what he had been expecting for some time. Its effect, he believed, would be to shake the Chinese government more than anything that occurred, and he asserted that trade would also suffer as a result of it.

#### RIOTING IN PARIS.

##### Organized Demonstrations Against the New President.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Police measures for the maintenance of order have been taken on an extensive scale.

M. Loubet did not quit his residence at the Luxembourg until 6 o'clock this evening.

Toward 7 o'clock demonstrations occurred in front of the office of Zehaban Faure's anarchist paper, the Journal du Peuple, on the Boulevard Montmartre, for and against Loubet. There was a collision between rival factions and several persons were injured. Altogether, 100 arrests have been made in connection with today's disturbances.

#### CANAL PROVIDED FOR.

##### Senate Committee Adds It to the River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate committee on commerce decided today to put the Morgan Nicaragua canal bill on the river and harbor bill. The action of the committee was preceded by a brief argument by Senator Morgan, in which he went over the general grounds favorable to the construction of the canal.

Aside from the Nicaragua canal, the committee increased cash appropriations to the extent of about \$2,000,000 over the house cash appropriations, while the amount of continuing contracts is increased to the extent of about \$10,000,000.

In the senate the only business of importance was the consideration of bills on the pension calendar, which was begun under a special order. Among the bills passed was one providing procedure in certain pension cases. It provides that no pension shall be withheld, modified or cancelled except for fraud, or mistakes in facts, and provides a scheme of procedure. The private pension calendar was completed, 74 bills being passed.

##### In the House.

Washington, Feb. 20.—In the house today several railroad right-of-way bills were passed. Among the bills was one to authorize the construction of the Clearwater Valley road through the Nez Peices reservation.

The census bill was sent to conference. A bill was passed authorizing the president to appoint five additional cadets-at-large to the naval academy. The sundry civil bill was then passed. The naval appropriation bill was formally reported. The house went into committee of the whole and took up the bill. No general debate was demanded on the bill, and its reading for amendment under the five minute rule was immediately commenced.

#### TAKES NEWS CALMLY.

##### No Disorders in Paris Followed the Death of Faure.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Everything is quiet in Paris tonight. There is no danger of a coup d'etat. The favorite candidate for the presidency is M. Emile Loubet, now president of the senate. Still the ministers think Faure's death is a misfortune at the present juncture, and this is the conventional talk. They had all looked forward to his resigning, and they spoke today of the possible effect of his death on the courts of Europe.

If M. Loubet be elected, European sovereigns would soon transfer to him their friendly regards. He is a good, unaffected, level-headed man of honest, open life, and of far more intellectual culture than poor Faure. He is an advocate and practiced at the Montilemar bar, in the department of the Drone. Montilemar is his native town.

#### OVER ENTIRE GROUP.

##### The American Flag to Cover the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The administration has determined to extend rapidly the jurisdiction of the United States over the Philippine group in its entirety, acting on the theory that delay in this crisis is dangerous, and that anarchy and general paralysis of such interests as the islands support would be brought about through failure to replace promptly Spanish sovereignty over the islands with that of the United States.

##### Low Rates for Home-seekers.

St. Paul, Feb. 20.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have decided to sell half-fare homeseekers' tickets February 21, March 1 and 7, on similar rates as made by the more southerly lines to the Pacific coast. Heretofore the rates have applied only to near-by states, and it is now intended that they shall apply to the entire length of the roads named.

##### Gomez Goes to Cardenas.

Havana, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Cienfuegos says that Major-General John C. Bates, military governor of the department of Santa Clara, and Inspector-General Breckinridge, yesterday paid a visit to General Gomez, who was expecting to leave today for Cardenas.

##### Estimates Output at \$19,000,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 20.—M. Marks, an Australian expert direct from Dawson, places the output of the Klondike at \$19,000,000 this year. His estimate is as follows: Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, \$5,000,000; Big and Little Bonanza, Gold and French creeks, \$5,000,000; Hunker and Quartz creeks, \$5,000,000.

##### Steamers to Manila.

Tacoma, Feb. 20.—James Ward, of the shipping firm of Saunders & Ward, has returned from a visit to England, and announces the establishment by himself and others of a steamer line between this port and the Hawaiian islands. The British steamer Manuanae will be the first vessel out, and will sail next week.

##### Nearly Frozen to Death.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Forty-Mile river, Alaska, says that William Matheson, formerly of Los Angeles, Cal., narrowly escaped being frozen to death recently. It was necessary to amputate both his hands and feet.

#### AFFAIRS AT MANILA.

##### Rebels Sending Their Families Into the American Lines.

Manila, Feb. 18.—Ex-Consul of the United States O. F. Williams is in receipt of an application from a member of the insurgent congress at Malolos, requesting a pass through the American line for a family of 12 persons, who are desirous of taking refuge in Manila. This is regarded as significant as showing the most intelligent rebels realize their families are safe only within American territory.

With the exception of a few shots, fired into a small body of rebels, who were attempting to destroy a railroad bridge near Calocan, all has been quiet along the line.

Last night the heat affected the men in the country to a considerable extent, but otherwise the troops have shown a marked improvement since the beginning of hostilities.

##### Refuse to Affiliate.

Portland, Or., Feb. 18.—The trustees of the Portland university met last night for the purpose of taking steps looking to the appointment of a board of trustees for the consolidated university.

The trustees of the Puget sound universities had been invited to meet with the Portland trustees, but sent a letter instead, declaring that the Puget sound university declined to further affiliate with the school here. This letter will be forwarded to the university senate, from which all Methodist schools must secure charters, when the consolidated university makes application for a charter, which it will do soon.

##### People Leaving Dawson.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.—H. A. Conn, the pioneer mail carrier of the Yukon, arrived here this evening by the steamer Tees, having made a record trip from Dawson, leaving there January 24. He arrived at Skagway February 6. He reports meeting 22 dog teams on the way in with mail. They were 75 miles below Fort Selkirk. He says 3,000 people will come out within 60 days.

##### No Authority Over the Pullmans.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Attorney-General Ford has filed an opinion with the railway commissioners, in which he states that they have no authority over the Pullman Palace Car Company. Ford contends that the company simply rents and furnishes cars to railway companies, and the board has not the power to regulate the charges of baggage, express or coach companies.

##### Supplies in Yukon Are Short.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—Advices from the Lower Yukon river up to November 26 have been received here. They indicate a scarcity of supplies at Rampart City and Fort Hamilton, but there is no fear of a serious shortage. The stock of butter and sugar will need careful husbanding. There are about 200 people at Fort Hamilton, and about 2,000 at Rampart City.

##### Dead at One Hundred.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 18.—Sevier Forcier, 100 years of age, and the pioneer settler of Northern Wisconsin, is dead. Mr. Forcier came here 70 years ago, was engaged in lumbering for a number of years in the Chippewa and Wisconsin rivers, and conducted the first hotel erected in the northern half of the state. He was born in Montreal in 1799.

##### Hot Wave in California.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—California has been struck by another hot wave, and the state is now enjoying regular summer weather. Seventy degrees in the shade in San Francisco is unusual winter weather, even for California, and it is growing steadily warmer. The chances are that the warm spell will be followed by rain, which is greatly needed all over the state.

##### The Miles Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 18.—All the members of the court of inquiry convened by order of the president to investigate the charges of Major-General Miles concerning the food furnished the army have arrived in Washington. General Wade said the court probably would organize today and clear the way for the inquiry to proceed tomorrow.

##### Injunction Dissolved.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—United States District Judge Hanford today dissolved the temporary injunction recently issued by him against the Le Roi Mining Company, on the ground that he had no jurisdiction.

##### Decision in the Abbott Case.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 18.—The supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the superior court of Pierce county in the case of T. O. Abbott vs. the National Bank of Commerce, of Tacoma.

##### Generals Honorably Discharged.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The war department has honorably discharged Major-Generals Butler and Sumner and Brigadier-Generals Kline, McKee, Wiley, Lincoln and Comba, all of the volunteer army.

##### Monestero Rios Resigns.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—Senor Monestero Rios, who was president of the Spanish peace commission, has resigned the presidency of the senate, owing to the popular outcry against his defense of the commission.

#### ALONG THE COAST

##### Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific States.

##### Salmon Trust Being Formed.

A Seattle dispatch says a large Chicago syndicate is just about to close a deal by which it will secure all, or most all, of the fishtraps of Puget sound. The organization has secured options on traps which catch sevenths of the fish found in Puget sound. It is believed it will continue to purchase other traps until it will have controlled the total output. In addition to the fishtraps there are options held on two canneries, and it is understood that an effort is being made to secure others. In fact, the ultimate purpose of the syndicate is said to be the absolute control of both salmon catching and salmon canning.

##### The Woolgrowers' Convention.

The Pacific Northwest Woolgrowers' Association, which meets in Pendleton, March 7, 8 and 9, promises to be a very interesting event. R. C. Judson, industrial agent for the O. R. & N. Co., has secured the attendance of leading sheepmen of the East, while the president, Dr. James Withycombe, vice-director at the agricultural experiment station at Corvallis, and Secretary J. W. Bailey have been working on a programme that will be interesting and instructive.

##### A Novel Japanese Project.

S. Odagaki, representing the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and other interests of the Mitsui family in Japan, is on the Pacific coast for the purpose of securing a number of bright American boys to be sent to Japan and China and educated in Oriental business methods, with a view to extending trade with the United States. The Mitsui family, it is said, is the richest in Japan, and their various interests are capitalized at over \$50,000,000.

##### Coldest in Nine Years.

The recent cold weather at Alba, in Umatilla county, Or., was the coldest experienced in nine years. At Ukiah the thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero, and 28 at Alba. The altitude of Alba is about 150 feet higher than that of Ukiah. The cold weather killed many horses on the range. Cattle so far are in good condition, although the cold weather has been severe on them.

##### Tusk of a Mastodon.

C. M. O'Leary, who is at Dawson City, has written to a friend at Portland that he has found the tusk of a mastodon, which he will ship from his claim to Dawson if the Portland museum will defray the expenses of shipment from there. This tusk is 8 feet 6 inches long, and 26 inches in circumference. It was found 30 feet below the surface. The estimated weight is from 450 to 500 pounds.

##### Portland's Government Building.

There are 120 men engaged on the new government building on Park street, Portland, Or., and work is progressing rapidly. Forty-six carloads of granite have arrived recently from Snake river, and the stone is piled up in small mountains. Granite will continue to arrive from now on.

##### Prizefighters to Be Prosecuted.

All who were connected officially with the boxing match in Teutonia hall, San Francisco, recently, when John Farrell was knocked out and seriously injured by a blow on the jaw from John O'Brien are to be prosecuted for prizefighting.

##### Hops Sold at 13 Cents.

Julius Pincus last week purchased 14 bales of hops from James Harvey, and 80 bales from George Wilson, in Yakima county. The price paid is understood to have been 13 cents. These are about the last of the good hops left in the county.

##### Leased the Buckley Mill.

The Van Horn Lumber Company, of Tacoma, has leased the Buckley Lumber Company mill for one year. The new owners commenced operation February 1. They employ 70 men, 35 in the mill and the rest at the camp. The capacity of the mill is about 80,000.

##### Capture of Opium Smugglers.

John McCloud and J. Allen were arrested in South Portland recently, being suspected of smuggling opium. They had in their possession 90 cans of the drug, unstamped. They are believed to be old hands at the business.

##### No More Special Service Men.

Orders have been issued on board the United States ship Albatross that no more men will be enlisted for special service. All those now enlisted for one year will be transferred to the general service on application.

##### Shore Duty for Captain Glass.

Captain Glass, late commander of the cruiser Charleston, who returned from the Orient on the steamer Rio de Janeiro, will take charge of the naval training station now being constructed on Goat island, San Francisco harbor.

##### Eagle of the Bald Tribe.

Last week S. White, of Deeming, Whatcom county, Wash., killed an eagle that measured seven feet from tip to tip. The eagle is supposed to have belonged to the "bald" tribe.

#### The Indians' Spring Harvest.

The Indians have begun bringing into Antelope, Or., wool and pelts, of which they sell tons every spring. They gather them from sheep that die on the ranges during the winter. It is not an uncommon sight to see 20 or 30 horses packed with wool and pelts in charge of two or three old squaws, upon the streets in Alirington in springtime.

##### To Build Evaporating Plant.

N. A. Waldahl, of Albany, is making inquiries of the number of acres of Italian prunes, the age of the trees, and the number of driers in the vicinity of Sheridan, Or., with a view to erecting a large evaporating plant in the vicinity of Sheridan this summer.

##### For a Hopprowers' Union.

A movement is on foot to organize a hopprowers' union in Polk county. The object of the union will be the protection of the growers and the establishing of agencies in the central markets of the United States.

##### Will Maintain Its Hospital.

Acting on advice received from Manila by cable, the California Red Cross Society has decided to continue the maintenance of its hospital station in that city as long as the California volunteers remain in the Orient.

##### Point Wilson Fortifications.

About 150 men are at work on the government fortifications at Point Wilson, at the northern city limits of Port Townsend. The force is to be increased as the work proceeds.

##### Fruit Trees Killed.

W. H. H. Miller, who has 30 acres of 3-year-old prune trees three miles north of Eugene, Or., has had them examined by experts, who report them all killed by the recent cold weather.

#### PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

##### Seattle Markets.

Potatoes, 80c@\$.10 per 100 pounds.  
Potatoes, \$18@20.  
Beets, per sack, 75c.  
Turnips, per sack, 50@75c.  
Carrots, per sack, 45@55c.  
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.  
Cauliflower, 75@\$.1.00c per doz.  
Celery, 35@40c.  
Cabbage, native and California \$1.25 per 100 pounds.  
Apples, 35@50c per box.  
Pears, 50c@\$.1.50 per box.  
Prunes, 50c per box.  
Butter—Creamery, 26c per pound; dairy and ranch, 15@20c per pound.  
Eggs, 18@19c.  
Cheese—Native, 12@12½c.  
Poultry—Old hens, 14c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c.  
Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 8c; cows, prime, 7c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 7c; veal, 6@8c.  
Wheat—Feed wheat, \$20.  
Oats—Choice, per ton, \$23.  
Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$7.50@9; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.50@13.  
Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23.50.  
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$22.  
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straights, \$3.25; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.50.  
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$15.  
Feed—Chopped feed, \$20@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

##### Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 57c; Valley, 59c; Bluestem, 61c per bushel.  
Flour—Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.  
Oats—Choice white, 41@42c; choice gray, 39@40c per bushel.  
Barley—Feed barley, \$22@23; brewing, \$23.00 per ton.  
Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 45@50c; dairy, 40@45c store, 35@30c.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3@4 per dozen; hens, \$4.00@5.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound.  
Potatoes—65@75c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound.  
Vegetables—Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3½c per pound.  
Onions—Oregon, 75c@\$.1 per sack.  
Hops—15@18c; 1897 crop, 4@6c.  
Wool—Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.  
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7½c; spring lambs, 7½c per lb.  
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.  
Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50@\$.3.75; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6½c per pound.  
Veal—Large, 6½@7c; small, 6@9c per pound.