ADMINISTRATION POWERLESS.

No Hope for the Klondike Sufferers Until Congress Meets.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The cabinet today considered the subject of sending relief to the people of the Klondike. The president received a telegram from the Portland (Oregon) Chamber of Commerce, stating that there was danger of destitution and suffering in the Klondike, and offering to supply the necessary food for relief if the government would undertake its transportation. The information was not definite as to actual conditions, but was on the same lines as has previously been telegraphed from the Northwest.

The cabinet considered every phase of the situation. It was decided that nothing could be done until congress meets, when an appropriation will be asked for the purpose of transporting food and supplies.

Although many plans have been discussed none have been decided upon. It is positive, however, that whatever action is taken will be under the direction of the war department, and by the time congress acts Secretary Alger will have formulated plans. No attempt will be made to go to the Yukon, as the ice has closed progress in that direction. The relief supplies will have to be sent over the passes. Just how they shall be transported is a question requiring earnest consideration, and one that will require the study of many plans in order that an entirely feasible one may be evolved. Secretary Alger will gather all possible information, and will communicate with persons who know the route to the Klondike and are familiar with transportation methods in the Arctic and other frozen regions. Reindeer and dogs possibly may be used.

The members of the cabinet were all intensely interested in the matter of securing relief. Whether the men who are supposed to be suffering went there or not against repeated warnings of all officials is not the question, the simple fact being that they are there and need relief, making it imperative upon the government to extend aid if possible.

No estimate has been made as to the cost of the expedition and none can be prepared now. Congress will be asked to appropriate a sufficient amount, and the war department will expend it in the most economical way. The task of getting supplies to the Klondike in midwinter is not underestimated, and doubts are entertained as to it being possible.

The expedition cannot reach the Klondike before February at least, and the president hopes there is a sufficient supply of provisions to last until relief arrives.

Secretary Alger believes Captain Ray has gone to Dawson, and he will make his way back and report upon conditions there.

AUTHORITIES OUTWITTED.

Dauntless Made Another Trip With Arms for the Cubans.

New York, Dec. 2.—The steamer Dauntless has again eluded the officials of the government and is off for Cuba with a cargo of arms and ammunition, says the Jacksonville correspondent of the Herald.

The Dauntless left port November 19 for Savannah, Ga., with the schooner Jennie Thomas in tow. The schooner was supposed to be without cargo, and when the famous filibuster was held up at the mouth of the St. John river and searched by the cruiser Vesuvius, little attention was paid to the Jennie Thomas. Nothing was found on the Dauntless, and after an hour's delay she was allowed to proceed with her tow. That was the fatal mistake of the government officials, for if the schooner had been searched it is said that a large cargo of munitions would have been found.

The schooner was towed to the mouth of the Savannah river and dropped, and on Monday the Dauntless was boarded by Captain John O'Brien, better known as "Dynamite Johnny," and immediately put to sea. She is believed to have effected a landing on Sunday night on the southern coast of Cuba.

CONSUMPTION IN NEW YORK.

Startling Report Made by Dr. Biggs, of the Board of Health.

New York, Dec. 2.—Dr. Biggs, of the board of health, made some startling statements before the board of estimates, while that body was today considering the city budget for 1898. The board of estimates was asked to approve a grant of $60,000 for the care of tuberculosis in a special hospital. Dr. Biggs, speaking for the board of health in support of the appropriation, declared that one out of seven persons who die in this city are victims of tubercular consumption. Dr. Biggs further stated that among the working classes the percentage of deaths due to this disease was one-quarter. The board of estimates approved the $60,000 asked for. President Wilson, of the board, said:

"This is an important step forward in the work of combating tuberculosis. After the first of the year, $60,000 will be available for expenditure in behalf of the individuals who are affected with this disease."

In St. Petersburg no outdoor musical performances are permitted.

Russia's Gold Coinage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—An imperial ukase issued today orders the coinage and issue of five-rouble gold pieces, equal in value to one-third of the imperial, which weighs 12.9.2 grammes, 900 fine.

Indiana Town Burned.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 1.—At midnight fire broke out in the heart of the town of Fairland, 20 miles east of this city, and the entire business part was destroyed. The loss cannot be obtained.

Spanish Government Satisfied.

Madrid, Dec. 2.—A member of the Spanish cabinet, in an interview just published, says the government of Spain is well satisfied with the result of the publication of the decree providing for an autonomous form of government in Cuba and Porto Rico, adding that the manner in which it has been received in the United States is favorable to Spain.

The number of pupils in the schools of the United States last year was 16,415,197, an increase of nearly 5,000,000 since 1890.

TO SHUT US OUT.

France Will Put High Duties on Certain American Goods.

New York, Dec. 1.—The authorities in Washington, according to the correspondent of the Herald, have been informed that France, while ostensibly engaged in negotiations with this government for a reciprocity treaty, is taking steps to place a prohibitory tariff upon some American products. The state department has been notified that a bill is pending in the legislative assembly of France imposing a high duty upon certain products, which will practically make that country a closed market, so far as the United States is concerned. Ambassador Porter probably will be requested to make an earnest protest against the measure.

This bill may cause the authorities here to go slow in negotiations for the reciprocity agreement. The department has received no reply to its proposition that in exchange for a lower tariff on French wines the French government shall remove the prohibition against the importation of American cattle. Unless this concession be granted, the measure referred to may be defeated and the reciprocity negotiaitons come to naught. Should this happen, the French government may retaliate by imposing the maximum tariff under its laws upon American products which now enter under the minimum tariff. As these products are few, however, the authorities are not greatly disturbed over the outlook.

Dr. Van Hollenben, the new German ambassador to the United States, will be formally presented to the president tomorrow. He is expected to make representations in regard to the tariff. The state department is informed that Baron von Hollenben's instructions contain propositions designated to lead to a reciprocity arrangement. It is believed the United States will require in return for any concession the removal or abatement at least of restrictions now imposed upon the importation into Germany of American cattle and beef.

The German government, of course, will direct its efforts in the direction of securing the repeal of the bounty section of the tariff law, which clearly affects Germany's sugar interests. Many representations on this subject have been made already by the German authorities. It is not likely, however, that the president will recommend any restriction of the tariff law, and apparently the only way in which the German government can secure an advantage for her industries would be to enter into a reciprocity agreement.

Officials are speculating on the attitude of the agrarian interests of the German empire and the German emperor, who favors the agrarian party upon their proposition to be submitted. So far as they have gone the outlook is not favorable.

MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS.

Frightful Mortality Among the Cuban Concentrados.

New York, Dec. 1.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: The World's first figures of Cuba's starvation were timidly moderate. They showed the deaths of only 200,000 persons; but every painful fact unearthed tends to prove them nearly double that number. When the grim returns are all in it is now almost certain that this Cuban massacre of the innocents will reach 400,000. And this awful number does not include those killed in battle or the thousands and thousands of women and children who died of exposure, disease and massacre in the swamps.

It now seems certain that more than half a million people, for the most part loyal subjects of Spain, have been killed by the Spanish war in Cuba. A week's trip through the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara has tended to make moderate this tremendous extreme figure.

The figures of Spanish official reports show but a part of the mortality. They only give the number buried in consecrated ground, and they do not give that fully. And yet these official ultra-Spanish reports of burial permits issued admit that in the province of Santa Clara there have died and been buried since Weyler's flat, 71,847 persons.

The number of people for whose existence Weyler is directly responsilbe is 155,132, in Santa Clara province. And of these he has killed 86,216, or over one-half of them. Santa Clara has so far been by far the least destitute of the provinces. It has many cattle and not a very thick population. Between it and the 53 per cent admitted dead in Pinar del Rio are the provinces of Matanzas and Havana, with a 60 and 70 per cent mortality respectively. These percentages are established by the actual figures of some 30 cities and towns. Applied to the denser populations of their respective provinces, the total deaths since Weyler's "bando" will foot up nearly a million.

Flight of the Fast Mail.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 1.—The Union Pacific has made a record for fast running. A mail train has been shot across the country from Cheyenne to Council Bluffs, 519 miles, in 599 minutes. This is the actual elapsed time, and includes all stops. Engines were changed twice and one engineer was relieved. All the regular stops were made, and one extra, for an airbrake hose burst and had to be repaired at the expense of over five minutes of time.

A burned-out bridge near Medicine Bow, Wyo., delayed the mail five hours and forty minutes, and the train reached Cheyenne five hours late. It was necessary to reach Council Bluffs on time or pay a heavy fine to the government.

The new Chinese mint at Canton coined more than 14,000,000 ten-cent pieces last year.

A Southern Outrage.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 1.—On a large cotton plantation in St. Francis county eight negroes went to the home of Joe Miller, a cotton picker, and after robbing him of his savings, dragged him from bed and murdered him. The body was thrown into the river. Ada Miller, the murdered man's wife, was then outraged and the house raided. William Williams was arrested and made a full confession, implicating several others, four of whom have also been arrested. Officers are searching for the remaining four.

SWEPT BY THE GALE.

A Fearful Storm Raging Off the English Coast.

London, Dec. 1.—The gale which swept the English coast yesterday, doing great damage at many places, raged all night. In many places it was almost cyclonic in its violence, and the long list of disasters includes a large loss of life, many wrecks of large vessels and the loss of scores, if not hundreds of smaller craft, with serious damage to property ashore at many important towns.

At Norfolk, Bacton and Happisburg five vessels, as yet unidentified, went down and the crews of all perished. A number of bodies have been washed ashore near Yarmouth. The brig Rigby was wrecked off Hemsby. The coast guard made desperate efforts to save the crew, and succeeded in getting a line on board. A dying woman was "rocketed" in safety, and then the brig capsized, all the rest of the ship's company perishing.

A large steam collier dashed upon Flamborough head, the famous promontory on the North sea coast, floated off, and then foundered, with all on board.

A steamer not identified was wrecked on the Birdlongton sands, with her entire company.

Last evening the steamer Rose of Devon went on the rocks near Red Ruth, Cornwall, where she pounded all night long, her crew of 12 perishing. This morning the bodies of the captain and seamen, all wearing lifebelts, were washed ashore.

The British ship Larnica, Captain Burgess, was driven ashore near Fleetwood, at the entrance of Moretown bay, about 18 miles northwest of Preston. The crew were saved, but the position of the vessel is dangerous. She left St. Johns, N. B., November 1, for Fleetwood.

Phenomenally high tides are reported in many localities. The district near the mouth of the Thames has suffered severely, several townships being partly submerged. The Sherness dockyard and the Woolwich arsenal were inundated.

Scarcely a vestige remains in sight of Lord Nelson's old flagship, the Foudroyant, long fast in the sands of Blackpool. There is a lot of wreckage near the Goodwin sands.

Immense damage has been done to government property at Sherness dockyard and the Woolwich arsenal. Several thousand troops were hurriedly ordered out today to remove thousands of pounds' worth of ammunition and stores from the wharves and sheds to places of safety. The tide continued to rise, and invaded some of the workshops, quenched the engines and stopped the electric lights. The workmen were obliged to go home, wading knee deep.

Six vessels were wrecked between Yarmouth and Bacton, only a few miles apart, on the Norfolk coast, and 25 lives were lost.

The brig Vedra stranded at Bacton. The storm tore out her masts, and when the rocket line was fired, the crew was unable to haul it in. Finally the line dragged them into the surf, and three out of seven were drowned.

Rochester and Strood, on the Midway, out 30 miles south of London, have suffered severely. At Rochester the gas works are flooded and the town is in darkness; the gale is now traveling southward and traversing various parts of the Continent. Very rough weather is reported along the north coast of France.

A dispatch from Liverpool says that during the gale the Russian ship Nikolai, Captain Karlsen, stranded on a treacherous bank near Formboy, south of Southport. After fearful experiences her sails were blown away and the vessel was so damaged as to be uncontrollable. One of the crew, a man named Karlston, was swept overboard and drowned. The captain says no one on board slept for four days. The vessel will probably become a wreck.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Blaze on Lake Steamer Extends to Docks, With Fearful Results.

Escanaba, Mich., Dec. 1.—Late tonight a fire broke out on the steamer Nahanta, and before it could be controlled it spread to the ore docks, the largest in the world. Two of the docks are on fire, and the others are threatened with destruction. Two of the crew of the steamer, whose names cannot be learned, are known to be lost, and several others injured. The steamer was lying at the dock loading ore. Shortly before midnight, the crew discovered that the vessel was on fire. The crew made every effort to quench the flames, but a brisk wind was blowing and spread the fire with great rapidity. From the steamer the fire spread to Dock No. 4, which was partly loaded with ore and lumber. The lumber was soon a mass of flames, and from this it spread to the next dock. The fire is still burning fiercely. The loss will be fully $300,000.

United States Warns Germany.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The state department at Washington has requested Ambassador White to ascertain the intentions of Germany with respect to the cliams of Herr Luder, whose recent imprisonment in Hayti caused friction between the German and Haytian governments.

Nicaragua Canal Commission.

New York, Dec. 1.—C. S. Wheeler, who was assistant engineer of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, has accepted the position of chief engineer of the Nicaragua canal commission. The expedition will sail Sunday next, it is said.

Will Emigrate to Mexico.

Kansas City, Dec. 1.—A special from Muskogee, I. T., says: The Choctaws and Creeks, who have been in council, have determined to organize a colony and emigrate to Mexico.

Frisco's Heaviest Woman Dead.

San Francisco, Dec. 1. — Mrs. Theresa Cardosa, a well known resident of this city, who died on Sunday, was buried yesterday in the Italian cemetery. She weighed over 600 pounds, and the undertakers had to break down the stairs of her late residence in order to lower the body into the hall. A special casket bound with iron was constructed for the remains, and as it was too large for a hearse it was taken to the cemetery in a heavy express wagon. Mrs. Cardosa has been married twice, and leaves five children, the youngest being 18 months old.

THE CARETAKER.

Caretaker is a word adopted into modern use and means one who takes care of, and is very generally applied to those employed to take care of things committed to their keeping. The way some people have of taking care of themselves is very suggestive of the need of a caretaker. The human body to such is a mansion filled with precious things uncared for, where thieves may break in and rust doth corrupt. Pains and aches are thieves, and the body left uncared for to their spoilage will be robbed of all its comforts and despoiled of its peace of mind and happiness. It is a happy thought to look upon St. Jacobs Oil as a caretaker, to employ it as a watchman against such intruders. There is hardly an ache, from a toothache to a toesache, that it can't take care of and effect a cure, and pains the most violent are conquered by its use. Its office as a caretaker is to prevent the spread of aches and pains into a chronic stage. Keep a bottle of it in the handiest place and be assured of good care and comfort.

The most wonderful astronomical photograph in the world is that which has recently been prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers. It shows at least 65,000,000 stars.

MISERY BY THE WHOLESALE.

Is what chronic inactivity of the liver gives rise to. Bile gets into the blood and imparts a yellow tint; the tongue foils, and so does the breath, sick headaches, pain beneath the right rib and shoulder blade are felt, the bowels become constipated and the stomach disordered. The proven remedy for this catalogue of evils is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine long and favorably known, unrivaled and sovereign also for chills and fever, nervousness and rheumatism.

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My doctor said I would die but Piso's Cure for consumption cured me.—Amos Kelner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 25, '96.

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

[Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-714 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.]

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 Beerbohm 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 Decmeber 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 Chicgao 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.

Millstiffs—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 doezn; broilers, $2.00@2.50; geese, $5@6; ducks, $3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 9@10c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@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, $22; 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, 7.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4@5c; salmon, 3@4c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; 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.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 11@13c per pound.

Hops—10@14c per pound.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $20@22; California bran, $17.50@18.00 per ton.

Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, $1.40@1.60 per cental.

Eggs—Store, 18@26c; ranch, 40@41c; Eastern, 17@24; duck, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12½c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencias, $1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, $2.00@3.00; California lemons, choice, $2.00@2.50; do common, 75c@$1 per box.

Hay—Wheat, 12@14.50; wheat and oat, $11@13; oat, $10@12; river barley, $7@8; best barley, $10@12; alfalfa, $8@9.50; clover, $8@9.50.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 25@90c per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@$1; pears, 75c $1 per box; plums, 20@35c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27@28c; do seconds, 24@26c; fancy dairy, 24c; good to choice, 19@22c per pound.

Potatoes—New, in boxes, 35@80c.

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Sea Water for Blood.

M. Quinton, as a consequence of his researches in evolution, believes that as all the higher organisms, according to the teachings of evolution, have ascended from a less highly organized marine ancestry, the liquid which bathes all the cells of the individual ought to be chemically similar to sea water. During experiments made at the college of France a dog was bled to such an extent that death would have inevitably followed had the animal been left alone. It was then given an intravenous injection of sea water. Ten days after the operation the dog showed, as tested by the colorimeter, a larger proportion of hemoglobin than before the bleeding. All dogs experimented on not only survived, but recovered with remarkable quickness. M. Quinton thinks it is on account of its holding in suspension the same salts which are constituents of sea water that artificial serum holds the reputation that it does, and that sea water is physiologically superior.

A pound of the finest spider web would reach around the world.

In France, some of the hospitals for infectious diseases are furnished with telephones, so that the sick may converse with their friends without danger of communicating disease.

The flag carried by Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, nearly 400 years ago, was until recently preserved at a little church in the capital of the state of Tlaxcala.

Chicago is justly proud of her new public library. It has taken ten years to build and the actual cost was $1,315.07 less than the $2,000,000 originally appropriated.

Rarified air has been found by Herr Levinstein to produce strong fatty degeneration of heart, liver and muscles, with death through deficiency of oxygen.

Egypt's population, according to the census just taken, is 9,700,000, an increase of 2,900,000 since 1882, or about 42 per cent in 15 years.

Minister Woolford, our minister to Spain, says he never wants to see another bull fight.

AN OPEN LETTER
To MOTHERS.

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