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A CONSERVATIVE OPINION OF PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The Early Rush of Eager Goldseekers Having Congested the Passes, Other Routes Will Have to Be Opened.

Special Correspondence.)

Although the rush to Alaska may be said to have only just begun, a condition of affairs has already developed in Dyea and Skagway which promises to of these enterprise is ready for operadisappoint the expectations of thou- tion, and the possibilities are that they sands of eager gold seekers. The trails will not be before the first of April. across the Chilkoot and White passes When in complete operation, their comare practically impassable because of bined capacity will not exceed 400 tons the frequent and severe storms, and per day. Assuming that by the use will not be in good condition until be taken over the White pass from about the first of April. The result is Skagway, this leaves the total capacity that thousands of men and thousands of all facilities provided for both passes of tons of supplies and mining outfits at 500 tons per day. This means 100 are crowded together on this side of days for transporting 50,000 tons that the summit and have already reached will be accumulated there by the first the summit and have already reached of April. In other words, accumula-such number and quantity as to create tions could not be cleared away before

that it was foolish to go up to that of April and May an equal quantity of country earlier than March with the expectation of crossing the passes, and that one who did so would simply subject himself to a long wait, to needless the aid of dogs. This would be in-hardships and possible sickness while considerable. In fact, with such a consuming supplies which should be mass of humanity and of goods, it kept for service in the gold fields. Not- would be almost impossible for freight withstanding this fact, travel begun in to be moved at all on those narrow January and has continued through portions of the trail where the right of February, an average of a steamer a way would be the subject of dispute day having landed men and freight at and contention. If people interfered Dyea and Skagway. Those who took this early start did so because they feared a blockade and were anxious to get over the summit, expecting to wait at the lakes for the opening of the river to navigation. The blockade they hoped to escape has come upon them and they are not over the summit. Many bave spent a month of bardship and toll and are worse off because of

There are not less than 20,000 people in Dyea and Skagway encamped along only a few miles at the most. The quantity of supplies, outfits, boats, mabe kept up during the month of March, way routes and seek other ports, such and by the first of April, when the as Copper river and Cook's inlet. At work of getting over the summit will these places there is room for all. freight that will be assembled there is is opportunity to spread out over a 50,000 persons and 50,000 tons of wide expanse of country, now practic-

it then are the newest arrivals.

it more passable than it was last summer has been the building of some small bridges, and some improvements on the road leading out from Skagway. There has been a tramway project there but no progress has been made with it. The indications are that the Skagway trail will not be materially better than it was last summer, when it was blockaded and rendered practically impassable by 3,000 or 4,000 people and their outfits. Of course, as long as the snow prospectors even should not the great lasts in the spring the trail will be a better one than when the traveler has

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ALASKAN SITUATION encounter mud and boulders, which

were such an obstacle a year ago. As for the trail from Dyea, which is the one experience has proved to be the best, two tramways are are under construction for the transportation of goods. One of these has a tram railroad from Dyea to the base of the summlt ridge, and an electric bucket system across the summit to Lake Lindemann. The other has two tramway cables leading from the first and second divides and ending at Lake Lindemann. Connection between the last of these and Dyea will be made with wagons and pack animals. Neither of pack animals 100 tons per day could blockade.

It has been generally understood are, however, that during the months

In this calculation no allowance is made for the freight which could be with each other last fall so as to create a blockade on both trails with less than 6,000 people attempting to go over, it does not require a great flight of imagination to see the utter blockade that would be created by 50,000 people.

One who intends to go to Alaska may well stop and consider what his chances are likely to be in such a mob, and whether he would not do better to seek some other route or some other objective point than the Klondike region. Of course, transportation facilities from the trails as far as the weather condi-tions have permitted them to advance, provided for Dyea and Skagway, but doubtless as soon as this blockade so develops that intending gold hunters chinery, etc., averages not less than a demand to be taken somewhere else, ton to each man. This average will steamers will leave the Dyea and Skag-

begin in earnest, a moderate estimate narrow canyon trail confines the gold of the number of men and quantity of hunter to a particular route, but there ally unknown, but reported to be rich The only thing that has been accom- in gold. There are said to be low plished on the Skagway trail to make passes through the mountains from it more passable than it was last sumboth Copper river and Cook's inlet, leading over to the Tanana and to the head waters of Birch creek, by which the now promising gold fields on the American side of the line may be more easily reached than by the route across the Chilkoot pass and down the lakes and rivers. The government is now fitting out an expedition for Copper river. Undoubtedly these routes will be opened up the present season by stream of travel be turned in that direction.

There are already indications of a desire on the part of gold hunters to abandon their idea of going to Dyea and Skagway, and to stike out for the Copper river and Cook's inlet. Beyond doubt this tendency will rapidly increase as the crowded condition of the passes becomes better known. At present the only facilities for reaching Copper river and Cook's inlet is the United States mail boat operated by the Pacific Coast Steam Whaling Company from San Francisco, the two small steamers now on the route from Portland to Copper river, and the small steamer running from Port Townsend to Copper river. These steamers are already inadequate to meet the demand and doubtless more will soon be put

on the route. Attention has also been turned in the direction of the route by Fort Wrangel and Stickeen river, Telegraph creek and Teslin lake, but as yet, facilities have not been provided. Several small river steamers are being constructed for the Stickeen river, to ply between Fort Wrangel and Telegraph creek, which is the point of disembarkation for the overland journey of the 150 miles to Lake Teslin. On this stretch of 150 miles it is proposed by a Canadian company to construct a railroad the present year under a special grant from the Dominion parliament of 20,000 acres of land per mile, and the time set for its completion is the first of September. It is thus seen that, for this season at least, only such travel can go over the Stickeen route as can be handled by pack animals, and this, of course, cannot be very extensive. Possibly several thousand people will attempt this route, with the probability that a large portion of them will make a failure of their WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

The wheat traders are kept busy

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities

these days watching Leiter and Armour, and are unable to see their way any scrimmage it will be with Armour. Northwest and Southwest, and will bring 900 cars of wheat from the Northwest to Chicago. Last week he was selves otherwise. the seller of May. There was also liquidation by holders here and in the zilian cruisers which have been several Northwest, the latter being closely times reported as having been sold to identified with Armour. Shorts in the Spain, will become the property of the Northwest have been covering, some large lines having been taken. No one but scalpers has the temerity to sell in England. Other than these vessels, May short, and they do not stand long, as they know that Leiter controls it, and can put the price where he desires. The attention of the trade is attracted to the July and September. There is a disposition to discount the effects of a possible large crop here and in Europe this year by sellling the new crop futures at the wide difference under May. Those who have been bulls on are selling July and September. The crop uncertainties. Some traders on July at 90c think that September at other hand some very good traders who have been and are still long on May are bearish on September and believe it should be sold on all bulges. They are afraid of the short side of July, but think the September a safe sale at 12c under the July. No one is selling May wheat now except Armour and those who have case stuff to deliver. The shorts are getting out, and the market is narrowing so that the speculative shortage by the first of May is liable to be very small. Those who have the wheat bought will get the cash stuff in May. As Chicago is the highest market in the country, May wheat here being 5c over New York and Baltimore, 4%c over St. Louis, 6 3-8c over Toledo, 634c over cash wheat in Minneapolis and Duluth, it is natural that wheat should be drawn from other than the regular sections and shipped to this market.

Portland Market.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 75@77c; Valley and Bluestem, 78@80c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.85; graham, \$3.40; superfine, \$2.85 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 86@37c; choice

gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$17@18.50;

brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$18.

Hay-Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10 @11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs-Oregon, 11@12c per dozen.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 45@50c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 85@40c

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 12160;

Young America, 13@14c. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@ 8.50 per dozen; hens, \$3.50@4.50; geese, \$6.00@\$7.00; ducks, \$5.00@ 6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12c per pound.

Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 40@50c per sack; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental. Onions-Oregon, \$2.25@2.60 per

Hops-14@16c 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, 4c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 516c per pound.

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.251 light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, 8.75; cows, \$2.50@3; dressed beef, 634 @7c per pound.

Veal-Large, 6@61/c; small, 7@8c per pound.

Scattle Market.

Potatoes-Yakimas, \$14 per ton; natives, \$11@13; sweets, 2c per pound; box of 60 pounds, \$1. Butter-Fancy native creamery,

brick, 27c; ranch, 22@23c; dairy, 18 @22c; Iowa fancy creamery, 25c. Cheese-Native Washington, 12@

18c; Eastern cheese, 12 1/2 c. Eggs-Fresh ranch, 150; California ranch, 14c.

Meats-Choice dressed beef steers, 8c; cows, 7@7½c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 8c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 11@12c; dressed, 14c; turkeys,

live, 12c; dressed, 16c.

heads, 6@7c; salmon trout, 10c; flounders and sole, 8@4c; tom cod, 4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 236@ 4c; herring, 8c.

Olympia oysters, per sack, \$3@3.50. Corn-Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton,

\$28; whole, \$22. Flour-Patents, per barrel, \$4.25@ 4.50; straights, \$4.00; California brands, \$4.65; Dakota brands, \$5.40@ \$5.75; buckwheat flour, \$6.

Millstuffs-Bran, per ton,\$17; shorts, per ton, \$18@19. Feed-Chopped feed, \$18@20 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$24; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Hay-Puget Sound, new, per ton, \$12@14; Eastern Washington timothy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12; straw, \$7. Wheat-Feed wheat, per ton, \$23.

Oats-Choice, per ton, \$23. San Francisco Market. Wool-Nevada, 11@18c; Oregon, 12 @14c; Southern coast lambs, 7@8c.

Hops-12@17%c per pound. Millstuffs - Middlings, \$20@22.50; is pending." California bran, \$16.00@16.50 per ton. Onions-Silverskins, \$2.40@2.75 per

Eggs-Store, 11c; ranch, 1116@

Cheese-Fancy mild, new, 91/2c; old, Bc per pound.

TWO NEW WARSHIPS.

Governmen Buys Those Building in

Washington, March 14.-Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represents the situation in the clearly in May. They have given up mar and navy departments these days. fighting Leiter, and if he is to have The officials still profess confidence that The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of The latter has been buying in the the present threatening differences, but, meanwhile, prepare with serenity to meet their duty, if events shape them-

United States government, negotiations for their purchase having been opened the government has no warships in sight for immediate purchase, according to department officials at Washing-

The most important and significant developments of the day were the decision of the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battle-ships, and a conclusion, on the part of the May, if they are in the market at all, secretary of war, to issue tomorrow are selling July and September. The morning an order creating a new miliformer has the preference, but there is tary department, including within its more risk in selling it, owing to the confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest the field of hostilities in case it would come 78c is about on a right basis. On the to that. The order vill cause a com motion in the South.

New Military Department.

The present department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters, which have been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the department of the South. General Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will com-mand the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. All of the states, save the last, are at present attached to the department of the East, under command of General Merritt, of New York. It is said at the department that General Merritt is fully compensated for the strength of the command which has been taken from him, by the addition to his forces of the two regiments of artillery now recruiting.

Headquarters of the new department of the South will be at Atlanta, chosen because of its fine strategic value and its excellent railroad connections. At present, the government has no accommodations in Atlanta for the headquarters of the department, so it will be obliged to hire the most available

buildings.

General Wilson, chief of engineers, who has been in Florida, is expected back tomorrow to report to Secretary Alger on the progress of the fortification work in that section of the country and probably especially as to the defense of Tortugas.

For the first time today the officials of the war department admitted that they were straining every nerve to improve that part of the defense of the country confided to their care.

The immediate purchase of a large number of rapid-firing guns for the sea coast defenses has been authorized by Secretary of War Alger. So urgent is the necessity for prompt action in this matter deemed that the allotment of the \$50,000,000 carrie by the Cannon defense bill will not be awaited before making the purchases. Orders have been given to the various arsenals and armories controlled by the government to increase their working forces to their fullest extent in order to expedite the completion of existing projects.

# PROCTOR SAW A SKIRMISH.

How the Spaniards Are Crushing the Rebellion.

New York, March 14.- A Herald dispatch from Key West says: Senator Proctor and Colonel Parker give a most graphic and amusing description of a skirmish between a company of Spanish cavalry and a handful of insurgents which took place while they were on a train near Matanzas and which was nndoubtedly prepared for their special

Before they reached the station they noticed that the telegraph wires had been cut, and some slight obstructions placed upon the track. On a hill in the distance they could see the silhouette of a dozen insurgents outlined against the sky. In the valley the Spanish cavairy had started toward them, but they were brought to a sudden halt by the bullets from the enemy. The Spanish halted and formed a hollow square, while the officers found Fresh Fish-Halibut, 6@7c; steel safety behind some convenient trees. Meanwhile the insurgents called for a truce and withdrew into the dense woods and the Spaniards returned to the station in time to meet the train and receive the congratulations of the commander of the district.

All this byplay struck Senator Proctor as most amusing war tactics. An old Confederate veteran who accompanied the party asked the Spanish officer why he had not given chase to the insurgents. His reply was that there were more than a thousand behind the hills. The story is told that each member of that cavalry has already received a medal in commemoration of his bravery in that battle.

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