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MILLIONS IN YELLOW DUST

Brought by Steamers from the Yukon.

MANY GOLD HUNTERS

Return from the Klondike—Wealth as Shown by Deposits in the Seattle Assay Office.

VANCOUVER, July 18.—The steamer Garonne arrived tonight from St. Michaels, Alaska, with 550 passengers and about \$1,500,000 worth of gold dust. Between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 belong to the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The largest individual amount is that of T. S. Lippy, of Seattle, who is credited with bringing about \$300,000 from his claim on Eldorado creek.

TONS OF GOLD.
Seattle, Wash., July 18.—Over three tons of gold, brought from Alaska last night by the steamer Roanoke, was deposited in the United States assay office today. It was the property of 100 individual depositors, and aggregated in value about \$1,600,000. The deposit of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was contained in sixteen boxes, weighing 400 pounds each. Its value, expressed in dollars, was \$1,250,000.

A FALSE REPORT.
Vancouver, B. C., July 18.—The special dispatches, sent out from Victoria, B. C., about the drowning of eleven people at Windy Arm, recently, were unfounded.

TWO GIRLS DROWNED.
Rathdrum, Ida., July 18.—This afternoon Miss Lottie Brook, aged 20, and Miss Dottie Porter, aged 24, both of Spokane, lost their lives in Spirit Lake, twelve miles northeast of this city. They were in company with Miss McCallum, Fred Chamberlain and H. M. Mosley, all of Spokane. They started to row across the lake in a rowboat. All were dressed in their bathing suits, and expected to spend the afternoon at the beach. After they were out a short distance, the boat was overturned and the occupants thrown into the water. Several boats started at once for the rescue. When they arrived at the scene they found the bodies of the young ladies at the bottom of the lake. The others had reached the shore more dead than alive. Divers soon recovered the bodies.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

A Teamster at Hillsboro Meets a Shocking Death.

Hillsboro, Or., July 18.—Thomas Clemens, a teamster in the employ of the J. C. Hare saw mill, was instantly killed about 7:30 this morning by his wagon wheels passing over and crushing his head. He was a brother of Mrs. Jacob Gibson, of Portland, and Mrs. George Ireland, of this city, and leaves a wife.

Clemens was hauling a load of lumber from the mill to Hillsboro. In going down a hill near the mill to a plank filling at the bottom, the board upon which he was sitting slid from under him, throwing him in front of the wheels, which passed over his head, with the result stated.

Two women of Sherwood discovered the body. The head had been crushed like an eggshell.

Deceased was 30 years old. He had been in the employ of J. C. Hare two years.

BIG STEEL CONTRACT.

Entered into by the Carnegie Factories Yesterday.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 18.—The Pressed Steel Car Company has contracted with the Carnegie Steel Company for 30,000 tons of steel plates, monthly, for a period of ten years. This is the largest steel contract allotted to one firm, and amounts to about \$150,000,000. A representative of the Pressed Steel Car Company said today, that the actual cost of the material to be furnished will be \$15,000,000 a year.

A BIG BLAZE.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 19.—Fire started today at Congress street and Broadway and spread rapidly. At one time the Grand Union hotel was in danger, but the firemen saved it. The fire originated in Charles Leggett's bicycle store and was caused by an explosion of naphtha. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

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ALGER RESIGNS AT LAST

Vacancy in the Cabinet to Be Filled.

A SUDDEN RUPTURE

Follows a Conference Between Vice President G. A. Hobart and the War Secretary.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Secretary Russel A. Alger today tendered to President McKinley his resignation of the war portfolio. The resignation will become effective August 1st, although it was tendered "at the pleasure of the president."

Gossip has already begun as to his successor, but it is entirely speculative, for, notwithstanding the reports that Alger would not long continue at the head of the war department, his actual resignation came suddenly and unexpectedly. That it would come by the end of the year was generally believed, but so little was it expected at this time, that the cabinet officers, when the news first became public, were inclined to regard the announcement as premature. The announcement that it was actually in hand, came to them in the nature of a surprise. The formal acceptance of the resignation had not been made by the president up to a late hour tonight, but will be in a letter to be written within the next day or two. No official statement as to the cause of the resignation was procurable, either from the president or from Secretary Alger, neither of whom would talk on the subject. Nor was the letter of resignation obtainable at this time. For the present, nothing will be made known officially concerning the severance of official relations between the president and his war minister, but later on the official correspondence, closing the latter's career as chief of the war department, doubtless will be given to the press.

The belief has prevailed in Washington for some time that Secretary Alger would resign from the cabinet, but the date generally set for it was towards the close of the year, after he had submitted his annual report, in which he intended to sum up what had been accomplished during his brief but eventful direction of the war department. Its tender then had been regarded as almost a foregone conclusion, in view of Alger's announcement, about a month ago, that he had concluded to enter in the competition for the vacancy in the United States senate to be caused by the expiration of the term of Senator McMillan, and that he had enlisted in his active support Governor Pingree, to whom had been attributed free criticisms of the policy that was supposed to be cherished by the president toward the Philippines. There have been many explanations and denials of facts in that case, but in the end, the impression was conveyed that the result of the Michigan visit of the secretary, had been to change relations between the president and himself to such a degree as to make the restoration of their former status impossible, and to render a connection of the two as a part of the same official family undesirable.

At one time since then there were grounds for the belief that a rupture might be avoided, but this belief ceased to be held when the news spread that Vice-President Hobart and Secretary Alger were in a conference at Normanhurst. It was largely, at least, as the result of this conference, that Secretary Alger decided to leave the cabinet at this time. There has been no disclosure of what passed, but it is significant that the return of the secretary to Washington was followed by prompt action. He arrived in Washington last night, too late to make any official calls.

Almost before the executive departments were open for business, this morning, he called at the White House and visiting the president in his office, announced that he had concluded to resign his office. What passed between himself and the president is only a matter of surmise, for neither has anything to say on this point. Later Secretary Alger wrote out his formal letter of resignation, and personally carried it to the White House. His call on this occasion was brief.

Among the names which have been mentioned for Alger's successor have been those of General Horace Porter, of New York, now ambassador to France; Governor Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; General Harrison Gray Otis, of Los Angeles, and Assistant Secretary McKeljohn. The name of General H. C. Corbin has been mentioned in connection with an interim appointment, pending the selection of a permanent occupant of the office. All this, however, is mere speculation.

WILL BE BROUGHT BACK.

All the Oregon Dead to Be Returned at the Nation's Expense.

San Francisco, July 17.—All the bodies of the dead in the Second Oregon regiment will be brought home for

burial at the government's expense. All who died in the hospitals and all who were killed on the field, with one exception, have received temporary interment at the Manila cemetery, where each vault was marked with exceeding care. The exception is Lieutenant Jones Harrington, who was killed in the famous attack on Tabon bridge. He was buried near the bridge with military honors, and the grave is well marked, so that there will be no trouble to find it.

Removal of the bodies will not begin for five or six months. A plan was tried of embalming the bodies as they were brought in from the field, but for various reasons it did not succeed. The military authorities have promised to return the bodies, not only to San Francisco, but to the town designated by the relatives of the dead soldier, wherever it may happen to be—all at the government's expense. In case no request is received from relatives, the body will be conveyed to Washington, D. C., and interred in the National cemetery.

DEWEY'S BANQUET.

THE ADMIRAL WILL BE FEASTED AT TRIESTE.

All American Consuls in the Austrian Empire to Meet the Hero of Manila Bay.

NEW YORK, July 18.—A dispatch from Trieste, Austria, says:

Admiral Dewey has accepted a banquet, offered him, on his arrival here, by United States Minister Harris, who has invited all American consuls and vice-consuls in Austria and Hungary, with their wives, to meet him. "The admiral wires that he has quarantined his flagship since she left Colombo, Ceylon, and has had no communication with the shore, so he can land with a clean bill of health immediately on arrival. A special permit had to be obtained from Vienna to enable the cruiser Olympia to enter this port, owing to the regulation affecting warships. Minister Strauss, at Constantinople, very strongly pressed Admiral Dewey to visit him, but the latter was afraid of the fatigue, greatly needing complete rest and medical treatment."

CAPTAIN BARKER LANDS.

Victoria, July 18.—Among the passengers on the steamer Empress of India, which arrived today from the Orient, was Captain A. F. Barker, United States navy, former commander of the battleship Oregon.

A DIAMOND THIEF.

Notorious Crook Convicted in Texas and Sent to Prison.

Houston, Texas, July 19.—Abe Rothschild, known throughout the country as a crook and a diamond thief of the first water, has been convicted in Gonzales county, Texas, and given three years on a charge of forgery, his conviction being secured by the Wells-Fargo Express Company. Rothschild recently served a term in the Missouri penitentiary and was taken in by the federal authorities. He escaped by jumping from a moving train while handcuffed to another prisoner, but after nearly starving they surrendered. When Rothschild's present term expires he will be called to answer several similar charges in Texas. He has also operated in Canada, Georgia, East and the Middle West. The National Jeweler's Association has spent much money in trying to secure his conviction, but he escaped until the Missouri authorities got him.

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LOSS OF OREGON TROOPS

Statement of Deaths in the Service.

ONLY TWO DESERTERS

Aguinaldo Holds His Men by Telling Lies Regarding Changes in American Administration.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A statement, prepared at the war department shows that of the fifty-six officers and 1316 enlisted men of the Second Oregon regiment, only forty-nine were killed in battle or died of disease during the campaign in the Philippines, a percentage of 3.62. The total number of officers and men to be mustered out at San Francisco is 1104, a number of discharges having been previously made. Only two men are marked as deserters.

INSURGENTS' LIES.

New York, July 19.—Senator Platt gave out a carefully prepared statement tonight on the war in the Philippines, in which he says: "President McKinley is advised that the only hope of the insurgents lies in the efforts they are making to convince their people that a change of government is about to occur in the United States favorable to the insurgents' cause; that there is general opposition among the American people to the prosecution of the war, and a fixed purpose on the part of that political party, about to come into power, to withdraw the American army and to recognize the government of Aguinaldo. This idea is being assiduously cultivated by the insurgent leaders, and it so far serves their purpose as to enable them to maintain their forces in a fairly strong array."

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Washington, July 19.—All the field officers of the new volunteer regiments have been appointed, the list being completed today by the selection of the remaining colonels. The officers of the Thirty-fifth Infantry, to be recruited at Vancouver barracks, are: Col. Wm. A. Kobbe, Lieut. Col. Edward H. Plummer, Majors Robert D. Walsh, Walter C. Short and Albert Laws.

MILES FOR LUZON.

New York, July 19.—A special to the World from Washington, says: Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, in an interview today, said: "There seems to be a strong feeling among the people that Major-General Otis has not pushed the campaign in the Philippines as vigorously as he

should, and it might be well for the president to put another general in authority.

"I believe the people would like to see General Miles sent to the Philippines and placed in command. There is a general confidence in his ability as a soldier and campaigner. I do not think the president or the war department has been to blame. Otis should have asked for more men and should have seen to it that when he took an insurgent village or stronghold he had strength enough to hold it."

A RICH FIND

NEW GOLD DISCOVERIES ON THE BIG SALMON RIVER.

Many Prospectors from Dawson, on the Way to the New Eldorado
—Federal Troops.

SEATTLE, July 19.—The steamer Dirigo arrived today from Skagway, Alaska, with the news of a reported strike on Big Salmon river. A great many prospectors from Dawson and vicinity were rushing into the district. The Dirigo had a number of passengers from Dawson, who bought out a small amount of gold dust. The purser of the steamer estimates the gold on the Dirigo at \$250,000.

WILL KEEP ORDER.

Healy, St. Michaels Island, Alaska, July 8, via Vancouver, July 19.—Col. Kay and three companies of the Seventh regiment, arrived at Fort St. Michaels this morning, on the steamer St. Paul, from San Francisco. One company will be stationed at Fort Egbert (Eagle City); another at Fort Gibbons, Tanana, and a third at Fort St. Michaels.

DEMOCRATS IN CHICAGO.

Men of National Reputation Have Gathered for the Conference

Chicago, July 19.—Democrats of national importance began to arrive in Chicago today and at noon there was quite a colony of distinguished members and advisers of national committee ready to take part in the meeting of that body tomorrow. Opinion was generally expressed by early arrivals that definite action on issues to be fought for in next year's campaign would be decided upon at tomorrow's meeting.

Much interest was manifested in the trouble over tomorrow night's Auditorium meeting. The announcement of Mayor Harrison and National Committeeman Gahan, that they would ignore the Auditorium affair, created no sort of talk and Bryan's decision in the matter was anxiously awaited.

BREWERS GIVE IN.

Chicago, July 19.—Chicago brewers and their striking workmen have come to a wage agreement and all breweries reopened today. Brewers have allowed their employees a slight increase in pay by the hour and a shorter work day.

Most People Talk

About the shoes they buy. If the shoes please, what they say helps the shoe man. Poor shoes create comment that will kill any shoe man's trade. Our shoe trade continues to increase. That's proof that our shoes give satisfaction. We carry the



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