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LOCAL POLICE COURTS the undertaking hopeless in view of the drought.

Martinez—The apricot crop has been practically destroyed throughout this county by the frosts of the past few days.

The owner of a 75-acre orchard today offered to sell his entire crop for \$10. The outlook for grain is also gloomy. The farmers have about given up hope. Nothing but a heavy rain can suffice to save the wheat.

St. Helena—The frosts of the last few mornings have been severe and considerable damage has been done to early vegetables and fruits. The thermometer has registered 20 degrees for several days before sunrise.

Visalia—Late sown grain will be saved by the rain which fell today and which will probably continue all night.

Carson, Nev.—General snowstorms prevail throughout the western portion of the state. It is hoped they will continue sufficiently long to stock the mountains well with snow and avert the drought next summer which has seemed inevitable for the past month. There have been few snowstorms during the winter, the farmers in valleys, and especially in Mason valley, one of the most important agricultural regions of the state, have hesitated about seeding the ground for next season.

Fresno—About 25-100ths of an inch of rain has fallen here this evening and the indications are good for more. There is still a large acreage of wheat in this county that will make a good yield with abundant spring showers.

Stockton—An unexpected but welcome rain commenced falling gently this morning and kept it up all day. Here the fall rains are only more than a quarter of an inch. It was lighter to the southwest and west and heavier to the east, north and southeast, the fall in the foothills being particularly good. The rain has ceased falling this evening and it has turned off cold. Warmth is needed for the grain almost as much as moisture. Most of the fruit is beyond help.

San Jose—The bud and blossom carnival announced to come off here tomorrow has been declared off on account of the rainy weather.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., March 25.—The heavy rain which fell today will enable many to plant beets who had considered

FOUR DAWSONITES

TELL OF NUGGETS WEIGHING ABOUT A TON

CLAIM-HOLDERS LYING

IN ORDER TO DODGE PAYMENT OF ROYALTY

GOODWIN OF LOS ANGELES

One of the Men Who Brings Out a Fortune—Fabulous Estimates of the Output

Special to The Herald

VICTORIA, B. C., March 25.—The steamer Pakehan arrived this afternoon direct from Skaguay with the following four passengers from Dawson, whose stories are glowing beyond description

C. A. GOODWIN, Los Angeles. J. F. DENHAM, Sacramento. B. LONG, Tacoma. D. LASALLE, Leadville, Colo.

These four gentlemen went to Dawson City last summer and each took up claims and did well. They left Dawson on February 15th, and at that time the place was quiet and orderly, everybody at work and absolutely no scarcity of provisions, although none were for sale.

They met "Soapy" Smith of Skaguay on the trail. He has left for Dawson. Lasalle, one of the party who came out, tells a story, which is confirmed by others, that on January 10th, Alex McDonald of Denver found a nugget worth \$9000 on No. 6, El Dorado creek. They also claim that claim-owners are not telling how much they are taking out, as they wish to avoid paying royalty.

No mail has reached Dawson since September, but McKay, the letter carrier of the Yukon, arrived from the coast in December and had all his letters confiscated by the mounted police, who distributed them, as Inspector Constantine considered it unjust to charge \$5 a letter.

Henderson creek, Dominion creek, Sixty Mile, Rosebud, American, Juneau and Good Enough are all panning out well and that \$50,000,000 will be washed up by June 1st is the claim of these Klondikers.

J. A. Denham made affidavit about the \$9000 nugget. Others were found on Hunker creek that go over \$400 each. These nuggets came from the mine known as the Berry claims and were called wildcat last season; but a half million could not buy a quarter interest now.

The stories the boys tell night after night in Dawson are like dreams of fabulous wealth in fairyland.

Wages are still \$15 a day, but there is so much smoke on the creeks where they are thawing out ground that many are afflicted with sore eyes.

Dawson is applying for incorporation and the city and papers will be sent to Ottawa, as the town has come to stay.

Dogs are still worth \$200 in Dawson. Whiskey has risen in price to \$30 per bottle, as the supply is running short.

Antoine, the multi-millionaire dago, bought all the champagne there was for his girl at \$40 per quart. They are coming out in the spring and will bring out over a million dollars in just alone. Antoine is the richest man in Dawson. "Swiftwater" Bill Bates or Ladue are not in it with him.

C. A. Goodwin, the Los Angeles wallpaperer, who is now independently rich for life, and who is the only one of the party who tells of what he brought out, shows a draft for \$18,000, but says many will be disappointed, as the matter has been reported while in Dawson, but that the man with money had the advantage.

Lasalle reports the death at Skaguay of the commander of the United States troops stationed there, but he forgot the officer's name. Death was due to meningitis. His body is being brought down on the next steamer.

Skaguay is still an unruly town, even since "Soapy" Smith and his gang got the order to move; also bitter reports are in circulation as to the treatment of United States citizens by customs inspectors at Skaguay, and the matter has been reported to Washington by wire tonight, calling for their removal and an investigation.

The death rate is now two a day there, but no epidemic exists. Both passes are in good condition and likely to remain so for some time as the weather is still cold.

B. Long, the Tacoma man, says glowing reports have reached Dawson from Circle City and that many creeks lying wholly in American territory are turning out rich and that those who are there claim they have as good, if not better, claims and properties than at Klondike.

BETTER THAN KLONDIKE

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 25.—(By Associated Press.) The steamer Pakehan, which arrived from Skaguay, Alaska, today, had among her passengers four men direct from Dawson City. They were Messrs. Denham of San Francisco, Long of Tacoma, Lasalle of Leadville and Gordon of Los Angeles.

They report a stampede for the American side below American creek. This section, they claim, will beat Klondike. Pay dirt is more easily divided and shallower. A \$9000 nugget has been found on El Dorado creek, they say. It is estimated by them that \$40,000,000 in gold will be brought out this season.

LAW FOR ALASKA

WASHINGTON, March 25.—An agreement has been reached by the conferees on the Alaska land bill to insert a provision allowing Canadian miners the same rights in Alaska as are given by the Canadian government to the American miners. Canadian miners will not have to be naturalized to take up mines in Alaska.

In speaking of the finding of the \$9000 nugget, Mr. Goodwin said: "That sounds like a tall story, I know, but it is a fact. The nugget has considerable quartz mixed with it, and is as big as a pill."

The owner's name, Mr. Goodwin said, is being kept dark, as he hopes to get it out intact, without paying royalty.

AN UNDESIRABLE NEIGHBOR



UNCLE SAM: "No use talking—there'll never be peace in this neighborhood so long as that Spaniard is here." —Boston Globe.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY EXTERNAL EXPLOSION

War Preparation Is Being Hurried to Completion and the Country Is Today Practically on a War Footing—Spain Declines to Turn Back Her Fleet of Torpedo Boats

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(By Associated Press.) The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion. The state department, by direction of the president, has cabled to Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The president and his cabinet advisers held two extended sessions today, one at 10:30 a. m. and another at 5:30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of a grave character, and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin.

The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo fleet now proceeding from the Canaries, and would be disinclined to consider a suggestion from that government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own naval forces.

War preparations on an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the war and navy departments, and the country is practically on a war footing.

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the civil war. It was a day of profoundly important action and of the deepest anxiety, coupled with naval and military activity, one step following another in rapid succession.

Representative men of the administration, public men in all branches of official and congressional life, no less than the public in general, shared in the tension to which the situation has been brought. There was no effort among the highest officials, nor, indeed, was it possible, from what was clearly apparent in the developments of the day, to minimize the situation.

Viewed in detail, the finding of the court of inquiry was the most vital feature. Commander Marx, judge-advocate of the court of inquiry, delivered the report to Secretary Long early this morning, and shortly afterward it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the president. At 10:30 the cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual, and began consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court was known until 2 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country, as well as to the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds; the first was from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines. It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply cognizant of its responsibility, together with the evidence upon which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon. All other subjects gave way to this foremost question. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to congress early next week, accompanied by a brief message from the president.

Rich strikes have also been kept secret for a similar reason. The party left Dawson February 15th.

Mr. Goodwin stated that for the first 600 miles the cold was intense and traveling extremely difficult.

Mr. Goodwin states that at a conservative estimate at least twenty tons of gold will be brought out in June, when navigation opens. The country round Dawson was black with smoke, from fires burning to the ground. Quite recently the Healy company had paid "Nigger Jim" \$225,000

for three claims on Bonanza creek. Claims on Bear and Dominion creeks, on Indian and Klondike rivers, had sold as high as \$20,000.

In Dawson, \$90 per cord was the price paid for wood. Before the party left many reports were coming in of the richness of Clarence Berry's claim, on the hillside of El Dorado.

Reports were also being received every day of rich finds on American creek, on the American side. Rosebud creek is also drawing much attention. None of the party brought out much actual dust, as drafts could be obtained at Dawson for gold at \$15.50 per ounce, and very few would pack dust under these circumstances.

The house committee on revision of the laws today agreed on and favorably reported to the house the complete codification of the criminal law and procedure in criminal cases in Alaska. The bill comprises the result of the work of the government committee appointed to codify the laws of the United States.

FIRST GUN OF WAR

WILL BE FIRED AT A SPANISH TORPEDO BOAT

ALL NAVAL AUTHORITY

SAYS THAT THE FLEET MUST BE INTERCEPTED

THE DISPOSITION OF SPAIN

Indicated by Hurried Work on Fortifications at Porto Rico, Her Probable Base of Supplies

Associated Press Special Wire

WASHINGTON, March 25.—While interest was centered at the White House today, the navy and war departments were hurrying forward their work of preparation. The advance of the Spanish torpedo fleet continued to receive the highest military attention of naval officials and while, so far as could be ascertained, no definite line of action was determined upon, the need of intercepting this fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities.

From the standpoint of the Spanish government this movement was not a menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the contrary, the Spanish government holds that the extensive armament of the Dry Tortugas is a more direct hostile act against Spain than any movement of the fleet. Instead of stopping the fleet, the present attitude of Spain tends towards reinforcing it with other Spanish war vessels, not as a menace, but from what the Spanish government feels is a requirement called for by the existing condition of affairs.

SPAIN'S DISPOSITION

Hardly less suggestive than the approach of the torpedo fleet was the information received yesterday by the highest military authorities that the Spanish government had hurried to completion extensive fortifications on the island of Porto Rico, lying just off Cuba, and the only Spanish possession in this hemisphere other than Cuba. The exact character of these new defenses has been made known here and they are being given weight with the military authorities as showing the disposition of Spain.

NAVAL PREPARATIONS

The instructions issued by the navy department during the day covered every branch of naval armament. The "B" flying squadron was definitely established, with Commodore Schley in command. He will hoist his commodore's flag on the flagship Brooklyn next Monday. The squadron is to consist of exactly five ships, despite conjectures as to possible ships that might be added. Those of the squadron will be the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas and the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis. Other ships which are now or hereafter at Hampton Roads will not be of the flying squadron, but will belong to the North Atlantic station under Capt. Sampson. The flying squadron is to be a

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TO TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Gladstone's ill health reported to be due to cancer, which will necessarily prove fatal.

Reed's rulings in the house lead to a storm of protests, and progress with the naval bill is very seriously delayed.

Statesmen of Spain express the belief that the United States cannot refuse to consent to arbitration of the Maine affair.

A crooked cashier wrecks the People's bank of Philadelphia; the cashier is dead by suicide, and the bank officials promise to pay depositors.

Agged people called by witnesses in the Kasson case show wonderfully retentive memories for petty details, but no two agree on facts of importance.

The insurgent leader Gomez does not hope for the early independence of Cuba and fears that a Spanish-American war would only add to Cuban suffering.

Populists, Democrats and Free Silver Republicans of Oregon agree on a fusion platform and eighteen middle-of-the-road Populists walk out of the convention.

The Maine report has been handed to President McKinley and will be sent to congress on Monday. The information is given out as to the contents of the document.

C. A. Goodwin of Los Angeles one of four Dawsonites returning with fortunes in their grips, and bringing tales of fabulous richness of Klondike mines and still better strikes in Alaska territory.

If the Spanish fleet is allowed to reach Porto Rico, it will not be permitted to proceed further westward; Congress is wrathful over Hanna's attempts at delay, and will insist on immediate action.

The supreme court holds the Los Angeles police court to be a valid court; Sacramento fares much worse, as the police court is held to have no valid existence; all offenders now in custody will be released.

Commodore Schley will command the flying squadron now gathering at Hampton Roads; being an officer of discretion, he declines to discuss plan of operations of intercepting the Spanish torpedo fleet.

Serious apprehension is aroused by the approach of the Spanish fleet; there is not a torpedo destroyer in the American fleet, and the big warships of the West will be practically at the mercy of the small but swift torpedo boats now on the way.

Official announcement is made that the court of inquiry finds the Maine to have been destroyed by external explosion; greater excitement prevails in official circles than since the war, and the country is now practically on a war footing; the Spanish government declines to turn back the fleet of torpedo boats now on the way from the Canaries, and preparations are being made to prepare for their coming.
