

EXPECTED THE VERDICT

WHICH WAS RENDERED BY THE MAINE COURT

SPAIN IN FOR A HAMMERING

English Experts Expect the Don to Do Some Thumping Himself Before He Is Whipped

Associated Press Special Wire

LONDON, March 26.—(Copyright, 1898.) Although public opinion on this side of the Atlantic, as in America, had already discounted the findings of the United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine and actual confirmation was expected, the verdict served only to whet people's appetites. It has in now way alleviated the suspense or the anxiety in regard to the immediate effect produced by the report...

So far as it is possible to ascertain the general diplomatic opinion, it can be summed up in the words of a foreign office officer, who remarked: "The preservation of peace depends upon the temper Spain displays when the inevitable notification is delivered."

"The president proposes to relieve the suffering by distributing food, clothes and medicines from American warships and transports, precisely as Great Britain is now, unofficially and on a smaller scale, doing in Crete, and unless Spain pockets her overweening conceit, which has hitherto made the recognition of her failure impossible to her, a rupture must come from that quarter, and Spain will put herself helplessly in the wrong. Spain's pretensions of preparedness for war and her finance minister's assurance that she has sufficient funds there, are equally untenable, unless the latter contemplates the immediate suspension of specie payments and the payment of the interest on the debt in paper. The truth is that Spain is no more in a position to fight the United States than Greece to fight Turkey. The great hope of the European chancellors is that the president will succeed in delaying the explosion until, under the guise of autonomy, arrangements may possibly be made to facilitate Spain's giving up Cuba. It must be remembered that for two years, although Spain has at times assumed a vigorous attitude, she has invariably failed to maintain it when the crisis was reached. The suggestion of the continental press of intervention upon the part of the European powers is mischievous, and nothing is more certain to provoke hostilities."

SPANISH FINANCES

The Statist says: "The government is indebted to the Bank of Spain for between 15,000,000 and 12,000,000 pesetas, about 40 per cent more than in 1897, and the position of the bank is such that the suspension of specie payments is bound to follow any large tender of notes. Its bullion is only 40 per cent of its note circulation." According to Madrid advices, the papers there are whistling loudly, trying to rouse a sense of wrong about the doctrine that war de facto was declared when the United States permitted support to be furnished to the insurgents. Early during the week strict censorship denuded the newspapers of news and created widespread alarm. This was enhanced by the suspension of all news of the movements of the Spanish torpedo flotilla and the announcement that a cruiser would accompany the destroyers, which was taken to mean that the Spaniards feared attempts would be made by the United States to stop the flotilla on the way to Porto Rico. Great interest is taken in the elections tomorrow for the members of the Spanish chamber of deputies. It is reported that Gen. Weyler has telegraphed to his friends in Cuba to withdraw their candidatures for seats in the Cuban chamber.

THE OHIO FLOODS

Rivers Still Rising and Heavy Rains Falling

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 26.—Tonight the outlook for a great flood in the Ohio river is almost disheartening. The river at noon today passed the fifty-five foot mark here, ten feet above the danger line. A light rain this afternoon transformed into a heavy rain has caused apprehension of a flood record above the disastrous one of 1854. All depends upon the extent and severity of this rainstorm now coming from the southwest. Street railroads are flooded between Newport and Hayton and between Lexington and Covington, Ky. River navigation is embarrassed here because of the flooded landing. As predicted in these reports last night, the Grand Central depot has been flooded so that no trains have entered it since noon. Trains entering that depot all have emergency stations outside which they are using. At 6 o'clock tonight the Ohio river was rising at all points from Gallipolis to Cairo. At 10 o'clock it was stationary at Gallipolis but rising rapidly at all points from Cynthiana to Cairo. At Cincinnati tonight it was 56.6 feet and still rising one-tenth of a foot hourly. This looks very much like sixty feet will be reached by Monday, a contingency of an alarmingly greater rise conditioned upon the extent and duration of the present rainstorm.

CONTRACT LABORERS

Making a Fight for the Privilege of Landing

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—The number of Japanese immigrants who have arrived at this port since March 1st is about 400. Of this number one-half have come by way of Victoria, B. C., reaching this city with certificates from United States Commissioner Rice at that place, which entitle them to land in the United States. Of the remaining 200 coming direct from Yokohama, 80 or more have been deported, some on the ground that they were contract laborers, but more because they were, according to their own testimony, insufficiently provided with means and liable to become a public charge. Commissioner North at this port today received a letter from Commissioner Rice suggesting a conference, so that uniformity of action may be secured in regard to the restriction of Japanese immigration.

THE WORST KNOWN

leaving Key West, and knew nothing of the action taken by the United States. A torpedo boat was at once dispatched to Captain Sampson, on board the New York.

Colleges Held Sports

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, March 26.—The annual field day between Stanford freshmen and the Oakland high school was held on the campus this afternoon. The fifteen men from Oakland showed themselves the superiors of the freshmen aggregation, winning the games by a score of 70 to 47. The Stanford lads were sadly lacking in first place material and some of the men who were counted on for records did not show up well. Flicker, Stanford's hammer thrower, and Plaw, Boone's 135 lbs. thrower, the sixteen-pound hammer for records, the latter with a distance of 128 feet, 2 inches, outclassed Flicker, who failed to make over 121 feet.

OXFORD WINS THE LACE FROM CAMBRIDGE

It Blew Great Guns and Winning the Toss Gave the Dark Blues the Great Race

PUTNEY, Eng., March 26.—With a bitter northeast wind blowing and rain and sleet falling, the fifty-fifth annual boat race between crews representing the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed to Mortlake, four and a quarter miles, and was won by Oxford in 22 minutes, 15 seconds. The dark blues were from twelve to twenty lengths ahead at the finish and the Cambridge crew almost stopped off "the ship" at Mortlake, thoroughly exhausted and with their boat half full of water. Oxford has now won thirty-two out of fifty-five races rowed and has been the winner nine years in succession. Oxford won the toss, which, with the prevailing wind, was regarded as assuring them the race. The two crews embarked at 3:40 p. m. and the two boats got away at 3:45 p. m. At Duke's Head, soon after the start, Cambridge was leading and the light blues were a quarter of a length ahead of the dark blues at Clasper's boathouse. At the Clasper boathouse, one mile and a quarter from the start, Oxford was leading by three lengths. At the soap works, one mile and three-quarters from the start, Oxford was leading by four lengths, which lead the dark blues maintained while passing Hammer-smith bridge. At Barnes bridge, three and two-thirds miles from the start, Oxford was forty-five seconds ahead.

ON THE TURF

Results of Races at Ingleside and New Orleans

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Weather at Ingleside fine; track fast. Results: Five furlongs, selling—Primavera won, Frank Ireland second, Orabree third; time, 1:02 1/2. Six furlongs—Trolley won, Rubicon second, Newsgatherer third; time, 1:14. One mile and a quarter, over five hurdles—Our Climate won, Tortoni second, Monita third; time, 2:09 1/2. One mile heats, the Evergreen stakes, value \$1000—First heat: Won't Dance won, Ace second; Buckwa third; time, 1:42 1/2. Second heat: Won't Dance won, Ace second, Lincoln II third; time, 1:42 1/2. One mile, selling—Moorcito won, Midlan second, Bonito third; time, 1:29 1/2.

AT NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, March 26.—Weather cloudy, track fast. Results: Seven furlongs—Carrie Lyle won, Corell second, Onion third; time, 1:29. Half mile—Frank B. won, Mousell second, Romany Rawny third; time, 0:56. Mile and one-eighth—Blackwing Brush won, Pete Kitchen second, Royal Choice third; time, 1:49. Handicap, six furlongs—Fervor won, Pat Morrissey second, Brighton third; time, 1:38. One mile and a quarter—Bagpipe won, Billy McKenzie second, Melle third; time, 2:30. Mile and one-eighth—Jim Hogg won, Fred Barr second, His Brother third; time, 1:49 1/2.

THE WORST FROST SAN JOE Ranchers Ever Saw

SAN JOSE, March 25.—A cold wave struck Santa Clara last night, and after the soaking rain of yesterday morning a heavy frost resulted. Great damage was done to cereals, which were cut down by its intensity. The entire almond, peach, apricot and prune crop of the valley was destroyed, as well as the grain. Vegetables suffered also to a great degree. The farmers state it is the worst frost that ever struck this section at this time of year, and the damage is greater than ever before known. San Luis Obispo.—The rainfall for the latest storm of the season averaged .35 of an inch throughout the county. Crops have been greatly benefited. Santa Cruz.—There was a heavy frost here this morning. Snow has fallen on the mountains of the coast range.

Cross Country Races

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—The Chicago and Alton railroad makes the announcement that within two weeks it will cut its running schedule between Kansas City and Chicago to thirteen hours flat. The present schedule is fifteen hours and twenty minutes. It is probable that competing lines will meet the cut. The Alton and Burlington claim they can make the run in still less time if necessary. The Rock Island, whose line is longer than either of the other roads, is said to intend to cut passenger rates if the running schedule is reduced beyond its ability to compete in that regard. The reduction in the schedule is the direct result of the rate war between Chicago and Denver.

Cattle Quarantine

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Secretary Wilson has issued an order changing the federal quarantine lines so as to include the entire state of California. This will permit cattle now south of the present line, which extends partly across the middle of the state, and which are said to be threatened with starvation, to be shipped to the northern part, there to be held under the direction of the state authorities. Under certain conditions shipments can

NINE TIMES IN A ROW

TO TAKE FOREST BACK

Detective Price of New York Arrives Finally

F. S. Price, sergeant of detectives of Greater New York, arrived here last evening on the Santa Fe, armed with a warrant and the necessary papers from Governor Black of New York for the return of Dr. W. E. Forest, who is under indictment for grand larceny in the first degree. Sergt. Price came without any extradition papers from Governor Budd, contrary to expectations. Chief Glass said yesterday afternoon that Price would probably come west by way of Ogden and stop first at Sacramento to secure the authority from the California executive to take his prisoner out of the state. Sergt. Price decided, however, to come by the Santa Fe route, as he would have had to wait 24 hours in Chicago, and in preference to that length of stay in the Windy City, chose a few hours in Los Angeles, with the extra reach north today. This will enable him to reach Sacramento by Monday and secure his extradition papers from Governor Budd and be back here by Wednesday at the outside. Price thinks that the authorities have a very strong case against Dr. Forest. Alexander McElwee, a broker at 50 Broadway, is the complainant against Dr. Forest. McElwee succumbed to the influence of Forest's attorney, General H. A. Lacey, certificates of stock of the Bonlatte Buton company, valued at \$9000, with the request that he raise \$2500 for him on them. Dr. Forest went to R. Freeman, a dealer in oils, whom as a physician he was treating for rheumatism. He represented that the certificates belonged to him. They were valued at par, the doctor claimed, and were paying 6 per cent, and instead of securing only the nominal amount that McElwee desired, he is said to have got \$3000, which he failed to turn over to McElwee, but kept himself. Forest closed his offices and came west. The exemplified copy of the indictment also arrived yesterday afternoon, and this will be used by the prosecution in the endeavor to hold Forest for examination tomorrow. Price stated that he had understood that J. P. Waterman, one of the attorneys for Forest, had gone to Sacramento to consult with Governor Budd, with a view to inducing him not to grant the extradition papers.

The Tale of a Cat

"Tom" has got his tail in a sling, and all the attaches of the county jail are in a state of commotion. The cat, who is a portion of his anatomy, was the "Tom" is the handsome black cat who has resided at the county jail for years past. There is some sort of tradition about "Tom" being Anschlag's ghost. Anschlag committed a horrible double murder in Orange county about nine years ago and was sentenced to be hanged. He managed to secure a quantity of poison and succeeded in the county jail. The night that the murderer died "Tom" showed up at the jail, and the superstitious ones and Egyptologists declared that he was Anschlag's ghost. "Tom" has made a position and likes to chase around the jail. The other evening he got into a fight with another cat, who chewed nearly all of Tom's tail off. The black cat, however, came back. Jailor Kennedy bound up the injured member and "Tom" will probably be well again, as the tail is healing by first intention.

Took His Shoes to Them

Ben Wilson had 'em badly Friday night and he caused the jail officials much trouble as a result. Ben resides at 312 Court street, and he went to Burbank and accumulated the jim jams. He was arrested last night at the county jail. Ben is a troubled soul during the night. He is a countless host of prismatic colored reptiles crawling around him. He finally removed his shoes and used them to kill the imaginary snakes as they crawled within reach. Wilson had improved last night and was expected to recover from his attack.

Six People Burned

ABERCROMBIE, N. D., March 26.—The house of Ed Hansman was burned last night at Kent, Minn. Mr. Hansman, his wife and five children perished. Mr. Hansman went home about 2 o'clock and soon after the fire was discovered. It was too late to render any assistance as the family was suffocated and as soon as an entry was made the whole house was in flames. The bodies were all recovered, burned almost beyond recognition.

A British War Scare

LONDON, March 27.—The Sunday papers are indulging in a British war scare on account of affairs in China. Great prominence is given to the naval preparations which are being made at Portsmouth, Devonport, Chatham, Hongkong and other places. The admiralty has asked for urgent reports regarding the condition of the ships which are refitting, and several battleships have been ordered to take on coal and prepare for sea. Over 300 are working overtime at Devonport alone.

A Foul Fight

RED BLUFF, Cal., March 26.—The fight tonight between "Young Peter Jackson" of Denver and young Griffo, the Australian, came to an end in the fourth round, by the decision being given to Griffo on account of an alleged foul on the part of Jackson. It was stated after the fight that "Young Jackson" was really Joe Gans of Baltimore, but this is not believed by many sporting men.

A Three-Cornered Fight

John Beaver, Jim Collins and "Big Burke" got into a terrible fight at Azusa Friday afternoon and were gathered in by the constables and taken to the county jail. Burke was badly cut and Collins had his face lacerated. Beaver escaped without any marks.

Varsity Takes Another Game

A large crowd watched the baseball game between teams from the Los Angeles business college and the University of Southern California yesterday afternoon on the university campus. The varsity boys took the lead at the start and never lost it. The dull monotony of the game was broken by

COPPER RIVER COUNTRY

MORE DIFFICULT OF ACCESS THAN THE POLE

The Valdez Glacier Proves an Impassable Barrier—Many Missing Men Are Probably Dead

TACOMA, Wash., March 25.—A letter from Henry Jamieson, who left for the Copper river two months ago, states that 1200 men are blockaded at Port Valdez and wholly unable to reach the Copper river by traversing the Valdez glacier, as had been expected. He says the glacier is intersected by wide crevasses, many of which are supposed to be half a mile deep, and it is impossible to cross them. It is reported that several men who have started out over the glacier have lost their bearings. When Jamieson wrote a number of men were still missing, and fears were entertained that they were frozen to death, as blizzards had been prevailing. FOUR MEN DROWNED SEATTLE, March 26.—On March 6th four men were drowned at Dutch harbor. They were C. A. Andrews, second engineer of the steamer J. C. Barr; H. Lacey, Jr., father and son, of St. Louis. They were crossing in a small boat from Unalaska to Dutch harbor, and in a squall their boat capsized. The boat was found the next day by the cutter Bear. The Bertha brought down \$75,000 in gold portmanteau from the Apollo mine on Unga island today.

YUKON COMPANY

TACOMA, March 26.—One of the strongest companies now preparing to operate on the Yukon river has been organized by G. J. Purdy, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Chicago and Rock Island railway. It has the backing of the chief officials of that railroad. The new company was incorporated as the Purdy-Ukon Trading and Transportation company, its officers being: President W. A. Purdy, now paymaster of the Rock Island railway; vice president, General H. A. Wheeler, commander Illinois National guards; treasurer, W. M. Purdy; secretary, Jonathan Abel, prominent Chicago distiller; superintendent of construction, F. H. Lewis, who has opened the company's head headquarters here. Government will put in a line of steamers to St. Michael and up the Yukon river, establishing banks at Munook and Circle City and trading posts at various camps on the American side. It now has the schooners Mary Gilbert and W. H. Phelps plying between Tacoma and the Copper river, and announces that it will establish the first line of steamers to transport passengers and freight up that river. A 2500-ton steamer has been purchased in New York for the sound-St. Michael route, and another will be secured. Other steamers and tugboats have been contracted for.

RATES WILL TUMBLE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Judging by the numbers of vessels now engaged in the Alaskan transportation trade, it is almost certain that rates will take a decided tumble within the next few weeks. Already reports are coming from sound ports of falling off in the amount of travel northward, and comparatively few have been going from San Francisco. Running between Portland and sound ports and Alaska there are now engaged twenty-six San Francisco steamers, and there are thirteen more on their way out to this same trade.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Special Session of the Presbytery. Referred to a Committee. The affairs of the First Presbyterian church at Immanuel church on Friday in an all-day session. The purpose of the session was to consider the proposition of the Rev. Burt Estes Howard, and the session of the First Presbyterian church concerning the property on Figueroa street. The proposition of the Rev. Burt Estes Howard, and the session of the First Presbyterian church concerning the property on Figueroa street, to maintain all necessary expenditures for one year and to provide for the continuance of divine services for the same period, a sum not exceeding \$5000. In consideration of this offer, all litigation in the case should be dismissed and the trustees released from the personal obligation of the funds introduced to them. Rev. J. M. Stewart introduced a resolution in the nature of a compromise in the controversy between the corporation known as the First Presbyterian church and the Central Church. A brief discussion followed, and Dr. Henderson then offered a substitute, defining the status of the case, both legal and otherwise, as not within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. A warm discussion of the entire question ensued, and the matter was finally referred to a committee composed of Rev. P. E. Kipp, D. D., of San Diego; Rev. J. M. Newell, Rev. J. M. Gordon, D. D., and T. D. Kanouse of Glendale. This committee will act with the provisional session of the Westminster church, consisting of Rev. J. H. Stewart, Rev. N. H. G. Fife of Pasadena, and Mr. Howard, in seeking to reach a definite solution of the difficulty and their report will be presented at the regular meeting of the Presbytery on April 12th at the Third Presbyterian church.

UNLUCKY SEAL HUNTERS

CAUGHT BY A STORM ON THE ICE FLOES

Fifty Men Frozen to Death and Fifty More Will Suffer Loss of Their Limbs

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 25.—The steamer Greenland, returning from the seal shores, put into Bay de Verde tonight and reported a terrible disaster. On Wednesday last, when among the ice floes, while her crew was traveling about on the floes in search of seals, a storm arose accompanied by a blinding snow, which drifted rapidly, and a severe frost. The members of the crew who were on the ice could not regain the vessel and were exposed to the terrible weather throughout the night and all the next day. Forty-eight men perished and between 50 and 60 others were badly frost bitten that amputation of one or more of their limbs will have to be undergone by each of them. Yesterday the Greenland succeeded in recovering the bodies of 25 of the victims, but the remaining 23 were buried beneath the snowdrifts. All the frost-bitten men are now aboard the steamer and are suffering terribly, having been without proper medical attendance. From the circumstances of the disaster, it is feared that other steamers have suffered in a similar manner. The city is in a state of great excitement. The disaster is the worst recorded in the history of the sealing industry. Most of the victims were married men. The Greenland is expected to arrive here tomorrow, and the government is making preparations for the accommodation of the frost-bitten sufferers.

La Fiesta

The executive committee met yesterday and transacted a large amount of important business. Arrangements all along the line are progressing satisfactorily for a successful Fiesta. Thomas Marceau, Thomas Pascoe, Charles F. Sloane and G. Perkins, Jr., were appointed on the committee for the water carnival; J. W. Warren on street decorations; Edwin R. Smith, Ben E. Ward and Otto J. Zahn on the race committee. The water carnival committee held a meeting last evening at the Hotel Lincoln.

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Arrangements are being made to hold an art afternoon and evening on April 7th. Views of noted places and reproductions of famous paintings and statuary will be exhibited. Interesting speakers will be secured to describe the various countries and give graphic descriptions of the things represented by the views. Special music will be provided and refreshments served. A small admission fee will be charged. Rev. Hugh K. Walker will deliver a special sermon to young women at Immanuel church Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

A PITIFUL BREAKDOWN

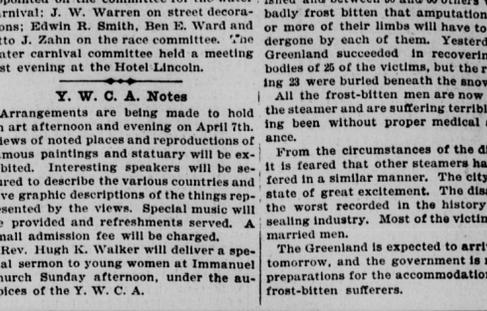
In sight of wealth over 200 men have broken down on the trail while making the overland trip to the Klondike. They have failed because of the lack of sufficient vitality to stand the hardships—the days of hard tramping through the snowdrifts and nights of sleepless exposure. It is no place for a weak, nervous man. It takes nerve and a rugged strength to stand exposure, and every man who undertakes the trip should go prepared.

What is true of this is true of all walks of life. The strong man always gains the victory, the weak one fails pitifully. One of the successful Klondikers is L. L. Jaccard, formerly a jeweler of San Leandro, Cal. Before undertaking the voyage he said: "I am 52 years old, and feel able to hold my own with any young man on the trip. For twenty-six years I was a sufferer from varicose and weakness. I was cured two years ago by Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt, and am stronger today than ever before."

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