

ITALY ASKS OUR CONSENT

To Send Warships to China On a Hostile Mission.

Uncle Sam Is Now a Power to Be Consulted in the Orient.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—That Uncle Sam is hereafter to be consulted on all matters appertaining to Asiatic politics, was shown this morning when a communication was received from the Italian government through its resident minister here, stating that an Italian squadron was now under orders to proceed to San Mun Bay and seize a portion of the territory for a coaling station, and asking what the attitude of the United States government would be; also requesting support, and, if necessary, co-operation. No answer will be returned until the President and Cabinet have given the matter full and careful consideration.

It is reported here that the Chinese foreign office has finally broken off all negotiations with Italy regarding San Mun Bay, and is awaiting the outcome.

SHARPSHOOTERS CAPTURED

Hale's Brigade Put the Final Touches On Yesterday's Victory.

MANILA, March 8.—Since the engagement of yesterday, in which the Wyoming regiment and General Hale's brigade distinguished themselves, no important clash has taken place. The American troops, satisfied with their victory, returned to camp, and the insurgents have been gradually reoccupying their lost ground. One episode of the morning was the capture of nineteen Filipino sharpshooters within the

POPE IS WORSE.

Is Greatly Depressed Mentally and Physically.

ROME, March 8.—The Pope has been left in a weakened condition by his illness, and he is in a depressed state mentally as well as physically. He does not think he can rally sufficient strength to resist another spell of sickness, and he, therefore, anxious to create the required number of cardinals soon.

MRS. HANSON SURPRISED

The apartments of Mrs. Polly Hanson, the landlady of the Toledo house, 1194 Third avenue, were invaded last evening by a number of her friends and neighbors. Mrs. Hanson was completely surprised. The evening was passed in games, cards, and dancing. Refreshments were also served. The guests were about forty in number.

STRIKE AT SKAGWAY

White Pass and Yukon Route Having Trouble.

A strike has recently been inaugurated among the grade workers on the Skagway railroad, because of the wages being reduced from 35 to 20 cents per hour. Out of the 1400 men employed by the company, 700 of them quit work. It is said that parties have been mingling with the men for a long time, urging them to go on strike at the first reduction of wages. They have now acted upon those suggestions.

HAS ITS WARNING

"Freedom" at Manila Becomes Very Caustic.

A little paper which makes its appearance semi-occasionally at Manila, is called "Freedom." It gives from time to time some space to news, and at other times publishes something that is not new, but which is interesting reading just the same. In its issue of December 10, it sticks the stiletto of satire into Uncle Sam, and twirls it around in the following cold-blooded manner: "Aguinado should post himself on Spanish history and meditate thereon. On the first page he would find the story of the noble, but unfortunate man, how he rebelled and how he took his scalp, his pony, and land. Then how, when we had taken Manila, we sent the dogology agent, Minchew, to Christianize the remains of him. Then when he landed at Plymouth rock, first wopped on our knees, and secondly dropped on the aborigines. If noble is wise and will be

lighted and ventilated; the reason for so doing is that the class of men who frequent this part of the library do not wish to pass through the library to get there, and as a rule never read the books.

This change will give more room, and will be kept open till 10 p. m., so to give men who have nowhere to spend their evenings, a place to go.

There has been a great deal of agitation over the question of keeping the library open until 10 p. m. instead of 9 p. m., and the management here to bring it about in the future.

The two main front rooms of the building have been covered with linoleum, and if the work is satisfactory, the book rooms will also be covered. The circulation of books has increased 25 per cent, since the removal of the library to its present place.

FIEND'S WORK

Bombs Placed Behind a Magazine.

PARIS, March 8.—Toulon dispatches confirm the report that twelve dynamite cartridges were found behind a magazine there. This magazine is much nearer to the city than the one which blew up Sunday, and the news of the discovery has caused intense excitement.

QUEEN MAY RECOVER.

BRUSSELS, March 8.—Queen Marie has had a good night, and there are strong hopes for her recovery.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Observer Salisbury predicted rain for today, but says fair weather will prevail this evening. Fair weather is predicted for eastern Washington. Early this morning the local observer issued the following synopsis: "An area of low pressure is now central off the Washington coast. It is apparently of only slight energy, and the winds are only moderately high at exposed points, like Fort Canby; maximum velocity, 40 S.E.; Portland, 34 E. There has been a general fall in temperature. Light rain has occurred throughout Washington, Oregon, and northern California. Light frost is reported from Rosburg, Or."

APOLOGIZE, QUICK

ROME, March 8.—The Italian government will at once dispatch a squadron of five cruisers, with 100 guns and 1500 men, to China, to obtain an apology from that country for the refusal to grant the demand for Signor Martini, Italian minister at Peking, for a concession at San Mun Bay, to be used as a naval station and coaling depot.

HILL IN THE SNOW.

President Hill, of the Great Northern, has been having a whole lot of experience on this trip west. At Spokane the other day a switch engine smashed into the private car, breaking windows and panels, and then later he had a hard time in the snow drifts along the road. The Spokesman-Review of Monday says of his trip:

"After considerable tribulation for the snow plow going, the train bearing President Hill, pushed itself over the Cascade mountains Saturday night. It was delayed by snow at Skykomish for some time, and on the east side it was again delayed by the same element. Following President Hill's special came the regular east-bound overland. It was expected at first that the trains would get in during the afternoon, but they were again delayed, and at midnight had not arrived. It was expected that they would get in before daylight."

STRUCK BY AN ENGINE.

Joseph Smith, a crab fisherman, was knocked off the track by a Great Northern switch engine this morning in front of Almsworth & Dunn's cannery. When the patrol wagon arrived he refused to give his name to the jailer.

V. M. C. A. MEETING.

The regular monthly social and entertainment of the V. M. C. A. was given last night in the social hall by the young people of the Presbyterian church. Music was furnished by a three piece orchestra, and the program consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental music. Light refreshments were served, and a thoroughly good time was had by all present.

CONDEMNATION SUITS

The government's suit for condemnation of land for the fortifications at Port Orchard, is being tried in the United States court, and prominent local landowners are here en masse, and have retained several local attorneys to fight for them. District Attorney Gay, who is conducting the case for the government, has Sunday took a number of expert witnesses to the site of the proposed fortifications.

DEIL WAS RELEASED.

Joseph Dell, who was found with tools belonging to the Third avenue railway company, was released on the understanding that his conduct in the future would be better.

AT THE SEATTLE.

The Ward-James-Kidder company rendered Othello last night at the Seattle theater to a large and appreciative audience. Othello is Mr. James' favorite character, and last night he strengthened his popularity in the minds of the rendering of the piece. Mr. Ward as Iago was excellent, and Miss Kidder as Desdemona was superb. The company appears tonight in "The School for Scandal," and on Thursday night in "Hamlet."

THE DYE FIRE.

Passengers from the north left conflicting tales regarding the fire at Dyea on the evening of March 2. Among the buildings burned were the Northern hotel, Palace hotel, Chilkoot livery stable, and the court house. The damage is placed at \$12,000 by some, and a much smaller figure is quoted by others. Since Dyea's boom departed, some months since, it seems difficult for the people from the north to decide whether the damage really was \$12,000, the first cost, or \$12,000, or \$12,000, about the present value, as some allege.

THROUGH MAILS NOW.

Beginning March 12, both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern trains will carry through eastern mail. This will give two mails per day to all points along the route. The Milwaukee train will leave Chicago at 8:30 a. m., and arrive at Minneapolis at 10:45 p. m. The train will reach St. Paul in time to connect with the western mail to the night train of the Northern Pacific.

HE WANTS DAMAGES.

C. Winkley has commenced suit in the superior court against the Northern Pacific railroad for alleged bodily injuries received while employed in tearing down some old barns on the title flat, last fall. He seeks in the superior court for one dollar less than \$2000.

CUTTING THEIR HEADS OFF

Conductors on the main line of the St. Paul & Duluth road are reported to be under the axe. They are being threatened that their places will be filled by men from the branch roads. Rumors are current that some of the conductors on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads will be dismissed.

NO FOR HAVANA.

The Great Northern has recently established a route from Seattle to Havana, Cuba. They are \$112.25 first class, and \$57.75 second. The route is by way of the Great Northern line to St. Paul, New Orleans, and Tampa, Florida, and thence by steamship to Havana.

TO BEAT THE BEATS

Hotel Bill in the Legislature.

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BONIFACES FAVOR ITS ADOPTION

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Kiplings Recovery.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Kiplings now convalescing rapidly, and is out of danger. Word was given out this morning that he had passed the best night since he began to recover.

SEATTLE INKLINGS.

The Washington copper company preferred, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into one million shares. Following are the directors and their allotment of shares: J. L. Warner, 504,000; F. A. Bell, 2000; and Wm. C. Keith, 2000.

JUST OUT FROM ATLIN

What He Saw at the Mines.

P. B. EGBERT'S ALASKA TRIP

One of the Discoverers of McDonald Creek—His Implicit Faith in the New Gold Fields.

F. B. Egbert, a well known mining man who came down from Alaska a few days ago, is in the city and will return north on the Rosalie. He was one of the discoverers of McDonald creek. He was in the Atlin country two weeks ago, and leaving his trip, he said:

"Atlin City has the appearance at present of an old, deserted camp, instead of a new camp, where all is bustle and stir. The passage of the excursion set by the British Columbia parliament was a corker, as nine-tenths of the inhabitants were Yankees. This, of course, stopped the finishing of all the buildings under construction, and those who had gone in expecting to prospect the coming summer, and who had no claims, had but one thing to do, and that was to come out.

"Quite a number had taken in their supplies by hand sleds, and a few had a stock of goods stored there, expecting to open small stores in the spring, but now it is all off with them, and they, too, are returning to Skagway to wait until they can dispose of their goods now in Atlin in parties going in."

"At the discovery on Pine there are eight or ten persons, some preparing for the development of their properties when the open season commences, at the foot of Kusiwah of Surprise lake. A few miners are building cabins in this community. At the source of Surprise lake, on Marsh creek, two tents are up, but no persons are occupying them at present. Granite and Wright creeks are very quiet. I believe it is conceded that Wright, although small, is as rich as anything yet found in the Atlin district. On others there are a few men preparing for spring. Spruce creek seems to have been more fortunate, and there are several men there at two different points. Parties have been striking on bench claims and report the results very satisfactory for bench diggings. So far very few men having claims have gone into the Atlin district, as it is yet too soon. The snow is from three to five feet deep from the White Pass summit to all the territory westward to be reached, except on the lakes, where the wind has blown it off. From Atlin City south on Lake Atlin, for about forty miles, there is good traveling, but so far as I could see, nothing interesting or of value to any one at this time of the season. The ice on Lake Atlin is about three feet thick, and no air holes are to be seen to make it unsafe for traveling.

The weather has been a terror at Atlin. It was from 34 to 42 degrees below zero. On Pine it seemed to range about six degrees colder, while at Discovery, on Spruce, it was 55, and it has just suddenly become a continuous thing, and many cases of severe freezing have been reported lately from that district. From Atlin City north the lake is about seventy miles in length, with numerous small streams, fed in summer by tremendous glaciers."

"How about Macdonald creek in the Northwest Territory? I was with Macdonald, Moorehouse and Spence when we found the creek. I did all the panning for the boys, and it beat anything I ever saw. We tried to reach bedrock, but failed on account of the frozen condition of the ground. However, we panned the dirt as we went down, and it ran from 10 cents to 40 cents to the pan. It certainly is the richest ground I ever panned or saw panned in my life, considering it was what might be termed grass root dirt. After we found it so good, Macdonald went to Skagway and got four more men to come and locate. Then we had to go to Tagish to get our license, \$10 apiece. This, of course, created some talk at Tagish, and then the ball was on. We returned and staked out ten claims above Discovery.

"I very much desired to remain longer on the creek, but it was so cold I came back to Skagway several days after the other men left. I enjoyed it immensely. Every Indian in the Tagish district was there. Men from all over heard of it. People going into Dawson stopped and took claims, some coming out for supplies taking claims. They rushed in there from everywhere, and the whole creek was soon staked."

Washington Notes.

The salary of each of the teachers in the Hwaco public schools has been reduced \$10. The district's financial condition made the cut necessary. The salary of the janitor was likewise reduced.

The suit of the Buckley mill company was finally ended in Tacoma last week by Judge Williamson, of the superior court, making an order for the sale of the property. A judgment amounting to about \$21,000 is to be satisfied. The property in issue includes a sawmill and appurtenances and a logging road and equipment.

KEEP WARM BY BREATHING.

The simplest way to get warm after exposure to cold, says the All Well, is to take a long breath with the mouth firmly shut. Repeat this several times until you begin to feel the heat returning. It requires a very short time to do this.

The long breath quickens the pulse and thus causes the blood to circulate faster. The blood flows into all parts of the veins and arteries and gives out a great deal of heat. It is stated that this method of deep breathing prevents colds and a great many other ailments if begun in time.—N. Y. Herald.

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night, and such a quantity of goods stolen, that it is believed the burglars carried it away on a wagon. Everything in the line of groceries, from a cake of soap to quantities of smoked meats, was selected, the burglars taking the best of everything in stock.

Treasurer Plummerfelt, of Kittitas county, says that personal property tax is being promptly paid, and before the limitation expires, most of it will be paid, judging by the way the money is coming in.

Hop buyers in Yakima county, it is understood, are now offering to contract the coming crop at 11 cents or better. This is the best price offered for years ago in the season, and indicates a good year for growers.

School section 16, township 28 north, Snohomish county, was sold last week for the sum of \$4600. Daniel Kelliber, of Seattle, purchased one quarter, and A. O. Nelson, of the Bell mill company, of Everett, purchased the rest.

WHEAT FOR CHINA

Give Something Besides Rice.

IT WILL BE CORN AFTER WHILE

When Will the Millions of the Orient Change Their Old Appetites.

President Hill, of the Great Northern road, said while here, that if the millions of the Orient could be induced to cultivate an appetite for wheat bread, that the time would come when rice would be the staple article of diet in China and other Asiatic countries. Of course, Mr. Hill had only one eye to the prospective wheat shipments from this country. When it was announced that several million Chinamen were starving in a Chinese province, Mr. Hill, having in view missionary work along the line already suggested, said briefly:

"Send them corn, and flour, and wheat."

The following item about a wheat shipment from Oregon to the Orient, would, no doubt, please Mr. Hill, and, incidentally, a great many wheat growers of this coast:

PENDLETON, Or., March 5.—A 25-ton shipment of flour went out today from Pendleton, consigned by the Pendleton roller mills, and destined for the Orient, to give the O. R. & N. company's steamer, Monmouthshire, on March 29. This shipment will be followed by one of 350 tons, to go in about a week, and which will be sent via the O. R. & N. steamer Lenox. The two shipments comprise over 50,000 sacks from the mills here, and in the warehouses are large quantities more awaiting ship room.

Mr. Jyers, the proprietor, informs the Spokesman-Review representative that he has been waiting for several months to secure bottoms for these shipments, having made strenuous efforts to find accommodations in some ship leaving a Pacific coast port, but that he had been absolutely unable to do so. Three months ago he had about 50,000 sacks for the Orient, and has been compelled to keep it in his warehouses until he could secure bottoms.

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Maurice Sweeney died at Providence hospital yesterday of heart disease, age 57 years. It may be made in Duwamish cemetery.

Edward Jordan died yesterday at Providence hospital of typhoid fever. His remains will be shipped to Barneveld, Wisconsin, for burial. He was 24 years old.

William McIntyre died today at 15th Jackson street of paralysis, age 78. His remains will be shipped to Spokane for burial.

Mr. Frederick Wards, the actor now playing at the Seattle theater, will address the High School students this afternoon at 2:30.

Licenses to wed were issued today for Richard Downing Baker, age 37, and Blanch Prewett, age 25, both of Seattle; Stephen P. Judson, age 27, and Helen A. Judson, age 24, both of Seattle; John W. Hillner, age 35, and Sarah Ellen Ellis, age 4, both of Seattle.

The funeral services of Hazel West will be held in the family residence at 2213 Eighth avenue Thursday afternoon.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Easty will be held in the family residence at 2:30 p. m. Friday afternoon.

The body of William Quirk, who died at Skagway, March 1, has been embalmed by Butterworth & Sons, and was shipped today to Sacramento, Cal., for interment.

The funeral services of Captain Joseph A. Munroe were held this afternoon at Haven M. E. Church, interment at Lake View cemetery.