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Sensior Gage Makes Further Reply to the Senate-The Ports Rican Tariff-The Niearsguan Canni-Hot Speeches in the Son- \$100; commissary supplies, \$78.96.

The awful conditions which the former gold hunters encounter are laid bare in the report of Captain W. R. Abercromble, of the Second Infantry, who commanded the Copper river exand which has just been made public

Captain Abercrombie arrived at Valsies, the starting point, on the 21st of April, being received by a motley stowd which had just come across the Valdes Glacier from the Copper river malley. He found that hundreds of people were dying of starvation and ecurity in the Copper river country.



Secretary Gage.

The people at Valdes were in a most pitiable condition, crowded in miserable hute like sardines in a box. inere were no facilities for bathing; most of the sufferers had scurvy and not a few frost-bitten hands, faces and feet. The tops of old rubber boots and strips of gunny-sack made shoes and socks for many of them. The stench was intolerable and seventy per cent. of the inmates of the huts were mentally deranged. This was common to those whose fear of scurvy had dr ven over the glacier, where so many had persahed by freezing to death. Secretary teare's Reply.

Secretary Gage has made reply to the Senate resolutions calling for further information respecting his dealphia, though he expected to meet th m. He received a letter from Mr. Stillman asking him to allow as much as possible of the Pacific debt money to remain in the New York banks so as to secure "an easy money market with a uniform rate of interest," which he said would avoid a panic and aid in the reorganization plans of various rallway compan es then in progress.

With regard to the part of the inquiry which raises the question whether or not the secretary of the treasmry knew or had reason to believe that the government funds deposited in the National City bank of New York were good with a view of causing a liquidation of speculative stocks, as mentioned in St. liman's letter of April 8, 1899. the secretary says: "The two letters rated by a period of sixteen months, but all the knowledge or belief the secretary of the treasury has as to the use to which deposits in the National period, or at any other period between December 21, 1897, and April 8, 1899. was obtained from these letters which have already been submitted to the Senate in answer to the former inquiry.

Beyond the information conveyed by these two letters the secretary has no knowledge whatever. They were get supplemented by personal interviews or telephonic communication.' The Porto Rican Tariff.

A material change has been made in the Administration's plans regarding. Porto Rico. This West Indian Island, the most helpless Spanish orthan taken under the shelter of the flag, is not to have free trade, but simply a reduced tariff on its exports to this country. Substantial reasons are given for this change of policy. The question whether Porto Rico is a part of the United States and now under the Constitution and laws of this country has been raised in the courts, and it is beileved to be wise to allow that question to be settled by the Supreme Court! before anything definite is done in the way of legislation for the islands acquired from Spain.

on the Nicaraguan Canal bill is a cur'ous indication of the motives governing that measure. The committee, like the other Nicaraguan boomers, could not wait for the business-like course adopted by the last Congress, of making a thorough investigation es to which route is the best or permits the completion of the canal at

The Nicaraguan Incongruity.

The action of the House Committee

the least cost. All such considerations as that are entirely foreign to the pur-But the committee graciously consented to let the country off with an appropriation of \$10,000 000 for this year, instead of knecking the alleged surplus into the next century by appropriating the whole \$140,000,000 at a jump. Barying a Senator.

It cost the Government \$3,442 to bury the venerable Senator Morrill. A ington, \$5950; attendance of undertaker to Montpeller, \$25; use of 31 cardages, \$108.50; use of hearse twice,

ington to SpringReid, \$783; fifty-fou fares. Springfield to Montpelier, \$264; chirty-six fares, Montpolier to Mutiand. \$117; thirty-six fares, Resiland to Troy, \$89.64; special engine, Troy to Albany \$26; thirty-six fares Troy to Washington, \$347.40; special engine, Weehawken to Je sey City, \$15; use of Pullman cars Hesperia and Humber, Washington Montpel'er and return,

Hot Spection in the Senate. The most sensational happenings at the Capitol of recent date have been the speech of Senator Mason in reply to a newspaper interview with the British Consul at New Orleans. In this interview the consul cha acterizes ploring expedition in Alaska, last year, the American people as mercenaries and the Senator as a mountebank. Mr. Mason's speech was delivered in a very carnest and excitable manner, and was very bitte against the British government. Senator Hoar tried to pour oil on the troubled waters and at last the subject was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

When Senator Fillman, the flery Senator from South Carolina, arose to make his speech on the Flipino war, Senator Chandler stirred his hot blood in an instant by remarking that "Everybody wanted to hear the Senator from South Carolina begin his speech, because the quicker t is begun the so ner it will be finished." Senator Tiliman hardly needed this prodding to set him on fire with indignation against the Administration. His speech was in reply to Senator Beverage, of Indiana, and quoting from his programme of government for the Philippines and exclaimed: "Would you not suppose that Nero or Caligula prepared it for the Governor of a newly conquered province? It is a scheme of deepot's m, backed by force, with soldiers at every turn, to be supported by the people of the United States." In conclusion he said: "If the Filipino war was a hideous blunder and crime, let us stop it. It is a war of conquest and is a crime in the eight of God and man."

The Clark Case.

The latest testimony in the Clark bribery case shows that at the time of his election there were a large number of \$500 and \$1,000 bills passing in. to the Montana banks, and they did not come from the regular depositors in the banks. But the committee failed to trace any connection between these bills and members of the Legis-

The Perston Office.

The Pension Commissioner has been under fire, and he is most severely attacked by the pension attorneys. Among these is Corporal Tanner, for him love them?—for, aithough it is a mer commasioner. Before the committee he accused Mr. Lvans of all sorts of iniquitous conduct in withholding pensions, and said he was respons ble for all the trouble which had ings with the Nadonai City bank of arisen over the management of the a monstrous St. Bernard came into New York He denies that a conferclined to a liberal policy the whole ofwas close and liberal the clerks together with the valet. and other officials were like him. Cor- stay for a whole week. poral Tanner said the old soldiers you have no use for them."

Fun in the Transvani. Even when men are under fire they must have a little fun. This picture, drawn in the trenches by a war artist, shows a favorite trick of the troops in

Lady mith. At first they achieved much success with a more simple expedient, the tim honored one of raising a helmet referred to in the inquiry were sepa- on a stick. Over and over again the eager chartch outers would waste much valuable time, ammunition and energy on it. But finally the freshness was worn out and no shots followed the City bank were to be out, at either raising of the riddled helmet. The soldiers, bound to continue their rather grim sport, then made a man of



Shooting at the Straw Figure.

and elevated it on a long pole. The result was gratifying. Bullets chipped along like rain, and the hat flew high into the air. Down went the poor said the same. One after another they straw man as if shot dead, only to re- all echoed the bateful word. And they appear a little further along the line to laughed at it because it seemed greater be killed again. The sharpshooters sport to them. fired at him religiously all day long, and a spy reported that they were ju- pet the other, and then laughed at his bilant at the immense amount of loss that they had inflicted on the enemy. On the next day, when they discovered what and had said to him—"Wiggins, the imposition, they were so angry dear fellow, we love you just the same, that they loosed a field gun at the figposes that are urging the measure.

That they loosed a field gun at the fig. but this stranger is our guest. We new supply Renil says that he is posses that are urging the measure.

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Maturity Should Not be Shelved.

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The little dog want to one and the

HEROES.

We read on many a glowing page Or men whose losty heritage Was valor in the shock and stress Of red war's mad ungodiness:

These have marched bravely side by side. And wrought their cruel fratricide:

With pittless will their hands have aurled Ruin and death upon the world.

We call these heroes and we cry Their glory to the slient sky, And in glad days of peace we save Our garlands for the soldier's grave.

Are these the only heroes, then. These who were fearless, faithful when War, with imperious command, Ravaged some fruitful mother-land?

Nav. though we honor them, we know Life may burn high with modest glow, And in all strengous paths of fate " Strong hearts of heroes throb elate:

Strong hearts, true hearts, that long to give Their strength to others, hearts that

live In some divine, unselfish plan Which builds the brothe hood of man:

The fire of energy down their ever-A fire that never falls nor dies, And theirs is one immortal creed-Love blossoms in a gentle deed. -George Edgar Montgomery, in Har-Der's Weekly.

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His name was Wiggins. He was a dog, and a very affect onate, good little dog he was too. He was brown and white, like many other little water spaniels. His cost was long and smooth, and his pretty hanging care were soft as silk. Wiggins was very fond of cuddling close to some friend and having those same affky ears same hed and patted and twisted gently about.

Such a happy little dog as Wiggins. was! But then why shouldn't he he. since he live i at a pretty country place where he could run on the lawn, follow the pony carriage, go sniffing about after field in ce. swim in the swift stream at the edge of the wood, and more than, all, where there were so many people to love him and to let very sweet thing to be loved, this little dog had sense enough to be glade because there were people who liked to have him love them.

But one day a serpent in the form of

He was the property of a distant Stillman and Mr. Morgan at Philedel- fice acted on liberal lines, but when cousin of Wiggins' mistres; and the two

Wiggins had beard about it weeks were at last seeing that they were use- before, but this week sounded very ful only once every four years. "Be- long when Molly, the maid, told himfore election you go around patting confidentially that 'twould be flist them on the back." he said, "and tell- awful to hey thim howlin' awells ing them they must vote the Republi- hangin' round for a hull wake, can ticket but after the election is over so Wingins thought it meant a new kind of eternity.

The first day was very hard to live through. The big St. Bernard was pet. ted and wondered over. He was measured from down to up and from pine to tail tip. Then he was led down to the corner grocery, coaxed upon the rusty old scales and weighed. And all the loungers of the grocery whistled very. long and loud when the number of pounds and the half pound additional

were called out. Wiggins climbed upon the scales atterward, but nobody whistled, nobody

even noticed it. He tried to coar the big! lumbering. fe'low to play with him upon the lawn, but the visitor was heavy and did not care to run about. Then Wiggins went away at one side and lay down and watched while all of his family went to admire and care a the blg dog. The heart of the small one began to

feel as it had never felt before-heavy and sore. He did not went any supper, because

every one was so bisy watching the other take food from his master's hand so gently that a baby's tiniest finger would not have been hurt by the great hanging jaws.

Nobody noticed that the little one did not est. They were too much engaged in laughing at the great noise the other made as he lapped into a great pan of lobbered milk.

The next day it was the same, and the next. When the third night came they put the great dog into Wiggin's own kennel on the lawn-a beautiful place, large enough for a child's playhouse.

Wiggins was told to sleep in the hall. He had always liked to sleep in the hall, but now it was postively like straw put a soft felt hat on the figure night. The next day he went droop poison, which he expects to dispose of ing about so that everybody noticed it "Your small dog sopears to be lealous, said the Rich Cous'n. The valet

They called Wiggins up to see them

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another of the little group and wager and whited and held up his paw to shake hands

No one paid much attention to him of the time, but they remembered altorward how very and and pleading

his manner was They remembered, too, that he went very slowly down the stape, slower still across the lawn, and that he sing. ped and looked back, as if waiting for some one to call, before he want will, still slower down the road.

The big dog stood up and looked after him. He even marked to follow tie further, but the roles became what will be to the state of the sta down at once. He looked after the small dog and whined.

"He is really becoming fond of the little fellow," said, the Rich Cousts. But when the St. Bernard looked into his face and started again to follow the slow, time little figure his collec-

He was very uneasity all that day. Several times he looked out over the laws and gave a little whine that sounded very mentle from so big a

Wiskins did not come back that night. He was not there in the morning. The Rich Cousin, the valet and the big St. Bernard went away in the tion was great. But when the others M. 100 510. returned from the station they began

the Rich Cousin, the valet and the big

Why, where was Wissins? "Wiggins! Wiggins!" they called. and they whistled loud and abrilly, but, though they waited long, they did not see any little brown figure. with long, flapping sers flying to ans-

Night came and still no Wiggins. Mary went to fetch his basin and saw that the food set for him in the morning had not been tasted.

They began to grow uneasy. A feeting of lonelinear crept over them. thoughts of the Rich Cousin did not trive it away.

The evening was cool A wood fire was lighted in the old fashioned fireplace, but somehow the fire did not chase eway the uneasy, lonely feeling. If Wiggins had been scretched before it, blinking up at them from the old fur rug it would have given a pleasanter warmth.

. Later some one took a lantern and looked about the lawn, along the hedge and in the stable. But the lawn was empty, the hedge hid nothing, and the pony stretched his neck out over his manger and seemed disappointed at seeing only the lantern bearer. He whinnied and pawed impatiently though fully one-half of his measure of onts remained menten

The next day and the next it was the same. They began to inquire of the neighbors, and this is what they heard:--

A cyclist who was resting by the road at the edge of the wood saw a preity brown spaniel come slawly down the road. It walked with diff-oulty, though it did not seem to be really lame. Its head and its tell were drooping. The silky sare trail d slong in the dust. It went directly to the awift stream and awam until the current caught it, when it second to. brouse and hegan a struggle with the waves. After a brisk fight the spaniel won, swam swiftly to shore and start. Western Kew 1013 1001 100 ed back up the road.

After going only a little way it stopned and stood still for a minute or two. as if in deep thought. Then it releed its head, gave one long, piereing howlturned, ran awidly back swam to the middle of the stream and, before the cyclist could interfere, and yielded itself up to be carried by the swift water and buried over the falls into the whiripool below.

It was so strange a thing that the exclist gold it to the keeper of the little country tavern where he stopped to lunch. In this way it came to be known to Wiggins family.

They set down and, with guilty faces remembered his going about to them all that morning. And they realized that he was saying a beartbroken

They remembered also what the St. Bernard did. And they know that the ble doe understood something of the pity of it; and that he, probably, would have explained in his dog language and have persuaded little Wiggins not

to ro. And they were all very morey for their thoughtless unkindness. But being sorry did not bring back Wigging -By Izora Chandler.

Basks Pelson for Lepers. "Senor Rentil, the snake charmer for working a peculiar side line." "He has heard of the snake-virus curs for lep-"He showed a good sized visi full of the stuff recently, and is accommutating more of it right along on only from his den of radiers. He taken a sucka by the book of the head, makes it open its mouth, and present the pirms dis-rectly into the bottle.

"The brute rates all kinds of a row while the thing is being done and seems to realize it is being robbest of its only weapon of defence. Afterward it suiks, and it takes about a week for the glands to fil up with a them how grievously injudicious it was like this in their acti r. it would have but he claims to have an absolute to waste serious ammunition on a been all right, for Wiscons was only specific an ordered from the burning straw joke."

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