

there is a change. They seem to have no heart for their work. They fight weakly and do not seem to care how the battle may go.

"The Spaniards appear to be very much demoralized both on account of the movements of the Cubans and the action of the American Congress. The resolutions passed by the House and Senate have given much joy to the Cuban leaders. I had no trouble in getting away from Cuba. In fact there were many facilities. I left the island at a point not far from Havana. The whole interior of the island, with the exception of a few harbors held by the Spaniards are practically under the control of the insurgents."

Col. Perez was wounded on January 18th at the battle of Garro, where the Spaniards ambushed the troops of General Macao and killed four men. Col. Perez was shot in the neck and was in the hospital for several weeks. He left the island about a week ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—A mysterious expedition left today for Alaska. The steam schooner *Excelsior* was chartered and so quietly was the matter carried out that the owners of the vessel, C. A. Hooper & Company, knew hardly anything of the plans of the managers.

Last year some wealthy citizens of Boston heard rumors of immense gold bearing deposits at Cooke Inlet, and A. Pennock, an experienced miner, was sent up to view the country.

Pennock made a thorough search for the shining metal, and, in his opinion, he was successful beyond all question.

Pennock, with a few friends, at once measured off over ten acres of land which showed gold from the grass roots onto bed rock. Water rights were secured and the prospector washed out a few ounces and started for Boston. The gold is both fine and coarse and the mint here values it at \$18 per ounce.

The Boston investigators incorporated as the Alaska and Boston company and \$100,000 was paid to Henry E. Spaulding and G. T. W. Brama, the latter being at the head of the West Side Electrical roads, came to this city and at once began preparations for the expedition.

The destination of the expedition has been most carefully guarded but it is known that the objective point is about twenty miles from Resurrection Creek at the head of Cooke Inlet.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Antonio Rosewadowski, Italian consul in Chicago threw down his gavel and resigned from the chairmanship of a meeting held in the Italia club to devise means for the relief of Italy's wounded in the African campaign. Two factions were in the meeting and the row resulted in the withdrawal of a dozen men. Rosewadowski then said in view of his official connection with the government he could be identified with no clique.

The Italia club denounced the seceders as socialists. The meeting will be held Sunday to complete plans for a mass meeting.

The seceders organized at the Briggs house. Twelve societies having a membership of over 2,200, it was claimed, will be represented in the meeting. A resolution was adopted denouncing the Italia club as a "small agglomeration of would-be aristocrats." The committee will meet Sunday af-

ternoon. The Maria Adelaide club of Chicago, yesterday forwarded to Rome a draft for \$100, to be used for the relief of Italian soldiers who were wounded at the battle of Adowa. The Red Cross Society of Rome will distribute the funds.

CHICAGO, March 12.—A special dispatch to the Chronicle from Washington, D. C., says:

A settlement of the Venezuelan question has been reached. It will be announced at an early day. Of this satisfactory conclusion of the controversy, the President has had knowledge for two days past.

Under the terms, so far as outlined, Great Britain agrees to submit all of the questions in dispute to amicable adjustment, with the President, through the state department, as one of the contracting parties. That Venezuela would agree to almost anything suggested by the United States having been known all along. It is surmised that the attitude of some of the influential London papers, in pointing out the alleged defects in the British blue book may have had something to do with the change of attitude by Queen Victoria's ministers.

The President was in very high spirits last night over the favorable turn of the controversy between the two nations.

LONDON, March 12.—Permanent under-secretary of state, Sir Thomas Henry Sanderson, was asked today if the report cabled from the United States, that a settlement of the Venezuelan question had been reached, was correct. He said:

"For all I know a settlement may be near, but I have not heard of its attainment."

NEW YORK, March 12.—Relative to the causes of Ballington Booth's retirement from the command of the Salvation Army in the United States, the following is published here:

Some time ago Ballington Booth submitted to his father twenty-two grievances and asked for remedy and relief from them. The principal one was concerning the "War Cry superannuation fund."

The sale of the War Cry in this country was sanctioned by Gen. Booth, who agreed to 10 per cent of the sales being set apart for a fund for disabled and superannuated soldiers. It was with this agreement and understanding that the paper was sold in this country. This fund now amounts to probably \$8,000 or \$10,000.

Some time ago, it is claimed, Gen. Booth sent for his money, which he intended using for army purposes elsewhere, thus diverting it from its original purpose. Ballington Booth declined to accede to this demand, and said the fund was for the American army superannuated soldiers, and not for the extension of the army.

Immediately on receipt of this, Ballington Booth's removal was ordered, which led to his resignation.

Ballington Booth, it is said, has refrained from stating his true position out of consideration for his father.

DENVER, March 12.—A special to the News from Lander, Wyo., says: The usual quiet of the Shoshone Indian reservation is disturbed by the abduction of the young wife of Jim Washakie, a grandson of the old chief

of that name. Will Lamoreaux, Cal O'Neal, both half-breeds, and Bill Roberts and Frank Odell, white men, were the abductors. The party visited Washakie's house in his absence and took Mrs. Washakie away with them. The husband some hours later learned of the event, and with John Herford started on the trail. They overtook the party on the Dry Fork of the Muddy. A fight ensued, in which Washakie was shot through the body. In spite of his injuries Washakie rode twenty miles back to Klunear's ranch, where he now lies in a critical condition. Today Odell and the woman were brought in by the Indian police.

ROME, March 12.—General Baratieri has arrived at Massowah in a physically and morally prostrated condition. He admitted to a correspondent of the Tribuna that he had yielded to a rash impulse in making the attack which led to the defeat of Adowa. He also admitted he had no direct orders from the government. He knew nothing of Gen. Baldissera's coming at the time, and therefore was not influenced by any question of amour propre, but solely by the difficulties of re-equipping, which would have compelled a retreat and have opened the road to the Shcane. All of the generals, he said, were confident that even a partial victory would put an end to the untenable position and would cause the Shcane to withdraw. The difficulties of the ground, he held, was the cause of the plans miscarrying. He deeply deplored the disaster, but had nothing to reproach himself with, and was ready to meet any charges and to endure to the end the consequences of his misfortune.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—In the Senate today Mr. Peffer presented a petition of Gen. Hugh Cameron, of Douglas county, Kansas, asking Congress to make the 5th day of April (Resurrection day) a national holiday, it being the day on which "The King of the Jews," whom Pontius Pilate caused to be crucified, April 3, A. D. 33, achieved his splendid victory over the grave. The King of the Jews, the petition asserts, has always been a true friend to the United States, and has unquestionably done more to establish and maintain free government and to make of the United States a respectable nation than any other king.

BUTTE, March 13.—Wm. Donnelly, a boiler and wheel man in the St. Lawrence mine, was almost instantly killed by falling down the chute there. He started to descend on the rope, but missed it. He has relatives in Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Senator Hawley, from the committee on military affairs, today made a report authorizing the secretary of war to issue Springfield rifles to the national guard of the various states and territories in exchange for the rifles now held by them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—As a result of the discussion by the House judiciary committee of the subject of giving foreigners who may be injured by mob violence in this country access to the United States courts to secure financial redress for their grievances, instead of the usual suits in state courts, Mr. Connelly, of Illinois, has drawn a substitute for the bill