

WILL ATTEMPT TO REGAIN PEKING

BOXERS MOBILIZED.

Force of Imperial Troops and Boxers Preparing to Attack the Allies—Capital Cleared of the Enemy.

Telegrams from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, say: The flags of the allies are now floating over the imperial palace. Street fighting, however, continues. The walls of the city were blown up with dynamite.

Considerable assistance in the capture of Peking was rendered by 4,000 armed native Christians. The legations were enabled to hold out by purchasing ammunition from the Chinese. The foreign envoys are proceeding to Tientsin.

The dowager empress fled from Peking with treasure amounting to \$50,000,000 taels. She is surrounded by Japanese cavalry. If the Chinese government is at Sian-fu there is no means of getting at them, according to the military men, without a prolonged campaign and with a much larger army.

The State department Wednesday received, through Consul Fowler, at Che Foo, the following dispatch from the Minister Conger, dated at Peking: "The entire city, with the exception of the imperial palace, is occupied by Japanese, Russian, British, American and French. It is being apportioned into districts for police supervision. The Chinese army fled. The imperial family and the court have gone westward, probably to Si An Fu, in the province of Shan Si. No representatives of the Chinese government are in sight in Peking and the conditions are chaotic. The palace is expected to be taken immediately. Many missionaries have started for home, while others remain in charge of the Christian refugees, numbering about 1,000.

The first assistance reached in Washington, Friday, that the powerful Chinese viceroys were disposed to accept the new conditions of affairs in China and would assist in the maintenance of peace.

The information came in a dispatch through diplomatic channels, and stated that one of the foreign officers had received a telegram from two of the most powerful central viceroys, stating that they intended to give their best efforts to maintain quiet throughout the central portions of China.

As this assurance came subsequent to the capture of Peking, it is regarded as a favorable sign of the disposition of the viceroys whose authority in the interior is very great. Their course has been watched with much concern by officials, for since Peking is in a chaotic condition the most influential authority in the empire is that of the viceroys.

Sunday evening the Japanese Legation at Washington gave out the following telegram, dated Peking, from Gen. Yamaguchi, commander of the Japanese forces:

"The capital is now entirely cleared of the enemy. A cavalry regiment which had been sent to Wan Shan Shan, where the Empress Dowager's palace is located, reports that the imperial family, who had left Peking, started, after a short rest at Wan Shan Shan, for the west, and were under the escort of Gen. Ma and his troops, consisting of only about 500 horsemen and 20 carts. The Japanese forces occupied the Treasury Department, in which over 2,000,000 taels in silver and a large quantity of rice were found. Another dispatch dated Taku, states that as the Chinese troops and Boxers who had gathered at Nan Yuen were about to attack the foreign forces at Peking Japanese and Russian cavalry were expected to encounter them. The dispatch further states that Chinese infantry some 9,000 strong, with 15 guns, are advancing northward from Shiang Tung to make a rear attack on the allies."

The news of a possible rear attack upon the comparatively small force of the allies was not regarded as serious, as the foreign forces are believed to be abundantly able to take care of themselves against any force of Chinese likely to be sent against them.

LIEUT. CORDUA SHOT.

Lord Roberts Confirms the Death Sentence Passed by the Military Court.

A dispatch from Pretoria says that Lieutenant Cordua, formerly of the States artillery, was shot Friday afternoon. Lord Roberts confirmed the death sentence of Cordua, who was convicted by a British military court of being a leader in the plot to abduct Roberts and kill British officers.

Dr. Leyds and the Boer envoys have sent from St. Petersburg to Lord Salisbury a strong protest against the latest proclamation of Lord Roberts, maintaining that they violate every sense of right and all the principles of international law.

Lord Roberts telegraphs as follows from Pretoria, under date of Friday: "Baden-Powell rescued 100 British prisoners at Warm Baths August 22, and captured 25 Boers and a German artillery officer. Buller's casualties, August 21, were seven men killed and Capt. Eilershaw and 21 men wounded and five men missing. Kitchener, August 22, had eight casualties. While reconnoitering in the Komati valley Rundle found 140,000 rounds of ammunition buried. The column pursuing De Wet made wonderful marches. Col Mackinnon covered 224 miles in 14 days."

Prof. Todd Retires.

Having reached the age limit, Prof. H. T. Todd, U. S. N., director of the Nautical Almanac, retired from active scientific work at the head of the Naval Observatory, one of the most important scientific posts under the government. The directorship of the Nautical Almanac was assumed by Prof. S. J. Brown, the astronomical director of the observatory.

Spain Adopts New Time.

Vice Consul Reed at Madrid has informed the state department, at Washington, D. C., that by a decree time in Spain is hereafter to be counted from 1 to 24 hours, the order to go into effect January 1, 1901, the day to begin at midnight. The interval between midnight and 1 o'clock will be designated by a cipher, and the number of minutes as 0.05, 0.10, 0.15. The government officers, telegraph, telephone, railroad, steamship lines and all public offices are to observe the new method.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

A Boer commando has blown up railroad tracks near Krugersdorp.

Boers led the English into another trap and killed and wounded 46. Three Hungarians were crushed to death by a cave-in near Shoeshoe, Pa.

Pedro Calcedo has been appointed Nicaraguan consul-general at Santiago de Cuba.

A dozen people were injured by the overturning of a trolley car at Chagrin Falls, O.

The British government has bought 4,000 tons of American coal for the British navy.

At Muncie, Ind., window glass workers have received notice to go to work next Saturday.

A four weeks' drought was broken in Oklahoma by a soaking rain. Cotton will be benefited.

Englishmen are beginning to learn of great mismanagement of South African affairs by their officers.

The land agent of the Union Pacific railroad estimates the damage from forest fires at \$10,000,000.

The battleship Oregon has come out of the dock at Kure, Japan, and will be ready for sea in a week.

Western Union College, at Le Mars, Iowa, was burned Friday at a loss of \$40,000; insurance, \$10,000.

The reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints is holding its second annual reunion at Kansas City, Mo.

A boulder falling upon a locomotive near Conestoga, Pa., fatally crushed Engineer Swamer in his cab.

The city of Pekin is being policed by the allied troops, who have divided it into districts for that purpose.

A great hailstorm in Rock county, Wisconsin, is thought to have killed the tobacco crop, valued at \$500,000.

A block of business buildings were burned at Punxsutawney, Pa., Thursday, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Exports from this country in July, 1900, amounted in value to \$100,447,479, against \$24,026,179 in July, 1899.

At Raleigh, N. C., a monument to the late United States Senator Z. B. Vance was unveiled Wednesday.

Steamer Mariposa, from Sydney, Australia, Friday arrived at San Francisco with over six million specie.

A tornado, accompanied by heavy rain and fierce lightning, did considerable damage at Milwaukee, Wis., Friday.

As the result of a quarrel William Green killed his two nephews, Emmett and Willie Green at Texarkana, Ark.

At Prairie du Chien, Wis., in a riot started by members of a wild west show exhibiting there four men were badly hurt.

Russia will replenish her treasury by borrowing 300,000,000 rubles, or about \$23,000,000 from United States capitalists.

The Russian army, 120,000 strong, is reported advancing on the last stronghold held by the Chinese rebels in Manchuria.

Lightning destroyed Bethel Baptist Church at Fairview, Ky., built as a memorial on the site of Jefferson Davis' birth place.

An official dispatch from Korea says 1,000 rebels have attacked Song-Ching, burning the government buildings located there.

Two Bethlehem (Pa.) Steel Company workmen were fatally, and several others badly, burned by an explosion of molten metal.

A farm hand near Canton, Pa., suspected of robbing a widow, was strung up four times by a masked mob, but refused to confess.

A Bessemer railroad locomotive plunged down an embankment near Greenville, Pa., killing an engineer and fatally injuring the fireman.

The United States transports Crook, McPherson, Rawlins and Sedgwick, having the 1,300 Cuban school teachers on board, sailed for Havana.

The transport Strathgyle left San Francisco Wednesday for China. She carried 763 horses for the use of the army operating in the Orient.

Russia has placed an order in Chicago for 6,000,000 pounds of beef on the hoof for soldiers in China. It will take 5,000 head of cattle to fill the order.

The French Government has expressed its readiness to interchange opinions with the powers regarding more stringent measures against anarchists.

Gen. DeWet and other Boer generals have threatened to kill Kitchener and other English officers because of alleged vandalism and inhumanity.

The plant of the Maryland Telephone Construction Company in Baltimore was destroyed by a fire, the origin of which is unknown. Loss \$112,000.

The Mosquito coast delegates threaten to appeal to the United States if Great Britain does not protect their country from outrages by the Nicaraguans.

A massive iron furnace is to be built at Rose Hill, Va., near Middleburg, Ky. Brown Bros., New York bankers, are said to be interested in the enterprise.

Astoria, Ore., business men have secured 6,500 acres of land at Knappa, near Astoria. Experts have declared it a very valuable coal and petroleum field.

Judge White at Indiana, Pa., sentenced to death Martin Fleming, who murdered his nephew, but added that he would recommend commutation of sentence.

At San Francisco the Building Trades Council, representing 28 trade organizations, has ordered a general boycott of all the goods turned out by nine-hour planing mills.

At Fort Worth, Tex., Gabe and Cicero Copeland were instantly killed Tuesday in a duel with John and Charles Baker in Polk county. The men battled at 20 paces with rifles. Both the Bakers were badly wounded and may die.

Sam Fields, a young negro, was shot to death by a mob of white men Thursday night near White Hall, Livingston parish. Fields attempted to assault a white woman.

At Janesville, Wis., a hail, rain and wind storm caused a loss of more than \$300,000 to standing leaf tobacco. Similar losses are reported near Kenosha from high water.

The official census figures show that the population of Pittsburg, Pa., is 121,616, and that of Allegheny 129,896. This is a gain of 82,099 for Pittsburg and 24,609 for Allegheny.

TO BECOME A STRONG NAVAL BASE

OUR PACIFIC GIBRALTAR.

The United States Will Fortify the Island of Guam With All the Panoply of War.

The Navy Department has taken the initial steps in the preparation for the complete and comprehensive system of fortifications and harbor improvements by which it is intended to make the island of Guam a thoroughly protected base for our naval vessels in the Western Pacific.

The United States has but two stations on the line of travel across the Pacific between San Francisco and Manila. One of these is Honolulu and the other is Guam, 3,500 miles westward. There is another stretch of over 1,600 miles west of Guam before Manila is reached.

Southward from Guam we are flanked for 2,500 miles by a chain of islands containing 13 fine harbors, all of them potential bases of hostile powers. Some of them already are equipped and fortified. These harbors are included in the Marshall and Caroline groups, while on the north the Ladronez possess several harbors, some of them as close as 40 miles to our possessions in Guam.

It has been determined to make Guam a great naval base, thoroughly equipped with supplies for our squadrons, and as nearly impregnable as possible against a hostile fleet. A mixed commission of one army and two naval officers has been assigned to the work of the preliminary survey.

KILLED ELEVEN PEOPLE.

Two Australian Natives Relapse Into Savagery and Revealed in Blood.

An outbreak of latent savagery in two aboriginal blacks, who had lived for years in close association with whites, is reported from Sydney, N. S. W. The outbreak resulted in the slaughter of 11 persons.

At Breezing, in New South Wales, the Mawby family offended two natives known as Governor and Underwood, who in revenge broke into the Mawby house, armed with tomahawks and war clubs. In the house were Mrs. Mawby, her two daughters, Grace and Hilda; her niece, Elsie Clark; Miss Kerse, a school teacher, and three boys, Percy, aged 13; George, 12, and Albert, 9. Of these, only the two youngest boys escaped by hiding.

After butchering these defenseless people the blacks fled across the country to the Queensland Mountains. At Gufong they killed Alexander McKay and his wife, Mrs. O'Brien and her young child at Meruwa and Kevin Fitzpatrick, an old man, at Mudgee. The mounted police were unable to effect their capture.

TWO ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Were Preparing to Loot an Ohio Bank When Surprised by an Officer.

At 3 o'clock Sunday morning Marshal George B. Parkinson captured two apparently desperate and well-trained bank robbers. W. C. Lyman detected two men in front of the City Bank at Kent, O. They were working at the door. He called the marshal, who located the men in the rear of the bank. They were spreading out their tools preparatory to going to work on the rear door. He surprised the men and they surrendered after a short struggle.

The names of the men are Edgar Clearwater and Will Harrison, both of Cleveland. The officers found in their possession a complete outfit of burglar's tools, including 11 modern electrical appliances for opening safes; also nitroglycerine and dynamite in large quantities. There was a large sum of money in the bank, which had been placed there following the Erie pay day. It is thought a third man escaped.

RAILROADS TO PENITENTIARY.

Swift Justice Dealt to the Negro Criminal at Akron, Ohio.

Justice was dealt out in double-quick time in Akron, O., Friday, and Louis Peck, whose assault on a 5-year-old girl caused the riots of last Wednesday night, is now in the state prison, at Columbus, sentenced to spend the remainder of his life at hard labor.

Peck was taken to Akron Friday afternoon on a train leaving Cleveland, where he has been confined since Wednesday afternoon, at 1:40. While the train was speeding toward Akron, a special grand jury was empaneled and an indictment found against Peck for assault. The train reached Akron at 3:13, and the prisoner was taken immediately to the court house, under the escort of a company of militia. Peck pleaded guilty to the indictment, was sentenced to life imprisonment and taken from the court house again, all in eight minutes.

Population of United States.

The English Statistician Mulhall makes an estimate of 76,200,000 of the population of the United States this year. The late Gen. Francis W. Walker estimated it at about 75,000,000 and his present successor, as president of the Institute of Technology, Prof. Prichett, made an estimate in 1897 that the 1900 figures would be 77,472,000. The actuary of the Treasury Department expects the total to reach 77,000,000.

Will Take a Novel Trip.

Henry R. Clowes has started from Springdale, Pa., on a houseboat voyage down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers and thence along the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, from where he will return overland by wagon. The object of Mr. Clowes' trip is primarily one of pleasure and he expects to be gone two years.

Slew Five of His Family.

Theodore Wallart, a farmer living eight miles from Arlington, Minn., Monday slaughtered his wife and four step-children with a butcher knife. A fifth child was so badly wounded he may not recover. Wallart married a widow with a family. The couple recently separated, and Mrs. Wallart had taken steps to secure a divorce. After committing the crime Wallart set fire to the barns, which were destroyed with their contents. Wallart escaped, with a sheriff's posse in pursuit.

AMERICA'S FIRM REPLY.

Peace Talk May Begin When China Exhibits Some Government—No Authority Visible to Negotiate With.

After a long conference at the White House, the reply of the United States to the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of peace commissioners has been completed and a copy of the reply sent to the Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, to be forwarded to Earl Li.

The American reply is chiefly characterized by its firm tone and its brevity. Its keynote is the President's attitude as laid down in the American note of July 3, and there is the strictest adherence to the points enunciated at that time.

The United States places itself in the position of being ready at the proper time to take up peace negotiations, but in the present unsettled condition of affairs in the empire, the lack of knowledge as to who are the responsible rulers, and what constitutes the actual Chinese government, it is made clear that the time has not arrived for pursuing the negotiations.

The government takes the position that negotiations are impossible with a government which cannot prevent hostilities against the forces of the powers which were sent to the Chinese capital to save their envoys. As long as attacks are made on the troops of this and other governments, such as have followed the occupation of Peking and the attacks in the vicinity of Tien Tsin, it is deemed that the Chinese government is either unwilling or unable to prevent these hostilities and negotiations must be deferred.

CHAFFEE HAS ENOUGH TROOPS.

His 5,000 Deemed Sufficient for all Emergencies—Others Ordered to Manila.

The War Department has issued the following bulletin:

"The government has decided that, unless required by future developments, no more troops are to be sent to China. Orders have accordingly been cabled to Nagasaki for the Meade, with four troops of the Third cavalry, four companies of the Fifteenth infantry, and Company E, battalion of engineers, to proceed directly to Manila. Similar orders will be given to the other troops which are under orders for China, via Nagasaki."

This order will divert to Manila about 4,000 troops now at sea and 3,000 more that are under orders to proceed to the Orient. Secretary Root said that no more troops were being sent to China, because they were not needed. With the arrival at Taku of the Hancock and the troops she carried, General Chaffee will have 5,000 available men, which is deemed sufficient for all present purposes. The decision of the department was based upon reports from General Chaffee, which made it apparent that no more troops were needed.

GERMANS AT FRISCO.

They Will Use That Port as a Base for Supplies.

A report received by one of the foreign legations at Washington states that Germany is preparing to make San Francisco a point from which large quantities of military supplies will be sent forward to China.

The report comes from the Consul General at San Francisco, and gives a number of details on the extent of contemplated German shipments. He says that German ships are already arriving there, and that a commission of German officers, together with a representative of the Hamburg-American steamship line, is there to look after the plans for forwarding supplies. These relate principally, he states, to horses for cavalry and other military uses and breadstuffs for the army.

Based on the foregoing report, the opinion is freely expressed by high diplomatic officials here that Germany will send a large army to China to operate under Count Waldersee, the total not falling short of 50,000 men.

Ohioans Admonished.

At a public meeting of Sherman, Tex., citizens, presided over by Judge R. R. Hazelwood, resolutions were passed protesting "against uncivilized conduct on the part of citizens of our sister state of Ohio," and admonishing them "of the pernicious example thus displayed in setting the laws of the land at defiance in this age of civilization and land of Christianity."

WOUNDED FROM AMBUSH.

Three West Virginians Shot in Logan County by Unknown Persons.

An epidemic of assassination has broken out in Logan county, W. Va. Friday Lewis Ellis was shot from an ambush while at work on his farm. The bullet pierced his abdomen and he is in a serious condition. In the evening Ira Ellmer was shot at several times while riding along the public highway on Island creek. His horse was crippled and a bullet pierced Ellmer's thigh. Next morning in the same neighborhood, Miltar Stafford, a circuit rider, was shot twice, but the chances are favorable for his recovery. He saw his assailants, there being two of them. They were strangers. The officials think they have a clew. Much alarm is felt in the Island creek neighborhood and citizens fear to leave their homes.

Industrial Plants Destroyed.

A large crushing mill, owned by Congressman Bowersock and others at Lawrence, Kas., was swallowed Wednesday night by an immense cavern. Thursday the Nightingale plant, including derrick, tramway and tanks was also engulfed. The employees were at dinner and no one was injured. The loss is heavy.

Japanese Steamer Wrecked.

The Japanese liner Futami Maru, Captain Thom, bound from Australia to Manila with a cargo of stores for the American government, went aground and broke in twain on the island of Mindanao. The passengers and crew camped for six days on the island. They are now being brought to Manila by the British steamer Australian, the officers of the luckless liner remaining behind. There were no casualties; but the cargo, baggage and vessel will probably prove a total loss.

THE WORK OF A BARBAROUS ENEMY

SAVAGE FILIPINOS.

A Returned Soldier Told of Atrocities Perpetrated Upon American Soldiers—They Mutilated the Dead Bodies.

Lieut. William Weaver, of the Thirty-second United States Volunteers, who resigned in the spring on account of illness, and has just returned to his home at Emporia, Kan., from the Philippines, tells of barbarities practiced by Filipinos upon American soldiers. He said that outside of the Macabebes, who were friendly to the Americans, the Filipinos are very cruel.

"Six men were killed at Dinalupjaban," said Lieut. Weaver, "and I do not think there was a man that had fewer than ten bullet holes in his body, in the case of one American soldier, it looked as though the muzzle of the revolver had been placed right in his eye and fired; he was also stabbed in the neck and breast with bayonets. Here is another sample of their cruelty: Harry Easter, of Emporia, and MacDonald, of Iowa, two of my company, were killed instantly. Harry Easter was shot in the neck, and the other man was shot in the back of the head. Only about 25 of the company were with them, and they were attacked by about 250 Filipinos.

"The Americans fought them an hour and forty-five minutes. They had to leave the dead, and when they came back the rebels had stripped the boys of all their clothes. They pulled up grass and sticks and built a fire on their breasts. We got to the boys before anything further was done to them. We got Easter and the other man away before they were burned."

THIRTY-EIGHT DROWNED.

Storm on Alaskan Coast Does Enormous Damage at Cape Nome.

Telegrams from Seattle, Wash., say: Heavy loss of life and destruction of property were caused by a storm at Cape Nome. Twenty dead bodies were washed ashore and taken to the morgue for identification. Five dead bodies were washed ashore at Topuk, three miles north of Nome, the mouth of Nome river, and eight in front of Nome Camp, three 12 miles below Bluff City, and two below Topkuk.

Guy W. Stockstager, who has been directing a government relief expedition, has returned from York and reports the natives dying by wholesale, dozens of dead bodies lying around unburied. At Teller City, the sick natives killed the medicine men of the tribe in the vain hope that the act would appease the evil spirit. Thirteen deaths were reported at Teller City in one day.

SENSATIONAL ALLEGATION.

Chicago Man's Charge of Conspiracy—Compelled to Eat Soles of His Shoes.

Armin Benedict, of Chicago, a former lieutenant in the Hungarian army and a translator of foreign languages, declares that he is the victim of four men who had bound and imprisoned him leaving him nothing to eat but the soles of his shoes.

Benedict declares they followed him for two years, and finally placed him in jail in Crown Point, Ind., where he was half starved and reduced to eating the soles of his shoes. He asserts that he was treated thus before he refused to return to the employ of Lundin, for whom he once worked as a translator. One man has been arrested and has given bonds to appear before Justice Kehoe. "Others implicated will be arrested in a few days."

Work of Safe Crackers.

At Bedford, Pa., the office of the Everett furnace was broken into by thieves, who forced the safe, getting \$100 in money and a lot of postage stamps. In their hurry they overlooked some bonds and several pay envelopes. They had attempted to open another safe in the office and had knocked off the combination, when they were frightened away.

The postoffice at Center Hall, Pa., was entered by thieves and \$150 in stamps and \$280 in money were stolen. Only \$160 of the cash was government funds, the remainder belonging to individuals for whom Postmaster George Boal was keeping it. The thieves escaped, leaving no clew.

No New Route for Canal.

Gen. P. Alexander, who was appointed by President Cleveland arbitrator in the boundary dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, has just returned from those countries on the completion of his mission.

An interesting feature of Gen. Alexander's work lay in the fact that his labors on the boundary questions resulted in a close survey of the line of the proposed Nicaraguan Canal. He said that he did not think the commission now preparing a report would advise a new route.

While disclaiming definite knowledge on the subject he was inclined to think that a proposition from the Nicaraguan Government to ours had already been made. He believed that rather than not have the canal built, the Nicaraguan Government would accede to almost any terms made by the United States.

Will Kaiser Pay Ransoms?

The German papers are asking if Emperor Wilhelm intends, under the circumstances, to keep his promise, made several weeks ago, of paying 1,000 taels ransom money for each European rescued in Peking. If so, the relief of Peking will cost the Kaiser over \$1,000,000.

Boy's Eyes Blown Out.

The ambition of Robert Huey, of Franklin, Pa., aged 12 years, to be an oil well shooter, has resulted in the loss of his eyesight, besides being badly burned. The boy had drilled a miniature oil well which he decided to torpedo in real style. He filled a piece of gas pipe with powder and after lighting a fuse attached burned to lower it into the hole. The fuse burned sooner than he had expected and the powder ignited when only a short distance from his face.

SIX ARE KILLED.

Night of Terror in Akron, Ohio—Terrible Carnage Results From Fruitless Effort at Lynching a Negro.

At Akron, O., the heart of the boasted Western Reserve, a mob Wednesday night sought the life of a negro prisoner and in a conflict with the authorities shed blood. Louis Peck, a colored man, was put in jail on the charge of assaulting the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maas. The report that he had confessed spread rapidly and in the evening a mob gathered.

Not believing the statement of the sheriff that Peck had been sent out of the city, the crowd sent committees through the city prison and the county jail in search. This proving fruitless, the mob gathered in front of the city prison, where the mayor tried to induce them to disperse. Some one fired a shot at the prison. Other shots followed and for a few minutes there were terrible scenes. Six persons are dead from bullets and the number wounded may reach 100.

At midnight mob rule reigned. Fires have been started, the city prison is in flames and the police department has been penned up by the rioters and are powerless. Hardware stores have been looted for arms and ammunition, and dynamite has been used by the maddened crowds.

At 3:45 o'clock Thursday morning appeals had been sent to Governor Nash and to the police department of Cleveland. Troops have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to hasten to the scene of wild disorder.

Soldiers loaded down with ball cartridges are camped on the corners of the streets of Akron ready for any emergency. A battalion of them lie on their arms at the court house waiting, as if in leash, for the long roll that will summon them to quell riot. The police force of the city, supplemented with 40 special officers, is patrolling the streets seeing that people do not congregate in groups that might menace the peace. As darkness fell a dismal drizzle began that was more effective than the soldiers and the police in keeping the streets clear.

PROSPERITY IN KLONDIKE.

Latest Reports State That Dawson is Enjoying a Healthy Boom.

"Dawson appears to be starting on a new era of prosperity," says United States Consul McCook in a report. "Supplies are plentiful and mining machinery in large quantities is coming into the city. Warehouses and wharves are being built, a new steamship company has started to do business, a new postoffice is in course of erection, and estimates are now in for a new court house, a new gold commissioner's office and an executive building for the commissioner of the Yukon territory. The prices on vegetables and meats have taken a drop from exorbitant to almost normal, although this has not affected the prices in the restaurants. The Tanana mining district is becoming more and more prominent. The country is rich, but difficult of access. Mosquitoes are very numerous and savage on the trail, and some persons returning from this district to Dawson City were so badly bitten that the medical authorities there mistook the bites for