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## BLUE JACKETS LAND IN CUBA

Palma Said He Could Not Protect  
Americans and 120 Marines  
Went Ashore.

### UNITED STATES HOLDS ALOOF

Administration Orders Armed Men  
Back to Cruiser Except Small  
Guard for Legation.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Havana, Sept. 14—One hundred and twenty armed sailors and marines landed last night from the cruiser Denver and camped in front of President Palma's palace. This action was taken following a conference in which Palma told the American minister that he could not protect American interests in the city.

### State Department Explains

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14—The state department issued a statement this morning announcing that all the marines landed last night in Havana from the Denver had been ordered back to the cruiser except a small guard for the American legation. The statement most emphatically affirms that the landing was for no other purpose than the protection of American interests and that the administration was not advised of the action until after the landing was made.

The navy department today ordered a fleet of small war vessels to prepare to sail for Cuban waters. It is not the intention, however, to land any more marines unless rioting begins which will call for the protection of Americans and American property. The United States government has no intention of taking sides. It is merely preparing to care for American lives and property.

### May Send U. S. Army

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13—The whole regular army of the United States is held in readiness for transportation to Cuba at a moment's notice, although the administration acknowledges that it will not interfere in Cuban affairs unless the situation there makes intervention necessary to prevent anarchy in the island. It is regarded as certain that intervention would drag the United States into a worse war than that with Spain.

It is estimated that 8000 rebels are now in the field and their number is increasing daily. The United States government will keep several war vessels near the Cuban coast. The cruiser Denver reached Havana yesterday and the gunboat Marietta arrived in Cienfuegos. The Des Moines remains at Key West.

### United States Watching Closely

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12—It is admitted by the administration that the cruiser Des Moines has gone to Key West, awaiting the course of events in Cuba. It is the intention to employ the vessel as an asylum for Americans in case conditions arise which threaten the safety of Americans in the island. The president is keeping in close touch with Cuba by wire and the government is prepared to take instant action whenever needed.

## SAYS HERNDON TOOK OUT \$93 PER MAN ONE DAY

T. J. Jeter Writes That Miners on  
Kahiltna Creeks Nearly All  
Have Ounce Diggings.

Herndon's men on Nugget creek took out \$93 per man in one day's work recently, according to a letter written by T. J. Jeter to Judge Hildreth, just received this week. That was above the average but Jeter says the ground is yielding marvelously.

Mr. Jeter is on Thunder creek and says he is taking out at least an ounce a day. He confirms the reports brought down from the upper Kahiltna creeks as to what different miners are doing and says that nearly all of those who are working claims where anything has been found are getting an ounce a day or better. The men on Poor Man's creek, he says, are getting from three to four ounces a day.

Home-grown celery with stems two feet long, is on the Dawson market. It was raised in the open air.

The Indianapolis Sun says that school teachers are paid less than unskilled laborers in Indiana.

## FIGHTING AGAIN ON CUBAN SOIL

Government Troops Meet Rebels  
in Battle Twenty Miles  
From Havana.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Havana, Sept. 13—Fighting is again in progress in Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara provinces. A battle was fought yesterday twenty miles south of Havana.

Moro castle today signaled the arrival of the United States cruiser Denver. Great excitement prevails among the populace and the docks are crowded. Many people are trying to leave the city and others remain there to hear the news from the water. Conditions in the capital grow more menacing every hour. The insurgents are blowing up the railroad bridges near Havana and railroad traffic to and from the city is suspended.

### Rebels Defeat Government Troops

Paso Real, Sept. 10—Gen. Guerrera, leader of the insurgent army in Cuba, attacked a government train near here yesterday and a pitched battle ensued with the government troops who were guarding the train. One of the latter was killed and six wounded. Guerrera is now marching toward Havana.

## MARTIAL LAW RULES IN CUBA

Palma Suspends Constitution in  
Havana, Pinar del Rio and  
Santa Clara.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Havana, Sept. 11—President Palma today suspended the constitution and proclaimed martial law in the provinces of Havana, Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara. He also revoked the order made a few days ago granting amnesty to all who laid down their arms, and ordered the arrest of every revolutionary and of every prominent liberal.

The peace conference adjourned this morning and most of the members joined the revolutionists. Several liberal congressmen are in jail and the others have fled from the city.

### Rebels Surround Havana

Havana, Sept. 12—Bands of rebels surround Havana and people living in the outskirts are begging for protection from the government. Only 600 troops are in the city. They paraded the streets yesterday but aroused no enthusiasm.

Popular sentiment seems to be indifferent to the fate of the government and the Palma administration is repressing open opposition. The editor of the Liberal was arrested today and his newspaper plant confiscated. No vehicles are permitted to leave the city.

### Havana Much Alarmed

Havana, Sept. 10—It is reported today that a large revolutionary force is concentrating in the outskirts of the city and preparing for attack. The people are greatly excited and the general alarm is augmented by all sorts of wild rumors, one of which is that the rebels have confederates in the city who are planning to make a prisoner of President Palma.

### Guerrera Standing Pat

Havana, Sept. 8—Gen. Guerrera, leader of the insurgent forces, refuses to consider any peace propositions unless the Palma government will agree to annul the last presidential election and call a new one. The insurgents have 3000 men in the field, well armed and equipped. Guerrera refuses to agree to an armistice of ten days pending peace negotiations. It is believed he will precipitate a battle very soon.

### Steamer Dora Sails Westward

Steamer Dora arrived on her westward trip Sunday night and sailed next morning at 10 o'clock. She was crowded to the limit with passengers and was obliged to leave freight on the Seward dock, which was left by the Santa Clara to be taken to Seldovia. It was turned over to the Toledo.

Japan proposes to subsidize a steamship line from Dalny, Manchuria, to North Pacific ports on the American side.

## MASSACRE IN POLISH TOWN

Terrorists Attack Soldiers at Siedlee  
and Troops Retaliate  
on Jews.

### GENERAL SLAUGHTER FOLLOWS

Hundreds of Hebrews Murdered and  
Mutilated Bodies Left Lying  
in the Streets.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Siedlee, Poland, Sept. 10—Terrorists attacked the police and soldiers on guard here yesterday, killing several. The troops were re-inforced and made an attack on the Jewish quarter, slaughtering all, including women and children. The streets are reported to be running in blood and the town is in flames.

### Jews Panic-stricken

Warsaw, Sept. 10—Jewish residents of this city are panic-stricken at the news from Siedlee. They realize that a general terrorist attack may be made an excuse for a wholesale massacre of their race by all factions.

### Slaughter of Jews Continues

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11—The massacre of Jews at Siedlee continues. Gov. Engelke demanded the names of the members of the Jewish self-defense association but the Jews refused to give the information. The slaughter was then renewed with increased violence.

Soldiers and the rabble alike are engaged in the massacre. All the rioters are drunk and are committing unspeakable outrages, women and children being made victims wherever found. Frightful scenes are being enacted but details are suppressed by the censor.

### Describe Siedlee Massacre

Warsaw, Sept. 12—Newspaper correspondents from this city who have gone to Siedlee report that the slaughter of Jews was horrible beyond description. In one street they counted 150 mutilated Jewish corpses. Many houses were riddled with bullets and Jewish shops were looted and burned.

It is related that a crowd of drunken soldiers invaded a hospital and fired upon the wounded Jews who had been taken there, killing several. Other appalling scenes are described.

## VEGETATION THRIVES IN CENTRAL ALASKA VALLEYS

Cereals and Tubers Mature Well and  
Wild Fruits and Flowers Grow  
in Profusion.

Kahiltna, Aug. 28—The spontaneous growth of hardy wild vegetation and experiments made with agricultural products show that great possibilities exist for profitable cultivation of the soil in the valleys of Central Alaska. Although the season is short the long hours of sunshine cause vegetation to grow and ripen at an extraordinary rate. The climate of the interior is warmer and the season longer than around Cook inlet.

On June 15 I planted some seeds here to test the fertility of the soil. It was then rather late in the season but the barley is now matured, the oats in the milk and the beans growing well. I believe any kind of crop could be raised in the Yentna valley.

At Susitna station last year F. A. Churchill planted potatoes early in May and raised a splendid crop.

Through this region many species of wild flowers bloom in profusion; red raspberries, currants and cranberries are now ripe, and wild birds of many descriptions are numerous.

The land for about 100 miles north from Cook inlet is low, of a glacial sedimentary formation, with an occasional glacier gravel bank running sixty or eighty feet high as the foothills of the Alaskan range are approached. All gravel in the river bars carries gold, varying from colors, along the lower ends, to coarser gold as higher elevation is reached.

Extending from the mouth of the Yentna to the foothills, or about eighty miles, there is a dense growth of spruce, birch, cottonwood and alder. It is common to see spruce trees two and a half feet in diameter and twenty feet to the first limbs. Birch will run as large as two feet.

The prices of all metals continue stiff.

## GOV. HOGGATT VISITS SEWARD

Welcomed by Citizens' Committee  
and Taken out on  
Railroad Line.

### EVENING RECEPTION IN TOWN

Large Number of Citizens Meet  
Territorial Executive in  
Club Rooms.

Gov. Hoggatt reached Seward last Saturday morning on the revenue cutter McCulloch and was met by a committee of citizens. Dell Clark's band was at the dock also to give the executive of the territory a musical greeting. Arrangements had already been made to run a special train to the end of the Alaska Central track in order to show the governor the results so far accomplished in railroad construction.

The train started from town about 9:30 with Gov. Hoggatt, several railroad officials, the officers, sailors and marines of the revenue cutter, and a large number of citizens aboard. The train returned late in the afternoon.

The railroad excursion was directed by President Ramsay of the Tanana Railway Construction Company. An ample supply of refreshments was taken along.

A formal reception was given in honor of Gov. Hoggatt in the rooms of the Kenai Club and Arctic Brotherhood Saturday evening. It was managed by the ladies, to whom the task was assigned by the men because most of the male population went out on the excursion to the end of the railroad line. The excursion was strictly a stag party. The evening reception was given both to honor the governor and to give the ladies and everybody else an opportunity to meet him. Capt. Cantwell and other officers of the revenue cutter McCulloch were present.

After an hour spent in introductions Dr. Gibbons read a poem dedicated to the governor. In response to insistent demand Gov. Hoggatt then made a short speech. This was followed by dancing. Music was furnished by Mr. Shankland on the violin and Ernest Hyde on the piano. A stock of claret punch with champagne trimmings was compounded by Jack Deyo and served by the ladies.

Governor Hoggatt sailed for Valdez on the McCulloch early Sunday morning.

## MINERS BRING GOLD FROM KECHATNA RIVER

Three Prospectors Come Out With  
Dust and Will Go Back With  
Winter Outfit.

Kahiltna, Aug. 28—Correspondence of the Gateway—G. Keller, Ben Fish and O. Reiserer have returned from the north. During the past two months they have prospected the Kechatna river, going nearly to the source, where they located claims. The boys say the country looks good to them. The samples of gold they bring with them from their claims would certainly look good to any one. They intend to sled in a supply of provisions next winter and develop their property next summer.

The Kechatna flows into the right limit of the Yentna river about thirty miles above here and is about seventy-five miles long.

### Puts Lake Creek at \$7000

Henry Anderson, manager of the King River Mining Company, which is putting in a hydraulic plant at the lower end of Lake creek, estimates that \$7000 will be taken from the bars of the creek by individual miners.

### Caswell Running Again.

The river steamer Caswell, which was caught in a storm while taking on coal below Tyoonok, sustaining some damage, has been repaired and is again on her run on the Yentna. On August 22 she called in here and took on the M. E. Davis drilling outfit for Hope. The drill reached the upper end of the claims, stopping at a glacier bank about four miles up the Kahiltna river. It is understood that the dredger which is to follow will commence operations at that point in the spring.

The city of Budapest, the capital of Hungary, will unveil a statue of George Washington September 16.

Whales are numerous off the Columbia river bar lately, according to the Portland Telegram.

## TO BUILD ROAD FROM KENAI

At Request of Alaska Commission  
Railroad Sends Engineers  
To Make Survey.

At the request of Capt. Pillsbury of the Alaska road commission a preliminary survey for a government road from Kenai to reach the Alaska Central will be made by the railroad company. W. A. Reel, of the Alaska Central engineering corps, and Jerome Hatchey sailed on the steamer Dora to go to Kenai and begin the survey from there.

Capt. Pillsbury cabled a few days ago to know whether the railroad officials would be willing to undertake the survey, and an estimate of the cost was promptly cabled back. The request that the work be done came back yesterday and the men were at once detailed.

Mr. Reel is the engineer who recently investigated and reported on a trail from Hope and Sunrise to the railroad. He recommended the improvement of the Johnson creek trail from Sunrise. The trail from Kenai is expected to lead along Turnagain Arm to Hope.

## SAYS MARINES WERE MISUSED

Admiral Evans Complains of  
Treatment of His Men in  
Portland, Maine.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14—Admiral Evans writes to the navy department that sailors and marines of the North Atlantic fleet were clubbed by the police and refused admission into places of amusement because they wore the naval uniform while in Portland, Maine, recently.

Legislation for the protection of the navy blue jackets on land is urged by Evans and he expresses the hope that his command may never be required again to visit cities which treat the men as they were treated in Portland.

### Dust from the Skwentna

Kahiltna, Aug. 28—Correspondence of the Gateway—W. E. Lennox and A. W. Purdy, who have been on the Skwentna river this summer, have gone down the river, carrying with them two modest pokes of bright gold.

Mr. Lennox is one of the old timers, having lived in Alaska continuously for 18 years, and is a well known hunter, trapper and prospector. He goes to Anchor point, where he located a homestead three years ago. Both Lennox and Purdy intend to return this fall to the Mt. McKinley country and take up their quarters in the foothills for the season's trapping.

### Guggenheims Buy Heavily

A Dawson dispatch says: The Guggenheims have begun buying Hunter creek claims. Already they have 90 per cent of Bonanza creek and are about to take over Lovett gulch. All this means the expenditure of millions in the purchase price alone. The company is building a giant water system to hydraulic the hills and installing fifty miles of electric line to convey power from Twelve-mile river to Bonanza, where three big dredges are being assembled.

### Alaska Farm Sells for \$30,000

The Yukon Valley News reports the sale of a farm at Baker creek hot springs for \$30,000. It was owned by Dad Karshner and sold to Frank Mangle, a Fairbanks mining man. The warmth from the subterranean springs causes vegetation to grow at a marvelous rate while the surrounding country is still frostbound, and the practical results of summer are evident four months longer than in other localities of the district. Nearly \$10,000 worth of vegetables was sold from it last year.

### Convict Jap Poachers

Five Japanese poachers, arrested at St. Paul Island, pleaded guilty in the U. S. district court at Valdez. Several others were tried and found guilty. One jury hung but the second convicted the men after deliberating thirty hours. L. V. Ray of Seward, J. Y. Ostrander and J. W. Leedy of Valdez, defended the Japanese.

## GETTING GOLD ON KAHILTNA

Each Report of Output on Upper  
Creeks Adds to Previous  
Estimate of Yield.

### ONE MAN BRINGS OUT \$1700

Miners Working Steadily in Productive  
Region Except Those Who  
Leave for Supplies.

Kahiltna, Aug. 28—Correspondence of the Gateway—Reports from the upper creeks, which are coming out almost daily, indicate that the gold output of the Kahiltna region for the season will be larger than has been anticipated. The men at work appear to be doing better all the time.

Edgar Davis came down from the creeks a few days ago and returned here from the Inlet today on Woolsey's launch, the Bat, with two tons of provisions which he will cache here and sled up the river next winter.

Mr. Davis gives data of operations in his vicinity this summer. He is operating on Thunder and Falls creeks, which flow into the Kahiltna, and brought out \$1700.

Billy Peterson, on Thunder, took out nine ounces in seven days. Doc Herndon, on Nugget, has taken out as high as \$80 per day to the man. On Poor Man's creek Cone, Huddleson and Carlson took out forty-eight ounces in four days. Carlson, on Peters creek, below the canyon, is taking out one ounce per day. Gus Peters is working on Dollar creek and taking out about one ounce per day. Eberhart is working on Falls creek and taking out good money. Gadigan and Hammersmith, on Falls creek are taking out \$13 to \$20 per day. Dick Richardson is working on Cache, Thunder and Nugget creeks and doing well.

## COPPER DEVELOPMENT IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

Extensive Prospecting Done This Year  
and Active Work in Progress  
Many Places.

Copper developments around Prince William sound are multiplying in geometrical ratio. Extensive prospecting and locating have been done during the present summer, induced by the favorable results of development work, and it is the opinion of mining experts that the copper deposits in the islands and shores of the Sound are of incalculable extent and value.

This summer the Reynolds mine at Boulder bay has been added to the list of producers and another Reynolds property on Latouche island will soon be a shipping mine. This and other properties near the famous Beatson mine indicate that Latouche island is nearly all copper.

Knight island is believed by the mining men who have examined it to be a copper bonanza. Copper lodes of good value have been found in all parts of the island and a great many claims have been located this season. Considerable development work has been done also and every effort in that line has been rewarded with an excellent showing. Various promising claims have been bonded to eastern capital.

On both sides of Mummy bay, at the southern extremity of the island, copper sticks out everywhere. The Iverson brothers are driving a tunnel on a lode which carries copper value of \$40 a ton and has the appearance of being very extensive. On the opposite side of the bay three Seward men, E. R. Gray, W. M. Sauer and E. E. Hale, recently located a ledge and brought specimens of the surface rock back with them which assayed \$13 a ton.

Other islands of the Sound have been prospected less, but copper indications are visible on all of them, as well as on the mainland on both sides of the Sound. On the eastern shore is the great Ellamar mine, which has been shipping for several years. A wide copper belt, beginning at the southern end of Kenai peninsula, apparently embraces the whole area of Prince William sound, extending northeasterly to the far interior. Copper outcroppings are found almost at random throughout this belt.

The Circle City commissioner's district has been divided by Judge Wickersham. The new district is called Chandler and the commissioner is Samuel L. Marsh.