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FROM CALIFORNIA

Many Miners Preparing to Leave for the Clondyke.

TICKETS SOLD FOR DAWSON CITY

The Excelsior Leaves July 28 With a Full List—Perils Attending the Journey.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Notwithstanding the suggestions of the miners on the advantages of traveling overland, the Excelsior, which will sail on the 28th, is booking passengers for Dawson City by the score, and will close its books in a day or so. The steamer will arrive at St. Michael's early in August, in time to connect with the river boats running to Dawson. The goldseekers will reach their destination about September 5. As the Yukon will be frozen by October 1, no one who does not go soon will be able to reach Dawson this year by way of St. Michael's. Hundreds will doubtless make the journey overland from Juneau after the closing of the navigable streams.

The Alaska Commercial company has 500,000 pounds of supplies at St. Michael's, all of which will be forwarded to Dawson by boat before the closing of the river. The North American transportation company has an equal amount of food and clothing at St. Michael's.

A party of 43 men is preparing to charter a schooner and sail to Juneau, from which point they will make the journey overland to Dawson.

It is hard to say at this time how many San Franciscans will leave for the new Eldorado. Hundreds are considering the question, but the danger and the possibilities of failure will keep many of them from swelling the population of Dawson City or any of the new towns which will spring up, or from journeying to possible new fields which may be discovered. The problem is a difficult one to solve, but the chances are that a couple of hundred will leave here between now and next spring.

The Walla Walla sails this morning with but few Yukoners. The Walla Walla will connect with the Mexico, which will take most of the miners bound for Juneau. The Yukon rush has caused the Pacific Coast company to arrange an extra steamer trip, which will be the George W. Elder, to leave Portland for Juneau soon, stopping at Seattle.

WANTS TO COLLECT DUTIES.

Victoria Merchant's Novel Proposition to Dominion Government.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 20.—This city is full of prospective miners waiting for the boats to take them North. In short, the gold fever has struck the town, and scores of men are throwing up good positions in order to seek their fortunes in the Clondyke gold fields.

John Pierce, a wholesale merchant, has made a somewhat novel proposition to the Dominion government. He has offered to pay \$50,000 per annum for a period of five or ten years, for the privilege of collecting duty on goods going into the Canadian section of the Yukon country. To his telegram to this effect the authorities as yet not vouchsafed an answer, but it is believed customs officers will be sent there to collect duty on American goods which are being taken into the country.

A HAZARDOUS UNDERTAKING.

Difficulties Attending a Trip to the Clondyke Pointed Out.

CHICAGO, July 20.—P. B. Weare, vice-president of the North American Trading company, is receiving hundreds of letters asking information regarding Alaska. He said today:

"The boats which sail from Seattle this month are full—every passage taken. That means that anyone who wants to go to Clondyke must wait for the August boats. And the journey is 7000 miles. People talk about it as if it were walking across the street. They don't realize what Alaska is—what the Yukon is. They will need a map to convince them of the truth that the country of the Yukon and its tributaries in Alaska and British America is as large as the whole country east of the Mississippi—that it is longer than a trip to Europe before they reach Behring sea and the mouth of the Yukon; that by the time they strike the Yukon the Alaskan Arctic winter will be upon them. By September 20 the winter settles down and the Yukon country is frozen solid till next May.

"The expenses of getting from Chicago to Seattle is \$60, and from Seattle to Behring sea \$150. There will be thousands of Eastern men who will go, but of course the coast people have everything in their favor.

"One thing must be remembered, that the Clondyke country is in British domain and will be governed accordingly."

A HOLD-UP THAT DID NOT PAY.

Bank Cashier Was Brave and the Robbers Came to Grief.

ODELL, Ill., July 20.—Two men entered the Williams bank and placing a revolver at the head of Cashier Van Buskirk ordered him to throw up his hands and pass over the cash. Van Buskirk was ready to meet just such an emergency, as he had weapons at his command, which he raised to shoot at the intruders. The robbers fled. The cashier at once gave the alarm. People on bicycles, horses, wagons, buggies and foot ran after the robbers, who ran to the east end of the town where they jumped in a buggy driven by two boys. They drove the horse hard until they saw that the pursuers were gaining, when they leaped out of the buggy and made for a corn field. Hundreds of people surrounded the field and after several desperate attempts to get away the miscreants were caught.

Numerous shots were fired, but no one was injured. The robbers were brought to town and lodged in jail to await the action of the grand jury. At the preliminary examination they gave the names of Frank W. Jackson and Harry Howard, both hailing from New York.

MORE AID FOR STRIKERS.

Locomotive Firemen Will Contribute to the Cause.

CHICAGO, July 20.—A circular has been issued from the grand lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen expressing sympathy with the striking miners and asking contributions from members to aid the miners during the strike. The circular is signed by E. P. Sargent and Secretary Arnold.

Senator Harris' Successor.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., July 19.—Governor Taylor this evening made official announcement that he had appointed the Hon. Thomas Turley, of Memphis, to succeed the late Isham B. Harris, as United States senator.

Thomas B. Turley is a native of Memphis, and is 52 years of age. He served in the Confederate army with the Maryland Rifles, company L. Fourteenth Tennessee regiment, and was twice wounded. He was captured in the battle of Nashville, and was a federal prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio, until March, 1865, when he was exchanged and sent South. Since 1870, he has practiced law in Memphis. He has never held a public office.

Sovereign Was Interrupted.

COLUMBUS, O., July 20.—J. R. Sovereign, president of the Knights of Labor, arrived today from Pocahontas, W. Va., where he spoke 10 minutes to the miners, when the mayor by proclamation, stopped "all public meetings or assemblages of more than three persons in any place within the corporate limits," alleging that such meetings were inimical to the public peace. President Ratchford copied the proclamation for future use. Sovereign reported that 100 business men of Pocahontas apologized to him for the act of the mayor.

Brazilian Miners Come In.

BEAULIEU, Ind., July 20.—The block miners have decided to abandon their local order and join the United Mineworkers of America. One hundred and seventy-five families of miners have been given relief. Many more applied for relief, but did not receive anything, as what rations there were on hand had been exhausted.

Many Miners are Starving.

PITTSBURG, July 21.—Miners' Secretary Wasson issued an appeal for aid today in which he stated the miners were in a starving condition.

"One woman of foreign birth," the peal says, "actually died of starvation, and the men at Tom's Run, Shire Oaks, have applied to headquarters for assistance."

The men, the appeal concludes, are just as determined, and will not go back to work without securing for themselves living wages.

Settled by Compromise.

PITTSBURG, July 21.—The finishing scale of the Amalgamated Association has been signed by Jones & Laughlin, and work will be resumed at once. The scale signed was a compromise, but it is said to be favorable to the workmen.

Strikers Visited Kosauke.

PEORIA, Ill., July 22.—About 400 miners from Minonk, Toloca and Rutland marched to Rutland this morning. Their coming was learned in advance, and none of the miners went to work. After the meeting the visiting miners went away.

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THIS SOUNDS TRUE

The Richness of the Clondyke is Confirmed.

THE RICH GROUNDS ALL LOCATED

One Who is There Writes That He Cannot Get a Rich Claim, But Hopes For a Paying One.

SEATTLE, July 20.—There are promises that the steamer service between this city and St. Michael's, contemplating an all-water route between Puget sound and the Upper Yukon mining districts by an additional line of river steamers, will be made by a company that is being organized by local and Eastern capitalists. The scheme is to buy or build a sea-going steamship and to buy a light-draught river steamer for the business between St. Michael's and Dawson City, the heart of the new diggings. The company is organizing on a \$200,000 paid-in capital basis. The Eastern subscribers to the stock are taking \$160,000, and the balance is being raised here.

Correspondence between parties in the Clondyke and this city relative to the wonderful finds in what has been believed until recently to be a barren waste of arid land and ice is becoming public property. B. R. Shaw, formerly a well-known insurance man of Seattle, has written a letter to a business man in this city, in which he states frankly that he does not expect to be believed. The letter, however, is only in line with others that the gold brought down from the Clondyke endorses. Among other things Shaw says:

"There is no night here now. It is light as midday for the 24 hours, and neither too warm nor too cold. Not too many flies to bother us as yet. This is a great mining strike, probably the greatest on the American continent or in the world. I know you will not believe me if I tell you about it. It is not as extensive as I wish it was, or, at least, gold has not been found in great paying quantities except on two creeks, about 200 claims, but some of them are very rich; in fact, some of the pay streaks are nearly all gold. One thousand dollars to the pan is not an uncommon thing, and as high as 100 ounces have been taken out at a single pan. It is no uncommon thing to see men coming in with all the gold they can carry.

"You will not believe me when I tell you that I went into one cabin and counted five five-gallon oilcans full of gold dust, but it is a fact. It is the result of the work of two men during the winter, and the dump is not much more than half worked out.

"About \$2,000,000 in dust has been taken out so far in the district. At a low estimate there will be \$50,000,000 taken out during the next year. Of course, I am in too late to get in on any of the rich ground, but hope to get hold of some that I can make miner's wages at, or better. I am working for the Alaska Commercial company, helping to put up a big store building. I went to work as soon as I got settled at \$10 a day for 10 hours. Carpenters get \$15 a day, and so do all of the men who work in the mines. I think I shall work for a while. Some of the saloons take in \$2000 to \$3000 a day. All pay in gold dust, and nothing less than 50 cents. A glass of beer costs 50 cents. There are plenty of provisions here. Flour is \$12 per 100 pounds, sugar 35 cents per pound, oatmeal 25 cents, bacon 50 cents, and other things in proportion.

"Logs are worth \$30 a thousand at the mill, and lumber \$150 a thousand. There is a small sawmill here, running day and night, and cannot cut half the lumber wanted. I do not know how many inhabitants this town supports. I should say in the neighborhood of 1000. Most of the people live in tents, but some good buildings are going up."

INSURGENTS ON THE AGGRESSIVE.

The Summer Campaign in Cuba is Fairly Launched.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Tomas Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban junta, has received a letter dated July 4 from General Maximo Gomez, in which the general says:

"It is advisable to make this summer's campaign as active and aggressive as possible. To carry out our plans successfully we will need rather than anything else a steady supply of ammunition. For that we depend on the support of patriotic Cubans and friends abroad.

"The recent landing of several expeditions in different sections of Cuba has enabled our men to engage the Spanish with satisfactory results. The remarkably large number of disabled soldiers

entering the Spanish hospitals in the last two weeks is the most emphatic proof of our activity.

"I have received a half-million rounds of ammunition from the last expedition landed in Camaguay. It was conveyed across the Jucaro-Maron trocha by Col. Dimas Zamora with 300 men. The passage of the trocha by Colonel Zamora's force shows that the barrier defended by 15,000 Spanish soldiers is no barrier to our movements. This last supply of ammunition enabled our forces under Major-General Carillo to move westward."

ANNEXATION NOT RECOGNIZED.

So Declares Count Okuma, Japanese Foreign Minister.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 21.—Count Okuma, foreign minister of Japan, says regarding the annexation of Hawaii to the United States:

"The foreign office is not surprised at the contemplated annexation. We simply protested against it. The importance of the islands will be immensely increased by the construction of the Nicaragua or Panama canal, and it is absolutely necessary, therefore, to leave the country independent. In voyaging to the far East steamers starting from Europe or America must call at Hawaii. To have them incorporated into the Union would seriously involve international interests in the Pacific ocean.

"Another reason is this: Annexation would impair the rights and privileges which Japan is enjoying in Hawaii. The protest was therefore entered on these grounds. Leaving aside the attitude of the other powers, the question is what will Japan do if, under any circumstances, the annexation is carried into practice in spite of the protest of Japan. Japan must oppose it to the utmost. Annexation must not be recognized."

Street Parade at the Mormon City.

SALT LAKE, July 21.—The second day of the pioneer celebration opened bright and the streets were crowded long before the parade which was to start at 11 o'clock. Along the main street for several blocks the sight was such as never had been witnessed in the city. Thousands of people lined the street, every available telegraph pole had its occupant, and hundreds of people fringed the tops of buildings, some occupying extremely perilous positions in order to see the parade.

The numerous floats in the parade represented about everything in connection with the early settlement of the West. The James Bridger float was a feature. The old Union Pacific engine, the first to enter Salt Lake, was run through the streets with a full head of steam on, carrying an Oregon Short Line baggage and a Union Pacific coach labeled "Omaha and San Francisco." Numerous military companies took part in the parade, and local and visiting bands enlivened the scene with music.

Clondyke Fever in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The Alaska Commercial Company has closed its books for the Excelsior, which will leave for St. Michael's on the 28th. Scores of people flocked to the company's office today and sought to make up the 200 which the steamer can carry. A great majority go from San Francisco, but a number belong to the interior of the state, which is largely supplying recruits for the Yukon. This 200 is but a small part of the California army which is mustering for the advance. Thousands in San Francisco long to go; hundreds have about made up their minds to go, and scores, and perhaps hundreds will go this summer, a majority taking the Juneau route. A great many will let the season for travel close with a firm determination of going in the spring.

Debs' Eloquence Avails Nothing.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 21.—This morning opened with the coal strike situation not materially changed in West Virginia. The Watson mines, with 1000 men, hold the key to the Fairmount region, for Monongah cannot be kept closed unless Watson's men quit work. Debs' failure to do anything with Watson's men at Riversville last night was disheartening, but the organizers have regained their nerve, and this morning a general conference was held to devise new plans.

The strike in the state as a whole is regarded as lost unless local issues can be made to figure sufficiently to interest the men where sympathy is lacking.

To Enlist Public Sympathy.

PITTSBURG, July 20.—The miners are arranging for a series of meetings in Pittsburgh, McKeesport and other points in the district to enlist public sympathy in the strike movement. The meetings will be followed by a general appeal for aid.

Redstone Miners Are Out.

COLUMBUS, July 20.—Cameron Miller, at Uniontown, Pa., telegraphed President Ratchford this morning: All the miners on the Redstone branch suspended this morning.

UTAH'S CELEBRATION

Ten Thousand Children Offer Floral Tributes.

BUT THEY ARE NOT ALL BRIGHAM'S

The American Museum of Natural History Has Been Short on Dinosaurs. But Now Has Two.

SALT LAKE, July 22.—Ten thousand school children laid floral offerings at the base of Brigham Young's monument today and then marched in parade. The day opened cloudy and by 11 o'clock a light rain was falling, but the program was carried out without interruption.

This was children's day and at an early hour juvenile Salt Lake was in abundant evidence on all sides. Besides the children of the city schools, adjoining counties furnished several thousand to swell the grand total. Each school was accompanied by a teacher and pupils, and all carried banners and Chinese parasols. The parade was in ten divisions, under command of Grand Marshal Nat M. Brigham. Several new floats were added to those which took part in the parade yesterday. The procession moved through the principal streets, returning to the monument, after which the children assembled in the tabernacle and listened to music by Professor Barrett's chorus of 1000 voices. Remarks were made by Hon. George Q. Cannon and a benediction pronounced by Rev. E. C. Lockwood. Luncheon was served after the exercises.

FOSSILS IN WYOMING.

Bones of Monster Long-Extinct Reptiles Uncovered.

NEW YORK, July 22.—The Herald says an expedition in May last to Wyoming, sent by the American Museum of Natural History to search for fossils of extinct reptiles, has unearthed specimens which will enrich the scientific treasury of that institution. Dr. J. L. Wartman and Burnum Brown are in charge of the expedition.

The work of excavation has been carried on near Laramie City. It has been more successful than was expected. The principal work of the members of the expedition has been to unearth fossil dinosaurs, extinct lizards which existed in the Mesozoic age. Dr. Wartman and Mr. Brown have found two gigantic dinosaurs, each about 50 feet long. One has been exposed and will be ready soon for shipment. The other is being exposed. It is expected that a carload of specimens will arrive soon in this city. The American Museum of Natural History has not had any dinosaurs. The finds of the expedition are therefore of considerable satisfaction to the museum authorities.

Lynched on Suspicion.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., July 22.—The body of Edw. Brinkley, who lived several miles from this city, was found dangling from a limb near his home this morning. He had been lynched during the early morning by a mob of 40 citizens. Several weeks ago, Thos. Croulles, a well-known citizen of the neighborhood, was assassinated. Brinkley was suspected on account of his evil reputation, but no evidence could be found to connect him with the crime.

Another Negro Lynched.

NASHVILLE, July 22.—A special from Florence, Ala., to Banner says a report from Kiverton this morning says the negro caught yesterday had started for the United States prison, guarded by a party. At Cherokee he was met by a mob and hanged. Another report, which is not credited, says he was tied to a stake and burned to death. His identity was thoroughly established by his victim, Mrs. Vaughn.

A CLONDYKER HAPPY.

Romance of the Owner of Dawson City Townsite.

NEW YORK, July 22.—A special to the World from Plattsburg, N. Y., says:

Joseph Ladue, owner of the townsite of Dawson, B. P., is now on the way to his former home at Schuyler Falls, Clinton county, New York, to be married to Miss Mason. It is said that Ladue and Miss Mason were to have been married long ago, but Miss Mason's parents opposed the match because Ladue was poor. Then Ladue went to the Black Hills in search of gold. He was quite successful, but before coming East to claim his bride he went into speculation at Deadwood and lost every dollar.

Ladue wrote to Miss Mason of his misfortune, and soon after went to Alaska. He did not return home until two years



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ago, and then it was settled that upon his return from another trip to Alaska they would be married. As Ladue is said to be a millionaire, the parents of the bride will offer no objection to the Union, and it is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Ladue will spend their honeymoon on their way to the gold fields, where they intend to live for at least three years.

WEST VIRGINIA MEN STILL WORK.

Organizers Cannot Persuade Them to Go Out.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 22.—The arrival of President Ratchford at Fairmont is the event of the day in West Virginia. It is not likely Ratchford will be able to do anything which Debs could not do. Debs, Ratchford and other organizers held a conference today at Fairmont to devise plans for future work. They favor commissioning all the strikers as missionaries to work from man to man among miners in their homes.

URUGUAYAN WAR ENDED.

Rebels Are in Possession of the Entire Country.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Uruguay is practically in the hands of the rebels, says the Herald's correspondent at Montevideo, and the war is at an end. While the rebels have not upset the government, they have forced it into a corner from which there seems no escape, and the final result undoubtedly will be a complete turning over of existing conditions in Uruguay.

An armistice between the rebels and the government was signed a few days ago. It was to remain in force until August 1. Peace negotiations were immediately set on foot. The negotiations have led to a proposal to form a government of the rebel chiefs, the rebels to be given the presidency of the republic and the governorship of six provinces. In addition every rebel who has been dismissed from the army is to be reinstated under the new movement, and all those exiled on account of the revolution are to be allowed to return.

Pedro Jose Ramirez has been practically decided upon for the new president, though the details of how and when he is to take the office have not yet been decided upon.

Still Going Up.

LIVERPOOL, July 21.—Cargoes on passage excited and about 1 shilling and 6 pence dearer; Liverpool spot quiet but steady.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Market active and excited, closing at 79 3/8c.

CHICAGO, July 21.—Higher and excited, closing at 74 3/8c.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—Market active and excited, closing at \$1.41 3/8. A private dispatch says December wheat is booming and going up.

A Revolutionary Widow Dead.

SAN DIEGO, July 21.—Mrs. Lovey Aldrich, one of the seven surviving widows of the revolutionary soldiers who fought in the war of 1776, died at the home of her son, E. C. Aldrich, in this city, Sunday. Mrs. Aldrich was born in Sanbornton, N. H., March 29, 1800, and was consequently in her 98th year at the time of her death.

Better Feeling at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, July 22.—The failure of the miners to make headway in West Virginia has had the effect of causing a much easier feeling in the local market. Local operators today regard the strike as more complicated than ever, and a long way from settlement.

Elizabeth, Pa., Miners Out.

PITTSBURG, July 22.—The miners at the Buena Coal Company's mine near Elizabeth, joined the strikers today.

Belleville Miners Are Out.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—One thousand miners at Belleville, Ill., today at noon decided to join the strike for better wages. No coal will be dug even for local use.