

## TUBS FOR THE NORTH

**A Unique Fleet Sails for the Land of Gold Today.**

### TWO HISTORIC CRAFTS INCLUDED

One the Ancient Sidewheeler Eliza Anderson, the Other Ex-Russian Gunboat Polittkofsky.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—The steamer Eliza Anderson, an old-fashioned sidewheeler, built in Portland, Or., in 1850, leaves today for the Clondyke via St. Michaels, with 150 passengers. She is a wooden vessel, and for sixteen years was out of service, being tied up to the dock. Then for a year she lay at the bottom of the Sound, but she was raised some years ago and now is to be sent to Behring sea with a crowd of gold hunters. The Eliza Anderson will be consorted by the tug Holyoke, the latter having in tow the small sternwheeler Merwin, the schooner W. J. Bryan and the dismantled steamer Polly, the latter to be used as a barge on the Yukon river plying between Dawson, Circle City, Forty Mile and St. Michaels. The Merwin will also run on the Yukon.

Nobody knows how old the Polly is. Her real original name was "Polittkofsky," and she was included in the purchase of Alaska by the United States from Russia in 1867. At that time the Polly was a Russian gunboat located at Sitka. She was later sold by the United States to the Port Blakeley Mill Company, on Puget sound. Years since she was stripped of her guns and machinery, and is now being returned to her Northern home in the ignominious position of a freight barge.

The Polly will carry fuel for the tug Holyoke, and also fuel for the Eliza Anderson. The schooner Bryant will carry some of the Anderson's passengers and all the freight of the prospectors.

Up to this date nearly 4000 miners have sailed from Seattle for the Yukon and about 2000 more have sailed from other points north and south, including those who have gone from California.

### Filled the Baby With Wind.

PRITTSBURG, Aug. 10.—Mrs. George Ruthman, of Beaver Falls, heard a peculiar noise on the back porch of her residence. She found her two sons, one aged 7 and the other one year older, in a corner. The babe was on his back. The elder brother had inserted the tube of a bicycle pump in the baby's mouth and was filling him with wind as fast as he could work the pump. The infant was unconscious and his little stomach was inflated like a balloon. The mother pulled the tube from the child's mouth and the air followed with a sharp sound like the exhaust of an air brake on a railway train. The baby recovered consciousness.

### A Pearl-Producing Lake.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 10.—For a month or more people living near Bald Knob have been finding valuable pearls in a lake near that place. Hundreds of people have been opening musselshells in search of the pearls, and some of the gems have been found, some being sold for as much as \$300.

A special from Bald Knob says a syndicate of Memphis parties have leased the lake for five years for \$10,000. They will build a fence around the lake and begin work with a steam dredger. They will also erect an elegant clubhouse. The lake is said to be the richest pearl producer in the United States.

### Situation at Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 10.—The marching miners, notwithstanding the court's injunction issued last evening, lined up on the public highways leading to the Ingel mines this morning and as the men came to work at 5 o'clock they were again appealed to by the strikers with the result that the few men who had intended to work decided to join the strikers. The entire force is now out, and the marchers are devoting their energies to other mines of the city.

### REPLY TO ELIOT'S CHARGES.

State Department Comes Back at the Professor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The state department has made a formal answer to charges pending against Commissioner J. W. Foster by Professor Henry J. Eliot in his letter to Assistant Secretary Day. The statement says:

"Professor Eliot is not now, nor has he been for several years past, connected with the Smithsonian institution or any department of the government. In 1890 he made a report upon the seal islands as an agent of the treasury department,

but it was so full of inaccurate statements, betrayed such a want of scientific knowledge, was so hostile to the interests of the United States and was written in such a prejudiced spirit that Secretary Blaine declined to send it to congress or allow it to be printed.

"From that time Professor Eliot ceased to have any connection with the government, and the officials say he has lost no opportunity to attack any step taken by it on the subject and to abuse all persons having any official relations to sealing matters. His report was printed by the British government, and strongly relied upon by the British consul before the tribunal to overthrow the position of the United States."

### ROGGS' POINT IS INVADED.

Over One Hundred Ohio Strikers Have Gathered There.

WHEELING, Aug. 10.—West Virginia was invaded by Ohio miners this morning. About 125 miners from the Mill Creek region marched through the city and reached Roggs' Run mine, below Wheeling, at 4 o'clock. The Ohio miners came for the purpose of closing down Roggs' Run, the only railroad mine in the Wheeling district now being operated. They announce that they will stay until the Roggs' Run miners join the strike, and today 200 more from Barton, Maynard, Pascoe and other mining communities in Eastern Ohio, are to come. Miners along the Wheeling & Lake Erie have also announced a willingness to participate in this demonstration, which may last several days.

With the West Virginia strikers gathering at Roggs' Run there are now about 400 men there. At this showing of force the 100 Roggs' Run miners did not show a front this morning. A meeting will probably be held today, but it will be a difficult matter to get the men at this point out.

### Dressed Beef on the Rise.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10.—The wholesale price of dressed beef by all the big packers has been raised. The lowest price on dressed beef now is 6 cents, whereas on Saturday fair to good Western beef could be bought for 4½ to 5½ cents. Better grades were raised in proportion. The best grades of bacon were also raised 1½ cents per pound.

The dealers claim that the raise in price is proof positive that the big "combine," about which so much has been heard lately, is a fact, and that it has begun the expected squeezing process. They declare that they will go into a combine of their own and butcher their own meat. The packers deny that there is any combine.

### He Buncoed a Bank.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—Seattle detectives are looking for a man named Black, who buncoed the little bank at Calgary, N. W. T., out of \$11,000 by a gold-brick game. Black came to Seattle and changed his Canadian money into American gold at Dexter, Horton & Co.'s bank. The bank here and the bank at Calgary now have a private detective scouring the country for the swindler, and the police of Seattle and those of British Columbia are also communicating with officers in all cities of this country and Canada.

Black, or whatever his name is, is a smooth talker, looks like a prosperous business man, and is evidently a prince among swindlers.

### A Woman's Clondyke Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A woman's Clondyke syndicate expedition has been organized in this city. Miss Helen Varick Boswell is president and among the patronesses are: Mrs. Jennie June Crowley, Mrs. Laura Wearse Walter, Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Ebyrie, Cleveland; Mrs. William Craighead, Leadington, O., and Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Delaware, O.

### Chilean President Gives Up.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A special to the Herald from Valparaiso says it is reported that the president has declared that it is impossible to continue to govern Chile under present conditions. The conservatives, he says, are too exacting. It is expected that the coalition scheme will go out of existence.

### Another Clondyke Company.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The Tribune says Colonel Archie E. Fisk, formerly of Colorado, now a resident of New York, has organized a syndicate in the name of the "Ala-Klone expedition," to search for gold in Alaska.

### LOST.

A Mystic Shrine pin; two tiger claws in shape of a half moon suspended to a scimitar, and to which was attached a star containing a small diamond. The finder will confer a great favor and be suitably rewarded by returning to

A. S. MAC ALLISTER, At The Chronicle office.

## WRECKED ON A REEF

**Particulars of the Loss of the Steamship Mexico.**

### PROSPECTORS STALLED AT DYEA

Many of Them Find It Impossible to Get Through the Passes—Freight Carriers Are in Demand.

VICTORIA, Aug. 11.—The steamer Mexico which was wrecked at the entrance of Sitka harbor at 4 o'clock a. m. August 5th, had been running at half speed because of the dense fog until a few moments before the rock was struck. Pilot Connells rang for full steam ahead, and soon after there was a terrific shock on the starboard quarter. So great was the momentum that the ship was carried through the reef which, it is believed, was the West Devil rocks, and into deep water beyond.

Instantly there was a call of the crew, and without the slightest confusion the seventy-five passengers on board were safely placed in the ship's boats. Soon after the vessel struck the heavy fog cleared and it was bright and sunshiny before she went down.

There was no excitement on board. The passengers and watch below were awakened by the shock. The alarm was quickly given and all were quickly dressed, and, reassured by the coolness of the officers, awaited their time to enter the boats. The vessel was valued at about \$100,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 11.—The steamer Topeka, from Alaska, arrived here this morning, bringing the crew of the steamer Mexico, which was wrecked near Sitka.

When seen this morning, Captain Thomas preferred to give out no extended statement concerning the loss of the Mexico, pending investigation to be made this afternoon by Inspector W. J. Bryant. The captain was in bed when the accident occurred at about 4:30 o'clock Thursday morning. From the time the steamer struck the rock until it disappeared beneath the waves about two hours elapsed. Captain Thomas and Pilot Connell were the last to leave the sinking ship. The self-control of the passengers was commended by Captain Thomas. He said there was no unnecessary excitement; the passengers were aroused and put in boats with as many of their personal effects as possible.

When asked concerning conditions at Dyea, he said the people there were making the best of their situation. The opening of a trail through White's Pass was under consideration by those seeking entrance to Yukon waters. Chilkooot Pass is full of prospectors as far as Sheep Camp.

Wharfage facilities at Dyea are poor, although the Mexico landed her cargo of both passengers and freight safely on the upland by means of boats. A new wharf is being built at Skagway. It is doubtful if many people there now get out this winter.

Percy Higgenbotham, who went up on the Mexico as far as Dyea just for the trip and came back on the same steamer, this morning describes in a graphic manner the sinking of the ill-fated vessel. Said he:

"The vessel went on the rock early in the morning and when the officers said that the passengers had better take to the life boats every one was cool and calm and the ladies, when going down the ladder over the side of the steamer to get in the small boats, sang Christian endeavor songs. The captain was cool, but he couldn't realize that the boat was doomed. Some one rushed to him and asked, 'Can I get my baggage in a small boat?' 'Calm yourself,' said Captain Thomas. 'Better get in a small boat yourself and leave the baggage to take care of itself. It is impossible that the Mexico will sink.' Some other passenger rushed to him for advice a little later and the captain said: 'Take no chances; get in the boat. I'm going to save my ship if I can. She will not sink; she cannot sink.'

"Within 20 minutes after the shock the steamer's hold was filled with water and the baggage was floating around. We could hear the splash of the water and could feel the steamer settling. After all others had left the vessel and stood away out of danger to watch the work of dissolution, the captain and his second mate, McCarthy, remained on board. Twenty minutes before she went under the captain and mate left the wreck in the steamer's launch.

"Just two hours and 10 minutes after the rock was struck the Mexico's bows

sank underneath the water out of sight. Then the bows bobbed up again and the stern sank under. Suddenly the bows shot upward in a perpendicular line, and the good ship Mexico went to the bottom like a shot, stern first. Just as the vessel went under, the charthouse, which had not been tightly secured to the dock, broke loose and floated to the top. Then it was that this charthouse, seven lifeboats and one steam launch, loaded with passengers, was all that appeared of the Mexico remaining on the surface of the water.

"No one knows exactly in how much water the wreck of the Mexico lies. Seventy fathoms of line were put out without touching bottom.

"As soon as the Mexico went under, and the captain had taken the bearings of the ill-fated spot, the lifeboats pulled away for Percy island, 13 miles distant, where the passengers landed on a rock and had something to eat. Then the long row was renewed, and the passengers were landed at Metlakahla, 17 miles from the island, and 30 miles from the point where the vessel went down, and there all remained until picked up by the steamer City of Topeka, bound south."

Owing to the fact that the Mexico sank in water so deep no effort will be made to raise her. The Pacific Coast Steamship people, owners of the wrecked steamer, say the Mexico must be in about 85 fathoms of water, and nothing can be done at such a depth.

The Mexico was one of the best-known steamers on the Pacific coast. She was built in 1882 by Dickie Bros., of San Francisco, the Riedon iron works furnishing her engines; and was owned by the Oregon Improvement Company, and was in charge of Captain Huntington. The Mexico registered 1797 tons, and had a carrying capacity of 1341 tons. She was 275 feet long, 36 feet beam and 20 feet depth of hold. She was a wooden steamer, and did good service during her 15 years existence.

### A Four Days' Clean-Up.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 10.—J. B. and R. B. Graves boarded the overland train tonight having in their possession \$42,000 in gold, the result of four days work on Morrison gulch, a tributary of Coffee creek, beyond Carville, in Trinity county. They have been mining on the gulch for a year past, and ran a tunnel into a ledge of red and black iron formation 3½ feet wide. They struck several pockets of pure gold embedded in the ledge, one of the purest yielding \$4000, while several others yielded from \$3000 to \$300. On August 4th, at a point 25 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, and 12 feet from the surface, they uncovered a large pocket of pure gold. In four days they took out 163 pounds, avoirdupois weight. The largest piece was three feet long, two feet wide and five inches thick. The pocket yielded \$42,000. The ledge is still intact, and averages from \$300 to \$500 per ton.

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## GOLD HUNTERS OFF

**Steamer Rosalie Sailed Thursday for Skagway.**

### SHE CARRIES 150 PROSPECTORS

All Go Fully Determined to Conquer the Pass—Wreck of the Mexico.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—The steamer Rosalie leaves this afternoon for Dyea and Skagway bay with 150 miners, hailing from all parts of the East, who intend going to the Klondike over the pass, thence down the Yukon river. It is estimated now that fully 4000 men are encamped along the beach this side of the pass unable to get over. Many of them have lost heart and will come back. Some of the more courageous will get through to the diggings and come back rich.

T. B. Corey, well known in Washington Illinois and Iowa as a coal mine superintendent, left Seattle July 18th for the Northwest with four others, carrying along provisions for one year. At Dyea they employed a band of 31 Indians to carry their outfits and thus made Lake Linderman on the opposite of the pass in one trip. They paid the Indians \$525. At the lake their boats were secured and they started. In a letter received from Corey, written at Linderman, he says they were on the eve of departure and if everything has gone well with they should reach Dawson City today. Corey is a cautious, determined, strong-will man and it is believed his party will not only reach the diggings but will have the honor of making the fastest trip to the interior on record.

Some miners at Dyea and Skagway are selling \$500 and \$600 outfits for from \$30 to \$50. The rash to the mines will demonstrate for all time which are thoroughbreds, for none but thoroughbreds can expect to get along and keep up heart.

The wreck of the steamer Mexico is still being talked of in Seattle. It now develops that the officers disobeyed the orders of Captain Thomas in a manner that might have resulted disastrously. When the passengers took to the boats the captain gave orders to the officers as follows: "Row away 100 feet and then all the boats together so that we can all keep together." This was not done. Two boats started to row towards the fog bank the men thinking they saw land, and it was only good luck that made them turn back and keep with the other six boats. For a time the boats were scattered in all directions and it is a luck pure and simple that some of the boats loaded with men, women and children are not at this moment drifting around on the open sea with a perishing crew.

The rash northward has not abated and steamers leaving during the next ten days will be crowded with miners. Many, however, are preparing to winter in Seattle and go North in the spring.

### Eighty Thousand Oregon Sheep.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 11.—J. A. Knollin, a livestock commission mer-



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chant of this city, has bought in Oregon 80,000 sheep, which are now being driven overland to Kansas, where they will be fed next winter and marketed the following winter and spring. This immense herd has been divided into 12 bands, each of which is driven by eight men. Knollin expects to reach Kansas with the sheep by October.

### THERE ARE OTHERS.

A Rich Gold Discovery Reported From Nicaragua.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12.—A new gold field has been discovered, but this one is in the tropics. Reports have come to this city lately that big finds of gold have been made in Nicaragua, and steamers from that section have been bringing in gold dust in proof of it.

E. S. Spence, a well-known citizen of Houston, Tex., arrived here on the Fulton, plying between New Orleans and Nicaraguan ports, and confirmed the stories about the discoveries in Nicaragua. He says he has been all over the gold fields, and that gold is there in large quantities. He has acquired valuable claims and will return as soon as he can make arrangements to work them. He says the whole gold region down there is very rich and the climate splendid. He says unemployed miners of the United States will do much better there than in attempting to go to Alaska. Food in Nicaragua is cheap, and other expenses are reasonable.

### Gold in California.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 12.—News was received here from Coffee Creek to the effect that \$40,000 worth of gold dust and nuggets were taken out yesterday afternoon from the pocket out of which the Graves brothers took their \$42,000 last Saturday.

Another exceedingly rich discovery of gold is reported on Morrison gulch, about two miles from the scene of the Graves brothers discovery. It is said \$18,000 was taken out Wednesday afternoon and that two miners are taking out gold on an average of \$40 to the pan. The strike is on the same vein of the Graves claim, and is supposed to be an extension of the same.

### Another Mine Discovered.

REDDING, Cal., Aug. 12.—Mr. Blackburn, owner of the Deep Gravel mine near Trinity Center, Trinity county, brings in news of another rich strike on Morrison gulch, seven miles above the claim of the Graves Bros. He stated that Burgess and Murphy discovered a seam in their diggings 300 feet long, and upon prospecting the same same got as high as \$10 and \$20 to the pan in several places. The formation is black iron and ochre and porphyry walls. Miners and prospectors are leaving their claims to locate ground on Morrison gulch, and the whole bed of the gulch will soon be located.

### SERIOUS BLOW AT CANADIAN ROAD

Discriminating Duty Will Destroy Their Oriental Trade.

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.—The decision of Attorney-General McKeena as to the interpretation of the clause of the new United States tariff which deals with the imposition of a 10 per cent differential to the duty on foreign goods entering the United States through a contiguous country, will be watched with the greatest interest in Canada.

"If the clause is put into force," said G. M. Bosworth, freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad, "its effect will be most serious. It will kill all our China and Japan business in exports intended for the United States, and will also kill entirely importation into the United States through Canadian ports. Montreal, in summer, and St. John's in winter, will suffer from the adverse legislation."

The same view was expressed by G. B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway.

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