

GOLD FROM YUKON

Steamer Belle Homeward Bound With \$500,000.

THE STEAMER BRINGS NINETY MEN

Some Are Prospectors Fleeing Before the Shadow of Famine Lowering Over Dawson.

ANVIL, Alaska, Aug. 23, via Seattle, Sept. 14.—The steamer Bella, of the Alaska Commercial Company, passed the steamer Hamilton this afternoon. There are ninety passengers on the Bella, seventy miners returning with their stakes, said to aggregate \$500,000, and the remainder are prospectors fleeing from the shadow of famine to come.

Louis Sloss, jr., of the Alaska Commercial Company, who was on board, confirmed all the reports hitherto given of the shortage of food supplies.

"We have been compelled to adopt measures," said he, "to prevent single individuals from cornering the food supplies. For this reason we have limited the quantity of grub to be sold to each person. One sack of flour each week is all that any man is allowed to purchase. We closed our store for a time after the Bella arrived, declining to sell to anyone until we found out what we had in stock and how far it would go toward supplying the orders we had already. We will not sell supplies to either hotels or restaurants, and as far as possible to miners only."

Jack McQuesten, the Alaska Commercial Company's trader at Circle City, who was one of the number on board the Bella, says there is not enough provisions in the Yukon country now to supply the demand.

DENTISTRY AT DAWSON.

A Seattle Man Practices It and Is Making Money.

SEATTLE, Sept. 14.—Dr. M. M. Caldwell, a dentist, formerly of Seattle, now of Dawson City, writes his wife in this city under date of Dawson City, August 8, as follows:

"I have opened an office here and am doing well. The 13th of the month will be two months since I started in business. I have made \$1357.50 up to this date. That will be about \$700 per month.

"Moose meat and fish have been very plentiful here this last month. Fish at 25 cents per pound and moose at 50 cents. Most people like moose as well as beef. I don't go much on moose. I think that I got hold of an old tough bull. It took all day to cook it. The Alaskan Indians live on such things for months, and are fat and healthy. As long as moose and fish hold out there need be no fear of anyone starving to death. I think that I will get quite a lot of crown work to do here. There is no one else here that can do it. I charge from \$35 to \$50 each.

"The days are beginning to get a little shorter now, as it gets dark between 11 o'clock and midnight. The last time that I saw any dark night was when we were camping on Lake LeBarge. That was June 1. Since that time the nights have been about as dark as a cloudy day. Cold weather will set in about September 15. I have just had dinner. The bill of fare was as follows:

"Soup, dried spuds, with beef grease and salt; potatoes, with peelings on, twenty cents per pound; bread, baker's, three loaves for \$1; butter, middling fair, seventy-five cents per pound; lefouade made from acid of milk; coffee that came from Seattle. Fresh potatoes cost \$20 per ton. "I think that I ate seven or eight for dinner today—potatoes, not tone."

Apoplexy the Cause.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 14.—Details concerning the death of J. C. Boatman, as assistant United States director of fisheries at Juneau, on the 5th inst., have been received. H. M. Kutchin, agent of the treasury department, has arrived here and states that Boatman was taken ill and wandered to the beach, where he was found unconscious. He was removed to a hospital where he died. No signs of violence were found upon his person and an autopsy revealed that death was due to apoplexy.

TROLLEY CARS MET.

Serious Collision on a Chicago Suburban Line.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Two electric cars on the Suburban electric railway collided while running at full speed along a stretch of single track on Harlem avenue south of Harrison street, in Lagrange, this morning.

The accident happened just before 7 o'clock, when the traffic was heavy and nearly all the passengers with which

both cars were crowded were injured. Motormen J. Murphy and John Jamison will die.

On account of a heavy mist which hung over the tracks, the motorman of the south-bound car, which was to have passed the north-bound car where double track ends, failed to notice that he had left the double track. Before he could reverse and run back, the north-bound car came up and collided with terrific force.

SPANISH SMACKS FIRED UPON.

An Exciting Incident Of the Florida Coast.

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 14.—The Spanish consul here, Pedro Solis, is wrathful because the state patrol steamer Germ fired on several Spanish smacks. The Germ is a large trim launch belonging to the state health board, and is armed with small cannon. The Spanish smacks hover around the coast and sell Spanish liquors, etc., to the sponging and fishing vessels that come here, thus infringing on the quarantine laws. This practice is to be broken up, and the state health authorities have adopted stringent measures. Last week two were captured, and the American and Spanish vessels caught together were sent to quarantine.

While the Germ was on her last trip she sighted two Spanish smacks and they put to sea. Finding she could not overhaul them, the launch sent a solid shot after them. The second shot brought them to, and they were sent to quarantine.

The Spanish consul wired a complaint to Washington after the firing on the Spanish vessels, and the matter was brought to the attention of Dr. Porter, state health officer. Mr. Porter and Mr. Solis had a conference yesterday in which the health officer, who is a retired naval physician, plainly told the consul that the smacks would be fired on and hit, too, if they did not stop when signaled.

There was much feeling over the firing, as the Cubans have made much ado over the matter of an American vessel firing on the Spanish flag, and jeered the Spaniards here about it.

The Views of Sagasta.

MADRID, Sept. 14.—Senor Sagasta, liberal leader, in an interview on the subject of the Cuban insurrection, says the uprising instead of dying out is spreading considerably. In addition Senor Sagasta says the situation in the Philippine islands is serious. He also asserts the Carlist propaganda in Spain cannot be viewed with indifference, and expresses the belief that a reconciliation between the political parties in Spain is impossible as long as the conservatives are in power.

A BULGE IN HER BOTTOM.

Battle-Ship Indiana Damaged in Docking at Halifax.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Halifax says:

During the recent docking of the battle-ship Indiana her bottom bulged under the forward turret. The fault is attributed to Naval Constructor Bowles, of New York. He came here to see that the docking was properly done. The weight of the turret was so great that the bottom sank enough to seriously affect the turrets' supports.

The dock officials say they have docked British naval vessels much heavier than the Indiana without trouble, and regret the accident to the Indiana, but critics in the United States will be disposed to throw the blame upon them and accuse them of purposely trying to cripple one of the best vessels in this navy.

Result of a Land Dispute.

TACOMA, Sept. 14.—Particulars have been received of the murder of Peter Counts, late in August, at his ranch on Similkameen river, Okanogan county. They show that his killing is the seventh in a series of murders resulting from land disputes and indirectly from delay in the approval by federal authorities of land surveys made six and seven years ago.

Counts' homestead lies on the east bank of the river, three miles north of the Wyandotte mine, extending through bottom ground overgrown with brush. The forty acres in dispute is only a tract of marsh.

Precautions at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—The health department has already taken what precautions it can against the invasion of the city by yellow fever. Measures are being taken to prevent from remaining in the city visitors who have or may have come in contact with the disease. The co-operation of the Southern railroads has been secured and the officials are aiding the best they can the department in its endeavor to keep St. Louis free from the pestilence.

A Pigeon's Long Flight.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—The longest flight every made by a pigeon to Chicago was completed this morning. Z. Whiteman's bird, Fred Hornell, arrived in his loft at Rogers Park from Las Vegas, N. M., a distance of 1040 miles in an air line. The bird was in good condition, and made the journey in three weeks. Seven birds were liberated at Las Vegas together. Within five minutes after the birds were liberated they started in a northeasterly direction toward Chicago. Whiteman's bird is the only one heard from since they started.

A Deathbed Confession.

BOSWORTH, Mo., Sept. 15.—John Abbott, who has just died here after a long illness, made a deathbed confession in

EXCELSIOR IS IN PORT

Overdue Alaska Steamer Arrives at San Francisco.

SHE HAD MUCH GOLD ON BOARD

Passengers Unite in Confirming Stories of Impending Danger of Famine of Dawson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—The long overdue steamer Excelsior, which left St. Michaels, Alaska, for this port six weeks ago, but was compelled to put back to Unalaska for repairs, after having broken two blades of her propeller, arrived here this morning with sixty-four passengers and about \$250,000 in gold.

Of those who came down from Alaska, all but two are known to have money, but few if any were communicative enough to admit how much they had. One man, F. Hayes, of Portland, was conceded to have the largest individual amount, but upon being interviewed he would only admit having \$35,000.

All unite in confirming stories already told of impending danger of famine at Dawson City during the coming winter. They say that there are at least 7000 people now at Dawson City, and that more are swarming in every day, but that provisions are already running short, and the prospects of getting more very remote.

The Excelsior's passengers are united in saying that the Klondike region is richer than at first supposed.

Louis Sloss, jr., of the Alaska Commercial Company, was one of the passengers on the Excelsior. Sloss says the Alaska Commercial Company's store at Dawson was closed one day to transfer freight from the river boat. He thinks that provisions will be scarce, but hesitated to say that there will be actual starvation. There is plenty of provisions at St. Michaels, and every effort is being made to get supplies up the river.

It is difficult to say how much gold was brought down by the Excelsior. The Alaska Commercial Company received a large consignment of treasure, but will not say how much. When asked as to the amount, Sloss said: "We brought more than came down on the Portland, and we did not need Maxim guns nor a revenue cutter to protect it."

Aimed at the United States.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: The minister of finance has sent to congress a draft of a new retaliatory tariff against the United States, drawn along the lines advocated by President Uribeau in his latest message to congress. There is no doubt that the bill will become a law practically as it stands.

This new tariff will increase the duty fifty per cent on those products not now on the free list, and fifteen per cent of those which are on the free list. It will apply to those countries which have increased or may increase duties at the United States.

Traitor Robbers Caught.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 19.—George Williams and George Stangel, who attempted to rob a Southern Pacific train near Ripon Cal., last week, were captured near Newman this morning.

Anaconda Mining Company.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The annual report of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, of Montana, of which the largest stockholders are J. B. Gaggin and Marcus Daily, has been made public.

For the year ending June 30th the receipts were \$22,940,383, against \$16,945,697 the year before.

The profits amounted to \$5,136,048, an increase of \$878,133 over the previous year. Dividends amounting to \$3,000,000 were declared, against \$750,000 the year before.

Taxpayers' Attention.

This is my last and final call to you, as the county court has issued an imperative order.

By virtue of a warrant to me directed, issued, by the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Wasco, commanding me to collect the delinquent, county, state and other taxes, I will, on the 1st day of October, 1897, without further notice, levy upon and sell all property upon which taxes remain unpaid.

T. J. DRIVER, Sheriff.

which he admitted having stolen \$1200 from the money-order office in Maconpin county, Ill., in the fall of 1891, and for which one Singleton was discharged by the company. Papers found in Abbott's possession showed him to have drawn a pension for serving in the Second Illinois volunteers, and to have been police magistrate of Chesterfield, Ill.

MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA. MADRID, Sept. 15.—The war department is recruiting 6000 troops with the intention of immediately dispatching them to reinforce the Spanish army in Cuba.

DROUGHT CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE

Bad State of Affairs in the Corn Growing States.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Illinois, Indiana and Iowa are parched. Until last evening Kansas was in the same condition, but rain came. Weather bureau men say fall showers are due in other states in a few days. In Southern Illinois the temperature has averaged ninety degrees for twelve days. Northern Illinois and Chicago reached an unusually hot period for so late in the season.

Corn is being destroyed in all the Egyptian country and no such record has been made in heat and drouth since September, 1879. The Sangamon, Mackinaw and Vermilion rivers are nearly dry, and the cattle on a thousand hills are dying for want of water.

In Indiana no drop of moisture has fallen for two months, the corn is being burned to death, the pastures are as inflammable as powder, and prairie fires are raging. All over Northern and Eastern Indiana prayers for rain are being offered in all the churches.

Iowa has had an average of nearly ninety degrees for ten days, and never before has there been such suffering in September. Public schools are closed in many towns, workmen are forced to quit toil, and prayers for rain are going up on every hand. In Ohio also public schools were closed during yesterday owing to the extremely hot weather.

Michigan, too, is scanning the South and watching every newspaper and weather bulletin for the promise of a downpour. Farmers are anxious; fruit-risers are downcast, and the people of the cities discouraged.

Two Deaths From Heat.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Two deaths and several prostrations are reported today as the result of the excessive heat. The dead are Solomon Anderson and John McBride.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store. (2)

To Work the Reserve Claims.

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—A proposition has been laid before the minister of the interior by an influential delegation to send a body of volunteers into the Yukon, some 100 in all, nominally to preserve law and order, and to develop the alternate claims left in the hands of the government, giving a certain percentage to the government and retaining the balance to the company, which is to be called the Yukon-Klondike Co-Operative Mining & Trading Company of Toronto. Some leading politicians of the country are said to be interested in the project.

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros' Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism I know of no other medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Argentine Wheat Little Damaged.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: Despite the invasion of locusts, which have come to Argentina by the million,

THE STORM BREAKS

Long Threatened Rebellion Breaks in Guatemala.

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF DIAZ

England Wants to Aid Silver by Having Other Countries go to a Silver Basis.

NEW YORK, Sep. 16.—A special to the Herald from Panama, Columbia, says: Guatemala now faces an uprising for more serious than the one of a few months ago, telegraphs the Herald correspondent in the city of Guatemala. The present rebellion is led by men of great wealth and influence, and is slightly gaining in strength each day.

Advice just received from Guatemala are to the effect that 3000 rebels attacked the city of Quetzaltenango on the morning of September 13. The garrison there consisted of less than 1000 soldiers, but they fought valiantly. The attack continued far into the night, when the rebels, despite their superior numbers, were repulsed. They vigorously renewed the attack at half past 9 o'clock on the morning of the 14th, and the advice state that the latest report is that the fighting still continues.

The garrison still holds the city against the rebels, but the fall of the city is inevitable, unless the reinforcements now hurrying forward arrive within a few hours.

The present revolution is headed by General Prospero Morales, who, until a few months ago was a minister of war in his cabinet, General Fues Barrios, a brother-in-law of President Barrios, and Feliciano Gutierrez.

These three men are candidates for president to succeed Barrios for the constitutional time from 1898 to 1901. Their antagonism of the president dates from the time he declared himself dictator of Guatemala and announced his intention of having a law passed in defiance of the constitution, permitting a president's election for a second term. This meant another term for Barrios, and met with solid opposition from the upper classes of Guatemala.

In view of this growing discontent, the three presidential candidates decided to meet Barrios with bullets instead of ballots. The first movement in the plot was to get possession of the barracks at San Marcos, where a large quantity of arms and ammunition was stored. This was done by bribery, nearly all the soldiers at San Marcos at that time joining the rebel movement.

The rebel force is now 5000, and is growing. This is made possible by the wealth and standing of General Morales and his chiefs and the great discontent in the financial circles of the country, growing out of the business depression there.

CONDITIONS MADE KNOWN.

How England Proposes to Do Something for Silver.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Bank of England today the governor said:

"You are probably aware of the proposals laid before the government in the summer by the United States and France whereby this country should increase its use of silver as a contribution to the international agreement, which, while not affecting our gold standard, might enable the mints of France and America to resume free coinage. Among the proposals was one asking that the Bank of England hold the silver permissible under the act of 1844 as against its notes."

The governor then read a letter dated July 29, addressed to the chancellor of exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. It was as follows:

"Referring to our conversation we beg to say the bank is prepared to carry out what is laid down as permissible in the bank charter, viz.: to hold one-fifth of its note issue in silver, provided always that the French mint is again open to the free coinage of silver and that the price of which silver is procurable and salable are satisfactory."

Replying to questions, the governor said the bank had had no negotiations with the United States monetary commissioners, adding:

"We have bought no silver. All we have done is to agree under certain circumstances to carry out what is permissible under the act of 1844."

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reports received as to the wheat crop are of a most encouraging character. In the provinces of Santa Cordova and Buenos Ayres every indication is now that the wheat crop, with good luck, will be so great that they will be able to export about 2,000,000 tons. With a fair degree of success there will be at least 1,500,000 tons for export. The prospect for a big crop is splendid.

There was sown this year a greater quantity of wheat than last year. The planters have to contend with the locusts to some extent in every province, but corn has suffered more than wheat.

TWENTY VICTIMS OF TYPHOID.

This Number Have Already Died at Dawson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—John Sidney Webb, attorney at Washington, D. C., for the Alaska Commercial Company has made a visit to Dawson and Klondike mining districts for the sole purpose of informing himself of the condition of living there and in Alaska generally, in order that he may speak and act understandingly when matters affecting Alaska arrangements, schools, etc., are on the tapis.

"I have been all around the coast route, as it is called, and up to Dawson," he said. "Dawson is low and flat, and even in the height of summer the ground is frozen half a foot below the surface and ice is encountered beneath the muck. The development of the creeks was followed by washing down into the river Klondike and thence into the Yukon above Dawson, of large quantities of filth and refuse by the very doors of the inhabitants of Dawson, and it is no wonder there should be sickness and death. In the little cemetery there, there lay no less than twenty victims of typhoid fever, and now the number no doubt has been increased considerably. The drinking water at Dawson is very bad, and this adds to the sickness."

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF DIAZ

An Italian Tries to Stab the Mexican President.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from the City of Mexico says:

An attempt was made this morning to assassinate President Diaz by a supposed Italian named Arroyo. There was a general review of troops in the city today. Just before the review President Diaz, in company with the minister of war, was passing through a public park, when suddenly a foreigner sprang from behind a bush with a poniard and made a lunge at the president. The minister of war instantly seized the assassin, threw him to the ground and held him. The police came to the scene and placed the would-be assassin under arrest.

AS IT LOOKS IN GERMANY.

Europe Not Disposed to Aid American Silver-Mine Owners.

BERLIN, Sep. 16.—The National Zeitung, referring to the information in the Times of September 10, that the Bank of England was prepared to hold against its notes, says:

"The unfavorable reception the announcement has met with from the organs of British trade leaves no room for doubt as to the opinion of British commercial bodies, and as to the ultimate fate of the latest American attempt to secure for the silver-mine owners with the aid of Europe, a rise in silver as a reward for their support of the McKinley tariff policy and to keep the silverites in a good humor."

YELLOW JACK SLOWLY SPREADS

Nineteen Cases Have Now Been Reported at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 16.—At 11 o'clock today the board of health officially declared the suspicious case of fever on St. Andrew's street to be yellow fever. This makes a total of 19 cases to date. A telegram from Biloxi says an Italian has died in the heart of that city, apparently from yellow fever.