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INTEREST IN FEDERATION

Social Secretaries and Others Meet to Discuss Work They Have to Do.

MANY MEMBERS ARE PRESENT

Forget Time of Adjournment, Prolonging Session Until Late Hour—Improvements Suggested.

New York, March 17.—"Social secretaries," and others interested in the welfare of the National Civic Federation, have held a conference here to discuss their work. About 50 delegates were present from large stores and factories in this and other cities. Many proprietors came personally to talk over measures for the welfare of their employes, while others sent superintendents. The meeting was the first of the kind held in this country. H. H. Vresland, of this city, chairman of the welfare department of the National Federation, presided and made a lengthy address on the general scope and method of work along the lines of the department which includes the housing of labor, recreation, educational efforts, sanitation, hospital service, wash rooms and baths, luncheon arrangements and various other things. The point he emphasized as being all important was that the head of the concern should himself personally supervise the welfare work and keep personally in touch with his employes as far as possible. General discussion followed and the delegates became so interested that the meeting was prolonged several hours beyond the hour set for adjournment.

MINING NEWS OF NORTH.

New Route Used By Miners to the Atlin District.

Seattle, March 17.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Skagway says: The travel to Atlin now goes by way of Caribou and the lakes. The lake route will undoubtedly be exclusively used in the future between the freeze-up and the break-up. J. H. Brooks, the packer of pioneer fame, has been the prime factor in defecting the travel from the Fantail. After the freeze-up last fall he put on stages and freight teams on the trail, and regardless of the weather, he managed to make regular trip between Caribou and Atlin over the lakes. Though better time can be made over the Fantail and the fare is about \$5 less, travelers to Atlin seem to prefer the longer and more comfortable horse trail to the trip behind dogs over the cutoff.

There are only two roadhouses on the Caribou trail until Taku Arm is passed. One is located at Ten-Mile point, ten miles from Caribou, and the other at Squaw point, 30 miles farther on. On East arm there is a roadhouse near Bell's point, kept by the Butler brothers, and Ashton's roadhouse is still maintained at Taku portage.

The provincial parliament has passed a bill or the making of a wagon road from Caribou to Atlin. The road will follow the Dominion telegraph line around the north of Tagish lake to old

Tagish house, at the abandoned police station, where Lewis river will be bridged, then following the shore around East arm to Taku, where it will connect with the portage railway. The residents of Atlin have hopes that the work will be initiated next summer. Mr. Olson says there is no work being done on the mining properties in the vicinity of Taku arm excepting on the White Moose, opposite the Engineer group. This property now belongs to residents of Atlin, who have kept two or three men continuously drifting for the past two years. They have lately struck a very nice quartz lode running in a different trend from the one for which they were cross-cutting.

The owners of the Redmond mine, who were piling up an ore dump for shipment all last summer, will resume work as soon as navigation opens. This property was located by John Redmond in 1899, and was bonded to M. J. Heney, E. C. Hawkins and other officers of the White Pass Railway Company during construction days. The lode appeared to be a blanket three feet thick, dipping out of the hill transversely from the formation of the country. A well equipped prospecting camp was located and a drift 45 feet long was driven on the body, when to all appearances the ore pinched and the claim was abandoned, after the bonder had received \$5000, and as much more had been expended in the exploitation. A year later four men with plenty of muscle, but without capital, recorded the claim. They caught the lode where it had been passed by the tunnel and followed it further. The blanket-like outcropping they found turned down in a manner that leads to the belief that the impact is a true fissure.

As their drifting was done on the ore, they were enabled to produce by bringing in a single pony hand stamp prospecting mill. In the washing it was observed that a black scum floated off on the mater. Some of it was caught and sent out for assay. It was rich in gold that could not be saved by crude reduction.

The Redmond claim is located on the Bighorn, 10 miles up the stream from its mouth at Hale City. Seven and a half tons of rock was packed down to the arm and shipped to the Tacoma smelter. On the showing of this smelter test a wagon road was built from the landing to the claim. Considerable local interest centers in the Redmond claim on account of the plucky manner in which its owners have by the crude methods met conditions with which only capitalists generally presume to cope.

The Engineer Mining Company equipped its property with machinery last summer and sank a working shaft 75 feet to within 35 feet of where it will strike the ore dip on the discovery lode, the smallest but richest body of the group. Work was suspended last fall, but it is asserted that sinking and the installment of the plant will be resumed in the spring.

The Gleener group has been crown granted and is lying in statu quo. The Bighorn lode, an immense cropping of low grade quartz, which has been recorded and abandoned several times, situated eight miles from the mouth of the Bighorn, is now being prospected by J. E. Peters. He has sold a half-interest in the property to Howard, the Dawson ferryman, and they will open up the property systematically next summer.

During the years 1900-01 many sections of land about Taku arm were staked in mineral claims. They have nearly all been abandoned. Aside from the properties mentioned in this letter there are a dozen or so prospects that are worked in a desultory manner—hardly more than sufficient to record the necessary assessment. Nothing in this section has so far been made to pay, though considerable money has been put into the properties. The extreme mineralization of the country induces a number of prospectors to search the hills about Taku arm every summer.

OPPOSE JOINT STATEHOOD.

Together Against the Plan.

Denver, March 17.—A special to the News from Santa Fe, N. M., says: Dispatches received by the Phoenix Enterprise from Delegates Wilson and Brodie, both of Arizona, assert positively that every member of the minority of the committee on territories is unalterably opposed to joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. The dispatches further declare that the statement sent broadcast from Washington that the president has come into line for statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona, and that he would assist any legislation following statehood lines, is absolutely false.

The Koreans are not populists, but they are fully convinced that railways cause a great deal of trouble.

VALUABLE DOCUMENTS ARE STOLEN FROM WITNESS

Conceals Package in His Coat and It Disappears During Court Proceedings Against Company.

New York, March 17.—Checks and documents representing \$50,000 are reported to have mysteriously disappeared from the coat pocket of a bank cashier during a hearing in bankruptcy proceedings against the American Finance and Mortgage Company, a concern alleged to have received for investment about \$2,000,000 largely from persons in Ohio and other western states before it collapsed several months ago. When it was discovered that the papers had disappeared, every

person in the room consented to be searched, but they were not found. Several persons had left the room prior to the search.

The checks were canceled ones, used during the examination of a trust company's cashier, in an effort to show who received the immense profits of the concern. When the cashier concluded he put the package into a coat pocket. Several men interested in the case left the room and a few minutes later the witness announced that the package had disappeared.

KERLIN RECOGNIZED AS BEING AN OLD OFFENDER

Chicago, March 17.—Edward Kerlin, alias Pierce, charged with forgery and robbing mail boxes, has been identified as the man who assisted Fred Lee Rice, Frank Rutledge and Thomas Jones in an attempt to escape from custody in Toronto on April 4, 1901.

When the three prisoners, after their capture in Chicago, were being taken from the police station, three women, Alle Honey, Viny Ellwell and Kate Spellman, tried to give them weapons as they were being taken to the railway station and they were prevented by the vigilance of the police.

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years each. Kerlin was identified from a photograph sent out by the Canadian authorities. Chester Sheldon, who was released with Kerlin from Joliet penitentiary, recognized the likeness. He told the detectives Kerlin was in Canada at the time of the attempted escape.

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BISHOP IN FAR EAST.

Will Not Leave Until All Missionaries Are Assured Safety.

New York, March 17.—Letters have been received by the missionary society from Bishop David H. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has had charge of the work in eastern Asia. The bishop was a passenger from Shanghai to Chemulpo on the steamer Sungari. The latter was sunk by Russian warships the night after she departed from Chemulpo.

Bishop Moore says he witnessed the fight which ended in the destruction of the Variag and Korietz, and, with General Allen, was only a few hundred yards distant when the Korietz was blown up.

The bishop was expected to start home or the general conference, but as an old soldier says he does not like to leave the scene, at least not until all the missionaries are out of the danger zone. It is likely a suggestion that he remain in the far east will be telegraphed at once.

RAILWAY AGE REVIEWS.

Outlook For Railway Building is Not Very Promising.

Chicago, March 17.—The Railway Age tomorrow will say:

The outlook for railway building in the United States is not as promising as it was a year ago. There has not been complete recovery from the check in new work which followed the disturbance in the financial world last summer and, while a large amount of building has been planned, much of it is being held up until financial conditions are more favorable. There are 6263 miles of new line under contract or under construction, or 1790 miles more in which it is expected to begin work during the year.

A year ago there were 3500 miles reported under contract, a little over 65 per cent of which, or 2285 miles, were completed during the year.

The isthmian canal will be another step towards expelling the yellow fever microbe from his old stamping ground.

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People who worry about language cannot fail to regard the phrase "plural wife" so commonly in use in the Smoot case as very objectionable.

Owing to the difference in longitude, news from the orient is published here about 24 hours ahead of Japanese time. That's the way we get thrilling details of battles the day before they are fought.

A hint comes up from Panama that the junta does not care who gets the pen with which the treaty was signed. Panamans are more interested in the pen with which the check for \$10,000,000 will be signed.

The French government has arranged with the promoters of the St. Louis exposition for space measuring 500 square meters, which will be occupied by exhibits from the French-African colonies, including Algeria and Tunis. The French planters, merchants, traders, etc., hope that in making the Americans more familiar with their export products it will tend to strengthen the commercial bonds which already exist with the United States, and that it will probably be means of finding a new outlet for certain articles of production that are at present very little known in the American markets. —Anglo-African Argus.

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