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## TRAIL IS IMPASSABLE

Twenty Men Have Crossed  
it in Three Weeks.

FOUR THOUSAND ARE AT SKAGUAY

All Must Wait Until the Trail is Completed Before Starting for the Yukon.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—The steamer Rosalie arrived here this morning from Dyea and Skaguay. She reports that there are about 4000 people at Skaguay, and that the trail is still impassable. About 900 miners are working upon it, and it is expected that it will be ready in a few weeks. Not over 20 men have crossed over it in the last three weeks.

At Dyea the miners are getting across as rapidly as could be expected.

Juneau is rapidly filling up with miners from Dyea and Skaguay, who propose to winter there.

### COMPEL THE BACHELORS TO WED

Charlotte Smith's Scheme to Make Times Better.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Charlotte Smith, president of the Women's Rescue League, called on the Central Labor Union to explain her new scheme for compelling marriageable bachelors to marry. She was too late to get the floor, but she button-holed several of the delegates.

She said she had statistics to show that there was an intimate connection between her scheme and the labor question. The great competition of women in the field of labor, she held, was because 60 per cent of the men refused to marry. She said she was going to Boston to start a campaign against the Republican and Democratic candidates for mayor there, because both of them are bachelors. She did not believe that a bachelor ought to hold an elective office, because no man could possibly act on questions of public morality unless he was married.

She was preparing a pamphlet upon her scheme, and intended to show that if bachelors were compelled to marry and the army of unmarried women were to become housewives and mothers, wages would go up. Even if all the bachelors in Greater New York were to marry there would be still 100,000 women without husbands. It is reported from Boston that Mr. Curtis, the Republican candidate for mayor of that city, has already announced his engagement to a young woman.

### OPERATORS NOT AGREED.

Many Are in Favor of Granting Strikers' Demands.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 23.—The conference between the miners' officials and the executive committee of the coal operators met this morning. The miners were represented by National President Ratchford, District President Dolan and Secretary Warner. The operators' committee was composed of J. C. Dysart, G. W. Schuldenburg, J. N. O'Neil, J. B. Zerb, F. M. Osborne, U. A. Andrews, W. P. Bonte and W. P. Rend.

Previous to the conference a large number of operators congregated in the corridors of the Monongahela house. There was much dissatisfaction among them. Many were opposed to breaking the strike by importing men, and quite a large number urged the acceptance of the miners' terms.

The conference ended at noon, after an agreement had been made for a general conference of operators and miners' officials at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

President Ratchford in an interview

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said he wanted it distinctly understood he had never been asked by the operators to confer with them.

"The statement," said he, "that I had refused a conference is not correct. I am here now at the request of Dalan. We will only agree to the operators' proposition if they will pay 69 cents. That is the lowest rate the miners will accept. It must be 69 cents or the strike will be continued until the demands are granted."

### WILL BRING PROSPERITY.

President McKinley Says the Boom Has Come to Stay.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Journal from Hotel Champlain, N. Y., says:

President McKinley stated to a Journal representative that it should be a source of pleasure to every American citizen to know that there was a return of prosperity to the country.

"The cause of the present boom in the West," he said, is undoubtedly due in a great measure to the large crops and high prices caused by the failure of crops in other countries. But the fact that prosperity has set in in the East cannot be accounted for in any other way than by the wise policy of the Republican party in restoring a protective tariff.

"The present boom is not spasmodic; it will continue to increase, and not only the manufacturers, but dealers generally will soon recognize that with a protective tariff and sound principles, the country will be prosperous and remain in that condition. With the restoration of confidence will come a restoration of prosperity."

### Only a Newspaper Fake.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Miss Cora M. Black, of Los Angeles, who is visiting in this city, explodes the story about the reported mountain of gold in the island of Metlakahla, off the coast of Alaska. The island is the property of a tribe of Indians, having been given them a few years ago by the government as a reservation. Through the missionary endeavors of a Mr. Duncan, who has embraced Christianity, and have become an industrious, sober and thrifty lot of people.

Miss Black, who has visited the island and been all over it, says the story of the mountain of gold is absurd, and there is nothing to it.

### Boston Girls for Alaska.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—Ralph K. Montmorency, of Seattle, is here on a novel expedition. He is going to take a shipload of handsome young Boston girls to Alaska—about 200 of them, he expects. In an interview he said:

"My main object is to get a good steam vessel around to the Pacific to do a general transportation business between Puget sound and Alaskan ports next summer. You can't get a craft of any sort out there for love or money. With 200 young women passengers at \$250 apiece, making \$50,000, and something on the freight, I shall make a good profit."

### Lives With a Broken Neck.

NILES, Mich., Aug. 23.—The case of Patrick Kelley, whose neck was broken by a fall several weeks ago, is attracting much attention. At first he was paralyzed below the hips and it was not supposed he could long survive, but he is now able to sit in a chair and move his legs. He is improving so fast the doctors think he will soon be out again, as well as ever.

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### THE MARKET WAS ERATIC.

Wheat Fluctuated Wildly in Eastern Cities Today.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—The curb quotation for September wheat today was \$1.02½, an advance of three cents over Saturday's close. At the same time 33½ was bid for corn, 2 cents over Saturday's close. The news all pointed to an exceedingly lively day's session in all the grain pits. Liverpool's opening wheat advance this morning was equal to 5½ cents per bushel.

A noteworthy fact was that of the world's wheat shipments last week, 7,210,000 bushels; 5,218,000 bushels were contributed by America. The usual Monday morning crop reports were almost uniformly bad.

All the buoyancy was out of wheat when the opening bell rang on the regular board. The highest price touched in the initial trading was 99½ cents for September, the exact quotation at which the market closed Saturday. Simultaneous sales at the opening were all the way down a cent lower to 98½ cents for September, and a few minutes later sales were being recorded at 97 and even at 96½ cents. Enormous quantities of wheat were for sale from every direction. It was hard to sell, buyers being relatively very scarce. The lowest point reached was 95 cents for September, a plunge of 7½ cents from the high point on the curb.

Corn sympathized with the slump in wheat, and the first regular trading was at 33, and all the way down to 32 for September, as compared with 33½ on the curb.

After the opening rush to sell, there was some recovery and at 10 a. m. September wheat was back to 98 cents, and gradually worked up to 99½ cents, but at 11 o'clock declined again to 97½ cents.

### The New York Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Wheat had another sensational opening today, but less one-sided than of late. The bulls were startled to find heavy selling orders from foreign and other sources, which broke prices during the first half hour about 4 cents a bushel from the highest curb price of Saturday. December opened at 104, broke to 101½ under vigorous selling pressure, and then rebounded violently to 104½, later weakening to 103½.

### San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Wheat—Excited; December, \$1.65½.

### The Le Roi Company's Smelter.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 23.—In an interview at Kaslo, President Turner, of the Le Roi Company, stated that should the Dominion government impose an export duty on ore, the company would probably conduct the Northport smelter, as a customs smelter, getting ores from Stevens county and the Colville reservation mines. The might also, in that case, erect another smelter on the Canadian side of the boundary line.

Mineowners at Sandon, in the Slovan country, claim that even if silver falls to 40 cents, they can still operate their mines at a profit.

The Trail smelter is putting in a silver lead smelting plant in order to treat Slovan ores.

### Gold in California.

QUINCY, Ill., Aug. 23.—The report which came from the vicinity of the Thistle shaft that "Lucky Antone," an Italian, had made a \$10,000 strike in a week, is confirmed by J. W. Corderoy, a stagedriver, who also brings the news that Charles Fish, who has a gravel claim at the junction of Nelson creek and Feather river, took \$3000 from his claim last week. Nelson creek is considered the richest stream in Plumas county and many paying claims are located along its banks and bed.

### Bees in Possession of a House.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 23.—Bees by the thousands have during the last few months made honey and flourished in a palatial residence in North Broad street, abandoned by its owner for the summer, and the municipal officers are very much worried, because the bees must be banished from the house and every one shirks the dangerous task.

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