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## THE TREASURE SHIP

Portland Arrives From St. Michaels.

LATEST NEWS FROM KLONDIKE

Provisions Scarce and Starvation Bound to Come—Terrible Outlook for Those in the Interior.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Aug. 23.—The steamer Portland arrived from St. Michaels tonight. Captain Kidston reported a pleasant voyage, and explained the delay of three days in reaching Port Angeles by stating that a very serious storm at St. Michaels delayed the discharge of his cargo.

He laughed when told of the reports that the Portland was carrying over \$2,000,000 in gold. As a matter of fact, he said, there was only about \$825,000 in gold dust and nuggets on board his vessel.

Up to the time he left St. Michaels he had heard of no new gold fields.

Among the Portland's passengers from St. Michaels is Timothy Bell, who has with him \$30,000 in gold which he dug from a claim that cost \$125.

William Oglvie, Dominion surveyor, says the 600 claims now staked out will yield \$60,000,000.

From a number of the Portland's crew it was learned that Captain Kidston had expected the Weare, one of the company's boats, to come down the Yukon with about \$1,000,000 worth of nuggets and gold dust, but as she did not arrive in time he decided to bring down the treasure next trip.

The United States cutter Bear, it is said, will guard the Portland on her next trip from St. Michaels to Seattle.

As most miners will make their clean-up by that time, it is expected the Portland's cargo will be a very valuable one.

The returning miners say that the remarkably rich claims on Eldorado creek will number 140. Mr. Oglvie estimates that, at the rate these 140 claims are now producing, and considering the ground yet to be worked, the amount in the next three years will aggregate about \$70,000,000. To this must be added the favorable possibilities of pockets and development of claims already found, but not opened.

There have been other rich strikes on Stewart river, Hunker, Henderson and Indian creeks, but none of these are as rich as the claims on Eldorado or Bonanza creeks.

Until the wonderful discoveries of Klondike were made, ground worth 10 cents to the pan, with two or three feet of pay dirt, was considered very good for the Yukon, and the miners made their money with rockets and staves. This year the miners are passing entirely over ground of this richness in their search for sand and gravel that will pay like that of the Klondike discoveries.

Up to date, none of the claims were showing any signs of exhaustion, and scarcely a dozen are more than well opened. Every one has large areas of ground to be worked.

One returning miner says it is impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate of the probable yield of the mines. The ground is not at all even in richness, and the worth of pay streaks varies greatly.

The most important news from St. Michaels is that the river steamers left there two weeks ago for their last trip up. It is not certain they will reach Dawson this fall, and the passengers who left the Sound as early as July 25th may only reach Circle City before navigation closes. This makes it certain

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that hundreds who left the Sound and California since August 1st for St. Michaels will winter there. At the best they can scarcely get started up the Yukon before it freezes solid.

All vessels touching at St. Michaels this summer have had difficulty keeping their crews, who have caught the fever. One schooner from Victoria was entirely deserted by her crew, from captain to cook, who started up the river for Klondike.

The crew of the J. M. Colman tried to desert, but the attempt was discovered in time, and, by a display of firearms, the men were compelled to remain.

The crew of the schooner Jewett and the carpenter of the Sander were piped off at St. Michaels, and departed for Dawson.

Every vessel from St. Michaels has come away short-handed. The Portland lost several of her crew, but was able to obtain men by paying high wages.

### THE PORTLAND'S PASSENGERS.

Thirteen Miners, Each With a Small Part of His Stake.

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—With the arrival of the tug Sea Lion at 2:20 this (Sunday) morning came authentic news of the treasure-ship Portland. She was boarded by press representatives, off Cape Flattery at 1 p. m. yesterday, and the run to this city was made in a little more than thirteen hours. The Portland brings back thirteen miners, each of whom brings out a small part of his stake. The total amount of gold on the vessel is perhaps \$400,000.

The Portland was delayed first by the failure of the P. B. Weare to arrive at St. Michaels, and next by a storm on the North Pacific ocean.

The miners on board, with the amount of their stakes, are as follows:

J. Rowan	\$50,000
Jim Bell	45,000
Joe Goldsmith	35,000
N. W. Powers	35,000
W. W. Caldwell	30,000
Win Oler	30,000
C. K. Zilly	25,000
F. W. Cobb	25,000
F. Zahn	15,000
A. Buckley	10,000
G. S. Lansing	15,000
B. Farnham	1,000
M. R. Gamier	5,000

Of the above list, C. K. Zilly and F. W. Cobb are old Seattle men. This is Zilly's second year in the Yukon. Last year he was on the American side of the line, and barely paid expenses. This year he went to the Klondike, and now owns claims No. 3 and 4 on Gold Bottom, the richest prospect in his district. He said to the Associated Press correspondent that the product of the Klondike this year would probably reach \$12,000,000.

"Papa" Cobb, as he is familiarly known was at one time a well-known Harvard athlete. He would have un-

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doubtedly been a member of the football team that played against Yale and Princeton, only that he injured his knee a few days before the first big game and was put on the sick list. He has been in the Yukon two years, and will now make a trip East.

Cobb says that last May gold was found on a tributary of Indian river, known as Damman creek. A big rush of prospectors occurred, and claims were located at every available point.

There was also a rush to Henderson creek, but the excitement soon died down, as little gold was found.

S. P. Weston, of this city, made the round trip on the Portland. He is convinced from conversation with the miners that there will be great suffering on the Yukon this year. He declares the unanimous opinion of miners is that prospectors should wait until next spring.

There is any number of Seattle men who have done well in the Klondike. Alexander Ranke, Curley Munroe, George Baker, Eddie Lewin, Fred Brusset, I. D. Cashel, Charles Kimball, John Erickson, Stiles Nettleton, C. F. Treat, John Lough and Ray Crawford are among those who have prospered.

Some of them, notably Erickson and Brusset, count their wealth by hundreds of thousands.

After making a stake, A. Buckley comes out of the Yukon broken in health. He holds the best claim on Forty-Mile, and has been in that country for five years. He insists that the Klondike is not the only rich district, and that American territory will produce fully as much gold.

When the Canadian government sent its mounted police, under Captain Constantine, into the Northwest territory, it put them on the high road to fortune. W. R. Gowlee is on the Portland with a good stake. Fred Webster, D. Sinclair, A. P. McKeller, R. Churchill, A. Pinkerton and J. Thornton all have claims that will make them wealthy. A. Ward has \$18,000 in sight, and L. Jenkins cleaned up \$15,000.

The Portland arrived at her dock in this city 3:55 a. m.

### A Fine School.

St. Mary's academy for ladies, located in this city and under the direction of the Sisters, is one of the best educational institutions on the coast. The building is of brick, large and well ventilated. Besides the regular studies, especial effort is made to instill into the minds of the pupils a desire to form their hearts to virtue, and to fit them to be true and noble women. Gratuitous lessons are given in all kinds of plain and fancy needle work, knitting, embroidery, etc. Pupils will receive the same watchful care that would be given them by conscientious parents. It is in fact an ideal school and a pleasant home. Those who have girls to send to school should write to St. Mary's academy for terms. If

### Our Hold on Samoa.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—A special from Washington says: Instructions have been issued by the state department to Luther W. Osborn, of Nebraska, the consul-general to Apia, Samoa, which will form the basis for the restoration of the influence of this country in the Samoan islands.

Under the Cleveland administration Samoa was abandoned to Germany and Great Britain, and no attempt to live up to the provisions of the tripartite agreement has since been made by this government. President McKinley, however, considers the islands well worth holding to the limited extent provided by the agreement, and his ideas on the subject are embodied in the instructions which Mr. Osborn will carry with him to Apia.

It is probable that a United States warship will be sent to Apia to show the Stars and Stripes and to let the people of the islands understand that this government has not lost interest in them.

### Swept by a Hurricane.

DENVER, Aug. 28.—A special to the News from Nogales, Ariz., says: Advertisers from Guaymas state that a hurricane visited the Gulf of California and the lower Mexican coast on the 22d inst., and that information of the damage done is beginning to arrive at that port. At Las Guaymas, near the mouth of the Yaqui river, the region for miles around was inundated, and the town swept away. Three lives are reported lost and great damage done to crops.

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The steamer Carmen is supposed to have left Agiabampo for the south just as the hurricane was coming, and fears for her safety are entertained. The storm has prostrated the wires all along the coast, and no particulars can be gathered. It is feared that a number of vessels have been lost.

### Another Panama Scheme.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Considerable interest has been aroused in France over the report that an English syndicate has been formed for the purpose of securing a Panama concession with the intention of finishing the Panama canal. The British company is said to possess unlimited capital and to intend to push forward the work of completing the waterway with all possible dispatch.

### Smuggling on the Isthmus.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A special to the World from Colon says:

Cases of goods shipped here from the United States will be opened to prevent the smuggling of tobacco, the protective duty on which is so high that merchants do not openly import it. The authorities have seized several cases marked "lard" which contained tobacco.

### The Invasion of Peru.

LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Aug. 28.—The reports that Colonel Pando, with a force of Bolivians, has invaded the Peruvian province of Sandia, proves upon investigation to be correct. The number of Colonel Pando's followers is considerably exaggerated, however. It is probable that the incident will be diplomatically arranged.

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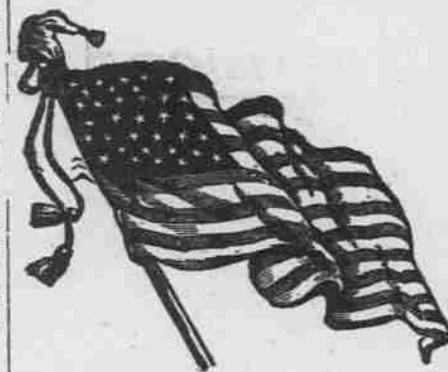
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