

# HOW ADAMS STOLE

## SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY OF GOLD DUST PACKAGES.

As the Packages of Dust Arrived, Adams Opened Each, Extracted a Few Ounces of Dust and Replaced It With Black Sand—One of the Boldest Systems of Robbery Ever Detected on the Coast.

When the miner at Nome or the Klondike washes out gold dust from the sand he puts it aside in a leather bag or poke, says the Seattle News. When he needs money, he goes to town—to Nome or Dawson, as the case may be—and sells his gold to a bank.

The bank may first have the gold assayed and thus determine what it is worth, or it may pay for it at the general average value of gold in the locality. The buyer in so doing reserves a fair sum for freight, assay charges and profit.

When steamer day comes the bank hands over the gold to an express company, which undertakes to deliver it to the consignee—generally a Seattle bank. When the gold arrives here the bank has it sent to the United States assay office with such details as will identify the box or package.

The assay office gives a receipt for the gold, stating the weight, and undertakes to ascertain its value by a refining process.

It was at this stage that George H. Adams, assayer at Seattle, practiced his knavery. He would arrive early in the morning at the assay office and opening the packages of gold dust would take out a certain quantity and replace it with black sand of like weight.

He acted like the butler who takes a gallon of whiskey from his master's cellar and replaces it with water. Or like the dairymen who puts water in the milk.

In due course the assayer reports that Poke A, No. 980, contained 50 ounces, of which 48 ounces are pure gold and the remainder sand and other impurities. On this certificate the chief assayer gives the miner a check on a Seattle bank for the gold at the standard rate. The miner may complain that the gold was really finer; that he had washed and re-washed it and that some of it had been assayed at Dawson and found almost pure.

But the chief assayer can not go behind the returns and the miner goes away dissatisfied, but without redress. Adams must have heard many such complaints with callous ear and hardened conscience. Adams sold the gold dust in town, pretending that as cashier or clerk he could not put it through the assay office himself. He doubtless had many other obvious pretexts, such as that he bought the gold dust on his own account from miners who needed the money at once.

The gold now goes to the San Francisco mint where it is coined into pieces of five dollars and upwards. The coinage department there receives a certain amount of gold and is bound to turn it into coin with a small allowance for wastage. This coin soon finds its way into use and forms part of the gold standard currency of the country.

This mintage is conducted by the government for the accommodation of the miners and the general convenience of trade. The system is modeled on that of England, where the purity of the coinage has been guarded for centuries with the greatest vigilance. But no system is proof against knavery such as Adams has practiced.

### LESSONS FROM THE LATE WAR.

Recorded in Text and by Illustrations at Washington.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The military information division of the general staff of the army is in possession of voluminous reports which have been made by army officers who have been acting as military attaches with the Russian and Japanese forces in Manchuria. There are more reports yet to come from officers who have not returned from the scene of activities.

Many of the reports are accompanied by photographs taken by the officers themselves or obtained from photographers with the troops. The Japanese government has been careful about allowing these photographs to get out of the country, but now, with the termination of hostilities, there is no reason why such information should not be made public. It is the intention to have the reports of the American officers carefully edited, excluding everything of a critical nature and confining the approved text to plain, unbiased descriptive passages. It is planned to have these issued in two volumes, one devoted to the Japanese and the other to the Russian army.

It will probably be a year before the war department will be able to get out all the reports, but it may be con-

sidered advisable to issue bulletins in the mean time, so that the knowledge of what has been observed by the experts in Manchuria may be imparted to those most directly interested.

### USEFUL FACTS

About Coughs, Colds and Bronchial Troubles Given to the People of Pendleton by Our Druggists, Brock & McComas Co.

"In conducting a large drug business we naturally meet a great many people at this season of the year who suffer from coughs, colds and bronchial troubles.

"As these troubles are easily controlled if the right means is taken, we want to say to the people of Pendleton that we guarantee our cod liver oil preparation, Vinol, will cure hanging on colds, stubborn coughs, bronchial and lung troubles, quicker than any preparation we have ever sold, because it is the most perfect preparation of cod liver oil ever compounded. It contains no oil or grease to clog the system and upset the stomach, yet it does contain every one of the fifty odd medicinal elements actually taken from fresh cods' livers in a highly concentrated form, and is therefore the best cod liver preparation obtainable. Vinol is not a patent medicine; everything in it is named on the back label of the bottle and you know what you are taking, so without reservation we endorse and guarantee Vinol to strengthen every organ in the body to do its work as nature intended—to cure coughs, colds, bronchial troubles, increase the appetite, build up the run down, tired and debilitated and create strength and renewed vitality for the aged.

If Vinol fails to do what we say we will refund every dollar paid for it. You know us and know we will do as we agree." Brock & McComas Co., druggists.

### New Locomotives for the B. & O.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is now receiving at the rate of two a day, the first of the lot of 119 new consolidated freight locomotives, 70 of which are being built at the Richmond, Va., and 49 at the Schenectady, N. Y., works of the American Locomotive company. This order was placed the latter part of last April, in connection with an order for 35 passenger locomotives, five switching engines and 10,000 freight cars, at an aggregate cost of about \$14,000,000. It will give the road better and larger equipment than ever before in its history.

### Steel Trust Buys Coal Lands.

Washington, Pa., Nov. 29.—The coal interests of two townships, Amwell and West Bethlehem, in the southern part of Washington county, are being absorbed entirely by the United States Steel corporation. For some time agents of the big steel corporation have been at work here and the deal, embracing about 4000 acres and for which almost \$10,000,000 is to be paid, has now been completed. This is one of the biggest deals in the history of this part of the country, and will make the steel corporation practically independent of all coal troubles for several decades.

### Boston Jews Celebrate.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.—Faneuil hall will this evening be the scene of one of the largest gatherings of representative Jews ever held in this city. The meeting has been called to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in the United States. Mr. Lee M. Friedman is at the head of the committee in whose charge the meeting will be and there will be a large number of prominent Jews from this and other cities in the east present, who will deliver addresses on the historical and economical importance of the event, which is celebrated.

### Detroit Pure Food Show.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 29.—The pure food show, arranged by the Detroit Retail Grocers' Protective association, opened today at the Light Guard armory and proved a remarkable success. It is by far the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of its kind ever held in this state and will undoubtedly attract a large number of visitors. The number and scope of the exhibits is far greater than in former years.

### Turbine Steamer Ready for Start.

Liverpool, Nov. 29.—The Cunard Line steamer Carmania, the largest turbine steamer afloat, is now in the Mersey, preparing to start on its maiden voyage to New York on Saturday. During six hours continuous run during the recent trial the Carmania easily maintained 19.1-2 knots, while her speed over a measured mile was more than 20 knots. The Carmania is of 21,000 tons register; she is 575 feet long, has 75 feet beam and accommodations for 2000 passengers.

### Kansas Paupers Must Shave.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 29.—The board of control of state charitable institutions has decided to make the inmates of the various charitable institutions

of the state shave. In the list of supplies on the requisition list of the board are razors for each one of the institutions in which males are kept.

### News From Gojconda.

General Manager McCarthy was in from the Gojconda, purchasing necessary parts for the mill. To an American representative the genial manager said:

"We are pushing work in the south drift of the new ore shoot and it continues in very fine ore. Work in the

north drift has been discontinued for the present as the ground became treacherous and I did not care to endanger the lives of the men by taking chances of falling earth. This part of the shoot will be gone for on the intermediate level during the coming week and the south drift will be continued steadily on the tunnel level.

"Shipments to the smelter will undoubtedly be resumed next week, as my absence was longer than expected and the men had no authority to make any. We are busy overhauling the

mill and will try to get it operating in two weeks. The plan is to drop ten stamps on ore from the big shoot of milling grade and ten on ore from the dump. Some fine stuff is being taken from the latter by Mr. Ferguson and I believe the lease given him will add considerably to the income of the mine." —Blue Mountain American.

### Inspecting Boise Chinamen.

H. D. Ebey, of Helena, the Chinese inspector for Idaho and Montana, was in the city, accompanied by Moy Don

Shing, the official interpreter. He is here investigating the case of Fong Yuen, a Chinaman claiming to have formerly resided in Boise, who is held by the immigration authorities at San Francisco pending an investigation. His parents reside in Boise, and were subjected to an investigation at police headquarters last evening regarding their son. —Boise Statesman.

The German Baptists of Weston, have begun work on a church which will cost \$2000.

# Thanksgiving Championship Game



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## Pendleton Commercial Club

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## Pendleton High School

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

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Admission 50 cents

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