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WONDERS ARE INCREASING

Report of Canadian Government Officer Reads Like a Romance.

MANY STEAMERS FITTING OUT

Will Be Almost Daily Service—Seattle Police Desert and Council Raise Pay—San Francisco Cruz Only American Ships Can Go.

New York, July 21.—A Herald dispatch from Ottawa says:

Now that the dominion government is in possession of authentic reports corroborative of the first accounts sent out of the marvelous richness of the new placer diggings in the Yukon and Klondike regions, the organization of the district is being completed. Two years ago the department of the interior dispatched a force of twenty northward mounted police to Fort Cutahay on the Canadian side of the Alaskan frontier. The officer in command, Inspector Constantine, established two posts, one at Fort Cutahay and one at Forty-Mile creek, and proceeded to administer laws and collect revenues for the customs department. He collected about \$25,000 the first year. Encouraged by the prospects of revenue, the government in 1885 appointed D. W. Davis, a former member of parliament for Alberta, to the position of customs officer for the district, and his returns, recently received, swelled the total collections to about \$25,000. This work of organization was first suggested to the government by the North American Trading and Transportation Company, which was anxious that the British territory should be administered so as to guarantee the safety of its interests. It was not undertaken by the dominion authorities, however, until the surveying parties then defined had more or less difficulty located the first meridian of west longitude, which forms the boundary between Alaska and the Canadian Northwest Territory, from Mount St. Elias to the shores of the Arctic. When this had been accomplished and the erection of police posts began, the goldminers from Seattle and other American coast newspapers reached the ears of the government here. It was boldly charged that the Canadians were grabbing territory in Alaska that did not belong to them. William Ogilvie, chief of the Canadian international boundary survey, set all doubts at rest as regards the Canadian posts by reporting that the observations of the Canadian and American parties as to the boundary differed only a few feet. Six feet at Forty-Mile and the same at Cutahay. Since then nothing has been heard of the alleged grab. Ogilvie stayed in the country last winter and bustled himself in staking out claims for miners in the newly discovered placer grounds, the latter being well in Canadian territory, and the rivers and creeks flow into the Yukon from the east—namely, Bonanza, Boulder, Eldorado, Carmack, Klondike and Stewart. Of the mounted police who formed Constantine's first detachment, not one remained upon the expiration of their term this spring, so an entirely new force had to be sent up this spring. It was not expected that men would continue to work for the government at \$1 per day when wages all around them were \$10 and \$15. Five of the returned policemen are reported to have brought back \$200,000 as the result of their work in their spare hours. Constantine's last report, which has just been received, says that he is building a third post at the mouth of the Klondike, which flows into the Yukon east about 25 miles southeast of Forty-Mile. He asked for a larger force. In this his suggestion has been anticipated, as well as in the appointment of a gold commissioner, with a Pacific coast firm to be negotiated with for the supply of a steam yacht to ply as police boat between Klondike, Forty-Mile and Cutahay. Ogilvie was ordered to return to Ottawa last fall, but instead he determined to remain in the country and forward to the government a full report of his doings, from which the following are extracts:

"Starting from here, say December 1, it would be February before I reached Ottawa, and during the 37 or 40 days of this time I would be exposed to much cold and hardship and some hazard from storms. My journey has been made and I would not hesitate to undertake it were things more seasonable here and dog food plenty, but it would take at least \$1,000 to equip me with transports and outfit, which sum I think I can expend more in the interest of the country by remaining here and making a survey of the Klondike—a misconception of the Indian words Thonduk or Duick, which means plenty of fish, from the fact that it is a famous salmon stream.

"It is marked Klondike on our maps. It joins the Yukon from the east a few miles above the site of Fort Trenchard, about 50 miles above here. The discovery of gold in the branches of this stream I believe was due to the reports of the Indians. A white man named J. A. Carmack, who worked with me in 1878, was the first to take advantage of the rumor

ing to the north to join her husband after a year's absence. She is called the heroine of the Yukon and is known by all old-timers. On board also will be S. P. Weston, of the Post-Intelligencer, who will take with him a dozen carrier pigeons. Mr. Weston will come back on the Portland and will fly the pigeons at varying distances, so that the latest news from Klondike will reach the Post-Intelligencer and Associated Press several days before the ship's arrival.

At St. Michaels the Portland's passengers and freight will be transferred to the river steamers for the 250 mile trip to Dawson City.

Next Friday the P. C. S. S. C. Co.'s steamer Queen will leave Seattle for Juneau and Dyea. She will have a full list of people who will go into the Klondike overland.

On Sunday the Mexico will sail for the same point, and her accommodations are all engaged.

Tomorrow the steamer Islander goes from Victoria to Dyea and Skagway bay, and the company's representative here says she will have all she can carry.

Today a deal was almost closed for the purchase of the steamers Eliza Anderson and W. K. Meyer, sound boats, which will be up on the route. It looks as though a daily service to the north would soon be a reality.

As an incident of the great excitement here, a special meeting of the city council was held today to take action concerning the necessity of raising the pay of policemen. So many officers have resigned to go north that the department is badly crippled and it has been found impossible to get men to take their places at present wages. The fire department has also lost several men.

BOOKS CLOSED.

San Francisco, July 21.—The Alaska Commercial Company has closed its books for the Excelsior, which will start for St. Michaels on the 25th. Scores of people flocked to the company's office today and sought to make up the 200 which the steamer can carry. A great majority go from San Francisco, but a number being to the interior of the state, which is largely supplying recruits for the Yukon. This 200 is but a small part of the California army which is mustering for the advance. Thousands in San Francisco long to go; hundreds have about made up their minds to go, and scores, and perhaps hundreds, will go this summer, a majority taking the Juneau route. A great many will let the season for travel close with a first intention of going in the spring.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Large Dividend to Alaska Improvement Company Stockholders.

San Francisco, July 21.—Judge Sewell has rendered a decision which means the distribution of \$100,000 or more among the stockholders of the Alaska Improvement Company. The decision was in a suit brought by certain stockholders to secure an accounting for the sale of property of the corporation to the Alaska Packers' Association. A committee was appointed in December of last year to investigate the sale of the property of the company to the Alaska Packers' Association. In January the committee reported that the association had offered to pay for the property \$100,000 and for certain merchandise on hand an additional \$50,000. It was represented that this was the best price obtainable, and the sale was authorized at the figures mentioned.

The plaintiffs in the complaint alleged that they had been made the victims of fraud and misrepresentation. It was charged that the real price paid for the property was \$200,000, and the difference between that amount and the amount reported was said to have been misappropriated. The plaintiffs sued for their share of the amount said to have been misappropriated.

EVERYBODY GOING.

Port Townsend, July 21.—Letters from all sections of the country are being received here asking for information relative to routes and rates to the Klondike gold fields. In some instances the recipients of letters are requested to return the desired information by telegraph. It is a conservative estimate to say that in thirty days there will be 100 men at the head of Dyea route to the gold fields. All on an average will have 100 pounds to the man, and it makes 100 tons, which cannot be hauled on sleds over the divide, but which must be packed by experienced Indians a distance of fourteen miles over the summit to the lakes. This packing is done by from 30 to 75 Chinook Indians. Three days are consumed in the round trip, 30 pounds being an average Indian's load. It is easy to figure out the time which will be required to land all the freight on the lakes, from whence it can be taken in canoes if the river is open, or on sleds if frozen, to the gold fields. As it will be impossible for all to get their supplies over the summit this fall, the ensuing winter is apt to see a city of tents located at the head of Inver's inlet.

GLOWING ACCOUNTS DENIED.

Toledo, O., July 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Claus Spellman, of Delaware, have just received a letter from their son Fred, who has been in Alaska since last March, that denounces the golden stories that have been exciting the people of the West for several weeks. Mr. Spellman went to Alaska from Montana last March, under contract as a prospector. A number of men were in the party, and they will return to Montana this month. Spellman says there is absolutely no truth in the fabulous stories that come from Alaska and that the gold fields there are practically barren. He says there is a great scarcity of food in that section. The suffering there and the enormous amount of money necessary to be paid to secure the barest necessities of life, he says, should deter any thinking man from giving the subject of a trip to that country a second thought.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION.

Cincinnati, July 21.—At a meeting held here by a number of well-known business men, P. H. Wilson, a builder, was elected and A. H. Thoburn, a real estate man, secretary and treasurer. Wilson says the object of the meeting was to organize a company of 100 each to pay \$1000 and proceed to San Francisco, purchase an iron vessel of sufficient size to carry men and provisions, which can be bought for \$50,000, and proceed to the Alaskan gold fields. It is the purpose to hold the vessel at the nearest point to the gold fields for headquarters for the members of the company and employ an arctic contract as a prospector. An agreement was drawn up and twelve of these present signed it, each agreeing to the payment of \$100. Others are being solicited.

YUKON TRADING COMPANY.

Wilmington, Del., July 21.—The Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Co., which was formed here last year, and which is just completing final arrangements for explorations in the Yukon district, will shortly put into effect a plan which will solve the vexatious problem of shortage of supplies in the Yukon territory. In 1896, P. I. Packard, of Portland, Or., who is interested in the company, went to the Yukon district to locate a route from the coast to Teslin lake, the head of the navigable waters of the Yukon, upon which a railway will be built. With the aid of Indians he located the route leading direct from the Tazewell inlet on the Alaska coast to Teslin lake. This pass he learned was known to only five white men. In October last year he returned and made his report to his company and immediately applied

HUNDREDS LEAVING SEATTLE.

City Council Has to Raise Pay of the Police to Keep Them.

Seattle, July 21.—Tomorrow at noon the steamer Portland, of the N. A. T. and T. Co., leaves Seattle for St. Michaels with her passenger accommodations taxed to the limit and with a full cargo of provisions. Among the Portland's passengers will be ex-Governor McGraw, General E. M. Carr, a prominent attorney, and Captain Ballou, once a great college football man. Mrs. J. D. Barnes, who was the first white woman to go north into the Yukon basin by the way of Dyea, the overland route, is returning

for charters in Alaska, British Columbia and Canada, all of which were granted last spring. As an encouragement to the enterprise, British Columbia made the company a grant of 510 acres of land to the mile of railway built, to all 520,000 acres.

TRUBLE BREWING IN COAL MINES

Strikers on the Verge of Marching Against the Workers.

SHERIFF READY FOR BUSINESS

Three Hundred Deputies Sworn to Protect Allison Mines Near Pittsburg—Board of Arbitration Has Done Nothing.

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The strikers were to begin their march tonight, but a telegram from Bridgeville announces that owing to the heavy rains of last evening it was decided to postpone the trip until tomorrow. The men are fully determined to carry out their threats of making the march. They expect to start with 600 men, and to be reinforced with about the same number from Bridgeville and Tom's Run. The men will start with several days' rations, and expect to be in shape to watch the offending miners for several days.

Sheriff Vernon Clark, of Washington county, is fully prepared for any array of marching strikers that may invade his domain. It is not generally known that at 6 o'clock last night he had nearly 300 deputies sworn in who are available at any time. From the most reliable information it was learned that they are all ready with the requisite number of firearms and are prepared to do business.

The miners who want to work today are stricken with fear and anticipate trouble. The Allison mines had 40 men at work until noon today, when the plant shut down in apparent anticipation of trouble. During the afternoon a committee from the Enterprise paid them a visit. The committee wanted to find out what the situation was. They decided that the Enterprise would not work under the present circumstances.

At a committee meeting at the Allison headquarters in this city today the question was discussed as to how it would be possible to march a body of men to stop the miners of the New York and Cleveland Coal Company from working. It was the general opinion that the miners of this company were impracticable to attack because of their geographical position.

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The situation among the strikers in this district is practically unchanged. The suspension is complete, with the exception of the De Armit mine, and though considerable destitution and suffering is reported among the strikers and their families, the determination to fight it out is apparently as strong as on the first day of the strike.

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ONLY AMERICAN SHIPS.

Washington, July 21.—The rush of miners, supplies and goods to the Alaska gold fields is expected at the treasury department to give increased employment to American vessels on the Pacific coast. The trade between the United States and Alaska is restricted by law to American vessels, and the department has no authority to make any exceptions or grant any privileges to foreign vessels.

THE ELDER ADDED.

Portland, Or., July 21.—The efforts of the Portland merchants to establish a steamer line to Alaska are bearing fruit. Arrangements have been made for the sailing of the O. R. & N. steamer George W. Elder July 30. The Elder will carry both freight and passengers and will go direct to Alaska, not touching at the Sound points.

MINERS' SUPPLIES.

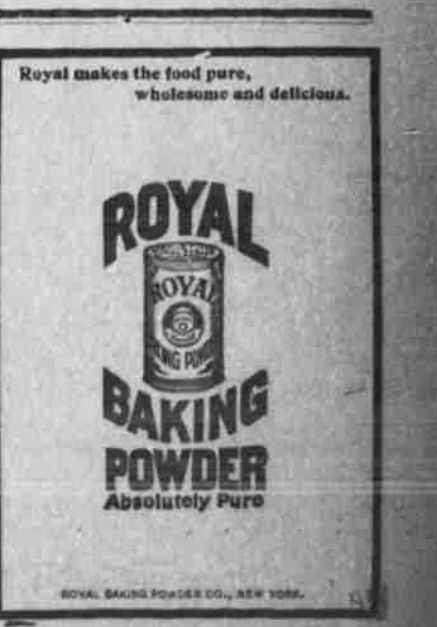
Which Will Be Needed in the Klondike.

An important question to those contemplating a trip to the Yukon is the one of necessary supplies. Astorians daily ask the question. Here is a list compiled by the Post-Intelligencer, furnished by a miner just returned from the Klondike:

- PROVISIONS.**
- Bacon, 200 pounds.
 - Flour, 800 pounds.
 - Assorted dried fruits, 150 pounds.
 - Corn meal, 200 pounds.
 - Rice, parched, 75 pounds.
 - Coffee, parched, 75 pounds.
 - Tea, 40 pounds.
 - Sugar, 75 pounds.
 - Beans, 150 pounds.
 - Condensed milk, 1 case.
 - Assortment of evaporated vegetable and meats.

THE MAZAMAS.

Tacoma, July 21.—The main party of Mazamas left the city yesterday morning, bound for Mount Rainier. Individual parties have preceded them and others are expected to follow during the week, making the party the largest that has ever attempted a similar climb in the United States. The expedition is especially well equipped for scientific investigations, and is fully prepared for biograph and fire signals and carrier pigeon communication.



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