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SECRETARY BLISS WARNS KLONDIKERS

Attention Called to the Perils of the Arctic Winters.

LATE NEWS FROM ALASKA

Whiskey Being Smuggled into the Country and Sold to Indians at Large Prices

Washington, August 10.—Secretary Bliss has taken cognizance of the rush to the Klondike gold fields and has issued the following warning to the general public: "To Whom It May Concern: In view of the information received at this department that 2,000 persons, with 2,000 tons of baggage and freight, are now awaiting at the entrance to the White Pass in Alaska for an opportunity to cross the mountains to the Yukon river, and that many more are preparing to join them, I deem it proper to call the attention of all who contemplate making that trip to the exposures, privation, suffering and danger incident thereto at this advanced period of the season, even if they should succeed in crossing the mountains to reach Dawson City. When over the pass, 200 miles of difficult navigation on the Yukon river, without adequate means of transportation, will still be before them and it is doubtful if the journey can be completed before the river is closed by the ice. I am moved to draw public notice to these conditions by the gravity of the possible consequences to people detained in that mountainous wilderness during the five or six months of Arctic winter, where no relief can reach them, however great the need. Signed C. N. BLISS, Secretary Interior."

WHISKEY IN ALASKA

Thousands of Gallons Being Imported, Yet They Get a License

Seattle, August 10.—The Post-Intelligencer Alaskan News Syndicate's special correspondent, W. J. Jones, writes from Dena as follows: Dena, Alaska, August 4.—Although the United States statutes strictly prohibit the importation of liquor into Alaska, for other than medicinal purposes, yet there are thousands of gallons of alcohol, whiskey and brandy being landed every week. A large part of it is being shipped to the Klondike. The worst kind of whiskey finds ready sale to the Indians for \$1 a bottle. The traffic is not restricted alone to this part of Alaska, but is common all along the coast. In almost every bay or nook of the land where Indian live are sloops from which whiskey is sold in abundance. At Dena, Wrangell and Skagway, as well as Juneau, Wrangell and Sitka, are found many saloons running wide open. The government is, at the same time, prohibits the importation and sale of liquor. This sort of practice throws wide open the doors for official corruption. Saloon men are willing to pay well for their privileges to engage in the unlawful practice.

THE MEXICO WRECKED.

Klondikers' Lives Saved, but Supplies Were Lost.

Victoria, B. C., August 10.—The steamer Topeka, which arrived here this evening, reports that the steamer Mexico on August 5, while going into Dixon, the entrance from Sitka, during a heavy fog, at full speed struck the west Devil's rock. After two hours the steamer sunk in 50 feet of water, stern first. The captain exhibited great coolness, and with the officers did everything that was possible. The passengers and crew were saved, with their hand baggage, in small boats. After rowing until midnight they arrived at Metlakatla. The time the ship struck is believed to have been 11 in the morning. The ship is a total loss. The passengers and crew are on the Topeka.

KLONDYKE SYNDICATE

New York, August 10.—The Tribune says: Colonel Archie E. Fisk, formerly of Colorado, now a resident of New York, has organized a syndicate in the name of the "Ala-Klone expedition," to search for gold in Alaska.

A NEW SWINDLE.

The Alaska Gold Excitement Utilized by Sharpers.

Omaha, August 10.—By the arrest of A. J. Davis, the local police think they have discovered a big swindler in the

guise of the "Washington and Alaska Gold Mining Co." Davis had a stack of contracts in his possession from which it is believed he was engaged in a questionable scheme whereby he offered to engage laborers to go to Alaska and work in the mines at a salary of \$107 per month. To receive free transportation all that was necessary for the applicants to do was to pay Davis \$5 to insure good faith. It has developed that Davis had several names. He has been working in Iowa and Missouri and his receipt book shows hundreds of victims.

WHY GO TO KLONDIKE.

When Great Riches Remain Undeveloped at Home.

Holding Co., August 10.—J. B. and R. B. Graves boarded the overland train tonight having in their possession \$2,000 in gold, the result of four days' work on Morrison Gulch, a tributary of Coffee creek, beyond Corvallis, in Trinity county. They have been mining on the gulch for a year past, and run a tunnel on the edge of red and black iron formation three and a half feet wide. They struck several pockets of pure gold, the largest in the gulch, one of the purest yielding \$4,000, while several others yielded from \$2,000 to \$300. On August 1, at a point 25 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, and 12 feet from the surface, they uncovered a large pocket of pure gold. In four days they took out 35 pounds avoirdupois weight. The largest piece was three feet long, two feet wide, five inches thick. The pocket yielded \$2,000. The ledge averaged \$20 to \$50 per ton.

WOMEN FOR KLONDIKE.

New York, August 10.—The Woman's Klondike Syndicate expedition has been organized in this city. Miss Helen Varick Howell is president and among the patronesses are Mrs. Jennie June Crow, Mrs. Laura Feare Walter, Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Klyrie, Cleveland; Mrs. William Cratfield, Leadington, O., and Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Delaware, O.

THE CLIMATE OF ALASKA.

The rainfall of temperate Alaska is notorious the world over, says the recent circular of the agricultural department, not only as regards the quantity that falls, but also as to the manner of its falling, viz.: in long and incessant rains and drizzles. Cloud and fog naturally abound, there being on an average but 96 clear days in the year. Alaska is a land of striking contrasts both in climate as well as topography. When the sun shines the atmosphere is remarkably clear, the scenic effects are magnificent, all nature seems to be in holiday attire. But the scene may change very quickly, the sky becomes overcast, the winds increase in force, rain begins to fall, the evergreens sigh ominously, and utter desolation and loneliness prevail. North of the Aleutian islands the coast climate becomes more rigorous in winter, but in summer the difference is less marked. Thus, at St. Michaels, a short distance above the mouth of the Yukon, the mean summer temperature is 50 deg., but 1 deg. cooler than Sitka. The mean summer temperature of Point Barrow, the most northerly point in the United States, is 38 deg., but four-tenths of a degree less than the temperature of the air flowing across the summit of Pike's Peak, Col.

WHAT IT MEANS.

"It means the greatest business ever developed on the Pacific coast," said Mr. E. J. Coyle, district freight and passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, of Vancouver, B. C., in an interview yesterday on the subject of the recent gold discoveries in Alaska and the Klondike region. "Seattle is simply growing immensely rich out of the business of supplying outfit for gold-miners. Every old bulk that can be made fit for sea is being pressed into the service. Thousands have left Seattle and many other thousands from other portions of the country are outfitting there. Wages have risen; there is work for everybody; vacant stores are being rented, and the merchants are reaping a harvest. "I am pretty well satisfied that the Canadian government has taken a tenable business position in imposing a tax on supplies carried into the British possessions by the miners. No tax is demanded on a miner's kit of tools, but his grub and extra clothing can be purchased of just as good quality and at as cheap prices on the Canadian side—at Victoria or Vancouver—as in American cities, and from their standpoint, the tax would seem to be justifiable."

DIED IN HIS BATH.

Belmont, Mass., August 10.—Henry P. Marcy, president of the Pittsburgh railroad, was found dead in the bathroom of his home here today. Death was due to apoplexy.

PEARLS IN A LAKE.

Little Rock, Ark., August 10.—For a month or more people living near Bald

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATES REDUCED

New Tariff on Carload Lots via the Texas Route.

OCEAN COMPETITION MET

Pacific Coast Shippers Can Now Have Their Goods Shipped by Rail as Cheap as by Water.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 10.—The ocean rate war between New York and Galveston has brought a reduction of rates from California to Houston. The Southern Pacific announced, effective August 12, the tariff on carload goods, bound and postpaid, or mixed carloads, minimum weight 2,000 pounds, from California territory and intermediate territory to Houston will be lowered to 25 cents per 100 pounds. Carload goods from Santa Rosa will take a rate of 42 cents per 100 pounds. California wheat excepting champagne carloads, 42.99 pounds minimum, will take 25 cents per 100 pounds. This movement on the part of the Southern Pacific has been anticipated for some time, in proceeding their Texas business they have injured their Pacific coast business to some extent and decided recently to go it alone in a reduction of rates to the Texas points competing with the water route via the isthmus and New York.

RAILROAD FIGHT.

Santa Fe and Kansas In Court—A Dispute Over Right of Way.

Leavenworth, Kan., August 10.—Judge Myers of the state district court, having declared that the Leavenworth, Topeka & Southwestern Railway Company has forfeited its right of way, is having no little trouble in his efforts to restore the line to its former owners. This line of road, though in the hands of a receiver, is now operated by the Santa Fe system. In 1886 traffic on the line was abandoned for two months and owing to this fact Judge Myers decided that J. G. Stone, a farmer, was entitled to possession and title to the right of way which was taken from him in the building of the line. According to Judge Myers directed Sheriff Rothenberger to place Mr. Stone in possession of the land. The sheriff sent out a number of deputies and fenced in the route. At the same time the Santa Fe officials were notified that the right of way was closed and the postmaster at Leavenworth was notified to send his mails by another route. When the Topeka train went out from here last night a gang of 30 men went along to tear down the sheriff's fences. This they did, standing by until the train had passed, but the sheriff's men stood by and took the names of the men. They will be arrested. Late at night the Santa Fe agent at Topeka swore out a warrant charging Farmer Stone with the criminal offense of obstructing the United States mails. He is under arrest. All parties to the dispute declare the matter will be fought to a finish.

STEAMER RATE WAR.

Lines Between New York and Galveston in Hot Water.

New York, August 10.—The Tribune says: The freight rate war from New York to Galveston, by which the Morgan-Emory Steamship lines are trying to defeat the recently established rival, the Lone Star line, has reached an interesting stage. Rates to Galveston have been cut to two cents a hundred weight. As a result the town is full of Texas buyers and goods are being shipped to the Lone Star state in large quantities. Both the Mallory and Morgan lines are running extra steamers to Galveston to meet the tremendous demand for shipments. It was on July 1 that war was declared. On that day the Lone Star line was established by the Hoan & Sons with three steamers to run to Galveston. The Mallory and Morgan lines immediately cut rates 50 per cent. The Lone Star line met the reduction made, and the Lone Star dropped also. So was every cut since then, and by last Saturday the rates on first, second and third class freight had been reduced to 10 cents a hundred weight, the fourth class to 7 cents, and all other classes to 5 cents. Down went the Lone Star line rates. Everything shipped to Galveston by the Morgan line now goes at two cents a hundred, and it is said the Mallory line will also come to these figures.

WHEAT BLOCKADE.

Not Enough Vessels to Handle the Pacific Coast Crop.

San Francisco, August 10.—Reports show that there are by no means sufficient vessels to handle the large crop of grain along the Pacific coast, so as to bring it to this city. The City of Puebla arrived today with a full cargo of wheat from Puget Sound and left a large amount behind her. The coasting vessels are not able to bring all the grain offered at Sound ports. The Puebla was taken to the already crowded seawall and the work of discharging her will be continued all night. She will leave tomorrow for Port Harford, where there is a wheat blockade, and try to bring back a cargo to this port before her time to sail for the Sound again.

EXAMINER MEN NOT JAILED.

San Francisco, August 10.—Acting upon advice of his attorneys, Sheriff Whelan today decided not to execute the commitments issued by Notary L. D. Craig yesterday, ordering the managing editor, A. M. Lawrence, and business manager, T. T. Williams, of the Examiner, imprisoned in the county jail until they answered certain questions relating to the libel suit instituted against them and W. R. Hearst by Claus Spreckels.

CAN'T GOVERN CHILI.

New York August 10.—A special to the Herald from Valparaiso says: It is reported that the president has declared that it is impossible to continue to govern Chili under present conditions. The conservatives, he says, are too exacting. It is expected that the coalition scheme will go out of existence.

Knob have been finding valuable pearls in a lake near that place. Hundreds of people have been opening mussel shells in search of the pearls, and some of the gems have been found, some being sold for as much as \$300. A special from Bald Knob says a syndicate of Memphis parties have leased the lake for five years for \$2,000. They will build a fence around the lake and begin work with a steam dredger. They will also erect an elegant club house. The lake is said to be the richest pearl-producer in the United States.

SPAIN WILL BE WORN OUT.

Canovas' Death Will Make No Difference With Cuba and the United States.

St. Paul, August 10.—Senator Davis, chairman of the United States foreign relations committee of the senate, was asked what would be the probable effect of Senor Canovas' death upon these relations. He replied: "Spain meets a great loss in the death of Senor Canovas. He was the mainstay of the Spanish government and a man of great ability. It is difficult to say from this distance who will take his place, but it will not be Sagasta. The liberals will hardly come into power as a result of this assassination. The same party will remain in power, I believe, and I do not look for any immediate change in the relations existing between Spain and Cuba or between Spain and the United States. Spain certainly has no reason to find fault with the treatment accorded her by the United States. Surely no country with a colony standing in the relation to another country that Cuba stands to the United States has even been as well treated by the other country interested as Spain has by the United States. We have enforced our neutrality law even to the extent of arresting and imprisoning our own citizens who are charged with filibustering. We have allowed the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of American property, and the Spaniards in Cuba have even arrested our citizens and put them in their prisons. No country ever received more lenient treatment at the hands of any nation that Spain has received at the hands of the United States. I do not think, however, that Spain can hold Cuba. I do not think she will ever conquer the islands. I believe that Spain will be worn out at the end of the next dry season and that she will have to give up the island."

CHINESE WAR.

Liability to Break Out in San Francisco at Any Moment.

San Francisco, August 10.—Warning notices evidently directed against the Chinese Society for English Education, have been posted on the dead walls of Chinatown. Without being named the society is pointed at as having levied blackmail from women of ill repute imported from China. The poster says: "I have been lost before for such little things, and they may be lost again." It is signed "Mook Ching Society," and has caused considerable consternation. The police, who have torn down the notices, treat the matter seriously and think that there will be more murder in the Chinese quarter.

PRICE OF BEEF RAISED.

Kansas City, August 10.—The wholesale price of dressed beef by all the big packers has been raised. The lowest price on dressed beef now is six cents, whereas on Saturday fair to good Western beef could be bought for 4 1/2 to 5 cents. Better grades were raised in proportion. The best grades of bacon were also raised 1/2 cents per pound. The dealers claim that the raise is proof positive that the big "combine" about which so much has been heard lately is a fact and that it has begun the expected squeezing process. They declare that they will go into a combine of their own and butcher their own meat. The packers deny that there is any combine.

BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Kearney, Neb., August 10.—F. Y. Robertson, president of the suspended First National Bank of this city, has been brought here under arrest from Forest City, Mo. He is charged with swearing to false statements in securing large deposits of county money, which was lost when the bank failed.

THE FEARLESS AT NANAIMO.

San Francisco, August 10.—The big tug Fearless has gone to Nanaimo to coal up preparatory to towing from Seattle to this city a huge dredger for use in deepening the approaches to Mare Island.

ANARCHISTS REJOICE.

New York, August 10.—The World says: The New York anarchists are in excellent spirits over the assassination of Premier Canovas.

ELLIOT'S ATTACK ON FOSTER

The State Department Makes Formal Answer to His Charges.

AN EXPOSURE OF HIS ANIMUS

He is Mad Because Dhaize Suppressed His Report Favoring England on the Seal Question.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The state department has made formal answer to charges pending against Commissioner J. W. Foster by Prof. Henry J. Elliot in his letter to Assistant Secretary Day. The statement says: "Prof. Elliot is not now, nor has he been for several years past, connected with the Smithsonian institute or any department of the government. In 1896 he made a report upon the seal islands as an agent of the treasury department, but it was so full of inaccurate statements, betrayed such a want of scientific knowledge, was so hostile to the interests of the United States and was written in such a prejudiced spirit that Secretary Blaine declined to send it to congress or allow it to be printed. From that time Prof. Elliot ceased to have any connection with the government and the officials say he has lost no opportunity to attack or to abuse all persons having any official relation to sealing matters. His report was printed by the British government and strongly relied upon by the British consul before the tribunal to overthrow the position of the United States."

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