

THE LATEST FROM THE GOLD FIELDS

Corroboration of The Report As To The Scarcity of Food.

GOLD AND LOTS OF IT

But Sufficient Supplies Cannot Be Purchased To Feed The Miners Now On The Ground.

Eureka, Cal., September 8.—The news by the steamer National City from St. Michael corroborates all that has been said of the prospects of short rations in the gold districts of the upper river this winter. The steamer, which connected with the river steamer Healy at mouth of the river, brought three passengers. One of these is J. A. Ralston, of San Francisco. He says there is gold and lots of it in the Klondike, but it is generally still in the ground. It is believed that the claims now located will turn out to be good for \$250,000,000 before opening. Six thousand men in the mines about Dawson City is the estimate of Ralston, who came down on the National City with E. E. Leonard, of Nantaimo, and R. H. Lamb, of Portland. The supply of the necessities of life to feed these men, he says, is totally insufficient. In fact, he estimates that the store will be exhausted before the winter is half over, when the famine will be on in earnest, especially as the number of men in the country will be greatly augmented by late arrivals over the passes. There is whisky, beer and all kinds of liquor in profusion, he says, but their places could have been better filled on the steamers with flour.

It is not that the men in the country have no money to buy supplies, but the stocks of the stores are inadequate. Ralston says that one of the best claims on Klondike is the property of James Hall, of Missouri. It will turn out at least \$1,000,000. Claim No. 12 on Eldorado is also very rich. It is no uncommon thing to take out two ounces to the pan from any part of the claim.

What wealth is coming on by the steamer Excelsior cannot be estimated. Those of the passengers of the Healy who came to St. Michael were very reticent as to their store of dust. With the exception of Ralston and his companions, all the passengers on the Mealy took passage on the Excelsior. That vessel left St. Michael the night of August 28 with 30 passengers. She put into Omatliaka for coal, and Captain Anderson of the National City is of the opinion that the Excelsior should arrive in San Francisco today.

When the National City left St. Michael the Cleveland was taking ballast and expected to call on August 30. Many of the passengers, who had tickets for the Cleveland, took passage on the Excelsior.

On the way down the river from Dawson City, which place the Healy left August 16, the steamer Wewas was found hard and fast on a bar. She was jammed on the bar, being then about 1200 miles from the mouth of the river. The boat had been on the bar for 20 days and the Healy laid alongside, took off her passengers and some of the freight, and then proceeded on the way, leaving the unfortunate boat hard and fast aground, with small chances of getting off before the river closed.

E. Leonard says that the Wewas had on board 150 passengers and about \$1,500,000 in treasure. This was transferred to the Healy and taken to St. Michael. A considerable amount of this will arrive in San Francisco on the Excelsior. When asked why he returned, Leonard said: "I found I had to get out or starve there are about 4000 men in Dawson and not more than a third of them have work. If you have not a stock of grub you can't get work at any price. I had not enough to work my own claim until spring, so I sold my stock at a good figure, and will wait until spring. Jim Thompson, the Eldorado king, has had \$200,000 worth of provisions ordered for some months, but has not been able to obtain more than a fifth of it, even with the cash put up in advance."

These coming out, however, did not bring all of their cleanness with them. Leonard recites numerous instances of men who had cleaned up from \$5,000 to \$100,000, but had taken away barely a third of that. The men say they made nothing themselves except as wages at \$15 for a month or so.

Mr. Lamb, of Portland, is authority for the statement that over 50 men have already died of scurvy this summer.

In regard to discoveries on Stewart river, Ralston says that there were many rumors of rich strikes, but up to the

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time he left Dawson nothing definite had been received. The National City made the trip in 11 days from St. Michael, where she left 22 eager gold-seekers. It is very doubtful whether any of the passengers who went up on the National City will get through this year. The small boat which some of the passengers had taken upon the deck of the steamer has proved a disappointment. Her machinery has gone wrong and she draws too much water. There is enough provisions in the party, however, to whittle it out and proceed up the river when spring opens. The Excelsior left St. Michael 12 hours before the National City. Captain Anderson reports that on August 28 he passed the steamer Humboldt, but did not speak her, and that she is all probably arrived at St. Michael the following day.

ANDREX HEARD FROM

Carrier Figeon brings a Note to an Illinois Man. Nashville, Ill., September 8.—When Prof. Andrex left in search of the north pole it was not made public that arrangements had been made by William Osborne, a business man of Coulterville, Ill., whereby he would be kept informed as to the whereabouts of the explorer by pigeons. One of the birds sent with Andrex has returned to the place, almost two months overdue. The bird carried a note about its neck written on extra heavy note paper, but weather has obliterated the writing so it cannot be told whether the expedition is a success or a failure. The only word of the note not completely rubbed out is "latitude." The pigeon has a silver plate attached to its left wing with "Andrex 31" stamped on it. The next bird to die in a few days.

DESPERADOES CAPTURED

Owensboro, Ky., September 8.—Scott and Hebron Gary, brothers and noted desperadoes, have been captured at Bardonia and are held for the murder of J. H. Borden in March, 1894. Borden was slain and murdered in a most deliberate and brutal manner. The Gary brothers have been fugitives from justice for years.

MARINE NEWS.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Wednesday	1:32	4:58	6:12	9:38
Thursday	2:40	6:06	7:20	10:46
Friday	3:48	7:14	8:28	11:54
Saturday	4:56	8:22	9:36	13:02
SUNDAY	6:04	9:30	10:44	14:10
Monday	7:12	10:38	11:52	15:18
Tuesday	8:20	11:46	13:00	16:26
Wednesday	9:28	12:54	14:08	17:34
Thursday	10:36	14:02	15:16	18:42
Friday	11:44	15:10	16:24	19:50
Saturday	12:52	16:18	17:32	20:58
SUNDAY	1:00	17:26	18:40	22:06
Monday	2:08	18:34	19:48	23:14
Tuesday	3:16	19:42	20:56	24:22
Wednesday	4:24	20:50	22:04	25:30
Thursday	5:32	21:58	23:12	26:38
Friday	6:40	23:06	24:20	27:46
Saturday	7:48	24:14	25:28	28:54
SUNDAY	8:56	25:22	26:36	29:02
Monday	10:04	26:30	27:44	30:10
Tuesday	11:12	27:38	28:52	31:18
Wednesday	12:20	28:46	30:00	32:26
Thursday	1:28	29:54	31:08	33:34
Friday	2:36	31:02	32:16	34:42
Saturday	3:44	32:10	33:24	35:50
SUNDAY	4:52	33:18	34:32	36:58
Monday	6:00	34:26	35:40	38:06
Tuesday	7:08	35:34	36:48	39:14
Wednesday	8:16	36:42	37:56	40:22
Thursday	9:24	37:50	39:04	41:30

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER FROM

Vessel	From	Time	Rate	Days
Cape Wraith, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Dunrobin, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Marchal, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Mylopark, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
ASTORIA				
Light House, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Chilliwash, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
George Station, Am. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Springburn, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Amesley, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
FREEPORT, ALA.				
Amamba, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
RISCO				
Rever, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Lady Westworth, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Fl. (Br.) Ger. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Kohli, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Howard, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
HONGKONG				
Mananohua, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Willamette, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
HONOLULU				
Ireahida, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
MELBOURNE				
K. Wess-shire, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
NAHAWA				
Paradise, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
NAGASACKI, A.				
Thomson, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Frederic, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Sutherland, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
OFAN				
City of Perth, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
SHANGHAI				
Eganshire, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Heacock, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Clouston, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Stathury, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
SWANSEA				
Dunrobin, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
TABLE BAY				
Poltack, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Darford, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
YOKOHAMA				
Fern, Ger. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Worms, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	
Arauco, Br. Sh.	1001	1001	9	

The big steamer City of Perth, loaded with railroad ties, is on the way down the river.

The schooner Letitia yesterday arrived in ballast from San Francisco and will load lumber in Portland.

The barkentine Northwest arrived in ballast yesterday from San Francisco and will load lumber in Portland.

The Craigierne, which left down at 2 o'clock Tuesday, is expected here some time today. She is doing tide work.

Lightship No. 67 made another trial run on the bay yesterday and at 5 o'clock this morning will go out to take the place of No. 50.

The British steamer Monmouthshire arrived yesterday from Yokohama, which port she left August 25th. She had a quick passage and brings a very valuable cargo of silks and teas.

The steamer Fannie yesterday towed up the river in one tow the barkentine Northwest and schooner Letitia and Laura May. The slight was a fine one, as they marched up the river, one behind the other, the Northwest in the lead and the May bringing up the rear.

THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE

WILL TRY TO RELIEVE THE BLOCKADE AT THE MOUTH OF THE YUKON.

Captain A. F. Rogers and James Evans, the Commissioners, sailed on the Umattilla from San Francisco yesterday.

San Francisco, September 8.—Among the passengers who sailed for the north today on board the steamer Umattilla from this port, were Captain A. F. Rogers and James Evans, commissioners appointed by the state department to investigate and report the best means of relieving the blockade at the mouth of the Yukon and preventing the threatened famine in the Klondike region.

THE EFFECT.

Silver Declines and Manufactures Increase in Mexico. City of Mexico, September 8.—New York exchange is at 8 1/2 premium. Remarkable activity is shown in the organization for manufacturing and for trading. This has been especially noticeable since the sharp decline in silver. Jose Ventre, the French anarchist, who recently arrived here from Spain, will be expelled from the country as a perjured foreigner under the federal constitution. He was deported from Barcelona merely as a suspect.

OHIO GOLDITER.

Columbus, O., September 8.—The gold democratic state committee has received a letter from John G. Carlisle endorsing the gold democratic movement in Ohio and presenting forcible reasons why it should be pushed and regretting that he cannot attend the state convention. The platform will declare its opposition to silver, and, as the leader puts it, "other poisonous features of the Chicago platform of '96," his view being that the free silver movement is not so dead as many of the republicans are inclined to believe.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Trinidad, Cal., September 8.—P. O. Martin, a conductor on the Denver & Gulf road, was instantly killed yesterday by the breaking of a cable used in operating a steam shovel. Martin was engaged in switching some cars near by when the cable broke, striking his head with terrific force, breaking his neck and killing him.

OLDEST CONDUCTOR DEAD.

Molokoy, Mo., September 8.—R. T. Sargent the oldest conductor on the Washburn railroad is dead from injuries received by falling from his train. He was over 70 years old.

DEBILITY

To those who suffer pain the joy of relief is indescribable. Debility or nervous prostration causes all the inconveniences of pain, though not its sharpness. It is a later stage of disease. Pains and debility are symptoms of a deranged condition of the kidneys. Both will disappear when the kidneys are made to act right, not before. Discased or inactive kidneys can be

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Mrs. F. Beck, Aurora, Oregon—Severe pain in the back and head; restored to health.

Mrs. J. J. Young, 26 Third street, Portland—Dyspepsia, constipation, liver complaint and severe pain in the stomach cured.

Thomas Trullinger, Molalla, Oregon—Pain in his stomach nine years; cured in five weeks.

William Rohr, New York Hotel, Portland—Nasal and throat catarrh; restored.

Lester M. Leland, Oregon City, Oregon—Catarrh six years; cured.

Lewis Stump, Kalama, Wash.—Acute rheumatism; restored.

A. Case, Tacoma, Wash.—Ringing noises in the ears and deafness; cured.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson 371 Front street, Portland; spinal complaint and neuralgia; cured.

Mrs. J. Smith, Prineville, Oregon—Womb, kidney, stomach and head troubles to that extent that she was almost insane; permanently cured.

WHEN WE DEMORALIZE THE STOMACH

By excess or imprudence in eating, we cannot hope to escape the consequences for any great length of time. The most robust digestion must succumb to abuses of that important function. But suppose that we have been foolish enough to enfeeble the stomach, is the damage irreparable? By no means. The dyspeptic has only to do two things to insure his ultimate recovery. First, he should adopt an easily digestible diet. Second, he should use with regularity and persistence, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the leading gastric invigorator of the age. The multi-form symptoms of dyspepsia, and the almost invariable attendant disorders, biliousness and constipation, will assuredly cease to persecute the sufferer if the above advice is attended to. Who that has suffered the torments that chronic indigestion inflicts will neglect to take advantage of a remedy which, if the most positive evidence of the medical profession and the public is to be received with due credence, is an absolute specific for the complaint.

The sick man knocking at the door of health gets in if he knocks the right way, and stays out if he doesn't. There are thousands of ways of getting sick but only one way to get well. Do whatever you will, if you do not put your digestion in good order, and make your blood rich and pure, you will not get well. Rich, pure blood is the only thing that can bring perfect health. Constipation is a disease of the blood and can be cured by eliminating that blood and the impurities in it. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The first thing it does is to put the whole digestive system into perfect order. It stimulates the appetite, excites a copious secretion of the digestive fluids and promotes assimilation. It searches out disease germs wherever they may be, kills them and forces them out of the system. The "Golden Medical Discovery" has been used with unvarying success for over thirty years.

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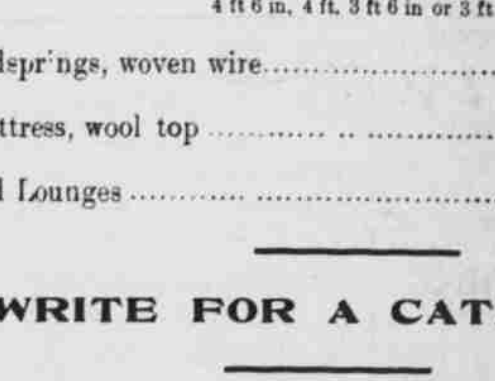
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