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NEWS FROM THE YUKON'S MOUTH

The Schooner Alice Cook Arrives at Port Townsend.

BLOCKADE AT ST. MICHAELS

Not One Man in Twenty Will Go Up the Yukon This Fall—Steamers On the River Wholly Inadequate.

Port Townsend, September 9.—The American schooner Alice Cook, Captain Penhallow, arrived here today, 28 days from St. Michaels.

She brought no passengers and no treasure. Captain Penhallow reports that very little freight has been taken from St. Michaels up river this season as compared with the reported demands for and scarcity of food and provisions at Dawson City. The captain says that the little steamers at present plying on the Yukon are wholly inadequate. They can carry only a small part of the freight transferred at St. Michaels for Dawson City.

All the warehouses at the landings are full, and passengers who have reached that point en route to the gold fields are all put to work at little or no salary, constructing warehouses in which their freight may be stored to protect it from the elements until the river opens to enable them to go up the river next summer. Captain Penhallow says that not one man in twenty at St. Michaels will get up the river this fall, and that there are no quarters at St. Michaels where they can be entertained during the winter, unless some boat ties up there as a hotel until the river opens next summer.

AFTER GRANT RELICS

They Are Wanted for Deposit in the Tomb at New York.

New York, September 9.—A proposition has been made to obtain from the federal government the collection of Grant relics presented to the National Museum by Mrs. Grant, and deposit them in the large room in the northeast corner of the mausoleum. Architect John H. Duncan intended the room for Grant relics, but everything which would appeal to visitors as having been owned by the general at some time in his career is in the national museum at Washington.

Before General Porter sailed for France Mr. Duncan discussed with him the possibility of the government relinquishing the mementoes, but nothing has been done.

Mr. Duncan said: "It was desired to hold a meeting recently, but there are not enough members in town to hold it. Of course, when the work is practically completed it would be a good thing to have the mementoes at Riverside, but I know of nothing at this time to warrant the hope that they will be brought here."

PETER VAN SCHAAK SUE

His Daughter-in-Law Charges Him With Destroying Her Domestic Peace.

New York, September 9.—The World says:

Mrs. John C. Van Schaack has begun suit for \$65,000 damages against her father-in-law, Peter Van Schaack, head of the family and senior partner in the great drug firm of Van Schaack & Sons, for alienating her husband's affections. The plaintiff is a daughter of Henry Palmer and a niece of Potter Palmer. Her specific charge against her father-in-law is that in 1887, while plaintiff's husband was living with her and supporting her in Brooklyn, the defendant enticed the husband away from the plaintiff and their home and induced him to go to Chicago, where he has since, "by the undue influence, kept him."

Mrs. Van Schaack, then Florence Palmer, and John Van Schaack were wintering visitors in Florida together in 1888, and in March of that year they were married. The wife is a strikingly handsome woman 25 years of age. She was educated in Paris and Berlin and before her marriage was a social favorite in Chicago.

THEIR SERVICES COME HIGH

Attorneys in the Butler Case Surprise the Australian Government.

Vancouver, B. C., September 9.—Australian advices say:

Papers dealing with the cost of extraditing Frank Butler, the murderer, from San Francisco, were laid on the table of the legislative council of New South Wales recently by Attorney-General Wats. The impression was conveyed that these charges were made by the United States government. The documents, however, show that the enormous demand for £5,000 really comes from the

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Five per cent non-accumulative first preferred stock, \$1,250,000. Four per cent non-accumulative second preferred stock, \$4,000,000. Common stock, \$7,000,000. The holders of consolidated bonds and preferred stock of the present company, upon paying 12 1/2 per cent upon the par value of their securities, will receive under the modified plan an equal amount—that is, 12 1/2 per cent in new first preferred stock, 40 per cent in new second preferred stock, and 40 per cent in new common stock.

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ENGLAND'S DESIGN ON PANAMA CANAL

The News Creates A Sensation At Colon.

NOT GENERALLY BELIEVED

But If True, It Will Prevent United States' Control Of The Nicaragua Project.

New York, September 9.—A World dispatch from Washington says:

The World's special cable advices from Colon to the effect that the franchise heretofore held by a French company for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama, has been transferred to the government of Great Britain, has created a sensation here. Officials and those closely interested in the Nicaragua canal project frankly admit that if this transference has really been made it will effectually prevent the United States from controlling the proposed interoceanic canal and render the building of the Panama canal useless. At the same time it is not generally believed here that the concession held by the French company has been transferred to the government of Great Britain. It is considered possible that an English company has purchased the rights of the French company and may continue the work now in progress, but that the British government has assumed control of the project is not credited.

The concession originally granted by the United States of Colombia for the construction of the Isthmian canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to De Lesseps and his syndicate of French capitalists subsequently passed into the hands of another French company.

Notwithstanding all the scandals and difficulties connected with the work, much headway has already been made. A force of two or three thousand men has been steadily employed, but the uncertainty of a final success has proved a perpetual source of discouragement and the concession of the French company has for some time been offered for sale. The United States and other governments have had an opportunity of purchasing it and continuing the work.

Experts here express themselves as convinced that the Isthmian canal as projected by the French is impracticable. The proposal to construct it by a system of locks is pronounced unsatisfactory if not impossible. It might be possible to secure a sufficient supply of water at the summit to operate the locks at certain seasons of the year, while during others the supply would be inadequate, the canal thereby being rendered useless at intervals. This obstacle will not be encountered in building the Nicaragua canal, as the great lakes of the interior will furnish an abundant supply of water at all seasons of the year.

Civil engineers and those familiar with canal construction are not of the opinion that a company of English capitalists will meet with better success than their French predecessors. The only source of worryment lies in the possibility that the concession has passed under the control of the British government, in which case unlimited capital and engineering science might end the existing difficulties. This would prevent any further efforts towards building the Nicaragua canal.

A PARTISAN INQUIRY

Boston, September 9.—The Herald today prints letters from twenty members of the Fifty-fifth congress, representing as many states, in reply to circulars sent out to secure the facts with regard to the passage of the famous section 22 of the Dingley tariff bill. With one exception, the writers professed ignorance of the amendment to section 22. Congressman Cullberg, of Pennsylvania, says the

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SUICIDE AT NORTH YAKIMA.

North Yakima, September 9.—The coroner brought the news to Yakima today that Clarinda Scritchfield, aged 16 years, had committed suicide on the ranch of Hans Smith, 67 miles from this city, on account of a quarrel with her lover. She borrowed a revolver, and going to her quarters, shot herself through the heart. She was a handsome young woman and was employed in cooking for the threshing crew.

MAJ. CHESTER WILL BE RETIRED.

Washington, September 9.—Major James Chester, third artillery, will be relieved from duty at Fort Canby, Wash., on October 10th, and will repair to his home, Washington, where he is authorized to await retirement.

THEIR "DIPLOMATIC HELP" OFFERED

FRANCE AND ENGLAND WILL PROTECT SPAIN AGAINST UNITED STATES.

Will Not "Terror" Any Action But a Perfunctory Recognition of Belligerency.

St. Louis, September 9.—Comte Henri de Penalo, who has been visiting friends in St. Louis for a few days, said that the rumor of an understanding between Spain and other European countries looking to a check upon American interference with Cuba, was confirmed by information which came to him from high authority. De Penalo has been introduced in St. Louis as a member of an old Spanish family whose sympathies are with the Carlist party, but whose connections with high politics in Spain keep him posted on most of the important diplomatic movements. He said:

"Some time last September, when the Cuban question was so much agitated in the United States, even to the point of furnishing plans to the declarations of presidential conventions, Senor Canovas del Castillo, then premier of Spain, received assurances from the English and French governments, through their representatives in Madrid, that they would not permit any action on the part of the United States other than a very perfunctory recognition of belligerency of the insurgents.

"On August 5th, before leaving Paris I learned from trustworthy sources that this assurance had been renewed. General Anastera, the new premier, has received the French and English ambassadors, who have once more assured Spain of the sympathy of their governments and of their willingness to give 'diplomatic help.'"

CHANGING ESTIMATES.

Returned Klondikers Were Mistaken as to Excelsior's Treasure.

Eureka, Cal., September 9.—J. A. Ralston, one of the three Klondikers who arrived in this city on the steamer National City, states that the Excelsior will probably not bring down over a quarter of a million dollars, while on the Cleveland there will be less, as the Cleveland did not obtain near so many passengers as the Excelsior.

R. B. Lamb, another of the National City's passengers, has changed his statement as to the amount of treasure with which the Weare started down the river, and instead of \$1,200,000 it is estimated that there was only between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Lamb also states that he saw no cases of scurvy. Several cases were reported, however. He thinks there is danger of typhoid fever and of starvation.

GOING TO M'KINLEY.

Washington, September 9.—Attorney-General McKenna will leave tomorrow for Somerset, Pa., where he will have a conference with the president on important public matters, the nature of which is not known.

FRANZ PULASKI DEAD.

Budapest, September 9.—Franz Pulaski, archaeologist, is dead. He was born in 1814.

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