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LATEST NEWS
FROM ALASKA

Discouraging Official Report From
the Yukon and St. Michaels.

A MISSOURIAN'S BIG STORY

The Fabulous Yields of Some Tributary
Creeks—Paying Dirt Found Down
as Far as St. Michaels.

San Francisco, October 12.—Henry
Bratneller, the mining expert, who is
known throughout the United States
from his connection with the Explora-
tion Company of London, has returned
from the Klondike. His mission was to
ascertain if an opportunity presented
itself for investment. He says:

"I find some good placer mines, but
not as sensational in their richness as
has been supposed. In many cases the
claims are comparatively poor, although
almost any of them will pay wages.
Because one claim is very rich is no
reason why an adjoining one should be
equally good. On the contrary the near
neighbor of a rich claim is generally not
worth much. There are few summer dig-
gings in the Klondike; that is, those
that can be worked by the ordinary
sluicing process. Most of the bedrock
is 10 or 15 fet below the surface and the
ground is frozen solid, except the 18 inch
or two feet thaws made. On the whole
the Klondike may be classed as very
good diggings, that is to say, there is a
good chance for other discovering this
fall.

"As to quartz mining it is impossible
at present, owing to the difficulties to be
overcome. I do not think there is much
danger of starvation in Dawson."

NOT A ROSY VIEW.

Washington, October 12.—Information
received at the treasure department from
Captain Tuttle of the cutter Bear, now
cruising in Alaskan waters, does not
print a roseate description of scenes and
prospects of the Klondike region. Writ-
ing from St. Michaels, September 1, Cap-
tain Tuttle says:

"There are in port two sea-going ves-
sels and six river steamers with one
steamer and one barge in process of
construction on the beach. About 300
people are encamped on the beach await-
ing the completion of these vessels. At
least, seven vessels are expected to ar-
rive, many of them with passengers.
There is no possible chance of these
people reaching the upper Yukon this
season and they must winter here or
at some point inside the mouth of the
Yukon. While there will be an abun-
dance of provisions, the trading com-
panies having their main depots here,
trouble is likely to arise from those who
have no provisions and no money. This
however, is small matter when is taken
into consideration the matters above
Fort Yukon. On September 12 the river
steamer Hamilton returned from its up-
river trip, having been unable to reach
Circle City. Captain Hill reported the
river very low, so much so as to pre-
vent his reaching his destination. His
cargo was landed on the river tank.
The steamers Healy, Alice, Weare, Bella
and Marguerite are now up the river,
but the prospects are that they will
not be able to reach Circle City or
Dawson.

"Laws in regard to the transportation
of steam vessels are entirely disregarded
as no inspector of hulls and boilers has
visited this place. At least 16 such ves-
sels are now running in this part of
Alaska. If I should seize them starva-
tion would ensue to those who are de-
pending upon these same vessels to
being them provisions. At the same time
hundreds of people are traveling on
these vessels which are without the safe-
guards to life that the law provides
they shall have.

"A deputy collector of customs is es-
tablished at St. Michaels who is re-
quired to attend to all customs busi-
ness. Frequently there are several ves-
sels in port discharging bonded goods
at the same time. It is impossible for
one man to attend to all this business.

"After leaving St. Michaels there is
no customs officer in charge of these
goods. Vessels frequently get aground
and it is necessary to discharge cargo
before they can be floated. Great op-
portunities are afforded to defraud the
customs. There should be a customs
officer on every vessel carrying bonded
goods and provisions should be made to
have the vessels inspected as the law
requires."

AN ASTOUNDING STORY.

Maryville, Mo. October 12—An inter-
esting letter has been received by Henry
Alexander of this place from his son,
E. G. Alexander, who has been in Daw-
son City since 1895. The letter is as
follows:

"I have been spending most of this
summer at Dawson City, but will leave
shortly for the mines on Bonanza creek
where I will remain until spring. A
new creek was struck this summer known
as Dominion creek. It is tributary to
Indian creek. I located a claim on it
in a very favorable location. There
were two discoveries on the creek and
my claim is between them. I held my
Davis creek property this summer. The
ground averaged after I bought it one
ounce, or $17 a day to the man for shov-
eling it. The excitement of the country
is right here and for this Klondike
strike I would say it is the biggest
that was ever known. They are getting
as high as $250 to the pan on Eldorado
creek and 200 ounces, or $51,000, was
taken out of one claim alone in about
a week's shoveling at a total cost of
perhaps $300. At that rate there will
be $4,000,000 in the claim.

"There are thousands of creeks that
white men have never touched with a
spade. Paying creeks are found from
one end of the great Yukon to the other.
Gold is found in tributaries almost to
St. Michaels.

"There is one order called the Yukon
Order of Pioneers. Its members have a
regalia which they wear on occasions.
One of the pioneers died last week and
during his sickness, death and burial
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TRAIN ROBBERS
GET THIRTY YEARS

BANDITS WHO HELD UP O. R. & N. TRAIN
SENTENCED BY JUDGE SEARS

George Jackson and Charles Williams Re-
ceive Swift Justice at the Hands
of the Court.

Portland, Oregon, October 12.—(Special
to the Astorian.)—Geo. Jackson and
Charles Williams, who held up the O.
R. & N. train two weeks ago Saturday
night, were today sentenced to thirty
years and seven months in the peniten-
tiary by Judge Sears.

DEMOCRATS IN TENNESSEE.

Chattanooga, Tenn., October 12.—The
municipal election today resulted in the
overwhelming defeat of the republican
ticket. Col. Ed Watkins, democrat, was
elected mayor by 160 majority. This city
is normally republican.

UNION PACIFIC DEAL.

Denver, October 12.—A special to the
Times from Omaha says:
President Clarke of the Union Pacific
is here in conference with a large num-
ber of prominent railroad men from all
parts of the country. He asserted that
the re-organization committee would pur-
chase the road and combine all its
branches under one management.

THE FATHER'S NEW BOAT.

San Francisco, October 12—The Jesuit
Fathers are preparing to build a new
ship for the Yukon river to replace the
one they formerly had, but which at the
time of the rush a few months ago was
purchased by miners as a last means of
reaching the gold fields.

SHERMAN'S REPLY
TO SALISBURY

Views With Astonishment Great
Britain's Declination.

ANSWER CABLED TO ENGLAND

Verbal Negotiations Were Plain That Japan
and Russia Were to Be Included in
the Sealing Conference.

Washington, October 12. — Secretary
Sherman has written a reply to the note
of Lord Salisbury expressing Great
Britain's declination to take part in a
Behring Sea conference in which Russia
and Japan participate. The essential
features of Sherman's reply have been
sent by cable to the British govern-
ment and the reply in full is on it's
way to the British authorities.

Lord Salisbury's note of declination it
can now be stated, bears date of Octo-
ber 6, so that the response is made with
promptness. The answer states that the
United States government views with
astonishment the determination of Great
Britain not to participate in a confer-
ence including Russia and Japan, and
the statement is made that up to the
25d of last month the United States au-
thorities had fully expected that the
conference would proceed with Russia
as well as Great Britain present. It is
pointed out that aside from the written
conference, which Lord Salisbury has
called attention to, there were verba
negotiations between Ambassador Hay
and his lordship in which special refer-
ence was made to the participation of
Russia and Japan. At one of these ex-
changes, it is stated, Lord Salisbury
said he would advise with the officials
of the foreign office concerning the sub-
jects discussed, which included the par-
ticipation of Russia and Japan. Subse-
quently, on July 29, Ambassador Hay
wrote to Lord Salisbury saying the pres-
ident hoped to have Russia and Japan
to participate in the conference, and, in
view of these circumstances, the United
States had confidently expected that
Great Britain would take part in the
conference and that Russia and Japan
would be represented, with the approval
of Great Britain.

Besides the foregoing reply, and in
view of the differences which have
arisen the state department suggests a
conference in accordance with the term
of Lord Salisbury's agreement, as he
construes it, namely, between the ex-
perts of Great Britain, the United States
and Canada. This last feature is now
under consideration by the British gov-
ernment, its substance having been trans-
mitted by cable, but it is not expected
that an answer will be made until Mr.
Sherman's answer in detail reaches
London.

In the meantime preparations for a
conference between the United States,
Russia and Japan are proceeding.

THREW AWAY HIS CRUTCHES.

A Railroad Engineer Joins the Long List
of Patients Cured by Dr. Darrin.

Portland, Oregon.—Mr. Editor—Dear
Sir: I hold it to be a duty as well as
a pleasure to make known through the
press that which of all other things is
most essential, viz.: The way to cure
pain and sickness. I was confined to my
home with sciatic rheumatism, kidney
trouble, inflammation of neck of the blad-
der and general indisposition. Could not
sleep more than an hour at a time. All
means I tried proved unavailing. I was
prompted to visit Dr. Darrin through
the advice of my friends who had been
cured by him, though, I must say, I had
little faith that electricity would cure
me. I came to the doctor on crutches.
Two weeks' treatment has cured me, so
that I have thrown away my crutches,
my other complaints have all disap-
peared, so I can take command of my
engine. W. HAYS.

Judging from the testimonials that are
published daily it seems there are but
few ills to which the human flesh is
heir, which cannot be relieved and gen-
erally permanently cured by Dr. Dar-
rin's electric treatment, and cases that
have resisted other efforts have yielded
to his power. These cases embrace al-
most every kind of curable disease, and,
as said before, no man, woman, or child
need despair of relief and cure while
Dr. Darrin offers invaluable services.
The doctor will remain in Astoria until
November 1, at the Occidental hotel, and
will during the remainder of his stay,
treat all cases at the rate of $5 a week
or in that proportion of time he cases
may require. The poor treated free from
9 to 10 a. m. daily, except medicines.
Regular office hours from 10 a. m. to 5
p. m. and 7 to 8 in the evenings. He
treats all chronic diseases, blood taints,
loss of vital power and early indiscre-
tions, though no references are ever made
in the press concerning such cases, ow-
ing to the delicacy of the patients. Ex-
aminations free to all, and circulars will
be sent free to any address. All pri-
vate diseases confidentially treated and
cures guaranteed. Patients at a distance
can be cured by home treatment. Med-
icines and letters sent without the doc-
tor's name appearing.

MAJOR CHESTER.

Fort Canby, Wash., October 12—(Spe-
cial to the Astorian.) — Major James
Chester, Third U. S. artillery, who has
lately been in command of this post,
leaves today for Washington, D. C.
where he awaits retirement. He was
formerly a private in the U. S. A., and
worked himself to his present position.
The entire post turns out to do him
honor.

Louis Hendricks, company M. Third
U. S. artillery, received his appointment
as ordnance sergeant in place of George
Sutherland, retired.

THE YUKON CLOSED.

Washington, October 12—Sheldon Jack-
son, United States general agent of Ed-
ucation for Alaska, writing from St.
Michaels, under date of September 12, to
the interior department, regarding the
gold boom says: "I am still detained at
this place. The season is now closed for
getting up the river this fall."

He recommends that a herd of Alaska
reindeer be located near St. Michaels,
which will serve the natives with both
food and transportation.

NO RIFT IN THE
FEVER CLOUDS

TRAVEL IN TEXAS BLOCKADED BY THE
QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Many New Cases in Mobile, But No Deaths
in 48 Hours—Galveston Hopeful—
Fever in Houston.

New Orleans, October 12.—The fever sit-
uation grew no worse today, but at the
same time there is no rift yet showing
through the clouds, and the promise is
no brighter for an immediate re-opening
of the avenues of industry.

In the meantime preparations for a
conference between the United States,
Russia and Japan are proceeding.

Daylight had hardly come this morn-
ing before two deaths had been an-
nounced. The official bulletin issued by
board of health tonight shows 35 new
cases and two deaths.

TRAVEL BLOCKED.

Austin, Texas, October 12—The most
serious situation now confronting the
people of Texas is the almost complete
blockading of travel, owing to the yel-
low fever scare. Many trains on all
the principal lines have been abandoned
and local trains have stopped running
entirely.

MANY NEW CASES.

Mobile, October 12—There were many
new cases of yellow fever brought to
light in the past 24 hours. No deaths
have occurred in the past 48 hours. There
are three more cases reported on the
steamer Kate, lying at Magazine point,
three miles from the city.

MILD IN GALVESTON.

Galveston, October 12—The situation in
Galveston at this hour is hopeful. It
is agreed that the fever is of a mild
brand and not to be feared.

BREAKS OUT IN HOUSTON.

Houston, Texas, October 12—The city
woke up this morning to find itself in
quarantine, with the declaration of State
Health Officer Swearng, based on the
statement of Dr. Guiteras, that four
cases of yellow fever existed here.

The democrats have won the mayoralty
fight in Indianapolis.

BOLD BANDITS
ROB A TRAIN

Holdup Occurs in Broad Daylight in
Austin, Texas.

CONDUCTOR SHOT IN THE ARM

Express Messenger Took to the Woods. But
the Robbers Could Not Open the Safe
—Bloodhounds on the Trail.

Austin, Texas, October 12—This af-
ternoon, at 5:30 o'clock, in broad day-
light, and within twelve miles of the
corporate limits of this city, the south-
bound train on the International &
Great Northern railroad was held up
by four men and robbed. The conductor
of the train, Tom Healy, was shot by
the robbers while resisting them, but
fortunately not seriously wounded. One
of the passengers had his shirt collar
carried away by a pistol ball that was
aimed at his neck, and another received
a bullet wound in the hand. The pas-
sengers were robbed of about $300 in
money. The bandits attempted to rifle
the safe in the express car but were un-
successful.

When the train reached McNeill, a sta-
tion 14 miles above this city, two men
heavily armed boarded the train and
took a stand on the platform. After
the conductor had checked up the train
he reached the platform only to find
a pistol at either side of his head; the
men demanded that he stop the train.
He declined to do so, an started through
the train with the robbers in close pur-
suit. He had not gone half the length
of the first car when the foremost rob-
ber shot at him, bringing him to the
floor with a wound in his arm. At this
juncture the other robber pulled the bell
cor and brought the train to a standstill.
It was evidently at a point agreed upon,
for the train had hardly stopped when
two other men, whose faces were cov-
ered with masks, stepped out from the
trees and began shooting into the cars.
Instantly all was confusion. The two
men in the car were immediately joined
by those from the woods and began
their work. As the train porter sprang
from the rear coach and ran for shelter
a robber began shooting at him and the
negro emptied a revolver in return with-
out effect.

The express messenger looked out of
his car and taking in the situation left
his car and took through the woods and
was soon lost sight of. The robbers in
the meantime, leaving two men to guard
the three coaches, which were packed
with passengers, proceeded to the ex-
press car and demanded that the bag-
gageman open the safe and by being
assured that he could not do it, turned
their attention to the passengers. They
took only money, not overlooking a single
cent, and walking two by two through
the cars, so as to always keep their
eyes on all the passengers. After se-
curing about $300 in this manner, they
uncoupled the engine from the train and
started off down the track. After going
several miles they set the lever at a
moderate rate and left the engine, run-
ning into the surrounding country. The
engine came on to Duval, four miles
below, and was captured and the sta-
tion agent returned to the scene of the
robbery with the engine, securing the
train and came on to this city, arriving
here shortly after dusk.

Officers have gone to the scene with
blood-hounds.

CHAS. W. JONES DEAD.

Pensacola, Fla., October 12 — Hon.
Chas. W. Jones, former United States
senator from Florida, died at Detroit this
morning after a sickness of several
weeks.