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KLONDIKER ROBBERED. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—C. B. Monahan, a returned Klondiker, today reported to the police that he was robbed of a valise containing \$12,000 in gold dust last night while on the train enroute from Portland.

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming visit of the German minister and his wife to the city. The minister of public works has opened a credit of \$100,000 for the repair and decoration of the Klondiker's box and that of his mother at the Grand opera house, where gala performances are to be given on the 25th and 26th of November, the dates being "Otello" and "La Boheme."

YELLOW JACK IN THE ARMY. "It isn't the number of men that yellow fever kills that frightens you," said a soldier, "but the unexpected suddenness of its attack, and the rapidly with which it kills." A man is well and hearty at 3 p. m.; at 4 p. m. he is deadly ill; at 6 p. m. he is dead, and at 8 p. m. he is buried. The man who dies of yellow fever sometimes dies in the night, or within a few hours of his burial. In such the same manner men will work day after day in apparent health, and then will suddenly appear a general weakness. The body is giving out. It needs something to strengthen it, to tone up the stomach, and spinal digestion. For this purpose, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free of a regular size for 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

The queen of Holland's chief hobby is amateur acting. She takes the liveliest interest in dramatic art, and never fails to attend the first night at the theaters. A few days ago she had a theater built for her use at Loos, where plays are performed under her direction.

AN ENTERPRISING DRUGGIST. There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than the Estes-Conn Drug Co., who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They have now the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free of a regular size for 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

In the business schools making the study of the approved method of elementary instruction. The business-educational mind is occupied. When he is silent he is certain to be rebelling mischief. Therefore the best shouters are the best pupils.

HOW THE SHIPS WERE SUPPLIED

Interesting Report of Captain O'Neill Regarding the Work of Ordnance Bureau.

MANY GUNS TURNED OUT

Orders Were Promptly Supplied and Even Then the Capacity of the Bureau Was Not Taxed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Ordnance Bureau was one of the busiest branches of the naval service during and immediately preceding the war, and the annual report of Captain Charles O'Neill, chief of ordnance, to the secretary of the navy recounts the accomplishments of the bureau in that time.

He shows that so far the naval ordnance factory has turned out 60 main battery guns, while during the past year 112 guns of calibers from four to 15 inches have been completed. New designs have been prepared for the guns for the future and they will afford a much higher velocity than the present types.

The first of these guns will be placed on the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and on the four harbor defense monitors to be built. Captain O'Neill says the guns and mounts in service have been severely tested during the war, and it is very satisfactory to note that their performance has been satisfactory.

That such should be so complicated a structure as a battleship is certainly gratifying, but improvements are constantly being made and each vessel is superior to her predecessor in the matter of armament.

The preparations made for war are depicted by the chief, beginning with the period when war was regarded as imminent. Orders were given for large amounts of powder, projectiles of all kinds, small arms and small guns for secondary batteries, and contractors were required to carry on their work without intermission, and to increase the capacity of their plants. All vessels of the navy were filled with ammunition, even those on foreign stations, and supply vessels laden with a reserve supply were kept in readiness to supply the fleets.

Gunboat mines and launching outfits were prepared in large numbers, and the government shops were worked continuously. Batteries were placed on 107 auxiliary vessels requiring 55 guns, while 59 were placed on twelve regular naval vessels, yet more could have been supplied by the bureau had they been required.

It is noted in the report that electricity has demonstrated its superiority to other forms of power for the manipulation of torpedoes, hoisting of ammunition and operation of machinery. The guns so operated can be more speedily laid on the object to be fired, there is no danger from bursting, nor is the temperature raised, as with steam. Altogether the advantages enumerated in favor of electricity are regarded as overwhelming, all demonstrated by the experience of the bureau with the ships it has already fitted up with electrical plants for gun work.

Captain O'Neill notes with satisfaction that in no case has there been any attempt at extortion on the part of the numerous business firms with which the bureau has dealt or any disposition shown to take advantage of the unusual needs of the government.

It is proposed to establish torpedo depots at New York, Norfolk, and San Francisco, and to provide some storehouses for the use of the bureau in the various navy yards.

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THE REQUEST FOR DELAY CAUSE OF SPECULATION.

Spanish Commissioners Are Blocking Progress in the Peace Negotiations to Communicate With Madrid.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—While the deferring of any one conference for two days is in itself not important, the request for delay by the Spanish peace commissioners is something more than significant. The game of diplomacy now progressing here has reached a stage which makes it necessary that the next move be made by the Spanish commissioners. They are contented by the plain fact of their protocol agreement to relinquish and evacuate Cuba with "ifs" and "buts."

It has become clear here the Spaniards cherished the hope that they could unconditionally consent to follow a given path, and ultimately wander elsewhere and do less or more than named in the protocol. The American commissioners, however, have firmly adhered to the boundary lines already mutually established, and within which they insist the Spaniards, as well as themselves, shall duly proceed. It is not too much to say Spain now has more light than ever before on the integrity and steadfastness in the word and in the purpose of the United States, nor is it wide of fact to say the Spaniards are now initially appreciating that the United States did not make war on Spain to acquire Cuba as a conquest prize.

The assigned reason for today's request for delay is believed to allow an interchange of plans with Madrid and to formulate a final attitude on the Cuban matter. This attitude of the Spaniards, to be developed on Friday, will be watched with no little interest. Their alternatives are few, but pregnant. They accord to the American attitude themselves, assume the Cuban debt and go forward to the next protocol point of Porto Rico and the choice by the United States of an island in the Ladrones group, or they may, at this juncture, formally ask for arbitration, or, as an extreme, which is not likely, retire from further negotiations.

SCHLEY PLACED IN COMMAND.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Admiral Schley was today, by orders of the navy department, placed in command of the naval station at San Juan de Porto Rico.

ASTORIA SET RIGHT IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.

The Oregonian Has Not Missed All the Interior Papers on the Astoria Common Point Question.

Milton Eagle: So much has been said recently by the newspapers of the Northwest against Astoria and in favor of Portland that the Eagle also desires to give its readers the benefit of its observations and conclusions regarding the subject of an open river to the sea. Now the people of Astoria are not combating the proposition of an open river as our friends of the Portland press would have Inland Empire readers believe, but on the contrary are doing all in their power to accomplish the opening of the Columbia from Lewiston, Idaho, to the sea.

The people of Astoria realize that the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Columbia would be to their interest and against Portland. Why? Because river boats and barges would carry the wheat and other products of the Inland Empire at such a low rate that the O. R. & N. railroad would be compelled to reduce its charges on a carload of wheat from \$90 and \$90 from Milton, Walla Walla, Pendleton and intermediate points to something like \$25. Besides this enormous reduction there is the item of towage of vessels from Astoria to Portland and return, all of which indirectly comes out of the pocket of the farmer.

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ROANOKE BRINGS OUT A MILLION AND A HALF.

More Alaskan Gold Arrives at Seattle, But Nearly All of It Is Held by Large Corporations.

SEATTLE, October 19.—The exodus of miners and gold from Alaska by way of the lower Yukon river practically closed today with the arrival of the steamer Roanoke from St. Michael. The Roanoke left St. Michael October 8. At that time there were only three steamers in the harbor, the Portland, the Protection, and the Gironne, which were to sail in a day or so for San Francisco, Seattle and Victoria, respectively. They had only a few passengers. All of the Yukon river steamers had gone into winter quarters.

The Roanoke brought down about 30 passengers and gold dust estimated at a million and a half dollars. About \$1,000,000 was the property of three corporations, the North American Transportation & Trading Company, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of British North America. The gold was contained in 29 boxes. The total amount in the possession of individuals is estimated at \$200,000. F. Belcher is credited with \$100,000; A. W. Jackson, \$40,000; N. Langlois, \$40,000; S. G. Alexander, \$10,000; and J. Laurin, \$9,000. Among the passengers was Captain J. J. Healy, manager of the North American Transportation & Trading Company at Dawson, and Pat Galvin, a well known Klondiker.

RAILROAD NOTES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Wall-Street News Bureau says Chairman Adlai F. Walker announces the successful completion of negotiations for the purchase of the San Francisco & San Joaquin Valley railroad, giving the Atchison entrance into San Francisco.

DENVER, Oct. 19.—The Colorado Midland Railway Company has decided to establish a general agency at Portland, Ore., with Charles B. Glenn as agent.

COMPANY AN ORGANIZED.

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—Company A, Third regiment of the Oregon national guard, was organized today, with Allison Case as captain and F. G. Jewett as second lieutenant. The headquarters of the new company will be Baker City. The company is made up of men belonging to battery B, Oregon volunteers, who will be mustered out tomorrow, and is the first company organized in the new national guard. The company goes to Baker City fully equipped.

INDIANS SURRENDER.

WALKER, Minn., Oct. 19.—Seven Pilelager Indians, wanted by the United States marshal, appeared at the agency this afternoon and surrendered.

HOW TO LOOK GOOD.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Estes-Conn Drug Co. 50 cents per bottle.

Permit us to inquire why it costs the people of Milton 1 1/4 cents freight per cwt. on wheat to Portland, a distance of 200 miles, every foot of which is a down hill grade, while from Portland to San Francisco, a distance of 721 miles by rail, freight charges are only 11 cents. The O. R. & N. Railroad has done much for this section in the way of development, but we believe it has been amply repaid for doing so by the farmers, stockgrowers and orchardists.

We note from a recent issue of the Oregonian that the ship Metropolis was towed from Astoria to Portland and return at a cost of only \$220. This, indeed, may be the cost of towage alone, but this item does not cover the entire expense of taking a great ship so far inland. There is the time consumed in making the trip, interest on the money invested, wages of crew and a thousand other items. The Oregonian failed to consider in its expense bill for bringing a ship from the sea to Portland. Indeed, if the correct expense bill of the Metropolis were known it would not fall far short of \$1,000. This sum comes out of the farmers' pockets, for it is added to the charter price.

A simple illustration which we desire to make is in the fact that in years past much grain has been shipped from this county to San Francisco, and in every instance the farmer has cleared by so doing from 8 to 12 cents. Why? Because the charter rate from Liverpool to San Francisco is cheaper than to Portland—San Francisco is on the sea and Portland is an inland city. This latter does not apply only to Portland, but to the Sound cities as well.

The open river will be detrimental to Portland and in favor of Astoria, therefore we take it that no great effort will ever be made by Portland to bring about that result, no matter what may be her professions. Portland is on the Willamette, twelve miles from the Columbia, and it is not at all likely the tide of traffic from the interior to the sea will be diverted in order to take advantage of her docking facilities. Docks can easily be constructed, and a dock at Astoria of equal dimensions will store as much wheat as one at Portland.

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Palmer's Celery Compound	1 00	75
Syrup of Figs	50	35
Oregon Blood Purifier	1 00	60
Pierce's Favorite Prescription	1 00	60
Berry's Golden Medical Discovery	1 00	60
Pierce's Pellets	25	15
Williams' Pink Pills	50	35
Quinine Capsule, or Sugar-coated Tablets, in bottles containing 100 grains	1 00	60
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