

**A WORD OF ADVICE**

To Those Coming to Alaska or the Klondike Gold Fields.

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity of providing an adequate and proper food supply. Whether procured in the States, in the Dominion, or at the supply stores here or further on, this must be his primary concern. Upon the manner in which the miner has observed or neglected this precaution more than upon any other one thing will his success or failure depend.

These supplies must be healthful and should be concentrated, but the most careful attention in the selection of foods that will keep unimpaired indefinitely under all the conditions which will have to be encountered is imperative. For instance, as bread raised with baking powder must be relied upon for the chief part of every meal, imagine the helplessness of a miner with a can of spoiled baking powder. Buy only the very best flour; it is the cheapest in the end. Experience has shown the Royal Baking Powder to be the most reliable, and the trading companies now uniformly supply this brand, as others will not keep in this climate. Be sure that the bacon is sweet, sound and thoroughly cured. These are the absolute necessities upon which all must place a chief reliance, and can under no circumstances be neglected. They may, of course, be supplemented by as many comforts or delicacies as the prospector may be able to pack or desire to pay for.

From the Alaska Mining Journal.

A book of recipes for all kinds of cookery, which is especially valuable for use upon the trail or in the camp, is published by the Royal Baking Powder Company, of New York. The receipts are thoroughly practical, and the methods are carefully explained, so that the inexperienced may, with its aid, readily prepare everything requisite for a good, wholesome meal, or even dainties if he has the necessary materials. The matter is in compact though durable form, the whole book weighing but two ounces. Under a special arrangement, this book will be sent free to miners or others who may desire it. We would recommend that every one going to the Klondike procure a copy. Address the Royal Baking Powder Co., New York.

**Monster Steel Ribbon.**

The high quality of Swedish steel was strikingly illustrated at the Scandinavian exhibition. A steel ribbon, cold rolled, was twined like a silken band about one of the pavilions, the length of this monster tape being 2,354 feet, its width eight inches and its weight 1,146 pounds.

**New Electrical Paper.**

The newest thing in electrical journalism, says The Electrical Review, emanates from Vienna. The paper is designed to cover the needs of the practical man and the manufacturer. Its title is as follows: Elektrotechnischer Neuigkeiten-Anzeiger und Bezugsquellen-Wegweiser.

A French experimenter has succeeded in grafting tomatoes upon potatoes. The hybrid plant produces tubers underground and tomatoes on the stalk.

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The British soldier has not always worn a red uniform. White was the prevailing color under Henry VIII and dark green or russet in the time of Elizabeth.

A copy of the new edition of Miss Parloa's Choice Receipts will be sent postpaid to any of our readers who will make application by postal card or note to Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

W. T. Woodward, the Kentucky horse breeder, is going about telling his friends that he has been cured of rheumatism by carrying old electric light carbons in his pockets.

The first forger of a Bank of England note was Richard William Vaughan, a linen draper of Stafford, hanged in 1758.

**KIDNEY TROUBLES**

**Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"I have been a great sufferer from kidney trouble; pains in muscles, joints, back and shoulders; feet would swell. I also had womb troubles and leucorrhoea. After using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Blood Purifier and Liver Pills, I felt like a new woman. My kidneys are now in perfect condition."—Mrs. MASON PORTS, 324 Kaufman St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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LILLIAN CRUPPEN, Box 77, St. Andrew's Bay, Fla., says:—"Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I had suffered many years with kidney trouble. The pains in my back and shoulders were terrible. My menstruation became irregular, and I was troubled with leucorrhoea. I was growing very weak. I began the use of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine, and the first bottle relieved the pain in my back and regulated the menses. It relieved the pain quickly and cured the disease."

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**BUILD THE CANAL.**

Object of a Newly Formed Syndicate of Eastern Capitalists.

Chicago, March 7.—The Tribune says: A syndicate to take the concessions granted the Maritime Company by the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the construction of the canal is in process of organization by E. F. Cramin, of this city, who is now in New York negotiating the contracts by which the new owners of the concessions granted by the Central American republics and for the work already accomplished will come into his possession. T. E. Cooley, who has been associated with Mr. Cramin in the enterprise, is also in New York, gathering material for the specifications, which will be within the next 10 days presented to contractors for bids on the different sections of the work.

The new syndicate for the construction of the Nicaragua canal will soon know within a few million dollars just how much it is going to cost, finished and ready for the passage of the first ship. A rough estimate from the data at hand on the return of Mr. Cramin and Mr. Cooley from their trip over the canal a few weeks ago, placed the cost within \$75,000,000. Mr. Cooley was of the opinion that as further data was collected regarding the nature of the excavation over a part of the route, the cost might be cut down to \$65,000,000. This is far inside the estimates which have been presented to congress in the appeals of the Maritime Company for government aid.

The preparation of the specifications of the contractors has been as thorough as the data in existence permitted. Mr. Cooley secured all the material collected by the engineers for the Maritime Company. He then took the reports of the commission from the United States engineer corps and to these he added all the material to be had during his thorough inspection of the canal at the capitals of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Immediately upon his return from his trip of inspection a force of engineers was set to work under his direction, bringing into form this mass of material. Just prior to his departure from New York, he intimated that the specifications were so nearly completed that in a short time they would go into the hands of the contractors for bids. Bonds will be required with all bids, and when the figures have been added, for the first time in all the years that men have been trying to join the Atlantic and Pacific by ship canals it will be known somewhere near the actual figures just how much the work is going to cost.

"The Nicaragua canal," he said, "is being treated as a business proposition. Our people want to know where the thing is going when they begin putting in their money. We are going to tell them. There is no great mystery in canal-building that it should not be determined approximately what a canal is going to cost, if engineers are honest enough to estimate properly the work before them. The construction of the Illinois drainage canal has educated the contractors who did that work, and they know just what to expect on the Nicaragua canal. Their representatives have been over the ground, they have studied climatic conditions, learned what their labor would cost, can estimate closely the cost of transportation to the canal of their machinery and material. With the specifications in their hands they can bid as intelligently as if the work was in an American state."

The terms by which the control of the property and concessions of the Maritime Company has come into the hands of the new syndicate are not given out. Their arrangement was the work of several months before the trip to Nicaragua was made.

Who are back of the syndicate is not given out by the promoters, but it is claimed that the contractors have been satisfied of its financial stability. How much government aid and in what shape will be asked are also matters which neither Mr. Cramin nor Mr. Cooley gives out for publication at the present juncture. Mr. Cramin and Mr. Cooley are expected to remain in New York about a week longer in the settlement of the transfer of the canal from the Maritime Company to the new syndicate.

**ALASKA BILL PASSED.**

Concessions Given Canada in Lieu of Certain Privileges.

Washington, March 7.—After a debate lasting several days, the senate late this afternoon passed the bill extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska. Comparatively little discussion of general interest was created by the bill. Section 18, providing for certain bonding concessions to Canada, in lieu of privileges to be extended by the Dominion government to this country, however, induced a rather lively debate, as it brought into the controversy the old fisheries question on the New England coast, which has been pending between the United States and Great Britain for 100 years. The statement was made on the floor of the senate that there was every reason to believe that by the passage of the bill the fisheries question could be settled without great effort, as assurances to that effect had been received from a large and influential element in Canada.

**In the House.**

Two more appropriation bills were sent to the president today, the pension bill and the consular and diplomatic bill, both of which went through their final stage in the house today. This was private bill day. The most important action taken was acquiescence in an agreement to make the bill appropriating about \$1,300,000 for war claims, approved by the court of claims, under the provisions of the Bowman act, a special order for next Friday.

**CABINET IS ANXIOUS.**

Wants to Know When the Report May Be Expected.

Washington, March 7.—It was developed this afternoon, through telegraphic correspondence between Secretary Long and Admiral Seward, that the court of inquiry is unable to fix even an approximate date for the conclusion of its investigation into the disaster to the Maine. Sharing in the general anxiety for information, Secretary Long today, at the instance of the cabinet, telegraphed Admiral Seward asking when it was probable that the report of the court would be made, and late tonight the following was received:

"Secretary of the Navy—I have talked with the president of the court of inquiry and agree with him that it is not yet possible to fix a date for the finding, as so much depends upon the progress of the divers and wreckers, and the results they obtain. Every effort is being made to advance the inquiry. The court intends to return to Havana this evening, having finished the investigation at Key West.

**SIGARD.**

Admiral Seward's message is regarded as disposing of the reports that the court has obtained positive or conclusive information bearing on the subject of its investigation. It is taken to mean that upon the testimony or discoveries of the divers will depend the finding, the examination of the officers and crew having been insufficient to enable the court to even form an idea as to what lines may be opened up from the investigation of the wreck itself.

**THE SOUND'S DEFENSES.**

Contractors Are Offered Bonuses to Expedite the Work.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 7.—It is reported here today that both firms of contractors, now constructing fortifications for the government at Marrowstone point and Admiralty head, have been offered bonuses to expedite the work. An additional gun pit, not previously provided on the estimates for this year's work on Admiralty head, at the entrance of the straits opposite this city, will be commenced in a short time. The pit will be about 50 feet square, sufficient to accommodate guns and the machinery for operating them. In addition to the pit proper, there will be underground rooms for storing ammunition.

The work of securing title to land to be used for the government fortifications at Point Wilson is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and the work of construction will be under way there early in the coming summer.

**Spain Bought Two Cruisers.**

London, March 7.—Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonas and her sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, 23 knots and 10 guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Brazil. The Amazonas is ready for launching, and her sister ship will soon be ready.

The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and the Continent for immediate use. The government of Spain seems to have funds, for it is understood to be paying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal.

**Will Be Authorized.**

Washington, March 7.—The senate committee on military affairs today decided to recommend the passage of a joint resolution authorizing the abandonment of the expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike region, which was authorized last December. There solution provides for the sale of both the reinder and the supplies purchased for the expedition. There was a suggestion that the reinder brought here from Norway could be utilized by the interior department, but the committee took the view that the animals should be sold in preference to holding them for any department of the government.

**Proctor Saw a Fight.**

New York, March 7.—The Herald's Havana correspondent says that in his recent excursions Senator Proctor saw a lively engagement between a band of 250 insurgents and an equal number of Spanish infantry. This took place almost within sight of Matanzas, in the streets of which city the senator was later approached by a messenger from General Gomez, who openly proclaimed his identity and mission.

**Marines Sent West.**

Atlanta, Ga., March 7.—The navy department is transferring marines from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. For three days a party of two or three marines have passed through Atlanta each day on their way to the Pacific coast. The marines come from Norfolk and are all going to Vallejo, Cal.

**Wants Cuban Correspondence.**

Washington, March 7.—Senator Morgan said today it was his purpose to introduce a resolution at an early date making a second call upon the president for consular correspondence bearing upon the condition of affairs in Cuba.

**DUNHAM'S STORY.**

Interesting Report of a Government Official on the Klondike.

Located in Circle City, 180 miles northwest of Dawson, which all the river traffic to and from the Klondike passes, is the man whom the United States government has sent out to gather information regarding the Klondike which the public may know is accurate—Samuel C. Dunham. Mr. Dunham is under the direct jurisdiction of the commissioner of labor at Washington. All the long winter months he has lived in a room in a \$20,000 house at Circle City, a house that is made of logs and boards, and whose real worth seems preposterous.

Mr. Dunham has sent some valuable information to Washington—or to the United States, as he puts it. While Alaska is a part of the United States you never would think so if you lived there and heard the people talk. They always refer to the rest of the nation as "Back in the States."

It is safe to say that of the thousands already en route to the new Eldorado only a small percentage are actually aware of the real conditions that exist in the land of their destination. As gorgeous pictures of wealth have been painted for their edification as imagination could devise, and that is why the cold facts that have come to us by the aid of carrier, dog and sledge, and finally the United States mail, create something of a feeling of astonishment.

Mr. Dunham tells us that there is not work for the people who are already in the Klondike, and that before the spring rush is half over the country will be deserted and homeless. However, the destination is not now so great as it was imagined would be the case, and this because it has been found possible for the different camps to help one another.

When Mr. Dunham's report, which is now on its way, reaches Washington, it will be sent to congress at once, but owing to the fact that the report is not likely to reach the department before March, after the Klondike emigration has passed flood tide, Mr. Dunham has deemed it best to forward the more important facts here presented. In his latest letter to the Commissioner of Labor Mr. Dunham says:

"I am making fair progress on my report, and have reached a point where I can give an outline of its practical features. I have completed an introduction, giving a short sketch of the stamped as I saw it from the other side of the mountains; a chapter on the Klondike containing the first accurate account of the original discovery and the development of the mines, and what I hope will prove an approximately correct statement of the output (an exceedingly hard subject to handle); a chapter on Dawson and its surroundings, giving full information relative to wages, cost of living, opportunities for employment, etc., and ending up with an account of the food famine and the exodus, and a chapter on navigation of the Yukon.

"I have well under way a chapter on Circle City and the Birch Creek district, and have all necessary data for one on mining laws and local regulations, incidentally touching on the only form of government that has been known here previous to the present year—miners' meetings. In addition to these I shall give considerable space to the trails and the best means of getting here, expense, etc.; the best routes for railroads, which we assume are bound to come within a few years, although we do not know what is going on outside; the possibilities in agriculture, which are considerable in the Yukon valley, as wheat, oats, and vegetables of many kinds can be grown here successfully; the outlook from the commercial point of view, etc.

"A thousand pages could be written on the situation without exhausting the subject or the reader; but I shall stop short of 400 typewritten pages. It is exceedingly difficult to get information here, on account of the great distances and the unsettled condition of the public mind on the food question. It is hard to work when one hears constantly on every hand stories of starvation and death from exposure. I consider the situation grave, but not desperate. There is food at Fort Yukon for 600 more men than are wintering there, and this can be freighted to Dawson or part of Dawson can go to it. It may be that the transportation companies can feed the population next year, but it is doubted here.

"I have secured an accurate statement of the amount of freight landed in Dawson by the steamers during the season, made up from the manifests of the boats and from information obtained from the agents of the companies. Less than 2,700 tons reached there, and between 700 and 800 tons of this consisted of furniture, whiskey, hardware, etc.—less than 2,000 tons for 5,000 men, and much of it was consumed during the summer. Prices are increasing in Dawson, flour selling for \$150 a hundred and many more other staples in proportion. Luxuries are not quoted, simply commanding what a man feels disposed to pay for them. Dogs have sold as high as \$500 apiece there, and \$300 has been offered and refused here. "Our mail carrier is still here, stranded—without dogs or provisions to get out. The government pays \$600 for a trip that costs \$2,500. Nobody blames the poor carrier, but everybody blames the government and the contractors. I send this out by private parties.

"I am well and strong. The weather is fine, the coldest to date being 25 below zero. Two feet of snow on the ground. The sun rises at 10 and sets at 2, giving us seven or eight hours daylight. Moon swings in the heavens all night, giving a light by which one could read a newspaper if it was to be had. The trails are open and men are starting out in every direction with their dog teams—to Fort Yukon for freight; to Birch creek mines, to drift, and to Dawson and thence to Juneau."

**Turbines for Torpedo Boats.**

The navy department has ordered a trial to be held at the New York navy yard of the steam turbine engine, with a view to the adoption of the type on some of the new torpedo boats. With a steam turbine and oil fuel the engineers say it will be possible to secure far higher speed in torpedo boats than prevails now. The Turbina, an English-made boat, developed the phenomenal speed of 32 knots, and it is believed, considering that she is only half the size of the Cushing, that when the invention is perfected it will be practicable to attain at least two more knots with ships which now are not fitted with it.

**DEEP DOWN.**

We may move along the pathway of life enjoying what seems to us a fair amount of good health, but there comes over every human being at some time some unexpected condition of the system which may be torture for after years. Such is an insinuating and unexpected attack of sciatica resulting from weakness of the nervous system, which can give more pain to the square inch than any pain that affects man. It has been found out, however, that the prompt and vigorous application of St. Jacobs Oil to the seat of the pain will by persistent rubbing finally penetrate and cure by soothing and strengthening the diseased nerve. It is a pain that needs to be watched. The sciatica nerve plays so important a part that its derangement may cripple. Beware of its putting you for many a day, while the great remedy may in a day put you on your feet.

Canada's imports from the United States increased \$3,000,000 last year and her imports from England decreased \$3,600,000.

**SOUND MONEY DISCUSSIONS.**

Between now and next presidential election there will be hosts of discussions of the question of "sound money" and silver. However opinions may be divided on these points, there is one thing that is clear, and that is a favor to one, regarding the merits of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for and preventive of malaria, as well as a cure for kidney complaint, dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and rheumatism.

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