

# CLONDYKE

## The Alaska Boundary Treaty.

### Alleged Blunder Moved the Line-- Other Matters.

OTTAWA, Aug. 5.—W. R. Scott, secretary of state, was interviewed regarding the statement from Washington claiming that Great Britain on the official maps had drawn the boundary line on the Pacific coast so as to deprive the United States of hundreds of miles of territory adjoining the Clondyke gold fields. He said he had gone into the question with a member of the Mackenzie administration in 1878, and the point now raised was discussed then.

"The treaty of St. Petersburg of 1825," said he, "defines the line dividing Russian territory, now Alaska, from British by a line drawn north from the foot of Prince of Wales island through Portland channel until it struck the mountains, when the method of delimitation was set forth. The map will show that a line running north from the foot of Prince of Wales island must go through the Behm canal, and that to reach Portland canal the line, would have to go east through the open sea a considerable distance before it could reach Portland channel or canal."

"The British contention as shown by the dispatches of George Canning to Sir Charles Bagot, when British ambassador to St. Petersburg, is that Portland was to be in British territory and the words 'Portland canal' in the convention was a mistake for Behm canal or else what is now called Portland canal was not then so called. This is supported by the physical impossibility of running a line due north through Portland canal from the foot of Prince of Wales island, so that Canadian maps show the boundary line as running north through the Behm canal."

The difference is great in view of the discoveries of gold, and it can only be settled by arbitration. The disputed territory with the 10 marine leagues back from the coast added could not, however, embrace the present gold fields of the Clondyke, which are clearly in British territory, because they are well east of the 141st meridian, which is the recognized boundary to the north."

**Rushing the Mail.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The post-office department has ordered all mail matter at Seattle awaiting transmission to the Yukon region to be sent by the Cleveland, which leaves that port August 5, instead of waiting for the regular mail steamer Portland, which is scheduled to leave August 10. This is done for fear the winter may set in early, the rivers become ice-bound and the mail fails to get to its destination this season. There are thousands of letters awaiting transmission to Dawson.

**From San Francisco.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—The steamer Noyo will sail with 140 passengers for Dyea, Alaska. Of the passengers already booked 10 are women, who will make the journey over the Chilkoot pass to the Clondyke gold fields. Two others are Mayor A. C. Scott, of Springfield, Ill., and his son. Mayor Scott has resigned his office to seek his fortune in the frozen north.

**A Novel Scheme.**  
A plan for reaching the Upper Yukon has been started by Dexter Hunt, of Everett, Wash. He proposes to build a propeller 75 feet in length and of sufficient width and depth to be perfectly seaworthy, and have it completed so as to reach the mouth of the Yukon soon after the ice has gone out next spring. He will take as partners a limited number of persons, who, when the hull is completed, are to pay \$150 each. This will be used in the purchase of machinery and the completion of the boat, and will entitle the party making such payment, or his representative, to free transportation to Dawson City or some point above that place on the Yukon.

The boat is then to remain in the Yukon trade for two years, the proceeds of such service to be divided among the parties paying the \$150 and

Mr. Hunt, all sharing alike. At the end of two years the full ownership of the boat is to accrue to Mr. Hunt. By this plan the parties paying the \$150 will be able to reach the Upper Yukon cheaper and easier than at present, and have a reasonable prospect of a return of part or all of the passage money. Already more than the required number have made application to become members of the limited partnership, and the building of the boat is assured.

**Mining Company.**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The Northwest Mining & Trading Company has been organized here, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of exploring the gold fields of Alaska and the Northwest territory, to develop and operate such valuable discoveries as may be made and also to establish trading posts at the various mining camps and a regular line of transportation between the United States and such camps.

Among those who are interested in the enterprise are ex-Governor Campbell, of Ohio; Judge V. Lewis, who organized the American Cotton Oil Company; Clark Johnson, of Davies Stone & Auerbach and J. W. Chipman, of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad.

**No Boats.**  
SEATTLE, Aug. 5.—No boats left here for Alaska, but the lull was more than filled with preparations for the next when the steamship Cleveland, chartered by the North American Transportation & Trading company, will sail for St. Michaels, transferring passengers and freight there to river steamers for Dawson City. The Cleveland will have 200 passengers and over 1,000 tons of freight. Among her passengers will be Captain P. M. Ray and Lieutenant Richardson, U. S. A. officers who will command the troops ordered from Fort Russell to duty in the Yukon region. They are under sealed orders and carry three tons of supplies. They will be followed by 60 soldiers next spring.

Steamboat men are getting so scarce that a strike of deck hands on the sound steamer last night induced the company to raise wages \$5 a month all along the line, from captain to cook. The deck hands, who had been getting \$35 a month, were raised to \$40. So great is the demand for men to work on the Alaska-bound vessels that the companies operating on the sound find a difficulty in holding their employees.

Charles H. Hamilton, traffic manager of the North American Transportation & Trading Company, let another contract to Moran Bros., of this city, for building four more river steamers for the Yukon. This work, given to Moran's, make its contracts with the N. A. T. & T. Co., include eight separate steamers, all let to them within two weeks.

**Walla Walla Sailed.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—The big steamer Walla Walla sailed for the north Wednesday with 300 passengers, of whom at least one-third were bound for the Clondyke gold fields. Her departure was greeted enthusiastically by a much larger crowd than has attended the sailing of any previous expedition for Alaska.

**Nicaragua Waterway.**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—No matter what the attitude of the Greater Republic of Central America may be, it is the intention of the administration to recommend governmental control of the Nicaragua canal when congress assembles next December. This was made plain at a conference at the state department participated in by Assistant Secretaries Ade and Crider, Senator Morgan, former Senator Miller and Mr. Merry, the recently appointed minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, regarding the complications which have grown out of the refusal of the governments of Nicaragua and Salvador to receive Mr. Merry.

It is practically decided that Mr. Merry shall go to Costa Rica, and that the headquarters of the legation shall be transferred to that country from Nicaragua. No steps will be taken to make the transfer, however, until the governments of Nicaragua and Salvador have again been heard from.

The administration believes there is no necessity of entering into a new

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convention with the Nicaragua with a view to securing authority for the construction of a waterway. The program which will follow will be based on the provisions of the convention now in force, as well as the concession which was granted to an American company by the Nicaragua government for the construction of the canal. This concession will not expire for three years.

Acting in accordance with instructions of the state department, Minister Baker is watching every move of the opponents of the canal in Nicaragua and reporting to the state department, so that in case of necessity prompt action may be taken by the authorities.

The Walker commission which has been holding meetings at the state department, will make a preliminary report to congress at the beginning of the session, setting forth its estimate. Should this report show that the cost will not be greater than \$100,000,000 the president will probably have something to say in his first annual message in regard to the advisability of the passage of a bill by congress guaranteeing the construction of a canal under governmental control.

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We favor and advise that all nominations for municipal and county officers, including members of the legislature, shall be made by primary elections.

We recommend that this party shall be known as the Union party, and invite all reform forces of the state to unite with us in realizing these principles by united efforts, and we pledge ourselves to unite with such reform forces in carrying out this bond of union.

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