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FRASER RIVER

Will Probably Be the Scene of Serious Trouble Between Whites and Japs.

LATTER ARE ARMED WITH RIFLES

And Will Flare the Fight a Deadly One.

LEWIS BOOM A RARE EXOTIC.

A Walla Walla Convict Doing Time for Murder Tires of His Life and Commits Suicide.

From Saturday's Daily.

Vancouver, B. C., July 3.—It is feared that there will be serious trouble among the fishermen on the Fraser river. The season is now just starting for salmon fishing, but as there are few fish running, the difficulty has not come to a head. It is mostly over the question of the price of salmon for the season. The situation is that altogether there will be about 2000 boats, or, say 4000 men fishing on the river. Of course there are two Japanese to every white fisherman, so great has the recent influx been, and there are very few Indians all told. The white men have demanded 25 cents a fish for the season from the canners, and the latter are equally of the opinion that they won't pay more than 20 cents. The Japanese, with their system of cheap labor, are satisfied with 20 cents, and will not support the white men in their demand for 25. There are so many more Japanese than white men, and they hold the balance of power to such an extent that the canners care very little what the white men do.

A strike on the part of the white men, which is now freely talked of,

would do little more than establish the Japanese firmly, and induce the employment of a large number of the Orientals. The cannerymen say that they might as well close up their establishments for the season as attempt to pay more than 20 cents.

In order to force the Japanese to support the white men in the proposed strike, the latter are said to have made threats on the Japanese colony. To such a serious extent has this been carried out that hundreds of the Japanese have purchased rifles in Vancouver. On Sunday several of the important Japanese contractors interviewed the cannerymen, asking what they were to do in case the white men interfered with them. The cannerymen replied that so far as they were concerned Japanese and white men had equal rights to the river as fishermen, and that therefore the Japs had no right to take any back water from anybody. There are very few fish running so far, so that nothing serious is expected to happen immediately.

"Jim Ham's" Boomlet.

Kansas City, July 3.—The boom that James Hamilton Lewis brought here from Washington was a rare exotic. When he unpacked it from its wrappings of oiled papers and moist cotton it began to wilt, and in 24 hours it was hopelessly faded, and today his Washington supporters deserted to Towne. He, however, bears up good naturedly and thinks the advertising he has received will help him on the road to the United States senate. Lewis showed his hand plainly last night, as far as Washington politics are concerned. He said that the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, in Washington and the Pacific coast was purely a matter of politics, not of principle.

Suicide of a Convict.

Walla Walla, July 3.—William Fremont a convict in the penitentiary, hung himself in his cell last night. He was found dead with a bit of small cord about his neck, attached to the bars of his cage. He was sent from Spokane for manslaughter, getting 20 years, last April. He pleaded guilty to shooting his neighbor with a rifle and burying his body.

River News.

No boats are expected to arrive today from up river points and none are billed to depart.

The Canadian and Flora are looked for tomorrow.

The steamer Bailey left Whitehorse this morning at 2 o'clock. The Victorian will leave today.

The average temperature at up-river points is 62 degrees this morning.

The Cudahy is billed to sail today at 4 p. m. for St. Michael.

The Florence S will go down river on her arrival in Dawson.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Fresh eggs just arrived. Mohr & Wilkens.

AWFUL SUFFERING

Of Frank Brackett and Irvie Meads on the Koyukuk Trail.

EAT MALAMUTE AND HOOT OWL.

They Lose Trail and Are Nearly Starved When Found.

TRAVELED A HUNDRED MILES.

Their Horses Die in the Seventy-five Mile Swamp, and They Travel for Days Lost in the Wilderness.

Hoot owl fricassee and malamute steak. That is the body of the bill of fare which Frank Brackett and Irvie Meads have been recently discussing on their way into the Koyukuk country from Fort Yukon. Besides the vianda mentioned they had ozone and good rich water from the swamps, while the mosquitoes furnished appropriate music and kept them from getting the scurvy for lack of exercise.

Bert Dickey who was associated with Frank Brackett in the roadhouse business at Upper and Lower Lebarge last winter has just heard from the party, and furnishes information concerning the hardships and semi-starvation experiences undergone on what is now conceded to be one of the hardest trails in the Northwest.

Brackett and Meads left here early this spring, traveling in a Peterboro canoe as far as Fort Yukon. Here they bought two horses and took the trail across the 75-mile swamp for the then much talked of diggings of Koyukuk. The horses were heavily packed and notwithstanding the fact that they lightened the packs from day to day, throwing away everything that could be dispensed with, the horses grew thin and weak and finally succumbed to the hardships imposed upon them and died one after the other. Up to this time the trip had not been one continual round of bliss, and with the death of the horses their lot became a hard one. Owing to the fact that they had yet a long way to travel, they could not lighten their loads materially without being almost sure of starvation, so they struggled along as best they could till they lost the trail, not too plainly marked at best.

After being forced to admit to themselves that they were completely at sea concerning their position, they threw away everything and struck out, followed by the day, trusting to their sense of direction and a firm faith in their luck, to lead them out of their perilous situation. Then began the sufferings and horrors which so nearly ended, as many such journeys have, in death by starvation and exposure. Some days passed in travel which brought them apparently only deeper into the wilderness and no closer to any human habitation, and then they killed and ate the dog, and when this source of refreshment was exhausted an unfortunate hoot owl was bagged and also brought to table. After the owl had been eaten and nothing more found to satisfy the cravings of the inner man, they met a man named Stewart, who was prospecting, and who had a small amount of grub with him. He led them, and then led them to his camp which was some 60 miles distant from where he met them. In all the wanderings and miles of weary heartbreaking travel, the boys had only got about 100 miles from Fort Yukon, though they must have traveled a much greater distance. They are now in the Koyukuk country prospecting.

No More Duty.

Consul McCook has received a letter from the department of state in Washington, D. C., which will gladden the

heart of the lone argonaut who travels down the river in a small boat and carries his own grub with him. It may also tend to bring sorrow to those who collect duty for Uncle Sam and any old thing for themselves at the boundary on Fortymile.

The letter says, in substance that hereafter deputy collectors of duty will not require a certificate of exportation from those importing goods to the value of \$100 or less. The goods, however, must be of American production or manufacture, and there must be a reasonable amount of evidence to show this.

This ruling will, in many instances facilitate travel, as, under the old order of things a man being detained while a certificate of exportation from the last customs house the goods had passed was being obtained, or even a consular certificate from here, would eat up fully \$100 worth of provisions, and if the mail was a little slow in getting through, his board bill would come to much more.

Never Made an Arrest.

Patrolman Stephen Rowan is the most notable member of the Chicago police force and in one respect probably he is unique. He has been a member of the force for 26 years and in that time he has never made an arrest. He is 61 years old, and Mayor Harrison has recently made him a member of his own personal bodyguard, which is composed of the biggest men in the service.

BRIEF MENTION.

Henry Berry and wife of No. 6, Eldorado, are registered at the Metropole. Steve O'Brien, of the new theatrical firm of O'Brien and Jackson, is stopping at the Fairview.

Sheriff Ellbeck has sent for his son to join him in Dawson. The young man is now in Buffalo, N. Y.

J. T. Trodo, U. S. marshal and land agent for Nome, arrived from that place by the Cudahy this morning.

The aspect of First avenue is changed almost past recognition by the extensive warehouses being built on the river side.

T. G. Wilson has received a consignment of goods from the lower river which he says arrived here weeks ahead of goods sent at the same time via the up river route.

Mr. Jackson, of the O'Brien & Jackson theatrical company, left last night on the Columbian for Victoria and Vancouver. He goes to bring in his company, and expects to be back about the 4th of next month.

Mrs. Flora Holden and Miss Holden, wife and sister of Ed Holden, respectively, arrived in Dawson Wednesday from San Francisco, for a short outing amid the scenes of this camp and surrounding country. They intend returning in the course of three weeks. Friends of the former will be pleased to note the incorrectness of her reported demise.

Dr. Dora Tugard, matron of the Good Samaritan hospital, will leave on one of the first boats for the outside. Dr. Tugard will be missed by many, especially the patients of the hospital, and those who come in daily contact with her in her official capacity, when she is always pleasant and patient, many times under trying circumstances.

Last evening the Frank Simons company gave its last Dawson performance at the close of which Mr. Cassidy made a very appropriate speech to the audience in which he took occasion to thank the public and newspapers for their considerate treatment of the company during its stay here. The company leaves on the Cudahy tonight. Eddie O'Brien and family have concluded to go.

Few Scows Arriving.

There has been a noticeable falling off in the number of scows arriving from up the river, the early rush being over. The arrivals now will not average one per day, while a month ago from 15 to 20 was the daily record. Later in the season the scow business will, likely be more brisk. Travel from the upper country is also very scant at present.

Mr. Senkler Will Go East.

Gold Commissioner E. C. Senkler expects to leave on a brief visit to Ottawa the latter part of next week, or as soon as Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell returns from Vancouver to which point he went to meet his family on the way to Dawson. Mr. Senkler will probably be absent about six weeks.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

IN BAD SHAPE.

The Battle Ship Oregon May Never Be Removed From the Rock

ON WHICH IT IS STUCK FAST.

Pinnacle Rock Not Flaked in Official Hydrographic Chart.

FINEST SHIP EVER BUILT.

Cost Over Six Million Dollars—Was Launched at San Francisco July 15, 1896.

Washington, July 3.—The navy department entertains the gravest fears that the famous battleship Oregon, which is aground off How Ke island, will be lost to the navy. Secretary Long, however, hopes that the condition of the vessel is not as bad as the reports indicate.

The navy department is doing everything to send relief to the great battleship. Admiral Remy acted promptly. He ordered the Zafiro, which was at Chefoo, to proceed at once to the Oregon and the Iris has also been ordered to the rescue. The construction experts say that as the hull has been penetrated by a rock, many plates will be torn away if the vessel be dragged from her present position.

Although the place where the Oregon is aground is described as Pinnacle Rock, the official chart at the hydrographic office does not show any such rock in the Chang Shan channel, which is south of How Ke island. According to the hydrographers the Oregon was standing on about the usual, and no blame is yet apparently chargeable to Capt. Wilde.

According to Capt. Wilde the main injury is very serious. The main structure believe the rock on which the vessel struck near frame 30 has actually gone through the double bottom of the ship and projects above it. In case the vessel is floated she will be taken to Port Arthur or Nagasaki to be placed in dry dock. She cost the government \$6,575,032.75. She was put in commission at San Francisco July 15, 1896.

A Grub Stake

The New Denver, B. C., has penetrated the following in a recent issue: "Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight; make us all young again just for tonight. Let us forget what we ever were old; lived when our milk cows were butchered and sold, passed over the counter for a No. 1, bring me my gun, sir, bring me my gun. Take us once more to the days of our youth; do it before I have lost every tooth. Chewing up leather has shortened my years, darkened my pathway, bedewed it with tears. Shoot the old beef and cut her in halves, mother of sinners or twenty-five calves. Pitch the vile stuff in the deep burning lake. Give us some steak, O! give us some steak!"

The Weather.

The weather report from up the river stated that from Bennett to Whitehorse it was cloudy and cool, and from Whitehorse to Dawson it was clear and nice.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

New Goods

Tumbling in on us from every quarter. Both up river and down river steamers are busy landing bright, fresh, new, up-to-date merchandise at our docks.

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