

CAPE NOME RIVALRY THE KLONDIKE.

St. Michaels Highly Excited Over Richness of New Diggings.

Employees of the Big Companies Quit Work and Stamped for the Gold Fields—Pans Containing \$22 Said to Have Been Found.

The most important information contained in the late papers brought by Messrs. Chilberg and Bean is an account of a rich strike said to have been made on Snake river near Cape Nome. The following is from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of May 16 and details what was known of the new diggings on the outside up to that date:

Many letters confirming the report of intense excitement at St. Michael and the lower Yukon over the rich gold strikes at Cape Nome have been received on the coast. Several responsible communications have come to this city and were made public yesterday. They would seem to leave no doubt of the authenticity of the strike. "It rivals Klondike," is the prevailing tone of these letters.

Steamer captains on the Yukon are writing out for crews. Their boats are being deserted for the new mines and men are asking exorbitant wages for their work. Many employees of Alaska Commercial Co. and the North American Transportation & Trading Co. have quit work and stamped for the diggings, while those who remained have organized companies and sent in men on a grub stake. The little settlements at the mouth of the Yukon are kept in a constant flurry by the arrival of men from Snake river with wonderful tales of luck and dirty looking sacks full of gold dust to back their stories. Three who reached St. Michaels in January reported having taken out \$1,800 in six weeks, and reports of \$22 to the pan are common.

The gold discoveries and developments on the Snake river at Cape Nome bid fair to create an excitement rivaling that which carried thousands into the Klondike. The new district is heralded as a poor man's country, and from every point available prospectors are flocking there, filled with new hope in their quest for gold.

Official notification of the strike has been sent to the government bureau of information at Washington by William A. Kjellman, superintendent of the government reindeer station at Eaton, Alaska. The letter was seen in Washington by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, now in Seattle. It told of the rich find in placers at Cape Nome, and stated that the 25 Laplanders employed to herd the reindeer at Eaton had deserted him and gone to Snake river to take up claims. The dirt ran \$1.50 to \$2.50 to the pan, he said, and in his closing sentence he referred to the district as "another Klondike."

Cape Nome is north from St. Michaels about 90 miles, and the principal discoveries are 60 miles up Snake river on the tributary creek, Anvil. Companies operating steamers on the Yukon will put as many boats as needed to run from St. Michaels to Cape Nome and up the Snake river, or ocean boats will discharge cargoes and passengers at the mouth of Snake river to light draft steamers and barges. The river is navigable clear to the mines and beyond, and the country presents none of the obstacles which have made other districts in Alaska so discouraging to prospectors.

A letter from B. B. Earle, bookkeeper at Healy for the North American Transportation and Trading Company, formerly connected with the Great Northern here, to James P. Agnew, of this city, is of the same general nature as the others cited.

"St. Michaels at this time is all excitement, and every one that can get away is flocking up to the new Klondike. Two of our party leave tomorrow. Dogs cannot be had at any price. The large companies here are making arrangements to ship provisions on a large scale up there. I never saw such excitement in my life. News has already gone up the river, I understand, and business will be rushing in the spring."

Gov. Flower's Funeral. NEW YORK, May 14.—A committee from the Democratic Editors' Association, the board of directors from the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the faculty and trustees of the Flower Hospital and a committee from the Grand Lodge of Masons will attend the funeral of former Governor Roswell P. Flower, which will take place from St. Thomas' Episcopal Church tomorrow afternoon.

After the church service the remains will be placed in a special train, which is scheduled to leave for Watertown at 9 p. m. The burial will take place from the home of Mrs. J. D. Taylor, Mr. Flower's daughter. It was said today that the Mystic Shrine had tendered an escort for the body, but that it had been declined, the relatives and immediate friends of the family preferring as little display as possible.

Trouble in Idaho.

WARDNER, Idaho, May 14.—The crisis in the labor troubles here will commence on Thursday of this week. Should the period pass over quietly no more outbreaks of lawlessness need be looked for during the continuance of military rule. On the other hand, should there be any clash this week between the soldiers and the lawless element in the union, it is impossible to tell what bloodshed may occur. Thursday is the last day allowed under the recent proclamation for working miners to apply for permits to remain in underground employment. On that day the inspection of the mines all over the Coeur d'Alenes will commence. It will be a rigid examination, and it will be conducted both by the military and the authorities.

Every mine which on that day is employing men without permits will be summarily closed, its pumps drawn and a guard placed over it. Up Canyon creek, where none but union miners are employed, they still sullenly refuse to make application for the cards. In order to secure a permit the miner must renounce membership in the society "which has fostered or encouraged" the recent lawlessness in the district. The union is not named outright in the printed forms to which the applicant must subscribe. Only about a dozen from all the Canyon creek district have secured the cards. Of those who remain, many are determined to stick doggedly to the union to the last. Others are afraid to take out cards until after the end of the week.

Soldiers for Alaska.

Orders which indicate an indisputable intention on the part of the government at Washington to station a military force along the Yukon and to police the river on the American side, as it is now on the Canadian, have been received by Captain W. W. Robinson, Jr., assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., of Seattle.

Captain Robinson has been instructed to make preliminary arrangements for the transportation of 200 regulars, together with large quantities of supplies, including two portable saw mills, to St. Michael and up the river. Although this point is not definitely settled, it is probable that the expedition will start from Seattle and that most of the outfitting will be done there.

The detachment of troops will be commanded by Colonel Phil Ray, who will be remembered as having been sent into the Yukon in 1897 to investigate rumors of famine and to make a general report to the government upon conditions in the new gold fields. The soldiers are now at Washington, D. C., it is understood, and will probably arrive on the coast about the middle of next month.

The supplies Captain Robinson has been instructed to provide transportation for consist of five pieces of artillery, one year's rations for 200 men, clothing for one year for 200 men, two portable saw mills, general quartermaster's and subsistence stores and 100 head of beef cattle and pack animals.

Germany's Isolation.

That important changes in the game of international politics have transpired of late is evidenced in the dissolution of the famous triple alliance and the feeling of cheerfulness over the result shown by the late allies of Germany. La Patrie, an Italian paper of prominence, in an article headed "Dislocation a la Triple Alliance," says of it:

"King Humbert's speech was amicable, and Admiral Fournier's significant. He exalted the talent and clear-sightedness shown by his majesty's ministers in their conduct of public affairs, which meant they had done well to abandon Germany. The king replied by assuring France of his sentiments and cordial friendship. The language was praiseworthy in itself, but which proves Germany's ally has gone some way since he sent his son to inspect the fortifications of Metz. The German press notes this defection and with it the disintegration of the triple alliance. The play of politics is sometimes very curious. Two years ago German journalists were chaffing the splendid isolation of which discomfited Albion, in lack of anything better, was boasting. Now that a conflict brings Germany and Britain face to face, the former sees with anxiety that her allies of the previous day have deserted her, and the latter boasts this time of manning Germany with the support of the United States. But—who knows?—tomorrow perhaps the cards will be shuffled again."

NOTICE.

Sale of Town Lots. A public auction sale will be held at the Crown Timber and Land Agent's office, at Dawson, on Tuesday, the 20th of June next, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on following day, if necessary, when all the town lots in government addition and Klondike City not sold previous to that date, together with any improvements on such lots, will be offered for sale and adjudicated to the highest bidder.

The terms of sale will be half cash, and the other half in one year from the sale, together with interest at six per cent thereon. The lots which are not yet sold are the following ones, to-wit:

- 1. In Government addition to Dawson: Block C, lots 2 and 6. Block D, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Block E, lots 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22. Block G, lot 9. Block J, lots 8, 9, 10. Block K, lots 4, 5. Block L, lots 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Block M, lot 11. Block N, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Block O, lots 5, 11, 13. Block P, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26. Block Q, lot 14. Block R, lots 1 to 10, inclusive. Block S, lots 3 to 13, inclusive. Block T, lots 1, 2, 3, 24, 25, 26. Block U, lots 14, 15, 16. Block V, lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10. Block W, lots 2, 5, 13. Block X, lots 7, 9. Block Y, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10. Block Z, lots 1, 2, 14. Block 1, lots 4, 8, 12, 13. Block 2, lots 4, 5, 7, 8, 9. Block 3, lots 1, 2, 13, 14. Block 4, lots 6, 8.

- 2. In Klondike City: Block 1, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 17, 19. Block 2, lots 9, 17, 18, 19. Block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18. Block 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Block 5, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. Block 6, lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Block 7, lots 1 to 13 inclusive, and 15 to 54. Block 8, lots 1 to 25 inclusive, and 27 to 32. Block 9, lots 1 to 12, inclusive. Block 10, lots 1 to 14, inclusive. Block 11, lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8 to 14. Block 12, lots 1 to 3.

The size of these lots and the upset price at which they will be offered for sale can be known by applying at this office. Dawson, 1st May, 1899.

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