

"GRAVE IRREGULARITIES."

London Newspaper Man's Opinion of the Klondike.

He Says the Trails and Roads Are Abominable - The Royalty Designated as a Heavy Burden.

Seattle, Aug. 24.—The steamer Rosalie, from Skagway, on her last trip left two important passengers at this port, Mr. R. Azias Turreme, sent by the French government to report on the Klondike, and L. Marks, correspondent of the Financial News of London.

Mr. Turreme said: "I can only make this statement, Klondike is the richest placer country ever discovered. Its development is difficult. There are 2000 French-Canadians there. They have done well. French capital will come into the country after the exposition. I will recommend wealthy Frenchmen to invest in hydraulicking schemes."

Mr. Marks said: "I have prepared an exhaustive report on Klondike for my paper. I cannot disclose my information, therefore, except in a general way."

"I traveled through Kootenai and the Slocan country. The Slocan is marvelously rich. The vast wealth of Slocan was a great surprise to me. I cannot understand why British capital has not invested in those fabulous silver-lead propositions more than they have instead of letting Americans monopolize them. Klondike is among the richest placer diggings ever discovered."

"The royalty is a heavy burden on moderately rich claims. I understand the royalty collected was over \$1,500,000. I am convinced that not more than one-quarter of royalty due was collected, so obnoxious is it considered. The real clean-up must have been \$40,000,000 or more."

"There is no guarantee of permanency in Klondike placer claims. Now that the claims can be worked summer and winter, they will soon be cleaned up. The future of the country is in hydraulicking. In hydraulicking the government has almost a guarantee of permanency, but hardly yet are they warranted in building railroads. I may say in my opinion Indian river alone offers vast possibilities. On both banks, all from source to summit, there is gold, gold everywhere, for the taking. The ground is not rich enough for pan or sluice, but offers vast possibilities to capitalists."

"The Canadian government is open to much criticism from a Klondike claim owner's standpoint. They have been wicked in the government of the country. Trails and roads are abominable. I have been in all the big mining countries of the world and have seen nothing so bad."

"When Ogilvie came into power sufficient whisky permits were granted to raise a quarter million of dollars for trails and roads, but the Canadian government, seeming to think more of their political lives than of their duty, canceled these permits and handed them over to a few strong supporters, whose allegiance had to be paid for. As a consequence there is no money for roads and whiskey is 50 cents a glass, with every prospect of its going higher."

"There is no doubt that under the Walsh government, officialdom in the Klondike waxed rich. There were grave irregularities, but with all avenues of information at my disposal, I could not prove a single case of crookedness if I tried. At present there is a great deal of talk of crookedness and where there is so much smoke there is some flame, but it is chiefly smoke in this case, I think."

THE LITTLE WARS.

Mexicans Whip the Yaquis—Trouble in the Transvaal.

Potam, Mexico, via Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 24.—On Thursday General Torres gave the order to advance on Vicam

Three sharp engagements were fought before the troops succeeded in entering the stronghold. The Indians met the government forces first about half a mile from Vicam and fell back. They rallied again on the outskirts of the Pueblo and were driven in. The soldiers were advancing in the form of a half moon and when they reached Vicam it required a desperate struggle before the Indians were driven from their position. In the engagement two Mexicans were killed and 22 wounded, among the latter being two captains, Reynaldo Aportel and Aurelio, both of the Eleventh regiment. Forty Yaquis were killed and the number of wounded is known to have been heavy.

The Yaquis retreated in the jungle to the southward and were followed by General Torres, who overtook them again at a point about two miles below Potam. The Indians numbered about 700, while the general's command was about 1000 strong.

Cape Town, Aug. 24.—Although the cabled summary of the counter proposals of the Transvaal government to Great Britain's proposition is probably incomplete, it undoubtedly gives the general lines accurately.

The Mafeking Horse regiment is mobilizing rapidly. Several hundred recruits have arrived and have been equipped. Every train is bringing in fresh recruits.

Johannesburg, Aug. 24.—The field cornets are busy distributing Mausers and ammunition to the burghers. The exodus of miners continues.

Cape Haytien, Aug. 24.—Gen. Victoriano Torres, commander of San Jose de Las Matas, Santo Domingo, has declared for the revolution, and it is reported that Santiago has also pronounced in favor of the revolution.

The Modern Moses.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 24.—The Globe this morning, in its leader, advocates the nomination of Admiral Dewey by the next Democratic national convention. The Globe says:

"The hour has come and the man is here. Sailing over the sea from the Far East is the colossal living figure of American history, a man with a hand of iron, a heart of exquisite tenderness, a sense of honor which has led him through more than three score years along the path of eternal right; a man who knows little of politics, and has mingled less with politicians; a man who has decided the questions before him with the sword and the scales of justice with all necessary speed and with as much mercy as possible to the fallen foe."

"The Democratic party has but to make this man the magnet of the campaign on a platform of living principles, the central planks of which shall be death to the trusts and autonomy for the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. Upon this platform can stand the most popular man of the western hemisphere, the idol of the greatest nation on earth, George Dewey, hero of Manila bay, and Admiral of the American navy."

Under Martial Law.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Hilversum, 15 miles from here. Troops today are occupying the town. A mob yesterday evening, indignant at the suppression of a local fair, overpowered the police, paraded the streets, destroyed property and attacked the burgomaster's house.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—The disturbances at Hilversum, where martial law was proclaimed yesterday, continued last night. The mob stoned the troops, who are occupying the town, and cavalry charged on the rioters with drawn swords. Finally the infantry fired on the mob, killing one person and wounding two others. Quiet was restored at midnight.

Partner Wanted.

A partner for restaurant, with good business; small capital will do. Apply at Nugget office.

The Nugget Express will cash money orders issued by any of the outside express companies. Office in the Aurora block.

ALASKA NEEDS ATTENTION.

The American District Neglected by the Legislators.

Better School Facilities, an Improved Judiciary and a Local Form of Government Are Needed.

Seattle, Aug. 24.—Congressman Jones has returned from his Alaskan trip and suggests a number of improvements in social conditions for the territory. The school system needs overhauling, as does the judiciary of the territory. From what the congressman heard and saw while north he thinks the present school plan a shameful one. The people of Alaska are bitter against the missionary style in which the public school system is conducted.

Some system is needed that will recognize local needs and conditions and supply the white youth of the territory with better advantages than they now enjoy.

Expense of litigation is heavy in Alaska, and in consequence a great hardship is caused the poorer classes who cannot, on that account, always take their claims into court.

There ought to be not less than three district judges, instead of one, for the territory, according to Mr. Jones' way of thinking, and vested with authority. Appeals should be permitted from the United States commissioners to the district court and thence to court en banc. A form of local government that will permit cities and towns to make local improvements is needed with the burden of such improvements falling on the municipality.

The system of taxation needs revising, so that taxes may be applied to internal improvements.

Like most every other person who has studied the boundary question from the American standpoint, Congressman Jones says there should be no talk of arbitration, because there is nothing to

arbitrate. He says if he was the American officer in charge at Skagway he would plant the flag on the line and see that it stayed there.

Congressman Jones offers as a suggestion to the government that arrangements be made between the two governments of Canada and the United States that goods of both countries consigned through to the Yukon be permitted to pass through Skagway free of duty. This would give the customs departments less trouble and do away with much of the irritation and friction now caused.

Laurier Called to England.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 24.—In an interview at Charlottetown, Lewis H. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries in the Canadian government, and a member of the joint high commission, announced that he and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will leave Canada for England in a few weeks. It is believed that their mission will be to discuss the Alaskan boundary question and other matters at issue, before the commission with the British foreign office, to facilitate an amicable settlement of the whole matter. It is probable that Premier Laurier and his colleague are going at the request of Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies.

End of the World.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—Reports from Southern Russia say that the current belief on the approaching end of the world is causing a panic among the uneducated classes.

At Kharkova workmen are leaving in large numbers, wishing to spend what they consider their last days at their village homes. The factory owners have asked the police to stop this immigration in order to prevent the ruin of business.

How Is This?

Mr. Beall has established a dog livery stable, where dogs can be rented at the reasonable sum of \$1 per day, for dog and harness. This is a venture that will be appreciated by those who will only need the use of a dog team occasionally during the winter.

Reduced rates at the Cafe Royal.

B. L. & K. N. CO.

Steamers

Ora, Flora, Nora, Olive May,

... Don't Be Caught on Bars ...

Remember, the River Is Rapidly Falling

OUR BOATS ARE SMALL AND FAST ...

MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS THE BEST

Read Shipping News for Record Trip by Str. Flora.

Through Connections to Outside

OFFICE, OPPOSITE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Do You Want Job Printing?

If so The Nugget will furnish the highest class of work at the

LOWEST PRICES

New Machinery

New Type

New Paper Stock

CALL AND EXAMINE SAMPLES AND SECURE RATES.

Third St., bet. Third and Fourth Aves.