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LAPS ALL OUSTED

By the Senate's Amendment to Alaska's Civil Bill, Which Will Pass.

NO ALIEN NEED APPLY AT NOME

Laplanders Located All the Best Claims on Anvil Creek.

THE HAGUE CONVENTION.

Thompson and Hoshier Left Torrence His Clothes—Chief Stewart at Skagway.

Washington, April 10, via Skagway, April 16.—The senate amendment to the Alaska civil bill is that no persons, not citizens of the United States, will be permitted to locate, hold or convey mining claims in Alaska.

This amendment is especially directed against foreigners at Nome where, on Anvil creek, all the best claims were located and held by Laplanders who are not citizens nor have they declared intentions to become citizens. A strong protest was made against the amendment and in favor of the Laplanders, whom, it was said, had already invested \$300,000 on their claims and in mining appliances, all of which will be lost to them if the amendment passes. A lively discussion followed the protest, but the amendment is certain to pass almost unanimously.

Transgressors' Ways Hard.

Seattle, April 10, via Skagway, April 16.—J. B. Thompson, ex-chief of police of Tacoma, who with his nephew, Hoshier, was arrested for embezzling \$20,000 from George Torrence, gave the required \$10,000 bonds, but was immediately re-arrested on the charge of

grand larceny on which he was released on \$2000 bond. Hoshier is held on \$20,000 bond which Thompson is making an effort to raise in Tacoma.

The letter of credit which the two men are jointly accused of stealing from Torrence calls for \$60,000. They also took from him a promissory note for \$500, his railroad passes and all his private papers.

Hague Convention Ratified
Washington, April 10, via Skagway, April 16.—President McKinley has ratified the actions of the Hague peace convention in providing for universal arbitration in all international disputes, and in regulating the use of warlike instruments.

Chief Stewart at Skagway.
Skagway, April 16.—Chief Stewart of the Dawson fire department, reached here Saturday evening. He will go below on the first steamer.

Alaska in Congress.
House bill 9294 has an explanation of its provisions in a recent report by the committee, which says:

"Great complaint comes from Alaska of the abuse of the use of powers of attorney, or location of mining claims. The same criticism has occurred in other states and territories, but where the season of work is long, miners' meetings have been able to provide suitable rules as to the amount of work to be done, so as to compel locators to expend money on their claims or else abandon them.

"Under the general law in the absence of such legislation, an entire creek or gulch can be tied up from work by the powers of attorney. This method results in the holding of large areas for speculative purposes, without work, for a year or more after the location is filed. In a country where the period of actual work is so limited by the severity of the climate, this becomes a serious matter, and complaint in regard to these abuses seems to be quite general.

Regarding the limiting of placer claims, the committee has this to say: "The placer mining law now in force in Alaska is the same as that in force in the states and territories, but in the other localities the abuses of the privilege of locating claims without limit has been minimized. In Alaska, owing to the exceeding shortness of the season for work, the tying up of every creek and gulch by filing on which no work is required to be done for a year or more, has worked very greatly to the disadvantage of the bona fide miners. A few men will stake an entire creek or gulch and then go off and leave it, hoping that within the time in which they may lawfully do their assessment work, somebody else may work a discovery in their neighborhood and test the value of their claims without extra expense to themselves.

"The abuse is not local to Alaska, but with long seasons to work, the regulation by miners' meeting, organized in places so conditioned, fixes the assessment so as to prevent the abuse from becoming so very serious, but in Alaska the necessity for general legislation on this subject seems to be greater than elsewhere.

"Your committee is of the opinion that one claim on any creek or gulch is all that one miner should have in his own right, but that the original discoverer should have an extra claim. We, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill."

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

WATER FRONT

Arrangements Are Now Being Made for the Opening of Navigation.

A LARGE BUSINESS IS ANTICIPATED

By the Several Transportation Companies of Dawson.

MANY NEW IMPROVEMENTS.

Wharves and Warehouses Will Be Constructed to Accommodate the Growing Traffic.

It is expected that the amount of river traffic will be greater this year than ever before. The new gold fields at Cape Nome and the recent reports from the Koyukuk district have attracted the attention of many persons, who are now preparing to journey to these places on the Alaskan side. A number of people from the outside will pass through Dawson on their way to the new camps. This fact will have a tendency to augment the upper river passenger traffic. The steamboats on the lower river route will undoubtedly enjoy a most profitable business during the coming season.

The transportation companies are now preparing for the opening of navigation. The vessels are being repaired and wharfage facilities are being arranged for the transaction of the season's business.

Messrs. Chisholm and Edwards are making extensive improvements to the Aurora dock. The plans contemplate the most substantial and one of the largest wharfs on the water front. When completed, it will extend 75 feet from the bank into the river, and will be 100 feet in length. A warehouse 75 feet long by 75 feet wide will occupy the greater portion of the dock. The wharf will be supported at the southwest corner by a massive pillar constructed of heavy piling and filled with rocks.

The S. V. T. Co. have completed an extension from their warehouse on the west side of First avenue to the edge of the water.

Frank Kinghorn is preparing to enlarge the Yukon dock, and when finished, it will measure 25 feet wide and 100 feet long. A commodious warehouse will be erected at the west side of the building which is now used as an office.

Mr. Lindsay, acting manager of the Alaska Exploration Company, is constructing a wharf 50 feet in length directly opposite the company store. This dock will be devoted to the purpose of accommodating the passenger traffic. The A. E. Co.'s warehouses are situated at the north end of Front avenue, and there the steamboats will unload their cargoes.

The Ames Mercantile Company will build a wharf and warehouse 40 feet by 50 feet, opposite its retail store. Mr. Ames, who is now outside, may arrange to place several steamboats on the Yukon river route, to be run in connection with the mercantile establishment.

Dr. Yeamans, agent of the Empire Line, is making extensive arrangements for this season's business. The plans provide for a large dock, and a new warehouse. The latter will be 100 feet long by 25 feet wide. The shipyard of the C. D. Co., at West Dawson, is the scene of great activity just at present. The up-river boats are almost ready for the opening of navigation.

Meeting of Citizens' Committee.
An important meeting of the citizens' committee was held on Saturday evening. The unanimity of purpose and determination of the committee was well exemplified by the fact that eight of the nine members of the committee were present sharp at 8:30 p. m.

The taking of the census first came up for discussion, and as each member apparently knew of one or two isolated cases where a good voter had been missed by the enumerators, the committee decided to draw the attention of the public to the importance of each voter personally seeing to it that his name is on the census roll.

After all the members present had expressed themselves fully, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That we highly commend the efficiency, diligence, and fairness of the N. W. M. P. in taking the census now in progress; nevertheless as many persons live in cabins in which they are not present during the day, and others are absent from their places of business at the time the enumerators call, and again, others on the creeks live in secluded places.

Therefore, we urge that all persons in the Yukon territory see that their names are taken by the census enumerators and assist the police in their work; and especially do we urge that all British subjects in the territory see that they are enumerated as this census is being taken for the purpose of obtaining the number of voters in the territory, and will probably effect the question of representation both on the Yukon council and in the house of commons at Ottawa, and that the press of the territory be asked to co-operate with this committee in obtaining a complete enumeration of all persons residing in the Yukon territory.

A long discussion arose over what action the committee could take upon questions not directly affecting the right to secure representation on the council and in parliament. The action of the assistant gold commissioner regarding publication of proceedings in the office being the cause of the discussion.

The committee as a whole decided they had no jurisdiction to touch this matter any more than that of incorporating Dawson.

Mr. Woodworth pointed out that the committee took no action on the remarks and speeches of Messrs. D. C. Frazer, Maxwell and Morrison, M. P., on that very ground, while it was also shown that a resolution condemning Sir Charles Tupper's uncalled for attack on the Hon. Justice Dugas was overruled for similar reasons.

The committee adjourned until next Saturday evening.

No reply has yet been received from Ottawa to the people's petition, although outside papers of some time ago have articles touching upon the matter. It is felt certain that something will be heard by Saturday next.

As the month will be up since the last mass meeting and as the Sugrue-Clarke resolution is only laid on the table for one month, the committee will have to take steps to call another mass meeting to deal with this resolution.

A Crazy Plan.

Last night the police experienced considerable difficulty in arresting a man whose actions on First avenue evidenced an unsound mind. The name of the unfortunate individual is Santo Spado; he appears to be a native of Italy, and is about 35 years of age. The question of his mental condition will be determined tomorrow.

Good Whisky Does It.

"You will hear the merry laughter of women and the joyous shouts of happy children singing the 'Harvest Home.'" The Pioneer.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

Half interest in tundra placer mining claim two miles from Nome for sale. Inquire Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Two bits for joy at Rochester Bar.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

The Star Clothing House will have its first sale day on the 21st of the present month. Look for something to happen.

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BOERS BOLDER

They Are Harrassing the British on Every Side With Much Effect.

MUCH DISCOURAGEMENT IN LONDON

Efforts Are Being Made to Cut Off British Supplies.

ROBERTS REMAINS INACTIVE.

Boer Patrols Grow Bolder Each Day—They Reoccupy Paardeburg—Mafeking Shelled.

London, April 10, via Skagway, April 16.—Britains are now beginning, though very reluctantly, to realize that Roberts is in for a winter's campaign which may last for several months. This realization has dashed to the ground all high hopes and anticipation to which birth was given by his previous brilliant advance on Kimberley and Bloemfontein.

Boers on the Offensive.
Bloemfontein, April 10, via Skagway, April 16.—The Boers are making a mighty effort to surround Roberts in his laager. A large body of Boers are gathered at Danksport, 18 miles to the southeast, but just what movement they will make is not yet apparent.

Boers are also feeling along the line to the westward, a party of them having re-occupied Paardeburg. Their patrols are daily becoming more daring, several remounts on the railway having been fired on lately.

Roberts is still inactive, and it is thought he is quietly awaiting an opportunity for striking a decisive blow.

Two captured Boers assert that of the entire British column defeated at Reddersburg and taken as prisoners, only 50 men are unwounded, many of them mortally.

Today, the 10th, there has been fighting all day in the locality of Wepener, the Boers being on the offensive. In fact, the British are now being harrassed on every side, the object of the Boers appearing to be to cut off the British army from its source of supplies.

The last news from Mafeking was on the 27th when the town was being shelled by the Boers.

Weather Report.
The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 53 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 32 degrees above.

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