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MINER'S VIEW **OF KLONDIKE** 

Very Few Claims Have Borne Out Stories of Richness-Many Wild Cat Schemes.

Creeks Prospected Far Back From the Yukon Brought Very Small Returns.

(From the San Francisco Chronicle.)

Bear Creek (Klondike), June 17 .--Since my last letter the situation remains practically the same. The winter work is over, and there is no more theorizing or speculation as to the merits or demorits of the various claims which have been worked. During the past few days I have been to Bonanza and El Dorado creeks, and through acquaintances other than claim own-ers I have learned the true facts regard-ing the output of gold from a number of claims. You will pardon me if, as a practical miner, I do not give the numpractical miner, I do not give the hain bers of locations and the amount sluiced from each, for though I have data which would surprise many, yet I should consider it most injudicious to give them, from the fact that nearly every claim in this country is for sale, and I do not as a miner want the reputation of injuring any claim owner financially. In a general way, however, I can truthfully state that by Dorado, the cause of all this mad rush, has not, taken as a whole, nearly equaled the amount expected of it. Some claims on this enoch have barely naid expenses. this creek have barely paid expenses, and, with the exception of two or three claims, not one on the whole creek showed up as well for the amount of

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vork done this winter as last year. Bonanza is a bitter disappointment. In conversation with a claim owner will learn that the creek is "all t, but a little spotted of course," and that those laymen who worked all winter and now refuse to shuice their dumps, as they cannot make wages shovelling it into the boxes, are fools and did not work as they should. The laymen tell the truth, as a rule, and we find things are not what they seem. Fil Dorado and Bonanza creeks are now thoroughly prospected, and one can tell just about how much gold there is left. Prior to the season just new clos-ed comparatively little work had been ed comparatively infle work had been done on either. All other creeks are now in the embryonic stage Bonanza was a year ago. We hear big reports from Dominion and Sulphur creeks, lesser from Eureks, Arkansas and oth-ers in the same neighborhood. But lit-the work has yet been done on therd word tle work has yet been done on them, and we only hear of the big "prospects." Little or nothing is said of the holes Little of nothing is said of the holes down on these creeks that drew blanks beyond the bare statement that they were not on the "pay." These creeks may be as good or better than El'Dors ado, but this remains to be proved." One thing is noticeable, however, that all those who have property in that dis-trict are discussing of it as muldiat Ottawa. triot are disposing of it as rapidly as possible, the excuse being in most cases

that of ill-health and a desire to get out-

Everything is very much overestimated, simply because a few persons were fortunate enough to secure good property on El Dorado and Bonanza within a few months of their arrival. It is the height of folly to imagine that all can do so, yet with a supreme confiwho have locations which they wish to sell. It is the same old story. Last week I visited the hospital, a Catholic institution conducted by Father Judd, a dence, born of ignorance I have met chichacoes (Chinook for newcomer) loaded down like a pack mule with blankets, food, frying pan, stew kettle, pick, shovel, gold pan and axe on their way to El Dorado to stake a claim. So far the only arrivals are those from Wrangel, Dyea or Skagway, but when man of whom the Yukon is proud. The usual operandi is to purchase a ticket for a year for three ounces of dust, or \$31; then when sickness overtakes you you have a free home, board, lodging, washing and medical attendance. If you those from the outside by way of St. Michaels begin to flock in the situation may be grave. Fortunately most of those who have so far arrived have plenty of provisions and will be able to live next winter, but if this thing keeps up the United States relief expedition have no money and no ticket your wel-come is the same, and no distinction is made between the rich and the poor. Most of the frost-bitten patients up the United States relief expedition which was abandoned will be sorely now out, but scurvy, dysentery and a few cases of fever fill the wards to overflowing. Scurvy seems to be the most We prevalent, and somehow the doctors do not seem to be able to cope with it suc-cessfully. They are handicapped for the want of fresh vegetables, but it is a are told by the enthusiastic hordes that this country was never half prospected, but that we must go further back from the Yukon, and that even these cereks now staked have only been run over. This may be true. There is but one way to get to the Bockies, which known fact that people who try the home cure of spruce boughs and cottonwood bark get well sooner than these who become inmates of the hospital. One noticeable feature of this disease esem to be the goal of most who are now starting out, and that is to build a long, narrow boat, a double-ender, and to pull is that it seems to affect those who have up the larger streams or rivers, such as but recently arrived more than those Klondike and Indian. As these water- who have been in the country. Among ways have been open for years and men those in the hospital are two brothers of the name of Rice, who left San Franhave prospected on the bars with vary-ing results it would seem that there cisco when I did, where they formerly might be some country yet to be ex-plored, but when you have travelled miles away from the Yukon and have ran an express wagon. I counted a number of those whose faces were familiar, but whose names were unknown to me. To see these strong men helpspent days or weeks to reach a certain it is very disconcerting to read on less, without the power of locomotion and even unable to feed themselves is the first blazed tree you meet, "I claim the mrst blazed tree you meet, "I claim fifty five feet for mining purposes, J. Brown." Yet such has been my experi-ence, and that of others. The whole of the country for miles is staked, and the only new finds since last spring are Do-minion, and Sulphur, Victoria, a tribu-tary of Bonanza; Skookum galch (bench claims) and the new formers Descent an object lesson, and one which should be pondered over. Monders have died with this complaint, and others will be afflicted for years. HARKY HUNT. THE KLONDIKE HARVEST. Over Sixteen Millions Brought Out up to elaims) and the now famous French guich benches. There may be some others, but all creeks and all claims are the Present Time. rich until the truth is told, and it is not impossible that with the vast numbe of new creeks staked this winter a porto date, bringing in all a grand total of \$16,041,600 in gold and drafts. The list of "reasure steamers and the amounts of gold brought by each is appended: tion of them may prove to be good. Most of the articles that were published this winter in the papers, so far as I have been able to read, are fakes, rure and simple, and were inspired by pople who have just arrived on the orought by each is appended: Tug New England, July 3.....\$ Schr. Hattle J. Phillips, July 10... Str. Cottage City, July 16.... Str. City of Seattle, July 16.... Str. Tartar, July 17.... Str. St. Paul, July 17.... Str. Samoa, July 18... Str. Roanoke, July 19... Str. Roanoke, July 19... Str. Lame, July 20... Str. Tartan, July 22... Str. Farallon, July 22... Str. Garonne 1. pople who have just arrived on the coast from the interior of the Yukon. The reason for these exaggerated re-ports is not hard to find when one knows that the neuron methods in the thousand that the persons making them have batches of claims to sell on commission. Take, for instance, the accounts of the rich discovery on the benches on Skoo-kum guich. As a matter of fact there Faralion, July 22. Garome ... Charles Nelson, July 25... Rosalle-Athenian, July 26. Humboldt, July 27. City of Seattle, July 30. Cottage City, July 30. Discovery, Angust 1. Manauense, August 3. Treas 4 uponst 4. are not more than four, or, at the very outside, five claims on this bench, that can be considered as being extremely rich. Others back of them will pay, but when one has to sink forty or forty-five Str. feet to bed rock through gravel and will hoist more waste than pay, you, can readily see that things are not what Str. Str. Tees, August 4.... Dirigo, August 5... Str. they seem. Do not think that I am a misanthrope Total ..... Gold can see nothing in this country. Gold can be found in small quantities almost everywhere. Phenomenally rich Some time ago a little bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-rhoea Remedy fell into my hands, just at a time when my two year old boy was terribly afflicted. We had tried many remedies but to no ritmose but claims are only to be found in a few favored spots. Some of these have been found, others may be. The Klondike was terribly amicted. We had tried many remedies but to no purpose, but the little bottle of Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy speedily cured him.— William F. Jones, Oglesby, Ga. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver cline, but when the excitement is over and we get down to legitimate business principles again this country will not be so hard to live in as now; but at present rate charged for goods and ac-commodation one needs to be an El Dorado king to purchase anything. Vancouver. Dawson is growing extensively, but the buildings are chiefly frame struc-Mr. Cawker-But how do you know that it is a secret? Mrs. Cawker-How do I know? Why. tures covered with canvas. Tents everybody knows it's a secret. abound everywhere, and it is with difficulty that camping ground can be ob-Use Quickcure for Lame tained For a few days last week no whisky was to be purchased in town Back, Sprains, Strains, &c. and gambling was very quiet-in fact,

the town was nearly dead. On the 10th inst. a scow arrived with whisky, and all night there were as large crowds on the streets as during the day time. We have daylight during the whole 24 hours now and nearly all the travelling is done at all the scoutbar is good e at night, as the weather is cooler and the mosquitoes not so plentiful as in the day. Speaking of travelling re-minds me that I saw a man who is called Dawson City's most noted million-aire, "Swiftwater Bill," packing his out-fit on his back to No. 13 El Dorada, of which he owns a one-eighth interest only, and who to-day is as poor as any-one. He borrowed money last fall to concerned to pay \$25000 for

go out on and agreed to pay \$25,000 for the use of but \$10,000. His theatrical troupe are now to be seen in the dance halls waiting for some fools to dance with them at \$1.50 per dance. Others who were rich during their short stay in civiliation are now settling down

to their accustomed places and are no more sought after here than any other individual. The greatest anxiety is for means with which to get out of this means with which to get out of this country. The first boat to arrive here this sea-son was the May West, then the Vic-toria and the Portus B. Weare. The Victoria this year is to ply between Dawson and Pelly (Fort Selkirk), car-rying passengers and freight in connec-tion with the Dalton trail, where Dalton expects to run a pack train of 300 aniexpects to run a pack train of 300 ani-mals this summer. The North American Transportation Co. have made a rate of \$300 from Dawson to Seattle and 2 per cent, on all dust carried-baggage being searched-which is considered exorbitant. The first steamboat which came all the way down the Yukon was the Bellingham, which arrived on June 13th with four passengers and mail. She is a very small concern, but came through the Canyon and White Horse Rapids successfully. It is rumored that she is to be used as a tug to land, rafts at Dawson. Food is now more plentiful and prices are falling down, though and prices are falling down, though boots and shoes cost from \$10 to \$30 a pair. A large number of persons who have just arrived are selling out their outfits and are going down to St. Mich-

tels and home. The vexatious Canadian laws which are constantly being changed; the imare constantly being changed; the im-position of 10 per cent. royalty, which few claims can pay, and the vast amount of red tape that one has to sub-mit to, make mining as a business very tedious. For instance, you first take out a license at a cost of \$10. On the face of this you road that you are aptilled to of this you read that you are entitled to all the privileges of a free miner; to hunt, fish, to cut wood, to build boats, houses, etc. Yet when you purchase a lot in town and ask for permission to cut a set of house logs you are told that it will not be issued, but that permits have been issued to sawmill men and you must purchase logs from them. Most of the officials are openly declared to be incompetent. Open charges of bribery have been made. Unless we except Su-perintendent Constantine, Major Walsh seems to be the only official here who is able to thoroughly grasp the situation, and he seems to be years much hempered and he seems to be very much hampered in his administration. I understand he expects to leave shortly, his resignation having been tendered to the authorities

All mining business will be practically at a standstill this summer. Those who have summer diggings will wait to see what will be done regarding the royalty. Next winter wages will be lower and more ground worked than this, but the cream appears to be gone, and there will

be no more startling stories to be told. Since I commenced this I have talked with a man who spent the winter on Manook creek. It was rumored here last fall that the excitement was started to induce people who had no food to leave Dawson, and he confirmed it. He says very few made wages on that creek, and those who started big stories are those

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or this spring. The Harbor Crowded With Steam and Andree Pigeon Story Revived. Sailing Vessels Laden With That there is some foundation for the That there is some foundation for the report circulated along the coast last winter that a pigeon from Prof. Andree's party was killed in the north is verified by Beasley. He said that he did **not** de-sire to assume the responsibility for vouching for the story, except what he heard from the whalers themselves. Passengers.

Scores of River Boats Being Constructed-The Seashore Lined With People.

(From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

cial companies have built and equipped six magnificent modern river steamers. The Monarch, Captain C. W. Sprague,

late of the tug Sea Lion, owned by the Columbia Navigation Company, was the

first steamer built this year to start up the river. She made excellent pro-

miles from Dawson, on July 13, where

she got into the wrong channel and ran aground. The water was falling fast

The Sovereign, belonging to the same

panies have to overcome is the scarcity of competent Indian pilots. The old

companies have employed all the experi-enced men on the river, and the outside

companies are compelled to employ whomever they can. It is not difficult

to appreciate the obstacles to be over-come in this respect. The wages of In-dian pilots have advanced to \$15 a day, and in some instances to \$25. Up to

this season wood along the river sold for \$4, and now it is worth \$15. A mine

above Manook is selling a poor quality of steam coal for \$30 per ton. St. Michaels harbor and the island

ed gold seekers, whose stories of

have come here to take passage for the mines, and which results in many sell-

gress and reached the Yukon flats,

In March he crossed from the Siberian coast to Point Hope, where he met a large party of men from the whaling fleet at Point Barrow who were prospecting. They told him that in January couriers from the imprisoned fleet near an inlet of the McKenzie river arised at Point Bar. St. Michaels, July 21.-In the harbor of St. Michaels are thirty-five steam and sailing vessels, all heavily laden the McKenzie river arived at Point Barcaptains (Beasley says he thinks it was the captain of the Thistle, but is not cerwith passengers, general cargo and knock-down river boats. Several steamens are in port with large lists of pas-sengers who purchased tickets direct to tain) shot a pigeon bearing a message from Prof. Andree. The bird had alight-Dawson and other up river points and on arriving here learned that no ared on a yardarm, the report goes, when he captain shot it. It floated around the ship some time rangements had been made for their river transportation. The steamers insisted on landing the passengers on the beach, thus throwing them on their own re-sources. St. Michaels island is under

before it was picked up, when on one wing was found fastened an oilskin cap-sule containing a brief message from Anmilitary jurisdiction, and the command-ing officers refuse to allow such people dree, giving the date, longitude and latiand signature of the Arctic extude plorer. to be put ashore, and the result is that Not expecting to return so soon to the

Kotzebue sound either last season

there are four or five steamers in port Beasley did not note down the He says that a steam tender States, with several hundred passengers whom they are unable to land. data. which went north to meet the fleet will be due in San Francisco in twenty or thirty days, and will doubtless have full Scores of river boats are being con-structed, and for several miles around this place every point presents a lively ship building yard. The old line commerparticulars.

On the other wing of the pigeon was indelible imprint of Andree's name. Beasley said the story was generally believed by the whalers at Point Barrow, and that his informants were apparently men of integrity, and that he has no reason to surmise that they were mis-

Whaler Alexander May be Lost.

Grave fears are entertained for the aground. The water was failing fast and the latest information received by John J. Healey, which arrived to day, states that she is high and dry, and that so much time will be required to get her off and into deep water that it is doubtful if she can reach Dawson in time to return to St. Michael before the ice commences to run in September. The Sovereign belonging to the same safety of the steam whaler Alexander, of San Francisco. The whalers Bayliss and Karluk from the north of Bering straits, by F. W. Beasley, a prospector, under date of June 27, send advices that the Alexander was last sighted near Fox island in April in the Aleutian group. The Bayliss reports that the missing vessel was then in what might become a dangerous position. Her nose was well The Sovereign, belonging to the same company, which was built this year, left the middle of July. The steamers Rock Island No. 1 and Rock Island No. 2, also constructed this season, sailed a few days ago. The great obstacle that the new comout on the ice, but she was not thought at the time to have been in serious dan-The fleet proceeded north, and did not become alarmed until late in June. when the Alexander failed to show up. All the other whalers that were in the

vicinity of Fox island have reached Behring straits and reported. In the fleet the opinion was general that either and of the whole crowd there were hun-dreds, yes thousands, who had no busithe Alexander was lost or that she susness ever to go there. They are not adapted to the country, know nothing tained serious damage and was compelled to return to San Francisco for repairs. No indications of the wreck in the vicinity of Fox island have been reported at Dutch harbor or Unalaska.

In the latter part of June the Bayliss was at Pulver bay with six whales, the Karluk at Kings island with five whales, and the Jeanette at Norton island with three whales.

Raid on the Seal Rookeries

present a lively appearance. A forest of masts covers the bay, and the sea-shore is lined with people. Boats come in every day or two from up the river with scores and hundreds of disappoint-ed gold seators whose stories of ill Unalaska, July 25 .- Well founded reven, but in Alaska they will have to work and dig for all they get. Yes, it is a good country, and there is lots of gold up there, but it is such a new pro-position to the majority of tenderfeet who have rushed in there that they don't know how to tackle it, and in consequence get left. ports are in circulation that a concerted attempt will be made next month by a fleet of Canadian sealers to raid the rookeries on the islands of St. Paul and St., George. There is but one government vessel, the gunboat Wheeling, to guard Behring sea against pelagic sealing, and luck and hardships are vividly told in glowing colors to the multitudes that "I came down the river on the steam-er J. J. Healy and passed the river steamer Monarch on a sandbar. Her captain borrowed 300 feet of hawser the department has ordered her to visit the various fish canneries along, the Aling their outfits and returning to the States. Two hotels on shore are nightaska coast and see that the fishing laws are not violated. Around Unalaska and ly taxed to their utmost capacity in ac-commodating guests, and almost every craft in the harbor is utilized as a tem-porary hostelry. The news that no gold has been found in Kotzebue and Norton sounds too adds to the discour-Dutch harbor, where the larger portion of the sealing fleet rendezvous before the season opens, are over a score of vessels and it seems to be an open secret that

THE ROYALTY TAX.

are returning to the States. Beasley STR. DIRIGO ARRIVES passengers and freight, and board a large number of Lapl ers who were to take charge o ernment reindeer under Jackson's supervision. Major and some of his party who vived the Jane Gray disaster board the Del Norte, but it is "bable that the steamer is safe. She Brings \$200,000 in Gold Dust From the Land of Snow and long string of tows and was left at Juneau unfitted With the others she would slow time, and it is quite likel will be reported from Dutch Latest News From Ocean Fleet Lying at St. Michaels Waiting to

Nuggets.

Discharge.

Seattle, Aug. 5.-The steam schooner

Dirigo, in command of Captain Hall, ar-

rived from St. Michaels at 5 o'clock this

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Great Crowds in Dawson.

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Trouble at St. Michaels

The Progresso is anchored Michaels and appears to be a p fixture. The commanding off United States troops at St. which place is under martial fuses to allow steamboats to sengers unless they have rive tions at hand, but parties and \$200,000 in gold. The largest sums held by individuals were: H. Miller, \$70,000; Charles Moore and J. H. Brown, \$70,000 be-tween them and Captain E. W. Spencer, Portland, Oregon, \$40,000. This latter sum was not made in mining, it is said, but in steamboating. Moore and Brown are residents of Ontario, and Miller, resides in the East. Between the re-maining ninety-three men there was thousand pounds of provisions landed, if they are willing to chances of getting up the rive Under this exception the has gotten rid of some sevent sengers who had the required provisions and who hoped arrangeemnts for reaching Daw baance of her crowd are still and are reported as making life a deh to Captain Gilboy, who is unat

parties were laborers returning home. the majority of this \$20,000 was held return here with them. The National City is in almost as bad a fix as the Progresso. She has 100 paby two or three of the miners on board. There were twenty-seven persons on There were twenty-seven persons on board from Dawson, and of these there were many who had gone in over the Skagway trail last winter and never stopped, but just kept right oh down the river until they reached St. Michaels, and there boarded the Dirigo for home. Thirty-nine of the Dirigo's passengers sengers and no river connections, and it is thought that she will steam for San Francisco will all of them. These two boats are the only of are really in any serious trouble sent, as the others are gradully workin out of their difficulties and will soon ge

were workmen from Unalaska, where they had been employed by the Alaska The steamer Tillamook reached Commercial Copany, and thirty-one were laborers who had been working at Michaels in such fine condition with tow that Captain Doran is reporte Michaels. Il these men had the savings from have been presented with \$500 owners of the tow as a reward their labors of the winter, but as there was no way of estimating these amounts, the estimate above made of the quantity of gold simply includes excellent seamanship. At one was 1,000 miles out of his course ply because he had let his tow prevailing gale instead of steam against it with the those sums known by the officers to be in the possession of bona fide Klondikers boat. The Tillamook left St. Mid before the Dirigo and had on board J. H. Brown, of Midland, Ont., who is sixty people for San Francisco, in charge of the Johnson-Locke one of the mort fortunate of the Klon-dikers on the Dirigo, made the following

pany. The steamer Noyo is all right. All her statement this morning: "I went into the Klondike country a passengers have been landed and star ed up the river except about ten, an her captain was about closing arrange ments with one of Mayor Wood's rive ther than that I must decline to talk about myself, but I will tell you this-when I left Dawson on July 14 there were about 30,000 people in the town, boats to take those ten to Dawson. H expected to accomplish that by the 25t of July, and to sail on that date this port.

The Grace Dollar arrived at Michaels right and left for Kotzebue Sound. The Brixham began discharging her cargo at St. Michaels on July 22nd. The Laurada commenced discharging on July 21st. The South Portland arrived at St.

about mining or prospecting, cannot stand cold weather, and are to-day condemning the country for their own fail-ings. They expected snow crystals to Michaels on July 22nd. All the boats of the Boston & Alaska turn into gold or diamonds at their ma-gic touch, and thought that by wading Transportation Company arrived at St. Michaels safely with their tows. The steamer Rival is waiting at St. Michaels for the Monarch to come back from egts like children gather pebbles from a brook. Well, they may do that in Hea-ven, but in Alaska they will have to

Dawson. The steamer Conemaugh charging her cargo on July 23rd and should be back here in a very few days. The schooner M. M. Morrill arrived at

Dutch Harbor in safety. The Alliance, Captain Hardwick, was about ready to leave, and the officers of Dirigo think she got away abou the July 24th, for this port. She should ar-

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agement of the general multitude. Miners Imprisoned in Siberia.

F W. Beasley, ex-county assessor of Miles City, Mont., and Louis Spitchit, of San Francisco, have just returned cutters, they declare, seems to imply from a prospecting tour along the Si-berian and Alaskan coasts in the vicin-

ity of Behring straits, embracing a per-iod of nearly fourteen months. iod of nearly fourteen months. They travelled over 300 miles of shore For several years past both the United States and the British governments have maintained fleets in Behring sea, and by line in the vicinity of East Cape, Siberia, and penetrated the interior 200 a strict police patrol system have enforced obedience to the regulations governing sealing. This year there is practically no surveillance exercised. The officers of the Wheeling, unlike the commanders miles and were within 100 miles of a convict settlement, where they met a Russian commissioner who warned them to leave the country under penalty of imprisonment. The officer told them of the cutters, are unaccustomed to the that the laws strictly prohibited prospecting on Russian soil. Six men, four Englishmen and two Americans, who little or no difficulty in raiding the rookeries. In August and September dense persisted in violating the law in 1896, fogs usually envelop the seal islands, and vere arrested and sentenced to a term a distance of sixty miles from the lawful beasley made diligent inquiry, but was of imprisonment in the Siberian mines. who have been in the country. Among unable to obtain any information as to run up to the islands under the cover of the identity of the imprisoned men, or the particulars of their trial. The Rusdarkness and in a single night slaughter from 100 to 500 animals. In past years sian incidentally said that they were found prospecting for mineral, were arthe islands have been raided in that man-St. George's ner, rugged and presipitons character, pre-sents splendid opportunities for adven-tures of this kind, more particularly in thick weather. Both St. Paul and St. rested, and at their trial were committed to a term of imprisonment in the Si berian gold mines. He refused to give their names, assigning as a reason thick weather. Both St. Paul and St. George islands have few government offithat such publicity was strictly prohibited by the Russian government, and he adcers, lessees and employes and a couple of hundred natives, but this force is invised Beasley and his companions that were they detected in the act of pros-pecting and on trial found guilty they adequate to frustrate a well planned raid. The officers themselves expect that. would be liable to suffer imprisonment. the laws will be flagrantly violated un-They took the hint and returned to Amless the cutters are sent up to render erican soil.

patrol service. The plan of branding female seals, The commissioner, in explaining the Twenty-two vessels have arrived with gold-laden miners from the Klondike region to date, bringing in all a grand total of \$16,041,600 in gold and drafts. The list of brought by each is appended: manner of working the Siberian mines, government officers say, is proving a suc-cess. Those branded last year are returning to the breeding grounds. The work of branding will be continued this year. W. J. JONES. 75,000

powder and pick. One shaft has fol-lowed the pay streak down the bed of an old river to a depth of 700 feet below the surface. Most of the claims, he added, We trust that the Dominion government will not allow itself to be bullpaid from 18 to 20 rubles to the man, Between 7,000 and 8,000 convicts are lected from Klondike miners. Nothing naid from 18 to 20 rubles to the man,

No Gold on Kotzebue Sound. The prospectors then crossed the straits to Kotzebue sound and the Golovin district. In the former place met a well equipped party of fifty-five men from the whaling fleet, wintering

at Point Barrow. They had thoroughly prospected the Nootok and Kootok rivers, as well as other streams emptying into Kotzebue sound. They found nothinto Kotzebue sound. They found noth-ing but flour gold, and nothing worth

staking Beasley met several old Montana prosster Columbian. pectors with whom he was personally ac-quainted, and who, after having pros-

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers, and others whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carer's Little Liver rills for torpid liver and billousness. One is a dose. Try them. pected the creeks pretty thoroughly, were convinced that gold in paying quantities did not exist, and were returning to the tates.

Beasley's party then proceeded to the Golovin district and visited the scene of all the reported diggings and did not find any claims producing more than one cent to the pan. On Ophir creek they pros-pected twenty six claims, including Dis-covery claim and not a pan full of grand covery claim, and not a pan full of gravel

was found with more than a few colors. This last information is verified by nu-For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best merous other disgusted prospectors, who

from the Healy and expected to get the Monarch off in a short time. She was all right, and has probably reached Dawson before now, although the wa-ter is lowering rapidly all the time. in the event of the animals being scarce in the proscribed zone allowed for seal-ing nurnoses the containe contemplate of there just as fast as and barges were badly needed. ing purposes the captains contemplate are flocking out of there just as fast as raiding the rookeries. The absence of they know how; some are starting out

a prospecting, and others to tacit invitation to invade the sea and kill claims they have purchased. A big repular remedies, but are also the test the seals wherever they may be found. No Patrol This Year.

believe there will be much suffering at St. Michaels this winter unless the government sends some reliet to the crowds who are drifting there, penniless and already hungry. "Yes, I am going back, for I have

large interests there that need my perpatrol system, and the sealers anticipate sonal supervision, and I will return to Dawson as soon as I have visited my relatives in the East."

The Dirigo's Fine Voyage. Purser W .C. Sammons, of the Dirigo, Purser W. C. Sammons, of the Dirigo, states that she arrived at St. Michaels with ninety passengers on July 15. She had been chartered by the "Swiftwater Bill Company"—the California-Alaska but they slipped up on their contract, and Mr. S. J. Kimball, the owner, sent island, owing to its her north after making arrangements to have the river steamer James Eva take

have the river steamer James Eva take her passengers up the Yukon. But the James Eva, which was in tow of the National City, was lost, and it was ne-cessary for the Dirigo's officers to "dig up" to get their crowd north. This i they did, and transferred the entire lot of ninety passengers to the Rideout, which went up the Yukon with them. The Dirigo got away from St. Mich-aels on July 23 and made the run down in about 12 days, which shows her to be remarkably fast for a yessel of her type

remarkably fast for a vessel of her type. She is a fine steam schooner, ably of-ficered and carries 24 passengers in addition to a large amount of freight. She will now ply between the Sound and Lynn canal ports under the direction of Charles E. Peabody, the well known manager of the Alaska Steamship Com-

pany. That Fleet of Moran's.

Purser Sammons states that steamer South Portland reached St. Michaels on July 22 with her tows in good condition, and her captain report-ed passing eleven river boats in a place Between 7,000 and 8,000 convicts are employed in the mines. After prospecting all summer and find-ing splendid surface prospects, Beasley and his companions returned to East cape. The country is wild and rugged and devoid of timber, oil being used ex-clusively for fuel. No Gold on Kotzebue Sound. about \$1,000,000 of royary to put against the cost of governing the country. Remit this \$1,000,000, and what is the result? The taxpayers of the Dominion generally have to bear just that addition-to Durch Harbor. Although they kept generally have to bear just that addition to Dutch Harbor. Although they al burden. We repeat there is nothing a lookont for the river fleet they at burden. We repeat usere is housing in the whole list of Dominion taxation fairer than this royalty. Every tax-payer in the country should support it. The abolition would be merely a conces-sion to those "grabbers" who wish to by the storm encountered by the South Portland and Dirigo. exploit the country's resources for their own exclusive benefit.—New Westmin-

It is expected that the steamer Alliance, which should arrive to-morrow morning, will have definite news regard-ing this greatly advertised fleet, which has been reported wrecked so many times

Has There Been a Great Disaster?

A great deal of uncasiness is felt regarding the steamer Del Norte and the schoner Louise J. Kenney, both of whnch are long overdue at St. Michaels. The Dirigo's officers report that they have seen nothing of them whatever, and grave apprehensions is felt regard-ing them. The Louise J. Kenney left here on June 20 and the Del Norte on June 25. Both were heavily loaded with

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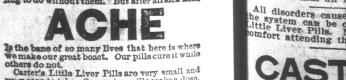
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