

## ALASKA BONANZA COMPANY

Raided By Chicago Police as a Bogus Concern.

Claimed to Own Sections of Valuable Claims at Nome—Charged With Fraud.

The books, correspondence and papers of the Alaska Bonanza Mining, Trading & Transportation Company, rooms 52, 53, and 54, 84 Adams street, Chicago, were confiscated by the police Saturday afternoon. W. W. Steinmat, manager of the company, was arrested and taken to the Harrison street station charged with "obtaining money under false pretenses."

Chief Kipley ordered the arrest on the complaint of bondholders that the company failed to pay interest promised on investments. Thousands of circulars offering to prospective bondholders inducements to "get rich quickly" were taken by the police.

According to the Tribune the company claimed to own thirty-five gold mining claims near Cape Nome. Sources of profit to the stockholders were to be in the development of these claims and the transportation and sale of general supplies to miners now located in the "gold fields." The company advertised the possibilities of "phenomenal fortunes" in the scheme. Pictures of nuggets weighing half a pound were sent to prospective bondholders, with the announcement that the company's claims were the richest in Alaska. The value of the bonds, it was claimed, would increase during the present year twenty times.

Through literature the company is thought to have secured 25,000 subscribers to stock. The bonds were sold on a "profit sharing" basis. They were issued in denominations of \$5, payable \$2.50 down and \$2.50 at the end of one year. Seventy-five per cent of the net profits of the company were to be paid to the bondholders as dividends.

The officers of the company are: G. B. Moore, president, Pittsfield, Mass., and George Sutherland, secretary, Chicago. The company was organized in 1897. During the last two years the company claims to have sold \$200,000 worth of bonds, mostly in single shares.

Although the company claims to have been paying dividends of from 3 to 5 per cent, many complaints were made to Chief Kipley that the investments were profitless. Warrants for the arrest of the officers were issued two weeks ago. Efforts to find them were futile, and a warrant to search the offices of the company followed.

When Detective De Roche entered the office he told Manager Steinmat and the six office girls to surrender the effects of the company. Steinmat refused. A detective was placed on guard at the door and De Roche, with three other policemen, threatened to break open the desks. Soon after W. K. Haynes, attorney for the company, entered and demanded to see the search warrant.

The detectives carried the effects to the station without showing Mr. Haynes the warrant. The attorney threatened to complain to Chief Kipley. He said the confiscation was made without due process of law.

"This company has been doing business for three years without molestation," said Attorney Haynes. "It has paid every bondholder dividends. Our company is chartered under the laws of this state."

"The police have scores of complaints against the company," said Detective De Roche. "We have evidence enough to put it out of business."

### Outrages in China.

A recent Washington telegram says: Consul Fowler has included in his annual report published by the bureau of foreign commerce of the state department, a short chapter devoted to the missionary troubles in Shantung and Northern China. He says:

"Since Christmas there has been nothing but trouble. Riots, murder and acts of the most diabolical nature have been committed upon the native adherents of the missionaries. The situation grew so bad that the Germans sent inland a strong military force, burning down one or two villages and taking back with them several of the leaders of the villages as hostages for future peace."

"On several occasions Americans and Germans escaped by diplomacy and pluck. The indemnity for these outrages has just been paid, and now the whole western part of the province is in a ferment and much care will be

necessary to pass the winter without the loss of foreign life.

"Several causes for this change can be found. The floods and famine naturally raises disturbers in all lands. The governor, who so successfully kept the peace, was removed and the present incumbent is known to be opposed to foreigners and things foreign, and when the governor is hostile one can count on local officials being the same."

"There was one noble exception. The official at Ichatu did all in his power at great personal risk to protect the lives and property of our fellow countrymen in that city. While suppressing open riot and anarchy (native children were being burnt alive), he caused the death of some of the cutthroats by ordering his soldiers to stop the tumult, and for this he was cashiered."

The consul says that the American population in the provinces has increased from 165 to 250 in one year, most of whom are connected with the American missions. Much trouble and inconvenience, the consul says, would be saved if the various mission boards supplied their missionaries with passports especially in Port Arthur and Russian territory.

### OTTAWA'S SUFFERERS.

Women, men—oldies, youngies  
Makers and breakers of the law!  
Your pity for the destitute,  
The fire-despoiled of Ottawa,  
Your mercy for the homes laid waste!  
Your terror for the fire fiend's night  
Which, without even discerning grace,  
Sent babies, homeless, into the night.  
The hard earned, harder saved reward  
Of years and years of patient toil,  
In ashes lies upon the sward,  
And but the flames may claim the spoil.

Little ones orphaned, sob for their mothers,  
Wives, newly widowed, ben fit of their homes,  
Dry eyes, maybe hungry, are husbands and brothers,  
Beconider, enrich now the earth with their bones  
Friends, from far Ottawa, miles, miles, from here,  
Born on the night air, clear, strong and true,  
(With a moisture that comes from many an eye's tear)  
A cry for your help reaches from them to you,  
For the sake of the mothers, the sisters, the wives,  
The little ones homeless and houseless by night,  
For the peaceful future of all of their lives,  
Aid us in making their burden more light

Then over the far reaching vastness of space,  
The thought, comfort laden shall bear back  
The world after all is a very small place  
Our pity is deep, our sympathy strong,  
From Dawson, hemmed in by the coldest of foes  
Unsubservient 'till almost to nature's own law  
We reach forth warm hands with something enclosed  
To lessen the suffering of thine, Ottawa.

### REQUIESCAT.

Cover them over, yes cover them over!  
Father and brother and husband and lover!  
Shroud them in flowers, these dead heroes of ours,  
And cover them over with beautiful flowers.  
—MARTIN TRACIE.

### Capt. C. L. Hooper Dead.

Oakland, Cal., May 10.—Capt. C. L. Hooper, of the United States revenue marine service, is dead from a complication of disorders. He was stationed on this coast for many years, and had commanded the United States cutters Corwin, Bear, Rush and other vessels.

For several seasons he was in charge of the Bering sea fleet. He commanded the cutter McCulloch, in Manila, after the victory of Admiral Dewey. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged 60 years.

### News From Ketchikan.

The latest copy of the Seattle Times to reach Dawson contains the following letter from Ketchikan: Mrs. Coster, formerly of Bennett, will erect a two-story building on Front street for a hotel and lodging house. The site, which was sold her by Mr. James Campbell, is one of the best in town.

A number of persons interested in the Copper Mountain mining property are in town preparing to commence work on a large scale. The property is said to be a veritable mountain of ore, averaging well enough to pay. We are informed that this fine property was sold last year to a company represented by Judge Mellen, of Juneau, for \$60,000 cash.

The customs house is now here, with officers installed; but there is a question as to whether it will remain or not. A good many people from Juneau, Douglas Island, and other northern ports, are located here.

It is reported that the Alaska Steamship Company has purchased a controlling interest in the Ketchikan town site, with a view of improving the same.

It is the consensus of opinion that there should be some move made to get a daily mail here. There are plenty of steamers running to supply such a service, and it would be a great improvement on the unsatisfactory method in vogue here now. Sometimes citizens here are obliged to wait several days, and in a late case of steamers breaking down, they were obliged to wait nearly a week for papers and letters.

Building is still going on, and new faces are seen on the streets every day. Last week several real estate deals were consummated, mostly in business lots. J. P. Smith & Co. moved into their new building on Front street today, and have one of the best appointed meat

markets in Alaska. They are justly proud of their new quarters, opposite the Saratoga restaurant.

The local "school marm," Miss Edmunds, gave a very pleasant social at the school house on last Thursday evening.

The hotels here are pretty well filled.

The opening of the fishing season will start the new canneries, and shipments of canned salmon should be extremely large.

The general health of the people here is good, as this is a healthy climate.

### Canadian Tariff Rates.

The announcement of a further increase in the Canadian preferential tariff in favor of the United Kingdom as against the United States and other parts of the world gives especial interest to some official figures of the imports of Canada from the United Kingdom and the United States, respectively, during a term of years, which have just been issued by the Canadian government and received by the treasury bureau of statistics. The Canadian tariff, it will be remembered was in 1897 so adjusted that the duty on articles entering Canada from the United Kingdom was made, beginning with April, 1897, 1 1/2 per cent less than the rates from other parts of the world. On July 1, 1898, this reduction in duty in favor of the United Kingdom was increased to 2 1/2 per cent, and now it is announced that on July 1, 1900, the reduction will be increased to 3 1/3 per cent, or in other words, that articles imported from the United Kingdom and certain of her colonies will only be required to pay two-thirds of the rates on articles imported from the United States and from other parts of the world.

Up to this time the preferential rates made in favor of imports from the United Kingdom have not apparently had the effect of materially increasing imports from that country or of all reducing those from the other countries adversely affected by this reduction. The Canadian official figures show that the imports from the United Kingdom in the fiscal year 1896, the last year under the rate which was uniform for all parts of the world, were 31 per cent of the total importations, while those from the United States formed 50.8 per cent of the total importations. In 1899, under the full effect of the 2 1/2 per cent reduction in favor of the United Kingdom, imports from that country formed only 24.8 per cent of the total imports of Canada, while those from the United States formed 59.2 per cent, the proportion of the total which was taken from the United Kingdom having thus materially fallen under the new preferential tariff, while the proportion taken from the United States had materially increased.

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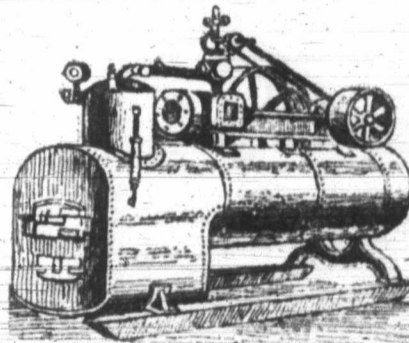
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