

May Affect Gold Output

Claim Owners of Yukon Report Their Inability to Obtain Mining Machinery.

Danube Returned This Morning—One Passenger's Big Wallet of Yellow Dust.

Following close on the announcement that the Vancouver Island Coal Company's mines at Nanaimo are about to be closed down because of the strike at San Francisco comes the news from Dawson to-day, via the steamer Danube, which arrived this morning, that because of the labor troubles all along the coast claim owners are having difficulty in securing machinery for the greasing and increasing demand in Dawson for all kinds of mining machinery, and with many of the mills of the coast shut down Dawson claimants are unable to supply the demand. William Dougherty, manager of the McDonald Iron Works, is authority for the statement, and is now on his way south in the hope of securing machinery to meet the demand.

"Never before in the history of the Klondike was there so much machinery at work on the creeks as the demand so great for work." Dawson claimants would be troubled to supply this present demand if the ships were running on the coast, but with most of them tied up by strikes here no hope of doing so.

"Every creek in the Klondike has double the number of steam plants at work this summer than last, and a good boiler is at least one-third more machinery at work in the Klondike this year than last and a demand for two-thirds more." The Danube left Skagway last Monday after waiting in port for 30 hours in the hope of securing a load of passengers. In this, however, she was unsuccessful, but three having taken passage on her for Victoria. These were W. Westberg, J. Hobson and W. H. Evans. The first named is a Dawson stevedore, who has come to Victoria to market his gold, of which he had some \$10,000.

Late arrivals from Dawson all say that there will be heavy travel to the outside before snow flies. They form their opinion from the fact that the past season has been a most successful one and from the fact the summer this year has been the working season, and that the spring will now come in the fall. Favorable reports continue to come from the Big Salmon district.

T. T. Cole, a new arrival from the district, in speaking of the country, said: "Big Salmon is all right. It is not a big Klondike, but there are paying properties there and my partner and I have some."

convenience. It is thought that Sergt. Tweedy will be exonerated. "As a convict for the past two years and a half, Hessler has been under charges of Sergeant Tweedy, and it is easy to understand how a deadly animus may have arisen for his jailer, and now that he has left the country he has sought to injure him by this means.

The sergeant's friends seek off in the idea of obtaining any evidence in an affidavit of the character of this one, and sworn to by such a man as Hessler.

It is said Tweedy is but little better than an idiot, and his place is in a home for weak minded people, rather than in a prison.

The Treadwell mines will, before January 1st, have 4,000 tons of gold being rock blocked out and standing as a reserve, with which to feed the 880 stamps.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENES. Tenth Annual Convention to Be Held at the Terminal City to-Morrow—Victoria to Be Represented.

The Victoria delegates to the 10th annual convention of the Epworth League and Sunday School Association of the Methodist church of British Columbia, which commences to-morrow at Vancouver, will leave on the Charmer in the morning. The convention will be held in the Homer Street Methodist church and the programme follows:

- Wednesday, August 14th. 10 to 11—Meeting of executive committee. 11 to 11:45—Address of welcome; appointing committees; receiving reports standing committees. Wednesday Afternoon. 1:30 to 2:00—Devotional service, conducted by Princess Street League. 2:00 to 2:30—Paper, "League Finances," C. E. Robson, New Westminster. 2:30 to 3:00—Paper, "Social to Save," William Jones, resident Wallace street League, Nanaimo. 3:00 to 3:30—"My Idea of a Consecration Service," J. D. Lewis, Victoria. 3:30 to 4:00—"The Discipline of the Methodist Church," Rev. R. Whittington, D. D. 4:00 to 4:30—Reports by second and fourth vice-presidents. Wednesday Evening. 8:00 to 8:15—Song service. 8:15—Scripture lesson and prayer. 8:30—Address.

In the St. Germain district I am told that Peter and Caranagh, owners of discovery on Livingston creek, were averaging \$800 to \$900 per day, and that some \$1,500 had been taken out in a single day, \$700 of which had been picked out of the gravel previous to being run through sluice boxes.

Several letters have come to the post office for Williams, and although he has not been to the post office since the fatal night.

As Williams was drinking hard and was about town with Gray, they may both be drowned.

Bridges For North Arm

Government Will Call at Once For Tenders For Their Construction.

A Record Year in Public Works—Road Superintendent Killen's Good Work.

Yesterday Reeve Rowan of the municipality of Richmond was in the city, the objects of his visit being to deposit with the government the debentures which that riding is holding with the treasury to indemnify the government for the work of building the new steel bridges over the north arm of the Fraser river. The debentures extend over a period of 40 years and the sum of \$1,400 will be available yearly in revenue to the government for maintenance.

This is the final step to be taken by the municipality to make the appropriation of last year for what Thomas Kidd, M. P., P., lobbied so persistently and so successfully, available. The government will at once call for tenders for the construction of new bridges over the Fraser river, which will be completed this fall, including the steel swings which will be necessary to install at some points.

The bridges have been in an unsafe condition for some time, and the course of the government in taking over the bridges will be hailed with a great deal of satisfaction.

The present year is going to be a record-breaking one in regard to the amount of money expended in public works throughout the province, but particularly in the matter of bridges. The principal bridge of the Fraser river, which is estimated will cost about \$500,000. This bridge is under the immediate supervision of Engineer Waddell, who has already selected the site and who is now conducting the preliminary borings with a view to obtaining soundings for the sub-structure. It is expected that rock will be encountered at less than 100 feet, and this will be drilled for some distance to make a safe bed for the concrete. It is thought that this will be practically completed by the end of this month and the actual work of construction will then be undertaken.

The span will be 2,200 feet and will touch the shore on the city side at the Crescent and on the opposite shore at Brownville. A grade of about 4 per cent will be employed in constructing the approaches, which, so far as the Westminister side is concerned, will be from Front street.

Under the Westminister bridge, which is the largest of the group, is not only the one that will occupy the attention of the department. The North Arm bridge, which will be referred to above, will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000, and although they may not all be completed this year, sufficient will be done to make the arteries of trade over these waters perfectly safe for public traffic.

The bridge over the Fraser river at Chimney Creek, Cariboo, to which reference is made in a previous issue of the Times, is another of the important works which the government will grapple with at once.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE.

Coroner's Jury Attributes Sergt. Meades' Act to Temporary Insanity.

The inquest held into the circumstances attending the death of Sergt. Meades, of the R. G. A., which was held at the naval hospital, Esquimalt, at 4 o'clock yesterday, resulted in a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane being brought in. The evidence taken was chiefly that of fellow soldiers of the deceased, who all testified that he was an unfortunate fellow had complained of headaches and of sleeplessness. To Gunner Williams he had complained of family troubles in England, and to Gunner Parsons, who was the last to see him alive, on Saturday night he complained of a pain in his head and asked for a glass of water.

No other evidence which would serve to elucidate the mystery surrounding the sergeant's death was adduced beyond that of the coroner, Dr. Hart, who is also surgeon-major to the forces at the hospital. On the evening of his drinking last winter and had not consulted him since until a few days ago, when he complained of insomnia and asked for some sleeping powders.

The jury consisted of John Day, foreman; John Isbister, James Isbister, Fred McAdam, John Cleave and G. Jacques.

Sale Not Completed

Negotiations Still in Progress For the Purchase of the B. C. Iron Works.

As mentioned in last night's Times, the speakers' and platform committee have decided to hold His Worship the Mayor, H. Dallas Heintzen, M. P., Rev. Elliott S. Rowe and Messrs. Maxwell and Smith, M. P.s; J. H. Hawthorthwaite, M. P., P., Robt. MacPherson, M. P., P., and the presidents of the Vancouver and Nanaimo Trades Councils to deliver addresses. Of those above mentioned, already Rev. Mr. Rowe and Messrs. Maxwell, Smith and H. Dallas Heintzen have consented to give speeches on the occasion.

A discussion took place on the question of where and when the meeting was to be held, being brought up by a letter from the Rev. Mr. Rowe. After the question had been fully discussed it was decided, on account of those present being to come before the meeting was to be held, to put the question to a vote. The result was that Monday evening was chosen the time for the speech-making, while the Victoria theatre will be the place for the delivery of the addresses.

On Monday evening those who do not wish to listen to the speakers will have the opportunity of enjoying dancing. The next business to come before the meeting was that of the mobilization of the military forces in the city on Labor Day. A committee was appointed to do what was possible towards having the rate of the mobilization changed. This was done as it was the opinion of the majority of those present that if the event was held on the same day as the celebrations it would interfere with the rate of the mobilization.

THE LADNER TRAGEDY. Chinese Gambler Says His Partner Offered to Pay \$200 for Two Men's Lives. Ah Woocay, a Chinese gambler of Ladner, was on Friday committed by Magistrate Pittendrigh to stand trial as an accessory before the murder of Ah Dam, Xing Yoo and Chin Quin for which terrible crime, committed at Ladner on the night of June, Ah Quong was arrested. The story is that Ah Woocay planned the crime and bargained with Ah Quong to pay him \$200 for doing the killing.

The Coming Celebration

Preparations For Labor Day Almost Completed at Meeting of General Committee.

Speeches to Be Delivered on Monday Evening at Theatre—Other Business.

The general committee of the Labor Day celebration held a meeting last evening in the Pioneer hall for the purpose of making final arrangements and also to receive and consider the reports of the sub-committees.

After some alteration of the finance committee's report with regard to appropriations was received and adopted.

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At the Pioneer hall last evening a joint meeting of the finance, sports and parade and grounds committees of the Labor Day celebration was held. Among the business transacted was the arranging for the prizes for the parade as follows:

- Business float—1st, \$40; 2nd, \$30. Representative trades union float, representing calling of unions followed the prize, \$50, donated by Messrs. Heintzen, Hall and McPhillips; 1st prize, \$25. Typical dressed union—1st prize, \$25; 2nd, \$15. Strongest union, numerically—Three prizes of \$15 each—one to the union of 50 members, one to the union of 25 members or over, and one to the union up to 25. Sustained character—1st prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$7.50 (special), donated by Thomas & Grant, is kind. Two prizes for the best decorated team (union dress)—1st prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5. The programme of sports has been finally arranged and includes in all some 32 contests, for all of which prizes are offered which will ensure races of excitement and interest. An effort has been made to have a contest for men belonging to every trade, and, as well as being by the appended programme, that who had the arranging of the programme have been eminently successful in their aim. Besides contests for the different trades, races have also been arranged for married ladies, girls and boys. Bicycle races of a mile and a quarter of a mile are also scheduled to take place.

The programme is one calculated to ensure the success of the afternoon at the Caledonian park, as the events have been arranged so that all may take part and see a thoroughly enjoyable time.

- One hundred yards race—1st prize, value \$10; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3. Boys' race, 8 to 12 years—1st prize, value \$8; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3. Molders' race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$2. Two hundred and twenty yards race—1st prize, value \$12; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$2.50. Miners' race—1st prize, value \$7.50; 2nd, \$5. Married ladies' race—1st prize, value \$8; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3. Bicycle race, quarter mile—1st prize, value \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.

Canoeing and rowing will be done at the Caledonian park. The list of events with the value of prizes offered are as follows:

- value \$5; 2nd, \$3.50. Ladies' race, single—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$2.50; 3rd, \$2. Quarter mile—1st prize, value \$7.50; 2nd, \$5. Army and Navy race, 100 yards—1st prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2. Army and Navy race, 220 yards—1st prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2. Wheelbarrow race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$2. Printers and Pressmen's race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$1.50. Clunkers' race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$1.50. Painters' race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$2. Longshoremen's race—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$2. Marine Firemen's race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$2. Hop, Step and Jump—1st prize, value \$5; 2nd, \$2.50. Girls' race—1st prize, value \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1. Boys' race, 12 to 15—1st prize, value \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1. Fat Man's race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$2. Obstacle race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$2.50. Bicycle race, 1 mile—1st prize, value \$10; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3. Police men's race—1st prize, value \$4; 2nd, \$2. Bicycle race, boys—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$2. Carpenters' race—1st prize, value \$5; 2nd, \$2.50. Teamsters' race—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$2.50. Shipwrights' race—1st prize, value \$2; 2nd, \$1.50. Boiler-makers' race—1st prize, value \$5; 2nd, \$3.50; 3rd, \$2.50. Machinists' race—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$2. Street Car Employees' race—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$2.50. Stonemasons' race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$2.50. Tailors' race—1st prize, value \$5; 2nd, \$3.50. Bandmen's race—1st prize, value \$3.50; 2nd, \$1.50. Marine Engineers' race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$1.50. Committee race—1st prize, value \$3; 2nd, \$1.50; 3rd, \$1.

Icarus For Panama

Cruiser, Now in Esquimalt, Making Preparations to Sail Friday Morning.

H. M. S. Grafton Will Succeed Warspite on Station—The Shearwater Coming.

Several important changes affecting the movements of the Pacific squadron were learned of in Esquimalt this morning. One of the most immediate interests is the fact that the Icarus, the only man-of-war now in port apart from the torpedo destroyers, is soon to take her farewell departure from this station. She has received instructions to proceed south at once, and as her commission has about expired she will not return to Esquimalt.

Her orders are to sail from here at 8:30 o'clock on Friday morning and to call only at San Diego on route to Panama. There she will relieve the Phaeton, now on her way north, and which was at Aepulco three days ago, and remain in port until the trouble which has broken out again in the south has been settled.

The Icarus has already commenced to make preparations for the voyage south. A number of time-expired men from the flagship, which is now at Comox, arrived on the torpedo destroyer Sparrowhawk this morning and will be sent home on her way north, and which was at Aepulco three days ago, and remain in port until the trouble which has broken out again in the south has been settled.

Another of the changes referred to above is that of the Warspite going home and a fine large cruiser coming out from England in her stead. Her commission expires on the 14th of March next, but long before that date she will have sailed from here. According to the arrangement made, she is leaving in January and will meet the new flagship either at Coquimbo or at Sandy Point.

Her successor on this station is to be the first-class cruiser Grafton, a vessel of 7,350 tons, now on the reserve fleet at Portsmouth and recently of the China station. She is very much like the Royal Arthur, which the Warspite succeeded as flagship, but is an improvement on that vessel inasmuch as she is considerably faster, her speed being officially given at 20 knots. She was launched in 1892 and cost £251,851. She is 309 feet long, 60 feet beam and 23.9 draught. Her armament consists of 29 two-inch and 16 six-inch quick-firing guns, 12 six-pounders, five three-pounders, seven machine guns, four torpedo tubes and two submergence torpedoes. She carries a complement of 500 officers and men. She will go into commission about the 21st of January, so as to give her crew the advantage of Christmas leave ashore.

AWAITING AN ANSWER. No Reply Regarding N. A. T. Company's Offer Yet Received From Ottawa.

The negotiations going on with regard to the marketing of gold of the N. A. T. Co. in this city has created uneasiness in Seattle which has hitherto been the beneficiary of the company's operations. The Sattle P-I. interviewed Secretary Snowden, of the N. A. T. Company, in regard to the matter.



SHIPPING. In Tacoma, as in Victoria, where a portion of her cargo had to be discharged, members of the Longshoremen's Union did not refuse to handle the freight of the steamer Umatilla, although that vessel was manned by a crew of non-union men shipped at San Francisco. The steamer is to call here this evening on her outward voyage to the Golden Gate, and will receive as passengers Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. McQuay and two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Stainer, Miss S. Crane, Mrs. T. K. Horner, Miss M. Snailer, W. Watson, C. B. McNeil, John G. Cheney, Miss Broderhead, A. P. Allan and B. T. A. Robinson. Since the outbreak of the strike at San Francisco the movement of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s boat have been watched with the utmost interest by merchants of this city, who have had to depend on her to a great extent for their supplies. The announced departure of that City of Puebla got away for this port from the Bay City last evening at 6 o'clock will therefore be a matter of some interest. The steamer Umatilla, the ship carries a non-union crew.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. The hydrographic office of Port Townsend gives notice that Capt. J. T. Walbridge commanding the U. S. Gunboat reports the existence of a wharf known as Beaver Creek wharf, on the west side of the point forming the northwest extremity of Northwest bay. From this wharf all produce is shipped to market by the neighboring farmers.

Northwest bay is reported a good shelter from southeast winds, and the inhabitants state that a strong northerly wester does not blow here. Approximate position of Beaver Creek wharf on H. O. chart No. 1,455, latitude 49 deg. 19 min. 00 sec. N., longitude 124 deg. 14 min. 37 sec. W. The wharf is 14 m. long, 3 m. wide, and is marked by a black spar buoy moored in 24 feet on its northern edge, with a depth of 13 fathoms close outside. The shoal spot, four feet, is 200 feet southward of the buoy.

REDUCTION IN RAILWAY RATES. A slight but nevertheless promising change has been made by the West Coast railway towards reducing rates. Coupled with the announcement that an extension of the through rates will prevail after the 23rd of August, a new local tariff for White Horse is issued. This tariff raises the rate on small shipments, which are under 10 tons, but on shipments amounting to from 10 to 25 tons there is a reduction of \$2 per ton, and for 25 tons and over a reduction of \$6 per ton. The railway company evidently anticipates a considerable September business as a result of the low water prevailing on the lower river, and the prospect that not more than one round trip will be made by many of the steamers from St. Michael. Shippers are the gainers by the reduction in rates, as the transport from White Horse down, and thus averting any chance of having their goods lost by arranging for the transport by water up there by such blockades as have occurred in other years on account of

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