

MORE SUITS ARE FILED

Against the White Pass Railroad by Many Victoria Shippers

LEGAL LAW IS RELIED UPON

Win the Claims Now Lodged Against the Company

CASES ARE PROVEN

Damages May Be Awarded on Three Times the Amount of Loss Sustained.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Writs were filed Dec. 11 against the British Navigation Co., otherwise the White Pass and Yukon Route, to test the legal standing of shippers of goods and passengers who have paid rates...

tariffs are not the real rates, as everyone knows. Rebates of varying sums are always given. They are so arranged that the permanent shipper is given something of an advantage over one who only patronizes the line occasionally...

There are three divisions on the road—from Skagway to Summit in States, from Summit to Pennington in British Columbia, and from Pennington to Whitehorse in Yukon territory. The rates in all except the latter are subject to approval.

It is impossible to draw any comparison between rates in Alaska and rates in the United States or Canada. Rates are higher, population is scarce, we handle freight only one way and have practically no intermediate stations...

DEFENDS ITSELF.

White Pass road in a long connection to the Seattle press... The figures shown in our...

The Ladue Assay Office

is prepared to Assay all kinds of Rock. We have the finest equipped assaying plant in the Yukon Territory...

The Ladue Co.

WELL, HARDLY.

Washington, Dec. 14.—W. C. C. Georgeson, special expert in the U. S. agricultural department, reports officially that Alaska will soon be an important contributor to the American supply of wheat for export.

CANAL PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The committee on interstate and foreign commerce has reported favorably on the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal.

EMPIRE HOTEL

The Finest House in Dawson All Modern Improvements. R. J. MORGAN - J. F. MACDONALD



(GULLIVER) DAWSON:—"IF I HAD SLEPT MUCH LONGER THESE LILIPUTIANS WOULD HAVE HAD ME TIED FAST."

TWO REPORTS SUBMITTED KILLED ON CHECHACO HILL

Schley Court of Inquiry Could Not Agree—Admirals Benham and Massey Censure While Dewey Exonerates—Says Schley Deserves Credit for Victory of Spanish.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry has been issued, one finding being signed by Admirals Benham and Ramsay, and another, largely dissenting, by Admiral Dewey. The majority report severely condemns Schley on 11 points, chiefly regarding coal and reports of his search for Spanish vessels...

A lamentable accident occurred in the Andrew & McGraw claim on Chechaco hill yesterday afternoon which resulted in the death of one man and the narrow escape of two others. Shortly after 3 o'clock Chas. Nelson, P. A. Strong and another whose name could not be learned were at work in the tunnel through which the claim is worked...

A BLOW BACK.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The tribor commissioners have refunded to W. J. Connors \$47,000 of his deposited guarantee to complete a million bushel elevator at a certain time, which contract Connors was unable to carry through.

BOY KIDNAPPED.

Buffalo, Dec. 14.—Walter H. Bruner, the 16 year-old son of a Buffalo fireman, was abducted by five tramps and forced to beg for them. He escaped and sought protection at the hands of the Batavia police who returned him to his home.

TO HELP RUSSIA.

New York, Dec. 15.—Owing to objections by France to supplying the total of her desired loans—forty million pounds—the United States will probably supply half the amount.

DURRANT WITNESS.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Adolph Oppenheimer, who was an important witness in the Durrant case, was shot dead tonight at a shooting gallery for stealing \$7.50.

EXPERT PACKERS.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Expert horse and mule packers are being engaged in the Kootenay country for service in South Africa.

TO RESTORE RANK.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Hale has introduced a bill to restore the rank of Vice Admiral in the United States navy.

MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

As the Nugget goes to press this afternoon a report was telephoned to police headquarters that a man named Slater had shot himself dead, the scene of the tragedy being near the Klondike bridge. The deceased was found in his house lying on his bed, with the weapon of destruction lying near at hand.

Will Be Decorated.

St. Paul's Episcopal church will be prettily decorated for the Christmas holidays, the Ladies' Guild at a meeting held last night having concluded to take the matter in hand.

TODAYS COURT

Magistrate Macaulay's court this morning presented something of the appearance of a court of 900 years ago when dark brown tastes were up in bunches.

When Recollections of Halcyon Past Were Revived.

The first case today was that of D. H. Sanders who, not content with getting drunk, must needs get out on Third ave. at 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning and yell like a Comanche Indian. As it was his first offense he was let off with \$1 and costs.

TEMPLEMAN OUR FRIEND

Says Yukon Will Have Representation in Parliament. Victoria, Dec. 14.—Senator Templeman, president of the British Columbia Liberal Association, in an interview today, said: "In a short time the Yukon territory will have representation in the Dominion parliament. The people of the Klondike are entitled to a member of their own and the Dominion government will certainly give them one."

TO COLLECT POLL TAX

Skagway City Attorney Is Bringing Test Case. Skagway, Dec. 16.—The city attorney is entering suit to enforce the payment of poll tax under the law.

the first case of the kind ever entered in an Alaskan court by a municipality. The city will also take steps to enforce the payment of delinquent property tax.

IN MANURE HEAP.

Paris, Dec. 14.—In the chamber of deputies today regarding the case of Socialist Professor Herve who was removed from the chair of history in the college of the Sons of France because of virile anti-military articles...

RUSSIAN AID.

New York, Dec. 14.—Harry De Windt who is preparing here for an overland trip from Paris to this city, is promised active assistance by the Russian government which will have reindeer and dog teams awaiting him in the most hitherly and remote districts of Siberia.

FROM MISSOURI.

New York, Dec. 14.—Edison discredits Marconi's report of transatlantic communication, saying the signal letter "S" is a very easy one on which to be fooled.

NEW YORK FLOOD.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 14.—During the past two days floods have wrought damage in this locality to the amount of \$500,000.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

Fancy Xmas cards, exquisite designs—Kilgore & Landahl's

GOVERNMENT STANDS PAT

The White Pass Railroad Must Come to an Understanding. The government will certainly give them one.

FREIGHT TARIFFS NOT APPROVED

And All Charges Are Therefore Collected Illegally.

NEWELL REFUSES TO TALK.

Vice-President Is Mute When Asked to Discuss Pending Suits—Railroad Will Try to Bluff.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Vice President Newell of the White Pass road at Ottawa today declines to discuss the company's tariff or the outcome of suits now pending as the result of rates heretofore prevailing. Reports from Ottawa, however, state that if the government insists on cutting down the rates over the Canadian portion of the line the company will adopt the expedient of imposing higher through rates...

NOT SO HERE.

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—Extreme cold paralyzed the Westera and Southern states. In the Panhandle district of Texas thousands of head of stock have died. In Chicago many persons have perished from cold.

MORE RECRUITS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—If transport accommodations are available, two more squadrons will be recruited in Canada as soon as possible for service as mounted rifles in South Africa.

AWFUL DEATH.

Whitney, Ont., Dec. 15.—Isaac Wards, an aged man employed in Kings Bros. & Co's tanery, met an awful death yesterday by falling into a vat of boiling water.

MORE SMALL-POX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Frank Nichols, a telephone lineman, is the latest smallpox victim.

COMING TODAY

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Duke of Newcastle is here on his way to British Columbia and Dawson. Job Printing at Nugget office.

OUR BIG 50c Window X-Mas Bargains Never Seen Before in Dawson in China Cups and Saucers, Plates, Bon-Bons, Pin Boxes, Bisque Figures, Useful and Ornamental Bric-a-Brac, All Newly Decorated in Newest Designs. ONE WEEK ONLY McLENNAN, McFEELY & CO., Ltd.

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