

MINERS AND GOLD.

Big Party Arrives From the North on the City of Seattle Last Night.

Delegates Appointed at a Meeting to Go to Ottawa Among Last Night's Arrivals.

Frank Slavin Says He Has a Good Quarts Claim, but Not the Mother Lode.

Provisions Must Be Rushed to Dawson Early in Spring or There Will Be Suffering.

From Saturday's Daily. Forty-five returning Klondikers, with anywhere from one hundred thousand to one million dollars in dust and drafts, according to the men interviewed, started the city last evening, arriving on the steamer City of Seattle. A great many of the new arrivals are men who have secured claims and are down to sell them or for capital to work on, or for a new outfit. There are also among the passengers Mr. A. E. Willis, Mr. M. Lander, and Mr. B. J. Livernash, the delegates appointed by the miners to proceed to Ottawa and interview the government respecting the mining regulations. Dr. Willis was the last of the delegates to leave Dawson, he having started on December 10th, while Mr. Lander left three days earlier. Mr. Livernash has, according to all accounts, come by the zig-zag route from the interior, he having started from Dawson weeks before the delegates, and he has been in interview with Major Walsh, who is still at Big Salmon, respecting the administration of the Yukon. The amended regulations seemed to meet with the approval of the delegates, and, in fact, all the miners but the delegates preferred not to discuss them.

Perhaps among the arrivals on the Seattle not one has as good prospects of becoming a millionaire as has Frank Slavin, the ex-pugilist. The trip to Dawson has changed Slavin in many respects. He seems bigger than ever in his picturesque Arctic costume, and is the picture of health. Unlike his former manager, Joe Boyle, who came out with "Switwater Bill," with a great blow to the company, Slavin has little to say about his prospects. He has got some good "lucer property," he said, "and I located what some have been pleased to call the mother lode, but which is really nothing more than a good quartz ledge; but, then, again, I haven't got my fortune yet; what there is, still in the ground. No assays have been made of the quartz lead located by Slavin, but the naked eye discloses great quantities of gold in the blue decomposed rock. The lead was traced for six miles, crossing Gold Bottom, Sulphur, and Harker creeks. Slavin and his party located six claims of 1,500 feet each, which they will work as soon as Slavin returns with the necessary machinery.

All the claims are being worked now, but it is hard to say how they will turn out, as very little has been done. Labor is not any too plentiful. Mr. Slavin says he having had considerable difficulty in getting two men to go to work for him. The trip out was not such a difficult one until they reached Mile river, which was reached. Here the men had to do considerable travelling in very cold water. Part of the mail which was stalled with Major Walsh at Big Salmon had been pushed as far as Five Fingers, and there were good prospects of getting there. Major Walsh is exceedingly hopeful of being able to make a start within a few weeks, but Mr. Slavin does not think the reinforcements, which started from the lakes, will be able to get through. All along the route men started late in the season for Dawson are making their winter quarters, those in the vicinity of the Hootalinqua employing their time in prospecting. The winter is said by men who know the country to be an exceedingly mild one, but even at that it is pretty cold. Like all other practical men, Mr. Slavin says the American relief expedition can never get through to Dawson. There is no animal living, he says, that can draw more provisions than will feed himself and master over that rocky route, and besides there is no need of the attempt being made.

Mr. Slavin will remain here several days, proceeding then to Ottawa, where he has business to attend to, then to Pittsburgh to buy the machinery to work his quartz claims and back to Victoria to re-outfit, as he intends to return to Dawson on the snow and ice. He will also have made here, or make it himself, for he is a wheelwright and blacksmith by trade, a "short" sleigh. The long ones, he says, are continually getting into trouble. Other Dawsonites who arrived on the Seattle were Jim Dougherty, known as "Nigger Jim," who sold a sixth interest in three claims on Bonanza Creek for \$61,000, investing half that amount in other claims; Myrtle Dunn, who won fame and fortune in a Dawson music hall; Fred Stevens, of Toronto, who sold the Opera House property to Mr. James Macaulay after having cleared a round ten thousand out of it; A. S. Jenest and Messrs. Hyde and Bennett, who came out with Slavin; Dr. Max Schumann, who has been to Klondike gathering data for the Smithsonian Institute; Gordon C. Bettles, of the Alaska Commercial Company; W. C. Banks, who has been investing in Klondike claims; Max Newbury, the New York Herald's artist; Emil Stofan, who cleared \$40,000 out of the Dominion saloon and has also some claims; Thomas Fox, of Seattle; George Apple, a dentist, who has made a fortune working at the trade; George Miller, who took in 1,000 shags; and Lee Pate, who has come down for a new stock for his saloon and restaurant.

There were also three Victorians on the Seattle, H. W. Moore, ex-provincial constable of Sidney, who has been on the way since October 28, being delayed by illness; O. H. Van Millingen, formerly secretary of the Union Club, and

WILL NOT DO.

This Is What Dr. Mills Says of the Amended Mining Regulations.

Dr. O. E. Willis, one of the delegates appointed to go to Ottawa and interview the government in respect to the mining regulations, was shown a summary of the amended laws. The miners, he said, would not be satisfied with these, but further than that, he said they would not discuss the subject. After resting for a few days the delegates will leave for Ottawa.

Dr. Willis has been in the Yukon country for three years, and the present condition of the food supply, he says, is the same as always has been. Every spring there is a certain shortage, and it may be a little worse this year, but not much. There will be some suffering from scurvy on this account, but no actual starvation. The relief expedition proposed, he says, is a wild scheme. There is no possible chance of it reaching Dawson until the river opens. The Mounted Police, under Inspector McGregor, are making very slow progress, despite their thorough equipment, and if they get as far as Big Salmon, they will do well. The only way to relieve the little distress there will be in the spring, will be to take supplies over the ice to Lake Le Barge and rush them to Dawson by the first water. This would place fresh supplies in Dawson towards the end of May until which time the present supply will last.

It is possible that Major Walsh will go through to Dawson himself, said Dr. Willis, but he will not take a party with him, as there are only just enough provisions for the officials who are now there.

Every creek in the country is being staked, even where there are no prospects, the owners expecting to be able to sell the claims to men who will put their money into anything with which the name of Klondike is mentioned. Dr. Willis left Dawson on December 16, his being the last party of those which have arrived to start. He does not think that many more men will come out until the river boats commence to run next summer.

LIVERNASH A HOODOO.

Every Time He Comes to Town the Telegraph Wires Go Down.

Either the telegraph wires have a great objection to carrying E. J. Livernash's stories for the San Francisco Examiner, or that gentleman is a hoodoo. He has been to Victoria twice, both times when there was plenty of news to send out, and each time the wires have gone down immediately upon his arrival. Last evening he arrived on the City of Seattle with enough stuff to fill his two papers with scare heads for a week, but the wires had hardly had time to recognize his lurid yarns, when crash! and it was "off" for the night and has been "off" ever since. Those having business to transact by wire are considering a proposition to bonus Mr. Livernash to keep out of town. It would not take much as he dislikes the Victoria telegraph wires as much as the wires seem to dislike his stories.

A STEEL TRAMWAY.

To Be Built by a Victoria Syndicate Around White Horse Rapids.

Another of the passengers on the steamer City of Seattle was Mr. N. D. Macaulay, of this city, who has been as far as the White Horse Rapids, where a Victoria syndicate which he represents is building a steel tramway, but on both the canyons and the rapids, in fact the work is already well under way, thirty-eight men at present being engaged. Another crew of ten men will leave for the scene of operations early next month. The tramways are in a sense marine railways, the cradles on which boats and scows, carrying as much as ten tons, can be placed and taken overland around the dangerous part of the river. At first it was proposed to build a pole tramway, but on account of the prospective heavy traffic it was considered cheaper to put down steel rails. Mr. Macaulay says he will be able to handle 500 tons a day, and that he will carry freight from Dyea to the foot of the rapids for 50 cents a pound.

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ABANDONED THE SHIP

The Willapa Finds a Deserted Vessel While Returning from the West Coast.

The British Steamer Commonwealth Abandoned by Her Master and Crew.

Broke Her Shaft and Drifted Towards the Coast of Vancouver Island.

The C. P. N. Co. Claims Heavy Salvage for Services Rendered To Her.

From Saturday's Daily. The West Coast of the steamer Willapa to the West Coast are usually devoid of interest, but that from which she returned yesterday was an exception. On her way back the British steamer Commonwealth, 3,353 tons, was found in Nootka Sound with distress signals flying and not a soul on board, the captain and crew having deserted her. She had broken her tail shaft and lost her propeller on January 2, while 600 miles from Portland, where she was due before January 10, her charter expiring on that date. After her mishap she drifted about the Pacific until, being blown into the Cleveland towards the Western shores of Vancouver Island, she found anchorage in Nootka Sound.

Captain Foot, of the Willapa, got his first intimation of the abandoned steamer from the Indians at Hesquiat on Wednesday afternoon, who reported that a "delate hyas steamship" was lying at the other side of Nootka Point, and that "her men had all gone away." Captain Foot immediately proceeded to the point. It was dusk when he sighted the deserted steamer, which was rolling considerably in the heavy sea then running. The Willapa whistled for a considerable time, but there was no response from the steamer. It was too dark then to make out her name. Captain Foot satisfied himself that no one was aboard of her and then proceeded to search for the captain and crew. About this time, Mr. Luckvitch, the storekeeper at Hesquiat, Captain Heaton and several Indians arrived, but none of them had heard anything. They were found later in the evening at Friendly Cove, where Captain Foot went in the hope of meeting them. They had arrived there on the preceding day.

Capt. James, the master of the Commonwealth, and his crew were taken on board the steamer Willapa at the next morning that vessel returned to the big steamer. The weather having by this time moderated, the captain and a portion of his crew were put aboard. They got up steam on the donkey engines and after raising their anchor, passed a short distance from the steamer, where they were met by the crew of the Commonwealth. The captain and crew of the Commonwealth were taken on board the steamer Willapa at the next morning that vessel returned to the big steamer. The weather having by this time moderated, the captain and a portion of his crew were put aboard. They got up steam on the donkey engines and after raising their anchor, passed a short distance from the steamer, where they were met by the crew of the Commonwealth.

During her stay in Nootka Sound one of the cables of the Commonwealth parted, and she was unable to get under way. She was then towed to the shore by the Willapa, and she must have met with disaster. She is now, however, safely anchored, and a number of her crew in charge of her.

This morning the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company the owners of the Willapa, laid a claim for salvage on account of the services rendered by their ship, the amount claimed, it is said, being \$100,000.

Captain James, of the Commonwealth, says she was proceeding in water ballast to Portland, orders from Kobayashi, all went well until January 2nd, about 60 miles from her destination, when the tail shaft broke and her propeller was lost. She then began to drift, and for fifteen days floated about, being ultimately carried to Nootka Sound.

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sa Sound, where she dropped her anchors on January 17th. The captain and crew left her in the boats, going to Friendly Cove. They remained there until Wednesday evening last. Captain James says he made arrangements to tow his vessel to anchorage at Sidney Inlet. Captain Foot denies this. As to the reasons why he left his ship with all his crew, not leaving a watch on board, or what he intends to do in consequence of the capture of the Commonwealth, he says he will not answer any questions. He has retained Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken to look after his interests, while Messrs. Bodwell, Irving & Duff will represent the C.P.N. Co.

Talking of the matter this morning, Capt. Foot said that in all probability the matter would be amicably settled without having recourse to the Admiralty court, as the interested had agreed on the main points at issue. Mr. D. Cartmen, Lloyd's surveyor, furnishes the following description of the Commonwealth: She is 3353 tons gross; and 2183 tons net; 280 nominal horse power, and will carry a little over 5,000 tons of cargo. She is a sister ship of the Mathilda, which was here about two years ago, having a new propeller and shaft fitted by the Albion Iron Works. She is of the tramp class of steamers. She was built and engine by Sir Christopher Furness, at West Hartlepool, England, about sixteen months ago, and cost about \$150,000.

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How Our Finance Men the Business and the Province.

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A Financial Statement Condemns the Turner Ministry.

We have in a previous issue of this paper, published by Mr. Turner's executive by the conversion of the scribbled stock and the province has already carrying out of that July, 1896, the latest accounts have been published. We now propose to examine in which the various stock, viz.: 1891, 1893, case also Mr. Turner's not been such as to justify which his admirers or to be to be made such as to h

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