

FAVORABLY REPORTED

Alaska Bill Will Not be Overlooked

Fear That it Would Die Natural Death in Senate Committee Unfounded.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Beveridge of the senate committee on territories says that the Alaska delegate bill will probably be favorably reported within a few days without important amendment. There have been fears that the measure would die in the senate committee. In connection with his proposed coast tour, President Roosevelt has announced his wishes as much as possible to avoid state dinners and receptions, as the trip will be one of recreation from the arduous duties of the executive office, and he is anxious that all formalities be waived. There is some talk that the president may extend his trip to Alaska, but this part of the programme is yet in doubt.

GRUB IS VERY SCARCE

Circle City About Out of Supplies

Only a Few Lines in Stock and Those Are Broken—Town Is Deserted.

Manager Fairbanks of the N. C. Co. received advices from Circle City today which indicate that the Tanana strike has taken about everyone away from Circle who was able to leave. The letter dealing with the subject is in part as follows: "It appears to be an established fact that rich diggings have been struck on the Tanana. Circle is as completely deserted as it was during the Dawson and Nome stampedes, and every new report that comes in draws off some of the few remaining people. At the present indications there will be no one left this summer except the few whose interests are too large to leave."

Another letter which is of greater importance deals with the supply situation which is certainly anything but encouraging. The writer says: "For the benefit of any stampedees who are figuring on outfitting at Circle we give this information. The stores have flour, bacon and canned meats, but are short on corn meal, rolled oats, ham, baking powder, candles, dried fruit, matches, Lubec's position, sugar, salt, and some few other articles." From the foregoing it is manifest that there is great shortage of grub in the new diggings and that Circle City cannot be relied upon to supply the needs of the stampedees. Anyone who leaves Dawson for the Tanana country in the future should carry sufficient provisions to meet all his requirements.

A PUZZLE. What is puzzling the brains of many in Dawson is easily explained by hundreds. The puzzle is Why Dunham's trade increases monthly, while his competitor's decreases. Hundreds of his customers will answer: That it is because they are always sure of getting the very freshest and best groceries at his place, and that he never misrepresents any article. See Mr. Geo. Craig as the "Sergeant of Police" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

We have still a good supply of beautiful Silk Blouses which we shall continue to sell at reduced prices. SUMMERS & ORELL, 112 SECOND AVENUE.

Good Dry Wood! A. J. PRUDHOMME, 211 Harper St., N. Free Library Phone 214-A

STEVENS RETIRES

J. J. Hill Quarrels With the Chief Engineer. Special to the Daily Nugget. St. Paul, Feb. 16.—John F. Stevens has retired from the position of general manager and chief engineer of the Great Northern. His retirement is said to be due to a quarrel with J. J. Hill.

New Remedy

Special to the Daily Nugget. Derby, Conn., Feb. 16.—The new blood poison remedy Formaline has been successfully tested at Derby.

Cruiser Launched

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, Feb. 14.—The government cruiser Kestrel was launched here this morning.

WARNING TO STAMPEDERS

Letter From American Commissioner

Edmonton Trail to the Tanana a Failure—Only Way in is Via Circle City.

"Unnecessary hardships, starvation and perhaps death" stare those in the face who leave this city on a wild hunt for the rumored riches of the Tanana without being thoroughly well provided with supplies. They are going into an unprospected country in which it is at present difficult and probably wholly impossible to obtain any supplies, if they follow the route which has been most highly recommended here, and by which many of those who started on the trip intended to go. This is the summing up of information which came to the Nugget in the mail from the lower river which arrived here at four o'clock this morning.

F. M. Woodruff, the general merchant of Eagle and ex-mayor of Skagway, writes from Eagle City under date of the 12th:

"When I wrote you last week I was of the opinion that the nearest and best trail to the new diggings was via Eagle and over the government trail to the Tanana, but since writing that letter I have been informed by Lieutenant Mitchell and others that at the present time this route would be an almost impassable one, and especially so with any load, while by the Circle City route there are roadhouses all the way and a well beaten trail over level ground to Circle. I do not wish to mislead any one for the sake of making Eagle the starting point on the trail, and am now convinced that the best and quickest route is by way of Circle City."

The stampede, so far as Dawson is concerned, is practically ended and this information therefore comes too late to be of much value. But that those who have gone from here must have met with great hardships on the trail from Fortymile to the Tanana is evident from an official letter from the United States commissioner at Eagle, who writes under the same date of the 12th. That he should have deemed it necessary to issue such a public warning is sufficient evidence of the seriousness of the situation. His letter here follows in full:

"Department of Justice, Eagle Precinct, Third Division, Eagle, Alaska, Feb. 12, 1903.

Geo. M. Allen, Esq., Klondike Nugget, Dawson.

"Dear Sir,—To prevent any unnecessary hardships, starvation and perhaps death, I feel it my duty, through your columns, to warn all stampedees to the Tanana strike from taking the government trail via Fortymile and Middle Fork. I have been informed by Lieut. Mitchell of the United States Signal Corps, that for over 100 miles over this so-called Edmonton trail to the Tanana there are no supplies to be had, and it is reported to me by reliable authority that no supplies can be had when stampedees reach the diggings. For over 100 miles on this supposed route before reaching the new strike there is absolutely no trail whatever. "The only way to reach the new camp at present is via Circle, where the trail is well beaten, where supplies can be had and where they will find roadhouses almost the whole way and the distance is no greater."

Yours very truly, CARL M. JOHANSON, U. S. Commissioner

WANTED—Clean rags at Nugget office for wiping machinery. Job Printing at Nugget office.



PRESENT SITUATION IN TANANA DISTRICT.

BILL WILL GO TO CONFERENCE.

Committee of House and Senate Will Take Matter of the Alaska Homestead Bill Under Advisement. Some Influential Members Are Dissatisfied With the Measure as it Stands.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Feb. 16.—It has been decided that the Alaska homestead bill shall go to the conference committee of the house and senate instead of being laid before the house immediately for passage in the form in which it came from the senate. This does not mean that the measure has not a sure prospect of passage this session, but simply that the most influential members of the house com-

mittee on public lands are not entirely satisfied with the senate amendments. Chairman Lacey objects to the senate provision which relates to soldiers' scrip. He says no prohibition of this kind should be enacted, for there is likely to be no such thing in this connection. Only about 1000 acres of this scrip has been taken up in the five years in which the present law has been in operation, and the whole area of available land is small.

He states, also, that if this provision in the senate bill goes through, it will be unjust to the mining industries of south-eastern Alaska, which are dependent on this class of land in order to extend their sites. It is probable that the senate conferees will be willing to accept Lacey's view and that an agreement will be reached. Then the bill will be placed in both branches of congress, and speedily become law.

INFLUENCE OF WIFE

Leads Kansas Man to Confess Murder

Hypnotic Power Which He Was Unable to Resist Leads to Damaging Admission.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Wellington, Kan., Feb. 13.—In the trial of John Cummins, for the murder of Anna Dishman, a 13-year-old servant girl, the defense sprung a surprise by stating that it would be proven that the murder was committed by the defendant's wife. It will be shown, counsel for the defense asserted, that Mrs. Cummins held an irresistible influence over her husband and she had forced him to make a written confession of the crime and save her. Cummins in his confession said he had struck the girl on the head and then locked her in an out-house where she was left without attention until she died.

Reports Conflict Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Feb. 16.—Conflicting reports from Panama deny the alleged suicide of Gen. Uribe Uribe. Some say that he is still alive and that he killed Gen. Valderama, commander of the Colombian forces.

Report Denied. Special to the Daily Nugget. Constantinople, Feb. 16.—The Macedonian crisis has reached an acute stage by the arrest of President Michailoski of the central committee, General Tonkheff and many others.

Steamer Burned Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, Feb. 16.—The Sound steamer Bay City, formerly the Wasco, burned to the water's edge in government channel near Ballard. The loss will amount to \$75,000.

Butter, two-pound roll, only 75c, at all stores.

WORK OF BRUTES

Lead a Half Witted Girl to Ruin.

SHOCK FATAL

Special to the Daily Nugget. Spokane, Feb. 16.—The sight of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Pears, being carried to the operating room of the Sacred Heart Hospital, was such a severe shock to Mrs. W. B. Dickeman of this city, that she was seized with a stroke of paralysis and died within a few hours.

GREAT SATISFACTION.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Feb. 16.—The signing of the Venezuelan protocol has raised from Germany and Great Britain tributes of approval for the United States attitude through the difficulty. The blockade will be raised immediately.

COMMERCE SECRETARY.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Feb. 16.—It is reported unofficially from Washington that the secretary of the new department of commerce will be Geo. B. Cortelyou, the president's private secretary.

For Coal Stealing Special to the Daily Nugget. Peterson, N. J., Feb. 14.—Fifty women have been committed to jail charged by the Delaware & Lackawanna railroad with stealing coal from cars on the siding.

MURDER IS SUSPECTED

Sailors Badly Treated in Portland, Ore.

Men Had Failed to Pay Tribute To Boarding House Masters—Thrown In River.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—Three sailors, Bengt Cyren, E. Pearson and Chas. Buren, were waylaid by brutes. Buren is believed to have been murdered and his body thrown into the river. Cyren and Pearson were badly beaten. The men had failed to pay tribute to boarding house masters.

EMIR FLEES.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Kano, Nigeria, Feb. 11.—A British punitive force occupies this place. The Emir has fled. Two British officers and twelve men were killed. Three hundred of the enemy fled.

ARREST MADE.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Feb. 16.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Count Maurice De Borsari, in connection with the forging of Pierpont Morgan's signature.

Give Up Fight. Special to the Daily Nugget. Rockford, Wash., Feb. 16.—Saloon men of Rockford have given up a hard fought fight and have agreed to throw out all slot machines.

TO ARBITRATE.

The President Makes Selection of Commissioners. Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has selected Secretary of War Root, Senator Lodge and Senator Turner of Washington as arbitrators to represent the United States in the Alaska boundary commission.

Sunday Law Killed. Special to the Daily Nugget. Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—The Indiana senate has killed the bill intended to legalize Sunday baseball.

Local Option Killed. Special to the Daily Nugget. Boise City, Idaho, Feb. 16.—The Idaho senate buried the local option bill.

MAIL NOW EVERY DAY

All the Stages Bringing Good Loads.

Returning Klondikers Loading Up Every Stage That Leaves Whitehorse.

Mail stages are coming and going in great shape now, and the advantages of the government overland trail from here to Whitehorse are now being fully understood and appreciated. Ever since the holidays the regularity of the two mail systems has been fully demonstrated and the amount of mail both ways has been largely increased. It was expected that it would be from the other end, because of the large accumulation of mail matter at Skagway waiting for orders of release, but that it should have so largely increased from Dawson can only be attributed to the increase of business. Last week was the banner week of any week, not excepting the holidays, for the amount of mail sent out from Dawson. The government's contract for the winter season is for 700 lbs. of mail weekly, and before this year it rarely went beyond that and most often not nearly that amount. Last week, however, it amounted to no less than 1156 lbs. This was taken on four different stages in these quantities: 348 lbs., 235 lbs., 122 lbs. and 451 lbs. The latter was taken by the Merchants stage line and the rest by the White Pass.

A mail stage came in Saturday evening from Whitehorse and another yesterday evening, also one from the lower river this morning. Two are expected tomorrow and one the next day. There can be no particular complaint just at present as to the mail service.

The White Pass stage which arrived about six o'clock on Saturday evening had as passengers Mr. and Mrs. H. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hebb, A. McPherson, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Baxter, A. Hart and J. S. Bryant. The White Pass stage which arrived about five o'clock yesterday evening had as passengers Mr. Deacon, Rev. Father Corbett, Louis Spitz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sialot, H. P. Howell, V. E. Hoyt, Jack Kreeeland and H. S. Craver.

The Merchants line will have a stage in tomorrow with mail and express and nine passengers. The White Pass stage tomorrow will bring in eight passengers, namely, E. Wickstrom, W. Marshall, Lillian and Rose Dubois, Albert and Josephine La Blanche and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Geer.

The White Pass stage tomorrow evening will bring four sacks of mail and Miss L. Johnson, Miss Nellie Kirk and A. Uphoff. The White Pass stage goes out at nine tomorrow morning and among those who have taken passage on it are Charles Thilo and Mrs. B. S. Scott.

Ben Downing's stage got in this morning at half past four from the lower river with two sacks of mail for Dawson and three for the upper river. This stage leaves for Fortymile tomorrow morning.

"What was the verdict that the coroner's jury returned?" "Wilful neglect of duty on the part of the deceased. He went out unarmed, knowing the other fellow was in town."

Rice fields are such great breeding places of mosquitoes that the Italian government passed a law as long ago as 1866 regulating the distance from dwellings at which the cultivation of rice is permissible.

Hay is the most profitable crop in England.

MRS. NATION ARRESTED

Violated City Law in Los Angeles

Made Use of Carriages to Advertise Her Lectures—Released on Bail.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who has been filling a lecture engagement at Chute's Theatre, Los Angeles, has been arrested for violating a city ordinance forbidding the advertisement of attractions by the use of carriages negotiated with painted banners. The ordinance has never been made effective and infringements of its provisions have been usually overlooked in the past. Mrs. Nation was released on bail.

Bill Postponed

SOILY HAS CONFIDENCE

Returned Last Night From Eagle

Talks of the Tanana Strike and States He Will Soon Join the Procession.

Solly Spring, an attaché of the Sun who went to Eagle to meet "father" in response to a wire from that distinguished gentleman, returned yesterday bubbling over with enthusiasm about the new discoveries in the Tanana country. Spring, Sr., came up from Circle to meet his son at Eagle and bore the latest bunch of tips and information concerning the new strike. Circle being the nearest point on the river to the diggings on Pedro creek and immediate vicinity, Solly talked very freely to a small crowd of his friends today, and he places such faith in the news he received from his father that he has resigned his position on the job and will take the big push in a very few days. In speaking of the strike, Solly says: "Father has recently had advices directly from the strike from men in whom he has the most implicit confidence and they all are agreed that the new camp will prove a wonder. There have on far been no Eldorado strikes as they are found only once in a life time, but on Pedro, Gold, Last Chance and many other creeks in the immediate neighborhood pay that will beat wages all to pieces has been located. Another advantage the territory seems to possess is the extent of it. The gold bearing area has not been determined at all, as pay has been found wherever it has been prospected for. Then, too, the ground is mostly summer ground, there is an abundance of wood and water and the staves in many instances can be worked more cheaply than such work could be handled here. Provisions are said to be scarce here and correspondingly high, but that will be remedied, as soon as the loads begin arriving by the spring. All the smaller river craft can ascend the Tanana with ease as far as the mouth of the Chena, from which point it is only about a day's travel to the mines. Yes, it looks good to me, I shall join the procession at once and make one more effort at a tin strike."

Marshal Dead. Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Feb. 16.—The death of Field Marshal Sir John Buller of Hampshire is reported. Deceased was born in 1821.

A dredge recently built for levee building at the mouth of the Sacramento river has a "chamber" across on a boom 150 feet long, which raises twenty-five tons of earth in each raise and deposits it on the bank in one minute.

See Mrs. P. K. Ritchie as "Mabel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.