A Big Strike on Slate Creek, a Branch of the Forty

Latest Reports of River Steamers Ice-Bound on the Yukon.

Waiting For the Break-Rich Placers on Jack Wade Creek.

News comes from Dawson City that reports are reaching there daily of extensive gold deposits on Slate creek, a tribriver, in American territory. From 20 to in the history of the little American erous hospitality. camp, and now every available foot of ing reports as to the richness of the

eight years on the Yukon, returned to fitted. Dawson from Jack Wade creek on April £th. He says that while the creek is undoubtedly very rich, reports are very much exaggerated, and the gold deposits there do not approach those of El Do-1ad) and Bonanza. It is a singular fact too, that for several days after sugar had risen to \$1 a pound in Dawson it could be Told by the Survivors of bought at the Forks for 75 cents. The difference in prices between the two points, however, is not measurable by that sugar standard. On the contrary prices are much greater in proportion, as. for instance, canned tomatoes sell at retail in Dawson for 50 cents and at the Forks for 75 cents. The same influence that caused the rush of merchants to the Forks has operated to bring miners by the hundred to the city from all creeks to buy their summer supplies and get them freighted to their claims before the trails become impassable.

As a result, business has revived and is booming in all lines. There is a steady advance in prices of all those commodimilk has risen to \$1.25 a tin, and sugar is held at the same price per pound. Let no one suppose that these prices offer them a field of enormously profitable of the natives describing his adventures lall down at Dawson to-day the price story: would tumble back to 30 cents in a hurry we were stolen. We saw a two-At Fort Yukon there is a steamer with masted schooner come into the bay, and twenty tons of sugar, and no one has with over thirty others, paddled out to yet seen a profitable opening for freight. trade in two big canoes. There were milk, sugar and rolled oats has been haul- eleven in the smaller one. I was in the keepers there have put a veto on further sales of those necessaries to freighters, nsequently Dawson must now depend

has developed opposite the city in what is and the canoe was sinking. We then, in every respect, and it was only O'Brien's now known as West Dawson. The promoters are advertising to operate a ferry About twenty of us were caught-the between the towns at 25 cents the round trip, and lots are for sale at boomtown

vice of distilled water to the inhabitants into a vessel and sailed away towards of Dawson at 10 cents per gallon. He pro-poses to distill from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons we fell upon the white men, seven of daily and expects to realize a handsome them; they were not English, being the river for drinking purposes nearer than one and one-half miles up the stream from the city, it will be seen that the scheme promises rich returns.

Steamboat traffic on the Yukon has winter aspect more terrifying in problems than the navigation of its shoal waters in summer. From the headwaters to its mouth there are over 100 steamers Tied Up in the Ice,

some in safe quarters, secure from the attacks of swift-flowing drift, others locked in the icy embrace of winter, wherever they have happened to be when winter closed his mighty grip upon the waters or in the harbors that were or Hobson's choice, more or less safe according to the ingenuity and skill of the officers in command. One of these steamers, the Herman, belonging to the Alaska Exploration Company, was frozen in in midstream, and during the winter, while the ice afforded a firm foundation, the has been raised, placed upon skids and, so the report goes, taken ashore, where she now safely reclines awaiting a day when the river is free enough of ice to permit of launching. This information is not definite, but mere reports that have filtered through the various camps along nearly 900 miles of the river's

The John C. Barr was frozen in in boat has planned a

Gigantic Engineering Feat. The ice at the lower end of the island floes by digging trenches to the water beneath it. In this way it is calculated that when a freshet, caused by melting snows, number of huts belonging to the outlaws comes and floods the river this ice, being freed from the great mass covering the river, will rise and float away, leav- rockets specially designed for use in are run ashore and made fast to secure are very destructive, and are described anchorages, and the vessel itself is cut as being very effective in bush warfare loose from the ice around its hull.

The steamer Arnold, commanded by Miowera the sights that met the Captain E. L. McNoble, formerly mas- of the relief expedition along the deso ter of the Mary Garrett of the San Joa- lated coast were horrible. In one place ouin river fleet, is likewise in an ex- where a picturesque fishing village posed position. It lies at the mouth of a a population of three hundred had stood, slough between Bagle City and Forty neither house nor tree nor living thing Mile. After the river froze over its level was left. The site of the little

the river raised before the ice broke. Captain McNoble has cut his boat loose rom the icy bed, and it is now almost affoat. On Saturday steam will be made and kept up night and day.

An Immense Dam has been constructed from bags of sand and gravel in such a way as to form a high water. barrier to turn drift ice from tributary surrounding the vessel has been cut into huge blocks to float away with the first rise, and the Arnold's machinery, having been put in good repair during the winter, is to be kept under constant watch day and night ready to turn at the first Capain McNoble has won the hearts of

all the Yukon miners this winter by making his steamer a A Refuge for Travellers. Many a wayworn traveller owes him his safety from storm, and perhaps death.

When half-frozen miners have wandered to the Arnold they have been received by McNoble personally, and while his crew attended to the dogs, McNoble gave his utary of the North fork of Forty Mile time to making the travellers warm and comfortable. This treatment was in such 70 cents to the pan is said to have been marked contract to that accorded min taken out on discovery claim on shallow ers at other steamers and in former diggings. The strike was reported at years that McNoble's name is every-Eagle and caused the biggest stamped: where a synonym for genuine and gen-

The Rock Island has been moved on ground on the creek, hillside and benches skids up into Forty-Mile slough, where is taken up, and the active work of pros- it will remain until the ice goes out of pecting is being vigorously pushed. _ne the latter river. An attempt was made recent strike at Jack Wade creek, taken to take the boiler of the Rock Island up with that on Slate, has caused a number | Forty Mile to be used in operations in a of old-timers in the Klondike to migrate hydraulic mine, but it was found imposthither, and those returning bring vary- sible after it had been taken 100 yards up the stream. It is probable that the boiler and machinery will be devoted to oth-George Friend, who has spent seven or er uses, as the steamer will not be re-

ATale of Horror

Thirty-Six Enslaved Poly-

Killed the Slavers and Drifted

AND THE NAME OF THE PARTY OF TH A thrilling tale of slavery, cannibal at each range. One sighter. Rife—Any ism and terrible privations on the sunlit southern seas reached here by the steamer Miowera. Late arrivals from ticularly milk and sugar. Condensed the Fiji group, who claim to be the only milk has risen to \$1.25 a tin, and sugar survivors of a contract to be the only survivors of a contract to the co Suva say that two Polynesians, have ousiness, for if five tons of sugar were to an interpreter told the following

ing it here. A considerable quantity of about twenty men in one big canoe and smaller one. When it went alongside the vessel the white men dropped a big When it went alongside was swamped. We swam to the large entirely upon it own stores of provisions; canoe and were getting away, but we were fired at from the ship and the mped into the water to swim ushore. others were killed.

"By the time we reached Lancala Bay there were over sixty on board. F. E. Manchester, of Stockton, has obtained a franchise for the exclusive serreturn upon his investment. When it is dark like Spaniards, killed them, and understood that the health authorities threw their bodies into the water. This have forbidden water being taken from was while the vessel was sailing between Naselai and Gau. We turned the schooner back towards our islands, but big storms same and the sails were torn to pieces, the masts were broken down, for weeks we drifted, unable to alter the vessel's course. We soon ate up the food and for days and days we had nothing, and no water, only that we dipped up from the sea. Many died of Every day we put some dead hunger. ones into the water, and soon there were but eight of us left. One night we fought and two were killed; four others died of hunger and measles, and we two ate their flesh. At last, when we thought we were about to die, we were cast ashore on a small island near Tavinua, from whence we were brought to that island, when the men brought their copra. The schooner is lying there a wreck. The Fijian authorities will investigate the story.

Arrivals fom the South Seas by the Miowera also bring news of the clearing out of a nest of Tonjion Pirates

by H. M. S. Torch. While the little British sloop of war was on her way from Sydney to Samoa a fleet of small feluceas sloops and schooners, manned by a band of pirates, who prey upon the smailer trading vessels, and even big ships at times, was hidden on one of the islands of the group, and on the receipt of information from some of the traders a most perilous position near the lower of the hiding place of the lawless Tonend of a midstream island near the Am- gians, the Torch quietly steamed around erican boundary line. The captain of this to their hiding place and surprised them, destroying the majority of their vessels. The pirates fled to the bush. A landing party went in pursuit, but were The loe at the lower end of the island unable to get within range of the fugitive pirates. No loss of life occurred. but considerable property was destroy ed by the Britishers. Five vessels and a

The Torch took a quantity of patent ing a clear channel for the steamer to rebel African scrimmages, and for clear sail up within the shelter of the island. ing out such nests of pirates as that of In order to guard against accident cables the Tongians, to Samoa. These rockets According to news received by the

sank so that a large intervening bank of ment looked like new-plowed land and earth appeared between the steamer and the survivors of the fishing folk had fled-the mouth of the safe haven into which for safety to an inland town twelve it was hoped to run the steamer when miles distant.

The cutter Mystery, which reached Cooktown from the scene of the disaster prior to the sailing of the Miowera from Sydney, recovered in all 58 bodies, of which but 18 were identified. The remainder were buried in one big trench Wreckage and large fish were found by the Mystery thirty and fort feet above

News is also given of the loss of the streams away from the boat. The ice 178 ton schooner Werfa, which sailed on an inter-island trading cruise from Dunedin six months ago. The news of her loss was obtained by the finding of a The bottle by some children on the beach of New South Wales, near Helensburgh containing the following message, which strange to say, was unsigned: 28, 1898. Schooner Werfa, Captain Johnston, from Dunedin, N. Z., wrecked in about latitude 22, longitude 47. All hands lost but me. Am on an island somewhere off coast of New South Wales." An expedition is being subscribed for to search for the survivor. but the prospect of finding him alive is considered a remote one.

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THE RIFLE. Annual Meeting V.G.A.R.A.

nsiderable business was transacted a the adjourned annual meeting of the Vic-toria Garrison Artillery Rifle Association peld last evening at the Drill Hall, one of the important subjects under discussion being the question of a new and suitable range. It had been hoped that Major-General Hutton would have visited Victoria ere this, to select a suitable site, and the nembers of the association look forward to his being able to reach here in September. The grant of \$6,000 made by the Dominion government is available for the purpose of securing a site, but it is desirable that so important a subject as the choice thereof be well considered before final action is taken. The financial report, which was very encouraging, was referred to auditors to be appointed by the incoming exwas very enco ecutive committee, and the meeting adjourned until June 3rd. Lieut.-Governor

tary, Sergt, Winsby, for his services. The pergramme for the shoot at Clover Point on Wednesday hext, which is open to all comers, is as follows:

having open sights. Position-Kneeling at 200 yards; any position at other ranges. Match A-200 yards; eight prizes, \$20. Match B-500 yards; nine prizes, \$20. Match C-600 yards; ten prizes, \$20 Match D-Aggregate in three foregoing Markers' fees, 50 cents. Ammunition can be obtained on the range at 2 cents per

THE RING. New York, May 19. - At the Broadwa Athletic Club to-night Joe Walcott, the colored boxer, knocked out Dick O'Brien in the fourteenth round of their fight. Walcott made , a heavy concess on weight to the Lewiston man, and he without having to take more than unif a dozen punches in return for the stores that he rained upon his man. Walcott took a lead with the sound of the gong, and save for a few seconds in the thirteenth was never headed. He showed somer punishment that saved h'm from an earlier defeat.

New York, May 19 .- At a meeting between the managers of the Coney Island Athletic Club and the managers of Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, it was agreed to hold the fight on June 9th; instead of 3th Decoration Day as previously arranged.

YACHTING. Briston, R.I., May 19.—The new cup defender now in course of construction at the Herreshoff works here will be launched just at dusk on the evening of June 8 The tide will be high at seven o'clock or that day and it is understood that the rea son for selecting the evening as the time for launching is to prevent witnesses from taking photographs of the boat before she is in the water.

MAZET'S INVESTIGATION. New York, May 19 .- The Mazet investigation committee sat again to-day. It will hold no more sessions after this until May

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Legislation

Minister of Mines Thinks a Satisfactory Agreement Will Be Reached.

Kootenays Booming-The Wonderful Growth of Nelson.

The provincial Minister of Mines, Hon. J. Fred. Hume, returned last night from a flying trip to his constituency. The journey was undertaken largely for the purpose of learning the needs of his constituency in the way of trails and bridges, and ascertaining where it will be necessary to make appropriations for these works during the com'ng season. Naturally, the attention of the minister

was directed to the effect the inauguration of the eight hour law will have upon the miners and mine owners in the Kootenay. Several deputations waited upon him in reference to the matter, among which was the Nelson Board of Trade, a body which, on account of the fact that 't is composed very largely of mine owners, expressed itself as being strongly opposed to the legislation which comes into effect on the 12th of June.

Questioned as to the general feeling in regard to the new law, Mr. Hume replied: "The eight hour law, so far as the miners nselves are concerned, is perfectly satisfactory. I talked with a large number of these men during my vis't and every one of them expressed themselves as being delighted with the step taken by the government. The mine owners, on the other hand, are almost unanimously opposed to the step taken, and are pronounced in their opposition to it. I think, however, that an arrangement will be arrived at which will be satisfactory to all

"Of course," he cont'nued, "unless some modification of the wage rate can be made, McInnes, Mayor Redfern and Lieut Colonet & hardship will undoubtedly be worked on Peters, D.O.C., were chosen at introns the mine owners. At present most of them the colonel Prior, M.P., honorary president; Lieut Colonel Gregory, president; at the present time consisting of ten hours. led the Slavers and Drifted W. H. Lettice, secretary, A hearty vote as formerly, under the eight hour amange.

Helpless About the South A Secretary of the retiring secretary ment, the grounds for their opposition will If they are compelled to pay the same rate though, that they will be required to do so. I understand that several of them have exssed their willingness to pay their men

\$3 a day under the new arrangement This would be better than 35cts, an hour amount which some of the miners told me they would be willing to accept. Other difficulties which may arise in connect on ing the law can be satisfactor ily adjusted at the next meeting of the legislature, by the introduction of a numer of amendments to the act where it is found to bear heavily on any one.
"Have any of the mines shut down in sequence of the announcement that the law will be enforced?"

"I think not, and I doubt whether any of them will be. The threat to close the mines is a harmless sort of 'bluff' which with the conditions in a mining district. Many of these mines close down during hided out during the winter. It is qui'e

required his presence in Victoria. He was wonderful stamina and character to take able, however, to pay a visit to Tmir and the Goat River districts in addition to Nelson. The first named, he believes, is go-Kootenavs and already this season a number of transfers have taken place The future of the city of Nelson is, in his opinion, assured, ... He was astonished to notice the progress made there even since his visit in February. Over eighty buildings are in course of construction. A charter has been obtained and work is shortly to be commenced on a tram car system for the city, and gas works are also to be erected this summer. Coke ovens, too, are projected and the sampling works there have contracts this year already for handling 120,000 tons of ore. The Hudson's Bay Company is erecting a building, 75 feet square, and the Bank of Montreal has let the contract for a large ed'fice for their accommodation. Both of the latter buildings will be of stone and pressed brick. The city is, besides, the practical terminus of three raiway lines, viz., the Crow's Nest, the Nelson and Fort Sheppard and the Columbia and Kootenay. It is also the terminus of two lines of steamers with three or four

boats coming into the place da'ly. Regarding the Pacific cable and the ac tion of the government in that connection, Mr. Hume said that the people in the Kootenays expressed little interest in it. They are too busy in developing the mines to pay more than passing attention to such subjects.

SOUTH ONTARIO PROTEST.

Toronto, Ont., May 19.-Judge McLennan this morning dismissed the motion to throw out charges in the South Ontario bye-election protest, in which Hon. John Dryden is respondent. The ground on which this was asked was that the charges were too vague and indefinite. The judge said there were so many charges that the matter had better be left with the trial judges. He remarked that he had, however, formed opinions on the subject which he had intended expressing, but would refrain as he decided nothing.

TO END TUG-WARS.

.Chicago, Ill., May 19.—The Tribune says a corporation, whose backing is supposed to come from the Rockefeller interests, is said to be endeavoring to buy all the tugs on the lake and good-will of the companies operating them. The idea is to control the towing interests at every port from Buffalo to Duluth and Chicago. fowing charges will not be advanced at any point, it is said, but the endless tug wars, which have been so destructive to profits in the past, will be terminated.

BOUGHT OUT THE RAILROADS Chicago, Ill., May 19.—Nine railroads that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Company has been operating underlease for years have been bought outright by this corporation, and hereafter will be parts of the big system.

School Girls? Nerves

What a study this picture affords to every mother of Growing daughters!

Is your daughter to be pale, weak, and o

Is she to fill an early grave or drag out an X existence of misery?

Or is she to be healthy, plump, and rosy, the hope of her parents, the joy of her husband, and the happy mother of healthy children?

Very much depends on how her health is at the time when she crosses the threshold of womanhood. This trys 16 ing period comes at a time when she is undergoing the greatest strain in other ways. Just when she is growing most rapidly; just when she is over-exerting her mind with her studies and is over-anxious to rank high at examinations, there comes the drain on the system caused by the new functions of the feminine organs, which are just beginning to assert them

Mothers, if your darling daughter is of any account, as you love her and would render her lovable and happy through all her future life, see that she passes hrough this trying or deal just right. Don't wait until she becomes languid, pale, and nervous, complains of pains in the stomach after meals and suffers with dragging down feelings. Begin early by fortify ing her system against these symptoms.

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giving details of There were no more the terrible event in w dale and Freeman ghan as well as ten hands of the Mataafans a number of natives taafa and Malietoa s different fights. On April 17 there

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the vicinity of the for Robert Louis Stevensor rebels were in two place and had quite ing from a pole over German flag under ans were fighting. The Malietoans, wh by Lieut, Gaunt, ru the two trenches, kill of their enemies. As borne off, the exact n

told. The Malietoans five killed. When the place w toans rushed forwar German flag. A we ployed in the work for the Malietoa war tom in Samoa, suc the lead. She tore rushed back to the As she was doing th who was behind the American and E men-of-war, grasped the ing it on the ground, be in the dust. He was in to his senses by Captal told the fellow that t must not be insulted un stances. There was a Germany .: He did not German government too its representatives in Sa The flag must be respec damper on any more v However, the fact that had fought under the Ge ed a great deal of bitte the relations in Samoa ericans and English on Germans on the other, ed, if such a condition Continuing the story. who arrived by the Mio by way of Honolulu, three years in Samoa

"The Americans and doing much of the fight This is left for the nati ter acquainted with the method of warfare. devoted mostly to guand seeing that all is water from: The great is kept up by the m for a repetition

'Just after the Americ were killed at Faglii, German resident of Apicand taken aboard the R keeping. He was charge the Mataafans in the kept aboard the Royali days, but was finally de the German commande and there kept.

The day before leaving occasion to call on Kin gained from him some points about his part in is now stirring up all San

The King's W were as follows: 'I am trouble has come to seems to be no beln for will fight to the hitter Last night two na toa's forces were broug! that their amm used up and that most were for surrendering, afraid of their chiefs w fight until the last surrender under such would mean sure death. "I did not care to be I would have preferred this thing altogether, b upon me and I had to ac decree of all my chief well as the Americans a Mr. Hendricks says: the Samoans will not fig what they are talking

fight like demons and do

it means to give up.

A TEACHER'S C New York, May 19 Conn., comes the story th

Johnny Tripp, eight years of whispering in school, ed him to stuff half a te pepper into his mouth that the little fellow lies The doctor said when l last night his temperat degrees. His lips, tongue coating of his mouth is

"DID NOT KNOW NESS.

Elmira, May 19.—Sp night with Mr. Whit eader, Dr. Lackner /C didate for North judges who had unk ourts for treating /did

TWELVE MEN Crefeldt, Prussia, Ma ing, in the course of o lapsed to-day, killing two

THE FRASI Lillooet, May 19 -The r same as yesterday. It) hard for the past 24 hou

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