

**Amount Taken Out—Some of Those Who Made Strikes on the Klondike.**

To give an accurate list of those who returned from the North and the amounts they took out would be impossible. Many who made rich strikes gave out figures before leaving Dawson City. Those figures have been given in letters written to people in Washington, Oregon and California. But the amount taken out was, in some instances, not brought down. Part of it was invested in new claims. Below is given a partial list. It is made up of the list sent down by Arthur Perry. Perry's list is conceded to be accurate. Other figures were obtained from interviews with miners. The list includes those who came down on the "Excelsior" and landed at San Francisco, as well as those who returned on the "Portland." The list foots up over \$6,000,000.

A partial list of strikes reported follows:—

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| Thomas Cook.....        | \$10,000 |
| M. S. Norcross.....     | 10,000   |
| J. Ernmerger.....       | 10,000   |
| Con Stamatin.....       | 8,250    |
| Albert Fox.....         | 5,100    |
| Greg Stewart.....       | 5,000    |
| Thomas Flack.....       | 5,000    |
| Louis B. Rhoads.....    | 5,000    |
| T. S. Lippy.....        | 65,000   |
| Henry Dore.....         | 50,000   |
| Victor Lord.....        | 15,000   |
| William Stanley.....    | 112,000  |
| Clarence Berry.....     | 135,000  |
| Albert Galbraith.....   | 15,000   |
| James McMahon.....      | 15,000   |
| J. O. Heatwood.....     | 5,000    |
| F. G. H. Bowker.....    | 90,000   |
| Joe Ladue.....          | 10,000   |
| J. B. Hollingshead..... | 25,000   |
| Jack Horne.....         | 6,000    |
| Douglas McArthur.....   | 15,000   |
| Bernard Anderson.....   | 14,000   |
| Robert Krook.....       | 14,000   |
| Fred Lendesser.....     | 13,000   |
| J. J. Kelly.....        | 10,000   |

**A Fortune in Eight Weeks—Seattle Man Cleans Up \$180,000 in the Klondike.**

Willis Thorp, of Seattle, Wash., received a letter from Edward Thorp, saying that he had cleaned up \$130,000 in the Klondike in eight weeks and was coming home on the steamer "Portland," which is due in Seattle on August 26th.

Thorp left Seattle one year ago, having gone north with a drove of cattle.

**Another Astonishing Case.**

Ten weeks ago Mrs. Willis, of Tacoma, was poor. To-day she is worth a quarter of a million, and all on account of the Klondike. Two years ago Mrs. Willis, whose husband is a blacksmith, and a great sufferer from rheumatism, decided to try her luck among the gold fields of the frozen North. She set out alone, and vowed that she would not return until she could bring a fortune with her. She has kept her word.

After two years of prospecting, and just when her spirits and her fortune were at the lowest ebb, there came a report to Dawson City of a big placer strike on the Klondike. Joining a party of cattlemen, Mrs. Willis hurried to the new Eldorado, staked a claim, and so she realized more than \$300,000 from it.

Not satisfied with this, however, she established a laundry at Dawson City, and was the first to introduce the "boiled shirt"

among the miners. It made a great hit, and notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Willis is compelled to pay \$350 for a box of starch, her enterprise is prospering greatly. An Indian squaw who works in the laundry receives \$4 a day and expenses, and the log cabin in which the work is done is rented for \$35 a month. Wood for fuel costs nearly \$500 a year.

Before the turn of fortune's wheel made Mrs. Willis wealthy she worked as cook for the mess of the Alaska Commercial Company at Dawson.

**Rich Claims Deserted.**

The abandoned claims will make many a man, not yet on the scene, rich. There are many claims along the best-known creeks that have been abandoned. The prospectors would be digging on them contentedly earning big money every day. There would then come a report from some neighboring place of fabulously rich finds, and there would follow at once a wild rush. In this way claims that paid moderately were passed in the search of others that would banish poverty in a month.

The two kings of the region were wise enough to profit by the craze which carried the men along, and they bought claim after claim along the Bonanza and the Eldorado. No man on earth can guess how much these men are worth to-day. They would be millionaires if they stayed at home the balance of their lives and sold interests in the mines they now have in operation.

**Best Mines to be Found.**

Experts say that the best mines are still to be found. It is an old saying that the existence of the placer mine merely shows that not far away the mother rock must be found. It looks as if the gold in the loose dirt about the creeks had been brought down from the mountains by some great glacier.

The men who have gone in and are going in have no capital for machinery, and the placer rining is the only kind they can undertake. The late comers and the men with money for machinery will probably search for quartz veins and get bigger fortunes with but comparatively small expenditures.

It is reported by Government officials and everybody else that the whole country is gold producing, and the work of 10,000 men who will be able to get there within the next twelve months will not begin to exhaust the resources.

**Everybody Gold-Crazy.**

I had been away just three months. May 26th I left Seattle for Alaska. July 3d, the "Portland," one of the three ocean steamers of the North American Trading and Transportation Company, left St. Michael's on the return to Seattle. For two weeks I was aboard the "Portland," and July 17th Seattle was reached. There, and along the entire route to Chicago, everybody was greatly interested in the region from which I came, and I was compelled actually to hide in a drawing-room on the train when it became known from where I had come.

In Seattle people were almost wild, so great was the gold excitement. The "Portland" was the first boat to reach that city from the scene of the great discoveries, although the Alaska Commercial Company's boat had reached San Francisco, its port, before that date. But the men who had accumulated the greatest wealth in the Yukon Valley were on the "Portland," and their arrival was

eagerly expected by the people who had heard so much about the Klondike region.

**Gold Found Everywhere.**

It is evident from the conversation that I had with Mr. Berry and Mr. Phiscater that gold is going to be dug in Alaska in almost unlimited quantities. They were both a year in the centre of the gold field—that is, the centre as it exists to-day. They were positive that the claims that had been staked out were only a small fraction of the claims that are going to pay big money. The prospectors in the district have not failed to find paying dirt in a single spot where a good search has been made.

They said they had no idea how long or how wide the territory would prove to be, since no one has found the ends of the profitable placers.

**Mr. Krook Writes About Gold Fields—He Gives Additional Information Concerning Mining Matters in Far Alaska—Those Going Need Money.**

The great riches of the gold fields, so widely advertised through the land, are not overestimated. But the creeks prospected are now all taken up, so that men going in there now have to work for wages, if they can get them, or go and prospect for themselves. To do this they need money, as to buy an interest in the claims now working on the Bonanza or Eldorado will cost from \$10,000 to \$250,000 per claim.

**Taking Out \$1,800 a Day.**

Mrs. Mitchell, of San Francisco, Cal., sister of Jerome Madden, the land agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad, received a letter from her son, who went to the Klondike recently. He writes that he is taking out \$1,800 a day from his claim.

**Expecting \$125,000 a Month—World's Largest Stamp Mill to be Operated in Alaska.**

With several millions more in sight the principal Treadwell mine on Douglas Island, Alaska, is soon to have the largest stamp mill in the world. It has been decided to double the capacity of the plant, making the number of stamps 300.

The next largest mill in size is located in South Africa. It has 280 stamps. The Treadwell will mine its product at a cost of \$1 a ton, and will produce \$125,000 a month.

Thomas Flack.—I have an interest in claims 14 and 15, on the Eldorado. One partner sold out for \$50,000 and another for \$55,000. I was offered \$50,000, but refused it just before coming out.

William Sloane, Nainaimo, B. C.—My claim in the Klondike turned out to be a pretty good one, and I sold out for \$52,000.

Thomas Kelly, Tacoma.—A year's hard work has brought me \$10,000, and my son is now working the claim.

William Stanley, Seattle.—My claims are worth about \$100,000, and I have brought out \$6,000. I went up last year with Warren Brothers, of New York, and have been working with them on several claims.

Ira McNulty, San Francisco.—My earnings are \$21,000. I went in three years ago and purchased for a song a half interest in the claim I have now been working.

Henry Anderson, Seattle.—A half interest in my claim brought me \$45,000, and I guess I will go back and see about the other half.