

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

And Skagway and Bennett Are Much Alarmed Thereby.

People Go to Church and Indians Go Through Proprietary Ceremonies—Lowered Water Three Inches.

Skagway, Sept. 11.—Perhaps the Indians at Haines Mission know something about it, for they say that the great spirit and his wife were having a row and the earthquake was the great spirit breaking up the furniture. He must have been out on an all night jamboree and returned about daylight, for the first shocks reached Skagway at 8 o'clock last Sunday morning. Then others followed at 10 and 11:45 a. m. and at 12:45, 2:18, 3:30 and 7:40 p. m. The shock at quarter to one was the longest and most severe and was timed at Kern's jewelry store where it was said to have continued for two and one-half minutes. Immediately after this shock the telegraph operator at Bennett asked the office here if it had felt the earthquake. The answer was "Yes, did you?" The reply was "You bet, it nearly knocked the building down." So it is evident that the shock was not local, and that puts a quietus on Councilman Keelar's theory that the ground upon which Skagway is built rests upon a glacier bed of ice which thaws by degrees and lets the surface settle, thereby causing the quakes. The Money King must get something more far reaching.

The motion was not sudden jerks nor jars, but rather a soft rolling upheaval. A tub on Fourth avenue was level full of water, but after the earthquakes it lacked over three inches of being full, much water having slopped out.

But if the local theory is still maintained, the fact that the earthquake left its scar at Haines, where it was quite severe, will certainly put an end to the suggestion. Captain T. Lathan, of the steamer Lady Lake, reports that the earthquake rent the ground at Haines and the Indians are much worried over the matter, as they think the great spirit is in a row. Captain Lathan says he saw the rent himself and examined it thoroughly; that it begins just north of Judge Ripinsky's store and extends in a northerly direction for 250 feet; that the rent is from three to four inches in width and varies in depth from three to ten feet, as he found by running a stick down into it.

Captain Lathan reports that the Indians say the worse earthquakes are yet to come and that they base their predictions on the time of the year and the conditions of the weather; but as the same wisecracks are hustling themselves to fill up the crack so as to stop the family row up in the spirit world, it is probable that they know nothing about the matter.

Captain Moore, the father of Skagway, says there has not been an earthquake here during the 12 years preceding last Sunday week; and it is probable that during that period the weather has frequently been the same as now.

On Sunday many people saw the vapor, which became visible when the warm air from the sea was driven up the canyons near White Pass, and thought it was steam arising from a rent in the earth.

The rocking and creaking of buildings alarmed not a few, and faces were seen at churches that night that had been strangers to a meeting house for many years.

McDonald's Whisky.

Skagway, Sept. 11.—The Clifford Sifton left Bennett last Tuesday evening with the largest load of freight that was ever carried on the river. The shipment reached Whitehorse in due season and is now on its way. Among other freight was the 40 tons of whisky being sent to McDonald, which the Canadian government stopped at Bennett several months ago. It is not known how it came to be released and allowed to enter the sacred whisky regions of Dawson, but such are the facts. It may be that it has changed owners, which might make all the difference in the world.

McKinley Creek War.

Skagway, Sept. 11.—Attorney L. K. Pratt returned from a visit to the Porcupine last Sunday, and brings interesting and gratifying news from that promising camp. He says that gold continues to be taken out, and that Porcupine City is the principal and liveliest town of the district. The McKinley Creek Mining Company and the Chisholm party are still

fighting. Some of Chisholm's men were recently bound over by the commissioner's court here for breaking a flume belonging to the McKinley Creek Co. As soon as these men returned home they were again ordered to destroy the flume, and straightaway rolled down tons of rock, which destroyed the flume, breaking it into splinters and bringing all work of the mines to a standstill. Mr. Pratt says that the McKinley Creek Company have built about two miles of flume, and that no action was taken by Chisholm until all the flume was completed, and then he ordered them to cease work. When they refused to do this he ordered his men to destroy the flume.

Mr. Pratt is of the opinion that this trouble over the disputed McKinley creek mines will yet be the cause of most serious trouble, if not of felonious crime.

U. S. Government Expedition.

A United States geographical surveying party arrived in Dawson Friday night. The party was in charge of W. J. Peters, and was comprised of himself, G. P. Philip, Thomas Hunt, Joseph Cahill and two others, who have remained at Fortymile. Mr. Peters and his associates left Pyramid Harbor about the middle of June; they packed their supplies on 15 horses. The Dalton trail was traversed for a little distance, and thence by Kuahue lake. The party crossed the Tanana and White rivers, and came out on the Yukon at Fortymile. In three months, a distance of 600 miles was covered. Two prospectors from Disenchantment bay and a Mr. Cooper from Copper river country were the only white men who were met by Mr. Peters and his party.

Only a few Indians were seen. The country through which the party traveled is abundant with wild game. The trip from Pyramid harbor to Fortymile was made overland, and no difficulties were encountered. Mr. Peters declined to give any information regarding the mineral aspects of the country through which he passed, for the reason that the government regulations require him to report to his superior officers first. Last year Mr. Peters explored the White and Tanana rivers for the United States government. He will return to Washington, D. C., as soon as possible, to deliver his report on this year's labor.

Claimed the Dogs.

The departure of the Monarch last week was viewed with much solicitude by dog owners. The top decks between the smokestacks was devoted to four-footed Dawsonites on their way to the new gold fields, and residents of our city whose dogs were missing made a pilgrimage to the boat before her leaving time as they have learned to do with every down-river craft. Five dogs were claimed and taken ashore. An amusing feature of the situation was that when an owner discovered his canine chattel in such imminent danger of taking an involuntary down-river trip, the man who had shipped him as a rule, could not be found. From this and similar experiences of the past two weeks, it is altogether probable that when snow fligs and Dawsonites round up their teams they will be very apt to find a goodly portion of their live stock missing.

British Troops in America.

Skagway, Sept. 11.—Eighty-eight privates and four officers of the Yukon field force under the command of Col. Evans came down on the train last night, and will leave on the Alpha today. Col. Evans did not care to march his men through the city, so he left them at Camp One and later had them brought down to Moore's dock by a special train running on the track at the foot of the mountain. Later in the evening he and several officers came up town and their red coats attracted much attention. Upon seeing an English soldier for the first time, an American generally wonders why their hats were not made larger. These troops are on their way to Victoria, en route to Eastern Canada.

Official Whisky.

The Skagway Alaskan, of Sept. 15th, says: "Six car loads of fancy liquors, weighing 60 tons, going to Dawson under special permits issued by Canadian government officials, went up on the 2 o'clock train yesterday in care of a convoy of the U. S. customs inspector. The principal portion of the shipment is consigned to R. A. Herdman, a government official who passed through Skagway several days ago."

Telegrams.

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MINING NEWS.

What is Going On Up Some of the Creeks—Great Activity.

ON DOMINION.

Everyone of the creek claims on Dominion between upper and lower discoveries, will be worked this winter. Very few lays have been given on this portion of the creek. Twice as many men will be employed this season as was last. Below lower discovery the owners of claims have let their properties out in lays, and have had no trouble in securing laymen. The workmen on Dominion are busily engaged at present in cutting wood, and in preparing for the winter work. The benches have suspended operations for the season. As soon as the snow flies it is expected that the price of freighting will decline to seven cents per pound. Between upper discovery and No. 3 below lower discovery there are five general merchandise stores, which carry in stock everything that a miner need to eat or wear.

AMERICAN GULCH.

American gulch, which comes in at No. 19 below on Bonanza, will be thoroughly worked this winter. The gulch is only about 2000 feet long, and three creek claims are owned by three brothers named Laughlin. Extensive preparations are being made for winter work, and the Laughlin brothers will employ in the neighborhood of 50 men. Ed Ensel and Archie Grant are the owners of the hillside opposite the lower half of No. 3 on the right limit. They have 24 men engaged in work at the present time. Mr. Hubbard, who owns the adjoining hillside, will employ about 20 men as soon as the weather becomes cold enough to permit work.

MAGNET HILLSIDES.

The hillsides of Magnet gulch, coming in at No. 17 below discovery on Bonanza, are looking exceedingly well. Winter work will be prosecuted vigorously just as soon as the season commences. The hillside, opposite the upper half of No. 3, left limit, known as the Souza claim, will employ about 20 men. A similar number of workmen will be engaged on the adjoining hillside owned by Davidson and McKenzie. On the hillside, opposite the upper half of No. 2, two tunnels, each 200 feet long, have been opened; this claim will work 30 men during the coming season. The hillsides on the right limit have been prospected, and the indications are that they are equally as rich as those on the left limit. Nos. 2 and 3, creek claims, will employ about 35 men during the coming winter.

GOLD RUN.

During the past summer quite a number of persons diligently prospected the hillsides and benches of Gold Run, but nothing of any consequence was found. All the creek claims, however, between Nos. 9 and 41 have shown pay, and extensive preparations are now being made by the owners to work them this winter. Some of the claims will be let to laymen, but the major portion of them will be developed by the owners. Within the past week, pay has been located on Nos. 34, 35 and 37. The owners of Nos. 36, 38, 39, 40 and 41 have joined together and constructed a large dam on a fraction between Nos. 41 and 42. A large ditch is now being dug on the left limit about 300 feet from the creek. The work will be completed in the course of a few days. The ditch will have sufficient fall to enable the claim-owners to take the water to their dumps and sluice into the creek. The economy of this scheme will be recognized at once by those familiar with this portion of Gold Run. There is six inches of snow on the Dome at the head of Sulphur.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Alex Matthews was fined a dollar and costs for committing a nuisance.

Gus Oats and David Lidy were drunk and disorderly, and each were fined \$10 dollars and costs.

Robert McIntyre was convicted of being drunk, and was fined the customary \$10 and costs.

Olof Westerlund, who was accused of stealing \$500 from the mate of the Yukoner, has been discharged.

John Kerns and Wm. Judd were convicted of being drunk and disorderly. Each was fined \$10 and costs.

George Green, Frank Tierney, Herbert Buckley and James Patterson,

pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness, and each paid \$10 and costs to the clerk of the police court.

Owing to the illness of Col. Steele, the police court cases have been tried by Inspector Scarth since Tuesday.

James Rice has likewise been charged with being insane. His trial has been postponed till Saturday, in order to give a board of physicians an opportunity to inquire into his mental condition.

Carl Neilson and Frank Schultz were adjudged to be insane by Inspector Scarth on Thursday. At present they are confined in the barracks, but in all probability Commissioner Ogilvie will soon issue an order transferring them to the insane asylum at New Westminster.

On Wednesday William Duffy was honorably acquitted of stealing. Mr. Duffy was accused of stealing some cooking utensils, a pair of rubber boots, and an axe from a cabin on No. 66 below, Hunker creek. It appeared that the culprit is S. T. Kelsey, who has escaped.

On last Saturday the provost guard discovered that Thomas Thornton had commenced to cut the floor of his cell with a razor; no boards had yet been displaced, but the prisoner was transferred to another cell. Thornton is the man awaiting sentence for the theft of gold dust and jewelry, taken from the store of Charles Goldstein.

On Thursday afternoon, Inspector Primrose's time was occupied with a trial relative to the ownership of a dog. Some time ago, Leon Brock purchased a dog. M. D. Munan claimed to be the rightful owner, and his claim was substantiated by ten witnesses. The court decided in favor of Mr. Munan.

Seven deck-hands of the steamboat Columbian struck for higher wages on Thursday morning. Their demands were refused and they quit work. The company refused to pay to them their wages for September, unless they continued to work the entire month out, alleging that the men were hired by the month. Suit for wages was instituted in the police court, and the justice, after hearing the evidence, reserved his decision until Thursday of next week.

The police were kept busy during the forenoon of Friday taking stolen dogs from aboard the Monarch. Two dogs belonging to Mr. J. Cavanaugh were found in the possession of one Mr. Ackers, who, however, willingly surrendered them when informed of the claim of Mr. Cavanaugh. Mr. Ackers explained that he had purchased the dogs, and he was permitted to go to Cape Nome. Several dogs belong to the C. D. Co. were tied, by parties unknown, on the top deck of the Monarch; but were released by the police before the boat left.

Corporal Wilson served several writs of capias on persons who had taken passage on the Monarch. Ida Hayano, a Japanese, was apprehended and has given bonds for the amount claimed to be due from her. S. H. Barbee had bought a ticket to St. Michael, but was unable to effect a settlement, and he is confined in jail. Maud Raymond, a well-known variety performer, locked herself in her stateroom and tried to conceal herself under a pile of blankets; she was discovered, however, and upon settling with her creditor, W. H. Gorham, she was allowed to depart.

Madam Bluett in Skagway.

Madam Bluett, who lately left Dawson, has created a profound impression in Skagway, as appears in the Alaskan, Sept. 14. It says: Of course the beautiful Madam Bluett was the brilliant star of the concert. Her sweet voice is full, round and melodious, and has a compass and technique that is marvelous. When she sang the aria, "Beloved Hall," the hearts of the audience were hers, and she received an ovation of applause. Not all her strength, her power over the audience, is due to her sweet, powerful, grand voice; for she has a graceful, debonnaire manner, a most attractive stage presence that is as lovely and pleasing as it is rare.

Madam Bluett has a continued triumph last night, but her song, "I Love Thee," Greig, was the most enrapturing to the vast audience, and she was encored most cordially. Perhaps her great scope of voice and technical precision were best displayed in that grand song, "Love Betrayed," which met with marked evidences of hearty approval by the many members of local musical talent who were in the audience.

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