

The New Gold Camp

Fine Situation of Atlin City—Arrival of the Government Survey Party.

Prices of Provisions—American Miners Leaving on Account of Alien Bill.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Atlin, Feb. 12.—No better situation for a townsite could have been gotten than the one shown for Atlin. It is the prevailing opinion of all the people the writer had spoken to that it is the most suitable position. Rising gently from the water edge the country for miles up the creek is fairly level and very well wooded. The scenery all round is ideal and many new comers to our city—the future northern capital of British Columbia—have expressed themselves in terms of praise for it. For instance, at Log Cabin, in one glance of the eye the high snow-capped and wooded slopes of the mountains all around in the distance, with the little islets in the 100-mile long lake stretching as far as the eye can reach to north and south, and backed by the gently rising ground in the rear, there is good cause for being proud of this part of British Columbia. Some people who have been on prospecting parties lately have informed the writer that the district about 20 miles south of this, east of the lower end of Atlin Lake, is a better looking country, being more flat and very suitable for agricultural purposes. This being winter and the snow lying 12 to 18 inches thick, one is hardly able to judge of the beauty of the district, but in a few weeks' time nature will begin to clothe itself in green. It does not seem to be so cold here as one would expect it to be. The thermometer at Log Cabin registered 31 degrees below zero, while it only reached 14 degrees below here at the same time. The average temperature ranges from 2 degrees below to 14 degrees below through the night, and about zero and a little above through the day.

Log Cabin stands about 2,800 feet above the level of the sea and 'Too Chi Lake' 2,250 feet, while Windy Arm Lake and Taku is a little lower still, but as Atlin river runs with a swift current inside of Taku Arm, Atlin Lake is a little higher again, and Pine creek discovery townsite is about 600 feet above the latter lake. A considerable survey party, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Brownlee, assisted by Mr. Lowry, with ten sleigh loads of provisions and baggage, also five members of the mounted police, and a number of men, arrived yesterday afternoon in the Atlin Lake, and on learning the news packed up and are on their way to-day back to the Teslin district again. A number of men are waiting with anxiety for the arrival of the gold commissioner, who is now daily expected from Bennett. Many American citizens are anxious as to their position, and no doubt the commissioner will be bombarded with inquiries as to what the medical health officer is expected here to-morrow.

The alien law is causing no small talk and it is not to be wondered at as being the all important topic of our news. The medical health officer, who arrived yesterday afternoon in the Atlin Lake, which leached out into a few hours' discussion over the subject, with Mr. Mason as chairman and Mr. Simmons as secretary, but very little was decided upon. There were about seventy present and the proposal was to send a delegate to Victoria with the purpose of interviewing the government, and if possible getting them to amend same, but this was not decided upon as yet. Mr. Kinney, the mining broker, in particular, expressed their opinions and the discussion lay on the side against the bill. People are anxious that the postoffice officials should commence running a mail to and from Atlin, as it costs 25 cents for letter going out and 50 cents per letter coming in from Skagway. It is, however, generally understood here that a mail is to commence in two weeks' time, and that the contract has been let to a responsible man for a weekly mail from Skagway.

Since the gold commissioner's notices forbidding persons from erecting cabins on vacant lots, all work in the way of erecting log houses is stopped for the present excepting in one or two special cases. A number of men are working overtime erecting a large building to accommodate the two banks, which will be finished shortly. The Bank of Commerce and the Merchants Bank of Halifax expect to commence business next week, and Messrs. Hant and Jones have now opened out their office as mining brokers, etc.

No one from Victoria need expect to see our city very much like their own. We will leave that to the future, but at the moment we are quite content to be a few dozen log cabins about the same number of tents pitched on the snow, and a few brush houses all carpeted with brush, sawdust, wood chips and other soft materials which do not materially hurt our noses or gummy eyes. There is no use for them here. A strip of cotton or sackings keeps the snow from coming in. Wood for building purposes as well as for cord-wood is fairly plentiful near at hand and the price ranges from twelve to twelve and a half cents per cord.

There are 1,000 lots surveyed and they have been sold and squatted on. It is not anticipated that the rights of the Indians will be respected and if the number of those rights have been sold.

Aguinaldo Steps Down

It Is Stated That Filipino Leader Is Willing to Consider Peace Proposals.

Natives Are Anxious to Surrender—At Calocan Sharpshooters Still Annoy Troops.

Manila, Feb. 27, 11:45 a.m.—Except for an occasional volley and some individual firing from the jungle near Calocan along the river in the vicinity of San Pedro Macati, all was quiet along the entire line last night. The enemy's sharpshooters at Calocan continue to annoy soldiers in the daytime, but the Americans no longer pay much attention to them, reserving their fire until the rebels appear in the open in sufficient force to justify a volley or an occasional shell.

During the night the men are so accustomed to the snoring salute that the majority of them are undisturbed, secured by outposts and sentries. In Manila absolute quiet prevails. The streets are deserted and the only sound to be heard after 7 o'clock in the evening is the tramp of patrols and sentries, and the occasional clatter of the hoofs of an officer's horse.

The insurance companies, after conference, have decided to accept war risks at an additional premium of 5 per cent. per month.

Manila, Feb. 27, 4:55 p.m.—Two commissioners, who returned from Malos under a flag of truce, to-day report that 800 rebels are anxious to surrender. They also express the belief that Aguinaldo is inclined to accept pacific overtures.

Major General Otis did not receive the commissioners. Hongkong, Feb. 27.—The Filipino government has issued a decree in which the following passages occur: "The American guns respect neither honor nor property, but barbarously massacre women and children."

"Manila has witnessed the most horrible outrages, the Americans confiscating the properties and savings of the people at the point of the bayonet and shooting the defenceless, accompanied by odious acts of abominable, repugnant barbarism and a hat of blood." "The things in Carolina. Unless you conjure a holy war for independence, you are only worthy to be slaves and pariahs. Proclaim before the civilized world that you will fight to the death against American treachery and brutality."

Even the women could fight if necessary. American professions and promises are pure hypocrisy. They covet the spoils of this day. Mr. Kipling is alive, we may have great hope for his recovery."

The following bulletin was issued at half past eight this morning: "Mr. Kipling has been expected, and is still, very ill."

Slightly Better. New York, Feb. 27.—Later in the day close friends of Mr. Kipling guardedly expressed a hopefulness that was not apparent last night. Mr. Doubleday said the author had passed a better night than he had been expected to, and was visibly better and resting easier at half past nine this morning, though still in such a dangerous condition that no one could tell what an hour might bring forth. Mr. Kipling would pass through the crisis of the illness successfully.

Letter.—At 11 a.m. Mr. Doubleday said: "Mr. Kipling is slightly better. We now have hopes for the best."

MRS. GEO. TRAILL

A Well Known Lady of Thornhill, Man.

Got Almost Instant Relief From Heart Trouble by the Use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

If all the suffering women of the west who are troubled with heart palpitation, rush of blood to the head, faint and dizzy spells, nervousness, pale and sallow complexion, pain in the back or side, headache, weakness, feeling of tiredness, would only read the testimony of those similarly afflicted, who were cured by the use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and follow their advice, what a change there would be in the homes of the land.

Pale, pinched faces would glow with the healthful coloring, the dragging, aching would become elastic, the sunken, lustreless eye bright, the pains and aches would disappear, weakness be replaced by strength, and drooping, dispirited worn out women would be transformed into perfect pictures of health by the magic influence of this marvelous medicine.

It is simply wonderful the number of western women who are coming forward to tell of the curative powers of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. This time it is Mrs. Geo. Traill, a highly respected lady of Thornhill, Man, who gives in the following words the history of her case: "I received from Mr. J. A. Hobbs, druggist of Morden, Man., a trial box of Milburn's Heart Pills, as I was very bad with heart trouble, and I thought I would give them a try. I used the one box and got instant relief. I then bought another box, but only had to use a few of the pills, as I have never been troubled with palpitation since using them."

I am very thankful that I got the trial box, and if this will be of any use to others suffering as I did you may publish it in the papers. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50 cents a box, or three for \$1.25 at all druggists. Write to Mr. T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, Ont.

The funeral of the late Mary B. Grenley took place this afternoon from Hanna's parlors. The Rev. Mr. Haslam conducted the services. The deceased lady was a native of London, England, and died at the Jubilee hospital on the 21st inst., at the age of 30 years.

BARON DE REUTER DEAD

The Founder of the Great Foreign News Agency Passes Away at Nice.

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IS IT ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE?

Free-man's Journal Announces the Election of the Vancouver Bishop.

The Freeman's Journal, the well-known Roman Catholic publication of New York, in its issue of last Saturday, published what appeared to be an official dispatch from Rome, announcing the selection of Bishop Christie of Victoria, in the Portland diocese. A number of American papers have accepted the dispatch as authentic and have made the new archbishop the subject of column articles. Bishop Christie was seen to-day, and sent his kind regards to the shipboarders. The archbishop has accepted the nomination to the papal delegate, at Washington, who in turn communicates their views to Rome.

OHINA'S SORROW.

Two Million Chinese Starving in the Province of Shan-tung.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The American residents of Chefoo, China, have sent an appeal to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, requesting that a ship load of corn be sent for the relief of 2,000,000 Chinese in Shan-tung province. The unprecedented floods of the Yellow river have destroyed the crops, and the immense population along the great river is on the verge of starvation. The appeal, which is signed by Messrs. John Fowler, Hunter, Corbett, W. O. Elrich, Geo. Cornwall and C. B. Downing, says the people of Shan-tung subsist upon corn, and the absence of corn just now would lead to opening up a market of from twenty-five to thirty million consumers later on.

A RUNAWAY TEAM

Collides With an Electric Car—Narrow Escape of Sir Henry, Sirrog in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Sir Henry Strong had a narrow escape this morning while on his way to the Supreme Court. He was driving in a hack belonging to Mr. J. L. Ardville. The driver lost control of his horses, and they dashed into an electric car at the corner of Kent and Albert streets. The vestibule of the car was smashed, and the front trucks thrown off the track. One of the horses was killed, and the driver was thrown from his seat over the side of the car. He escaped unhurt. The motorist scrambled into the car and also escaped. Sir Henry was somewhat shaken up, but stepped out of the hack without being injured. He did not, however, attend court.

ITALY AND PEACE.

The Hague, Feb. 25.—The tension between the Quirinal and the Vatican arising from the question of Papal representation at the disarmament conference is so acute that the governments more immediately concerned are desirous of the meetings are extremely serious.

A CARD.

Reverend A. H. Macfarlane, Franktown, Ont., desires a speedy and perfect cure to write to Dr. G. M. ROBERTS, 252 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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WAGES AT UNION MINES.

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THE VARA MYSTERY

Solved at Last—A Well-Known Estate Agent Implicated.

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Hot Comments by a London Paper on Beresford's After-Dinner Speech.

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