

THE KLONDYKE MAILS.

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International Postal Exchange Offices to Be Established at Several Points.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Canada's proposition for carrying the mails one round trip a month between Dawson City and Dyea was formally accepted this afternoon by acting Postmaster-General Challenger, and the Canadian government notified of the action. In this communication this government is stated to be in readiness to assume its share of the responsibility, and Canada is urged to put the service in operation at the earliest possible moment. Dyea, which is 100 miles above Juneau on the Lynn Canal, and Dawson City will be declared international postal exchange offices. The British mails will be carried by the United States from Victoria, B.C., to Dyea.

Post offices will be opened at Fort Cudahy, Forty Mile and probably at other points. The service will be under the immediate supervision of Canadian Mounted Police. The carriers will be equipped with dogs and sledges and have Indian drivers. The first contract at least will be for one year. Whenever the British mails can be expedited by carrying them over the Circle City route between the dates of the new service, this will be done.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Canadian government and the United States have practically agreed upon co-operation in providing postal facilities for the Klondyke region, and the result will shortly be evidenced in a substantial doubling of the mail service from the coast into that district. The exact route is not outlined, but in all probability it will strike off directly southward from Dawson City down to Dyea.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—It has been decided that Mr. Sifton will sail on the Quadra from Victoria for Dyea on September 20, and will try to go over the Sitikoneen route on a location survey. Mr. Sifton anticipates no difficulty in selecting a registrar of the Yukon to replace Colonel Aylmer, whose health will not permit him to go North. It is said there have been hundreds of applicants for the position.

THE KOOTENAY.

ROSSLAND, Aug. 19.—A special from Kaslo states that a big strike has been made in the Caribou, Springer creek. In the lower tunnel there is now 22 inches of solid galena, averaging over \$100 per ton in all values. The three upper tunnels are now all in ore and the strike will begin at once. The mine is owned entirely in Rossland.

A special from Nelson states that Alice Willis, who was shot last Tuesday by H. B. Swayne, who then shot himself, is dead. She left an estate of \$12,000 to her mother in Austin, Texas, appointing Dr. Loban her executor. The Le Roi company announces that in addition to furnishing ore to run its own plant at Northport, it has arranged to supply Mr. Heinz with enough ore to keep his smelter at Trail running for four years after the conclusion of the present contract.

Bids were opened to-day for Rossland's first issue of debentures. They all range around par.

MORTIFIED THE ADMIRAL.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the accident to the French cruiser Braik, which had been delegated as one of the vessels to escort President Faure to Cronstadt, but was obliged to turn back through the failure of her machinery, caused a stormy cabinet council to-day. Admiral Besnard, minister of marine, wished to resign, but he was persuaded to withhold his resignation until the return of President Faure from St. Petersburg. It is possible that the fiasco will result in a fierce campaign for overhauling the French navy.

LORD ROBERTS' OPINION.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Daily Chronicle publishes this morning an interview with Lord Frederick Roberts of Kandahar, commander of the forces in Ireland, with reference to the disturbance in the Swat valley and Indian rising generally. Lord Roberts said: "There is no cause for alarm or anxiety. The movement is wholly fanatical. We have a large body of magnificent troops on the frontier, offered by highly experienced commanders and capable of coping with any difficulty likely to arise."

TO END THE STRIKE.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—The operators are determined to start their mines, but many of them are willing to submit the question to arbitration before making any radical steps towards ending the strike, and with this end in view an effort is being made to have a conference of mine owners and the miners' officials on Saturday. If an agreement cannot be reached at this conference then the operators will immediately prepare for a resumption of work with new men. The operators admit that a plan of action has been decided upon, but refuse to say what mine will be started first. It is reported that Pinkerton's men were to be employed was denied, but assurance was given that the workers would have ample protection.

EXTENSIVE STRIKE. Aug. 19.—At a meeting of about 1,000 miners and laborers of the Big Soldier, Sprague, Hamilton and Boodle mines here, it was decided to demand an advance in wages from 25 to 32 cents per ton for pick-mining, other wages in proportion, and satisfaction in regard to check weights men's pay. A committee was appointed

to call on general manager Robinson and present demands. Meanwhile, arrangements will be made to call meetings at all the mines on the Jeffersonville and Clearfield Coal and Iron Co., with a view of having the men demand a similar advance, and all possible influence will be used to extend the strike into the Clearfield county collieries.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

TORONTO, Aug. 18.—The British Association's annual convention opened this afternoon with a civic reception at the Horticultural pavilion. Lord Aberdeen presided and spoke welcoming the delegates. Acting Mayor Shaw made an eloquent address of welcome, which was responded to by the retiring and new presidents, who spoke of the Association's recent exhibition of loyalty to Great Britain. Lord Kelvin, Premier Hardy and Hon. Geo. W. Ross also spoke. In the evening Massey hall had an audience of 1,200 despite heavy rain. Lord Aberdeen and Sir Oliver Mowat were present. Lord Lister, as retiring president, made a speech and surrendered the presidency to Lord Kelvin, who made an admirable address on "The antiquity of man." Lord Aberdeen made a vote of thanks, describing the members of the association as the best immigration agents possible. On Tuesday Trinity University will confer degrees on several prominent delegates.

THE BAZAAR TRAGEDY.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Baron Machau, one of the chief promoters of the charity bazaar of the Rue Jean Coignon (which was destroyed by fire on May 4 last, with a loss of over 100), and Baillet and Bagrowski, two employes of the cinematograph establishment in the section where the fire broke out, were placed on trial here to-day, charged with homicide through their imprudence upon the occasion. The Baron was only one of the chief promoters of the fair but he presented the inflammable properties representing old Paris for use of the fair, and also gave the use of the ground upon which it was erected. The Baroness was a victim of the conflagration. The judge who examined Baron Machau to-day pressed his honorable character but reproached him for lack of precaution. The trial will last three days. There are 33 witnesses to be examined.

THE TOWNSEND FORTS.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 17.—Present indications are that the long-delayed construction of the Puget Sound fortifications is yet to be delayed until an understanding between labor and capital is reached. Up to Saturday evening the men were paid \$1.85 per day for ten hours' work and allowed to board themselves. They were then informed that hereafter they must board at the contracting company's expense. The cost of the fortification site Monday morning and return Saturday night is 50 cents per day for a week's work, or a fraction over 8 cents per hour.

This morning the laborers refused to go to work until the contractors conceded their request, which is \$2 per day, eight hours to constitute a day's labor. The contractor made a counter proposal of \$1.50 per day for an eight-hour day, but was informed that only a guarantee of \$2 per day of eight hours could be accepted. As matters now stand, there will be a practical standstill of all work until a concession is made by the contractor, or some sort of compromise is effected. The contractors refer to are the Pacific Bridge Company of Portland.

TO MEXICO BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Under separate agreements entered into with the two great railway systems of the Republic of Mexico, respectively the Mexican National Railway Co. and the Mexican Central Railway Co., the telegraph lines of these companies have passed under the control of the Postal Telegraph Company.

Heretofore telegraphing to the Mexican capital has either been by cable via Galveston and Vera Cruz or by the American land lines to the Mexican border, in accordance with the railway companies' lines from Laredo or El Paso, to the City of Mexico. The contracts entered into give the Postal company a continuing franchise by the United States to all the principal cities in the neighboring republic.

As a consequence of the extension tolls from the American cities have been reduced 40 per cent, making the message rate from New York to the City of Mexico \$1.85 for ten words; and the London has been reduced from 60 cents a word to 39 cents.

A WIRE TO KLONDYKE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Canadian government has submitted formal proposals to this government to establish communication with the Klondyke region by the construction of a telegraph line from the head of winter navigation on the Lynn canal into the centre of the Klondyke district. The proposals have been taken under advisement. The proposals, while reserving the rights of either the country pending settlement of the international boundary line between the United States and Canada, urge the expediency of establishing a permanent route, giving access to the interior at all seasons of the year.

FRENCH ENTERPRISE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Secretary Sherman has acknowledged the recent overture of the French government through ambassador Patenotre for negotiating a reciprocity treaty between the United States and France under the new tariff law, and the Secretary says that he hopes to take up this important subject as early as possible. It will be the first effort toward a practical application of the reciprocity clause of the new law, and to some extent it will shape the future action of the government.

JAPAN WELL PLEASED. SNUB FOR THE STATES.

Secretary Sherman Says Her Interests in Hawaii Will Be Fully Safeguarded.

The Tokio Government Invited to Admire the United States—Expressions of Good Will.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Secretary Sherman has submitted to the Japanese government an answer to Japan's last note relating to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. The answer was delivered to Mr. Hoshi, the Japanese minister, last Saturday. It is in reply to Japan's note of July 10, which up to that time had not been answered. Mr. Sherman's answer was marked by its friendly expressions towards Japan. Two features are brought out. It reiterates the position heretofore taken by the Secretary of State as to the right and propriety of the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. With this, however, is coupled an assurance that the interests of Japan in Hawaii will be fully safeguarded. It also expresses satisfaction at the plan of arbitration between Japan and Hawaii on the question of Japanese immigration to Hawaii. Minister Hoshi has cabled the substance of the answer to the Tokio government, and the full text has been forwarded. It will not reach Japan until September 7, and no action may be taken until the text is before the Japanese foreign office. The Japanese legation is reticent about the despatch, although there is no effort to conceal the satisfaction felt over the friendly spirit displayed throughout Mr. Sherman's answer. The attention of the Tokio government has been particularly directed towards these expressions of good will.

INDIAN FRONTIER SAFE.

SMILA, Aug. 19.—The rapid mobilization of the British troops in India, and the activity of the military authorities in pushing forward reinforcements, is regarded as assuring the safety of the Indian frontier, no matter how wide spread the uprising against British rule. The British force on the border now numbers 35,000 men. The news from the frontier to-day is more reassuring. All is quiet at Shahabad, and there are no signs of Afridis in the Chhyber Pass. Up to a late hour last night the Kurram valley was also quiet. General Hood has advanced nine miles along the bank of the river. In Swat valley he has not found any signs of the enemy. The Mingals have submitted to the British authorities.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Mr. Calderon Carlisle, Washington counsellor of the Spanish legation in the United States, has arrived here. In the course of an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, Mr. Carlisle said he went to Spain to pay an audience with the Queen Regent, and was accompanied by the Spanish ambassador, Don Canovas de Castillo, the premier, and other high officials of the Spanish government. The various aspects of the Cuban question, explained in Senor Canovas's details of some of the principal filibustering expeditions from the United States to Cuba, and giving his views as to the legal aspects of the same. He said that the Spanish cabinet investigated since the war broke out in Cuba. Spain, he said, intended to press her claims for compensation for the property of citizens of the United States in the island.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

Canada's Flour Exports. WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—Mr. W. A. Hastings, of Montreal, vice-president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., who is now in the city, says that Canada's foreign flour trade is constantly increasing. Canada exports flour to China, Denmark, Sweden, South Africa, West India Islands and Australia. Asked concerning the prospects for the wheat crop, Mr. Hastings would not go further than to say that farmers could expect good prices.

Two Bad Indians.

FORT WILLIAM, Aug. 19.—An Indian named Stephen Joseph was found drowned in Mission river, an outlet of the Kaminitiquia, last evening. Foul play is suspected, and suspicion has fallen upon two Indians now in Fort Arthur jail.

The Klondyke Advertisers.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—Profession from Edmonton report the arrival there of many people bound for the Yukon via the all Canadian route. A party of seven from Utica, N.Y., passed through the city yesterday for Klondyke, and another party from Pembroke, Ont., arrived to-day.

The Orr Murder.

GALT, Aug. 19.—James Alfred Allison, the hired boy on Anthony Orr's farm, was formally arraigned before Police Magistrate Turnbull this morning, charged with having wilfully murdered Mrs. Anthony Orr on August 9. The prisoner was remanded until Monday. Evidence is accumulating which points to Allison as being the perpetrator of the awful deed, and all other theories as to the murder have been put aside.

The Harvest Hands.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—An exceptionally busy day will be experienced at the C.P.R. depot to-morrow. Fifteen trains, including 130 coaches, will arrive from the East, having on board 4,000 farm hands, who come to assist in gathering the crops of the Canadian Northwest.

Wartlike Stores.

HALIFAX, Aug. 19.—The Furness line steamer Damara, which arrived this morning from London, brought 150 tons of explosives for the naval and military authorities. They consist of shells, cartridges and powder. Most of the explosives are to be forwarded to Esquimaux, B.C.

Tragedy at Rapid City.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—Fire destroyed the residence of Mr. George Hudson at Rapid City last night, during his absence from home. Mrs. Hudson and four children perished in the flames. Nothing was known of the fire until this morning, when Hudson returned home to find his family and house in ashes.

The People's Savings.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—In the post office savings banks there was on deposit at the end of the fiscal year \$32,380,000. During the year \$6,223,000 deposited, and \$7,666,000 withdrawn. The interest was \$1,024,000.

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EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF WAR WITH SPAIN.

The Late Spanish Premier's Views as to Cuba Told by an Interviewer.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Daily Graphic publishes the following despatch from Berlin:

"General Stewart Woodford, the newly appointed minister to Spain from the United States, has been instructed by President McKinley to ascertain the limit of neutrality to be observed by the European powers in the event that the United States should decide on an offensive policy against Spain, and he has been in communication with the various American ambassadors on the subject.

"Col. John Hay, American ambassador to Great Britain, has received no encouragement from Lord Salisbury, Mr. Hanotaux, the French minister, emphatically refused to discuss the matter with General Woodford, American ambassador to France, and for some days avoided granting an audience to General Woodford. "As a last resource General Woodford and General Porter telegraphed for Mr. White, who joined them. Mr. White is the cleverest American diplomat in Europe. He knows better than any man in Senor Canovas's cabinet the futility of the step now being taken. He has avoided even mentioning it to the German government, and went to Paris resolved to do all in his power to dissuade General Woodford and General Porter from any course but the one of moderation towards Spain."

THE DESPERATE ARMENIANS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 20.—It now appears Wednesday was selected for the explosion of bombs in this city because the streets ready for mischief. The police ordered them back to their homes and even arrested some who were armed with cut-throats. Fresh outrages are apprehended, possibly upon the anniversary of the attack on the Ottoman bank, August 26, or the anniversary of the accession of Abdul Hamid II to the throne, August 31, on which day, in 1876, he succeeded his elder brother, Sultan Murad V, who was deposed. The British and Italian guard-ships have left their usual anchorage and entered the harbor. New York, Aug. 20.—A despatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: "Perfect calm reigned but rumors of fresh Armenian schemes for outrage continue. A Turkish official who has much to do with the maintenance of public order, for said to me: 'Well, as they try, if they care to. We are perfectly ready for them.' Indeed, the Turks are showing the utmost vigilance. They do not seem to stand any more Armenian defiance of law. The man I described yesterday as having fired a revolver at Pera, had previously shown a bomb amid the sentries stationed outside the official residence of the governor of Pera. The detonator exploded, but, luckily, the bomb did not explode, and no innocent man would have been sacrificed."

An official note issued this afternoon says: "Six Armenian anarchists who were kept in prison since their conviction have been arrested and will soon be tried. They will receive exemplary punishment."

THAT PIGEON REPORT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington City says: Scientific men in Washington City are greatly interested in Andree's polar expedition, and are eager to glean from any reliable quarter information concerning it. Prof. Wm. Harkness, from the secretary, in discussing it said in an interview:

"I have no reason to doubt that Andree may have reached as far as 82 degrees north latitude. There is nothing so remarkable in that. Nansen, for instance, went as far or farther, but I am inclined to think the Christiana's story is unreliable. I will not say that it is impossible for a carrier pigeon to cover the 600 or 800 miles indicated over key seas, but it would be only one chance in a thousand if the bird took a direct route, and if its vagaries were extended it would be before long from lack of food. Under the best possible chances a bird might cover the distance in from ten to twelve hours, resting on the floating ice en route. "One strong reason for doubt is that the latitude and longitude of the place where the pigeon is reported to have been shot are not given in the dispatches, and that is so contemptible a system as to give rise to suspicions. Then, granting the pigeon was found and shot, and the alleged letter obtained, it seems very improbable that a captain so well acquainted and so much interested in Andree's plans as this one is said to be should refuse to give the letter into the hands that would carry it directly to civilization, but carry it with him further into the Arctic regions. He would naturally have been glad to give any such important news to the world as quickly as possible."

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 19.—At the meeting of the Westminster Presbytery at Eburne, Rev. John A. Logan was inducted as pastor of Richmond; Rev. Mr. Gordon's resignation was accepted, and Rev. Mr. Vert accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster. On Friday evening a meeting will be held in Westminster to consider the usual October 1st meeting. The majority of the canners are paying off their fishermen and have discontinued packing. The run was big but short and fish abundant. It was the best year on record for the fishermen.

TRAIL.

Miss Bessie Fraser, of Victoria, and Miss Mabel Bunting, have arrived in Trail to begin their school duties. School opened last week with a fair attendance, the primary department being held on the lower floor of Brown's opera hall building. Miss Ethel Short and Miss Florence Poole substituted for Miss Bunting and Miss Fraser until their arrival. Mr. Heinz has invaded the Slokan country, and is now making contracts for silver lead ore. He intends to enter into active competition with the Pilot Bay smelter, and will have an agent at Kaslo to look after his interests and keep in touch with the mining men. He recently said he would increase his smelter to ten times its present capacity, if the ore were obtainable. As he has said frequently since his controversy with the Le Roi, he intends to meet the ore of Kootenay. He has got the hang of the business and means to control the situation if push, enterprise, a liberal expenditure of money and a willingness to meet the mine owners of the country half way can do it.

ASHCROFT.

There was a citizens' meeting held here Monday to discuss ways and means for ascertaining the true condition of the roads and trails leading from here to Telegraph Creek, some 650 miles up the proposed Klondyke trail. They formed a business men's committee, also a sub-committee of men to solicit funds to equip an expedition through to Telegraph Creek or Teelin Lake. Several subscriptions were secured at the meeting. Mr. Prentiss, a wealthy cattleman of this section, generously donated \$200. Other subscriptions were secured from William Lyne of the Ashcroft hotel, Andy Wallace of the Cariboo Exchange, and others, so that the aggregate amount secured was over \$300. They propose to send a party consisting of a photographer, two men, and a pack train, to make a report of the probable expense of repairing said road. Mr. O'Harrow, Wm. Lyne and Dr. Reynolds constitute the soliciting committee. They will raise about \$600, to defray all expenses of two men, who will start immediately for the north. The Dominion government is spending \$10,400 building a road from Telegraph Creek to Teelin Lake. When the party returns it is proposed to get out all information necessary for one contemplating taking this route to the golden paradise. The people of Ashcroft are aware of the great rush to be made in the spring, and they will not allow this "Nature's passage" to remain blocked if a few hundred dollars will open it up, as they expect it will.

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