

THE ROAD COMPLETE.

General Superintendent Hawkins Tells About Railroad Affairs.

WHERE THE GOLDEN SPIKE WAS DRIVEN

Five Hundred and Fifty Tons Daily Can Now Be Handled.

COPPER MINES EXTENSION

And a Branch Line Will Be Run to Them—Smelters Will Be Built.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Mr. R. C. Hawkins, chief engineer and general superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon railway, arrived by the Zealandian early Sunday morning, and has much to say interesting to shippers and those who travel.

"With the driving of the golden spike at Caribou Crossing on July 29," said Mr. Hawkins this morning, "we finished the line from Skagway to Whitehorse, a distance of 112 miles."

The exact spot of the driving of the golden spike is about 200 feet below the new draw span over the crossing, and within 12 hours after the rails had been connected a loaded freight train of 15 cars and a locomotive passed on the first through run from Skagway to Whitehorse. After the ceremony of driving the spike was finished, the party, consisting of a large number of railroad employes and invited guests from Skagway repaired to Camp H, just above the crossing, when a dinner was tendered to Contractor M. J. Heney, whose work, so far as the main line of the road is concerned, aside from some ballasting work on the recently completed track, is now finished.

"We have completed the best possible facilities for handling perishables at Whitehorse," said Mr. Hawkins, in reply to a question upon that head, "and are in a position to handle goods with the least possible delay, and greatest care. A wharf, the best on the river, 800 feet long, has been built, and on it a warehouse 40x600 feet, which will accommodate about 3000 tons of freight. Three tracks are laid on the wharf and cars coming in loaded are run right down to the steamer's side, and the freight transferred direct from car to steamer, which arrangement possesses great advantages over the old way."

"We have in operation at present 250 freight cars, and 15 locomotives, with four more of the latter in course of construction in the Skagway shops. One hundred and twenty of the cars now in use were also built at Skagway."

"The present capacity of the road is 550 tons daily, which will meet fully any demands that can be made, as that is about all, if not more than can be received at Skagway under the present system, which is usually about four steamers a week, each with a carrying capacity of from 150 to 700 tons of freight."

"Passenger trains leave Skagway at 8:30 a. m. daily, and a little earlier from Whitehorse, and make the run in seven hours at present, but this time will be materially reduced, as soon as the work of ballasting the roadbed around the lake is completed, as trains have to go slowly there at present."

"Will your company build further down the river?" was asked.

"At present the only construction we have in view is a branch line to the Whitehorse mines, a distance of seven miles."

"The mines are coming out all right under development work, and much prospecting is being done. Several outside capitalists have men in there in their interests, and the belt producing copper ore is being shown to be much more extensive than was at first supposed."

"Some of the ore, that is taken from the Borneo mine, for instance, can be shipped to the outside for reduction at a good profit, as it carries 66 per cent copper."

"Smelting works for matting the vast quantities of low grade ore will be

erected, and most likely the mats will be shipped for reduction and refining. It is said that Montana and other outside mining capital will be behind the smelters."

Mr. Hawkins is accompanied by I. W. Young his secretary, and M. J. Heney, the contractor.

Mr. Graves and Mr. Elliott, of the C. D. C., who came with him, left again on the Zealandian. Mr. Hawkins will probably remain in Dawson about two weeks.

A Big Contest Billed.
The coming ten round glove contest which is article'd for three weeks from today forms one of the principal themes of conversation on First avenue at present, and it is safe to say that never has sporting Dawson looked forward to an event with so much interest as is manifested in this one.

The event which directly brought the affair about was a meeting in the Exchange saloon early Friday morning between Pugilist Slavin and Frank Smith, a well known sport, in which Slavin got decidedly the worst of it. After this many of Slavin's friends seemed to think that he had not had a fair show, and that Smith would not meet him on pre-arranged terms. From the fact that the bout is now arranged, this latter idea is effectually repudiated, and the former never had any basis in fact.

When Smith was approached in the matter of a ring contest, it was said to him that he either had to meet him or take to the water, and being a wise man he chose what seemed to him the least of two evils, as he says he would much sooner tackle Slavin than the Yukon. It would seem at first glance that Smith has much the worst of it in the chances for success in the coming go, but a closer examination of the facts will show that things are not so one-sided after all. There is little difference in the matter of weight and it is believed that three weeks hence there is, is in Slavin's favor. He is also some four or five years the younger, being considerably under 40 years of age, while Smith is 44. He has also the advantage of recent training for two encounters, which should make him in good condition now, especially as he was an easy winner in both the contests referred to, and received no punishment. The punishment he received Friday morning was trifling, although the marks on his face look bad. Those are the facts in his favor. On the other hand, he has been drinking heavily since his last contest and the results of a bout with hooch can be nothing if not disastrous to a pugilist.

Smith is not, as many believe, unknown to the ring, nor without the experience and nerve which go to make a modern gladiator, although several years have passed since he last entered the ring. There are those in town who remember having seen him put out the fellow known as "The Terrible Swede" in the third round of a very gamey bout, and these have also seen Slavin's work. It speaks well for Smith's chances that these men are anxious to risk their money behind him in the coming event. He is less stocky than his adversary, of a cleaner build, and shows better preservation.

Both men begin their training at once, and will be closely watched during the next three weeks by the local sports, whose enthusiasm runs high over the affair.

Plenty of money is offered by many who have seen one or both men in the ring, although Smith thus far is the favorite from a money standpoint, and his friends hope for his success, because they believe the contest has been forced upon him.

At all events the affair promises to attract a larger crowd than any event of the kind has ever done before here, and the contest will most probably take place on the site of the recent six days' foot race opposite the Nugget office, where the high fence will most likely be replaced and seats enough built to accommodate a large audience.

That the contest is bona fide, and, barring accidents, will be a good one is evidenced by the fact that to the winner goes the entire gate receipts.

Border Sheep War.
Denver, Col., July 23.—A special to the Republican from Cheyenne, Wyo., says:

A courier arrived in Rawlins this evening from the southern part of Carbon county with the report that a party of mountain cattlemen from Routt county, Colorado, had visited the sheep camp of Martin Johnson, just across the Wyoming line, in Routt county, and had slaughtered over 100 head of sheep.

The animals were shot down but the herders were not molested, but warned to bring no more sheep across the Wyoming line.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

KING HUMBERT

Of Italy Shot and Killed by a Cowardly Assassin

AT 10:45 O'CLOCK NIGHT OF JULY 30

Angelo Brissi of the Mafia Society the Murderer.

NEW JERSEY MAN'S LETTER.

Was Chosen by Lot to Murder King and Weakened—Europe Mourns—Pekin Contradiction.

Monza, Italy, July 30, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—King Humbert was shot at 10:45 o'clock tonight. He died at 11:30. The murderer who was at once arrested, gave the name of Angelo Brissi and avowed the crime, apparently being pleased at the result of his dastardly action. King Humbert had been bidding farewell to the Italian troops who were embarking for China, and having bidden them God-speed, was just entering his carriage when three shots were fired in rapid succession, one of them piercing his heart. It was with the greatest difficulty that the assassin was saved from the fury of the populace, which was intent upon tearing him limb from limb. The crime is undoubtedly attributable to the Mafia Society.

King's Death Was Ordered.

New York, July 31, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—Ten days at Paterson, New Jersey, Carbone Sperranza laid down his own life to absolve himself from the murder of King Humbert. Before killing himself he killed Guideppe Pessana. In the pocket of the murderer and suicide was found a letter which said that he (Sperranza) had been chosen from a society of anarchists to kill the king, but as he was in America on the date set for the assassination he could not carry out his allotted work. It was the fact that he had not done his work that caused the quarrel with Pessana.

Sperranza wrote: "It was not my bidding or choice to kill the king; but it was the order of a good and brave society. On February 2d at a meeting of the society in Paterson it was decided that Humbert must die and we drew lots to see on whom would fall the lot. I drew it, but as I was in America I could not carry out my oath. The society ordered that its will must be obeyed, and that I would have to fulfill my oath of blood or renounce my connection with the society."

Assassin Brissi lived in Paterson for some time, but left in May for Italy. He was a weaver by trade and is 32 years of age.

All Europe in Mourning.

London, July 31, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—The news of the cowardly assassination of King Humbert has sent a shock of horror over all Europe. The queen is horrified; Paris is draped in black, and by all the governments, including the United States, have messages of condolence been sent. Victor Emanuel III will now ascend the throne as king of Italy. He is now at Piero, Greece, but is expected to reach Cartu tomorrow, where he is awaited by Queen Margherita, also Maria Pia, queen dowager of Portugal, who is a sister to the murdered king.

More Pekin Contradictions.

Washington, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—A dispatch has just been received from Minister Conger at Peking

which says that on July 16th the legations were all safe, but were very short on ammunition.

Lots of Gold.

Seattle, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—The deposits of gold at the assay office here during July amounted to six million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Telegraph Line Extended.

Work was commenced this morning on the Dominion telegraph extension to Fortymile. C. A. Couture, construction foreman, commenced operations today and will continue until Fortymile and Dawson are joined with a continuous wire. Twenty-five men will be put to work immediately on construction. The distance is 57 miles and it will take about one month to complete it. At present there will be but one office maintained on the extension, that at Fortymile, but a refuge cabin will be built half way between where an instrument may be placed for testing the wire.

Who Knows Him?

Spokane, Wash., July 25, 1900. Editor Klondike Nugget, Dawson City, N. W. T.

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find a short history of James Clement Elsdon, who, we learn, went to Klondike in 1897 or 1898. For a number of years he had been around in British Columbia, near Okanogan lake, Osoyoos lake and Fairview, B. C. His partner, Dick Bowen, writes me from Fairview that James went to Dawson.

Recently we learn that he adopted the name of James Anderson, and went by that name for eight or ten years past. If you can make a story of this and print it in your paper, it will probably induce some inquiry and may help us to find the lost heir. I should be glad to have you mail me a copy of your valuable paper. Very truly yours,

MARK F. MENDENHALL.

A snug sum of money is waiting for James Clement Elsdon, from the estate of a wealthy uncle, who died in Ireland last year. The legacies are already to be distributed in cash to his four remaining brothers and two sisters, three of whom now reside near Spokane, and one sister in Chicago, and one brother in Dorchester, New Brunswick.

At the age of 21 years James Clement Elsdon left his home in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with his brother John, who was then 19 years old, to go west to seek their fortunes; this was in 1883. In the early part of 1884 they separated at Escanava, Michigan, John going to Chicago, and James going to British Columbia. For about four years thereafter he wrote home frequently from Kamloops, Heron Bay, Mission Valley and Priest Valley (now Vernon P. O.), which places are in the region surrounding Okanogan lake, in British Columbia, and where he engaged in the cattle business.

In December, 1887, he wrote home saying that he expected to see them in the early part of the following year, and that was the last word his relatives ever heard from him. They wrote to the postmaster at Priest Valley, and finally received word that he had gone south across the border into Okanogan county, Washington territory, U. S.

His mother died in November, 1895, and in the spring of 1896 he was advertised for in the Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star, but no trace was found of him, and shortly thereafter his mother's estate was divided among his surviving brothers and sisters, in the belief that he was dead.

When last heard from James Elsdon was 25 or 26 years old, and if now living he would be 37 years old. His relatives never heard whether or not he had ever married, and as the part of the country in which he was, was almost unsettled, and he was engaged in a roving occupation, the probabilities are that he never married while in the Okanogan country. Any one having any knowledge of his movement or whereabouts since December, 1887, please communicate with Mark F. Mendenhall, Spokane, Washington.

A River Accident.

O. Jacobson and S. Hansen narrowly escaped drowning this afternoon shortly after the Sybil started up the river.

The two men were coming up the opposite side of the river from the shipyard in a 19-foot peterboro and had started across the river opposite the upper end of town when they got in the Sybil's wake and the canoe upset.

Mike Tovetich and Anton Lungivich, two fishermen went to the rescue, and finally succeeded in picking the men up near the Standard Oil Co.'s dock. For a long distance the men did not even have hold of the canoe, and one of them was burdened with a pair of rubber boots. Fortunately both were good swimmers and when landed at the steps in front of St. Mary's hospital were little the worse for their ducking.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

CHINA AGAIN.

All the Ministers Were Alive and Well on the 27th.

LONG ON GRUB, AMMUNITION SHORT.

Allies Advancing on Peking From Tientsin.

MURDERER WAS DESIGNATED.

His Associates Arrested—General Greeley Will Visit Dawson on Telegraph Business.

Washington, Aug. 1, via Skagway Aug. 6.—A message has been received from Conger dated at Peking, July 27. It says that since the 16th there has been no firing, a cessation having been secured by agreement. All the legations were yet intact and their inmates unharmed. They have plenty of provisions to last for several weeks, but ammunition is very scarce. Other cables received here corroborated Conger's statements, but fear a general massacre unless aid shortly arrives. The allies have started to advance on Peking from Tientsin. The first Chinese army is 15 miles out from Peking and is arranged in the shape of a great arc extending 30.

It Was a Plot.

Rome, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—In the course of an examination here today, Brissi who assassinated King Humbert, did not deny but that he had been designated to commit the crime. Anton Lanner, who accompanied Brissi from America, and four or five others have been arrested. The king's body will be sent to Windsor for burial.

General Greeley Coming.

Washington, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—Gen. Greeley has left for Alaska to superintend the laying of the telegraph cable for which congress has appropriated \$480,000. He will go on to Dawson, where he will probably make arrangements with the Canadian government for the transmission of messages direct to the states until the Alaska system is completed.

Corbett and McCoy.

New York, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—Kid McCoy and J. J. Corbett have been matched for a 25-round go before the Century Club on the 30th of this month.

Historian Dead.

New York, Aug. 1, via Skagway, Aug. 6.—John Clark Ridpath, the renowned historian, died at the Presbyterian hospital today from a complication of diseases.

A Ridiculous Proposition.

Numerous complaints are being made of the manner in which the people of Dawson are being worked in preparation for the housing of Lord Minto during his stay with us. Major Wood has most generously agreed to vacate his house for the time being; but as it is desired to have it more elegantly furnished than it is, complaints are made that, instead of buying the fixtures needed, the powers that be are endeavoring to borrow them from residences and stores. This, to the average Dawsonite, looks very small. Not that there is a man in town who would refuse to loan his oil cloth and set of the bare table until it is returned, or loan his pot metal cutlery and set with chop sticks; but the idea of ransacking in tea party tactics where royalty is concerned and where a government with a pléthoric purse is footing the bills—well, it is no wonder the proposition is spoken of as ridiculous.