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BURNED AT STAKE.

Horrible Barbarities Practiced by Chinese Rebels at Tientsin.

FOREIGN LEGATIONS ARE DESTROYED.

Admiral Seymour Is Hemmed In On All Sides.

HE HAS ONLY 2300 MEN.

Imperial Edicts Are Not Directed Against the Boxers—The Latter Have Entered Peking.

From Saturday's Daily.

London, June 17, via Skagway, June 23.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says all the foreign legations at Peking have been destroyed by the Boxers. The German minister, Baron Van Keller, has been killed.

Admiral Seymour is three-fifths of the way between Tientsin and Peking with 2300 marines. The Boxers are burning the bridges behind him and destroying the railroad before him. His force is now hemmed in between Lang Fang and Yung. Seeing that Seymour's relief force is itself in need of relief,

1700 Russian reserves with horses and guns have been landed and 4000 more will be sent from Port Arthur.

The Boxers are now in control of Tientsin and have burned all the native city officials at the stake.

Large incendiary fires have occurred in Peking in the eastern part of the city, where the English and American churches stood and where nearly all the foreigners resided. All the buildings and telegraph poles were destroyed. There is no hope for immediate repairs. From Shanghai comes the information that 10,000 imperial troops have disbanded and joined the Boxers.

The latest imperial edict against the rioters avoids mentioning the Boxers, and the Chinese government particularly disclaims all responsibility for any encounters which occur.

Late dispatches from Peking confirm the news that the Boxers entered that city and destroyed several missions and attacked the legations, but were repulsed with Maxim guns. The imperial guard took with the legations and helped in their defense.

It is believed that since the first assault another has been made and that the Shanghai report of the destruction of the legations is true.

It is reported that Russia and Germany have combined in one solid movement against China. A high Russian official has gone to Berlin to arrange the details.

Will Be a Duke.

London, June 17, via Skagway, June 23.—Lord Roberts is scheduled for a dukedom, which will be awarded on his return from South Africa.

Kenny's Criticism.

London, June 17, via Skagway, June 23.—Gen. Kelly Kenny says: "The management of the war is the rummiest ever seen. If we division commanders are wrong, we should be sent home in disgrace. If we are right, Roberts gets the credit. The fact that the victorious British general is shut out from all communication, while a regiment seven hundred of his men are slaughtered by a supposedly conquered enemy is the rummiest spectacle in war history. Everyone knows that someone blundered at Pretoria. But now, why not capture Botha instead of a deserted city; and still progress is reported."

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BACK TO DAWSON.

The Steamer Florence S Makes Successful Round Trip to and From

THE PRACTICALLY UNKNOWN KOYUKUK

Which is Reported by Steamer Officers to Look Good.

MUCH WORK IS BEING DONE,

But Owing to Scarcity of Water Work of Cleaning Up Was Delayed—Mall Brought Out.

The steamer Florence S. returned last evening from a point about midway between Peavy and Koyukuk diggings, 600 miles up the Koyukuk river. The steamer brought 16 passengers and mail picked up at the various points passed in her up river run, but neither passengers or mail from the Koyukuk diggings. The Tanana mail carrier, R. Blom, bringing the Tanana mail, was among the Florence's passengers.

Capt. Fussel was sufficiently interested in the Koyukuk country to glean much valuable information from the most reliable sources, which he logged and kindly gave to the Nugget.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13a, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 on Myrtle have been opened and found good, though sluicing had not been commenced to any great extent at the time the reports came out, but it was then thought that there would be sufficient water to work with by the 20th.

Claims four and five are disputed, but no particulars are known concerning the dispute.

Claim No. 1 on Myrtle creek is owned and being worked by Jim Huston. No. 4 on Slate creek is the property of Mr. Hart.

Gold Bench on South Fork is also looking well. This is ten miles below Davis creek, opposite the mouth of Red creek. Then men are working there and taking out good pay, though exact figures are not obtainable. Gold creek has good prospects, but little or no work is being done.

On Twelvemile three claims are being worked. The ground is not so rich here, showing only eight cents to the pan.

The following letter was received by E. J. Fitzpatrick, of the Nugget, from F. S. McFarlane, formerly manager of the W. H. Parsons Co., of this city:

June 8, 1900.

My Dear Fitz: Will fulfill my agreement by sending you a few lines. As yet there is little to write about. We have had a very pleasant, successful trip, a few little excitements, but nothing serious. We are now about 1500 miles from Dawson and about 65 miles from the mines. The Koyukuk river is nearly as large as the Yukon; very crooked. We have received very courteous treatment from the steambot people. Capt. Fussel is a topnotcher, and Capt. Sid Barrington has taken big chances in this upper river in trying to get to the head of navigation, and last night tried for one hour to get over 2 1/2 feet of water with a boat drawing three feet of water and had it not been for the powerful boat Florence S. we would have been landed 100 miles down the river from here. The whole passenger list are unanimous in saying that it was a good trip. As near as I can learn about 25 claims will be worked this season here. Whether the camp will be a boomer or not I cannot say. Respectfully yours, F. S. McFARLANE.

Concerning the summer trail from the Yukon to the diggings Capt. Fussel states that the best route yet discovered is that which leaves the Yukon six miles below Weare, at Tosekiket river. This stream is followed to the left hand fork which in turn leads the traveler to the summit. After crossing the summit to the head water of Old Man creek, this stream marks the trail

to the landing five miles below Bergman.

The horrors of the trail which leads off from the vicinity of Fort Yukon are said to beggar description. There is a marsh extending some 75 miles here, and of the numerous horses which have started that way, but two had reached the diggings up to the time the Florence S. started on her return trip. Many pack animals are said to have died or broken down, and there is a story regarding a man named Morris, which leaves little room to doubt his fate. Morris started from Fort Yukon with dogs and that is the last that has been seen of him, although the fact that the dogs returned without him, and in a starving condition, seems to point pretty clearly to his end.

The steamer John C. Barr was passed in a slough some 80 miles below Fort Hamlin, where she was stuck fast on a bar. The steamer was drawing about three feet and there was only 18 inches of water on the bar.

Following is the steamer's passenger list: R. Blom, Tanana; Mr. Sanderson, Chas. Sanders, J. H. Hoffbaum, A. E. London, C. W. Gibson, Circle City; P. Forest, L. C. Stocking, D. Swanson, L. D. Zimmerman, S. G. Berke, Preston Gordon, N. W. Powers, F. Best, S. J. Kemhoy, Fortymile.

Old Soldiers, Attention.

All old soldiers of whatever nationality are invited by the executive committee to take part in the grand parade to be given on the Fourth of July. All who desire to take part are requested to report to J. Newton Storry, the secretary of the committee whose office is in the Webb building on First street.

Territorial Court.

George Morrison, accused of theft, appeared before Justice Dugas this morning and was admitted to bail, two sureties qualifying in the sum of \$500. His case will be heard at the next session in September next.

Stieповich, convicted of stealing hay, and Soggs of attempted murder, will receive their sentences Monday.

Mrs. Telford's Funeral.

Mrs. Telford, of whose sad and sudden death Thursday night mention was made in yesterday's paper will be buried this evening, the funeral being held from St. Paul's church, Rev. Naylor conducting the exercises. The tiny babe which survives the young mother, and which is left to the care of the sorrowing husband, is getting along very nicely, although weighing less than five pounds. Mrs. Telford was a native of Ontario. Interment will be in the hillside cemetery.

Potato Patch Stamped.

Some three or four hundred people, all desirous of owning a claim in the Klondike, even if there is no good reason for supposing there is anything in it, have wended their way nightly for many nights to the vicinity of the Potato Patch group of claims, otherwise known as the Acklin farm, just back of town, where they have staked everything in sight save the beams of the midnight sun, and the potato blossoms.

Mr. Acklin, the owner of the Potato Patch group had no objections to all this, nor is he at all worried even now, when stakes have been planted on the ground which he has been ground-slucing this summer, although naturally he does not favor the extremes to which the stampedeers have gone.

One would-be claim owner took an ax with him and chopped the name of the original staker from his stakes using the same for his own.

As the original stakers located the ground in question on the last of January and first of February, and duly complied with the requirements necessary to give them title, it is needless to say that the jumping is a waste of time and energy even if no more serious results follow, which is by no means impossible.

Mohr & Wilkens for fresh goods.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

ANOTHER REPORT

Which Says Cape Nome District Is Very Rich in Gold.

MUCH BEACH MINING NOW GOING ON.

Tundra as Rich as Beach, but More Difficult to Work.

MANY CREEKS QUITE RICH.

Good Reports From Cape York—Is Glad He Went, but Has Little Advice to Give.

Editor Daily Nugget.

In your issue of yesterday I notice a letter from Nome from a Mr. Jules Soyer, in which he describes that country and advises people to remain in the Klondike.

Now, from a selfish standpoint, I should of course keep quiet, as all my interests are here in Dawson and I expect to remain here; but from a standpoint of honesty I deem it my duty to state what came to me in a letter from one formerly in my employ, a man for whose truthfulness and reliability I can vouch. My correspondent reached Nome two weeks in advance of Mr. Soyer and, unlike that gentleman, did not take what people told him as a basis on which to write letters deterring the country, but got around and saw for himself the possibilities of the country as a mining field. After four weeks diligent study of the situation he writes me as follows:

"In compliance with my promise to you I will endeavor to tell you something of what I have found in the Nome district during my 20 days' stay here. Considerable work is being done on the beach, but I fear that will not suffice for many who will arrive on the opening of navigation, as the area is not of sufficient extent to accommodate many more than are now working, although so far the returns are very satisfactory, many men realizing from \$15 to \$40 for a day's work.

"That portion of the country lying back from but adjacent to the beach, and called tundra, is almost unlimited in extent and is fully as rich in gold as is the beach, but more work is required on it, as deeper holes must be sunk before pay dirt is reached, although it is usually found at from six to ten feet deep beneath the surface.

"As to the creeks there is no question as to their richness. The Penny river and all its tributaries constitute very valuable property. Snow gulch is fabulously rich from one end to the other, and the same thing is true of Anvil creek.

"I have not yet been to Cape York, but very favorable reports are received from them every day. So far as I am concerned, I am glad I came, although the long trip over the ice from Dawson was not a pleasant one; notwithstanding that fact, however, I covered it in 44 days.

"If your business is still good, use your pleasure about staying or coming; but if business is slack let 'er go and

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