

RECEIVED BY WIRE. THE COMBINE IS MADE

Local Companies Merged Into North American Commercial Co.

NORTH AMERICAN TRADING AND TRANSPORTATION CO.

Not Wholly Included in the Big Combine—Only Its Steamers and Shipping Interests

Five Transportation Companies Combined, the Alaska Exploration, Alaska Commercial, North American Trading & Transportation, Empire Transportation and Seattle-Yukon Transportation as Northern Navigation Company—Object of Both Concerns to Reduce Expenses—Prices on all Articles Will be Reduced.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

San Francisco, April 9, via Skagway, April 15.—Details of the combination of large Alaskan companies are now officially announced. Included in the gigantic combine are the Alaska Exploration Co., the Alaska Commercial Co., the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., and the Empire Transportation Co. All four of these companies have been merged into two concerns, the North American Commercial Co., with a capital of \$7,000,000, and the Northern Navigation Co., with a capital of \$3,250,000. The former company takes over all the commercial assets of the four companies and will be operated purely as a commercial concern. The latter takes over all the transportation assets of the four companies and will be operated purely as a transportation concern.

It is officially announced that the North American Commercial Company, will reduce the prices on all supplies, avoid shortages of necessities and still make legitimate profits in the reduction of expenses.

No statement has been made concerning the proportion in which stockholders in the old companies will receive shares in the new company.

The Northern Navigation Co. will

End of Organized Rebellion.

New York, March 29.—A special to the Journal of Commerce from Washington says:

The capture of Aguinaldo is generally regarded at the war department and by administration leaders as putting an end to organized rebellion against the United States in the Philippines.

The question is soon likely to be taken up whether the control of business in the dependencies shall not be brought under the head of a single department, equipped with experts capable of giving intelligent study and their entire time to reforms in the administration of the finances, the monetary system and the judiciary of all the islands acquired from Spain. This work is now scattered among several independent heads, without being the exclusive work of any department. Secretary Root is giving a great amount of attention to the progress of the military campaign in the Philippines under the war department and at the same time is studying measures to improve the civil condition of the islands. He has also practical charge of Cuba while the American occupation continues.

There are several very important subjects in relation to the Philippines which have been held in abeyance pending the restoration of orderly government. Some of them almost require specific legislation by congress in order to be settled in a permanent and satisfactory manner, but it is the intention of the administration to take the best action possible under the blanket authority conferred by the Spooner amendment to the army appropriation bill. One of these matters is the reform of the coinage which is causing no end of disturbances at Manila. The supply of silver in the country began to disappear when large amounts of money were required for the operations of the united forces of the powers in China. The result was to raise the Mexican silver dollars forming the bulk of the currency to a higher value than that assigned them in American gold and to

operate the coast steamers Portland, St. Paul and Dora, also sailing vessels under charter between lower points and St. Michael.

The principal officers of the company will be in Seattle, San Francisco, Victoria and Vancouver.

Just why the North American Trading & Transportation Co. proposes remaining outside the combination is not known here, neither is it known what may result from its staying out.

A special dispatch from Chicago today gives an interview with Michael Cudaby which tends to show that the N. A. T. & T. Co. has already entered the combination. In fact Cudaby discusses the matter as though all arrangements for the combine, including his company, are completed. He says:

"We do not contemplate the merging of all the companies into one big company, as that would practically monopolize the Alaska trade. Our purpose is to merely effect a saving of operating expenses. Now, these five transportation companies have five harbor masters each and many men looking after wood, etc. Now, we propose to work together and put down expenses. Further than this there is no combination so far as my company is concerned."

cause their free exportation, against the protests of the army officers and some of the members of the Taft commission.

The grant of franchises for the development of the resources of the islands and the construction of railways also are important subjects which will soon be taken up. Action on these matters has been greatly fettered by the amendment which Senator Hoar offered to the army bill, nullifying such franchises after a year, but the authority given to grant them where the interests of the islands will suffer if they are not granted may justify some action by the administration and by the new civil government to put the Philippines upon the basis of other civilized countries.

The administration will endeavor to collect data before the opening of another session of congress, which will explain all the legislation required. Expert advice is likely to be sought which will enable congress to act promptly and efficiently when such matters are finally taken up.

Gambling in Arkansas.

Little Rock, March 31.—After a spirited contest the house has refused to reconsider the vote by which it passed the senate bill for the suppression of gambling.

The bill imposes a fine of from \$500 to \$1000 for gaming, half the fine to go to the common school fund. It provides that if any attorney or mayor shall know of or be informed of any violation of the act and shall neglect to prosecute, he shall upon indictment and conviction be fined, removed from office and disqualified from holding office in the state. Advocates of the measure contend that it will be a death blow to gambling in this state.

Harry Hershberg's guessing contest will close on the 28th of this month, so get your guesses in now and win the complete swell outfit which he is offering to the one who guesses nearest the time as to when the ice will start moving.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. TO PREVENT MONOPOLY

Of Canada's Coal Land by C. P. Ry. Co.

Ottawa, April 10, via Skagway, April 15.—It is said on excellent authority that an agreement has been reached by the C. P. N. & Crow's Nest Coal Co. whereby the company select 3800 acres of coal lands and the government will select 5000 acres which it will hold, and in case the company attempts to make a monopoly of the coal business the government will then throw open its reserve to the public.

Victoria Memorial.

Toronto, April 11, via Skagway, April 15.—Completed plans for the Victoria memorial building show a structure which will cost \$200,000.

A contract for the new Palace hotel has been let, the building to cost \$800,000.

Burned to Death.

Mission Junction, April 10, via Skagway, April 15.—The steamer Royal City was destroyed by fire here last night. Two of the crew, Paul Heter of Fort Hammond and Frank Edwards of Hatzic, were roasted in their berths.

Major Howard Killed.

Ottawa, April 11, via Skagway, April 15.—Capt. Charles Russell, the famous Canadian scout, wires that Major Howard and his orderly were ambushed at Swaziland, robbed and afterwards shot in cold blood.

J. C. M'LAGAN IS DEAD

Founder, Editor and Proprietor of Vancouver World.

Vancouver, April 11, via Skagway, April 15.—John Campbell McLagan, founder, editor and proprietor of the Vancouver World, is dead after an illness of several months duration. He was born in Prethshire in 1838. He was a pioneer in Vancouver and has ever been one of her most enterprising and respected citizens.

(A son of Editor McLagan is now in Dawson, an employe in the office of the gold commissioner.)

Ask For More Wages.

Youngstown, O., March 31.—The furnace men of the Mahoning and Shenandoah valleys have decided to demand a 10 per cent increase in wages to take effect on April 1. The demand will be submitted to the employers next week. A settlement is probable without resort to a strike.

Warned.

Once when Mrs. Kendal was taking the role of Galatea in Dublin she had an amusing experience. Pygmalion, it will be remembered, had a jealous wife. During the temporary absence of that lady Galatea was about to throw herself into the arms of Pygmalion when an old dame in the audience cried warningly: "Don't do it, darling! His wife's just gone out, and shure it'll be like her to be listenin at the keyhole."

Editor Wall Going Out.

Sam W. Wall has resigned his position as editor of the News and will leave for the outside on the stage tomorrow morning for the purpose, it is said, of securing a printing plant which he will take to Teller City on the opening of navigation. Mr. Wall came to Klondike via St. Michael in the fall and winter of '97, his voyage up the river being one of the most memorable in the history of the country. Mr. Wall is a favorite in the local newspaper world and to him is extended the hope of the fraternity that his future undertakings may be crowned with that success he so richly deserves. Mrs. Wall and little son will remain in Dawson until the opening of navigation.

A Wins.

Dawson, April 12, 1901.
Editor Klondike Daily Nugget:
Dear Sir—To decide a bet please answer through the columns of your valuable paper the following question:
A bets that women vote for president in the state of Colorado, B says no. Who wins?
A READER.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. DISASTROUS OTTAWA FIRE

Guests Escape From Russell House in Night Clothes.

Ottawa, April 10, via Skagway, April 15.—A serious fire occurred last night in the Russell house block. There were 200 guests in the house but they are believed to have all escaped, nearly all of them clad only in their night clothes. The hotel, theater and Free Press office, were entirely destroyed. The theater was one of the finest in Canada.

Kruger to Visit America.

Paris, April 9, via Skagway, April 15.—La Raffel, the newspaper, says Kruger sails for America on May 31st. He will be the guest of New York Democrats and will address Tammany Hall on the night of June 8th. The same paper says Botha will shortly renew negotiations for peace.

Alaska Educator Sick.

Sitka, April 5, via Skagway, April 15.—W. A. Kelly, superintendent of education for Alaska, is suffering from typhoid fever. His death is hourly expected.

Jim Hill Spreading.

Vancouver, April 11, via Skagway, April 15.—It is stated on good authority that the Warner Miller Syndicate has sold to Jim Hill all the surveys, franchises, etc., of the Colville reservation proposition and that Hill will begin the work of construction at once.

BOTHA ASKS FOR PEACE

Says Dewet Is Not Responsible for His Actions.

Capt Town, April 11, via Skagway, April 15.—The rumor that Botha has reopened peace negotiations is now confirmed. He says Dewet is no longer responsible for his actions and asks modus vivendi for all the Burgher forces.

King Carlos' Trouble.

Madrid, March 29.—Reports which reach here from Lisbon concerning the strained relations between King Carlos and his wife point to an early separation and to the departure of the queen from the kingdom.

The differences between the royal pair are looked upon here as not so much due to religious questions as to the pronounced sympathies of the king of England. Queen Marie Amelie, who is above everything else a French princess, was strongly opposed to the alliance between England and Portugal, which was promulgated at the time of the recent visit of the British fleet to the Tagus, and resents the anti-French policy which has been pursued since by King Carlos and his government and which led to a threat of war upon Portugal two weeks ago by M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs.

In the Duke of Orleans' quarrels with the British royal family, the queen has sided altogether with her brother, to such an extent that he has broken off her formerly intimate relations with Queen Alexandra and the latter's daughters, and the present dispute between the king and queen on the subject of the religious orders is merely the climax.

King Carlos has instituted measures to curb the power of the religious orders, which the latter ascribe to his English influences, declaring that during his recent stay in England he not only became imbued with Protestant sympathies, but likewise affiliated with Freg Masons. There is no doubt that King Carlos has keenly resented the clerical tyranny to which he thinks he has been subjected, as, for instance, when he was prevented by the vatican from attending either the silver wedding or the funeral of his uncle, King Humbert.

The court at Lisbon is divided into two sections, one siding with the queen, among them being the Marquis of Pombal, grand master of the ceremonies, who has tendered his resignation, while the other remains true to the king.

Orr & Tukey are still sending out two stages each way per day between Dawson and the Forks. Both stages are on wheels now.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. SEATTLE GAMBLERS

Defy Law and Order League and Run Wide Open Day and Night.

SUNDAYS THE SAME AS OTHER DAYS.

League Takes Up Challenge and Big Fight Is On.

MYSTERIOUS OCEAN ROBBERY.

Gold Bars to Value of \$16,000 Stolen From Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse.

—Logan's Statue Unveiled.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

Seattle, April 10, via Skagway, April 15.—The gamblers have assumed an attitude of open defiance towards law, order and the league. Saturday four houses were ordered to close until Monday. They heeded not the order but continued wide open Sunday and Sunday night. The law and order league will take up the bold challenge issued by the gamblers and the fight will continue.

Robbery on Steamer.

Cherbourg, April 10, via Skagway, April 15.—A mysterious robbery from the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse occurred on her last voyage when four gold bars worth \$4000 each disappeared.

Statue of Logan.

Washington, April 9, via Skagway, April 15.—The unveiling of the statue of Gen. John A. Logan today was witnessed by many thousand people. There was a great military display. The most notable addresses of the occasion were made by President McKinley and Channey Dewey.

Fast Train Travel.

Shelburne, Vt., March 31.—Dr. Seward Webb's special train swung into this little village at 2 o'clock this afternoon, having made one of the fastest if not the fastest transcontinental trip on record. Owing, however, to the fact that he turned off at Albany instead of going through to New York it is impossible with the data at hand here to say how this trip compares with the famous one of the Parret Palmer special which held the record for many years.

Two cars were dropped off at Albany, which was reached by the flyer at 9:30 this morning. Those containing the guests of the millionaire were attached to regular trains for the South and East, while Dr. Webb and his family came to their country house here to rest up a bit. He declined to discuss the fast run, but said that the journey had been very pleasant and was apparently enjoyed by all of his guests.

The party left San Francisco on Tuesday night, by the Southern Pacific. Besides D. Webb, his wife and daughter, there were on board Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bird of New York, Miss Metcalf and Miss Dunn, friends of Miss Webb. Dr. Webb's special made 65 miles an hour between Cheyenne and Omaha. Between North Platte and Grand Island 72 miles an hour was recorded. From Council Bluffs to Chicago an average of 52 miles an hour was made over the Northwestern.

The train left Chicago at 2:30 a. m. and came to Buffalo by the Lake Shore route.

Goetzman Returns.

H. J. Goetzman the photographer returned to Dawson this morning on a rapid trip to the outside. He visited Seattle, Portland and San Francisco remaining in the latter city a period of three weeks. He brought back with him a special line of photographic supplies and is prepared to do better work than ever.

Mr. Goetzman made the trip and in with his own dog team and states as his opinion that dogs are the real thing for quick travel.