

A MYSTERIOUS EXPEDITION

Is Being Arranged by Chicago Parties

To Proceed to Pacific Islands Practically Unknown, But Rich in Mineral Deposits.

Led by two intrepid soldiers of fortune, one a Chicagoan, 350 scions of the best families of New York and Detroit will start early in December on an arduous expedition across the Pacific, says the Inter-Ocean.

The golden fleece in their case is twelve islands on which the foot of civilized man has seldom trod and the location of which is known only by the men who captain the expedition.

One of these is Alfred Haag, an American scientist and promoter of mining enterprises, who discovered the islands ten years ago while voyaging around the world. The other is Dr. Emil Dorn, who says he was once the confidential secretary of the great German Von Moltke. Dr. Dorn now lives at No. 394 Lincoln avenue.

These leaders and their followers are after immense riches, to be gained only after escaping perils greater than those which encompassed the early American colonists. Haag found the islands possessed a climate pure and more healthful than that of any other land he had ever visited.

Two of the islands are large and thickly populated. The others are small in comparison and sparsely settled. Savage tribes, closely related to the aborigines of Australia, roam over the country, each organized into a primitive government, the chief executive of which possesses powers similar to those of the headman of an African tribe.

Forty per cent. of the population is made up of cannibals, by whom thirty French sailors, cast upon one of the islands during a storm at sea in the same year that Haag landed there, were butchered and eaten. Attracted by a desire to secure some of the wealth of the islands, Haag risked his life eight years ago in visiting them again.

When he returned to New York he entered into negotiations with a number of eastern capitalists, to whom he spoke of the importance of his discovery, and solicited funds with which to acquire possession of the islands. The project was accepted by the latter with alacrity, and a deal had almost been effected when Haag was called to Brazil, and later to Abyssinia, to negotiate for the possession of mining property on behalf of a European company, by which he was employed.

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about two years will be consumed in the organization of our government. Our party will leave San Francisco early in December. The enterprise will be of a purely American character—American men will constitute the crew, and an American steamer will be chartered for their transportation, and the whole outfit will be American, with some small exceptions in regard to armaments.

IMPORTANT TAX CASE

Decision Effects Chicago to Extent of Millions.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 24.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the circuit court of Sangamon county in what is known as the Chicago teachers' tax case. This in effect awards a writ of mandamus against the state board of equalization, to compel it to assess the capital stock, including franchises, of 20 Chicago corporations, the fair cash value of whose capital stock, including franchises, over and above their tangible property, is alleged to aggregate \$225,000,000.

The suit was instituted by the state's attorney of Sangamon county at the instance of the Chicago Teachers' Federation.

The court holds that the board, in assessing the corporations, does not act as a board of review, but as an original assessor. Instead of making a proper assessment, the court says the board arbitrarily and willfully failed to follow a proper and long established rule in force in this state for making such assessments, by refusing to take into consideration the bonded indebtedness of the said corporations. They also disregarded all other rules in force for the making of such assessments, sought to pass new rules for their government, refused to consider the information furnished them by the assessors as provided, and assessed the capital and franchise of said corporations at a nominal sum instead of at the fair cash value thereof.

For these reasons, the decision says, "the court is justified in holding that the fraud in making such assessments has been established, and such pretended assessments may properly be disregarded and treated as no assessments, and such board be coerced by the writ of mandamus to assess such property."

The opinion quotes the order of the lower court commanding the members of the board to convene forthwith at the capital building in the county of Sangamon, and value and assess the capital stock, including the franchise of the companies named in the manner provided by law.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—The tax decision given today by the Illinois supreme court relates to 23 local corporations enjoying municipal franchises, including traction companies, gas companies and electric companies, whose total capital stock was estimated to be \$268,000,000, all of which has escaped taxation previously, and was likely to be omitted again by the state board, which adjourned last December without assessing this vast amount of property.

The trial of the case was begun before Judge Thompson in Springfield March 28, and the decision was handed down May 9, commanding the board to reassess the 23 and assess these corporations in accordance with the rules of the court in regard to the assessment of capital stock. But the board not only expected to make the assessment, but repeated the rules of the board on the subject which had been in force for 30 years, and had been upheld by the United States supreme court as the only fair and legal plan of assessment.

Madrid, Oct. 23.—The grievances of the Spanish naval officers, concerning which Admiral Valcarlos, admiral of the fleet, recently submitted a memorandum to the queen regent, are the result of what they regarded as a policy belittling the navy. The officers object to the creation of civil positions of naval affairs and credit. They wish the government and parliament to declare at once for all whether the existence of the navy is necessary, and if it is to provide for it adequately. Most of the newspapers severely censure Admiral Valcarlos' action. The impartial declares that the minister of marine, the Duke of Veragua, lacks the energy to maintain discipline in the navy.

At the cabinet council today, under the presidency of the queen regent, the Valcarlos memorandum was incidentally discussed, but apparently there was a fear to probe the question thoroughly lest a cabinet crisis be provoked.

WRECKED'S JAW TOTAL LOSS

Craft and Cargo Lie Underneath Eight Feet of Water.

Contained 100 Sacks of Potatoes and 325 Sacks of Oats—Loss Falls on the Consignors.

W. G. Street and B. F. Burdick, the two men sent out by Agent Miles of the Caldegerad like some ten days ago to look after the scow left in the ice nine miles below Stewart by the Nora on her last trip down, returned this morning at 11 o'clock. Their trip was a hard one, particularly in going up, and resulted in nothing beyond ascertaining the scow and its contents to be a total loss. Said Mr. Street:

"When we left here about ten days ago the traveling was very difficult. We broke our own trail and found a great deal of open water. The dog team was left at Indian river as we were unable to make scarcely any headway at all with them, continuing the journey on foot till we came to the scow. We found it submerged in such shape that we could do nothing whatever with it. It was lying in what is known as the East and West channel and was not on a bar at all, except the end that was above water. In extreme low water here is a blind bar at that point but it is not of sufficient consequence to interfere with navigation. The scow was badly broken up and would scarcely have floated had it not been fast. We returned as far as Ogilvie where we received a wire to go back to Stewart after some express matter. Lurgess came on to Indian river after the dogs and I returned to Stewart with a hard sled. On my way down I again went to the scow to look at the scow and found it had entirely disappeared. The river had broken up and rose until there was eight feet of water over the derelict. The scow as well as the contents is a total loss."

"We met the mail, outward bound, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock five miles below Indian river. The three teams were together and were making good headway considering the rough traveling. They had to tread their own trail from Dawson until they struck out on Indian river. From Stewart I made a good trail perfectly straight down as far as Ogilvie. No one has arrived at Stewart from up river, so the condition of the trail beyond that point is a matter of guess work, but I do not apprehend it is any worse from there to Selkirk than it is from Stewart here."

The wrecked scow contained 100 sacks of potatoes and 125 sacks of oats for G. H. Mayhew and 300 sacks of oats for F. D. Boyer. As the consignments were shipped at owner's risk the loss will fall entirely upon the consignors.

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WOULD-BE CONSPIRATOR

Formerly Engaged in Business at Onnet.

H. Grebl, one of the men who is said to have been at the head of the conspiracy to overthrow the Yukon government, visited Dawson last summer for several weeks. Grebl was taken as a witness two years ago, when he conducted a trial, and was held in custody for some time. Those who know him say he is a suspicious sort of fellow in whom not much reliance can be placed.

Stevenson, Oct. 24.—Murderer Green has given up hope of escaping the gallows. E. M. Adams, his attorney, who had been vainly endeavoring to secure his release, has this morning admitted that he must submit to the execution penalty.

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The many complimentary remarks which are continually made with regard to this column in the Saturday issue of the paper are very gratifying and encouraging. It is the intention to make this column a complete record of the social life and features of the city and surrounding creeks during the winter. In order to do this we ask the co-operation of our friends and subscribers in the city and of the creeks and request that items be forwarded to this office. It is absolutely necessary that communications intended for this column should be received Friday to insure publication the following day. It has been necessary to hold over many items until the following week simply because they have been received too late and when a social event becomes two weeks old it loses much of its interest. We are trying to make this feature of the paper one of especial interest and we trust that our readers and friends will bear the fact in mind that they can be of material aid to us in our efforts by sending in their communications promptly.

The two big social events, viz.: The Arctic Brotherhood's opening, which occurred on Tuesday evening, and the St. Andrew's ball, which is to be held on the 29th, have so engrossed the attention of society people during the week that not much time has been given to individual entertaining, and therefore the week has been rather a quiet one in social circles.

The first drive of the Dawson Driving Club, held last Saturday afternoon, was an immense success. The sharp north wind which was blowing in the morning calmed down sufficiently in the afternoon to make brisk travelling comfortable. The start was made from the barracks and the route chosen for the drive was up the Klondike river to Ogilvie bridge and return, and thence around town. For a couple of hours the drive was continued, each and every member of the party enjoying its pleasure to the fullest extent. Those who made up the party were Capt. Starnes (the whip) driving a span and having as guests Mrs. H. C. Macaulay, Miss Richardson and Dr. Barrett, H. C. Macaulay, Mrs. Starnes (span), F. T. Congdon, Madame Dugas, (span); J. P. McLennan, Mrs. J. P. McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, (span); Capt. Wroughton, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. French, Mr. Marks, (span); Capt. Cosby, Miss Chisholm, (single); Mr. Richard Cowan, Mrs. McDonald, (single); E. C. Senker, Miss Hanwell, (single); Mr. Colin Chisholm, Mr. Hest, (single); Mr. Stevenson, (horseback).

Today the start will be made from the residence of Mr. H. C. Macaulay, and the turnout will be much more imposing, as there will be several tandems and possibly one or two four-in-hands.

Mr. J. W. Wilson of the Regina hotel will tender a banquet to the members of the Dawson newspaper fraternity on Sunday evening. A sumptuous menu has been arranged, and the affair promises to be one of the sweetest of its kind ever given in Dawson.

A number of the Terpsichoreans of last winter met in the office of one of the members Thursday evening and talked over the advisability of re-organizing for the present season a cotillon club, dancing nothing but the waltz. It would be a novelty for Dawson and there is no apparent reason why the dance should not become immensely popular. In the eastern cities for several years the cotillon has almost entirely supplanted the ordinary dances, particularly so in elite society. There are several gentlemen in the city who have been several times in New York, and as the success of the dance depends almost wholly upon the leader, there is no reason why the cotillon should not be as successful here as it is in New York. Favors need not necessarily be employed.

Quite the nicest private affair so far given this season was the small affair held last night under the auspices of the Bachelors' club. Though the affair was announced as an informal, yet many very pretty toilets being worn by the ladies. A program of sixteen dances ending with Sir Roger de Coverley was danced, a light torch race served shortly after midnight. The

The Nugget's Children Department

PUZZLES. NO. 18—WORD SQUARES. A path. A tribe. Difficult. Last. NO. 19. The end. A river between China and Siberia. Certain. A vegetable growth.

NO. 20—CENTRAL ACROSTIC. All the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed, the central letters, reading downward, will spell the name of a flower. Cross-words: 1, gas; 2, a dish; 3, part of the human body; 4, a sticky

FARMYARD SKATING MATCH. The glory of the summer days. The autumn, with its ruddy rays. And golden harvest-time, had fled. Leaving no traces. In their stead, Stern winter, with an icy hand, Had swept majestic through the land; And 'neath a covering pure and white, Meadows and fields lay hid from sight. Gold from the hill-tops blew the breeze, Shaking the crystals on the trees, And sending down in mimic showers A perfect storm of snowy flowers. The ponds and rivers, streams and brooks, That habited once through shady nooks, Were now with icy covering bound. And so it chanced that all around,

And as a kind of pond police, Or judges, rather, of the race, Piggie and wife took up their place. The sport began, and every one Seemed to enjoy the mirth and fun. 'Twere vain, of course, to give attention To every race. Vain, too, to mention The frequent falls, the many whirs, The curious antics and the trips. How Mr. Goose by chance fell down, And, like one Jack of famed renown, How Mr. Turkey, to pride himself, With much conceit made up his mind To show his skating powers to the world. His wondrous skill, his grace and ease; But how, indeed, he proved to all,



Wherever smooth ice could be found, People in swarms, intent on gliding, In skating spent their time, and sliding. DOUBLY BEHEADED ACROSTIC. In fact so much was this the fashion, So strong, indeed, the ruling passion, That ere a day or two had gone, The news of what the world had done, And then was doing, reached a spot. Where oftentimes news travels fast. A farm-yard, on a breezy down, Lying remote from rail or town, Free from the world's loud din and rattle, A very paradise for cattle.

NO. 21.—(Ex. Doubly behead an dog and leave a fluid, br-in-k) 1, doubly behead a fruit and leave an animal; 2, doubly behead to designate and leave to aim; 3, doubly behead the ruler of an empire and leave to train; 4, doubly behead to grant and leave deep; 5, doubly behead part of an egg and leave a fish; 6, doubly behead to check and leave to stretch; 7, doubly behead to read downward, spell fruit.

"Fridge ever comes before a full." How Mrs. Duck, on sliding fell, On Mr. Duck's strong plume bent, And how, alas! I said to rhyme, She fell, and falling dragged a mate, Making him share her dismal fate. Of all these things 'tis very plain, To try to give account we vain. Suffice it then for me to tell, How at the sound of curfew bell, The piggies both, with solemn par, Declared their verdict on the sport. "For ducks and geese no doubt 'tis nice To spend a day upon the ice; But if you ask us both to say, We, too, will skate another day. We're sorry, but—now don't abuse, You see you really must excuse us."

NO. 22.—DOUBLE DIAGONAL. Well, even here, as I have said, The rage for skates and skating spread; And in the farmyard one cold day, Behold a council met to say What part behooved the brute creation In this, the mania of the nation. The ducks and geese, in bold array, Addressed the meeting first, and they, On this, at least, were all agreed, That with the world, they too, in deed,

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