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OLD DREDGING LEASES.
Vancouver, July 14.—Applications have been received by the department of the Interior from persons who desire to lease the river of the Saskatchewan river and for gold among the sand at the mouth of the river. The department has decided to lease the river under stringent conditions of which it is a royalty on gold brought up shall be paid to the government. After advertising Stewart in the Yukon country, as open to prospectors for dredging for gold, and several offers, the department decided that it would not be right to hand the gold in that river except with a royalty, and therefore no contract was made. The gold in the Saskatchewan is very fine and difficult to obtain by dredging, and therefore not so much after by gold hunters, it is considered wise to lease five-mile stretches of river which wish to dredge.

TO VISIT CANADA.
Vancouver, July 12.—The Dominion of Canada will have many important Chinese and Japanese visitors next month. The Japanese, the Mikado's special representative to the Queen's Jubilee, will arrive on Saturday, and will be accompanied by the Chinese special representative, the Chinese minister, and his suite of sixteen, will also arrive on Saturday. The Russian minister, Count Rosen, will arrive on Sunday, and his suite, will arrive on August 12.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.
Vancouver, July 14.—Special despatches from Shanghai say it is reported there before taking his departure Prince Potemkin, chief of the Russian special mission to the Chinese Emperor, died with the Emperor's advisers the day after his departure. It is stated, the despatch says, that Li Jing Chang approves the idea of such an alliance. Prince Potemkin also had the adoption of the Russian gauge all the railways in Northern China, this suggestion was not accepted.

THE LIGHTNING'S FREAK.
New York, July 12.—Lightning struck in the state militia company at Skidway, selecting the Y.M.C.A. as its object. One man was killed and many others were badly hurt. At every man under the canopy was struck by the lightning. Corporal J. McDonald, of Company A, 2nd Regiment, was killed; and half a dozen were severely injured. They were rescued with great difficulty and one or two are still in a serious condition.

NEW YORK'S CELEBRATION.
New York, July 12.—The 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated in this city by a picnic at Tompkins Park on the Southern Boulevard. About 4,000 persons attended the picnic during the afternoon and evening. Mr. Muirhead was the grand marshal; speeches were made by Rev. Doctors Arch, Cutting, Boyce and Sturges, and A. Copeland. Twenty-five policemen are detailed at the park to preserve order.

A GREAT WELCOME.
Toronto, July 14.—The public reception given to the Highlanders and the noble contingent to-night was the most popular one ever given here. Fully 10,000 people witnessed the procession in the streets and fully 20,000 more were in the park where the presentations were made.

CROW'S NEST CONTRACTS.
McLeod, July 14.—The first fifty miles of the Crow's Nest Pass road grading is set. Strelve gets the first five miles from Lethbridge, Foley Brothers and Dobson thirty-five miles, McCrimmon five miles, and McArthur the last. The first sod was turned at Lethbridge to-day.

The Preferential Bill.
Toronto, July 12.—The World's Montreal special says: "It is said that members of the Ottawa government have received a cable from the Premier to the effect that the preferential tariff clause will have to be dropped, and an article published in Mr. Tarte's paper, when read between the lines, would seem to confirm the rumor."

The Deadly Heat.
Montreal, July 12.—The number of deaths in Montreal last week was abnormally large, resulting in great measure from the effects of the heat. They were 325 as compared with 162 in the corresponding period last year. The number was the largest in one week since the smallpox epidemic in 1855.

Judge Berthelot Dead.
Montreal, July 12.—Hon. Mr. Justice Berthelot, who for many years occupied a prominent position in judicial circles, is dead at the age of 83.

The Head Master.
GENTLEMEN.—I have found most satisfaction in the use of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and consider it invaluable in all cases of diarrhoea and summer complaint. It is a pleasure to recommend it to the public.
R. B. MASTERTON,
Principal High School, River Charles, N. B.

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LETTER BY THE QUEEN.

Her Majesty Truly Touched by the Spontaneous Outburst of Loyal Attachment.
Will Pray for Strength to Discharge Her Duties While Life Lasts.

LONDON, July 16.—A supplement to the Gazette publishes the following letter from the Queen to Sir Matthew White Ridley, the Home Secretary, dated Windsor, July 15: "I have frequently expressed my personal feelings to my people, and though on this memorable occasion there have been many official expressions of my deep sense of the unbounded loyalty evidenced, I cannot rest satisfied without personally giving utterance to these sentiments. It is difficult for me on this occasion to say how truly touched and grateful I am for the spontaneous and universal outburst of loyal attachment and real affection experienced on the completion of the sixtieth year of my reign. During my progress through London on 22nd June, this great enthusiasm was shown in the most striking manner, and can never be effaced from my heart. It is, indeed, deeply gratifying, after so many years of labor and anxiety for the good of my beloved country, to find that my exertions have been appreciated throughout my vast Empire. In weal and woe I have ever had the true sympathy of all my people, which has been warmly reciprocated by myself. It has given me unbounded pleasure to see so many of my subjects from all parts of the world assembled, and I would wish to thank them all from the depth of my grateful heart. I shall ever pray God to bless them, and enable me still to discharge my duties for their welfare as long as life lasts."

BUTLER HANGED.
SYDNEY, N.S.W., July 16.—John Newman, alias Frank Butler, convicted of the murder of Captain Lee Weller in the Blue Mountain mining district in November, 1896, was hanged here yesterday. He broke down at the last, the remarkable stoicism which he had exhibited since his arrest in San Francisco giving way, and he confessed his guilt as well as other shocking crimes. He admitted that his right name was John Newman, and that he was born of good family in St. Paul, England.

Europe on Sugar Bounties.
LONDON, July 15.—The Chronicle's Vienna correspondent says it is stated in well-informed circles that a European conference will shortly be convened at Vienna or Berlin to discuss measures to be adopted against the United States tariff policy concerning sugar bounties.

THE TARIFF HUNG UP.
WASHINGTON, July 15.—The tariff conference was in a more hopeful mood today, and one leading senator expressed the opinion that the Republicans will be able to conclude their labors tomorrow, and to summon the Democratic members by Saturday. It is believed that the contending factions are very near an adjustment, which will compromise the differences in the sugar schedule.

At the house side, on the other hand, the conference is asserted with positiveness, that the house conferees have no intention of yielding anything to the senate, and the opinion is freely expressed that the deadlock will continue indefinitely.

At 2 o'clock this morning the Portland was stopped in the middle of the river by the steamboat H. C. Grady. A crowd of miners gathered about, eager to load the steamer with gold. The skipper pointed to a corner in which was piled three boxes and a large sack. "There, you see these boxes? They are safe; well, they contain round figures worth \$700,000 in gold, and that metal weighs nearly a ton and a half," was the captain's response to the reporter's question as to the amount of gold that was on board. He continued: "Out of the 68 passengers, there is hardly a man on board who has less than \$5,000, and one or two have over \$100,000."

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JAPAN AND SPAIN.

LONDON, July 15.—A dispatch from Paris to a newspaper here says: Inquiry at the American embassy here has elicited a confirmation of the rumor that the governments of Spain and Japan have arranged an offensive alliance against the United States.

The terms, which are for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii, provide that in event of an active aggressive movement on the part of the United States toward interference in Cuban affairs or persistence in the annexation of Hawaii, both Spain and Japan shall declare war simultaneously against the United States, and shall make hostile demonstrations along both the Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of that country.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Little credence is placed, in official circles, in the statement that the Spanish and the Japanese governments have entered into an alliance against the United States for the mutual protection of Cuba and Hawaii. Indeed, so far as could be learned to-night, the intimation of such an agreement has never reached the State Department.

MR. SHERMAN'S BLUNDER.

LONDON, July 15.—In their comment on Secretary Sherman's letter respecting sealing, Sir Louis Davies, the Canadian Minister of Marine, said: "I have talked with Mr. John Foster as to the reports that the correspondence might provoke some unpleasantness, and he agrees with me that there is no reason for resentment. However, I do not consider it fair that only one side of the correspondence should be published. The Canadians have never believed that the seals were in any real danger of extinction. On the contrary, it is proved by statistics that they steadily are increasing."

BRINGING BACK GOLD.

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP PORTLAND, 8 a.m.—At 3 o'clock this morning the steamship Portland, from St. Michaels for Seattle, passed up Sound with more than a ton of solid gold on board and 68 passengers. In the captain's cabin are three chests and a large safe filled with the precious nuggets. The metal is worth nearly \$700,000 and the most of it was taken out of the ground in less than three months of last winter.

THE U. S. S. OREGON.

PORT ANGELES, July 14.—The battleship Oregon is expected to leave here tonight at 11 o'clock for San Francisco. Her last shipment of coal arrived this morning from Comox, and the transfer from the coal barge to the battleship has been made with all possible speed.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—In the course of debate on armor plate appropriations Senator Butler declared that he knew of no more dangerous kind of high treason than the equipping of warships with defective plates. One of those vessels, the Oregon, with spunky imperfections, is being sent to the Hawaiian islands at a time when Japan was threatening to take possession of the islands.

Realizing the impossibility of the Portland arriving in Seattle before 9 o'clock, the Portland was telegraphed to Manager Libby, of the Puget Sound Tugboat Co., at Port Townsend and chartered the tug Sea Lion. Capt. C. W. Warden, who is the Portland in the Straits so that this paper's representative could interview the returning miners and lay their stories before the public at the earliest moment.

EL DORADO AT LAST!

That it is On the Klondike, in Canadian Territory, There is Now No Doubt.
Shipload of Lucky Miners Reach Seattle and Give That City the Gold Fever.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
The Post-Intelligencer chartered a tug at Port Townsend on Friday night to enable a staff correspondent to meet the incoming steamship Portland from St. Michaels, loaded with her treasure of \$700,000 from the Klondike. The steamship was boarded at 2 o'clock abreast of Port Angeles and the Post-Intelligencer correspondent was aboard long enough to get the thrilling story that follows. The Post-Intelligencer wanted to get the news to its readers at the earliest possible moment, so the tug was ordered sent to Seattle with the correspondent on board. The tug was a slow-going boat, arriving at 6 o'clock, at least two hours ahead of the Portland. The Portland has on board 68 miners with \$700,000 in gold—not a man who has less than \$5,000. Some of them have over \$100,000. Some of them are Seattle men, and they come back happy and rich. This story, obtained under considerable difficulty, but which is thought to be full and reliable in detail will be read with intense interest. It follows:

Inspector Strickland, of the Canadian mounted police, is on route to Ottawa on official business. His statements were guarded and conservative. He said there were only two mining districts in what is now the Klondike section and they are called the Hunter and Bonanza districts. He added:

"When I left Dawson City a month ago there were about 800 claims staked out and there were between 3,000 and 5,000 people in there. We can safely say that there was about \$1,500,000 in gold mined last winter. The wages in the mines were \$10 a day and the saw mill paid laborers \$10 a day. "The claims now staked out will afford employment for about 6,000 men, and there will be a large number of men who want to work but can find employment at good wages. Several men worked on an interest or what is termed 'water' in the mines, and they realized from \$5,000 to \$10,000 apiece. The mines are from 35 to 100 miles from the Alaska boundary."

Henry Anderson, a native of Sweden, sold the Portland to the Klondike last year and is now returning with nearly \$80,000 in gold. Richard Blake, of Dunsmuir, has been successful, and is coming back to the place where he was born and raised with a big sackful of nuggets. William Sloan, formerly a dry goods merchant of Nanaimo, B.C., sold his claim for \$62,000, and with the gold he had in the mine has come back to civilization.

Another man by the name of Wilkinson, of the same city, sold his claim for \$40,000, and is back to stay. Bob Strong, partner, who has a good claim, and is in a fair way to make a fortune; but his brother, William G. Strong, is not so fortunate. They are both well known on the Klondike river.

Jack Horne, of Tacoma, formerly a well-known lightweight pugilist of Puget Sound, went to the Klondike last fall and returned with \$60,000, which is probably more than he could have realized in the "ring." Frank K. of Los Angeles, is on board the Portland with \$85,000. He went in last year, mined during the winter and last month sold the claim for that sum.

Briefly, such is the story of nearly every miner on board. They all have gold, and it is piled about the staterooms like so much valise and baggage. They attribute their success to "lucky strikes," and aver that thousands of people will rush to the Yukon valley in the next year or two; and after undergoing great hardships and privations will probably return broken in health and finances. All of the miners lay great stress on the necessity of taking in plenty of supplies, and say that the proper outfit will cost not less than \$500 to each man.

There can be no doubt that the late strikes in the Yukon valley are the richest ever known. Instances are common where pans of gravel have yielded over \$100, and occasionally much more. It is generally conceded, though, that all of the territory where the rich strikes were made has been staked, and that so far as those districts are concerned it is useless for any one to think of making locations. But, then, there are other streams, all of which are known to have gold-bearing bars, but it is extremely doubtful as to whether their yields will equal the famed Eldorado and Bonanza creeks of the Klondike.

Following is a list of the Portland's passengers: Mrs. E. Gage, C. Berry and wife, Miss E. Neller, F. Phisnor, F. Keller, M. Krenz, C. Anderson and wife, C. A. Branan, O. Finstead, H. Anderson, W. Sloan, J. Johnson, C. E. Neper, A. Gray, G. Warden, B. H. Blake, W. Sloan, W. Sims, R. McNelly, J. Halverson, J. Anderson, J. Desroche, T. J. Kelly, V. Lord, F. Bel-

linger, J. E. Foucher, N. Mercer, F. Moran, J. Clements, H. Olsen, A. Proteau, H. Dore, M. Kelly, H. Granthier, H. H. B. F. Purcell, C. Silverlock, F. Cotland, J. Bergwin, F. Ebbir, J. Moffett, C. H. Loveland, Inspector Strickland and wife, Sergeant Hayne, Sergeant, Eng. Corporal Newbrook, Constable Jenkins, Constable Telford, C. Eicher, C. Anderson, J. E. Fairburn, Miss P. Block, Miss E. Sedick and five steers.

What supplies are necessary for a man to take to the Yukon? is a question asked every minute in the day. Miners returning from the Klondike on the Portland have furnished this list to the Post-Intelligencer:
Provisions.—Bacon, 200 pounds; flour, 800 pounds; assorted dried fruits, 150 pounds; corn meal, 200 pounds; rice, 50 pounds; coffee, parched, 75 pounds; tea, 45 pounds; sugar, 75 pounds; beans, 150 pounds; condensed milk, 1 case; assortment of preserves, 1 case; miscellaneous, \$25. Total, \$775.
Clothing.—Two suits of corduroy; 3 pairs heavy boots; 3 pairs heavy shoes; 2 dozen heavy woolen socks; 1/2 dozen woolen mitts; 3 pair woolen gloves; 3 suits heavy underwear; 2 suits heavy canvas; 2 hats; 4 heavy woolen shirts; 1 heavy coat; 3 pair of heavy woolen blankets.

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Seattle is wild. The rush extends to men high in business and social life. Ex-Governor John McCord, and his son, Tom, are going. So are Ex-Brig. Gen. W. Carr, James Mather, formerly manager of the Seattle Gas and Electric Light Company; Jess Brinker, son of the United States district attorney; Robert Webb, son of G. L. Webb, wholesale merchant; Josiah Collins, the well-known young lawyer; George B. Kittling, a leader of the Republicans in the legislature; A. J. Bell, lawyer and athlete; George F. Rollson, of the Novelty Mill Company; W. B. Goodwin; A. Sidney Hansard, of the First National Bank; Charles W. Messersmith, of the Great Northern railroad office; Col. Joseph Green; R. Abernethy, the street shoe merchant; J. R. Hayden, Jr., mining broker; D. G. McElroy, painter; H. A. Frederick and Leroy M. Tonder.

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