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STEAMER COMBINE

Pacific Coast Steamship Company Absorbs Northern Pacific Boats.

SEATTLE NOW FLIES P. C. FLAG.

Created a Great Deal of Surprise in Skagway.

MAY BE TAKEN OFF RUN

Victorian Likely to Be Laid Up as There Are Too Many Boats on the Run.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily Skagway, Aug. 24.—The most surprising news that has been given out recently in steamboat circles, came today in the form of an announcement that the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has absorbed the Northern Pacific Steamship Co. No news of the absorption had been heard until the arrival of the steamer City of Seattle flying the Pacific Coast flag.

Great surprise has been expressed in local shipping circles. It is freely predicted that some of the fast boats including the Victorian will shortly be laid off as it is generally agreed that none of them have made any money for a year past.

Cable Complete.

Skagway, Aug. 23.—The cable to Juneau has been established and messages are now being received. The rate for sending commercial matter has been fixed at seven cents per word.

An Important Ruling.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Attorney General Knox, in an opinion rendered at the request of the secretary of the treasury, holds that a Chinaman may engage in the manufacture of goods for sale and still be considered a merchant in the sense in which that word is used in the treaty and laws relating to the exclusion of Chinese, where the mercantile part of the business either wholly or in part, is the selling of goods manufactured. The member of a firm at San Francisco is engaged in the manufacture and sale of cigars and the question raised is whether this Chinaman may be readmitted into the United States as a returning merchant. The attorney general holds that he is entitled to admission. In the course of his opinion the attorney general says that he does not think that a manufacturer as such is entitled to admission into the United States, nor is he disposed to think that a bona fide merchant is any less of a merchant because he is also a manufacturer.

The attorney general has also held that all Chinese persons who have a right to be in the United States as evidenced by valid certificates of residence or registration, are entitled to pass from the United States to the Hawaiian islands and to be protected while there by their registration certificates as they would be in any organized territory of the continental and integral domain of the United States. The attorney general, however, specially limits his opinion to this one question and does not pass upon their right to return to the United States. He also strictly limits his views of the liberty of passage of Chinese persons to this particular case, which submits the case as affecting this particular territory of Hawaii.

From Koyukuk.

John Harris, of Emma creek, Koyukuk, came up last night in a canoe. He says the country is good, but that there is a dearth of provisions just now. He further says that it is foolish for any man to go into the country without a good supply.

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A BAD EXPLOSION

Sudden Jar Causes Dynamite to Explode—Much Damage.

Ashland, Oregon, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—A sudden jar resulting from the breaking of an air coupling on a freight train near Geladale caused an explosion of dynamite aboard the train. An entire train of eleven cars was blown to atoms. The train crew escaped.

Trouble in South America.

Washington, Aug. 16, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—The latest phase in the South American trouble is the probability of an invasion of Ecuador by troops of Colombia. The battleship Iowa is ready to sail for Panama at a moment's notice.

SHOWING ITS EFFECT

Lord Kitchener's Proclamation is Bringing Results.

London, Aug. 19, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—Lord Kitchener's proclamation has had a distinctly noticeable effect in South Africa. The commandos are breaking up rapidly and the Boers are losing ground rapidly. The concentration of Botha's forces at Hondeinitz is said to foreshadow a surrender. French is driving the rebels back from the Cape.

CANADA'S POPULATION

Ottawa, Aug. 16, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—The first official bulletin of the Canadian census was issued today. The population of the Dominion is given at 5,338,883, an increase of 505,644 over the census of 1891.

The population by provinces as follows:

British Columbia 190,000, Manitoba 246,464, New Brunswick 31,093, Nova Scotia 439,116, Ontario 2,157,978, Prince Edwards Island 103,258, Quebec, 1,620,4974, Northwest territories 145,000, unorganized territories 75,000.

THISTLE CREEK

Presents Favorable Opportunities for Ground Sluicing.

Jas. M. Bloom who has been working on Thistle creek for the past six weeks returned to Dawson yesterday. Bloom has been representing several claims on that creek and takes a sanguine view of the future.

He says that the creek is paying well in several places near discovery and good prospects have been found both above and below. The gold on Thistle resembles the Jack Wade gold in quality and value and in Mr. Bloom's opinion systematic work is all that is required to make Thistle turn out remarkably well.

Near the upper end of the creek the valley narrows and the pay streak is confined to about 30 feet in width. The fall in the creek is about 200 feet to the mile which makes ground sluicing an easy matter.

Bloom believes that properly handled the creek can be ground sluiced to bedrock without difficulty.

At the present time all the work that is being done is by the old process of sluicing which is naturally slow and unsatisfactory. There are no steam plants on the creek but even under existing circumstances a number of claims are paying an ounce to the shovels a day.

Died at Hospital.

J. Dingnan a young man 21 years of age died this morning at the Good Samaritan hospital after a six weeks illness of tumor of the brain. Mr. Dingnan was a miner from Upper Bonanza, an Irishman by birth but where he was residing before coming to this country is unknown. The body was embalmed at Brimston & Stewart's undertaking parlors and funeral will be held tomorrow at St. Mary's church.

Judge Craig Leaves.

Justice Craig left last night on his winter vacation. He goes first to his home in Rensselaer county, and will afterwards visit New York and western cities and finish his holidays in Southern California. He is expected back in March.

HE ATTACKED THE PRIEST

A few of those who witnessed the execution of O'Brien yesterday noted the absence of a priest or other religious attendant usually accompanying a condemned man to the scaffold, but it is safe to say there were none other than the officials who knew the reason of such absence. The last visit paid to O'Brien by Father Gendreau was Thursday afternoon, the day preceding the execution, his stay at that time lasting but 15 minutes. That was the last opportunity he who was so soon to go to his death ever had to unburden his sin-stained soul and receive the consolation accorded to all sinners, no matter how grievous the offense against God and man. To the entreaties of the reverend father to make a complete confession so he could receive absolution and the sacrament he persistently turned a deaf ear, unmindful of the fact that without such he could have no hope of the hereafter. Perceiving that his efforts to redeem the hardened wretch from among the lost were futile, the priest requested the return of the rosary which he had given him. This O'Brien refused to part with and it remained about his neck until the hangman removed it.

Father Gendreau was assiduous in his devotion to O'Brien's spiritual welfare, but his tireless energy was wasted and the condemned man went to his doom without the peace of mind which might have been his for the asking. It is not generally known, either, that upon one occasion O'Brien made a most vicious attack upon the reverend father, and had it not been for the close proximity of his guards he might have had one more crime to answer for. It happened shortly after O'Brien began his insanity play and the starvation act. He had expressed a desire to see the priest and Father Gendreau was sent for. He quickly responded, but soon saw after a moment's conversation that O'Brien was in no state either mentally or physically to receive religious consolation and in the gentlest manner the father begged him to partake of food, regain his lost strength and said that he would call again in a day or two.

Like a caged tiger the inhuman beast pounced upon him whose only mission was to do him good, grasped him by the throat with his long, sinewy fingers and in a fit of savage like anger would have throttled him then and there had not the guards quickly come to the rescue. Such a man was he whose mission on earth was mainly to slay and kill, one who lacked even the respect due the cloth of the church, and as he sowed the seeds of violence during his life he reaped them in their fullness at his death.

BIG STRIKE IN FLORIDA WILL BE ENTERED FREE

Leaders of Strike Are Smuggled Away by Operators

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 14.—The strike situation tonight is one of bewilderment on the part of the strikers and immovable determination on the part of the manufacturers. No word has been received from or about the leaders who were deported last night, and the vigilantes are sworn to secrecy, but it is admitted that the men will never return to Tampa. The exact number of men deported is not yet known, but every prominent leader of the strikers is now missing. It is said that others are marked and that their deportation may take place at any moment. The kidnaping last night had been arranged to take place at a reception to which all the Residencia leaders had been invited, the purpose being to catch them all in a bunch. They were all present. Music had been provided and the streets were lined with thousands of people.

Kidnaping the Latest Means Employed to Settle Labor Difficulties—A Novel Plan.

In connection with the many disputes which have occurred at the American boundary line between miners going into the Fortymile district and the U. S. custom collector the following letter now on file in the U. S. consul's office will prove interesting.

Due notice of the terms of this document should be taken by all who intended taking goods into the lower country.

The Honorable the Secretary of State, Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing for my consideration and an expression of my views, a copy of a dispatch No. 288, and dated the 28th ultimo, from the consul of the United States at Dawson City, N. W. T., in regard to the action of the deputy collector of customs at Fortymile in requiring miners to present certificates of exportation of American goods from the United States as a condition precedent to the free entry of such goods on reimportation at such sub-port.

In reply, I have to state that the action of the deputy collector is based upon department's regulations of October 19, 1899, copy herewith, which provide for certificates of exportation for returned American goods. It will be observed that such circular empowers collectors to waive such certificates where the value of the goods does not exceed \$500 and as the policy of this department is to deal liberally in the matter of evidence required for returned domestic goods, under the provisions of paragraph 384 of the act of July 24, 1897, such evidence of exportation is uniformly waived by the department on presentation of evidence showing that it is impractical to procure such certificates. The collector of customs at Sitka will be furnished with a copy of this letter and directed to instruct his deputies to allow free entry of American goods in the nature of animals, miners' outfits, tools, etc., when satisfied as to the domestic origin of the goods irrespective of their value, and without requiring certificates of clearance, as the law provides for the free entry of articles of domestic origin returned to the United States upon proof of identity as such, but under the provisions of section 4 of the act of June 10, 1890, where the goods are valued over \$500 a consular declaration of the foreign exporter will be required.

Respectfully,
O. L. SPALDING,
Acting Secretary.

Missing People.

Inquiries for the following people are made at the town station:
Grill D. Plummer by R. L. Plummer, Melbridge, Me.; Louis Pomeroy, by Mrs. L. P. Durand, Leavenworth, Wash.; and Mrs. P. Pomeroy, River Falls, Wis.; John H. Thielen by Lina Thielen, 27 Star street, Chicago, Ill.; A. Trabold, by Joe Krinkopol, Hotel Lake side, Wauconda, Ill.; Hermites Ravennell, by Joe Ravennell, North Groverbrook, Conn.; Alfred G. Chadwell, Patrick Manning, by A. H. Chadwell, St. Genevieve, Mo.

Bates vs. Perkins.

Sports are looking forward to a go between Bates and Perkins which is scheduled to come off on September 6th. The contest will be for ten rounds for a decision and a spirited go is expected by those who are familiar with the records of the two men.

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WILL BE NO CHANGE

Privy Council Will Remain as at Present Constitutes.

Ottawa, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—There will be no change in the status of the judicial committee of the privy council of England. This is well understood as the outcome of the proposal to form another body to embrace in its membership representatives from all self-governing colonies of the empire.

It is believed, however, that some changes may be recommended which will increase the dignity and representative character of this highest court of appeal in England but which will not detract from or abridge the principle of appeal to the foot of the throne.

MINERS ALONE

Are Entitled to Rebate on Gold in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—An effort has been made to give the N. A. T. & T. Co. the advantage of the rebate offered to parties marketing their gold in this city. The British Columbia authorities have been in communication with Ottawa in regard to the matter and today a telegram was received from Minister Sifton stating that the rebate applies to miners only.

DID NOT PERISH

Three Men Alive Who Were Reported Missing.

Juneau, Aug. 24, via cable to Skagway.—Comford, Herbert and Dean who were placed at first among the missing from the Islander wreck are now definitely known to have been saved.

Treasurer Dead.

Skagway, Aug. 24.—A. A. Anderson, city treasurer died yesterday of appendicitis. His brother is a claim owner on Eldorado creek.

INDIANS IN JUNEAU

Claims That the Str. Islander is Ashore Near Scene of Wreck.

Juneau, Aug. 24, via cable to Skagway.—Indians arriving here today claim that the wrecked Islander is lying beached a distance of eight miles from the wreck. The story is not believed but will be investigated. There is no hope of more bodies being recovered.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

Snow Fell in August Last Year and May do so Again.

During the last week the weather has been changeable. On the 20th of this month when the ground was covered with a heavy coat of frost the prediction of an early winter was freely made. The thermometer on that date registered 25 degrees above and besides the frost on the ground a thin coat of ice had formed wherever there was a small amount of stationary water. Since that date the thermometer has been gradually going up again until yesterday was nearly as warm as any day this summer. The thermometer registered yesterday 75 degrees as the warmest and 53 degrees as the coldest.

The air was very sultry and complaints were heard registered on all sides. Last year the first snow of the season fell in the latter part of August and had the weather continued the balance of the month as it started on the 20th it is more than likely that the snow would have been flying ere this. There has been snow reported from the Dome and other places on the crests but it has not as yet reached Dawson. Some of the steamboat men predict an early closing this year while others, arguing from the lateness in opening, say that the river will remain open much later than it did last year. "Time will tell."

Fire hall No. 2 is receiving a new flooring and the sides are being strengthened by a new coating of boards on the inside.

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BIG BOND ISSUE

Six Millions Necessary to Purchase Big Companies' Property.

DID NOT ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION

As No Noise Was Made About the Company's Intention.

TRUST DEEDS WERE GIVEN

To Union Trust Co. to Be Held for Benefit of the Bond Holders—Big Transaction.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily San Francisco, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—Touching the absorption of the A. C. C. Co. and the A. E. Co. by the N. C. and N. N. Co the Chronicle says:

"A joint bond issue of \$6,000,000 has been authorized and partly placed but so quietly as to escape attention notwithstanding its unusual size. The money derived therefrom will be employed in part payment by the Northern Commercial and the Northern Navigation companies in the purchase of the A. C. Co., the Empire Transportation Co., and the A. E. Co. The authorized issue of the Northern Commercial Co. is \$4,500,000. Both issues are secured by trust deeds and mortgages given to the Union Trust Co., as trustee for the bondholders.

Parliament Prorogued.

London, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—Parliament was prorogued today.

Situation Delicate.

Pittsburg, Aug. 17, via Skagway, Aug. 24.—The strike situation is unchanged but is regarded as extremely delicate. The strikers are making strong endeavors to extend the strike to other trades and the operators are working just as hard to prevent that being accomplished.

Will Assist Strikers.

New York, Aug. 9.—President Samuel Compers has pledged the American Federation of Labor to the support of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers. After a conference with President Shaffer, lasting the greater part of two days, Mr. Compers issued a statement in Pittsburg tonight upholding the position of the Amalgamated Association, and pledging the moral and financial support of the federation in the strike against the United States Steel Corporation. The steel corporation had an aggressive move by ordering the Dewey wood plant at McKeesport should be dismantled, and removed to Kiskiminnis valley on account, it is said, of the sympathy of the officials and citizens of McKeesport with the strikers. It was also said that the plant of the National Tube Company, at McKeesport, will be abandoned and the plan for a tube plant at Conness, Ohio, revived. President Shaffer's offer for a general strike goes into effect tonight. Estimates of the number who will be idle vary, the strike leaders placing the figure as high as 125,000.

While the steel strike situation continued to interest men in the financial district of this city, less talk about it was heard there. Apparently Wall street was waiting to see what would be the effect of President Shaffer's order to the Amalgamated Association to extend the strike, and learn if the American Federation of Labor would take an aggressive attitude in support of the strike. Well-informed financial men said they did not believe the federation would do more than give financial aid to the steel strikers. As to President Shaffer's order, it was said its effect could not be foretold with certainty, and there was an evident disposition among the financiers to cease guessing until the order goes into effect tomorrow night. Steel stocks declined a fraction of a point, closing at 41 1/2 for the common and 90 7/8 for the preferred. Brokers said the operations in steel stocks indicated suspense and nervousness, but not loss of faith in the steel corporation's ability to handle the strike.

Messrs. Murphy and Friend of Eldorado are stopping at the Regina hotel preparatory to leaving Dawson in the near future for a trip outside.

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