

THE DAILY KLONDIKE NUGGET.

VOL. 1 No. 145

DAWSON, Y. T., TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1900.

PRICE 25 CENTS

RECEIVED BY WIRE WAR IS DECLARED!

China Fires on Foreign Ships and the War Is On in Earnest.

BRITISH GUNBOATS DAMAGED AND OFFICERS WOUNDED.

German, Russian and French Soldiers Killed and Injured.

Reports Are Rife of General Massacre in Peking—Magazine at Mandshu Blown Up—Chinese Torpedo Boat Seized—Russia Is Heaviest Loser Thus Far—Admiral Seymour's Column in Retreat—65,000 Troops Massed Against China—American Soldiers Sent From Philippines.

London, June 19, via Skagway, June 25.—China has declared war upon the world. Early this morning immediately following midnight the Chinese forts at Taku fired on the ships of the combined powers who retaliated and silenced them after a continuous fire of several hours.

The British gunboat Algerine was badly damaged and two officers were wounded.

The forces of the combined fleets occupied the dismantled forts after firing the magazines.

Japan and Russia are preparing to send large forces. The casualties during the firing on the combined fleet were as follows: British, one killed, four injured; German, three killed, seven injured; Russian, one killed, forty-five injured; French, one killed, one injured.

Several Chinese torpedo boats were captured. The forts began firing by direct order from the empress of China, who issued an edict by the advice of her war minister, thus declaring open defiance to the powers and proclaiming war against the civilized world.

The heavy losses of the Russians are due to the blowing up of the fort at Mandshu. Two of the forts were blown up, entirely destroying them. No news has as yet been received direct from Peking, the news having come by way of Hong Kong.

The failure of Admiral Seymour's relief column, which set out across the country from Tientsin to Peking, and which was so harassed by the Boxers

as to be forced to turn back and retreat to Tientsin, greatly unbalanced the Chinese and doubtless precipitated the early opening of hostilities.

While nothing can be learned authoritatively, it is generally believed that the members of all the foreign legations in Peking have been massacred.

Four thousand German troops are ordered to be sent immediately to the scene of action. France will send 16,000 men and Russia 5000 immediately. Russia has massed 40,000 men and seven batteries at Kiachta with orders to proceed to Unamatlin in China and thence proceed to Urga.

The situation is very critical and it is feared many lives will be lost, particularly among the missionary stations throughout the whole of China as the hatred of the Christians is a religion with the Boxers, who claim that to them is due the internal troubles of China.

At the treaty port of Newchwang two villages have been burned and the Christians have fled for their lives.

American troops have been ordered from the Philippines to China and a large fleet of U. S. war vessels have been sent.

It is anticipated that President McKinley will call a special session of congress to deal with the Chinese question as if an aggressive and immediate movement of troops should be necessary it may largely effect the policy of the government in the Philippines.

Owing to the conditions at present in the Philippines no more troops can be safely withdrawn, therefore congress will have to give the required authority.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Isaiah and Clarence Wood, while out hunting in Skamania recently, killed a brown bear weighing 500 pounds and caught 60 fine trout. Both are expert sportsmen. The bear is one of the largest ever killed in that part of the country.

A child was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ellison, of Walla Walla, which weighs but one and one-half pounds, though it is now nearly a month old. The child is perfectly formed and is in good health. An ordinary finger ring can be slipped over its hand to the elbow.

R. J. Knapp and W. E. Tibbets, both brakemen, caught a deer near Markham, Chehalis county, some days ago. The deer had just come from the water, where it had been chased by dogs, and was in an exhausted condition. The men brought it to Cosmopolis, where it is being cared for.

Harry L. Stone, a young Spokane boy, has sold a song composed by himself for a sum said to be nearly \$15,000 to a New York publishing house. Young Stone is a natural musician, and several of his relatives have gained fame in the musical profession. This is the third or fourth of his compositions which have been well received.

Why Is It Thus.

Notwithstanding the fact that many beef cattle are arriving in Dawson almost daily and hundreds more are known to be on the way, the price of beef has not been reduced, but yet sells at from \$1 to \$1.25 per pound. Potatoes have dropped from \$1.25 to 12½ cents per pound; eggs have come down several hundred per cent, but not so with meat, which stays at the old figures with a tenacity deserving of a better cause. But the matter of a reduction in the price of fresh meat is one of but very short time, as meat is sure to drop a few notches, and the date of the drop can not be much longer delayed.

Old Timers Leaving.

Among the passengers who left on the steamer Tyrrell last night for Nome were fully a score who were among the very first to reach here in the fall of '97, and who have since been attempting to win smiles from the fickle goddess of fortune, but in nearly all the cases, the attempts were futile, and with but few exceptions, the old timers who left last night had little left after purchasing their tickets, and they were out of the losing class of men, either. On the contrary, they are of the class that spent their entire time on the creeks and endured all the hardships and privations incident to their own cooking. And yet, they are now looking for a country in which they hope to make the stake, the anticipation of which prompted them to leave their homes and their families nearly three

years ago. No one will envy these men what they get if they strike it rich and realize their most blissful anticipations.

The Weather.

At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at an average of 66 between Dawson and Bennett. By 10 o'clock it had passed the 80 mark and in Dawson at 2 o'clock this afternoon it was 90 in the shade by several thermometers in the city.

Across the River.

With a few exceptions all the dairy cows of Dawson are pastured on the opposite side of the Yukon from the city, and at an early hour every morning those who "pail the caows" may be seen striking out for the opposite bank with a boat load of tin cans. As the river water is somewhat off in color, it is not probable that any of it is transferred to the cans on the return trip, but there is nothing to hinder the addition of Arctic well water on this side.

At present there is fine grazing across the river and stock will now fatten there without being fed on grain.

Irving's Liberality.

Capt. John Irving when in Skagway a few days ago, where he attended a meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood, of which order he is a prominent member, presented the Skagway camp with the sum of \$1000, to be used as a benefit fund for members of the Brotherhood who may happen at any time to be in need of assistance.

New Express Company.

Mr. Jackson, general agent for the Alaska Pacific Express Co., is in the city, having reached here yesterday on the Columbian. Since his arrival Mr. Jackson has arranged for the extension of his company's service to this place and hereafter express matter will be handled by the steamers of the C. D. Co., and those of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd. Mr. Miles, of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., has been secured as agent for the express company at this place.

Looking Over the Field.

Mr. A. E. Cheney, the pioneer clothier and gent's furnisher of Skagway, he having opened the Boston Store there in the summer of '97, is a late arrival in Dawson on a pleasure and prospecting trip, and a Dawson branch of the Boston store is not a future impossibility.

New Mining Inspector.

Commissioner Ogilvie has been advised by the last mail of the appointment of A. N. Robertson as mining inspector. He was appointed at Ottawa. It is expected that he will arrive in Dawson at an early date, but as yet has not been heard from.

Court Adjourned.

The sentence which was to have been passed this morning upon M. Stiepo-vitch, recently convicted of the theft of hay, was last evening suspended by Judge Dugas, and court is now adjourned till the 16th of September next. Judgments were given yesterday in the following civil actions.

The case of McDonald vs. Search stands till next motion day. Defendant to answer injunction motion.

In the case of McKenzie & Miles vs. Davison, judgment with costs for defendant was given. In the case of Depanin vs. Ronnderbach, action was dismissed with costs. In the case entitled Victor vs. Butler, the action was also dismissed with costs. In the case of Hetherington vs. McPherson, judgment was entered for the amount claimed.

Coming Sports.

Those wishing to take part in the grand parade, tug-of-war, and horse races to be held on the Fourth of July, are requested to send their names and entries to Secretary Sorry, in the Webb building, before noon on July 2d.

Carpenters are also requested to send in bids for the erection of a grand stand on or before Friday next, at noon. Specifications can be had of Mr. Te Roller, at the S. Y. T. Co.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

FROM NOME.

Steamer Alpha Returns With 5 Passengers and \$300,000 in Dust.

NEW AND RICH STRIKE AT TOPKUK,

Which Is 55 Miles From Nome Toward Golofin Bay.

ICE ALL GONE BY MAY 25.

Five Fortunate Men Return Well Provided With Dust—Great Excitement in Seattle.

Vancouver, June 20, via Skagway, June 26.—The steamer Alpha, the first ship to reach Nome this year, and which sailed from here in April contrary to instructions from the American customs authorities and which landed passengers and freight at Nome in open defiance of the same official orders, returned to this place today, having made a most successful round trip.

The Alpha brought back five passengers four of whom brought gold dust aggregating \$300,000. They are Glen Timsley, \$25,000; Jack Kill, \$145,000; Frank Green, \$60,000, and J. C. Monahan, \$80,000.

Jennie From Nome.

Seattle, June 20, via Skagway, June 26.—The steamer Jennie has arrived from Nome with but three passengers, all the people there being apparently anxious to remain.

Capt. Hanson, of the Jennie, says that when he sighted Nome on May 23d there was no ice in sight, Norton sound having cleared earlier this year than ever before known.

A new and very rich strike is reported to have been made at Topkuk, 55 miles from Nome and towards Golofin, to which place there has been a great stampede, men paying 25 cents per pound for transportation.

The return of the Jennie and the report of the new strike has added to the already great Nome excitement here.

During the past 15 days, 55 steamers have sailed from this place to Nome, carrying a total of over 16,000 people.

Lull in Litigation.

During the past few days there has been a perceptible falling off in the number of wage cases before the office court. Whether this is only the lull before the storm or whether it is an indication that all litigation is over for the season is not known. Certain it is, however, that many claim operations who failed to satisfactorily settle with their men, are not now here to be sued, they having floated down the river at unseemly hours before breakfast.

We are selling lemons. Mohr & Wilkens.

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York

"THE GREATEST FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IN THE WORLD."
IS HERE TO DO BUSINESS.

The first of the great insurance companies to establish an agency on the Yukon. Assets over three hundred million dollars. Greater than the capital of the Banks of England, France, Germany and Russia combined.

Managing Agent for Yukon Territory and Alaska.
FALCON JOSLIN.

COME ON, BOYS! Goods Are Going Fast.

\$35 Suits are selling for \$22.50
\$30 Suits are selling for \$20.00
\$25 Suits are selling for \$14.50
\$7 Pants are selling for \$4.50
\$6 Hats are selling for \$3.50
\$6.50 Shoes are selling for \$4.50
Golf Hosiery are selling for \$1.25
Linen Collars 25c.

Entire Stock Must be Sold by July 5th.

WARD, HOUGH & CO., 111 Front St. (LOOK FOR LARGE RED SIGN.)

W
H
P
A
R
S
O
N
S
&
C
O.

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods

2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.

"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

Sluice, Flume & Mining Lumber
Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE

FRESH GOODS

Fancy Eggs---Gilt Edge Onions
and Real New "1900" Potatoes,
The First and Only Ones in This Market.

The Ames Mercantile Co.