

HER IDEAS FORMED OF NOME

Miss Robins of London Tells What She Saw on the Beach.

She Represents the Review of Reviews and Will Write Her Experiences for the Magazine.

Miss Elizabeth Robins, a traveling representative of the Review of Reviews of London, England, was one of the passengers to arrive by the steamer Susie Tuesday night.

"My time is very limited here," said Miss Robins this morning, "and I regret it very much, too, because I wanted to divide my time as equally as possible between the places of principal interest between St. Michael and Skagway. The quarantine at Nome, however, kept me three weeks after I was ready to leave for here. Personally I do not regret the time spent there, because it was all very interesting and instructive.

"I don't think anyone can say yet, what Nome's future is apt to be, because the conditions have been so unfavorable. What little I could learn of the country before leaving London was to the effect that when the country was not ice bound it was being deluged with rain. My experience was that it rained about two hours in forty-two days. That, of course, made it very pleasant for those who were there as tourists, but for the miner it was the chief of many drawbacks, because it made a shortage in the water necessary for mining purposes. I know of claims where water has been carried in buckets by hand for a distance of half a mile, and others where \$3 per barrel was paid for water for rocking."

Speaking of the thousands of people who rushed to Nome this spring Miss Robins said: "There are thousands of people in Nome who had nothing when they went there, and landed on the beach without the slightest notion of what they were going to do. I have seen men come ashore from the barges and set their satchels down the minute they landed, to pick up a handful of sand to examine it. They would let it run through their fingers slowly while they looked for gold, and when they found none they at once pronounced the whole country a fake.

"Just as I was ready to leave Nome got the smallpox scare and we were held in quarantine for three weeks. There was nothing of interest in the quarantine so far as Nome was concerned, beyond the natural inconveniences arising from the conditions."

Miss Robins is a very pleasing young lady who shows by her conversation regarding her Alaskan experiences that she is a close observer and has stored her mind with matter that will eventually be of great interest to the readers of the magazine she represents.

Bad Report of Tanana.

Charles Sheik is an arrival on the steamer Susie who has spent considerable time in the Tanana country, visiting the different creeks and making a critical examination of the diggings. He left Dawson last June on the steamer Barr and had packed in for him from Circle City to the diggings about 100 pounds of grub, for which the price of packing was \$1 per pound. He reports that the creeks in that district, Faith, Hope and Homestake, are all very shallow summer diggings, the gravel not carrying any gold to pay for working, and such as is found is taken from bedrock and that in small quantities.

On 7 below on Faith creek he panned on bedrock and got but two colors in four pans, although it was claimed that from that claim the pans on bedrock showed \$1 to the pan. This he claims was got by scraping the bedrock a distance of six feet square. At No. 2 on Homestake Pat Connelly had just started shoveling in the sluice boxes and had made a cleanup when he was there, but the result could not be ascertained, as both Connelly and his partners, Wheeler and Loper, refuse to give any information on the subject.

No. 1 Homestake was let out on a lay by the owner, Pat Lynch, but he sold a half interest later for \$1000.

Mr. Shiek says that no preparations were in progress along the creeks for winter work, there being no cabins built and the owners evidently not having enough faith in the country to make any expenditure of time or money to make a permanent camp on the creeks. Jack Carr was heard from in that district and it was said he had 25 claims in which he offered a half interest for \$250, the buyer to do representation work. The offer had not been accepted during the time Shiek was in the country.

The country is staked for miles in all

directions and a party is in there with five horses who do nothing but stake the creeks, being followed by pack animals with provisions.

It is said that some good quartz ledges have been uncovered on several of the creeks and the impression seems to be that the district will turn out to be rich in gold bearing rock, but as a placer camp the prospector thinks it does not amount to much. The opinions expressed by Mr. Shiek will carry considerable weight as he is a conservative man and an experienced miner.

A large number of people returned from that district on the recent boats, particularly on the Gustin, which had some forty men, from the Tanana, all satisfied to take another chance in the Klondike.

Cost of City Lots.

The amazement of the bucolic mind at the extraordinary prices paid for a city lot in cities as populous as Chicago or New York is brought out by this yarn, told in the Chicago Times-Herald:

Tom Nicholl, the artist, was talking to an old negro down in Georgia a few days ago, whom he had told that he lived in Chicago.

"Whar is dis yer Chercargo" the ancient darky asked. "Ees dat b'yant de sea?"

"No, it's up north above here, 1400 or 1500 miles."

"Teb, O! Dat's too fur fur me. Kin you ride all de way on de kyars?"

"Oh, yes, and much farther."

"I s'pose you got a big fahm up dar in dat Chercargo, what you call hit?"

"No, I don't own a foot of ground there."

"Wharf'dis?"

"Costs too much."

"Bout how much, sub?"

"Well, if you just wanted a place to put a home, you could probably get it for \$250 or \$350 a foot."

The old fellow leaned over and looked incredulously into the artist's face.

"Huh?" he asked. "Is yo' talkin' sense to me, white man?"

"Certainly, and if you wanted a place to put a store or something like that, it would cost \$4000 or \$5000 a foot front."

The negro was paralyzed. He could not even comprehend the cost of a foot of Chicago.

"Listen it dis, ole 'oman," he said to the dusky mammy who was broiling a young chicken and fixing the artist a savory meal, "litsen it dis! Dar's nig-gahs gwinter come cack heah if dey's got sense ernuff to grease'er gimlet. Whar dey gwinter git' groun' ernuff to raise wottermillyuns, much lessen place fur taters en cabbages en mustud greens en goobahs? 'Scuse me, is you makin' a meal?"

Something New In Surgery.

"I see," said the old man Pimpernel the other evening, relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "that they've mended another broken neck for a feller. He had a fall somewheres out in the country, an' when they got him to th' hospital th' doctors found that his upper spinal column was cracked clean across. Feller couldn't hold his head up, an' his voice was clean gone."

"How did they patch him up?" inquired John Bowman.

"You'll be s'prised when I tell you," replied the old man. "It was so dead easy. Fust, they crowded over th' left phalanx till it lapped the right verticrle, an' then they stuck th' two ends together with anty toxum glue. That's ter blood pisenin', you know. Then they got the broken ends of the medulla together an' fastened 'em in place with strips of adhesin' plaster. After that they nailed narrow rods of zinc up and down his back bone and clinched 'em together with rivits. When this was all fixed the surgeon sent out an' got an old fashioned boot-jack, an' they tied it on his chest so that the openin' at the top would just catch under his chin—an' hold it up till the glue hardens. An' as soon as it does harden the young feller'll be just as sound as 'ever, with a few rivits thrown in."

"Thunder!" cried Josh Bowman.

"Ain't it wonderful?"

"You jest bet it is," said the old man.

New Transportation Co.

The contract for carrying the United States mails down the Yukon to the American cities along the river to Nome has been awarded to the Yukon Transportation Company. This is an American company organized for this purpose by Leon Brock, of Dawson, who introduced fire insurance into the Klondike capital.

Mr. Brock got away on the City of Seattle for Washington City and other eastern cities. At the national capital he will confer with the postmaster general and complete arrangements for his company.

"I will bring back with me," he said yesterday at the Dewey hotel, "200 horses which will be used by us this

winter in connection with the through service to Dawson. These horses will be distributed along the Yukon and we will make relay trips all winter. In addition to the mail we will carry express and passengers.

Our operations extend from Whitehorse to Nulato on the Yukon, and across from there to Nome. We believe that we have solved the problem of rapid and convenient winter express and passenger service for the interior. Our methods for this branch of our contemplated work are in such shape that I am now at liberty to mention them, but I will say that this is one of the principal objects of my eastern trip. Our scheme is one of the biggest ever conceived with respect to northern development and I confidently believe in its ultimate success.

Mr. Brock expects to be back in Skagway with his horses and accoutrements early in September.—Alaskan.

Humorists.

"He asked Gotrox for his daughter's hand." "What did Gotrox say?" "That he didn't intend to dispose of her in sections."—Town Topics.

"There goes a well known writer, yet people don't seem to care to talk to him." Gilkins—"What does he write?" Bilkins—"Insurance."—Ohio State Journal.

"That Is Different."—"Love laughs at locksmiths," quoted the minister's wife. "But not at wedlocksmiths," amended the minister.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

"I can't see how you can shoot an innocent little dove," a girl said to her guilty brother. "I just aim at it," the boy replied, "and pull the trigger."—Acheson Globe.

Miss Readem—"There is a world of sentiment in Tennyson's lines: 'And may there be no moaning at the bar when I put out to sea.'" Mr. Wuddenhead—"Yes, I see. Didn't want the lawyer to feel bad."—Baltimore American.

"Old Gayboy, I learn, has married a charming young widow and settled down." "He didn't do anything of the kind. He settled down something pretty handsome on the charming young widow, and then she married him."—Baltimore Sun.

Hotel Attractions—"Yes, he started a hotel, and he's made a hit, too. You know the old established place across the street advertised itself as 'a hotel with all the comforts of a home?'"

"Yes." "Well, he advertised his place as 'a hotel without the discomforts of home.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Abundant Employment—"My mother will be glad to get this letter! It's my first letter since leaving home. She's said to me a hundred times, 'Gottfried,' she said, 'Gottfried, as long as you live you'll never be able to get work' and here in a week I've had five situations."—Fliegende Blatter.

Bank Notes Stolen.

An investigation is in progress by the secret service officials of the treasury in an effort to unravel a mysterious theft of two sheets of national bank notes from the bureau of engraving and printing. The theft was undoubtedly committed by an employe of that department about three weeks ago, and was discovered by one of the counters in going over the sheets of notes. When the loss was first detected an immediate search was begun for the two sheets, believing they were simply mislaid and that being incomplete no one would take them. They were not numbered or signed, and did not contain the great seal.

Despite all this the notes were passed in the city and made their way back to the treasury, where they were refused on the ground that they were not currency of the country. None of the banks of the city, through which the notes passed, are in any way able to assist in the identification of the person who passed them. The notes were of the ten-dollar denomination, and there were four notes on each sheet, making the amount of the theft \$80. The loss does not fall upon the government, but upon those who accepted the notes.

Every effort is being made to capture the thief, who, the officials say, is one of the 160 clerks—most of them girls—working in the counting room. The bureau has been in existence since the war, and this is said to be the second theft that has occurred.

Queen Victoria's Long Reign.

As illustrating the wonderful long reign of Queen Victoria it may be stated that her majesty has seen 11 lord chancellors, 10 prime ministers, 6 speakers of the house of commons, at least 3 bishops of every see and 5 or 6 of many sees, 5 archbishops of Canterbury and 6 archbishops of York and 5 commanders-in-chief. She has seen 5 Dukes of Norfolk succeed each other as earl marshal and has outlived every duke and duclless and every marquis and marchioness who bore that rank in 1837. She has outlived every member of the Jockey club and every master of the hounds who flourished in 1837. She has seen

17 presidents of the United States, 10 viceroys of India, and France successively ruled by one king, one emperor and seven presidents of a republic.

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