

### HOME FROM KOYUKUK

### S. Archibald Returns on Leah Today

### He is Interested in Valuable Property But Says Country is a Poor Place.

Mr. S. Archibald, the well-known Dawson merchant, commission dealer and all around active, hustling business man, returned today on the steamer Leah from a trip to the Koyukuk country for which place he left Dawson on the 14th of last March in company with his partners, Dr. Howe and J. C. Short.

The trio went in on a rush trip to look after mining property staked for them by Peter Dow on Hammond river and being claims 1, 2, 3, and a part of 4 above discovery.

On reaching Coldfoot they learned that all their property had been jumped, but by the application of what little law there is there they managed to regain possession of their property. It was the intention of Mr. Archibald and his associates to do summer work, but owing to their late arrival and detention by litigation the spring was too far advanced for them to carry out their intention of constructing a dam of sufficient magnitude to divert the channel of the river in order that they might operate in the river bed.

However, another partner had sunk two holes to bed rock on No. 1 above on the bench and in one of the holes the party went to work. From an amount of ground that would require 12 points 24 hours to thaw the party washed up \$1320 of a pretty coarse gold as was ever mined, and of this amount Mr. Archibald brought back with him \$650. But as this was in winter diggings they were forced to quit work without further operations. In fact while thawing the ground above mentioned it was necessary to keep bailing water from the shaft continuously.

On claim 2 above Mr. Archibald and partners put four holes to bed rock, an average of 12 feet. In three of the holes they found nothing, but the fourth struck dirt that yielded \$150 to the pan. Water also drove them from that.

The party who staked a hillside opposite No. 1 and who encroached on that claim in his operations took out the \$927 nugget formerly reported in the Dawson press, also 1700 in fine gold from a very small space.

Mr. Archibald is satisfied that he and his partners have very valuable property and he will purchase and ship in as soon as possible suitable machinery for its development and operation.

The McNamer boys, Mr. Archibald says, will take out \$50,000 from their Enma creek claims, on which creek he says there are 5 or 6 claims which are unquestionably rich.

In the entire country Mr. Archibald thinks there are not over 10 or 12 claims that are or will be big payers although the country has not as yet been thoroughly prospected.

On a portion of 4 above, owned by L. B. Fay, good pay is being taken out and on a little creek called Gok Bottom emptying into Hammond on No. 4 good pay is found. Fay is taking out considerable fine gold.

Claim No. 5 on Hammond is not working, its owners being on the outside.

On No. 6 it is only from 18 to 30 inches to bedrock and the entire thing is being shoveled in and big returns are expected.

As yet Mr. Archibald says Koyukuk is a poor country for anybody. There is little or no demand for labor except for a few old-timers who are preferred, and for an outside merchant to attempt to do business is ruinous, the big companies being in position to dictate the trade.

On the entire Koyukuk river Mr. Archibald says there are not over 500 people and many of them are of the class that is no good in any country.

The saloon keepers, he says, will all leave the country practically broke.

Billie Thomas put one hole to shallow bedrock and left for home the river.

Where 900 were confidently expected to land at Bergman from the first boat up the river this summer there were only 26. These people, says Mr. Archibald, were dumped off 100 miles from Coldfoot and 185 miles from Hammond creek, which is 25 miles on above Coldfoot. These 26 passengers will either have to wait

for a light draught boat or walk the entire distance over a trail that is described as being as bad as a trail can be.

Mr. Archibald left J. C. Short to watch their property until Dr. Howe arrives with the machinery which Archibald will purchase.

Mr. Archibald speaks very highly of L. S. Commissioner and Recorder McKenzie, but says the country is much in need of a court with higher jurisdiction than is vested in the commissioner.

He says Chas. Bechtol, who is a son of John G. Bechtol of the Regina, is bound to succeed in the Koyukuk, being a young man of ambition and of exemplary habits. He is an experienced assayer.

Mr. Archibald, aside from having grown a thickset and sturdy beard, looks none the worse for his experience and trip into and back from the country.

### SHOT IN THE SHIN

### Willie Welch Has Painful Accident

### Bullet From a 22 Calibre Pistol Penetrates Flesh and Remains There.

While playing with some other boys about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Willie, the ten-year-old son of the Detective Welch, was shot in the shin near the ankle of his left leg by the accidental discharge of a 22-calibre pistol.

The little lad was taken at once to the office of Dr. Cassels, who upon examination found that no bones were broken or shattered. The doctor did not extract the ball as it will be more easily extracted after the wound heals as it is not thought to be deeply imbedded.

The wound was dressed, after which the boy was taken to his home. It was not learned which boy owned the pistol or in whose hands it was when discharged.

### WATER FRONT NOTES.

The Leah, the first of the N. C. fleet to arrive this season from St. Michael, pulled into port shortly after noon today with a heavy barge in tow. She is in command of Captain Malmquist who last season was master of the D. C. Campbell. The lower port was left on the evening of the 20th of June and the trip up was without incident worthy of note. The Leah started with a cargo of nearly 500 tons, much of which was discharged at way points, arriving here with but little over 200 tons. Her list of passengers is as follows:

From Nulato—W. S. Howe, S. Archibald; Tulana—G. W. Cook, T. J. Swas, F. M. Williams, R. M. Swan, Rampart—F. W. Pott, W. E. Ellis, M. Coffee, C. C. Burgess, Circle—Mrs. H. Shea, Miss Shea, C. F. Keat, Jno. Cahill, Chas. Rogers, F. H. Crosby; Star City—R. Regan; Eagle—Mrs. J. S. Harding, Mrs. V. V. Neely, J. A. Kemp, W. F. Green, F. Cook, Rev. Jno. Hawkesley, Mrs. Hawkesley and five children, C. Reed, H. Reed, J. Barrett and M. Riran. Captain Malmquist spent the winter at St. Michael which he says is very quiet. Shortly before starting on the present trip he took the steamer Sadie over to Nome, the latter part of June. Nome was likewise quiet but the people were predicting a prosperous season. At that time the only boat that had arrived from outside not including the revenue cutter Thetis, was the Nome City. The Leah returns north again either tonight or tomorrow.

No less than five boats of the N. C. fleet are now en route to Dawson from St. Michael. The Sarah left on June 25, the Louise on the 26th, the Susie on the 28th, the Leon on the 29th and the Hannah on July 2.

The Prospector is back again from her recent trip up the Stewart. She will make another leaving here on Friday at 2 p.m.

The Casca passed Hootalingua this morning at 8 o'clock and should arrive some time this evening.

The Dawson left for Whitehorse yesterday at 4 o'clock, her passengers being A. E. Davis, Bert Larsen, P. R. Pratt, Andrew Kreshman and four locals.

The Whitehorse and Bonanza King are expected early tomorrow morning.

The Nugget's stock of job printing materials is the best that ever came to Dawson.

### AFTER THE JAPANESE

### Whitehorse is Over-Run With Mongolians

### Whose Existence There is Due to Patronage of Those They Most Injure.

A late issue of the Whitehorse Star editorially says:

The excitement caused by the arrival of five Chinamen in Whitehorse on Friday of last week and their deportation next day by a committee of citizens, has died down, but the feeling of determination to oppose to the utmost the advent of even one of this undesirable race into the Yukon is as firm and immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. A majority of the citizens of Whitehorse were one time residents of Vancouver, Victoria and other cities and towns of British Columbia, where the labor market is overrun with these Mongolian interlopers, and where white labor is ruthlessly pushed aside to make room for the alien-eyed followers of Confucius. No ordinary occupation is free from their encroachment—cooks, waiters, laundrymen, chambermaids, janitors and a string of other vocations longer than the moral law are filled by them, while white men, women and children walk the streets in a vain endeavor to secure work.

The attempt of Friday was, we believe, but the forerunner for a flooding of the Yukon with cheap Chinese labor, and if we had allowed them to settle down peacefully and without protest the territory would within a comparatively short time have become a dumping ground for hundreds, if not thousands, of them. We believe, also, that our prompt action will have a salutary effect in stopping further attempts of Chinese to enter Yukon Territory.

The agitation of the Chinese question has been the means of directing public attention to an evil, probably as great, that has been allowed to flourish in our midst at the expense and to the detriment of one of the most important branches of business in Whitehorse. We refer to the cheap Japanese restaurants on North Front street. They furnish meals at 25c each, and receive their patronage mostly from people who should be, if they were to stop to consider their own interests, the last to enter their doors, viz., workmen. The reason of these restaurants being able to serve meals for 25 cents each where other houses in the same line of business have hard work to do so at double the price, has long been an open secret and of such a nauseating character it is a matter of surprise that the health officer has not long since closed them up. Their stock in trade consists of the refuse and leavings from the higher priced restaurants and it is a daily occurrence to see them carrying loads of this abominable stuff through the back alleys to their own places where it is doctored up and served out to a "discriminating" public of "honest toilers," who, although some of them receive as high as \$7 per day for their labor, eat this conglomeration of filth in preference to paying a legitimate restaurateur at the rate of \$9 per week for board.

There are stringent laws throughout the whole of Canada in regard to the handling and sale of adulterated or unwholesome food and probably Whitehorse enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the only town within its broad domain where such a state of affairs would be allowed to exist for a single day. We desire to call the attention of the proper authorities to the matter and to demand, for the good of the community, that immediate steps be taken for the abatement of the evil alluded to.

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### Tariff for Britain

London, June 18.—When the house of commons took up the consideration of the amended finance bill this afternoon Mr. John Morley (Liberal) precipitated a long debate by moving to omit the clause imposing a duty on grain. Sir Charles Dilke and others of the Opposition demanded a specific statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer in regard to the government's attitude at the coming conference of the colonial premiers. It was obvious, it was asserted, that the conference might affect the whole fiscal policy of the country, and before committing itself the government ought to give the public an opportunity for full discussion of the matter.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer emphatically repudiated the suggestion that the government was contemplating a revolution in its fiscal policy, and said, in behalf of himself and his colleagues, that he wholly disavowed such an idea. It was not the policy of the government to endeavor to encourage trade with the colonies by initiating a tariff war with other countries.

The motion to omit the clause imposing duty on grain was defeated by 251 to 178 votes.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replying to John Redmond, the Irish leader, announced that the tax on maize would be reduced by one-half.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that the cutting of the duty on maize involved a loss of \$300,000 (\$1,500,000) in revenue. The effect of the duty on Ireland, however, and other considerations justified the acceptance of the amendment moved from the Irish benches. The duty on maize is now 1 1/4 (3 cents) per hundredweight.

### Looking to Canada

Canada is being congratulated on the progress exhibited last year. The fact that the public deposits in Canadian banks amount to \$400,000,000 is considered remarkable, and The Morning Post looks to the time when the fertile acres of the Dominion will solve the whole question of the British food supply, which is the nightmare of so many zealous politicians in England. "Here, surely," says the Post, "is room for British capital and energy to solve a problem not merely of the greatest importance to the internal development of the Dominion, but also to the welfare of the empire. As a whole, its solution would be facilitated by the conspicuous loyalty of Canada, whereof so many examples have recently been afforded."

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### Mr. Reitz on British Politics

London, June 19.—A letter to The Times quotes the opinion of Mr. Reitz, ex-Secretary of the Transvaal, on prominent British statesmen. The writer of the letter says that his informant has been in close touch with the Boer peace delegates, and in the course of a conversation asked Mr. Reitz's opinion of Mr. Chamberlain. His reply was as follows: "I have nothing to say against Mr. Chamberlain. He is all right. He is a statesman and therefore has a policy which he does quite right to carry out to the best of his ability. But the statesmen whom we dislike are Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Labouchere. They led us to believe that they had a real sympathy for our cause, and we were convinced that they would do their utmost to help us. They fed us with false hopes, and then we found out that instead of having any sympathy for us they were simply playing us off for the purpose of getting into power."

### Panama Route Chosen.

Washington, June 19.—An Isthmian canal, while not yet absolutely assured, is nearer to construction than it ever has been. The senate today, by a majority of eight votes, adopted the Spooner substitute for the Hepburn-Nicaragua canal bill, the vote on the substitute being 42 to 34. After two amendments to the measure had been adopted, one providing for a commission to supervise the construction of the canal, and the other providing for the issuance of \$130,000,000 of 2 per cent. gold bonds to raise money with which to construct the waterway, it was passed by a vote of 67 to 6.

### Clarke Case Postponed.

The case of O'Donnell vs. Clarke came up in the territorial court today and was continued until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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