

MILLIONS IN YELLOW DUST

Three Treasure Ships Arrive Last Night With Over One and a Half Million Dollars From the Klondike Creeks.

About Fifty Fortunate Prospectors Out From the Mining District.

The Successful Trips of the River Steamers Up the River From Dawson.

The Trip From Victoria to the Klondike Now Occupies Ten Days.

Ten Millions Said To Be Coming Out by the Way of St. Michaels.

The eyes of the newspaper reading public of the world are no longer turned with such eagerness towards the seat-of-war, the curtain is descending and that act is fast coming to an end.

Last night and early this morning a fleet of three treasure ships arrived safely, without molestation from the privateer, if he is really in business.

Each of the miners brought from two to ten thousand dollars in dust, with the balance in drafts, and all are homeward bound.

The new arrivals place the output for the coming summer at from seventeen to twenty-five millions.

According to the Butler Brothers, who have claims on almost every creek in the district, the Canadian government has already collected from \$300,000 to \$400,000 in royalties.

The Butler brothers do not like the mining laws as applied in the Klondike district.

In addition to the two men named there are at the Oriental M. B. McKenna, and son, F. W. Clahison, Charles J. Holmes and William McTaggart, all of whom have one or more of the coveted sacks of gold.

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Editor Shippy, of the Skagway News, who was a passenger on the Cottage City, says a conservative estimate of the year's clean-up places the amount at slightly less than twenty million.

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sold at Dawson for \$27,500. Jack Dalton and Maloney were the purchasers.

Mr. Macaulay brings the following news of the movements of Victorians.

THE ORA RETURNS. A Successful Trip up the River From the Klondike Capital.

The cynics who were loud in their statements that the river steamers would never be able to make the trip up the river have been silenced by the successful trip made by the steamer Ora.

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HE DIED WITH HIS BOOTS ON

Soapy Smith's Checkered Career Terminated on Friday Last in a Most Tragic Manner.

While Endeavoring to Bluff the Indignant Skagwayans He Was Shot by City Surveyor Reid.

Trouble Was Caused by the Robbery of a Klondiker's Earnings by One of Soapy's Gang.

"Soapy" Smith, one time known as Hon. Jeff. Smith, gambler, politician, "sure thing" man, and for a long time the uncrowned king of Skagway, is dead.

He bluffed the residents of the Gateway City once too often, and at last the bluff was called and Soapy lies cold in the hands of City Surveyor Frank H. Reid.

The cause leading up to the trouble which ended Smith's life had its origin on the morning of the 8th, when J. D. Stewart, a young man just out from Dawson, was robbed of a sack containing \$2000.

As soon as the news of the bold and daring deed of the highwayman became known, many of the best and most influential citizens went quietly to the leader and informed him that the gold must be returned.

The gold was not returned, however, on the contrary, Smith began to drink heavily and talk in a rash, defiant manner.

Later in the evening a big indignation meeting was held in the Juneeau dock, and a committee of four, including City Surveyor Reid, was appointed to guard the Juneeau dock.

Smith, who was then well primed with liquor, hearing that the meeting was being held, went to it.

At about the same time Reid fired two or three shots in rapid succession, one of which pierced Smith's heart.

Later in the evening the citizens again convened the meeting and a thorough organization with the object of clearing out the gang of "sure-thing" men was effected.

Another passenger from the north, talking to the cause which led up to the shooting of Smith, said that the United States deputy marshal, though notified of the robbery, refused to interfere.

At the inquest held on the following day the jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

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THE ECLIPSE STAKES. London, July 15.—Lord Rossby's four-year-old colt Velocisquez won the Eclipse stakes of 10,000 sovereigns at Sandown Park summer meeting today.

Agricultural Commission. In the Matter of the PUBLIC INQUIRY ACT, and in the Matter of a Commission Issued to Thomas A. Sharpe, Esq.

At the same time in the morning the battery firing a salute. When the firing was over across the plaza immense bands of our troops were playing music.

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Across the plaza Ninth cavalry, heavy artillery, and the mind of Captain Stone.

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