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To Open Negotiations at Once with the Insurgent Leaders—Otis Sanguine.

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THE ICE-BOUND GASPESIA.

Sighted Jammed in Huge Pack Moving Swiftly Seaward.

Halifax, March 21.—(Special)—The ice-bound Canadian line steamer Gaspesia was reported to have been seen this afternoon one mile off Amhurst Island, in the St. Lawrence, jammed in a heavy close pack ice and moving east with the ice. The ice was moving so fast that it was not easy to try to board her. She showed no distress signals.

AVALANCHE ON FREIGHT TRAIN

Mishap on Intercolonial Line Fortunately Without Loss of Life.

Quebec, March 21.—(Special)—An Intercolonial freight train was buried under an avalanche from a cliff overlooking Levis yesterday. The accident occurred close to the scene of several fatalities from the same cause four years ago. While a large gang of men were at work digging out the train a second but smaller avalanche fell, burying a number of the men. All were dug out without loss of life.

A CINCH ON NIAGARA. Powerful Combine to Control Electric Power Generated From the Falls.

New York, March 21.—The Evening Post says: The purchase of control of the Buffalo and Niagara Falls electric railways in the interests of the International Electric Company was consummated to-day, the syndicate paying cash for the purchase and the sellers accepting the offered terms. The International company was recently formed by a number of capitalists interested in the development of electric energy from Niagara Falls, which is already in considerable use in Buffalo and adjacent territory. The International company will be used to combine these companies, and will purchase power from the Niagara Falls Power Company. The terms on which the stockholders may come in will be announced later in the week.

SURE-DEATH MISSILES.

Ammunition Exploding of Its Own Accord Makes Panic in French Arsenal.

Three High Officials Victims of the Latest Mishap and Much Property Damaged.

Paris, March 21.—The series of explosions in government ammunition depots which commenced with the terrible disaster at Lagoubran, near Toulon, followed on Saturday and Marseilles, was continued this evening, when an alarming explosion occurred in a laboratory of explosives attached to the war department, where experiments were being made with a new kind of gunpowder.

Chief Engineer Vial, Assistant Engineer D'Ouville, and a third officer were injured. All the windows in the neighborhood were smashed, and considerable other damage was done.

Although it is not believed that the explosion was the result of foul play, great excitement followed.

THE POPE DOING WELL. Physicians Satisfied With His Progress—His Holiness Annoyed at Sensational Reports.

Rome, March 21.—The Pope's physicians, Dr. Laponi, and Prof. Mazzoni, visited His Holiness to-day and found his general health good and the seat of the recent operation in excellent condition. When conversing with them the Pope expressed deep grief at the false reports which had been published, especially the reports about a second operation, which had so disturbed Catholics so deeply interested in his welfare.

The cause of the accident is not yet known. The engine, combination car and baggage car, and the trucks were blocked for several hours. None of the passengers were injured.

SMALLPOX RIOTS. Two Policemen Killed in Attempt to Remove Patients in Texas.

San Antonio, Texas, March 20.—State Health Officer Blunt, in charge of the smallpox station at Laredo, Texas, asked more state police, and 24 men were sent him. To-day the Mexicans refused to allow the officials to remove their relatives who were afflicted to the pest house arranged for them in the western portion of the city. Two men were killed and a captain of state rangers wounded, were marched to the scene at 11 a. m.

DEANE AGAIN HAS FOUR. Eight Queer Ballots Admitted on Each Side—Bribery Charges Being Heard.

Kamloops, March 21.—(Special)—The recount of disputed ballots in the Martin-Deane election case continued to-day. Judge Walken allowed 8 of the 27 regularly marked for Martin, and allowing the total to 14 that he claimed, leaving the total as at first—a majority of four for Deane.

A FREAK MESSENGER. Chicago, March 20.—Thomas Jagers, the messenger sent from London by Richard Harding Davis, arrived in Chicago last night, delivered his message to Miss Cecil Clark, and departed shortly before midnight for Philadelphia, where he is to deliver a message to Miss Davies. Mr. Jagers is on time, and if nothing London he will sail from New York for London on the St. Louis boat that brought him over Wednesday noon.

ANOTHER FIRE HORROR.

Ladies Lodge of Macarabes Caught in Session and Jump for Their Lives.

Death Already Claims Four While Twenty or More Are Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., March 21.—Fire broke out on the third floor of the city block this afternoon, and spread so rapidly that the occupants were compelled to jump for their lives. The latest figure of the casualties is one dead, three fatally and twenty more or less seriously injured. The dead and injured were all members of the ladies' branch of the Macarabes, who were holding a meeting in the building. [For later particulars see second page.]

MR. SHERMAN NOT DEAD. But Resting Easily and Expected to Recover—To Change Quarters on Thursday.

Santiago de Cuba, March 21 (7 p.m.).—There is no truth in the statements published in the United States and called back here representing that the Hon. John Sherman is dead. The American minister here, Capt. Frederick Watkinson, arrived here, and reported that Mr. Sherman was only alive but better, resting easily and expected to recover. He will be transferred, if all goes favorably, to the United States cruiser Chicago on Thursday. The cruiser is now coaling at Kingston, Jamaica.

MILLIONAIRE THRICE SHOT. Made Domestic Trouble for Chicago Tailor Who Served Hot Shot for Dinner.

Chicago, March 21.—John T. Shayne, the millionaire furrier of the city, was shot three times to-day by H. H. Hammond, a merchant tailor, while the two were dining together at the Auditorium annex. One of the bullets lodged in Mr. Shayne's left shoulder, one in his right and the other in his hip. None of them, it is thought, will be fatal. Hammond was arrested but he refused to talk. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause.

MONTREAL'S ENGINEER RESIGNS. His Pay Is Five Thousand a Year but He Cannot Stand Aldermanic Nagging.

Montreal, March 21.—(Special)—P. W. St. George, city surveyor, has resigned his office in consequence of interferences by aldermen. He says he is tired of the nagging. The mayor asked him to reconsider but Mr. St. George refused. The salary is \$5,000 a year.

NORTHERN RAILWAYS. Toronto Board of Trade Endorses Proposed Connection with James Bay and the Yukon.

Toronto, March 21.—(Special)—A general meeting of the Board of Trade to-day endorsed a proposed connection with James Bay and the Yukon. The proposition for the extension of the same through the basis of the Mackenzie and Yukon rivers. The railway committee reported recommending a railway north from the C. P. R. to the mouth of Morse river as the most available means of opening communication with the country north and west at an early date.

LAKE SHORE ACCIDENT. Engineer Killed and Two Train Hands Injured Through Derailment.

Buffalo, March 20.—Train No. 18 on the South shore road, known as the Southwestern limited, met with an accident just outside of Buffalo. The engineer, Henry Shattuck of Buffalo, was instantly killed, George W. Roberts, was seriously injured, and William Foster, the porter, slightly injured. The cause of the accident is not yet known. The engine, combination car and baggage car, and the trucks were blocked for several hours. None of the passengers were injured.

ROADMEN'S PAY. Method of the Government Causes Them No Little Embarrassment.

Road men are complaining of the way they are paid for their services in the public highway, and their complaint is just and right. A man who has, say, 10 days' work to do for the government, when he is paid down for payment by the road superintendent. In the course of time, and it may be a few weeks, the cheque comes back for the government, but he is not paid. They apply to the foreman for work and are employed. They have no place to stop, and perhaps need a pair of boots or overalls. The foreman gives them, as the hotelkeeper or merchant, and says to the man for the government: "This man is a stranger to all of us, but he is working for the government; when he is paid, I'll see that you are." But, as it now is, a stranger works, say, a week; his time is eventually sent him down to his order. He can take a night train and leave at any time. His bills may or may not be paid. Certainly some other than the present way should be adopted for paying off road men.

LARENBY BY PASTOR. Accusation by a Rochester Lady Puts a Baptist on His Defence.

Rochester, March 20.—Rev. John Millard, pastor of the 10th Avenue Baptist church, was arrested this morning on the charge of grand larceny in appropriating to his own use \$251 belonging to Mrs. B. S. Starkey, of this city. The minister pleaded not guilty, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500.

HUNGRY MUSSULMANS. London, March 20.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily News says that word has been received from Smyrna that about 4000 Greek refugees, who were in desperate lack of work and food, invaded and pillaged the Greek and Turkish quarters of the city, and resulted in which many persons were killed and wounded.

LINCOLN SPRING MEETING.

Two Interesting Events in the Second Day's Racing.

London, March 21.—At the Lincoln spring meeting, of which this was the second day's racing, the Subbrooke plate was won by Lady Janet, Swirl, with Tod Sloan in the saddle, was placed. There were 19 horses in this event, and the betting was 8 to 1 against Swirl.

The Lincolnshire handicap was won by Gen. Peace, owned by Capt. Bewicke. Lord Beresford's five-year-old Knight of the Thistle, carrying 116 pounds. Tod Sloan won, and Mr. Long's three-year-old colt, Lord Edward, carried 120 pounds.

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There was a fire alarm delay at the post and telegraph office of breaks away. G. M. Inglis' Court Hill overpowered his jockey and ran the entire course. A good start was finally effected and Mr. M. O. Rivers' Little Eva showed to be the best, followed by Lord Beresford's Knight of the Thistle, Gen. Peace and Lord Edward. After the quarter-mile post passed, Clipstone was in trouble, and at the half-way mark Little Eva gave place to Gen. Peace. Below was distance Knight of the Thistle challenged the leader, but never looked like getting on even terms, and Gen. Peace won in a canter.

TO FINISH THE KHALIFA. An Expedition to Start After Dervish Leaders Before Close of War.

London, March 20.—An Anglo-Egyptian expedition will be sent to the national post office, according to a dispatch from the Daily Mail, to finally dispose of the Khalifa and the other dervish leaders in the Sudan.

PHONING IN PUBLIC. French Invention Giving Both Ends of the Conversation to the Audience.

London, March 20.—An engineer named German, in the French ministry of posts and telegraphs, says he has just brought out a new invention which he claims will revolutionize the telephone. By means of his adaptation of the telephone wire he sends a message to the receiver to the ear of the person on the other end of the line. The invention is said to be necessary to place the receiver to the ear of the person on the other end of the line. The invention is said to be necessary to place the receiver to the ear of the person on the other end of the line.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Sir Charles Arraigns the Government for Their Weak Attitude Towards Washington.

Senate Leader Intimates That the Gerryman Proposition Is Too Pr-vious.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, March 20.—To-day's sitting of the Commons was made memorable by a great speech from Sir Charles Tupper, in which he vigorously arraigned the administration. Regarding the Anglo-American rapprochement Sir Charles said he had felt it simply impossible that the States should fail to recognize its obligations to England. He had purposefully remained silent in order not to embarrass the Canadian commissionaries. He added: "I have waited six months, and I believe I am expressing the sentiment of this country when I say that we have been placed in the most unfortunate position of being humble supplicants for that which we have a right to demand. So far as I am concerned, I despair of the United States ever being moved by friendship to grant to Britain any more favorable terms to give up Canada than they have given before. What he asked, had the government succeeded in doing at the conference? It had succeeded only in bringing this country into contempt. The feeling of this people is that the position of Canada would be infinitely stronger if the commission had never been heard of. As it had failed, he urged the government to return to the national policy and enforce it in its entirety. The opposition was glad to support the administration in the adoption of a Canadian policy in the imposition of an export duty on logs and pulpwood and nickel metal. Dealing with the proposed senate reform he said that in his judgment a more absurd proposition had never been submitted to a legislative body. It was a gross violation of the federation act.

In the senate to-day Sir Mackenzie Bowell characterized the proposed redistribution as unjustifiable and unconstitutional. He said that the government would have to bring down such a measure two years hence, but there was no call for it now.

Col. Prior will at an early date arraign Lieutenant-Governor McClennan of the Turner administration.

Mr. Foster is after Mr. Sifton's scalp for sending so many liquor licenses in Yukon.

Representatives of the Dominion letter carriers association are coming to Ottawa to ask increased pay.

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STILL DENIES IT. Hamilton's Suspended Rector Ministering to the Poor While His Church Is Desolate.

Hamilton, March 20.—(Special)—Hamilton now has a "Dreus case" of its own on hand. People point to the circumstance that, like the famous French trial, the church tribunal that sentenced Father Geoghegan to seven years suspension was posted yesterday with Norman W. F. Rant from Log Cabin, making the trip of 60 miles in 2 1/2 days, encountering en route some very severe weather. Mr. Graham is very busy arranging temporary quarters, which for the present are located on Pearl street, between First and Second, adjoining Mr. Monro's and J. H. Brownlee's present locations.

Several blocks have been reserved by the gold commissioner for public buildings, including hospitals, schools and parks, in different parts of the town, convenient in every respect. Much credit is due to the energetic and able way in which Mr. Graham copes with the present somewhat difficult situation existing in Atlin here to-day, and it can be safely said that the government could not have chosen a more able or more popular man.

Hundreds of people are curious to see the record books, but it seems likely that their wishes will not be gratified for some time to come.

Mr. J. H. Brownlee has been very busy the last few days attending to the survey and placing people on vacant lots to avoid trouble. Mr. Brownlee is looking well, and seems to enjoy his daily work.

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The Juman trail has not as yet developed into a very popular route, as up to date only two parties had arrived in this district over the trail. The reports that they give of it, which are anything but favorable, it does not seem likely that it will be well patronized.

Atlin will be well supplied with house material, as there are at present two mills running and three more on the build and will be ready for work in a week or so, the price of lumber being from \$100 to \$150 per thousand feet for rough lumber.

Atlin has also a large number of saloons and hotels on the way to completion. The fact is, it is beginning to look something like a town. Dr. McKinney's large mercantile exchange looms up in the centre, the highest spot in the town. This is the largest frame building erected so far, being cut up into offices for custom brokers, mining brokers, lawyers, etc., and looks as if it will be a very busy place, too.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1899.

THE CORBIN CHARTER.

The discussion at the board of trade yesterday in regard to the application for a charter by the Kettle Valley Railway...

The object of the treaty being to settle upon a conventional line which would dispose of all disputes arising out of occupation, it is clearly absurd to suggest that proof of occupation by Russia...

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The amendment moved by Mr. Davies to the motion to rescind the resolution passed by the Council of the Board of Trade last year, is worthy of careful perusal, and will be thought to be itself to the good judgment of the public.

A point suggests itself in connection with this matter, and that is that the whole question has come up in a very irregular way. No one has asked the Board of Trade to endorse any railway scheme...

A MARRIAGE NEST.

The people who have unearthed that so-called Russian boundary mound a hundred miles east of Dawson have simply discovered a marriage nest. The discovery may be what it is alleged to be or it may not be.

Let us look at the case as if the so-called boundary mound were a century old. It is admitted, because it is a historical fact, that the respective claims of Great Britain and Russia to territory in the northwest of North America were for a long time undefined.

It is to be assumed that all the data bearing upon the question of occupation were submitted to the plenipotentiaries, and it is also absolutely cer-

tain that after considering the whole case, they arrived at a conclusion which was thus expressed in the treaty: The line of demarcation between the possessions of the high contracting parties upon the coast of the continent and the islands of America to the Northwest shall be drawn in the manner following:

Commencing from the southernmost point of the island called the Prince of Wales Island, which point lies in the parallel of 54 degrees, 40 minutes north latitude, and between 123rd and 123rd degree of west longitude (meridian of Greenwich), the said line shall ascend to the north along the channel called the Portland Channel, as far as the point of the continent, where it strikes the 59th degree of north latitude; from this last mentioned point the line of demarcation shall follow the summit of the mountains situated parallel to the coast as far as the point of intersection of the 141st degree of west longitude (of the same meridian), and finally from the said point of intersection, the said meridian lines shall extend in its prolongation to the Frozen Ocean, shall form the limit between the Russian and British possessions to the west of the Continent of America to the North West.

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The endeavor was made yesterday by those speakers who went out of their way and exhausted their ingenuity in discovering how they could most severely arraign the Canadian Pacific railway. The discussion on Tuesday was in a different spirit entirely. Mr. Bodwell refrained from any attack upon the Canadian company, and the other speakers refrained from any attack upon Mr. Corbin.

London, March 22.—The Times publishes this morning a letter from a correspondent in Bermuda, who describes Rear Admiral Sampson's visit there last month, and gives an "authorized" interview with the admiral. According to the correspondent, Admiral Sampson, remarking upon the "marvellous change in American opinion," said: "Formerly England was regarded as the only European power with which the United States was liable to have difficulties."

Therefore I rejoice exceedingly for more than England as our best, perhaps our only, friend. I cannot say whether this feeling will prove permanent, but I hope it may. Possibly we could not hope for more than England's moral support in such a defensive alliance. I say frankly the first instance in which the United States Continental power, but in times of real difficulty it would ripen sooner or later into a defensive alliance.

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control of the Dominion from the Liberals. Over confidence did its abject towards the defeat of the party in 1896. Over confidence is likely to be the result of a long lease of power, and it often takes years of experience in opposition to convince a political party that they are not invincible.

Speaking for British Columbia, we believe the chances for the Conservative party to carry the province at the next Federal election are good, but the way to make sure of success is to prepare as though the task were to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. For this reason we heartily endorse what the Sun says as to the need not only of perfecting an organization, but of keeping it alive.

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ance, asks that the names of the guilty returning officers shall be sent to the government in order that the Minister of Justice may proceed against them. This is very good as far as it goes; but the amazing fact is that the government in selecting the returning officers should have chosen men who would show themselves to be so utterly unfit for the position.

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THE RETAIL MARKETS. Considerable Australian Mutton Being Handled Locally—Potatoes Scarce. Much Australian mutton is being sold this week. It is cheaper than the home killed sheep, which run very high at present. Beef is likewise very stiff in price and has lately been marked up half a cent a pound by local dealers.

Wheat, per ton 26 00/00 20 00/00  
Barley, per ton 20 00/00 18 00/00  
Oats, per ton 18 00/00 16 00/00  
Rye, per ton 22 00/00 20 00/00  
Corn, per ton 14 00/00 12 00/00  
Clover, per ton 16 00/00 14 00/00  
Hay, per ton 12 00/00 10 00/00  
Sods, per ton 10 00/00 8 00/00  
Straw, per bale 8 00/00 7 00/00  
Rhubarb, per lb. 12 00/00 10 00/00  
Dates, per ton 20 00/00 18 00/00  
Raisins, per ton 22 00/00 20 00/00  
Brazil, per ton 20 00/00 18 00/00  
Ground feed (Cal), per ton 22 00/00 20 00/00  
Chop feed (B. & K.), per ton 23 00/00 21 00/00  
Corn (Canada), per ton 22 00/00 20 00/00  
Corn (cracked), per ton 27 00/00 25 00/00  
XXX (Armstrong), per ton 40 00/00 38 00/00  
Oatmeal, per 30 lbs. 40 00/00 38 00/00  
Rolled oats, per 30 lbs. 30 00/00 28 00/00  
Citrus, per lb. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Cabbage, per lb. 03 00/00 02 00/00  
Potatoes, per lb. 02 00/00 01 00/00  
Cheese, per lb. 02 00/00 01 00/00  
Red peppers, per lb. 09 00/00 08 00/00  
Flax (India), per ton 13 00/00 12 00/00  
Eggs (Island), per dozen 20 00/00 18 00/00  
Eggs (Imported), per doz. 25 00/00 23 00/00  
Butter, per lb. 02 00/00 01 00/00  
Butter (fresh), per lb. 03 00/00 02 00/00  
Butter (dry), per lb. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Butter (Cond.), per square 05 00/00 04 00/00  
Sardines (No. 5), per lb. 03 00/00 02 00/00  
Hams (Canadian), per lb. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Bacon (American), per lb. 15 00/00 14 00/00  
Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14 00/00 13 00/00  
Bacon (rolled), per lb. 14 00/00 13 00/00  
Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14 00/00 13 00/00  
Shoulders, hams, per lb. 14 00/00 13 00/00  
Meat, per lb. 06 00/00 05 00/00  
Beef, per lb. 06 00/00 05 00/00  
Veal, per lb. 06 00/00 05 00/00  
Mutton, per lb. 06 00/00 05 00/00  
Carrots, per doz. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Pork (fresh), per lb. 09 00/00 08 00/00  
Turkeys (New), per pair 1 00/00 09 00/00  
Turkeys (Eastern), per pair 09 00/00 08 00/00  
Turkeys (Island), per pair 09 00/00 08 00/00  
Hens, per pair 08 00/00 07 00/00  
Geese (Island), per pair 20 00/00 18 00/00  
Fruit, per box 1 50 00/00 1 25 00/00  
Apples (Island), per box 1 50 00/00 1 25 00/00  
Lemons (Island), per doz. 05 00/00 04 00/00  
Oranges, per doz. 05 00/00 04 00/00  
Pineapples, per doz. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Bananas, per doz. 04 00/00 03 00/00  
Salmon, per lb. 10 00/00 09 00/00  
Haddock, per lb. 08 00/00 07 00/00  
Rock Cod, per lb. 06 00/00 05 00/00  
Smelts, per lb. 08 00/00 07 00/00  
Flounders, per lb. 08 00/00 07 00/00

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THE NEWS OF JAPAN

Subsides for Trans Pacific Steamers - Consulate at Montreal to be established.

Members of Diet Excluded From Fortresses Because of Foreign Nationalities.

Oriental mail advices up till February 27 have been received via San Francisco. Regarding the big steamship on the Japan coast...

It had been the original intention of the Japanese government to make the European and American lines of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha only, but as opposition to the partially was evoked because no subsidy was going to be bestowed on the San Francisco line...

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Owing to the trade between Japan and Montreal having greatly developed of late, the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce (Japanese) held a general meeting on February 23...

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the 27th inst. Yokohama to see the forts and shipbuilding yards, but inasmuch as there are among the members of the committee the pay of foreign nations as spies, it is proved by the fact that what transpires at secret sessions of the committee is revealed to the foreign legations...

About 20,000 double-barreled rifles have been made in order to the order of the government of Japan and 40,000 of these have been distributed among the divisions of the army.

The bill for appropriating 50,000,000 yen, the balance of the indemnity, for the following purposes was introduced by the Japanese government to the diet recently.

It includes 30,000,000 yen as a supplementary fund for warlike armaments, and 10,000,000 yen as reserve fund for emergencies, 10,000,000 yen as an educational fund, a "school despatch" fund, and 20,000,000 yen as a fund for the purchase of land and Korea is not yet signed, the negotiations consist of sixteen articles, and do not greatly differ from that between Japan and Korea.

Such is the astounding information brought by each of a large party of Dawsonians arriving here by the steamer Danube last night, the last of whom left the Klondike capital as recently as February 25.

They bring "extras" of the Nugget and the Miner with them, too, in corroboration of their statements, and they have the official authentication of the United States Consul McCook that they will represent the facts to Washington without delay.

Briefly the facts are these, according to G. A. Wulfram, of Evansville, Ind., J. T. Hutches, of Chicago, and Frank Wagner, of Buffalo—a trio who have in the past served as the most fortunate of the Junker crew in this city.

On the 18th of February a party of Russian Finns who had been working at the headwaters of McQuesten creek, 100 miles east of Dawson, reached that city in a state of considerable excitement.

They inquired first for a Russian official, and subsequently waited upon United States Consul McCook, to whom they made the statement formally that while prospecting in the locality designated, they had accidentally stumbled upon a monument of some material of age, and bearing a partially effaced inscription.

The antiquity of the remarkable evidence of man's former presence in this remote land led the discoverers to inquire into the half-obliterated letters, which they had a knowledge.

Pursuing their researches and further, they were amazed to find that they had gathered one of the boundary mounds of the Carar upon the American continent was relinquished.

The magnitude of their discovery did not at first present itself to the discoverers. As soon as they realized, however, that the location of the old boundary was 100 miles to the east of Dawson, they meant that the whole of the great Klondike gold belt belonged not to Great Britain but to Russia, and therefore as a consequence they lost no time in carrying the news to Dawson.

United States Consul McCook and Commissioner Ogilvie heard their report attentively and a joint commission was organized and sent by them to investigate and report on the matter.

It was received in Dawson on the 18th of February, and it was anticipated that the expedition on the Klondike, led by the Finns to the scene of their find, would be back in Dawson in three weeks from the date of their departure.

It is not unnatural that the news should have made a sensation in the whole Upper Yukon region.

FOR CUTTING A CABLE. Newhaven, Conn., March 20.—The Commercial Cable Company, through its attorneys, today filed a libel in admiralty and under the U. S. marshal has seized the schooner William H. Ballou, which is being used for cutting the submarine cable between New York to Europe by way of Canada, N. S.

MARTIAL LAW AT SKAGWAY.

The Strike Situation Induces Extreme Measures—White Gets Six Months.

In consequence of the critical turn the strike on the White Pass & Yukon railway has assumed, the city of Skagway has been put under martial law, business has to a great extent been suspended, and the United States troops from Dyea, assisted by the specially selected citizens' brigade under Marshal Tanner, patrol the streets.

There has been no serious conflict as yet since the raid upon Camp No. 1 on Monday last, but the strikers have made very definite threats against the many who have returned to work on the road and the commissioner has in consequence deemed extreme measures necessary.

White, the leader in Monday's raid, was brought to trial for inciting riot as soon as his condition permitted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment at hard labor.

The recent acts of the strikers are declared to have alienated the sympathy of all citizens.

GAMBLERS RAIDED. Over a Score Come Before Justice Harper and Are Heavily Fined.

Messrs. Davis, Minn and McMillan, the three principal arrivers on the steamer Danube, left Dawson on February 21, and reached Skagway on the 14th inst. without accident, and without hearing of any disaster en route.

At present experienced men are busy prospecting between Huaker and Bonanza for the paystreak, which it is felt will undoubtedly prove of amazing richness.

Another factor that will contribute materially to the output of 1899 is the complete success of the steam shawing machine, by which the work of getting bedrock has this year been accomplished ten times as readily and economically as in the past—100 cubic feet being an average day's work for one machine.

While the fact that the water is promptly thawed out for handling as soon as the water comes is another very material consideration.

ALASKA EXPLORATION. United States Government to Send Out Other Survey Parties This Season.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Government exploration of the wilds of Alaska is not to cease, despite the fact that the war with Spain, the latter conflict with insurgent Filipino bands, and the constantly expanding trade of the Pacific has taken interest away from the mines of the Yukon.

Under the leadership of Capt. Robert W. W. Robinson, Jr., yesterday's expedition to purchase 41 pack animals to be used in carrying provisions for the Abernethy and Glenn Alaska expeditions. It is expected that Capt. Robinson will be in charge of the expedition, and will be in the Copper River basin and Capt. Abernethy will be in charge of the expedition to the interior of the country.

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HUNKER VERY RICH.

Returning Miners Predict It Will Eclipse Bonanza and El Dorado.

Search for the Intermediate Pay Streak—Successful Thawing Machines.

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MATRON APPOINTED.

Miss Grady, Head Nurse at the Jubilee to Succede Miss Macmillan.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors—Resolution of Sympathy.

Miss Jessie M. Grady, a graduate of the Royal Jubilee hospital of 1895 and for two years head nurse at that institution, was last evening appointed matron, vice Miss Macmillan, leaving at the end of the month. The appointment was made at the regular meeting of the board of directors on motion of Mr. C. E. Bennett, who verbally advised a high testimonial to the matron's worth, those being also in connection with the application several recommendations from the medical men who spoke highly of Miss Grady's ability.

The question of who should succeed Miss Grady as head nurse was left in abeyance, the secretary being instructed to write the medical officer and matron asking them to recommend graduates for the position.

The business of the evening was disposed of quickly. Salaries for March amounting to \$1,367.90 were ordered, and for February showed daily average number of patients to be 48.2; the total days' pay to be 1,374 and the average cost per patient \$28.30. The matron reported the hospital and training school "to be steadily going on." The vacancies caused by the retiring of the Misses Gordon and Coppock have been filled by the time by probationists. The matron acknowledged with thanks donations of the retiring of the Misses Gordon and Coppock have been filled by the time by probationists. The matron acknowledged with thanks donations of the retiring of the Misses Gordon and Coppock have been filled by the time by probationists.

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