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TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG STRIKERS GOT INCREASE.

The Russian-Chinese Friction Interests Americans.

JAPAN MAKES DEMANDS OF CHINA.

Russian Opposition's Victory--Coal Operators Refuse to Arbitrate--Socialist Riot at Frisco--Conditions at Vesuvius--New Method of Spelling--Castro Retires--Ena's Marriage.

[SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.]

Winnipeg, April 12.--The street car strike, which threatened to temporarily demoralize business in this city, was amicably settled at noon on the 7th inst., when the company granted the men's demand for a small increase in wages.

Washington, April 14.--The recent reports of alleged friction between the Russian and Chinese troops at present occupying Manchuria have attracted considerable attention from the American state department. However, no official information has been received from either of the two most interested powers.

London, April 12.--Official information has been received here to the effect that Japan has formally demanded of China that the city of Mukden and the An Tung province be opened next month to all foreign trade.

St. Petersburg, April 12.--The belated election returns have only tended to increase the magnitude of the victory of the opposition to the present government party, which will shortly step down and out. A complete re-organization of the cabinet is expected at an early date. Many people believe that the present bitter fight which is being waged between Premier Witte and Minister of the Interior Duronovo will ultimately result in the resignation of both officials.

New York, April 12.--The anthracite coal mine operators have, as the result of a meeting which has just been held, emphatically declined to accept the proposal of the miners to submit to arbitration the difficulties existing between them.

The anthracite miners strike extends to all mines throughout Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arizona, where everything is closed down and will remain so until the strike is settled.

The soft coal miners have won their strike for an increase in wages and have returned to work.

San Francisco, April 12.--The fiercest riot ever witnessed in this city occurred yesterday as the result of a meeting which was held by the Socialists to express their sympathy with the officials of the Western

Federation of Miners who are held on charges of complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Stuenkel, of Idaho, some months ago. The orators of the Socialists declared that if the accused were proven guilty and convicted it would take the entire army of the United States to execute them. The police tried to arrest the speakers, which action precipitated a stupendous riot, and several policemen were more or less severely injured.

Naples, April 12.--White, hot lava from Mount Vesuvius has completely destroyed the once thriving town of Boscotrese and a number of villages in its immediate vicinity, and from all of which the population had previously fled. Fully 150,000 people from the afflicted district are now in this city. The volcano is becoming more active and several earthquake shocks which have taken place have badly shattered numerous buildings here.

Chicago, Ill., April 12.--A Zion City despatch states that Dowie has been denounced at an open meeting of his late followers and branded as a spendthrift, traitor and liar by overseer Voliva, the newly appointed leader.

London, April 12.--A late despatch from Capri, in Italy, to the Daily Times says that two hundred people perished by the collapse of a church at Sangauseppe and two hundred more are believed to have been killed in the surrounding district as the result of a severe earthquake which occurred there.

Wichita, Kan., April 12.--The business portion of Belleplain, situated twenty miles south of this city, was practically destroyed by fire last night. The loss amounted to over \$15,000.

Elferrol, Spain, April 12.--A slight earthquake shock was felt here last evening but no damage has been reported.

Naples, April 13.--Viewed as a whole the conditions throughout the area affected by the present eruptions of Vesuvius are much improved this morning as compared with those of the early hours of yesterday. Frequent detonations are still heard but they are decreasing in number and growing less audible. The crater of the volcano is gradually getting larger but the rain of ashes and cinders has greatly diminished.

New York, April 13.--A simplified method of spelling many of the words of the English language, as recommended by Andrew Carnegie, is to be thoroughly tested immediately by the New York board of education.

New York, April 13.--President Castro, of Venezuela, has resigned from office. He gives as his reason that he desires to retire to the rest of private life for some time owing to the strenuous work which his position entails. Castro says that should his temporary separation

from the head of affairs bring harmony and good-will to the country, he is willing to make his retirement permanent.

London, April 13.--Replying to a numerous signed Protestant protest against the approaching marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg to King Alfonso of Spain, Home Secretary Gladstone points out that the assent of King Edward is not necessary to the marriage.

Vancouver, April 13.--The C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice sailed for Skagway and Canadian way points on Tuesday night. She took a considerable quantity of building material for the proposed new hotel at Conrad, V. T. She also took some material for Rivers Inlet ordered by G. I. Wilson, of this city, for use in the re-construction of the Bain-Wilson cannery, which was blown down last week by a small tornado.

GENERAL NEWS.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew is reported to be in a state of complete nervous collapse at New York.

The Mystic Shriners, of Seattle, have chartered the C. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria and will tour Alaska next month.

Joe Gans and Rufe Turner, two of the cleverest colored boxers in the world, are scheduled to fight in Seattle next month.

The dock at the foot of Columbia street, Seattle, collapsed on April 5th. Eighteen persons were thrown into the water but were rescued.

A Dawson despatch says that the Guggenheims are taking over all the Treadgold interests on Bonanza creek, and which they had under bonds for \$500,000.

From Chicago comes the statement that Dowie has been deposed as the head of Zion City and that even his wife joined the movement against him. Wilbur Glen Voliva is Dowie's successor.

A report from Oerel, Russia, of April 6th stated that a proclamation against the Jews, which had been issued from the government printing office there, had been widely distributed among the people and an Easter massacre was believed to be a certainty.

Russia has submitted a plan to President Roosevelt to re-convene the Hague peace conference early in the coming summer. The Netherlands have endorsed the proposal. Since the disposition of the Algerias affair the powers are free to act individually.

A late Madrid despatch said: A plot to assassinate the whole of the Spanish royal family during holy week has been discovered by the authorities. Anarchists are said to be the plotters. Details are meagre as the censorship will not allow news to be given out.

Actual fighting occurred last week at the Edna mine near Irwin, Pa. The strikers were heavily armed

and kept up a steady fire upon the strike breakers and prevented them from working. The coal operators decided that it was unsafe to try to further introduce non-union men.

The N. W. M. P. patrol which left Dawson last December for Fort Macpherson, near the mouth of the McKenzie river, arrived back in Dawson last week. The officer in charge of the patrol, Corp. Mapley, reports having encountered severe cold weather and deep snow on the way.

General Von Mack, who is head of the Red Cross branch of the Russian army, returned to Moscow from the far east last week and created a sensation there by declaring that the Japanese are making extensive preparations for war and will fight the Americans for the possession of the Philippines.

A fire broke out in the eighth story of the Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, Ore., on April 6th and Homer Alcock, a prominent railroad man, took to the fire escape but its fastenings gave way and he fell to the walk below and was instantly killed. Many others saved their lives by jumping from the eighth story windows into the life nets. Mr. Clapp, a club chief, was injured by breaking through a life net.

At Moscow, on April 3rd, a leading newspaper published telegrams from a Harbin correspondent saying hostilities are imminent between Russian and Chinese troops. The Chinese, influenced by Japan, are moving forward on the Russians. Demobilization of the Russian army had been stopped and General Grodoff, the Russian commander in chief, had issued orders to prepare for an emergency and if an attack is made, to occupy the Chinese strongholds. The situation was becoming intense.

The Russian and Chinese ministers in conference at Peking over the Manchurian question had, on April 6th, failed to arrive at an agreement. Russia demands that all the privileges she now enjoys in Manchuria be permanently guaranteed. On the other hand it is the determined policy of China to withstand all foreign encroachments upon her territory. Both countries have powerful armies stationed in Manchuria ready for immediate action and open hostilities are liable to break out at any time.

A Naples despatch of the 7th inst says: Large streams of lava are pouring from Mount Vesuvius, which is again in active eruption, and from which the heat is felt for miles. Ottajano and Torre del Greco, cities of twenty and thirty thousand people respectively, are threatened with destruction. Boscotveaz is being evacuated and residents of villages for miles around are panic stricken and fleeing for safety. The churches are filled with men, women and children carrying statues and praying for a miracle to stop the deathly and destructive flow.

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TWO CAME FORWARD.

Under the heading "Sidelights on the proceedings of the Provincial Parliament just concluded," a late issue of the Vancouver News-Advertiser contained the following:

It is said that in this world nothing remains stationary; that things must move backward or forward. This is as true of the reputations of legislators as of anything else, and though, during the session of the Local Legislature just closed there have been few marked variations from the normal standing of men who occupy seats in the House, there have been minor changes in the reputation of most of them, and marked changes in a few. Two men at least—one from the rank and file of either party—have come rapidly to the front during the past two months of political squabble, and these two are Dr. Young, of the Conservatives, and Mr. T. W. Paterson, of the Liberals. Dr. Young, the scholarly member for Atlin, came into prominence as Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, and though his course might not altogether recommend itself to local citizens, the skill with which he defended the action of the Committee in refusing the amendments to the Vancouver Charter won general admiration, and was a masterpiece of impromptu debating. Whatever fault may be found with him, it cannot be denied that both on the Private Bills Committee and the Kaien Island debate on the floor of the House, his speech in defence of the majority report was perhaps the weightiest and most logical delivered from that side, and showed a marked freedom from personality and irrelevancy.

The man who came forward most rapidly on the Opposition side is the very antithesis of Dr. Young. Mr. T. W. Paterson is a cold-blooded, hard-headed business man from beginning to end. Sentiment and literary polish are alike unknown to him. He hits out with a Bismarckian bluntness and is scornful of rounded periods. His weapon is a rude and knotty club, but it drives his arguments home. Though seated in the Liberal ranks, he is a Tory of the Tories, and is the sworn foe of every attempt at political innovation. The Socialists find in him their most consistent opponent, and it was largely owing to the stubbornness of his opposition that the Master and Servant Act was killed in Committee. Mr. Paterson is a well-to-do man and represents a fairly safe constituency, and these perhaps may be factors in his sturdy independence, but whether that is

so or not, it is certain that he seems neither to care for the applause of the galleries nor the approval of his political friends. His greatest failing, perhaps, is want of sympathy. Appeals to pity have no weight with him whatever, and poetry hath for him no charms; and he reduces everything to the brutal and cold-blooded deductions of business life. Such a man is invaluable in opposition, but whether he could ever originate or enthuse is doubtful.

Snow Bank Minstrels.

Score a Success at Discovery—An Enjoyable Dance.

Last Friday the Snow Bank Minstrels repeated their St. Patrick's day performance at Discovery to a good house and, with several additions to the programme and new jokes, a very pleasant evening was spent and the hearty applause which was extended to all those taking part was well deserved. The performance was given in the Balmoral hall, the use of which had been kindly given by its owners.

After the concert a most enjoyable dance took place and all those present were the guests of the minstrels, who supplied the music and refreshments. The dance was conceded to be the best given this winter and those who missed it are now regretting their absence.

The minstrels desire to thank those who have patronized or assisted their concerts and especially Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Tallmire, both of whom gave much valuable assistance with the costumes and the make-ups.

It has been a source of great satisfaction and gratification to all those who have come together during the practices and rehearsals, and it is hoped that in the future those interested in music will rise to greater efforts and keep alive the art so well worthy of admiration and study.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The Claim is not responsible for views expressed by correspondents.)

Editor of THE ATLIN CLAIM.

DEAR SIR,—I stand corrected by your editorial comment on the fact that I omitted to mention the pioneer women of the camp in my letter re the proposed Atlin District Pioneer Association, and can only admit that it is another illustration of the arrogance of the male.

I am sure that the Pioneer Association will be proud to welcome on its membership roll the names of the noble women who braved the rigors and unknown privations of this northern camp during the early years.

Yours truly,

ALFRED CARMICHAEL.

Otter Creek, April 9th, 1906.



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Presentation.

Mrs. Woods Honored by the Snow Bank Minstrels.

On Tuesday evening Messrs. J. Cartmel and T. Hanna called at the residence of Mr. E. M. N. Woods and presented Mrs. Woods with a very handsome silver tea set as a token of the esteem and appreciation of themselves and Messrs. C. P. Hickman, C. Hewett and T. White for her efforts and assistance in the performances given by the Snow Bank Minstrels. Needless to say, Mrs. Woods appreciates the gift and will always remember with pleasure the many pleasant musical evenings spent with the above gentlemen.

COGITATIONS OF AN ANCIENT MINER.

Students of the Hills.

Possibly no class of working people have so great an opportunity and provocation to read and study as intelligent gold miners. As a rule they work fewer hours in the day, and nights, Sundays and in stormy weather the quiet of their cabins is undisturbed by the cares of a family. Persons who never read before do so to kill the lonesome hours that may be full of sad memories, and to drive away regrets for ill success. By crowding the mind to repletion they deaden the fangs of "hunger of the heart," which, undiverted, would often sink sadly in its chamber when no familiar voice of olden time smote on its sounding board. In the outset, when nothing better could be had, they may have read novels, good or bad, but it is entirely possible that more is known in the cabin homes in western gold fields of the works of standard authors in both poetry and prose, than within an equal area of where these productions emanated. Now that other books in abundance are within easy reach, and novel reading is left to inferior intelligences, the higher order of minds follow the pen tracks of the historian, poet or essayist. It is not uncommon in latter mining days on cabin shelves to find Shakespeare, Byron, Macaulay, historical or classical works of American and English literature, and once the writer was more than surprised at finding, tucked between the logs of the cabin, a copy of "Demosthenes on the Crown." Asking "Who reads Greek in this ranch?" a rough-looking man, kneading bread, replied that he "used to read it in a New England College," and had "brought it from home among other traps." In another instance in the northern mountains, a Yale graduate named Wells, who had come to the land of gold with the early rush, was possessor of a little library which vouched for his scholarly attainments and advanced literary taste. But Wells found himself to be physically unequal to the task of delving for gold, and had bravely assumed the duties of chef with a prosperous mining company, a position which he filled with rare credit to himself and the unbounded satisfaction of those he served. An early days friend who mined a few years showed the writer a copy of "Webster's Unabridged" which himself and companions packed all over

Northern California, and to which final reference was made in political discussions. These may be extraordinary instances, but they are mentioned only as cases of devotion to letters under difficulties. While I write the sad truth that very many miners waste their spare hours and their money in places of dissipation, it is gratifying to know that a great number are more profitably occupied.

It is not easy to estimate the result of these quiet hours, days and months of cabin-home reading and reflection. Possibly many a romance or poem has lent its aid as the result of a pacific literature, to a statesman who arose to prominence independent of the lifting hooks of party. Men whose genius has split despotic thrones and made republics of the fragments have come unheralded from among the people, and writers whose pens have left traces of living fire have studied and written in the obscurity of a hovel. Within the humblest cottage of the masses, and guided by a youth untried in battle, the pen of true genius is as mighty as the sword of the Corsican.—San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review.

A Grafter "Sold."

"Professor T——, I presume?" said he.

"Yes, sir."

"Are you alone?"

"Yes, sir."

"May I lock the door?"

And he did so; then, having satisfied himself that no one else was in, he placed a large bundle done up in a yellow handkerchief on the table and opened it.

"There, look at that."

"Well," said the professor, "I see it."

"What do you call that, professor?"

"I call it iron pyrites."

"What!" said the man, "isn't that gold!"

"No," said the professor, "it's good for nothing—it's pyrites."

And putting some in a shovel over the fire, it soon evaporated up the chimney.

"Well," said the gentlemanly man, with a woe-be-gone look, "there's a widow in our town has a whole hill full of that, and I've been and married her."

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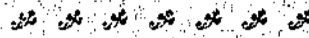
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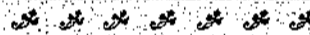
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