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TELEGRAPHIC.

A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

[SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.]

London, April 19.—Gen. Botha, the first premier of the Transvaal, has arrived here to attend the Conference of Premiers. He was given a very hearty reception. Laurier and Borden arrived last Saturday. The conference opened last Monday and newspapermen are not allowed to enter.

New York, April 19.—The Thaw jury has disagreed. There were seven for conviction of murder. Five for not guilty, on account of insanity. A new trial will probably be set for October or November. Thaw has dismissed Delmas and appointed Creilly to take charge of the case.

Montreal, April 19.—A heavy snow fall and blizzard has blocked the railway traffic in the province of Quebec.

Butte Mont., April 19.—A lone bandit held up the stage between Malta and Zortman and secured $28,000.

Mexico City, April 19.—Earthquakes lasting about four minutes did much damage to property here but as yet no loss of life has been reported.

Roseburg, Ore., April 19.—A woman who had given birth to a child, while travelling in a Pullman sleeper, threw the infant out of the window. Sectionmen found it some time after.

Winnipeg, April 19.—Seventeen hundred immigrants have arrived here, and five more trains are due to arrive but have been delayed by snow storms that have been raging for the last twenty-four hours.

Fernie, April 19.—A strike has been declared by the mine workers of the Crow's Nest collieries. The mines are all closed down.

Paris, April 19.—A massacre of Europeans is threatened in Marakesh, Morocco, where Dr. Mauchamp was recently murdered.

Seattle, April 19.—A demonstration of six hundred striking miners at the Treadwell mines, Alaska, was stopped by the U. S. troops.

Montreal, April 19.—The second fire at the McGill university destroyed the medical building.

Ottawa, April 19.—Lord Grey left for New York, where he will speak at the International Peace Conference.

W. S. Fielding received a telegram from C. Hyman, of London, Ont., stating that he had forwarded his resignation.

McDonald's Grocery makes a specialty of fresh eggs and butter.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 19.—In defending herself against the accusations made by Delmas, Mrs. Holman, the mother of Evelyn Nesbit, says: "I placed implicit faith and confidence in Stanford White, but had Evelyn told me what she told the jury I would have shot White myself.

Local and General News.

Mrs. Joe Tallmire left Atlin last Thursday for Whitehorse.

Found.—On the road between Discovery and Atlin, lady's gauntlet, apply this office.

Official information has been received of the appointment of Mr. Owen F. Conley to the position of chief constable for the Atlin police district.

J. A. Smith and F. E. Gigot, with the effects of the Bank of Commerce, left Atlin at 10 p. m. Tuesday night. They arrived safely at Whitehorse the next afternoon.

James Clarke has resumed the management of the Half-way House. When the boys stop there to water their horses, Jim will be seen at the doorway with the same old smile.

Davy Todd came in on Sunday from Squaw Point where he has been building an addition to Roxborough's palatial road house.

Joseph Palmer and Joe junior arrived on the stage Sunday. Mr. Palmer was in 'Frisco most of his time. He say that city is a hive of industry, and is destined to be bigger and mightier and richer than ever.

Joe Traber and partners, of Boulder, have finished operation on the creek. The company employed seven men all winter and are very well satisfied with the result of the clean-ups.

Ed. Sands, of the Pine Tree hotel Discovery, intends opening his dining room Saturday, the 20th. The dining room will be under the management of Mrs. Davis. The rooms in connection have been renovated and refurnished and now rank with the very best in the district.

Mr. Jules Eggert, our local jeweler, is having manufactured twelve large galvanized iron boxes, with six compartments each. These will be placed in his vault, and, for a reasonable rental may be used by miners and others in the camp as a safety deposit for their valuable papers, gold dust, money, etc. No doubt many will take advantage of Mr. Eggert's enterprise and forethought.

Mr. Konrad Wawrecka, manager of the Northern Brewing Company, and Joe Traber go to Skagway Saturday. They will bring back with them T. Obalski, manager of the Boulder Creek Hydraulic Co., and two or three others.

Lowney's Fresh Chocolates $1.00 per lb., at C. R. Bourne's.

Catholic Missions in Atlin.

Last Sunday Father Allard, from Conrad, opened a series of religious exercises in Atlin district. Three services were held at Discovery and three also on Spruce creek. The worshippers were numerous at both places. All seemed to enjoy the divine rites of the holy sacrifice of the mass and also the substantial dogmatical instructions, which, delivered with a holy zeal, were the means of bringing the wandering back into the fold.

On Monday morning a mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of Matthew McEwan was said at Discovery. The sympathy that Catholics bear to the departed members of their faith was touchingly illustrated by the fact that people joined in the funeral service from Boulder, Spruce and Discovery.

Next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. mass will be said and the sermon on "The Passion of Christ" will be preached, in the Catholic church. At 8 p.m. prayers and a sermon on "Eternal Damnation," followed by confessions. The communion mass will be said at 8 o'clock the following morning. This will close the present religious exercises.

Father Allard expects to leave Wednesday next. It is his intention to return to Atlin as soon as navigation opens, and he will then attend to his large Indian flock as well as to the white one.

Among the recent arrivals are: C. C. Runner, of the Fifth Avenue hotel at Skagway. W. D. P. Aims, representing Col. Thomas, a well-known capitalist; and M. H. Gilliam, a mining expert. Lawrence Reid, Geo. Hasell, W. Williams, H. Ross, and Holmes Pineo. Dr. Wm. A. McConkey, came in town last Sunday to take charge of the hospital, and practice generally. Mr. Clifford Smith, who is to be mate of the Scotia this season, came in Thursday. Louis Levy, the well known fur buyer, arrived on Thursday's stage. Mrs. A. Greer and son. Mr. and Mrs. W. Boudreau, and about a dozen others.

The Lavidiere Group.

The Lavidiere Bros., W. D. P. Aims, representing Col. Thomas; M. H. Gilliam, a mining expert; C. C. Runner and C. B. Boshart of Skagway, went up Torey inlet this week to examine the Lavidiere copper group. Mr. Gilliam is much pleased with the appearance of the property. Three drives have been made showing up to advantage a very large body of copper. Several sacks of samples were taken and will be thoroughly tested. It will very likely be some little time before the final arrangements for the disposition of the property can be made.

Farewell Party.

The young folks of Atlin had a most delightful time last Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Fraser. The occasion was a 'good-bye' party to Mr. Frank E. Gigot. One of the large rooms was cleared out and dancing and games were indulged in. Everyone had a good time. The merry laughter, and the patter of the shoes as the dancers kept time with the music, could be heard on in the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Shortly after midnight dainty refreshments were served, and then the happy gathering trooped back to the ballroom. The ladies present were Miss Morrison, Miss Blyth, Miss Bertha Doelker, Miss Margaret McDonald, Miss Ethel Pillman and Miss Maud Haslett. Mrs. Fraser was an ideal hostess and was ably assisted in the entertaining of the guests by Mrs. Costigan.

There were about thirty present. At the conclusion all gathered in a circle, hand in hand, and sang Auld Lang Syne, then the 'good-nights' said and the tired but happy party dispersed.

Joe Tallmire has recovered sufficiently to take a walk up town during the sunny part of the day. He is not exactly in ring condition but say he will take most any of them on if they allow him to use his stick.

Taking No Chances.

One day last summer when the wind was in its most capricious mood, and particularly 'blowy,' a woman at that mysterious age when her friends speak of her as "well preserved," made a dash around a very gusty corner. Her gown was of the lightest of summer muslins, and on her head she wore a marvelous creation of gauze and flowers. Every vagabond breeze in that vicinity instantly saw an opportunity to do stunts.

Sooner than it takes to tell, the summer muslin was describing the most alarming aerial flights. But its owner, a hand on either side of her hat, kept on as stubbornly as though such a display of open-work hosiery was an every-day affair.

"Madame,' cried another woman, rushing up to her, holding her own draperies in a tight embrace, "you are probably not aware of it, but your skirts are above your knees."

"I don't care," retorted the other never moving a finger from the flower-laden bonnet. "I've had those legs for forty-eight years and can't lose them, but I've just bought this hat and paid eighteen dollars for it, and I don't mean to let it get away.

Just arrived at Pillman's:—Fresh butter eggs, lemons, oranges and apples

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Will You Help.

We want to make this paper as bright, newsy, and up-to-date as is possible, and right now, at the very commencement of the season of activity in the camp, we make this little request. Send us in news items or bring them in. Our door is never locked and we are always glad to see our friends. Many things happen beyond the ken of our energetic staff. What interests one may be of benefit to another. To save the office from wreck and ruin and the editor from an untimely end contributors please leave out questions of politics, religion and personalities, anything else will pass muster. If the miners on the creeks would but drop us a line occasionally as to how they are progressing we will be grateful. Just remember this. Such favors will be reciprocated when in our power.

There is one thing that cannot be contradicted by even the most pessimistic and hide-bound individual in the country, and that is: To make the camp known it has to be advertised, and advertised continually. Keep a place constantly before the eyes of the public and it is bound to attract attention.

The doings of miners, prospectors, experts and probable purchasers are watched with the keenest interest by everyone. The success of the district wholly depends upon the sale and exploitation of the numerous properties in it. What better medium is there for giving publicity to a place than through the press? We've got to boost up the camp, and go after the buyers. It won't pay to get a shine on the seat of our trousers. We will be in the same fix as the chap who sat on a stool and expected the cow to back up so he could milk her.

Don't misunderstand this. We do not mean to start a boom by spreading exaggerated and false reports. Far from it. We would rather under-value than over-estimate any time. Tell the truth and if success does not come—well we surely will not get it by lying.

Another thing that must be borne in mind. The majority of the properties in the Atlin district are merely prospects and some of them only scratched. Now, no matter how high the assays run and to what extent the lead shows, it is but a prospect. The actual value is still a matter of conjecture.

This should be remembered, and, if a chance to sell presents itself the price ought not be 'tilted' away beyond reason. It is much better to sell for a few thousand than never to sell at all. Once a start is made and the ball set in motion 'things will come our way.' Remember the story of the boy and the nuts—"Do not grasp at too much or you may lose all."

In Passing.

There is no better way of building up the business of a town than by patronizing our home merchants as much as lay in our power.

If you want the town and the district to grow stop grumbling, wake up, rub your eyes, roll up your sleeves and go to work for it.

To refuse a paper at the post-office is about as small a matter as we know of and it makes it more so when back subscriptions happen to be owing. Don't make any mistake dear reader, the right one knows who this is meant for.

After reading this issue, send it to some friend outside. Or, better still, drop into the office and pay a subscription and we will send the paper out. Throw in your mite, with all your might, and help us to make a big mark on the map, just where our district is. This paper will do its part if you do yours.

People frequently inquire of us as to where we got our information concerning such and such a person, or about a certain property, and again we are asked who wrote this or that article. To impart information of this kind is against all rules of a newspaper office and our friends and patrons will please bear this in mind. We always stand ready to correct a wrong or mis-statement.

An editorial note in the Vancouver World says: It has been proved that the two children who were found dead in a baby carriage in Seattle, had been poisoned with soothing syrup, the special brand of which is not given by the paper. The police have begun a raid on patent medicines offered for sale in the drug stores of that city, which are known to contain morphia and cocaine. Rubiform, which is apparently a harmless tooth wash, is described as containing so much alcohol that a person can get a most enjoyable jag by drinking it. And a bottle of Mother Pinkham's Remedy for women's diseases carries sufficient alcohol to knock a strong man off his feet.

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The Masonic Banquet.

On Monday evening last the members of Atlinto Lodge, A. F. & A. M., tendered Wor. Bro. J. A. Smith a farewell dinner at The Royal hotel. Mr. Smith has left the camp, being transferred to the Whitehorse branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for the time being.

Since his arrival in the camp last fall Wor. Bro. Smith has taken an active part in the work of Atlinto Lodge, and by his genial manner and enthusiastic interest in Masonic affairs won for himself the highest regard and esteem of his brother masons. The dinner was an expression of this regard.

Sharply at 7 p. m. the Worshipful Master of the local lodge, F. W. Dowling, took the chair, and under the guidance of the Junior Warden, Bro. John Williams, the brethern were soon engaged at refreshment.

Mine Host Dixon furnished a very elaborate and appetising repast to which thorough justice was given.

After the tables were cleared the chairman gave the toasts "The King and The Craft," and "The M. W. Grand Lodge." The first was accorded the usual honors. The second being ably responded to by R. W. Bro. Fraser, the only representative of Grand Lodge. The speaker then tendered the toast of the evening, "Our Guest" and in very eloquent terms expressed the regrets of the brethern at the loss of such an able and worthy member of the craft. He conveyed to Wor. Bro. Smith the best wishes of Atlinto lodge for his future happiness and prosperity.

Wor. Bro. Smith on rising to reply was greeted with applause. In terms befitting the occasion he assured the brethern that his association with the masons of the district had been of the most agreeable nature, and there would always be a warm feeling in his heart and a green spot in his memory for them.

The toasts "Sister Societies," "The Press," and "The Ladies," were proposed by Bro. Eggert, S.D.; and "Absent Brethern" by Bro. Williams, J. W. Bros. Mobley and Bourne ably responded to these toasts. The ladies found valiant and eloquent champions in Bros. M. R J. Reid and Smith, who spoke in highest terms of the fair sex and of the ladies of Atlin in particular. "The Press" was proposed by Bro. Eggert, S. D., and responded to by C. L. Cullin, who also represented "The Great Unwashed." The proceedings were brought to a close with the Junior Warden's toast, after which the brethern sang Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem. During the evening Bro. Hickman entertained the company with music and song.

Many complimentary remarks were expressed at the excellence of the menu prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Hinchcliffe, and the very satisfactory manner in which it was placed before the diners.

Secretary of War Taft and Governor Cummins, of Iowa, have been selected to represent the people of the United States as president and vice-president. At least so the report goes.

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Synopsis of Canadian Homestead Regulations.

ANY available Dominion lands within the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

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Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

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