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TELEGRAPHIC.

Reported the Russian Army is Surrounded.

BRITAIN WILL DEMAND A MILLION.

W. Witte Has Faint Hopes--Digging Suspended at Panama--Yellow Jack in South--Equitable Life Being Sued--Chinese Will be Admitted--Many Salmon.

[SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.]

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 3.--The greatest school of salmon seen in local waters for some years are now in the gulf of Juan de Fuca heading for the Fraser river. The packs of both the Fraser river and up coast canneries this year will greatly exceed those of any former season and all cannerymen are jubilant.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 3.--J. M. Butler, the new deputy minister of Canadian railways and canals, took charge today.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 3.--With a large increase in the number of yellow fever cases reported during the past twenty-four hours the plague situation is not considered favorable, although the health authorities believe that the confinement of the dreaded infection to that quarter of the city below Canal street is an encouraging sign.

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 3.--The coalition of the ministry, which has been effected, is on all sides confidently depended upon to seek and promulgate a peaceful solution of the complicated national difficulty which exists between Norway and Sweden.

New York, Aug. 3.--A wireless telegram received this morning by the New York Herald from the Atlantic liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, says that on Tuesday night M. Witte, the Russian peace envoy, said he was afraid the peace negotiations would be ended within a week from commencement as the Japanese conditions would be so intolerable as not to admit of discussion.

Paris, Aug. 3.--Emperor William's visit to Denmark's royalty is claimed to have had no political significance whatever. This statement is taken, however, as a tacit admission that the results of the mission have been very disappointing to the German's ambitions.

London, Aug. 3.--Immediately after the close of the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan, Great Britain will demand a settlement from Russia for the sinking of the British owned steamers St. Kilda and Ikhona. The claim amounts to about a million dollars.

Sau Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 3.--One thousand striking longshoremen took forcible possession of this city for two hours last night. All the available police were called out and in the light which ensued one striker was killed and 140 were injured, three or four of whom may die. Order was restored.

New York, Aug. 4.--Digging on the Panama canal will be suspended until better sanitary conditions are arranged. Fully ninety per cent of the superintendents, foremen and engineers on the works are constantly sick and twenty per cent of this number are on their death-beds.

Paris, Aug. 4.--From Chinese sources it is learned that the Russian army in Manchuria is completely surrounded. General Linvitch, in a despatch to the czar, denies the statement. However, it is considered in official circles that the shaping of Oyama's plans must eventually result in either a final crushing defeat or else a comparatively complete capture of the Russian forces.

Great excitement prevails in the St. Petersburg war office and it is evident that all accounts of the movements at the front are being kept secret.

Gibraltar, Aug. 4.--The British second cruiser squadron will visit the United States during the first two weeks of September. Calls will be made at all the larger Atlantic ports.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 4.--Emmett Higgins, a contractor, has shot and killed Robert E. Dean at Vineyard Isle during a trivial quarrel.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 4.--The United States will in future admit all Chinese who are not laborers. Miners, hawkers, washermen and fishermen will be excluded. The new treaty is the outcome of the boycott of American goods by the Chinese. There will be no restrictions on Chinese immigration to the Philippines and Hawaiian islands.

New York, Aug. 4.--A suit has been entered against the Equitable Life Assurance Company to compel them to distribute the surplus amongst the policy holders after deducting sufficient to cover all outstanding risks and obligations.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 4.--Yesterday there was a \$50,000 fire in Swift & Co.'s packing plant in this city. The beef and oleomargarine departments were totally destroyed and the poultry department badly damaged.

Manila, July 29.--As a result of the long continued drought in the province of Cebu the starving natives have resorted to cannibalism. The Filipinos have been forced to eat roots, herbs and dogs. In at least two cases which have been authenticated babies have been eaten. Other cases of cannibalism are reported. The merchants and government at Manila have contributed \$66,000 for the sufferers.

London, July 29.--The British channel fleet will sail August 20th for the Baltic sea, to remain throughout September. It is now apparent that Britain is contemplating a hand in the affairs of Norway. There is no doubt but that the presence of the British fleet in the Baltic sea at this time will be taken by

Germany as a great insult. Germany denies having designs on the throne of Norway.

It is now thought that Norway will let Sweden out gracefully by calling the required referendum of the Norwegian people. King Oscar is endeavoring to pacify his ministry.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Japs have captured the last Russian station on Saghalien island.

Fire destroyed many buildings in Fernie on July 27th. The loss was over \$50,000.

Canadian immigration returns show an increase of 16,000 over those of last year.

W. R. Cuthbertson, a Yukon mining engineer, was drowned at Vancouver last week.

The Japan-Russia peace negotiations will commence at Portsmouth, N. H., on August 7th.

Ten Alaskan Indians in the United States penitentiary at McNeil's island are dying of consumption.

Three men were to atoms by an explosion of dynamite in the Bankhead coal mine near Banff, Alberta.

At Portland the state court has granted an injunction restraining the officials of the Lewis and Clark fair from closing their exposition on Sundays.

French and German soldiers collided on Saturday last on the boundary of French Congo in Africa. Four Germans and one Frenchman were killed.

The aggregate Canadian trade for the year ending June 30th was \$465,288,307, a quarter million greater than in 1904 and double that of the year 1896.

Rather than let her husband go to jail for his crime a Seattle woman, married only two weeks, has divorced him so that he could marry another woman whom he had previously seduced.

A St. Petersburg despatch states that Russia will not yield Vladivostock without severe fighting. They are prepared for a strong defence of the outer posts and lines and the coast is fortified as strongly as it was north of Port Arthur.

Prof. W. A. Davis, superintendent of United States public schools at Unalaska, says native girls of the Aleutian islands are bought by white men and kept in slavery. He says the same conditions prevail more or less all over Alaska.

A Washington report says that Japan's peace demands will be \$100,000,000 indemnity, Russia's cession of Saghalien island, the transfer of Russia's lease of Liaotung peninsula to Japan, the transfer to Japan of the Manchurian railroad as far north as Harbin, the return of Manchuria to China and the recognition of Japanese pre-eminence in Korea. Japan will also demand the disarmament of Vladivostock, in return for which concession she will agree not to fortify Port Arthur.

Mining Notes.

Mr. T. Kirkland is prospecting his McKee Creek ground and is confident of good results.

The Columbia Hydraulic Co. on Spruce, W. S. Gore, manager, are still piping through a large amount of gravel.

Work on the Spruce Creek dredge of the B. A. D. Co. Ltd., O. T. Switzer, manager, is being pushed ahead and will be completed about the end of this month.

The North Columbia Gold Mining Co., Ltd., J. M. Ruffner, manager, are still keeping Pine Creek gravel on the move. They are now cleaning-up some of their flumes and the amount of gold which will be secured will surprise many of our citizens.

The installation work on the steam shovel and auxiliary plant of the Northern Mines Ltd., A. H. Bromly, manager, has just been completed and digging will start immediately. Steam was got up on the shovel last Thursday and everything was found satisfactory.

The Consolidated McKee Creek Hydraulic Company, managed by S. H. Plumbe, had their third \$10,000 clean-up this week, making in the neighborhood of \$30,000 taken out to date, with two months more to work this season. The estimated output for the season is \$50,000.

Three Indians named John Jack, Atlin Shorty and Shorty Johnson procured miners' licenses a couple of weeks ago and left for the southern part of the district to prospect a creek which is said to empty into the Nakina river. One of the men had previously got a good showing by surface panning.

Ginaca & Co., of McKee Creek, Mr. L. A. Ginaca, manager, cleaned up their first pit the end of last week with most gratifying results, having obtained some 200 odd ounces. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Ginaca met with a rather painful accident—a nail through his foot—which will lay him up some days.

The dredge of the British American Dredging Co., Ltd., on Gold Run, managed by O. T. Switzer, is kept busy digging and is moving a very large yardage. The work done this season is away ahead of that of last year. The clean-up's so far have been very encouraging and the management is very confident of quite a large profit on the work done this season. The new buckets put on the dredge in the spring are giving every satisfaction.

Staked and Recorded.

Placer, on Spruce—Black Joe, by R. D. Fetherstonehaugh; O. K., by J. Clifford; Corea, by J. E. Cox; Mali, by L. Thomas. On Volcanic—Bonanza, by W. B. Conroy.

Mineral, on Monro Mountain—Esmeralda, by J. R. Clay. On Toochi Lake—Gold Eagle, by Geo. Kolde; Florence, and Nipper, by H. B. Kennalls.

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THE EVOLUTION OF A MINING CAMP.

To the student of times and events the study of a mining camp, the changes in its personnel and conditions, must be most interesting.

Atlin started with a rush, and in the early years of its history only a few of its 10,000 inhabitants were really miners, and everything was in a state of unrest and uncertainty. Gold had been found, but titles were uncertain. Conditions were new, everyone wanted the best, none really knew the mining regulations and mining was practically at a standstill.

These conditions continued till August, 1899. On the top of all this the ill-advised legislation, known as "The Alien Act," was passed, which only added confusion and trouble to an already overburdened community.

The year, 1900 saw active mining on several creeks. Many of the restless, unsettled spirits had sought new fields in Nome and down the Yukon. Many more of the would-be miners—those merchants, doctors, attorneys and clerks who had caught the gold fever—had gone home, leaving the field to the real practical men who had remained.

Gradually, since then, the mining ground has passed out of the hands of the individuals into the hands of companies, until at the present time the individual holdings are few and far between, Spruce Creek being the only creek where the individual has holdings of any extent.

Naturally, the holding of large tracts by companies and partnerships brought a gradual change, new methods of working being adopted, labor saving machinery being installed, and of necessity there was not the work for the number of men the camp first supported.

No new creeks were opened up and as a consequence our population decreased, until today there is hardly one-seventh of the 1899 population remaining.

Our merchants and tradespeople are complaining that times are hard, but with the exception of two banks and two hotels we find the same number of shops and stores doing business as in 1900. Facts must be faced, and the time has come for a change; there must be a re-arrangement of business methods.

We would not have it thought that we are complaining of hard times—far from it. Our output will be greater than ever, our mines are developing each season. Some companies, with large capital in-

vested and spending some years in development, will make their first profit this year, but our methods are changed and machinery is doing the work formerly done by hand. We predict that two years from now—when people face the situation fairly and govern themselves according to the circumstances—that the camp will be in a more prosperous condition.

This is not only true of Atlin, but has been the history of all mining camps.

Then, also, it should be remembered that there is a big field for prospecting and, as the years pass, new ground will be discovered on the very creeks many have walked over and overlooked.

Atlin is just emerging from that changeful state and settling down to a firm business basis, but the changing hurts us all—it has to come, so why not take it like men.

GAME PROTECTION.

We are in receipt of a communication from A. Bryan Williams, Esq., Provincial Game and Forest Warden, in which he calls attention to the indiscriminate slaughter in the past of the big game of this district by Indians and market hunters, and suggests that a game association be formed here for the purpose of protecting this, one of our valuable assets.

Concluding, he remarks: "That I can enforce the game laws all over the province without the assistance of the people in the various districts is almost impossible."

We think his suggestion a very advisable one; the charge he has made cannot be refuted, and if our citizens work together the evil will surely cease.

We trust our citizens will take the matter up in earnest and assist Mr. Williams in his efforts.

Canadians at Bisley.

Won Kolapore Cup and Several Individual Prizes—King's Prize Won by an Englishman.

Armor Sergeant Comber, of the Second East Surrey regiment, won the King's prize at Bisley with a score of 315. Richardson, of Victoria, B. C., was fifth with 307.

In the Prince of Wales match C. R. Crowe, of Guelph, tied with two others for first place.

In team shooting the Canadians won the Kolapore cup with a score of 758 and cash prizes of 6,215 shillings, and in individual matches they captured a challenge cup and 3,202 shillings. Capt. Richardson, who was 4th in the grand aggregate, won a total of 1,349 shillings. Capt. Duff Stuart, of Vancouver, won the Brookwood match of 125 shillings.

Major Howard, Nova Scotia, won the Loder match challenge cup and £50.

Boult, of Vancouver, won the Stickle-down match of 200 shillings.

The news comes from Rome that Emperor William is forming a triple-alliance between Austria, Italy and Germany and that he has asked Russia to make it a quadruple affair. The kaiser also designs one great Scandinavian state comprising Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

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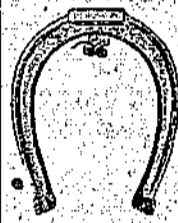
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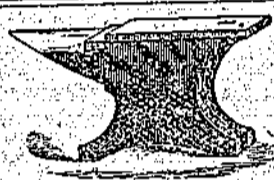
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**Robber Broke Agreement.
Holdup Man Operated on Some Mine Laborers When He was Only to Prey on the Rich Men.**

The following story, which was embodied in a despatch from Fairbanks, Alaska, is going the rounds of the outside press.

R. Hendrickson was arrested a few days ago on the charge of burglary. The accusation was afterwards changed to highway robbery, and Hendrickson will be tried on that charge. Back of this alteration is a queer story of life in the far north, and some reputed queer notion of a "square deal" and "tainted money," about which so much is heard in the States.

According to the information brought out at the hearing, Hendrickson was given away by some of his fellow-countrymen on account of a breach of contract which recalls the days of Robin Hood, when the rich were made to contribute involuntarily to the support of the poor. Hendrickson, it is charged in the information filed, entered into an agreement by which he was to have the moral support of some of his friends in robbing the rich operators, but he was not to molest the poorer men. Hendrickson is accused of failure to observe this limitation and to have poked his gun under the noses of some of the mining laborers. This was too much for human nature, and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest, and now he must face charges in connection with some twenty-nine recent holdups in this neighborhood by a lone highwayman.

[A late Fairbanks report states that when Hendrickson came up for trial there was no evidence against him and he was acquitted.—Ed.]

News Notes of the World.

Last week 1,000 roughs had control of the town of Nijini Novgorod, Russia.

At Sydney, N. S. W., on July 24th Jas. Stansbury defeated George Towson by two lengths for the sculling championship of the world.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,000 for complicity in land frauds.

An epidemic of yellow fever broke out at New Orleans last week and created a panic, thousands of people fleeing from the city. Many deaths have occurred.

Forty members of the Royal N. W. M. P. are engaged in cutting a trail from Peace river crossing to Lake Teslin. They have left Fort St. John, at the headwaters of the Peace.

Thirty thousand people attended the late Winnipeg industrial fair in one day. The number included several pickpockets of international reputation, many of whom were detained.

A Liverpool man named Heaton failed last week in an attempt to

swim the English channel. Nine other aspirants, including a Miss Kellerman, of Australia, are in training for the feat at Dover.

Judge Dorien, of Montreal, is likely to lose his job. One day last week he took his seat on the bench while "jagged" and told the spectators that he was thankful to the government for raising his salary, and added that he was not afraid of anybody and could easily knock down fifty men.



NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of civil causes, matters and issues will be held at the Court House, at Atlin, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the eighth day of August, 1905.

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