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WAR NEWS.

New Chwang, Aug. 6th.—Russian troops at Port Arthur have been driven back to the last line of defence. The Japanese attacking force has 350 guns in action. This is the largest number of guns ever used in an attack.

From nearly every fort the Japanese are pouring shot and shell into Port Arthur, hardly permitting the guns to cool. The range is thoroughly known and no shot is wasted.

Tokio, Aug. 6th.—Twelve torpedo boat destroyers, four torpedo boats and some gunboats emerged from the harbour at Port Arthur on the night of August 1st, but were driven back by the Japanese.

Chiefsoo, Aug. 8th.—Thirty more refugees have arrived from Port Arthur, which place they left on August 2nd. The departure of all civilians is said to be owing to preparations being made for final stand.

London, Aug. 9th.—The daily mirror says that two Russian cruisers left the Baltic Sea and were chasing the steamer which left England on July 30th for Canada, carrying ammunition destined for Yokohama.

A despatch from Liao Yang says another great battle has been fought near Routsiatze, in which the Japanese lost ten thousand men, while the Russian loss was insignificant.

Vladivostock, Aug. 11th.—The British steamer Calchas from Vancouver has been arrested by the Vladivostock squadron some days ago and reached here yesterday in charge of a prize crew.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11th.—A despatch from General Stoessel confirms previous reports that the Japanese before Port Arthur are in possession of Wolf Hill. General Stoessel says the Russians withdrew from Wolf Hill before the numerical superiority of the Japanese. He estimates the Japanese force attacking Port Arthur at 70,000.

Nagasaki—It is currently reported here that Port Arthur has been captured. No details received.

New Chwang:—A Japanese naval force with gunboats is proceeding up the Liao River to intercept the Russian retreat westward.

Latest News Condensed.

Owing to the intense heat in Ontario many cattle are dying.

Capt. Bernier is to start for the North Pole on August 15th.

As the result of a railway collision in Kentucky, 29 people were killed and 25 injured.

E. O. Caswell, principal owner and manager of the Electric Co., Skagway, died last week.

The Canadian Conservative party has announced itself in favor of government ownership of railroads.

The Dominion fair at Winnipeg which came to an end Saturday last, was a great success. 200,000 people attended.

Highwaymen are now robbing trains inside the Chicago city limits and automobiles in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

Dr. Telford, Vancouver, is under arrest for performing an illegal operation which caused the death of a young woman.

Vancouver, Aug. 10th.—Gatch won the world's championship wrestling match, defeating Meland two out of three falls.

For fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Pillman's are always in the lead.

A Croaker.

The following was recited by Mr. H. W. Knight at the banquet held at the Atlin Club last week:

Once on the edge of a pleasant pool,
Under the bank where it was thick and cool,
Where the willows over the waters hung,
And rushes nodded and grasses swung,
Just where the creek flowed out of the bog,
There lived a mean and gummy old frog
Who'd sit all day in the mud and soak
And just do nothing but croak and croak
Till a black-bird hollered: "I say, you know,
"What is the matter there below?
"Are you in trouble, or pain, or what?"
The frog says: "Mind is an awful lot—
"Nothing but mud and dirt and slime
"Just for me to look at all the time."
"But you are looking down," the black-bird said,
"Look at the blossoms overhead,
"Look at the beautiful summer's sky,
"Look at the bees and the butterflies,
"Look up, old fellow, why, bless my soul!
"You're looking down in a mud-rat hole!"
But still with a gurgling sob and choke
The blamed old critter would only croak,
And a wise old turtle that boarded near,
Said to the black-bird: "Friend, see here,
"Don't shed no tears over him,
"For he is low down just because he likes to be,
"He's one of those mean kind of chumps
"That's glad to be
"So miserable like and sad,
"I will tell you something that ain't no joke,
"Don't shed no tears on folks that croak."

ATLIN CLUB

Inaugural Dance a Grand Success.

Practically the whole town and a number of visitors from the creeks took the opportunity of accepting the invitations to attend the opening dance given by the Atlin Club. The event was a huge success. Elaborate preparations had been made by the committee to handle a large crowd and great credit is due to them for the able manner in which everything was carried out. The entertainment surpassed anything held here previously. The costumes of the ladies were especially beautiful, and a feature of the evening were the songs and musical renderings by Wm. Moore, the Club's steward, who will certainly be on great demand at all similar entertainments. After spending a very sociable and enjoyable time, the guests dispersed at 2 a. m.

The supper prepared by the Club's chef, A. E. Thorne, is well worthy of mention.

The Chief Justice and Party Arrive.

There were a number of arrivals on Saturday's boat from the coast, including a party of Victoria and Vancouver barristers, who came up for the present sittings of the Supreme Court. Besides the Chief Justice and Mrs. Gordon Hunter, the party included Messrs. Taylor, Kappelle, and Edgar Bloomfield of Vancouver and Mr. Solomon of Victoria. The party had a very pleasant trip on the Princess Beatrice, and owing to the late start from Vancouver, had a two days' lay-over at Skagway and Caribou Crossing. At the latter place the Chief Justice had some recreation in the way of fishing, landing some fine trout, scaling about 5 lbs. each. Mrs. Gordon Hunter was very successful also, landing several fine fish, one scaling 6½ lbs.

Grand Jury Presentment.

ATLIN, B. C., Aug. 9th, 1904.

To the Hon. Chief Justice Hunter, Presiding Judge of Assize, Atlin, B. C.

Your Lordship:—We, the Grand Jury, beg to offer you our congratulations upon the exceedingly light criminal docket with which you have had to deal.

We would invite your attention to the urgent necessity for the appointment of a resident Judge at this important mining centre. The unique position of this camp, its isolation and remoteness from the judicial headquarters of the province, render it absolutely necessary in the interests of justice that a County Court should be permanently established here. As provision has now been made for the salary of such an official we would urge that the appointment should be made without further delay.

The urgent need of this appointment was brought forcibly to the notice of the late Chief Justice McColl by the Grand Jury of the year 1902, and it is again shown by the case which has just come before your Lordship's notice of a prisoner who has been lying in jail awaiting trial for a period of four and a-half months, without any opportunity of availing himself of the rights which are granted him under the Criminal Code, as pointed out by your Lordship.

We would further recommend that a Stipendiary Magistrate and Judge of Small Debts Court be appointed at once, as the additional work placed on the shoulders of the Government Agent renders that official totally unable to give the attention necessary to his duties as Gold Commissioner.

We thoroughly inspected the jail and were much gratified at its clean and orderly condition; and also desire to express our appreciation of the efficiency of the Chief and his subordinates. Owing, however, to the distance from a central prison and the lengthy time that accused persons have to spend in jail, while awaiting trial, we would point out that the jail accommodation is insufficient for the needs of the district. Moreover, the Chief Constable has no private office where he can discuss questions of moment out of hearing of the prisoners. We also consider that the house provided for the jailer is insufficient and that he should be provided with better accommodation. In this connection we would strongly recommend that the salary of the Chief of Police should be increased to \$125 per month, as the cost of living, together with the responsibilities of the position, render the present paltry salary of \$95 per month totally inadequate.

The position of a vault for the safe deposit of valuable papers and records in the Government Office has been brought to the notice of the Presiding Judge by every Grand Jury since the inception of the camp; but still we find ourselves at this late date without any adequate provision for proper protection from fire of valuable public documents which, if destroyed, could not be replaced.

We desire to draw your Lord-

ships attention to the large amount of ground which is at present held in this District under lease; and whereas in many cases no work has been done upon the ground; and whereas the public are debarred from ascertaining whether assessment work or dues have been performed or paid, from the fact that no such book is allowed to be seen by the public, we would recommend that facilities be given the public of ascertaining whether the conditions of leaseholds have been complied with.

We would further recommend that whereas much ground now held under lease is in our opinion fit for individual workings, that in the event of the cancellation of any leases, no application for a lease covering the same ground shall be accepted for a period of thirty days after the posting of notice of such cancellation, and during the said period of thirty days the ground shall be open for location in 250 feet placer claims only.

SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL TO DISCOVERY.

Owing to the very unsafe and unsatisfactory condition of the present trail leading from Spruce Creek to the Post Office at Discovery on Pine Creek, and in view of the fact that practically no government aid has been given to the construction of this trail, and also in view of the large amount of travel between these two points, we would urgently recommend the immediate construction of such a road or trail, and crossing of Pine Creek, as to insure the convenience and safety of the travelling public.

PINE CREEK ROAD NEAR PINE TREE HOTEL.

This highly dangerous piece of road requires widening sufficiently to allow vehicles to pass one another in safety and should be guarded by a strong and permanent railing on the creek side, which has a sheer drop of about 100 feet.

HOSPITAL.

Our visit to the Presbyterian Hospital assured us that the camp is to be congratulated on possession of this institution under such able and efficient management.

In conclusion we plead the urgency of several of the matters submitted as our excuse for the length of this presentment. We feel assured that your Lordship will aid us in laying our views before the proper authorities. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury.

A. S. CROSS, Foreman.

Interesting Excursion.

A number of our citizens and visitors were given a most delightful outing on the Scotia last Tuesday, at the invitation of Mr. H. W. Knight, who chartered the steamer for the occasion. Embarking at the wharf, the party was taken to the south end of Atlin Lake, where they landed and walked to the big glacier, under the guidance of Mr. Fetherstonhaugh. To really appreciate the magnificent grandeur of this immense mass of ice, one must go and see it,—the most apt pen could not do it justice.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 13TH, 1904.

The attention of the authorities may well be drawn to the condition of the highway just above Discovery City where it winds around the bluff on Pine Creek benches. That this spot is practically a death-trap is acknowledged by all experienced horsemen. A slight misstep of a horse, or a slide during soft weather, would undoubtedly precipitate horse, rig and occupant into the creek some 600 feet below. The road should be considerably widened at this point and a strong rail erected on the outer edge in order to protect life and property. We have no doubt but that the authorities will see that this dangerous part of the public thoroughfare is made as safe as conditions will permit.

MINING NOTES.

Our Coal Fields.

Mr. R. D. Fetherstonhaugh returned on Sunday from a trip to the coal lands of the Atlin-Tooya Coal Prospecting Syndicate, on the Tooya River, near Telegraph Creek. He left Atlin on July 4th to examine and report on the coal staked last fall, by Messrs. Coutts & McKay, for a local syndicate. Mr. Fetherstonhaugh says the coal has not been in any way over-estimated; the property contains the largest surface outcrop of coal ever known in Canada, or, in fact, in America. He brought back some fine specimens, which are on exhibition at Messrs. Stables & Landsden's store. He followed the telegraph trail to Telegraph Creek, where he met Mr. Potter, government agent, Frank Dalbreath and John Highlands, all old-timers, and R. D. says: "Jolly good fellows."

Mr. Fetherstonhaugh was very loud in condemnation of the refuge houses built by the Dominion Government for the use of the linemen on the telegraph line when out on repairing the line; he says they are not fit for dogs, let alone men. If the Government spent some of the money paid to useless and unnecessary officials, in providing more comfortable quarters for the linemen, a much better service could be maintained throughout the winter months. Mr. Fetherstonhaugh lost about 22 pounds on his 600 mile walk. He was accompanied by his son and Mr. Lee Gordon, with pack horses.

Mr. Cooper, who is managing extensive development work on quartz claims on Table Mountain, Taku Arm, was in town this week, purchasing material for the construction of several buildings he is erecting for winter quarters. It is intended to keep up the development all through the winter.

A. E. Larson, who is working a lay on the American Mining Co's

property on McKee Creek, had the fortune to pick up a nugget weighing 44 ozs. 11 dwts. a few days ago. The nugget is now in the possession of Mr. Hamshaw, manager of the A. M. Company.

Mr. D. P. Cameron, who so ably put up the big dredge on Gold Run, is here again, and with him arrived the first consignment of machinery and timbers for the new dredge to be placed on Upper Spruce.

Mr. A. Carmichael was in town this week and told us that the result of operations on the property of the Bull Creek Hydraulic & Dredging Syndicate's property have disclosed a yellow channel similar to that on Spruce and Pine Creeks, at the level of the present creek. The cross-cut is in 200 feet from the present creek-bed, and the prospects are satisfactory to warrant work on a larger scale.

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Rex vs. Callaghan.

The case of Rex vs. Callaghan was set for the present assizes and on Monday last Mr. Solomon, who appeared with Mr. Grant for the prisoner, applied on habeas corpus for the release of the prisoner, owing to the fact that he had been held in jail for four and a half months without having been given the privilege of electing to be tried without a jury to which latter he is entitled under one of the sections of the criminal code. Mr. A. L. Belyea, K. C., appeared for the Crown and opposed the application, stating among other things that Atlin camp was so remote from the seat of justice, thereby making it very difficult and almost impossible to successfully operate the provisions of the criminal code. The Chief Justice, however, decided in favor of the prisoner and allowed him to be discharged.

Information was sworn out and a fresh warrant issued on new charge, but Mr. Callaghan has disappeared, and up to going to press has not yet been located.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Atlin District: Commencing at a post marked J. T. Rogan S. W. corner, planted about one mile north-east of Atlin Township, thence west 29 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 10 acres more or less. Dated this 8th day of August, 1904. JAMES J. REGAN.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that within ninety days I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Atlin District: Commencing at a post marked E. D. Rourke S. E. corner, about 250 feet from the shore of Atlin Lake, thence north 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the shore of Atlin Lake, thence westerly and southerly, following the shore of Atlin Lake to the south-west corner of R. L. Colton's lease, thence north 40 chains to the N. W. corner of said lease, thence easterly along the northern boundary of said lease to the point of commencement. E. D. Rourke. Dated, Atlin, B. C., June 14th, 1904.

NOTICE.

Sixty days from date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Atlin District: Commencing at a post marked D. R. N. S. W. corner, situated about one mile north-east of Atlin Township, thence easterly to center, thence southerly 10 chains, thence westerly 10 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 10 acres more or less. A. C. HIGGINSFIELD. Dated, Atlin, B. C., May 10th, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Atlin District: Commencing at a post marked D. R. N. S. W. corner, situated about one mile north-east of Atlin Township, thence easterly to center, thence southerly 10 chains, thence westerly 10 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 10 acres more or less. D. ROSS. Dated, Atlin, B. C., May 11th, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land: Commencing at post marked Neville's initial post, north-east corner, on the north shore of Atlin Lake and near the Atlin River, T. R. N. B. C.; thence 1000 feet to post No. 1; thence 800 feet to post No. 2; thence 1000 feet to post of commencement, containing five acres more or less. C. WILLIAM A. NEVILLE. Dated at Atlin, July 26th, 1904.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To B. G. Nicoll and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Eugene No. 1, Eugene No. 2, Eugene No. 3 Mineral Claims, situated about 2 1/2 miles north of Atlin, in the Atlin Mining District: You are hereby required to take notice that we have for the last year done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned Mineral Claims as required by Sec. 24 of the Mineral Act and have paid for recording of two certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure, together with all costs of advertising your said proportion, amounting to sixty-six dollars and ninety-one and two-third cents (\$66.91 2/3) exclusive of costs. If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising, within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in "The Atlin Claim," which date is hereunder written, your interests in said mineral claims will become vested in us, your co-partners, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts. Dated this 22nd day of July, A. D., 1904. O. F. CONLEY. E. D. RORKE.

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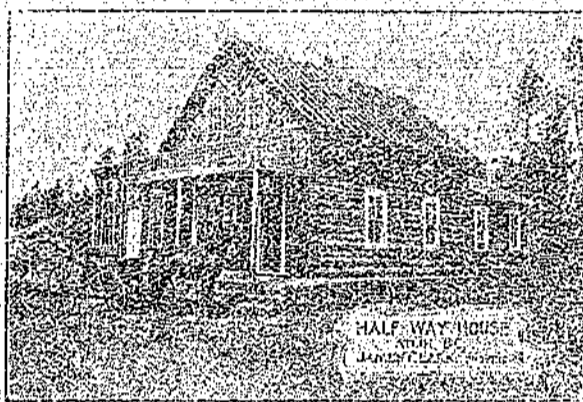
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