

# THE ATLIN CLAIM.

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## Merciless Horrors of War Revealed in the Fall of Port Arthur.

### Stubborn Resistance Gives Way to Pestilence and Famine.

Tokio, January 4th, 1905.—Port Arthur surrendered at 9 p. m. on Sunday, when General Nogi, commanding the besieging force, received a note from General Stoessel, saying: "Further resistance is useless and I ask the designation of your staff officers to arrange terms for my capitulation."

Gen. Nogi wired the Emperor of Japan, from whom the following reply was received: "Receive the surrender and give the honors of war to General Stoessel and his command."

General Nogi's commissioner departed immediately to meet the Russians.

Port Arthur, 3rd Jan.—Four abreast, with tattered clothing, in sharp contrast to the nobby Japanese guard, the Russian forces marched out of Port Arthur, crossing the glacis to the Japanese camp. Many of the men were ill and walked with difficulty. All the military training of the men was gone. All were emaciated to skeletons with no spirit left.

In half an hour all had sat down to a full mess, the first in many weeks, including wines. Soldiers touched glasses before drinking.

Tokio, 3rd Jan.—Specific orders were issued that the Russian officers shall be permitted to return to Russia under parole, retaining side arms. The rank and file go to Japan as prisoners of war.

The fortress of Port Arthur is now completely occupied by the Japanese, but it is a complete wreck. The harbor is blocked with sunken ships, Stoessel having blown up and sunk the ships after giving notice of surrender.

The city is deserted and the streets strewn with dead.

Gen. Stoessel wired to St. Petersburg telling of the ravages of scurvy in the garrison. Ammunition was all gone. At the end of the siege he had only ten thousand men under arms, and had fourteen thousand in the hospitals. Only one-third of the men in the hospi-

tals could put a foot on the ground, dying in dirty cots, without attendance, and seemed stupefied by long suffering.

The food supply was also exhausted.

St. Petersburg.—The public feel completely stunned at the fall of Port Arthur. The authorities accept the fact with dogged stubbornness and proclaim that the end of the war is a long way off. They say they are prepared to fight forever or till success attends Russian arms.

Tokio.—The Japanese Emperor commanded that all military honors be shown Gen. Stoessel and officers, but no mention was made of the troops in the negotiations. From the activity displayed at the various Japanese prisons, it is evidently the intention to transport the Port Arthur prisoners immediately from the wrecked port.

The plenipotentiaries of both powers have concluded negotiations. The Russian commissioners accepted without reserve the conditions suggested, and consented to capitulation.

Mukden.—Simultaneous with the news of the fall of Port Arthur, the Japanese began a vigorous assault. The battle is still raging. The Japanese censors refuse to pass any details of the battle.

St. Petersburg, 3rd Jan.—It is affirmed, though positively denied at the Admiralty, that it has been decided by the government to take no chances with Rojektivsky's squadron and it will be recalled to await the making ready of the Third Squadron, in order to insure superiority over Togo's fleet. Both at the War Office and the Admiralty, all talk of the possibility of peace at such a time is meet with an expression of indignation.

In diplomatic circles it is regarded as certain that Japan awaited this moment to submit proposals of peace, and that she intends to do so through the United States.

## The Northern Power & Lumber Company, Limited,

beg to inform their Electric Light customers that, in consequence of the great cost of fuel and skilled labor, they are compelled (in order to avoid loss, by running the light when the consumption is very small) to turn off all lights from 2 a. m. until 6 a. m. when they will be relit and operated until daylight.

No reduction can be made in the "flat" rates—as they were arranged on the basis of a daily run until midnight, which is already largely exceeded by such subscribers.

The Company also beg to notify their customers and the public that they have let their STEAM LAUNDRY to MR. and MRS. FENN, of Atlin, who will collect and return all washing, and pay and receive, as from this date, all accounts in connection with the Laundry. The Company hope their customers will extend to Mr. and Mrs. Fenn the patronage they have so kindly bestowed on the Company in the past.

## ATLIN GOLD FIELDS.

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### Coal and Petroleum Prospecting.

Coal or petroleum prospecting licenses may be procured after thirty days' notice has been placed on the land and in the Government Office of the District, as well as published in the Gazette, and in a local paper for the same length of time. Application must be made in writing to the Gold Commissioner, in duplicate, accompanied by plans of the land and a fee of \$100.00. A license may be issued for not more than 640 acres of land for one year, the said \$100.00 covering the first year's rental. All lands must be in a square block and run due north, south, east and west. At the expiration of the first year, an extension may be granted for a second and third year. Land for which a license has been granted may be leased, upon proof being given of the discovery of coal, for five years, at a rental of ten cents per annum per acre; the lease also contains provision for a royalty of five cents per ton of coal, and one cent per barrel of petroleum. If the lessee is able to prove that he has worked the land continuously, he may, within three months of the expiration of the lease, purchase the land at \$5.00 per acre.

### Atlin and Pine City.

The Town of Atlin is the focus of the District. It is beautifully situated on rising ground at the eastern side of the Lake, a mile and a half north of the mouth of Pine Creek. Facing it, from the opposite side of the Lake, are the snow-capped Atlin Mountains. About seven miles from Atlin is Pine City or Discovery, where most of the miners reside, who are working on Pine and Willow Creeks. In population it equals Atlin, but it lacks the substantial appearance of the latter City. The two places are connected by stage and telephone wire. In Atlin, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is established in commodious premises erected by themselves at large cost, and has an assay office in connection. The visitor will find in Atlin all the necessaries and most of the luxuries of life procurable in plenty and at moderate prices. Anything except heavy machinery can be purchased there at prices such as to discourage even the heaviest operator from importing supplies. There is a steam saw-mill, brewery, electric light plant and steam laundry in the town. Hotel accommodation is excellent. The Atlin Claim Publishing Company issues a weekly paper and executes all classes of job printing in good style. There is an effective volunteer fire brigade, and the town also possesses a splendid fire engine. The Church of England, Presbyterian and Roman Catholics are the denominations represented. Under the administration of the Presbyterian Church, there is an excellent Hospital, well equipped, where patients are cared for by trained nurses.

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## Mining News.

### Records of the Week.

Hydraulic leases on O'Donnell River: "Flora," by J. W. McFarlane; "Nora," by W. A. Netherby; "Cora," by James Stables; "Dora," by J. Rowayne; notices posted January 3rd.

### A Move in the Right Direction.

We are pleased to hear that our Gold Commissioner, Mr. J. A. Fraser, has arranged to send out monthly an authorized representative of the Government Office, to collect information as to different mining operations on every creek in the District. The information will include the number of men at work, the number and extent of the different operations, details as to partnerships, etc. Statistical information of this kind will be of the greatest importance and value to the office, and the action of the Gold Commissioner will receive the commendation of every miner.

Stoves and Hardware at prices that can't be beaten.—J. D. DURIE.

## Atlin Hockey Club.

A meeting of hockey enthusiasts was held in the rink after the practice game on Wednesday evening, and the Hockey Club re-organized for the winter months. Mr. Herbert Young occupied the chair. Officers were elected as follows: Captain, Mr. Charles R. Bourne; secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. J. Burnside. An executive committee, consisting of the captain, secretary-treasurer and Mr. E. D. Rorke, was also appointed. It being desirable to arrange matches at periodicals during the winter months, it is requested that all players attend practices regularly and promptly on the evenings set apart by the rink management for the use of the Hockey Club.

## The Rise and Fall.

The lowest and highest temperatures recorded for the week are as follows:

Dec. 30	9 above	16 above
31	9	22
Jan. 1	10	18
2	5	22
3	4	26
4	25	34
5	15	24
6	25	22



## The Atlin Claim.

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 A. C. HILGREN, PROPRIETOR.  
 JAMES SMITHSON, MANAGER.

## The New Wagon Road from Atlin to Juneau.

Speaking of the building of a wagon road from Atlin via the south end of the lake to the head of navigation on the Taku River. Let us look for a moment at some of the benefits that would accrue to the residents of the District, were said road built and in actual operation. The first and greatest benefit would be (if we are correctly informed) the fact that merchandise could be brought to Atlin at all times of the year and at a much lower rate than they are now delivered here during the summer months. Our merchants would not then have to provide and pay out large sums of money for freight on goods delivered here in October, sufficient to provision the camp for six or eight months, but could have said goods shipped from time to time as the necessities of the camp required. This fact, coupled with the reduced freight rates, would enable them to sell provisions at greatly reduced prices to miners and others. The miner would then be enabled to work ground at a profit, which cannot now be worked at all. And, notwithstanding all that has been said as to the Atlin Camp being played out, so far as the individual or placer miner is concerned, we are fairly convinced that, given provisions at reasonable rates, the placer miner can work to advantage in this camp for many years to come, and large areas of ground, as yet untouched, will be opened up and yield a rich harvest to the miner. Another advantage of the Atlin-Taku Road would be the fact that, freight being brought in by teams, most, if not all, of the money paid for freight would be spent in town, instead of going, as it now does, to swell the dividends of the White Pass Railway Company. There are many other advantages which may be dealt with at another time. In the meantime, we would urge all interested in reduced rates to aid in getting this road built.

## Provincial Mining Association

The annual convention of the Provincial Mining Association will be held in the near future. As circumstances only permit of occasional meetings of the Atlin branch of the Association, we have been urged to give information in our columns with regard to its work, and, in doing this, we would more particularly commend our readers to the perusal of the published report of the late convention. Last February, the second annual

convention was held in Victoria; and, any person reading the reported proceedings of that convention cannot fail to appreciate the strenuous endeavour made by the assembled delegates from the various mining camps throughout the Province, on behalf of the mining industry. They earnestly worked to protect, develop and foster the mining industry of B. C. in all its branches.

Unfortunately, since the inception of the P. M. A., it seems doubtful whether the Government have ever attained sufficient strength in office, to give a fair and unprejudiced consideration to the requirements of the mining industry; and, consequently, the subject has been treated more or less with buckets of cold water, as a mere pawn in the game of politics. That such is apparently the case, is an indisputable fact, and it naturally excites the keenest disappointment and serious apprehension among all competent observers of mining affairs. It is therefore of the first importance that the P. M. A. should explicitly and emphatically renew its endeavours to obtain the reforms, so much needed in developing the latent wealth of our mineral resources.

The condition of the mining industry requires continuous development, and, also, progressive efficiency in its administration.

It is sometimes murmured that the P. M. A. is playing into the hands of the capitalist, to the detriment of the working-miners, that such, however, is not the case is amply proved by reference to the resolutions and reports which have from time to time been adopted by the Ex-Committee of the Association, and of the minute book of our local meetings, which is always open to members.

And therefore, be not alarmed—the P. M. A.'s policy is simply striving to obtain FAIR PLAY AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL HANDS.

## NOTICE

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\$3.00 Per Doz. or under.

A Portrait-Gallery will open next week—look out for ad.

**Atlin Studio.**



## Atlin Assessment District.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all assessed taxes and income tax, assessed and levied under the "Assessment Act" and amendments thereto, are now due and payable for the Atlin Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate at the Court House, in the Town of Atlin. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

J. A. FRASER,  
 ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR,  
 ATLIN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT,  
 ATLIN, B. C.

## E. M. N. WOODS, BARRISTER-AT-LAW.

Has taken an Office at Room 1, Gold House, Discovery. Office Hours—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 to 8 p. m.

## Notice to Delinquent Co-Owner.

### NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To C. A. GODDARD:—You are hereby notified that during the years 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904, the undersigned has expended more than \$100.00 in labor and improvements each year mentioned above, on the GOLD STRAZ Mineral Claim, situate on the west shore of Lake Bennett, in the Cassiar District, B. C., in which mining claim you own an undivided half interest as shown by the notices of location and record in the mining records of said District.

The said labor was performed as and for the annual re-presentation of said claim for the years above mentioned as required by the mining laws of British Columbia, and that \$100.00 being the amount required to hold said claim for each year.

You are further notified that unless at or before the expiration of 90 days after the first publication of this notice you contribute your proportionate share of such expenditure as Co-Owner, to wit: the sum of \$200.00, together with the costs of advertising this notice, your interest in the claim will be forfeited to the undersigned Co-Owner, who has made such expenditure, and will become his property in the manner provided by law. Dated this 25th day of August, 1904.

R. E. PUGH.

U-10-040.

## C. P. R. Co.

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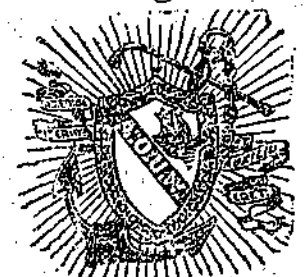
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**Spruce Creek.**

Now that Christmas, New Year's Day and the intervening days of play and good time, have come and gone; and we can only allow ourselves an occasional evening for enjoyment, the proposed whist tournament will commence.

Walter Sweet, Richard Alexander and W. C. Smail have been selected to secure the names of all who care to enter this contest. Everyone is invited to play, ladies especially. If you are overlooked, just mention it to the committee, and don't feel slighted. A suitable prize, or perhaps more than one, will be given the winner or winners, at the conclusion of the contest. With the permission of The Claim, the standing of the players will be published each week.

Without question, the "swell" event on Spruce Creek this year was the New Year's Dinner, given their friends, by "Dick" Alexander and "Jim" McKechnie. Seventeen persons were invited—seventeen persons were present,—and all were glad to be alive for that particular occasion, if for no other reason. The fortunate ones were: Messrs. Sweet, Wasson, Berger, Borbeck, Keefer, Cartmel, Blasing, Hinman, Hanna, Hickman, Roupe, Haill (W. C. and R. A.), Foley, P. Frott, Breeze and Burke. The dinner was an entire success from start to finish, and much credit is due the "boys" for their splendid effort. Champagne was there in plenty, and toasts were drunk to "The King," "The President," "Friends at Home," "Our Colonial Brethren," "The Ladies," and others, too numerous to remember. A response was made to each toast by some one of the guests, but a space limit will not allow room for these, except to say that Walter Sweet is in his element when eulogizing "The Ladies." The Orchestra being present, music was as plentiful as champagne, and an exceptionally pleasant evening was spent—dancing, singing, playing cards and listening to the "Band."

On Monday night, an opening dance was given at Mrs. Clay's Boarding House. Thanks are due "Dick" Dunlap for his effort to make the dance a success, by providing a way for several Atlin ladies to attend. Something like one hundred persons were present. From Atlin: Mr. and Mrs. Doelker and the Misses Doelker; Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Vickers, Mr. Konrad Wawrecka and Mr. Dunlap. From Discovery: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mobley, Mrs. and Miss Boudreau, and others. All those living on Spruce Creek who can dance, some who can not, were there, and all united in voting the dance a success.

Murmurs of discontent may now be heard from certain members of the Spruce Creek Orchestra—pulling a half-yard of dirt up a twenty-

five degree incline with a windlass is not much like the royal treatment they have received at the hands of the Atlin people during the past several days.

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of the City of Vancouver in British Columbia, Solicitor for the Applicants.

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Dated this 12th day of October, 1904.  
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