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TELEGRAPHIC.

Red Flag and Bloodshed at Lodz in Russia.

Over 1,200 People Killed in Riots—Crews of Warships Mutiny and Have Charge of Boats—Japanese Assume Offensive.

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)
New Westminster, June 27.—The local team yesterday defeated Seattle by 9 goals to 2 at lacrosse.

Seattle June 27.—It is feared here that the steamer Edith, now 18 days out from this port for Nome, has been caught in the ice floes of the Behring sea.

The steamer City of Seattle sailed north yesterday with 87 passengers and a full cargo of general merchandise.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—A general strike has broken out at Odessa and there has been much bloodshed and disorder. It is officially reported that 164 people have been killed. Other estimates give a total of 500 dead at Lodz.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—General Linevitch reports heavy rains and that his forces have been driven in south of the railway and at the valley of Tsiume. The Japanese resumed the offensive on the 22nd and drove back a Russian squadron.

Warsaw, June 28.—The red flag of revolution has been raised here in sympathy with the victims of the rioting at Lodz. The situation is approaching open rebellion and there are three big Socialist parties in Russian Poland well organized and armed, but the authorities claim they have no chance of success.

Lodz, June 28.—The governor has proclaimed a state of siege here. The victims of the late outbreak now number over 1,200, and 343 Jews and 218 christians have so far been buried.

Simla, India, June 28.—General Kitchener has been given complete control of the army in India. It is reported that Lord Curzon has resigned, or will do so.

Odessa, June 28.—The crew of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin, lying in the roads here, have mutinied and murdered their officers. The mutineers have threatened to bombard the town. All work in this port has been stopped. The Black sea fleet is expected here today.

Chicago, June 28.—Three armed men held up fifteen women and ten men in a Dearborn street resort here today and secured \$5,000. The robbers escaped.

Portland, Ore., June 28.—The better class of Chinese merchants doing business on the Pacific coast from Vancouver to San Francisco are in this city at present organizing to aid the boycott of American goods in China until such time as better treatment is accorded their nation by the United States.

Vladivostock, June 28.—Japanese warships, believed to have been torpedo boats, were seen on the horizon here today.

Vancouver, B. C., June 28.—Mr. Fraser Yorke, the Canadian customs officer who was shot at Sumas on Saturday, is now out of danger.

Halifax, June 27.—The Canadian expedition for the Hudson Bay will embark on the sealing steamer Neptune here today.

Ottawa, June 28.—A Conservative caucus held today resolved to hurry the prorogation of parliament, which will likely occur about the end of July.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has been presented with three solid silver salvers by the employees of the Immigration and Land Department. J. H. Smith, immigration commissioner of Winnipeg, made the presentation.

North Vancouver, June 28.—The municipal council last night passed the street railway and light bylaws. The agreement calls for five miles of a tramway.

Odessa, June 29.—The whole of the quays, all the buildings around the harbor and much shipping is in flames and large mobs of incendiaries, assisted by armed forces, are preventing the fire brigades from working. The troops are completely terrorized and afraid to approach within range of the Kniaz Potemkin's guns.

It is rumored that the crews of four battleships have mutinied at Sevastopol and that two of them are on their way to join the Kniaz Potemkin. A huge mob has broken through the military cordon and looted two large warehouses. Tonight the Potemkin moved closer to the breakwater with her guns still trained on the city.

St. Petersburg, June 30.—The Black sea squadron was due to arrive at Odessa last night, and a battle with the mutineers may occur at any moment.

GENERAL WIRES.

On Friday night of last week three masked men held up a Fernie hotel and secured \$57.

France and Germany are negotiating the Morocco controversy and have hopes of peaceful conclusions.

The C. P. R. intend building a \$100,000 steamer to ply in the trade of the west coast of Vancouver island.

It is proposed to raise money by subscription among her army officers towards the re-building of the Russian navy.

The British parliament has authorized a loan of \$100,000,000 for the extension and equipment of railways in India.

A man named Richard Smith was drowned on June 23rd while attempting to cross the Yukon river on horseback near Stewart.

At Flint, Michigan, a few days ago a man named Jas. McConnell

attempted to shoot Vice-president Fairbanks of the United States.

Cable advices state that France has got tired of interposing in behalf of Russia for venting her spleen on the inoffensive shipping of other nations.

The Dominion government has appropriated \$10,000 for making experiments with the electrical process of smelting ores and manufacturing steel.

At Portland, Ore., last week Judge Tanner testified that he had agreed to perjure himself so as to protect Senator Mitchell, who was on trial charged with land frauds.

A log raft containing 10,000,000 feet of spars and piling will this summer be towed from San Francisco to Shanghai. The raft will represent a cash outlay of \$400,000.

At Ottawa last week Hon. Geo. E. Foster openly charged that 25,000 acres of land in the Northwest have been grafted by R. C. McDonald, of Winnipeg. An investigation is being made.

It has come to light that B. H. Haskell, who died a few weeks ago at Philadelphia, and who was head of a banking institution under his own name, was a forger to the extent of \$1,000,000.

The body of S. Bingham, an ex-mayor of Ottawa, was on Saturday last found drowned in the Gatineau river near that city. There is no theory to account for his death. He left a fortune of \$500,000.

The hottest railroad fight ever waged in parliament is now on at Ottawa between Jas. J. Hill and the C. P. R. Hill wants to gain an entrance to southern British Columbia but the Canadian road is trying to keep him out.

Canada has asked the English authorities to be allowed to adhere to the trade treaty of 1894 between Great Britain and Japan. The latter has stated that there is no objection to Canada becoming a party to the arrangements.

Russia is to have a popular assembly consisting of 500 members who will be elected for five years. All legislation, to become law, will have to pass both the assembly and the council of the empire and then receive the emperor's approval.

The national parliament of Norway wants peace with Sweden, but will adhere to her action in dissolving the union. On the other hand the Swedish newspapers openly advocate war with Norway and urge the mobilization of troops to demand that northern Norway be ceded to Sweden as compensation for the dissolution of the union.

Large assortment of lamps.—See Regan.

Just arrived at the Atlin Trading Co.'s stores—Large lot Fresh Eggs. If you want a case drop in and ask the price for cash.

Yesterday's Sports.

Discovery Won at Both Baseball and Football.

The baseball match at Discovery yesterday afternoon brought out many lovers of the great American game. The Atlin nine went to bat first and succeeded in going out without a run. At the end of the 2nd innings Discovery had 11 runs and Atlin 1. The game resulted in a win for Discovery with an innings to spare, the score being 11 to 6. The latter part of the match was well contested and afforded lots of amusement for the many spectators. Mr. Mobley officiated as umpire in an able manner.

Immediately after the baseball the football game took place, Mr. Woods acting as referee. This was a hotly contested match and went to Discovery with a score of 1 to nil.

The smoker in the evening at the Nugget Hotel was a pronounced success, mine hosts Johnson and Durie doing everything to make their guests at home.

If yesterday's entertainment can be taken as "an earnest" of today's there will certainly be things doing.

Mining Notes.

Mrs. M. Miller had a very satisfactory clean-up on her Spruce Creek claim last week.

Mr. D. Todd Lees, of Vancouver, and formerly of THE CLAIM staff, came in on Wednesday to look after his mining interests.

Mr. Paul Kruger had the painful misfortune of breaking a leg while working on Miller's ground on Spruce last Monday.

On account of a shortage of water several mining companies near Dawson have offered to subscribe liberally for a rainmaking experiment.

The steam shovel for the Northern Mines, Limited, will be in on today's boat and will immediately be hauled to Spruce Creek. C. H. Nissen and H. B. Cameron, who had a lay on the company's Spruce Creek claims, surrendered the same this week. Their last seven days run netted in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Lewellyn Glacier.

The excursion given last Tuesday to the Lewellyn glacier by some of his friends in honor of Mr. David G. Stewart, previous to his departure from the district, was much enjoyed by all. The Scotia left the dock at 7.30 a.m. and proceeded down Torey inlet to Glacier bay. A lunch was served on arriving there, after which many of those present made the trip to the glacier. The steamer returned to Atlin about 10 p.m. Although the day was a little cloudy all of the seventy-five guests were loud in their praises of the trip. Mr. Pilling helped with his music wile away some of the hours going and coming.

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THE LAY-OVER QUESTION.

Now that the open season is here when claim owners will have to work, lay over or abandon their holdings, it is safe to anticipate the usual annual crop of applications for lay-overs.

Under the Placer Laws a miner is entitled to hold claims for the purpose of winning the gold therein, and for no other purpose. A claim loses its value when the cost of production exceeds the output.

While it is true that at times conditions make it practically impossible to work certain ground, it is also true that many persons hold not only one but many claims without ever making any boni fide attempts to work the same, even though conditions are most favorable, shutting their eyes to all opportunities that do arise and of which they could take advantage.

To us there is only one conclusion to be drawn. When claims are held from season to season, and sometimes many seasons without any effort at operating, the owners relying solely on obtaining a lay over—neglecting to work themselves and refusing even a fair lay to others—our opinion is that they are afraid of their ground proving useless and of thus diminishing the opportunity of some sort of a hold up.

The Gold Commissioner should look very warily at all applications, and more especially those for claims laid over from previous seasons, and, where it is at all possible to work the ground, such applications should be refused instantaneously.

A person should not hold more ground than he can personally work or arrange to be worked, and the "lay over" should not be abused and made a means of tying up what may be productive ground under operation of practicable men.

Those who hold ground and play "the dog in the manger" are no better than the class commonly known as "Blue Printers."

It is true that all of us have the very human tendency of looking too leniently upon the failings and short-comings of our fellow man, and this tendency has been taken advantage of by many claim holders who, preferring to hold ground rather than to work it, have abused the confidence of the Gold Commissioner.

The time has now come, in the interests of the camp at large for a change of policy. Much of the easier ground has been worked out and the greater portion of the remainder is held idle. To keep people here there must be work, and to

have work there must be ground. When people find out that they must either "fish or cut bait" there will be fewer flimsy applications, there will be more work, and the camp will prosper accordingly.

THE MINING INDUSTRY.

While little is said about it, there is no doubt that on the whole the mining industry in British Columbia is on a sound and progressive basis. From nearly every mining section in the Province come frequent reports of existing mines extending operations and new mines beginning to add to the tonnage output of ore. The speculative period, when the buying and selling of mining shares was more thought of than the development of the properties of which these shares were supposed to represent the value, has passed away, and matters have settled down to a solid basis. Foreign capital is again seeking investment in mines that make a favorable showing and, notwithstanding the difficulties and obstacles that have made the development of our mineral wealth somewhat slow and disappointing, there are frequent announcements that this mine or the other has paid a dividend to its shareholders.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

THE MAKING OF McINNES.

Ottawa Free Press: With a "message to Garcia," young Governor McInnes has been despatched to farthest north of Canada. On the tender side of forty, the mettle of McInnes is to be tested in the far away gold country where many reputations have been wrecked. Out into the West, and towards the frozen North, he has gone, a goodly sample of the strenuous Canadian and, if he fails to encompass golden prosperity with a contented and satisfied electorate we will be inclined to ask, not what is the matter with McInnes, but "What is the matter with the Yukon?" For McInnes—he's all right.

FIRES AT DISCOVERY.

Sawmill Burned on Saturday and a Bush Fire on Sunday.

On Saturday evening last a fire broke out around the boiler in the sawmill at Discovery owned by H. E. Ruffner & Co. The buildings were burned to the ground and, although the belts, saws, pulleys and some of the small fittings of the machines were destroyed, the boiler, engine and planer escaped with a bad scorching. The lumber and logs were saved. The loss will be about \$500. The citizens of Discovery turned out and, forming a bucket brigade, soon had the fire under control.

On Sunday a bush fire started west of Discovery between Pine creek and the wagon road. The crew of the North Columbia Gold Mining Co., Ltd., under J. M. Ruffner, manager, got the blaze under control after several hours hard fighting.

It is figured at Fairbanks that the production of the Tanana this year will amount to \$8,000,000.

For anything in the furniture line see Regan.

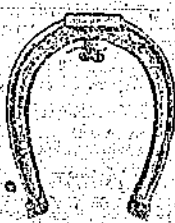
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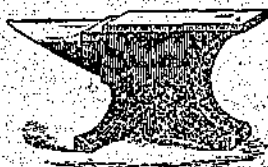
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SCHOOL CLOSING.

Prizes and Presents Were Given to the Pupils.

Some twenty of the parents and friends of our school children assembled at the school on Friday, June 23rd, to witness the final examination exercises prior to the closing of that institution for the summer vacation, and we must say that those who attended were agreeably surprised at the marked advancement which has been made in all branches under the able tuition of Mr. M. R. J. Reid, who has had charge of the school for the past year.

After the examining exercises had been completed Mr. F. W. Dowling, chairman of the board of trustees, presented the prizes, which consisted of valuable and appropriate books, to the winners of the rolls of honor as follows: For proficiency, Miss Ethel Pillman; deportment, Nellie Thain Stables; regularity and punctuality, Hazel B. Hartshorn.

A special prize given by Mrs. Dr. Young for composition was won by Hazel B. Hartshorn.

Each pupil was then given a cloth bound book as a present.

Short speeches of congratulation and praise of their general efficiency were then made to the children by F. W. Dowling, Jas. Stables, Dr. Young, M. P. P.; Gold Commissioner J. A. Fraser, Rev. E. Turkington and Rev. F. L. Stephenson.

Dr. Young has offered a prize of a Winchester rifle to the boy making the greatest progress in all branches of study during the ensuing school year.

Following is a list of those who so generously donated books as gifts to the children: Dr. Cameron, F. W. Dowling, Herbert Young, F. Shields, Jules Eggert, Rev. F. L. Stephenson, Rev. E. Turkington, John Williams, W. L. Fisher, F. Marcus, J. Lipscombe, T. Sageman, C. R. Bourne, Wm. Gass, J. E. W. McFarlane, O. F. Conley, W. Wallace Grime, N. C. Wheeling, Gus. Brunich and W. P. Grant.

What is Here?

In a prospector's cabin on the lake shore of Atlin were employed a man crushing quartz in a mortar and a second man amalgamating gold and quicksilver. Several pieces of rich gold, silver and copper ores were seen scattered about the cabin. A Frenchman, who had just arrived from Paris, entered the cabin with a book under his arm and a letter of introduction in his hand. He presented his letter and was warmly welcomed by the prospectors, but on observing what they were doing he, with uplifted hands, excitedly exclaimed "Mon Dieu! What is here—it is not the gold, eh?" "Oh, yes," replied the first man, showing a piece of rock in which the gold was freely visible, "and you see these other rocks containing silver and copper." "Wat,

you not find these riches in Atlin?" almost yelled the Frenchman. "Yes," quietly continued the man, "this gold bearing rock we get from a mine only one mile away, the silver ore comes from 4th July creek and the copper ore from Forey inlet." "But this is one marvel!" cried the amazed visitor. "You me surprise, for I do study with much pains this report, and I see these words"—reading in broken English—"assays indicate the presence of gold, but not in sufficient quantity to admit of shipment." "I no understand, it no mention one word, you have rich gold rock like this you break! Sacre bleu! Now we look, wat it say for copper." Reads, "Assays low values in copper." Quelle diable! But I see the copper native in the rock—ah! you funny English, you me puzzle to comprehend wat is wat?" "It is all right, Monsieur," cheerfully broke in the second man, "what you read we miners don't mind—our Government is always so jolly and kind, but they like to make jokes—it saves so much trouble, and stops the rash capitalists from making more money." "Ha, ha!" laughed the distinguished foreigner, "I now comprehend—le tout ensemble—the politiquies, the comiques, the finance, the miners, are all in the play book—le jeu desprit!"

And, forthwith, our gay friends adjourned to the Grand to rejoice over their new discoveries and, that important duty performed, then Monsieur—properly convinced that Atlin has been damned by faint praise—promptly wires a reassuring and amiable message to his anxious clients in Paris.

The National bank of Fredonia, N. Y., has closed its doors. Many families were ruined.

The town of Grand Forks, Y. T., has been considerably undermined and several buildings, including two hotels, have toppled over.

C. H. Gibbons, a Victoria newspaper man, shot and slightly wounded a man named McCready for being too attentive to Mrs. Gibbons.

Nearly all the commercial guilds in China have signed an agreement under mutual bonds to forfeit 50,000 taels for any member reported as having purchased American goods.



NOTICE.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR LAND GRANT ACT.

GRANTS of land made to Volunteers, their heirs or assigns, under authority of this Act, are subject to the condition that such lands shall have been selected by the grantees on or before the first day of July, 1905. Notice is, therefore, hereby given that applications for such lands must be filed at a Government Office by that date.

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