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TELEGRAPHIC.

A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

(IN FULL TO THE CLAIM.)

Jamesstown, Va., May 10.—The British squadron that was here taking in the naval demonstration, sailed last Saturday. It will visit Bermuda and Halifax before returning to England.

Boise, Idaho, May 10.—The Moyer-Haywood trial has begun. The most intense interest is being manifested in the proceedings. The courtroom is crowded at each sitting. It is feared that violence may result before the trial is over.

New York, May 10.—The celebrated actress Ellen Terry is married to James Carew, her leading man. Mr. Carew is Ellen's third venture in the matrimonial market.

Nanaimo, May 10.—There is a party of C. P. R. officials here, seeking to determine the best route for a railway across the island to the West Coast. Survey parties are also taking soundings at Nauoose Bay, which is about forty miles to the north of Barclay Sound. There is a probability that the C. P. R. will have a terminus on Vancouver Island.

San Francisco, May 10.—It is the third time since the fire that the citizens have been forced to walk because of a strike on the street car lines. The telephone girls and the iron workers are also out on strike.

Fernie, May 10.—A satisfactory agreement was arrived at on Tuesday the 2nd. The referendum taken on Thursday, the 4th, resulted in a majority of the miners being in favor of accepting the agreement. The contract has not yet been signed by the operatives.

Seattle, May 10.—The young lad Chester Thompson who killed Judge Emery has been sent to the penitentiary, instead of to an asylum.

Vancouver, May 10.—Roy Reeves, a young man of 20, employed in the C. P. R. shops, blew his brains out with a rifle ball. August Oman, a Scandinavian from Idaho, took carbolic acid and then walked out on a vacant lot on Beach avenue and gave up the ghost.

Butte, May 10.—An east bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific was held up sixteen miles east of here. The bandits shot and killed the engineer and wounded the fireman. For some reason they became alarmed and fled without securing any booty. The train carried large consignments of currency from Portland and Seattle. Posses, with bloodhounds, are now on the trail of the fugitives.

San Francisco, May 10.—W. C. Davis, the proprietor of a boarding house here, became insane, and in his mad frolic shot and killed six of his boarders.

Ottawa, May 10.—In the Supreme court Lamb vs. Kincaid, a Yukon case, judgment was confirmed with costs.

New York, May 10.—As the result of an epidemic of the bubonic plague at Valparaiso, 124 deaths have occurred during the first quarter of the year.

Naples, May 10.—Mount Stromboli has again developed sudden activity, and streams of molten lava are flowing down the east side.

Buenos Ayres, May 10.—The French steamer Pointou was wrecked off the coast of Uruguay and one hundred of her passengers and crew were drowned.

Ashcroft, May 10.—Paul Mauerino, while on his way to the penitentiary from Nelson, to serve a term, jumped through the car window near Savonas. He was killed by falling on the rocks.

San Francisco, May 10.—The city is in a tumult over the street car strikes. The company tried to run the cars with 'strike breakers.' The strikers congregated on the streets and attempted to stop them. The result was a riot, fierce fighting took place and firearms were used with deadly effect. In the melee over twenty men were shot.

Local and General News.

A general meeting of the Atlin District Board of Trade will be held in the court house, on Thursday, 16th inst, at 8 o'clock.

W. Pollard Grant left Atlin Saturday morning on a business trip to Victoria, in connection with various litigation affecting interests in the district. He expects to return at the opening of navigation.

J. A. Fraser, gold commissioner, and H. Young, mining recorder, left for the lower coast Saturday on a business trip. During their absence R. B. Anderson and J. Cartmel will attend to the wants of anyone wishing to do business at the government offices.

Last Sunday, while in his warehouse, E. L. Pillman put his foot on a rusty nail and then pressed down with the entire weight of his body. The result was that the nail ran into his foot causing him considerable pain and annoyance. He says he will be more careful the next time, especially on Sunday.

Mr. Daniel McKenzie became a 'workman' in the A.O.U.W lodge in Atlin Wednesday night last. The order is becoming stronger and the membership is constantly increasing. A delegation from the Grand Lodge is expected to visit the local lodge during the summer.

J. A. Johnson and George Dale sold their antimony mine, which they staked last July, to Messrs McKenzie and Vance, of San Francisco. The purchase price was \$10,000, with part payment down the balance in July. The property is about six miles from Golden Gate, on the Toosli river.

Amongst the arrivals on Wednesday last was our old friend and town gardener R. Grierson. 'Bob' is looking quite chirpy. He says Atlin is good enough for him, and beats all the other places he has been to. Here a man may eat his scalded scones, and white beans with salt to them, in peace and quietness.

At the meeting held in Discovery last Wednesday, it was agreed to form a Miners' Protective Association. The objects of the association are: To fight the invasion of the camp by Japanese; to induce no white men to work with them or work for the company employing them; to help those caused hardship thereby; and to induce all dealers and merchants not to cater for the company's trade so long as they employ Japanese labor. The next meeting will be held in Balmoral hall, Sunday, at 4 o'clock. All interested are invited.

Just to show some of the chronic kickers and sore heads around this camp that our representative, Dr. H. E. Young, the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, Minister of Education and Board of Health, is a live member with the interests of his constituency always before him, we print an item showing the amount of money and other good things he has procured for us this session. Of course, all good citizens will be pleased to hear the news—and give credit accordingly.

The amount of the grant is \$15,000.00, an increase of \$4,000 over last year. The school in Atlin will get about \$1,200, and the Discovery school will get a grant, to be arranged later. The Atlin hospital will also receive a grant over and above the ordinary allowance. Telegraph Creek is to get \$1,500 for the building of an hospital there. They already have a resident doctor and a schoolteacher.

And yet some people wonder at crime, when disgruntled and sour-stomached individuals get up on their hind legs and yap and behave about some little personal grievance that doesn't amount to a pinch of snuff. There is no satisfying some people, and it is a waste of time to try.

In addition to the Doctor's manifold duties he is now acting Minister of Mines, during the absence of Premier McBride. He will be coming north just as soon as he can get away, possibly the first boat.

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

Fatal Accident at Whitehorse.

Special to THE CLAIM.—William P. Grainger and Gilbert Joyce are dead as the result of what is known among miners as "black damp."

The two men met their death yesterday afternoon in the southwest shaft of the Copper King mine, four miles from Whitehorse. For some days previous a fire had been burning in the shaft for the purpose of thawing out a thick coating of ice which encased its sides, so that an inspection could be made by mining experts representing a Pennsylvania syndicate, which has lately bonded the property.

At 12 o'clock yesterday Grainger and Joyce started down the shaft to investigate the results of the fire. On their not returning to the mess house for dinner, Manager Gilliam started out to investigate the cause, and after calling down the shaft, which was but fifty feet deep, and receiving no answer, started down the ladder. He had gone but a few feet when he scented the deadly fumes. He immediately retraced his steps and gave the alarm. A doctor was sent for, and a gang of men started pumping the gas from the shaft. It was 2 o'clock before the air was sufficiently pure to allow of the shaft being entered. The body of Joyce was found lying at the bottom of the shaft, and that of Grainger at the foot of the ladder, which he had grasped with a death grip. The bodies were found to be bruised in several places, two of Grainger's ribs were broken. This seems to indicate that they were overcome by the gas while on their way up the ladder, causing them to fall. Striking on the bottom is supposed to have sufficiently aroused Grainger to enable him to attempt to start back up the ladder before he was finally overcome.

Gilbert Joyce was 30, and leaves a wife and a six month's old baby. He was a native of Newfoundland, and had started to work but four days previous to the accident. W. P. Grainger was born in Kentucky some 50 years ago. He was well known in the Atlin camp.

Lord's Day Observance Act.

The Hon. the Attorney-General stated on the floor of the house just previous to prorogation: "I may say that I have given this matter very careful consideration, and have had frequent consultations with my colleagues, and the decision I have arrived at is: Not to give assent to any prosecutions under the act."

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Louis Schulz, of the town of Atlin, B. C., shall apply to the board of license commissioners of the Atlin license District, at the next regular meeting on June 15th, 1907, for the transfer of my hotel license for the Nugget Hotel, Discovery, B. C., to James D. Durie, of Discovery, B. C.

Signed L. SCHULZ.
Atlin, B.C., May 10th, 1907.

Fresh Garden Seeds and Onion Sets at C. R. Bourne's.

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The "Jap" Question.

One of our well known citizens received a letter from Dr. Young, by the last mail, in which the Doctor said:—

"I saw Ruffner the other day; he did not say anything to me about bringing in Japs."

The letter may be read by anyone who wishes to corroborate this statement.

Some people in the camp have been foolish enough to say that Dr. Young is to blame for the 'Japs' being here. Meaning, of course, that he could have prevented their coming. Nothing could be more ridiculous or absurd. Those who make such statements know this, but their endeavor is to say something mean about our most worthy representative; it makes not the slightest difference to them how far from the truth they stray. Their motives are entirely aside from the Japanese question. Others have been heard to say that they knew all about this invasion long before it occurred, and, when the Japanese did show up these 'wise guys' sagely wagged their heads and said: "H——, I could have told you." Now, we leave it to the fair-minded; are they not beautiful specimens of good citizens. Why under the sun didn't they warn the people, if they knew so much? And if they didn't know the 'Japs' were coming, what a wonderful set of liars we have in the camp. Some do love to hear their own croaking.

It is an easy thing to place the blame on the absent one, because he is not here to answer the charge. Striking a man in the back is not a very gentlemanly action.

The government of which the Doctor is a member has always been opposed to Asiatic labor. Time after time measures have been brought up in the house to do away with this vexed question. When these measures were submitted to the government at Ottawa they were either passed over or vetoed.

As a matter of fact it is an international affair and would have to be submitted to the Home government for them to act upon.

Setting all these matters aside, politics should not be introduced.

Anyone and everyone who has the interest of the country at heart wishes to see the 'Japs' ousted. If the citizens and miners of the Atlin district acted with one accord the trouble would soon cease to be, and the matter might be passed on to the Imperial authorities—after the Japanese were well on their way home.

The Assay Office.

Following is a letter from Dr. Young acknowledging receipt of the petition regarding the establishment of an assay office, etc., in Atlin, by the government:

Victoria, April 24, 1907.

To the Editor,
THE ATLIN CLAIM:

Sir.—I am in receipt of a petition from the residents of Atlin district, praying that an assay office, in connection with the government office, may be established; and, further, pointing out the necessity for a vault being built for the protection of currency, gold and valuable papers.

In reply thereto I beg leave to say that I am heartily in accord with this request, and will do every thing in my power to bring it about. I regret that the matter should have come before the executive at such a late date, as the session will probably close tonight, and the estimates for the ensuing year have passed the house. I know however that this is not the fault of the petitioners, as the removal of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was determined on so suddenly and at so late a date, that the time did not admit of the petition being forwarded before the estimates were passed. It is my intention, however, in view of the urgency of the case, to appeal to the government as strongly as possible in an endeavor to bring about the prayer of the petition.

I quite recognize the fact that the removal of the bank will work a hardship upon our miners and business men, owing to the fact that the gold must necessarily be shipped out of the camp and the money which ordinarily was received for it will not be in circulation.

I remain, yours truly,

H. E. YOUNG.

The above letter is indeed satisfactory. We are extremely fortunate in having a representative in the house who understands our wants and necessities so thoroughly and so intimately. And, what is more to the point, one who is willing and ready at all times to advocate these needs, and "do all in his power" to obtain them.

To err is human; to not air the errors of others is divine.

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Activity.—Long, narrow nostrils. Ears setting out from the head. High facial bones. Deep-set eyes. Forehead square and rather narrow. Length forward from the ear to the outer corner of the eye. Long neck.

Broad-mindedness.—Eyes wide apart. Wide, square forehead, and wide tip to the nose. Full underlip.

Enthusiasm.—Wavy lines in the forehead. Bright eyes. An eager expression. Eyebrows slightly elevated. High facial bones.

Good Nature.—Small, well-balanced head. Curly hair. Full, round, fat face.

Hospitality.—A full lower-lip. Curved lines at the side of the mouth. Thin bridge to the nose.

Industry.—Square forehead and wide jaw. Ears setting out from head at the top.

Lying.—Mephistophelian eyebrows that jut into the nose at the inner corners. Elliptical eyes.

Vanity.—Red Hair. Elevation of the flesh of the cheek under the eyes.

Of course we would not like anyone to think this could possibly occur in our own camp, but, you must remember, strange things do happen. Once upon a time a newly married lady made preparations for her husband's meal. She put on some eggs to boil soon after breakfast one morning. They were still on when he came home to dinner. Upon her husband asking what was in the saucepan, she answered: "Eggs for your dinner. They have been on since soon after breakfast. I have tried them with a fork and they are not boiled yet." His astonishment may be left to the imagination. At the mere mention of eggs a rosy blush suffuses the face of the bride.

During the rush of '99 a chap came to Atlin. He pitched his tent and proceeded to get a meal. He had a small 'kloudike' stove. The first act was to kindle a fire—in the oven. After several vain attempts to get the fire to burn, he sought the advice and assistance of a nearby camper. The cause of the trouble was located at once and the use of the fire-box explained. "Awh! by jove! How clever! what a stupid ass I must be, doncherknow," said the new-comer. And the other fellow smiled.

There is hardly a person who, if asked in the right way, will refuse to contribute an item for the paper, if they have it in their possession. This brings back an early experience as a reporter. We were sent out to get the facts of a fire at a country residence. The maid appeared in response to a rap at the door, and this was the conversation. "Excuse me, but, is the lady of the house at home?" "No," was the reply, "she's out." "Ah! are any

of the family at home? "No, they are all out." "Well, wasn't there a fire here last evening?" "Yes," said the girl, with a smile, "but that's out too."

Some Big Figures.

An estimate of the quantity of timber which will be cut in the forests of Ontario during the winter of 1906-7 has been made by the officials of the department of lands, forests and mines of that province. It is believed that more lumber will be taken out this spring than was taken out last season.

It is said that the lumbermen will fell 1,000,000,000 feet board measurement of pine, 70,000,000 of hemlock, 1,500,000 of spruce, 1,250,000 cubic feet of square timber, 100,000 cords of pulp wood, and 4,500,000 railway ties. The activity in railway construction throughout the country has created a great demand for ties, and the production in Ontario will in consequence increase this year.

The Forestry Association has now reached a membership of 1,222, a gain of 870 in less than five years. The work now affects over 7,200,000 acres of Dominion lands. The government it is said, is to be urged to reserve ten per cent of wooded lands in order to prevent the complete denudation. Nine million trees have been planted in the Western provinces, and all but five per cent of these have thrived.

Timber is in enormous demand just now. One man is advertising in the daily press that he wants one billion feet of timber at once. This modest request is echoed by scores of would-be investors, and the timber brokers are all busy looking up timber lands for clients.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that I Charles Prosper Reid, of Telegraph Creek, B. C., shall apply to the Board of License Commissioners of the Atlin License District, at the next regular meeting on June 15th, 1907, for the transfer of my hotel license for the "Stickline Hotel," situated on lot 1, block 1, Telegraph Creek, B. C., to Arthur E. Balfry, of Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Signed C. P. REID,
Telegraph Creek, B. C., April 20th, 1907. m18

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend, sixty days from date, to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land: Commencing at a stake planted at a point about two miles south of the north end of Atlin lake and one mile west of the west shore of Atlin lake, thence west 40 chains, thence north 29 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains to the point of commencement.

CHARLES B. COLE,
April 20, 1907. m27j1122

HOW TO SECURE HELP.

Farmers, contractors, manufacturers, and all employers of labor desiring married or single men, will do well to apply at once to Major C. W. Creighton, Salvation Army Immigration Department, 439 Harris Street, Vancouver, B. C., or Rupert Street, Winnipeg, Man.

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