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LOST.

On the trail between Wright and Discovery, most probably about half way between Surprise Lake and Wright creek, one pair of field glasses in black leather case with strap. A suitable reward will be given on their return to Fred. G. White, mining broker, etc., Atlin.

The Nelson Tribune refers to a report made by Mr. Popkiss to his employers, the London and B. C. Goldfield Ltd.

Mr. Popkiss says "that the eight-hour-law had one good effect, it made owners of property less exorbitant in their demands. In other words they (his company) were able to buy properties to greater advantage then if things had gone more smoothly."

This shows that the whole effect of the eight-hour law has not fallen upon the hated capitalist and foreigner.

U. S. Consul McCook at Dawson reports to the state department under date of July 8 that no less than 2,000 persons have gone down the Yukon from that place within a month bound for the most part for the Cape Nome gold fields. He says "the poor man's chance so far as this country is concerned, is gone."

McINNES WILL RESIGN

As a Protest Against the Attitude of the Government

On the Chinese Question---The Yukon Scandals.

At Nanaimo on Labor Day W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. for Nanaimo, speaking at a labor demonstration, startled his audience by the following remarks: "At Ottawa our Asiatic legislation had been disallowed as being opposed to imperial policy. Not British Columbia, but Birmingham, had been considered. Throughout the rest of Canada no part of it fell, but the burden of Imperialism had been heaped upon the shoulders of British Columbia labor. Our labor was the sole sacrifice to imperialism. They had had the repeated promises of the party in power, speeches had been made, petitions sent in, the Premier had twice promised on the floor of the House that the tax would be increased, and yet after four sessions, no increase had been made. It was not imperialism, it was because of the C. P. R., because of the cannerymen on the Fraser. These opposed it, and the government had sold them. He intended, however, to make a further move in the matter. He would resign, and if the government would no listen to the voice of two or three in parliament, they might perhaps be moved by the 5,000 voices on Vancouver Island. That would bring on another election here, and with next session the matter would come up again. If the government then refused to do anything they would ("Turn them out," cried a voice)—No, not turn them out, nor trust longer to the whims of political tricksters, but take the matter in their own hands. It was a serious thing to counsel violence, but there would then be no other recourse open to them. Both parties were but tricksters, and it was necessary to go back to first principles, which plainly declared that 'We are the people and we must rule.' There need not be any hesitancy because of the temporary consequences. The fear of temporary consequences had not prevented one man whom they all honored, and of whom their children read at school from refusing to bow to Gessler's hat when posted on a pole. People would speak of bad, dangerous men, but in his day William Tell was a bad, dangerous man, so was every man who stepped out of the rut for the good of his fellows. How long will you be humbugged? shouted the now impassioned speaker. When are you going to act. Let labor be made king in British Columbia."

Thos. Keith, ex-M. P. P., during the course of his remarks said the people in the Yukon had certainly suffered grave ill-treatment at the hands of those in authority. "I say without fear of successful contradiction that the officials were the worst lot that could be scraped upon the face of the earth. I say this understandingly, and mean it to the full. I will admit that Mr. Fawcett was an honest man, but Mr. Fawcett was an incapable man, and Mr. Ogilvie is an honest man, but Mr. Ogilvie is not capable of regulating the affairs of so large a territory."

THE SCOTIA LAID OFF

Because of Trouble Between Two Captains.

The steamboat trouble on Atlin Lake between the opposing boats, appears to be at an end. The Ruth now lands passengers, freight and mail at the Pearl street dock.

This is due in a great measure to disagreement between the Commodore, Capt. Irving, and the captain of the Scotia, running on Atlin Lake.

For considerable time it has been known that strained relations existed between the two, but nobody suspected that it would terminate in the way it has.

The crucial stage, however, came last Saturday when Captain John Irving and Captain Armstrong came across the lake with the Gleaner's passengers on the Ruth and landed at the Pearl street dock. The Scotia was on deck at the other side, but she followed the Ruth over passengerless.

The appearance of Capt. John on any other boat than the one in which he is interested in portends trouble within, and this was fully confirmed when the boat was to leave on her back trip. The captain of the Scotia, irritated at the treatment given him by the commodore, tried to annoy the departure of the small boat, so the captain of the Ruth said. He ordered the Dominion inspector aboard to count and see that she did not exceed the number of passengers allowed by her certificate—which is 24. He said he would libel the boat if the officer did not do this. The latter went aboard and counted eight in excess and ordered them ashore. The Ruth had to make a second trip to carry over the other eight passengers. After this there was no molestation.

The disagreement in the Irving Navigation Co. has had the effect of putting the Scotia out of service for this fall, at least. It is understood members of her crew are about to leave for the Sound.

J. C. Fairchild, agent at Bennett for the Irving Company, was transferred to Atlin last week.

TWO DISCOVERIES

Allowed on Streams Tributary to Dixie Creek.

The following persons have applied for and been granted records for new discoveries:

On Sept. 1st Wm. Sturgeon Norman Campbell, T. Green and Chas. J. Howlett staked discovery on Fox creek and was given a record to same September 5th. Fox creek is about 30 miles from Atlin and runs in an easterly direction emptying into a tributary of Dixie called Carbon or Bull creek and being over the divide from Dixie.

On Sept. 10 W. H. Worsnop, F. Worsnop, J. Fraser and A. Waters staked discovery on Wolf creek and was given a record Sept. 13. Wolf creek is about 30 miles from Atlin and runs in a southeasterly direction emptying into a tributary of Dixie creek.

A WORD FROM THE KAISER?

Captain Dreyfus' Fate Hinges on This.

Rennes, Sept. 6.—The salvation of Captain Dreyfus hangs on a word from Emperor William. This is the general opinion here to-night. If the Kaiser consents to allow Col. Schwarzkoppen, the German military attache at Paris, in 1894, to testify before the court-martial, or to send a deposition, or, what is considered still more probable, to allow his deposition to be accompanied by the actual documents mentioned in the bordereau, then Dreyfus is saved.

OUR DOMINION REPRESENTATIVE.

Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P., our representative in the Dominion House, arrived in Atlin Thursday night on his way out from Dawson, and is quartered at the Grand Hotel.

Speaking about the Yukon, Mr. Maxwell said things in that far-away country were not as bad as represented, and as soon as matters settle down to business there would be no kicking.

He went up to Pine City Friday morning and spent the day on the creeks and saw lots of gold; but his admiration for the 100-foot claims is not great.

Mr. Maxwell is desirous of making himself known in the district and in consequence will hold two meetings before he leaves for the coast, one of which will be held to-night in Macdonald's hall, Pine City, and the other on Monday night in Russell's pavilion, corner Pearl and First streets, Atlin.

He leaves for home on Tuesday's boat.

A BIG DEAL.

New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 6—It is stated here on good authority that a wealthy New York syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of every salmon cannery on the Fraser river. Their scheme is to get every establishment, not missing a single one. Several of largest canneries have already decided to go into the deal.

A despatch from Washington states the negotiations that are now in progress looking to a modus vivendi for the definition temporarily of a boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia and the Northwest Territories are proceeding on the same lines as those which figured in the negotiations in which Mr. Choate took part. That is the United States holds firmly to the contention that the village of Klukwan shall be regarded as on the American side. No effort is being made to reach a permanent arrangement at present.

A London despatch of September 2 announces that a big strike of sailors and firemen would shortly take place. The trouble arose over a manifesto to the ship-owners from the Seamen's Union, inviting them to confer on the question of fixing a rate for firemen and sailors on steamers of £6, and for sailors on sailing ships of £4 monthly, a slight advance in the wages now paid at various British ports. The shipowners utterly ignored the union, with the result, that the latter have planned a strike at every port in the United Kingdom.

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Word comes from Washington that the United States government have decieed to take up the claims of the American miners who were deprived of the right to record claims under licenses which had been granted and which were paid for. Acting on the assumption that the contract was made in good faith a great many outfitted at considerable expense only to find the agreement repudiated by the British Columbia legislature. In so far as these men have suffered we hope they will receive full compensation. The legislature had a right to pass an alien exclusion law if they saw fit, but they had no right to repudiate a contract honestly made, especially when it entailed a considerable outlay on the part of one of the parties to the contract. The whole bill is narrow and selfish and sadly out of place on the statute books of a province so rich in natural resources. We want Americans and all other classes of intelligent foreigners to come to our province and if our laws are wise and institutions pure history proves the foreigner will take upon himself the citizenship of the country in which he is located. We hope this unwise measure will prove a lesson not only to Canadians but Americans. The United States have in force an alien law which Canadians are made to feel at times with severity. This has been advanced by some in extenuation of our own law, and appears to be about the only justification for it. This is too narrow a spirit for a big country. The two countries have got to live together as neighbors and the freest communication should exist. Let us follow the United States in her good laws not in her bad ones.

"Competition among the boats running from the lakes to Dawson has made the service so satisfactory and so much better than would be expected in that country as to cause general remark on the part of the travelers", said late traffic manager Gray of the Yukon & White Pass R. R. to a P.-I. reporter Aug. 18th. "The day of bacon beans and dried prunes for meals on the boats is gone, and instead you find steaks, fish, canned goods, fruit and everything else usually found on first-class steamboats. Everything is remarkably clean on all the boats, and the employes are uniformly courteous and efficient, and a fine lot of fellows. The only things expensive on these boats are liquors; beer costs $4 a quart bottle, and a quart of Canadian rye whisky brings $8.

"It will not be long until the trip down the Yukon to Dawson will be one of the most sought after in the United States. I do not believe there is a trip in the world that can equal it for its beauty and comfort. The scenery is so magnificent as to be beyond description. The travel is already almost more then the boats can take care of."

If it is a good thing for steamboats would it not be a good thing in the case of the little short line that does much as it pleases in handling freight, especially now, when Atlin freight is being sacrificed to make way for "guaranteed" Dawson merchandise. You bet!

The claim jumping habit seems to have again reached this district and other districts surrounding. There has recently been heard complaint that notices have been posted and stakes driven on non-jumpable claims. This habit should not be tolerated, for it is not only dishonest, but dangerous to the well-being of the community. Persons who desire mining claims must outfit themselves and go in search of them or buy them in good faith. Any minin claim may be jumped when the time set by law for the performance of the necessary assessment work shall have lapsed, and stakes must be kept out of the ground and notices kept down until they may legally be posted. The person who jumps a claim is a robber as much as he who jumps a town lot or illegally possesses himself of any kind of property of another. When a prospector takes any intending purchaser to see his claim and finds that some other person has posted a location notice thereon his chances of sale are lessened, for no investor cares to buy a law suit.—Juneau Truth.

AMERICAN CLAIMS

Will be Taken Up by the Authorities at Washington.

The law board of the department of state at Washington have decided to entertain the claims of American miners in Atlin as an international question. The miners will have to prove that their property was of value and also that the British Columbia act and its administration was the cause of their loss. The state department authorized Col. Lewis, chief counsel for the miners, to present the details of their claims directly to Ambassador Choate, who will in turn, by request of Secretary Hay, present to Lord Salisbury an official request for some joint tribunal to decide the merits of their claims.

THE EARTH TREMBLED.

The Shock Distinctly Felt in Atlin, Pine and Skagway.

A CLAIM man was standing at the corner of Pearl and First last Sunday noon picking his teeth and congratulating himself that his unpaid board bill had not, as yet, brought any stormy protest from his landlady. Just then two of Atlin's best known citizens happened along. "Have sumthin," said one of them. Fearful of offending a good advertiser we reluctantly said "Yes!" The neighboring Russell quickly supplied "sumthin" warranted to temporarily relieve a permanent thirst. This duty complied with the trio returned to the above-mentioned corner. "I tell you," said the other citizen, "this will yet be a great camp. Look at the amount of gold they are taking out of the creeks to-day. Then again we will have hydraulic companies in here next year. And I'll bet you a $10 bill the quartz proposition goes th——." The earth trembled! Was this fancied or real. Had stern duty caused us to swallow something that did its work so quickly. To remark upon it might cause derision. Suddenly from every door people rushed out and held their hands to the ground. Thank goodness! It was an earthquake. The reputation of Lee Billings and the CLAIM was saved. The shock occurred at five minutes past 1 o'clock according to our sun dial.

Pine, not to be behind Atlin, also took a shake. Rev. Mr. Stephenson, returned from Skaway, informs us that the telegraph poles nodded to him and assumes that it was the same shock we felt here.

$500 AND A BELL

Donated to the Atlin Fire Brigade --The Ball a Success.

On account of the inclement weather the regular weekly meeting of the volunteer fire brigade was postponed from Monday until Tuesday night. As usual there was a small attendance, though several matters of importance were on the slate. Chief Lillie occupied the chair and Treasurer Anderson recorded the minutes.

The ball committee reported that the ball given under their direction had been a success both socially and financially. After all expenses were paid a balance would remain of $56.50.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Arctic Brotherhood for the use of their hall and Mr. Reynolds for music supplied.

Mr. Anderson announced that he had been notified that the provincial government would contribute $500 towards the maintenance of the brigade.

E. McFeely, manager of McLennan, McFeely & Co., presented the department with a large bell. This gracious act was much appreciated by the members as showing that someone, at least, was taking an interest in the work.

The chief, the assistant chief and the three captains were appointed an executive to look after the affairs of the brigade.

The meeting then adjourned to meet Monday evening next.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A CRITIC ANSWERED.

To the Editor of the CLAIM:

Sir—In regard to a letter from "Litigant" in your last issue, in which he criticizes the action of the Atlin chief magistrate, it seems rather comic to say the least, that he, almost if not the only government official in the Atlin district in whom the miners have any confidence to adjust their wrongs or settle their disputes, should have been picked out for such petty disparagement. There are some of us that feel very jubilant that the B. C. government should have made such a flagrant mistake in sending us such an honorable gentleman as our magistrate has proven himself to be. We all regret the going away of Judge Irving, but our magistrate has unmistakably shown that he has great confidence in his own judgment, the courage to see that his decisions are obeyed, and that he will not allow the legal vampires to absorb every cent we have to decide some puerile dispute. I appreciate the possibility that one of the legal small fry may have had a bad half hour with his honor, but "Litigant" is very ignorant of the mining class if he thinks they do not know the difference between a "real color" and fools gold. Let us hope the dust will soon fly, and the law of the "survival of the fittest" will prevent the "revival of the old regime," and that no longer will the bonds of uncertainty and maladministration shackle the limbs of our mining community.

DREYFUSITE.

Pine, Sept. 9, 1899.

CREEK NOTES.

The Vickers group, 2 above on Willow, has changed hands, the consideration, we understand, being quite large.

Mr. Patrick, late of the record office, has been appointed secretary of the Willow Creek Co-Operative Water Association.

A false bedrock was struck on 15 on Willow. Underneath good pay was found.

A provisional government has been formed in the Rodublic of Santo Domingo, with Horotio Varquez as president.

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NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie, of the Atlin Mining Division, in the Cassiar District, British Columbia, carrying on business in partnership under the name of "The London Hydraulic Company."

Take notice that the above named W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie, by Deed of Assignment for the benefit of creditors, bearing date the seventh of September, 1899, and made in pursuance of the "Creditors Trust Deeds Act," have granted and assigned to E. G. Tennant, of the town of Atlin, B. C., Lumber Merchant, all the personal estate, credits and effects of the said debtors and each of them (both partnership and private) which may be seized and sold under execution and all the real estate of the said debtors, and each of them, in trust for the benefit of their creditors. Said Deed of Assignment was executed by the said W. M. Chace, D. L. Brockway and R. L. Howie and E. G. Tennant, on the said seventh day of September, 1899.

All creditors having claims against the said debtors are required to file their claims with C. W. Sawers, Solicitor, Pearl St., Atlin, B. C., duly proved, as provided by the Act, on or before the 1st day of November, 1899. In default of the said Assignee not receiving satisfactory proof thereof, any creditor is liable to have his claim barred.

Notice is further given that after the said 1st day of November, 1899, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been given, and will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of C. W. Sawers, Solicitor for the said Assignee, Pearl St., Atlin, B. C., on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1899, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 9th day of September, 1899.

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BLACKETT VS. PATTEN.

The Former Loses His Property In Skaguay Because He Is an Alien.

On the 11th of last month John H. Patton, a resident of Skaguay, and at one time in Atlin, took possession of the lot and premises on the corner of Fourth and State streets, Skaguay, which property was improved and occupied by Mr. J. St. Clair Blackett, at present in business in Atlin at the corner of First and Trainor. It appears that the only ground for Mr. Patton's action was Mr. Blackett's nationality, he being a Canadian. As agent for the latter in Skaguay, Mr. Phil Abrams, one of the most highly respected and successful business men of the latter place, contested Patten's right to possession. The law was invoked, Patton was arrested, and brought before Judge Sehlbrede.

Judge H. Day appeared for the Blackett interests, while R. W. Jennings represented Patton.

The case accordingly came up in the above court Sept. 6th. The matter was fully and clearly gone into, but Mr. Jennings, attorney for Patton, appealed to the prejudice of the jury—R. R. Mitchell, J. H. Diors, Henry Baldie and Fred Erlick—and made them believe that Mr. Blackett, as a foreigner, never had any right to the property, and that if he did have the right of occupation, he had long since forfeited it, by abandonment and withdrawing from the district, without intention of returning.

"Of course that was simply absurd," our informant says," for his title to the property did not depend on his remaining there personally, for he had tenants occupying it. But it was a foregone conclusion that the jury would find for the jumper, and all the efforts of the opposing counsel were unavailing. Judge Sehlbrede shirked responsibility by exercising his right to let the jury decide on both the law and the evidence, and the jury knew no more about law—even when it was read to them—than a porcupine knows about Greek.

"It appears to be a deliberate and cold-blooded attempt on the part of an organized gang to deprive Mr. Blackett of his property because he is a Canadian.

"In his speech to the jury Judge Day characterized the whole proceeding as the most dastardly outrage perpetrated in Skaguay since the reign of the Soapy Smith gang."

Mr. Blackett has instructed his counsel to appeal the case, when it is to be hoped some measure of equity will be dealt out.

"The case of Blackett vs. Patten, trespass," says the Skaguay Budget of Sept. 7th, "was decided last evening by a jury, which brought in a verdict of not guilty. The jury received no instructions, whatever, except the manner of the form in which the verdict should be rendered, and four jurors were left to construe a law and solve a legal problem that would require considerable thought on the part of a trained mind to decide. The decision in no wise settles the question of title, as it is understood that Mr. Blackett has a deed in regular form to the right of the lot, and on appeal, notice of which has been given, the case will no doubt assume a different phase.

"Without assuming to construe the law, the Budget deprecates any action of technicality, or, other means, which deprives either an American or alien of rights that have been recognized heretofore by citizens of Skaguay. The precedent, established thereby is a bad one and may be productive of disagreeable results, though it is hoped none will arise from the present case. Opinion is widely different as to the merits of the decision, the element of alien hatred entering largely into that favorable to it. Many of our best citizens are outspoken in disapproval of it, however."

GOING OUT WITH $17,000.

H. O. Blankenship, who with J. Welsh, C. Welsh and C. Wright located discovery on Wright Creek last year, went out to the coast on his way to Arizona the middle of the week. Before leaving he disposed of a quarter interest in discovery on this creek and also seven claims below, beginning at 9 and running down to 14 with a couple of fractions, to Messrs. Mason & Campion, Pine City, for a good figure. One reason why Mr. Blankenship is leaving so early is sickness and the other because he had taken out all the money he wanted with which he proposes to develop some good properties in the south. Seventeen thousand dollars is what the discoverer is taking out with him, and after the consummation of the sale he offered to bet the above-named gentlemen that they would take out $20,000 out of the claims next year, provided, of course, the ground was worked in a systematic manner. If this sum is not taken out he is willing to make good the shortage, and all over this sum taken out must likewise go to him.

"Wright creek is the richest in the district," said Mr. Blankenship. "By this I mean that more gold will be taken out for the capital invested. There is less deadwork on this creek than any creek he has seen. The benches, without doubt, are richer than the creeks. Out of one bench on discovery he took $6,000, and at present 10 men are working benches on a 50 per cent. lay close to this ground. They are all satisfied with the result.

"Wright creek, in my opinion, will make a good hydraulic enterprise. The smallness of the claims plainly demonstrates the absurdity of the individual miner trying to successfully work them, and must sooner or later find this out and make way for capital. Wright has a 70 foot fall in 700, and with rich benches, what is to prevent companies taking a hold and working them with good remuneration.

"From what I have seen of the camp I think $2,000,000 will be taken out this fall."

A FREIGHT BLOCKADE.

Companies Unable to Cope With the Demand.

Arthur Copeland, of the B. L. & K. N. Co., spent a few days in the city during the past week. He was accompanied by Chief Engineer Stockfold, who secured the services of Captain Richards, the latter gentlemen having disposed of his mining interests here. Captain Richards will take charge of the Olive May, which will continue on this run until the end of the season.

Speaking of transportation matters at Bennett Mr. Copeland said the companies were pretty badly tied up. Word was sent from White Horse to shut off for the present sending freight there. The tram is capable of handling 75 tons a day but the companies have been sending 1,000. This caused a blockade at Bennett and Skagway. Added to this the water on the river is getting very low. The Canadian Development company will probably be stuck with a large amount of freight this fall.

A WONDERFUL MINE.

Kalgoorlie, Aus., July 26, 1899.—The Lake View Consols are stripping the 300 feet level, to put in still sets. A few feet of ore, on the east wall, is averaging 312 oz. per ton. This is merely from about 3 feet stone on the wall. The lode, which is from 15 feet to 18 feet wide, averages a little more then 20 oz. per ton. The rich ore is being used to "sweeten up" the shipment. The exports have been mainly from the sill floor. The parcels sent away to be smelted contained 7,000 ozs. of gold worth over £28,000. The length of the rich shoot is 350 long at the 300 feet level. No shoot of gold equal in richness and extent has ever been opened in the world. At the 500 feet level, in cutting the plats, prior to opening out, the lode has already proved to be over 30 feet wide, and neither wall has yet been reached. The stone, as usual near the main shaft, is low grade; but rich shoots should be met, both north and south, within about 100 feet of the shaft. The chain-geared sulphide furnaces are running spendidly, and next week a third furnace, which is being fitted with chain gearing, will be fired up. A fourth will be finished shortly. The British, American, and continental experts who examined the mine, are fully satisfied of the phenomenal richness.

BARBAROUS CRUELTIES.

Paris, Sept. 1.—The Matin to-day publishes details of the investigation into the conduct of Capt. Voulet and Capt. Chanoine, charged with barbarous cruelties to the natives in the French Soudan, which led to the sending of an expedition under Lieut. Col. Klobb after them. According to the paper, the two officers began their work of barbarity by beheading a native who had declared he did not know about what he was being questioned. A letter said Voulet captured 80 natives, of whom he killed 20 of the women and children, shot a soldier for wasting ammunition and burned a village of 10,000 inhabitants.

THE NEXT BIG FIGHT.

Jim Jeffries, of California, Tom Sharky, of Dundalk, Ire., will fight for the heavyweight championship of the world at the Coney Island Club, September 23. This was decided Septemer 1st at a meeting of the managers of the pugilists. The Coney Island Club offered 66 2-3 of the gate receipts with a guarantee of $30,000, and deposited a check for $2,500 as a forfeit.

Hundreds of lives have been lost by the flooding of a copper mine at Beshi, Island of Shekoku, Japan.

A half a million dollar fire in the big plant of the Jacob Dold Packing Co., Kansas City, threw out of employment 1,000 men, Sept. 1.

At the International Law Conference, held at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 1, the report of the committee on maritime laws was read by Judge Raikes of England. A paper was also read by C. G. Carver, C. C., of London, Eng., on international rules of marine insurance.

At the conclusion of the Dewey celebration, New York, it is announced that Admiral Sampson will be relieved of the command of the North Atlantic squadron.

Expert mechanics and helpers to the number of 270, employed at Cramps' shipyards, Philadelphia, went out on strike Sept. 1.

A late London despatch from Shanghai reports that serious trouble occurred in the Kiaochou hinterland between the Germans and Chinese, in which six of the latter were shot. The German minister to China has handed an ultimatum to the Chinese government, declaring that unless there is security to life and property and unless order is maintained in the hinterland, Germany will take steps to protect her own interests.

Captain Terry, of the battleship Iowa, is to be promoted to the rank of rear admiral.

Katie Bruno, a girl of 17, and daughter of a fashionable dressmaker in Victoria was murdered in that city Sept. 1. She had left her mother's house to take a lesson in fancy sewing. Her dead body was found next morning on the beach at Beacon hill. The theory is that she was assaulted and then thrown into the water in an unconscious condition.

The output of the Nanaimo, B. C., coal mines during 1897 amounted to 819,277 tons, and last year to 520,222 tons, an increase of 200,945 tons. During the same time the foreign shipments increased from 233,349 tons in 1897 to 493,535 tons in 1898. This coal was shipped in 157 steamers and 23 sailing vessels, of which but 12 were of American register, although of the coal shipped 335,025 tons went to United States ports.

Consul McCook, Dawson, reporting to Washington, says 2,000 people had left the former place, bound for Nome.

The Great Northern R. R. is building into the Republic mining district.

"In a few weeks Cape Nome will the greatest in extent and the richest mining camp on earth. The beach diggings go a long way toward making it great in extent as well as in richness." These remarks were recently made to a P.-I. reporter by a man who had just returned from that country. "Cape Nome beach has been prospected and demonstrated to contain pay dirt for a distance of 35 miles. There are 600 men beach mining, and I think it is a conservative estimate to say that they are washing out an average of $25 per day to the man."

The salary of Commissioner Ogilvie in the Yukon has been raised from $5,000 to $6,000.

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Notice is hereby given that all placer claims legally held in the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake Mining Division of Cassiar District are laid over from the 15th September, 1899, to the 1st July, 1900.

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Applications for Land.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of five acres of land for garden purposes, situate on Pine Creek, about two miles from Atlin, commencing at stake No. 1 and running easterly 201 yards to No. 2; thence 120 yards northerly to No. 3; thence westerly 201 yards to No. 4; thence southerly to place of beginning.

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Chas. R. Oubridge, the pioneer of Pine City, expects to leave for England in a couple of weeks.

Prescriptions accurately dispensed by W. R. Dockrill & Co., the leading druggists, First st.

F. E. McFeely and A. Fortin shot an eagle on Thursday, a short distance out of town, that measured seven foot across.

Cheap rates by the week or month for board at the Russell Annex restaurant. Tickets for twenty-one meals $10.

On of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first class meal at 50 cents at Pioneer Bakery.

Will E. B. Landon (Chip), mill and compressor man, please be at Juneau on or before October 20th, or communicate with C. H. Lane.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., and at Discovery at 7:30 p. m.

The following were put through the mysteries of the Arctic Brotherhood last Tuesday evening: W. P. Grant, F. G. White and H. Richardson.

Parties wishing to buy their winter's supplies cheap may do so by attending the auction sale at the A. M. & M. store, Discovery, Saturday night.

W. Gibson left for Vancouver on Tuesday's boat, where he goes to interest people in Pine Creek property. He intends returning in three weeks' time.

G. A. Yeomans, the owner of 6 below on Pine has left for Southern fields, and left a number of people in the district who mourn his sudden departure.

J. H. Russell, with his family, left on Tuesday last for Vancouver. They latter will spend the winter there, and Mr. Russell will return again to the north.

Jack Byron, of the Kootenay, is back in Atlin, having come in last Tuesday. Jack has one billiard and one pool table on the way in, the first of the kind to come this way.

There is considerable kicking in Pine City about the Government agent there collecting $2.50 a month. It is understood a good many store-keepers have refused to pay it.

Misses M. A. Stewart and H. A. Baiard, correspondents of a number of New York papers, who have been in the Atlin district most of the summer, leave for Dawson on the 19th.

The following from the outside registered at the Grand during the past week: Arthur Copeland, Julius Stockfeld, John McLeod, Bennett; F. Baker, Dawson; F. R. Douglas, Vancouver.

Service will be held in the First Presbyterian church corner Third and Discovery streets on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B.A. minister.

John Weiler, founder of the firm of Weiler Bros., Victoria, died at the latter place Sept. 6th. He was a native of Mayence, Germany, aged 75 years. He came to California in 1850 and to Victoria in 1861.

The Hunt Brothers, who have been in the district all summer, and two Stickine trailers, who started to go to Dawson by the all-Canadian route, left for the South on Thursday. They say they have had all the mining they want.

The Bank of Commerce is distributing a comprehensive map of British Columbia, the Yukon district and Alaska, showing the various routes to the gold fields. It is neatly arranged in pocketbook form and much appreciated by the recipients.

The Skagway Alaskan of the 5th says Chas. Williams and Kid Gallagher are in jail for a brutal assault on Mr. Bauer, a baker of that city. There were others engaged in the assault who will be jailed as soon as they are caught. The row was caused by a woman.

Otter Gallinger, who has a fish stand on Main street, Pine City, next to the Nugget hotel, lost $7 last Tuesday, to two sharpers who came in to buy a 25 cent. fish while he was counting his change on the counter. He sold a fish to one, and during the preliminaries to the purchase, the other man picked up the change and has not been heard of since.

Our local photographer, H. C. Hirschfeld, is certainly enterprising. He has a very large collection of views of the district and every creek from Hitchcock to Simson is represented in the list. One view, however, he lacked, was that of a man falling out of a canoe in Atlin Lake. Accordingly he sent out his assistant, A. Purvey, on Friday morning with instructions to make for one of the islands in the lake. He started in a canoe, and when about 50 yards from the shore, by some means, unknown to the occupant, the craft went over, the man ducked and Mr. Hirschfeld has the photograph.

Four men are busy at work excavating for the foundations for Thos. Dunn's new block.

Short orders day and night at the Russell Annex Restaurant. A. D. Hardie, proprietor.

Tuesday's Gleaner carried away 125 passengers, a large number of which were miners, bound south.

Miss Hickey, who is suffering with an attack of fever at the Government Hospital, is reported to be improving.

A. M. & M. Co. will auction at Discovery Saturday night provisions of all kinds Murphy & Co., Auctioneers.

F. Baker, who it will be remembered, spent a couple of months in the district this summer, in company with J. H. Partridge, looking for quartz, arrived in Tuesday and is quartered at the Grand. Mr. Baker has an interest in the Anaconda group, situated a mile or so from town on the McKee trail.

With the departure of L. B. Reid last Tuesday Atlin lost one of the best-known figures in the banking line. He may be classed as a pioneer, for he came in over the ice last spring when travelling was different to what it is to-day. He goes to the Vancouver branch of the Bank of Halifax. His place in the local branch has been filled by J. H. Ferguson, late of Nanaimo, who arrived last Thursday.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Ald. Skinner, of Vancouver, Thinks Atlin is All Right.

Ald. Skinner, of Vancouver, on his return to that city expressed himself as wonderfully impressed with the richness of the district around Atlin City. The banks have have officially given out that the output from the district will be in the vicinity of a million dollars, but he thinks it will be much larger than the official returns indicate.

"I was very agreeably disappointed with Atlin, and the way that the district is flourishing. The city is dead, from a mercantile point of view, but its situation is one of the most ideal of townsites. It would be a thriving place and a city of a population of 30,000 today if it had not been for the alien bill. I have always thought that to retaliate against the Americans in this way was to cut off your nose to spite your face, and everyone up there thinks the same way. No matter what men are, on either side of provincial politics, Grits or Tories, they are all against that alien legislation as the worst thing that could have been done for the country."

READY AT A DAY'S NOTICE.

But the Boers are Waiting for Water and Grass.

London, Sept. 2.—A Cape special to the London Standard says:

Johannesburg is preparing for the eventualities of war. The inmates of the children's home are going to Natal. All the outgoing trains are crowded, and most of the prominent men have already left Johannesburg. Col. Hector Archibald McDonald, the hero of Omdurman, expects to start for the Cape immediately.

London, Sept. 6.—Advices from various sources indicate the acute tension in all parts of South Africa continues. But unless the Boers take the initiative, which at present is improbable, it is pretty certain that the issue of peace or war lies solely in the result of Friday's cabinet council; hence, public attention is centered more upon the signs of the times as exhibited at the army stations and the dockyards than in South Africa itself.

It is reported this afternoon that Mr. Chamberlain has sent a reply through Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the Cape, to the Transvaal government's latest proposal. The matter is understood to be a withdrawal of the former concessions and an initiative agreement for a further conference. This seems improbable as Mr. Chamberlain would have awaited the cabinet's decision before taking such action.

The second edition of the Times published this morning, has a despatch from Natal, which says that during yesterday's debate in the Raad, regarding the proximity of the British troops to Transvaal territory, Herr Delarri, a member of the Raad said: "The Boers only require half a day's notice to fight."

The defiant speeches are not unconnected with the fact that Mauser ammunition, which had been stopped at Delagoa Bay, has now been received.

The Pretoria government admits that a consignment of cannons is on its way from France.

It is the evident aim of the Boers to secure time until grass and water are plentiful.

New York, Sept. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The altered aspect of the Transvaal affair continues to be a mystery too deep to be probed by anybody outside of the chief secretary's room in the colonial office. President Kruger has suddenly changed his ground.

OUR NATIVE COPPER IN PARIS.

M. H. A. Daumont, who came to Atlin on behalf of French capitalists, leaves next Wednesday for Paris. He is taking with him numerous specimens of ores from this district, and is specially proud of a big piece of native copper, weighing over 100 pounds, coming out of claims which he has bonded. The claims in question are located at the head of the lake, some 20 miles south-east from here. This handsome piece of copper M. Daumont will place on exhibition at the big fair, and will result in advertising the district like no other means could do.

He has also secured a good hydraulic property and is very pleased with the prospects here.

If his people are satisfied with his acquisition, and he is satisfied they will be, capital will be forthcoming immediately for development work. Mr. H. Malain will represent M. Daumont's interests during the latter's absence.

NO TRUTH.

The following taken from the P.-I. of September 2nd, concerning the drowning of Mrs. H. J. Davies, near Ketchican, has no foundation, for Mrs. Davies — by the way a next door neighbor of the CLAIM—called at this office and stated that she did not look much like a person who had met a watery grave:

"P. F. Haubris, a conductor on the Yesler way car line, is well acquainted with Mrs. H. J. Davies, whose recent death by drowning, a short distance above Ketchican, was reported in yesterday's paper, and is now living in the Davies' house, which address, by the way, should have been given as 112 Thirtieth street. Mr. Haubris says that Mrs. Davies' maiden name was Petty. She was first married to a man named Nicholas, and after his death to Mr. Davies. She was well known in art circles, some of her work having been given prominent positions in local show windows. She has a brother, A. Petty, who was with her in the Atlin district before she went to join her husband at Ketchikan."

On August 14th some 50 employes of the Alaska Commercial Co., at St. Michael, stampeded to Cape Nome.

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The Pittsburg Bridge Company and Charles M. Peasley, superintendent, are held responsible by a coroner's jury for the death of eleven men who were killed in the collapse of the arches of the Coliseum building in the course of construction at Chicago. Gross carelessness and neglect are charged.

London, Sep. 6.—Rear Admiral Kane, well known in America as the captain of the Calliope, which in 1899 steamed out of Apia in the teeth of the terrific hurricane which destroyed the American squadron, has voluntarily retired from the navy.