

MAFIA IN CHICAGO.

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THE ALASKA SALMON FLEET.

Force Reduced for Canneries and Pay Increased—Better Fish Required. SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Great activity is manifest among the Alaska salmon cannery men. Twenty vessels, steamers, brigs and schooners, are fitting out at the wharves in this city for the season's catch, and nearly every day for the next two weeks will see one or more departures for the respective canneries in Alaska of the different craft. The following vessels comprise the fleet: Charles B. Kenney, H. M. Kimball, Vista, Corypheus, J. D. Peters, James A. Borah, Nicholas Thayer, the Fishings, Eddie F. Collier, Jennie Steiler, Elamora, W. W. Case, Electric, Bertha and Karuck. Each vessel will take about sixty Chinese and twenty whites to the canneries, as well as full cargoes of supplies of all kinds.

The Kodiak canneries have combined, and the company has closed this season five canneries that were running last year. This reduces the force of men employed from 500 to 400 for this season at Kodiak. Last year fishermen received, on the trip up and back, and \$12.50 per 1,000 salmon. This has been changed to \$20 for the trip and 10 cents for king salmon and 5 cents for small fish. The season extends over six months, and a man is able to clear from \$55 to \$80 a month net during the time if the season is any way good one. Canneries on Copper river, Cook's inlet, Apogac and Nushagak pay \$20 a month salary instead of \$30 for the time lost on the trip up and down, and the same percentage on fish as the other canneries.

A prosperous season is anticipated, but the experience gained last year has resulted in many canneries men concentrating their forces this year with the idea of more economically running their fishing canneries establishments. About 1,000 persons will be employed on work aside from Indians. The large increase in the pay of fishermen from \$12.50 per thousand of last year to 10 cents for king salmon and 5 cents for small fish, will insure a better quality of salmon packed, and the canning companies will make rather than loss by the new schedule worked under.

In past years every fish, large and small, that came into the fishermen's nets was made to count. The packing of large or king salmon in Alaska will do much toward raising the general standard of excellence of the pack there, and help to put it on a par with the Columbia river salmon pack.

MUTINY ON THE RANGER.

Crew on the Government Steamer Salk Because They Cannot Go Ashore.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—From a private letter sent from the steamer on the United States steamer Ranger, now at Corinto, Nicaragua, it seems that the crew are having rather hard times. The letter states that none of the crew have been ashore on liberty since last July, and at the time the letter was written the men were in a state of mutiny. The steamer was short of coal and several lighters were taken alongside to coal her. Instead of hoisting coal the crew went aft in a body and asked to see the captain. He, however, kept aloof, and seeing that they could not get an interview, they flatly refused to work. The men were asked simply to go to work, but all refused, and the captain had to get natives from shore to put the coal on board. The vessel was under orders to come home, but the order has been countermanded.

Southern Pacific Employees Cannot Agree.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—The *Picayune's* San Antonio, Tex., special says: The question of federation among the railroad organizations of the Southern Pacific road from New Orleans to Los Angeles hangs on the action of the lodges of the San Antonio and Houston divisions, and at a meeting yesterday for the purpose of deciding the matter no conclusion was reached. It is possible that harmony can be established, for the unity between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and brotherhood of locomotive firemen is so strong that they decline to federate. Chief Howard, of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, is here trying to catch up a peace. Another meeting will be called in a few weeks.

Newspaper Men Spoil a Ball Lake Church.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 22.—Almost a panic happened tonight in St. Paul's Episcopal church. Rector Lane was to preach to newspaper men, and the house was packed by the fraternity and their friends. The audience had just been seated when the floor gave way, resulting in almost a panic and the injury of a number of persons. None, however, were seriously hurt.

Cour d'Alene Reservation Still Closed.

SPOKANE FALLS, March 22.—The Indian farmer at the Cour d'Alene reservation, claiming to be acting under orders from the secretary of the interior, is ordering all intruders off the reservation. Many refuse to obey his orders. The reservation will not be thrown open until the president issues his proclamation.

Judge Heard, of Sacramento, Dead.

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—John Heard, first judge of the court of sessions in this county, died at his home here this morning. He was a native of Kentucky, and came here in 1849. From 1850 to 1886 he was engaged in mining in Mexico. He leaves a wife and four daughters. His age was 79 years. He was an able man of the old school of lawyers and highly esteemed.

Presbyterians Buying Up Vineyards.

MENCO, Cal., March 18.—A syndicate of farmers from Illinois have purchased the entire Deane colony, consisting of 300 twenty-acre tracts. The colony is located three miles west of this city and is adapted for the culture of figs, prunes and raisins. Every twenty-acre tract will be

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Beginning December 20, six different shipments have been landed up to date at Hamburg, aggregating 1,307 head. The shipments to Paris, thirteen in number, consisted of 1,500 head, and now have reached that head. At Antwerp the shipments began still further back, May 5. That port has received ten consignments, altogether 3,622 head. Great Britain is now the strongest toward the capture of the American cattle growers, led by Secretary Rusk.

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