

Francisco, and during three months on the route has developed a speed of six knots an hour.

The Humboldt is 255 feet long and has a freight capacity of 1,500 tons. She carries now 125 passengers, but if so loaded could take 60.

All the facts concerning the purchase of the steamship and the plans of the company received confirmation in a dispatch received here last night from Mayor Wood. The Humboldt is scheduled to sail from Seattle August 12, and passengers and freight will be transferred to steamer burgess, St. Michael, August 20, to arrive at Dawson City September 19.

Who Will Succeed Him? A vague air of mystery overhung the city hall yesterday. There was a tendency to conjecture in speculation corners, and in the air seemed to be the question: "Who will succeed W. D. Wood as mayor of Seattle?"

The city council, in whom is invested the power to appoint the successor, were not inclined to talk at length. The fact is, they had been taken wholly unprepared, and the startling news, published first in the Post-Intelligencer, that Mayor Wood intended to resign, surprised these officials more than anybody else.

There is one name which was naturally the first to suggest itself as the one most likely to receive the post of mayor. That is the name of Dr. James E. Crichton, president of the city council and acting mayor during the absence of the regular incumbent, while Dr. Crichton is now acting mayor and would unquestionably be acceptable to a majority of the city council as Wood's successor.

There are provisions in the charter which prohibit his permanent appointment until the expiration of his term as councilman, March 15, 1938. The same date which sees the expiration of Crichton's term as councilman, sees also the expiration of the mayor's term. The particular paragraph which prohibits Crichton's regular ascension of the municipal throne is the last part of section 11, article six, of the city charter. This is as follows:

"No person elected or appointed to any office in this city, who has accepted the said office and entered upon the duties thereof, shall, except by special provision in this charter or by general law of the state specifically provided, be eligible to any other office in the city during the term for which he was so elected or appointed."

It will be seen from this that the fact of an officer resigning from one position would not make him eligible to appointment in another capacity, as it is plainly set forth that not until his term expires shall an officer be eligible for appointment or election to any municipal office. Section 6 of article six, says: "If any elective office become vacant the city council shall, within twenty days thereafter, proceed to elect by ballot a person to fill the vacancy."

Section 11, article six, says: "The chief executive officer of the city shall be at least 35 years of age, a resident of the United States and of the state of Washington, and a qualified elector of the city of Seattle at the time of his election, and shall have been a citizen of the city for at least four years before the day of his election."

The city council will meet Monday night in regular session. Unless otherwise determined by the mayor's intention to resign shall have been received by that time, the city council will take no action on what has been transmitted so far. Mayor Wood's intention to resign has not yet taken documentary form, and according to a telegram received here yesterday he will not normally tender his resignation until he shall return to the city and confer with officials. In that event it is probable that he will simplify matters by recommending a successor.

VERY MUCH IN EARNST. Seattle Citizens Meet to Act Concerning the Hold-Up Customs Game of the Canucks.

The people of Seattle are very much interested in taking some steps to retaliate on the Canadian government for its collection of customs duties on the outfits of American miners going to the Clon- dyke.

This was evidenced by the gathering of business and professional men which yesterday morning discussed the matter in the Chamber of Commerce. After much argument the drafting of some plan which would be effective, and at the same time liable to adoption by the government, was left to a committee made up of John B. Allen, J. B. MacDougall, C. J. Smith, G. W. Fischer and J. T. Ronald. The committee will report at a meeting to be held Monday night.

It was natural, he said, that miners should buy where they could most cheaply, unless something were done at once the growing Alaska business of Seattle would melt like snow before a hot sun.

The resolution met the approval of those present, but counsel for delay prevailed. Ex-Senator Allen and J. T. Ronald urged that in such an important matter time should be given for deliberation. The former spoke at some length of his experience at Victoria, where he paid \$50 duty on the outfits of his son and John Wing, who went to Alaska on the steamer Islander.

Samuel Ramsey introduced a strongly worded resolution, calling upon the Canadian government to allow the same privileges to American miners which the United States allowed to miners of all nations in the days of placer mining in California. The resolution was not concurred in by those present, as it was realized that any appeal save to the United States government would be fruitless. Other speakers were J. B. MacDougall, C. J. Smith, J. W. McGilvra, John Leahy, J. B. Powles, F. S. Elyvester and T. H. Cann, sr.

SOME PLAIN POINTS.

J. O. Westwood's Lecture on the Gold Fields—A Practical Talk.

Probably nowhere else in the United States could such a lecture have been heard as that delivered at the Seattle theater, where the company of amateurs that had been performing "The Blue and the Gray" courteously gave way to J. O. Westwood for a lecture on Alaska and the Yukon, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the same purpose as that for which the company had been playing, viz., for the benefit of Companies B, D and E, N. G. W., and Wagner's First Regiment, based in the most practical of all.

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The Alliance will be in command of Capt. E. N. Harnick, formerly on the Sound. The plot has not yet been engaged.

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cause most of the mining is done during the winter season. He emphasized the necessity of establishing an assay office here in Seattle. In counseling venturers into the new fields, he said that the means are being taken to make the shipping to which they are subjected, and graphically described the desolate and lonesome graves with which the Yukon is dotted.

THE NATURAL GATEWAY.

San Francisco Shipping Men Come to Seattle to Start an Alaska Line.

General recognition of Seattle's importance as the outfitting point for Alaska mines has led to the establishment here during the last few weeks of headquarters for many important enterprises. Not the least among these is the coming to this city of Gray & Mitchell, the well-known shipping firm of San Francisco, which has been operating several vessels on the Pacific coast. They intend to establish a permanent line of steamers between this port, Dyea and way ports in Alaska. They will put on the run, either this fall or next spring, the steamship Alliance, now running between San Francisco and Portland.

The Alliance is a new vessel, having made her first trip December 15, 1935. She is a twelve-knot boat, 115 feet long, 35 feet beam and 14 feet deep, with capacity for 500 tons of freight and 250 passengers. She is fitted throughout with electric lights.

W. A. Mitchell, partner in the firm of Gray & Mitchell, arrived yesterday at the Butler hotel. "If we could get an advantageous offer for a charter," he said last night, "it would be accepted. Otherwise, we shall open an office here and operate the boat ourselves. There seems to be plenty of room on the route. Seattle is very much alive just now, though it is less so than the excitement is higher in San Francisco than here. There is hard-

ly a boat to be chartered or bought there at any but very high prices. Any new lines running to Dyea will probably make the headwaters of the Yukon, which is recognized as the natural gateway of Alaska."

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It was funny to note the mode, manner and tone of sleeping men, one lying with his head over the edge of the bunk, another with his legs hanging out. It gave me a pain to think of the pins and needles he would have on awakening. Men were rolled up like balls in the corners; men on the floor in the form of crosses, as though spending a night before an altar in prayer for the success of their undertaking; men on their faces and men on their backs, with every third man emitting a distinctly new style of snore. The respirations would start at the bow of the ship and chase themselves up and down the tiers of bunks and zig-zag across the floor. Some of the noises were funny and some were ghastly, but the "tour" was considerably in value within the past three years of hard times and depression.

A PROMINENT PARTY.

Going North on the Willamette to Search for Gold. Among those who go north on the Willamette next week are several men who who seek to repair the fortunes, formerly possessed, but which have shrunk considerably in value within the past three years of hard times and depression.

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dyke about the middle of September. He will watch the winter and early spring work, and is expected to send material for a special report, which, it is hoped, will be published about March.

LAND LAWS OF ALASKA.

Official Statement of Those Which Are Applicable in the Territory. WASHINGTON, July 30.—The misunderstanding and contentions regarding the laws that are applicable to Alaska, so far as lands and claims are concerned, were set at rest today by a statement by Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office. Many inquiries on this question have come to the interior department, and numerous applications have been made for copies of the public land laws, which, however, do not apply to Alaska. All this is due to the gold boom. The general land office has taken much interest in the reports that come from the gold belt and has investigated the laws that govern them. Mr. Hermann says there is no longer any question about which laws extend to Alaska, and that these laws are applicable:

First—The mineral land laws of the United States. Second—Township laws, which provide for the incorporation of townships and acquisition of title thereto from the United States government to the townsite trustees. Third—The laws providing for trade and manufactures, giving each qualified person 160 acres of land in a square and compact form. Fourth—The laws providing for the jurisdiction of neither coal laws nor public land laws extends to Alaska, the territory being expressly excluded by law themselves from their operation. The act approved May 17, 1884, providing for the civil government of Alaska has this language as to mines and mining privileges:

"The laws of the United States relating to mining claims and rights incidental thereto shall, on and after the passage of this act, be in full force and effect in said district of Alaska, subject to such regulations as may be made by the secretary of the interior and approved by the president, and parties who have located mines or mining claims in said district, but shall be allowed to perfect title by payments provided for."

There is still more general authority without the special authority. The act of July 4, 1898, says: "All valuable mineral deposits in lands belonging to the United States, both surveyed and unsurveyed, are hereby declared to be free and open to exploration and purchase, and lands in which they are found to occupation and purchase by citizens of the United States and by those who have declared an intention to become such, under the rules prescribed by law and according to local customs or rules of mines in the several mining districts, so far as the same are applicable and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States."

OFF TO THE CLONDYKE.

Many Citizens From All Directions Selected Will the Fever. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. COOSTA, July 30.—The Clon- dyke fever is raging in this harbor and business in all quarters is permeated by the craze. Three persons left Westport yesterday including Dr. Oeburn, J. Dellis, an old miner from Ocoosa, and several from Montezuma have gone. Dr. French will also go. Three miners who left Ocoosa last spring for Cook inlet, are sending samples of dust by express to their families.

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Every item in our stock, from a hairpin to a silk dress, from a roll of batting to a lace curtain, from a pair of hose to a lace collarette, from an infant's cap to a lady's outing suit, At Bargain Prices.

Allseasonable and desirable goods—no cheap, shoddy or trashy merchandise whatever. NOTE—We beg to notify our patrons and the public that, owing to the rapid sale of Summer Goods, we are compelled to terminate our Midsummer Clearance Sale.

On Saturday, August 14th, instead of August 21st, as first announced. REMEMBER, just two weeks more of this, the most thorough Clearance Sale of Dry Goods ever held in Seattle.

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