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Arrive in Seattle on Steamship Topeka—Tell Harrowing Tales of Disasters That Have Befallen the Klondike Diggers.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 11.—The steamer Topeka, which arrived here last evening, reports that the steamer Mexico on August 5, while going into Dixon entrance from Silda, struck West Devil's Rock.

After two hours the steamer sank in 500 feet of water, stern first. The captain exhibited great coolness, and with the officers, did everything that was possible. The passengers and crew were saved with their luggage in small boats. After rowing all night they arrived at Metlakatla. The time she struck is believed to be 4 in the morning. The ship is a total loss. The passengers and crew had their luggage and clothing saved. The boats were lowered without a hitch, splendid discipline being maintained.

After the passengers were safely off the crew turned their attention to the band baggage which the passengers had in their boats. The boats were lowered without a hitch, splendid discipline being maintained.

They had barely got away from her when she made a final plunge and went down stern first. She struck on the starboard side, and a large hole was torn in her side. A short time before she was sent to the engine room to send her under full steam ahead, and consequently she went right through the rocks.

Had she been an iron vessel very few would have lived to tell the story of the disaster. She would have gone down like a rock.

At New Metlakatla they had to spend several days awaiting the arrival of the Topeka, news of the wreck having been sent north to her by the steamer Albatross. The passengers and crew had their luggage and clothing saved. The boats were lowered without a hitch, splendid discipline being maintained.

Their specimens and notes were taken down with the steamer. When she sailed from Seattle she had 275 tons of freight, consisting of the outfit of the intending miners, and carried in addition thereto sixty-eight horses and one burro, which were used in packing these outfits.

The Topeka was swayed and ran by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and was well known on the Sound. She was built in San Francisco in 1892. Her gross tonnage was 1,797; net, 1,340. She was 275 feet long, 36 feet beam, and had a nominal horse-power of 1,500.

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At Silda Lake, the metropolis of the Klondike, the greatest mass of people was seen about Alaska, and thousands will start without being able to get through to the Yukon. Rain has washed away the rails and blocked the passes of the mountains. The lakes have been swollen to such an extent that the roads have been rendered so dangerous that it has been found impossible to push forward. Five thousand Klondike treasure seekers are stuck, helplessly stuck, between Skagway and Lake Tagish. These will be compelled to remain here until next spring for more.

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CYCLE MAKERS TAKE ACTION.

Express Alarm at the Demands of the Amalgamated Engineers.

London, Aug. 11.—At a meeting of the Cycle Manufacturers' Protective Association in Coventry today a resolution was adopted expressing alarm at the engineers, a large number of whom are either on strike or locked out, demanding that forty-eight hours should constitute a week's work, while the men employed in the same branches in the United States worked sixty hours, and those on the continent nearly seventy hours per week.

OPPOSE THE MERIT SYSTEM

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Trip to Lake Placid of the President and Party.

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A MESSAGE

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OF HOPE

Major Moore's Recommendations to the Commissioners.

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