

PEACE ENVOYS TO QUIT TOMORROW

A NEW INDUSTRY FOR THE LIVELY TOWN OF PETERSBURG

PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—Petersburg has another new industry—the Petersburg Machine & Iron Works. The concern, with shops here, will make a specialty of manufacturing and repairing gasoline engines. An engine of the company's own make is called the "Traveler," and is especially adapted for small trawling boats, used for salmon. These engines are four horse power. The company also does all kinds of machine work.

C. H. Barkdull, the fox-man of Saukhol island, near this town, has been a visitor here for a few days. Mr. Barkdull after making a fortune by fox ranching has leased his place to Jack Mitchell, who is now in charge. Mr. Barkdull has gone to California where he has property interests.

Oscar Nicolson's new moving picture show in the Sons of Norway hall has proved a great success. The pictures are of a high class, and show excellently on the curtain. Upwards of 250 people attended each night. The show will be given twice a week.

Another new street is being opened

Crisis Is Reached

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The peace plenipotentiaries have been in session for more than two weeks and nothing tangible seems to have been accomplished.

Friction resulted from the very start over the demands of both sides, which each promptly rejected.

According to reports a crisis has been reached which may result in the abrupt termination of the conference. Dr. Danoff, of the Balkan delegation, despite the black outlook, expresses the optimistic belief that the conference will succeed in its object, but this view is not generally held in diplomatic circles.

The latest development in the situation is the statement of the Balkan delegates today that the crisis will be reached tomorrow, when a pronouncement in the nature of an ultimatum is presented to the Turkish plenipotentiaries.

Gathering Military Stores at El Paso

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Heavy quantities of military stores are being assembled here by the government, it is said, and it is alleged that the United States is getting ready to take a hand in the Mexican muddle, which seems to be daily growing worse.

At any rate it is asserted that the government is making preparations for immediate action should intervention be deemed necessary.

The strong note that was recently prepared by the government of United States will be formally presented to the Mexican government, within a few days, by Ambassador Henry L. Wilson, and upon the attitude taken by Mexico the policy to be adopted by the American government towards Mexico, will be determined.

FIRE DESTROYS THE FISH HOME IN VALDEZ

VALDEZ, Dec. 31.—The residence of James Fish was burned to the ground this morning.

The family escaped in their night clothes. The thermometer registered below zero and a heavy wind was blowing. The loss is \$7,500, with \$2,000 insurance.

The fire department succeeded in saving the building adjoining, occupied by the Thilikum Club.

TURKS WIN VICTORY FROM GREEK FORCES

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Dispatches via Vienna, reported the defeat of the Greeks, and it is stated that as a result the siege of Janina has been raised.

A dispatch to the Times from Belgrade, Serbia, says that the Serbian minister of war has received a telegram stating that South Albanians before the Serbian.

GAME LAWS ARE FAULTY

In his annual report on the Alaska game law and its administration, Governor Clark makes a strong plea to have the power given to the local legislature to amend existing laws and regulations and to frame new measures that may become expedient from time to time.

The report shows that the fierce brown bear protected by the game law is growing so numerically strong in certain localities, especially on Kodiak island that he has become a pestilence attacking the offspring of moose, one of the most valuable food animals. It is also stated that this monster has become a nuisance to human beings.

TALKING ABOUT CLUB BANQUET

The interest being manifested in the Commercial Club banquet, which occurs two weeks from tomorrow, is constantly on the increase. Everyday one hears favorable comment on the meeting which is to arouse a new vigor and life in this community.

Yesterday W. E. Britt, who in speaking of the coming event said: "The banquet, and the work of the Commercial Club is in my estimation a healthy sign. A sign that Juneau realizes the fact that she is going to become a busy, populous, and prosperous city; and that her citizens are willing to work for an harmonious future."

"Years ago it used to be common talk all over Alaska that Juneau business men were not united for the good of the community but engaged in an individual scramble for the dollar and that the town was a hot bed of business disorder, petty jealousies, cliques, clans and law suits. It is ever were true we can say that it is now a thing of the past."

"The solid foundation and wise management of the new mining companies; the influx of new people and new money, are broadening the views. Everybody is busy and prosperous—satisfied to live and let live."

"It is the proper time for the Commercial Club to come in and ask for harmonious work to help shape this fast growing place into a model town for homes; for commerce and for industries."

LEGAL FIGHT OVER SHEEP CREEK POWER

A very intricate problem is involved in the suit filed yesterday afternoon by the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company against the Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Company and associate companies.

The point involved arises over the delivery of power from the Sheep Creek power station of defendants, according to contract with plaintiff in the case.

The complaint sets forth that the defendant company since Christmas Eve has failed to furnish the given amount of power guaranteed by the contract, or enough to start the machinery which consumes the power.

It is alleged that a contrivance known as an automatic circuit breaker, has been introduced by the defendant companies, which does not withstand the momentary surge which results at the starting of machinery that consumes less than the given amount of power guaranteed by the contract. When the connection is broken, defendants refuse to allow their servants on the premises of the power station to renew such connections; compelling the information to the sent to the office in Treadwell whereupon a man would be sent across the channel in a small boat to renew the connection.

The defendants set up the answer that they are delivering the current as per contract and that the momentary surge requiring power in excess of the contract should not be required of them; that the breaking of the current is caused by overload by the plaintiff's machinery.

The plaintiff asked that a restraining order and injunction pendente lite, be issued restraining the defendants from maintaining the automatic circuit breaker or in any way disconnecting a circuit of less than 300 horse power.

The order to show cause came on for a hearing last night before Judge Overfield. Three hours were consumed by the introduction of expert testimony by Chief Engineer Wallenberg, E. A. Zacheau and R. A. Kinzie. By stipulation and without prejudice the matter was continued for two weeks on the agreement of the defendants to turn over sufficient power today to start the machinery of plaintiff.

The point involved is whether or not the plaintiffs are entitled to the momentary surge necessary to start machinery that will consume less than the given amount of power to be delivered according to contract. Shackelford and Bayless conducted the case for plaintiff and Simon Hellenenthal appeared for the defendant.

Frank Doverspike and E. S. Bruner this morning returned from the lower end of Douglas island.

Some of Defendants Guilty of Murder

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—In passing sentences yesterday upon the men convicted in the federal court in the dynamite conspiracy cases, Judge A. B. Anderson, said:

"The evidence in this case shows that some of the defendants are guilty of murder, and there is sufficient evidence besides to convince any impartial judge that government by injunction is infinitely to be preferred to government by dynamite."

The defendants betrayed no emotion when sentence was passed upon them. The court room and corridors were filled with interested spectators.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—A special train with thirty-three of the convicted dynamiters left here for the Leavenworth, Kansas, federal prison today.

LEWIS CONSULTS WITH WILSON

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—Col. Jas. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, was in conference here yesterday with President-elect Wilson.

Governor Wilson discussed with the Illinois man the Senatorial situation in that state. Lewis stated that there was a chance for the election of two Democratic Senators. Lewis was endorsed for Senator to succeed Senator Cullom, in the Democratic primaries last summer.

The unseating of Senator Lorimer caused the second vacancy. The Illinois legislature will elect the Senators in pretty evenly divided between Republicans, Progressives and Democrats, none of the parties having a majority on joint ballot.

IS MENTIONED FOR CABINET

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A Washington dispatch to the Tribune says that President-elect Wilson may appoint Colonel George W. Goethals, secretary of war, in his cabinet.

Colonel Goethals is head of the isthmian canal commission, and President Taft has announced that he would appoint Goethals governor of the Canal Zone.

Besides being a distinguished engineer, Col. Goethals has had large experience as a military man. He is a graduate of the West Point military academy.

WILSON CONFERS WITH LEADERS

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson today began a series of conferences with Democratic leaders of both the Senate and the House. He will confer with Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee tomorrow.

MISS INGERSOLL WEDS OHIO MAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Miss Maude Ingersoll, daughter of the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, known years ago as "the great agnostic," was married here yesterday to Wallace McLean, of Probasco, Ohio.

HERR WAECHTER DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Herr von Kiderlin Waechter, German minister of foreign affairs, is dead at Stuttgart, where he had been taking the baths.

W. A. IRWIN RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

W. A. Irwin, the well known mining man, who is interested in Montana basin, returned on the Curacao after a few weeks in California.

Mr. Irwin reports things as looking up on the coast. San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and other California towns are prosperous. Portland and Seattle are also on the up-grade and getting in a more healthy condition.

THE INCOMING LIST OF THE CURACAO

The Curacao last night brought mail and the following passengers: John B. Denny, R. A. Geary, John Johnson, L. E. Whelper, S. B. Agnew, K. Sarin, D. T. Denny, W. A. Irwin and Mrs. E. L. McGill; Miss Aneta Detman, for Douglas.

GRAND JURY BRINGS IN TWO INDICTMENTS

The grand jury this morning brought in two indictments, one of which is secret. The other is against Mary Boyle, charging "giving liquor to Indians."

SPECIAL SALE ON ALL CURIOS UNTIL JANUARY FIRST, AT W. H. CASE.

TO PROBE POLICE GRAFTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A grand jury has been called to probe the reported grafting by the police.

WILL PERFECT APPEAL ON MINING CONTEST

J. B. Denny, who is entitled to rank as a Juneau pioneer, returned from Seattle last night. Mr. Denny is here to perfect the appeal to the general land office in the case of the Cincinnati Alaska Mining Company.

Mr. Denny also announces that he will begin the erection of a mill within a short time on his Sheep Creek property.

John Wallace who has been doing the assessment work on claims of the Cincinnati group leaves on the Mariposa for Seattle tonight.

MOOSE MASQUERADE TONIGHT AT ELKS' HALL

The L. O. O. M. masquerade ball will call forth a large crowd of pleasure seekers tonight and every attention has been given to the details which tend to make such affairs a success in every particular. That there can be no confusion it has been arranged to sell tickets at the door to those who have not already provided themselves in this respect.

GOV. TO RECEIVE IN THE NEW HOUSE

Several important articles of house furnishings for the new residence of the Governor, which were supposed to have been shipped on the Curacao, failed to arrive today. It has been decided, however, to hold the New Year reception in the new house, notwithstanding the lack of complete furniture in apartments on the first floor.

Diamonds, always a wise investment, are unusually so at this time. Ours are imported under auspices so favorable as to enable us to offer you better values than we believe you'll obtain elsewhere.

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SEAL SHIPT OYSTERS—Fresh at the local agency—CHAS. GOLDSTEIN

Job Printing at The Empire Office.

ALASKA-JUNEAU'S RICH ORE BODY

Twelve feet of quartz, showing free gold in abundance was encountered in the main tunnel of the Alaska Juneau property yesterday, according to well authenticated reports reaching town.

It has been known for a long time that this property had a very extensive ore body carrying immense values in certain places. Rich quartz veins cut through the graphic slate formation at intervals from the time it is encountered. This vein last reported, occurs at a point about 250 feet in from the contact with the greenstone.

The main tunnel has penetrated under the mountain about 4,500 feet at the present time and there is about 1,500 feet more to be bored before the shaft from the present mine can be tapped.

This property, commonly known as the "Little Treadwell," is known to carry great values and that the ore body is proving to be very extensive is good news for Juneau for the rock is all to be milled right in town.

Night and day crews are working with all speed to finish up the remaining work on the railroad and fume beds leading from the mines to the mill site near the City dock. Mr. Bradley has promised the people of Juneau to have the mill in operation next summer and there is every evidence that it will be done.

ROBBERY CASE NEARING END

The defense finished their testimony in the robbery case this morning and this afternoon will probably finish the trial, the jury will probably return a verdict late in the afternoon or early in the evening.

The principal point brought up by the defense was furnished by the testimony of Captain William Brook and First Sergeant S. S. Smith to the effect that the latter received a letter from Patrick Young after his incarceration in the federal jail in Juneau. In this letter Young made the statement that he alone was guilty of the robbery of William Kanoff.

In addition to this evidence, the three defendants, Paris, Parrent and Collender, were on the stand in their own behalf telling stories that were in the main contradictory of the evidence of Young, who pleads guilty and testified for the government.

Sequent Harding, and private Elder, Stewart, Calhoun, Smith and Pleibusch also furnished evidence to refute the statements of Young.

RAILROAD FOR PORTLAND CITY

An application has been filed with the local land office for a railroad right of way from Portland City up the Salmon river a distance of 11 miles of the international boundary line.

The officers of the concern are J. C. Veitch, president; A. A. Miller, vice president; C. R. Jackson, secretary. The president is also treasurer. The offices of the company are in Tacoma.

The proposed road will tap the rich mineral section on the British Columbia side of the international line. This Salmon river mineral section is all tributary to Portland city and all of the ores must come out that way.

A few days ago Mr. Doverspike, an old time Alaskan, who has become interested in that section, made very favorable comments on the mineral resources of Portland canal and said at the time that Portland city on the American side would be the place of ingress and egress to much of the mining district on the Canadian side. The proposed railroad corroborates the statements made to The Empire by Mr. Doverspike.

The first poinsettias ever shipped to Alaska are on display in the show window of the WINTER & POND Store.

HUMMING BIRDS SEIZED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The largest seizure of plumage made since the millinery law went into effect eighteen months ago was made yesterday by representatives of the State Conservation Commission and the National Association of Audubon Societies in A. Hirsch & Co.'s factory, No. 20 East Thirty-first street.

Members of the Audubon Society discovered recently that a department store had sold a woman seven humming birds. B. L. Bowditch, chief clerk of the societies, traced the birds to Hirsch & Co. The store paid a fine of \$60.

Accompanied by Warden Edgar Hicks, of the State Conservation Commission, Bowditch went to Hirsch & Co.'s factory and there discovered great quantities of plumage. The raid followed. They seized 800 humming birds and the plumage of many gulls, herons, grebes and swifits all ready for women's hats and worth a large sum of money.

T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary of the Audubon Society, said last evening: "The millinery law gave the tradespeople more than a year in which to dispose of stock and since eighteen months have elapsed we can see no reason why further leniency should be shown."

"There is an abundance of material that can be used for hat trimming to which there is no legal objection, and manufacturers and stores will find it to their advantage to adhere strictly to the law."

"We predict that the coming year will develop a wonderful change. The death knell has been sounded for the wearing of aigrettes and other objectionable plumage."

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

Daniel Douglas, of Douglas, was operated upon yesterday by Dr. De Vigne. The patient is getting along nicely.

Mr. Riley, operated on some time ago by Dr. Egginton, was discharged from the hospital this morning.

To Juneau patrons: I wish to announce that I am prepared to give prompt and efficient service in delivering, coal hauling, freight, baggage, etc.

HILARY MCKANNA TRANSFER
Phone Order 6-7 or 55

SEVEN COURSE DINNER AT COMMERCIAL CAFE

The management of the Commercial Cafe will serve a special seven course dinner, including turkey, on New Year's Day beginning at 12 o'clock.

The table d'hotel dinners given on Christmas Day and last Sunday have demonstrated that they are very popular, in fact the management could not accommodate more than one-half of those wishing to dine in the evening. The management is now prepared to give quicker service, but requests that reservations be made early for private tables and boxes. Phone 381.

NEWS NOTES FROM LOCAL LAND OFFICE

A patent has been issued to Alton W. Tibbit, of Valdez, for the Moon, North Star, Evening Star and Sun lodge claims.

The local land office has been advised that the coal location of Julius Kunzel in the Matanuska coal fields and the coal location of E. J. Brooks on Admiralty Island were rejected for failure to apply for patent within the time specified by law.

BLAKELY GETS PATENT TO PROPERTY

Certificates for patent were yesterday issued to the Penn-Alaska Mining Co., for a group of ten lode claims and to the Alaska-Rubicon Gold Mining Company for two lode claims. All of which are located at or near Taku inlet. Jesse Blakely is the head of both concerns.

Mr. Blakely recently announced that the old mill at Windom bay was to be set up on this property in the early spring and that a systematic plan of development will be inaugurated on all of the properties of which he is the controlling factor. J. W. Dudley is in charge of the work in hand.

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CHILL CONCERN SERVED EVERY NIGHT AT LOCKIE MCKINNON'S, ON SECOND AVENUE.

SUPPER THIS EVENING

The Commercial Cafe will serve a supper this evening after the Moose masquerade ball.

Notice.

The CHAS. GOLDSTEIN STORE will remain open until 9 p. m. tonight and will be closed all day tomorrow.

A complete line of tobacco jars and pipe racks at BURFORDS.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms, with bath. Inquire Osborne House, 48 Franklin street.

The Japan current has caused a 20% discount on all Ladies FURS until January 1st, at W. H. CASE.

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