

# MUCH GOLD IS COMING

Alaska Has Already Produced  
\$150,000,000

Since the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 by the United States, that district has produced a total of about \$150,000,000 in gold, according to the estimates of Gov. John G. Brady and J. G. Davies, the Alaska commissioner in charge of the mineral exhibit to the St. Louis Exposition. Gov. Brady is en-route to the exposition. He says one of the chief features of the Alaska exhibit will be an imitation gold pyramid representing \$22,000,000 of gold, the output of a single low grade quartz mine—the Treadwell, in the past 21 years.

The United States paid Russia \$7,200,000 for Alaska in 1867. The transaction was characterized as Seward's purchase of an ice box for \$7,200,000. Consequently, accompanying the \$22,000,000 pyramid will be a gold leaf-covered ice box, purporting to be worth \$7,200,000, or less than one third of the output of the Treadwell.

Three years ago Mr. Davies compiled figures showing the total output of the entire district from the date of the purchase up to that time to be \$123,000,000, and he and Gov. Brady estimate that the treasure yield since then will swell the total value to between \$140,000,000 and \$150,000,000.

## INLAND WEATHER

The condition of the weather in the interior today, as indicated by the dispatches received at the Skagway offices of the W. P. & Y. R., is as follows:

- Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 33 above.
- Yukon Crossing—Cloudy, calm, 38 above.
- Selkirk—Cloudy, calm, 36 above.
- Hootalinqua—Cloudy, calm, 40 above.
- Lower La Barge—Cloudy, south wind 34 above.
- Atlin—Cloudy, calm, 34 above.
- Dawson—Cloudy, calm, 36 above.
- Fortymile—Cloudy, calm, 40 above.
- Glaeser—Cloudy, calm, 38 above.
- White Pass—Cloudy, calm, 33 above.
- Fraser—Clear, calm, 40 above.
- Log Cabin—Cloudy, calm, 32 above.
- Bennett—Cloudy, calm, 36 above.
- Pennington—Cloudy, south wind, 35 above.
- Caribou—Cloudy, calm, 34 above.
- Cowley—Cloudy, calm, 38 above.
- Whitehorse—Cloudy, south wind, 40 above.

## Wanted H m Free

S. J. Tarkinson, the man charged with having assaulted Otto Haering with a gun, stated to the court that he desired no attorney. Tears came to the eyes of some people in the audience when the poor man ventured to trial on so grave a charge without anyone to plead his cause, but subsequent events showed that he knew exactly what he was doing, for Edmond Burke himself never made a more eloquent appeal for a criminal at the bar than did Assistant District Attorney Barnhill for S. J. Tarkinson.—Juneau Record-Miner.

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A new line of wall paper just received on steamer Farallon by E. R. Peoples.

## Wilson Foster Soon To Be In Skagway

Wilson Foster, the Dawson quartz mine owner and boomer, is at Whitehorse and will arrive at Skagway in a few days on his way to the world's fair, at St. Louis, to advertise this north country by publishing a weekly illustrated paper, and exhibiting a large and extensive collection of placer gold and mineral samples from different northern communities.

Mr. Foster will remain in Skagway a few days, and will endeavor to interest the people of this city in his project.

## Ruby Will Be Good

George Scott reached Whitehorse Tuesday, four days from Ruby creek, coming in with one of Brooks' teams. When Scott left Ruby, Skookum Jim, on 9 above, had a shaft down 40 feet. He had gone through the muck and had reached wash gravel which showed good pay and the shaft was supposed to be within a few feet of bedrock.—Whitehorse Star.

## Valencia Arrives and Departs

The Pacific Coast liner Valencia arrived at 5 o'clock last evening with 100 tons of Wellington coal for the Pacific Coast Company. She sailed this morning at 4 o'clock for Sitka via Killisnoo, at which place she will discharge brick and lumber.

The Valencia had 1100 tons of coal when she sailed from Ladysmith.

## Pacific Coast Party to Whitehorse

The Pacific Coast Steamship official party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pharo and Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Connor, accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Rogers and little Florence Rogers, went to Whitehorse today.

The party occupied the general manager's private car. They will return from Whitehorse tomorrow.

## Bob Wright Leaves for Hoonah

Bob Wright, the Dyea pioneer, who has been suffering with consumption for a long time at Bishop Rowe hospital, left on the Georgia this morning for Hoonah hot springs in care of Jack McLaughlin.

## The Epicurean Badger

The badger is a great epicure in eggs, and much of the hostility of gamekeepers to this animal lies undoubtedly in the fact that it will, when it gets the chance, devour a whole nest of partridge or pheasant eggs. Badgers are said also to be fond of honey, and, knowing the extraordinary craving of their South African cousin, the ratel, for this delicacy, I should say it is not improbable that they may occasionally partake of it. It is certain that these animals have a particular liking for the nest and larvae of wasps and wild bees, digging down with strong feet and infinite perseverance till they attain their object. These animals are said by keepers to kill and devour freely young rabbits. That they do partake of this fare at times is, I think, certain, but that they destroy any very considerable number is more than doubtful. Still, the badger is carnivorous in his tastes and is not, even by his kindest friends, to be absolved from devouring at times tender rabbits and even the young of game birds when he can get hold of them.—Longman's.

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## STORY OF A CRITICISM

(Original.)

"Great Scott! Who would have thought it? Helen Young an author! Well, I am in a pickle!"

So spoke Leslie Reid, tossing a note on his desk and leaning back disconsolately in his revolving chair. This was the letter:

My Dear Mr. Reid—You will be surprised to learn that I am the author of the story "The Veil Lifted," which you have dismissed with such a contemptuous notice in your paper. Wishing to get your unbiased opinion of my work, I said nothing to you about it, confident that your ignorance of the name under which it is published would insure an honest criticism. For be it from me to find fault with you for that criticism. We who lay traps to learn the truth as to what our friends say of us and our works must not grumble at our success. Sincerely,  
HELEN YOUNG.

"One who knows nothing about the inconsistencies of the sex," mused Reid, "would suppose this merely a woman's thanks for an ingenuous criticism. I know better. No woman is going to spend months or perhaps years on a cherished labor and have it knocked in the head with impunity, and if I know Helen Young this is the feather that breaks the camel's back. I have had uphill work against Bartlett anyway, and this episode will tip the scale in his favor."

Reid was right in his interpretation of the letter he had received. In proportion to her predisposition to him and her respect for his literary opinion was her wrath at his criticism. She deceived herself by the illusion that after all she preferred his rival and did not admit to herself that she would have a delicious revenge upon Reid when she permitted Bartlett to announce his engagement with her. This permission, given in an equivocal way, was taken advantage of immediately, and the announcement came to Reid's ears.

"They say," Reid muttered, "O that mine enemy would write a book! Better write the book yourself and have your enemy criticize it!"

This sudden engagement so soon after the fatal criticism somewhat altered Mr. Reid's opinion of the best way to handle the matter. He had some doubts as to the engagement being bona fide, and it led him to act upon the adage, "All's fair in love and in war." He did not follow up his note to Miss Young by calling upon her and did not see her for several weeks. He then met her at the house of a friend. He bowed to her, assuming indifference. She smiled upon him—well, one cannot say graciously. Her smile was rather one of triumph.

"Oh, Mr. Reid," she said, "I'm so glad to meet you! Come, let us have a talk." And she led him away from the others. "Now, I want you to tell me why my book was so bad."

"I criticized your book," he replied, with dignity, "not you. I have no fault to find with you. Let us turn to a more pleasant subject."

"Not at all. I am entitled as an old friend to the benefit of your counsel and advice. They will aid me in my future work."

"Very well. Since you insist upon it I must say that your style is faulty and gives the impression that the work was done under different moods."

There was a man in the girl's eye, a mounting of color to her cheek. "Then you handled your love parts badly and disappointed your readers by making your hero marry a popinjay when the rival was, though common-place, a fairly good fellow."

"Thank you," said Miss Young, biting her lips. "Your man Mackinson?" "Mackinson! Who's Mackinson? What are you talking about?" "Your hero. You have made his feats as impossible as himself. Then your Lucy Tanglewood's career is as tangled as her name. So far as"—

"Will you please tell me who all these people are? I never heard of them."

"Your characters. As I was saying—"

"Will you stop? My characters are not Mackinson and Lucy Tanglewood or any such people."

"Are not they the characters of 'The Veil Lifted'?"

"They are not." "Then," said Reid, "I must have been laboring under a mistake and got your book mixed with another. You see, we have so many to read that it often leads to serious mistakes. Mention some incident, some name, in your story by which I may recognize it."

"The hero's name is Adair, the heroine's—"

"Claudia Grammont! Do you mean to tell me you wrote that book? The style is perfect, the plot remarkable. In parts there is evidence of positive genius."

"Miss Young's eyes were lighted. Her cheeks were glowing with a different motive from that of a moment ago. She was quite sure she had not made a mistake, after all, and that Reid was her choice. The meeting was interrupted by the hostess, and the two separated without further explanations, which were not necessary. Miss Young sent for Mr. Bartlett and rated him soundly for his premature announcement, and a few evenings later she accepted her critic, whom she admired all the more for his independence.

A dozen years had passed (Mrs. Reid was kept too busy with her five children to think of dabbling in literature) before her husband confessed that he had deliberately pretended to mix her novel with another. To his confession she replied cheerfully:

"I certainly proved a better author than you a critic."

Reid winced. "The Veil Lifted" was one of the most successful books of its time.  
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