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Round Trip Tickets Will Be Issued at SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARES Good going Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24th, and 25th, valid for return until Monday, Dec. 27th, 1915. Also going Friday Dec. 31st, 1915 and Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1916, is valid for return until Monday Jan. 3rd, 1916.

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Going Wednesday Dec. 22nd, to Saturday, Dec. 25th, valid for return until Tuesday Dec. 28th, 1915. Also going Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1915, to Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1916, valid for return until Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1916.

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THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1915.

**KLONDIKE GOLD GROWING SCARCE.**  
Only \$20,000,000 Worth of Mineral Remains to Be Produced.

In a recent publication of the Smithsonian Institution H. M. Cadell reports his studies and investigations of the Klondike and Yukon gold field, including an interesting review of the early history of the district as well as a prophecy as to its future development.

The name Klondike was once in every mouth, and late in the nineteenth century it nearly became a synonym for all that was rich and prosperous. But of late it has not been so common, its early bloom having faded away. The sensational pockets of fine placer gold, which attracted hordes of hardy adventurers from every quarter, are now nearly depleted, and no new ones have been discovered to maintain its earlier reputation. But while this part of the Yukon district can no longer be called a poor man's gold field, it still contains a considerable quantity of alluvial gold which can be secured by the application of capital and brains. It remains a region well worth visiting, for besides the gold it has other possibilities of development. There are many points of geographic and scientific interests in this remote and imperfectly explored northwestern corner of the British Empire there are numerous problems awaiting the discussion and investigations of the geologist and the geographer of the years to come.

On his trip of investigation Mr. Cadell steamed up the coast from Vancouver and through the canal to Skagway, which he terms the gateway to the Yukon, and describes as "a wretched little town with decayed wooden houses and grass-grown streets, the scene of many robberies, riots and murders, at the time of the gold rush, which the police authorities had neither the power nor energy to control. Skagway is not, and can never be, of much use to the United States, except as an obstruction to Canadian progress, but might be of some advantage to the vast Canadian hinterland less than twenty miles inland."

At the head of Lake Bennett lies the deserted town of Bennett, where, at the time of the gold rush, there were lodged some 5,000 people in house, huts and tents, but the only building now standing, besides the railroad station, is a wooden Presbyterian church, which shows that at least a few righteous men were among that sordid crowd. It was here that the first prospectors and miners got into boats and canoes and navigated their frail craft through lakes and rapids for the remaining 531 miles of their venturesome journey to Dawson City. The last stretch of the railroad from Skagway runs along Lake Bennett to White Horse, a few miles above Lake Laberge, where safe navigation down the Lena river to Benson begins.

Although the great ice fields of the early ages swept the greater portion of North America, they missed the region of the Klondike, and consequently the gold producing deposits remained intact until the early prospectors discovered them. The Yukon gold field is confined mainly to the vicinity of Dawson City, although small quantities of gold can be found in the sand of the Yukon for hundreds of miles up the valley.

Although traces of gold were discovered in the Yukon valley in about 1859, it was twelve years later, in 1871, before it was found in the Big Salmon and in the Lewes, Pelly and Stewart rivers. Five years afterwards coarse gold was found on the Forty-mile, a tributary of the Yukon, the discoveries of Bob Henderson and George Cormack, in Hunker and Bonanza creek drew miners into Klondike valley from all quarters. Prodigious quantities of gold were soon found in Bonanza creek and many miners made fortunes in a short time, but unfortunately most of the gold was spent foolishly or in debauchery.

The total output in 1898 was \$10,000,000, from which figure it jumped \$6,000,000 annually until 1900, when the production reached \$22,275,000, the highest point. From this point a steady decline began until 1908, when it was \$2,829,131, at which time hydraulic and dredging began and the total output rose slowly until it was \$5,018,413 in 1913. It has been estimated that only about \$20,000,000 worth of gold remains to be produced, out of the original available amount of nearly \$180,000,000.

At the height of the boom in the winter of 1899 the population of Dawson is said to have reached 25,000; recently, however, it has dwindled down to less than two thousand people.

The vast territory of the Yukon district is imperfectly explored, and although it is far north, the climate in summer is warm and favorable for agriculture and grazing. Exploration is now readily effected from Dawson, and Mr. Cadell hopes that free enterprise will reveal new resources that will lead to the permanent settlement of this remote and almost uninhabited outpost.



The illustration depicts a winged figure, possibly a spirit or messenger, holding a lantern. The year '1916' is printed below the figure.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Twas New Year's Eve, and Curly Head

Expressed no wish to go to bed.

"I want to see the New Year in,

And hear the racket and the din."

So Mamma kissed the boy Good Night.

Gave nurse instructions that she might

Stay up until the Town Hall bell

Pealed silvery chimes, whose sound should tell:

"The Old Year's gone, the New is here;

Come welcome in the glad New Year."

The time passed on; the Tabby Cat

Lay sleeping on the soft fur mat.

The nurse's breath was softly heard,

But Baby uttered ne'er a word.

The clock smiled on the waiting three—

The Kitten, Nurse, and dear Baby;

But no sound reached the mother's ear.

Save New Year's bells, so loud and clear,

As into the room she took a peep.

And found the trio fast asleep.

The Artful Doubter.

Edgar Guest in Detroit Free Press.

There may not be a Santa Claus,

Sometimes I think there's not,

It puzzles me to know how he

Gets down our chimney pot.

There's lots of things about that tale

I wish I understood.

They say it's so, but I dunno,

An' whether 'tis or 'tisn't so

Right now I'm bein' good.

I've lain awake a lot of nights

A thinkin' of it out,

Those reindeer hoofs, upon the roofs

I've most begun to doubt.

Although they say he comes that way

I don't see how he could,

An' it may be they're struglin' me,

But just the same, right now you see

I'm bein' awful good.

Ten Million Capital.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The St. Maurice Paper Company, Limited, Montreal, has been incorporated with

capital of \$10,000,000. The applica-

nts for the incorporation includ-

ed Alexander Chase-Casgrain, K.C.,

E. M. McDougall and P. C. Casgrain

advocated, all of Montreal.

A Full Description.

An old Scot was conversing with a neighbor who owned a telephone.

Sandy said he told the Scot to talk to anybody, dead or alive.

Next day he decided to have a dead brother Jock. The owner of the telephone had paid a man to impersonate Jock at the other end of the wire.

The following was the conversation between the "brothers". Sandy: "Is that you, Jock?"

"Ay, it's me." "And hoo are ye gettin' on?" "Oh fine!" "And what ha'e ye been?" "Oh, at first I was aboon; now I'm below."

"And what is it like?" "Oh, up aboon for the scenery; but, man, doon below for the kent faces."

The moral of a dog's tail always

points to the past.

One can work for love, but not

on a diet of it.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A New Steel Company, Has Capital

Of \$250,000,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured. J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Company stated to-day. The stockholders of the Lackawanna Steel Company have not yet agreed to the plan of the proposed merger, but Mr. Campbell said he considered that phase of the matter as good as settled.

Although the plans are still in a preliminary stage, the interests chiefly concerned are confident that the merger will be concluded not later than February 1st. The name of the new steel company has not been selected nor has the amount of the capital stock been decided upon. Present plans, however, indicate the capitalization will be at least \$250,000,000, possibly \$300,000,000.

**Railways Show Big Earnings.**

New York, Dec. 30.—November earnings of the Union Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroads, published to-day indicate the enormous tonnage movement for that month in the West, and along the Pacific coast.

The Union Pacific gross earnings amounted to \$9,385,000, an increase of \$1,797,000 over the corresponding month of 1914, with net earnings of \$8,255,000, an increase of \$1,047,000.

**Atchison gross earnings aggregated**

\$12,090,000, an increase of \$1,988,000, the net aggregating \$4,828,000, an increase of \$1,142,000.

**A Government And a Bank.**

Paris, Dec. 30.—At the end of November, the Bank of France had advanced to the Government for war purposes, \$1,480,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000 since the end of June, and of \$250,000,000 since the present year began.

**To Increase Directors.**

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The British American Nickel Corporation will ask Parliament to authorize increasing the number of directors to twenty, and also providing that the majority of the directors shall be British subjects.

**Steel Corporation Director.**

Montreal, Dec. 30.—E. J. Jones, General Manager of the Canada Cement Company, has consented to be elected a member of the board of directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation. It is also stated that he will probably succeed Sir William Van Horne as Vice-President of the corporation.

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