

MINERS' DARK OUTLOOK

Two Thousand Men Idle In Dawson City.

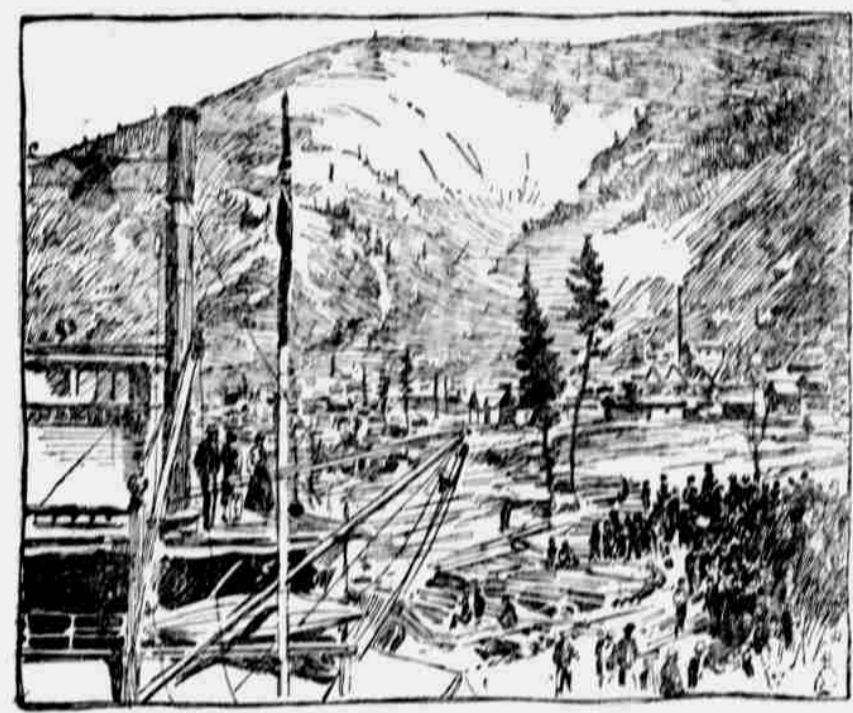
MOST OF THE MINES CLOSED.

The Wages Paid to Laborers Are About Sufficient to Defray the Expenses of Their Board—Alaska the Greatest Mining Country in the World.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

DAWSON, June 25.

Unless conditions change there will be much suffering in this country before another winter has passed. And the change of conditions must be material as it will be unexpected.



THE HILLS BACK OF DAWSON CITY. [Copyright, 1898, by L. E. Robertson, photographer, Chicago.]

they reached Dawson. Alas, it had but just begun! When I first reached town some three weeks ago, there was work enough for all.

ahead in its developing process, and I am inclined to think this result will be accomplished shortly.

The food problem is indeed a momentous one just now, the scarcity being so great that the outfits of individuals coming down the river find ready purchasers.

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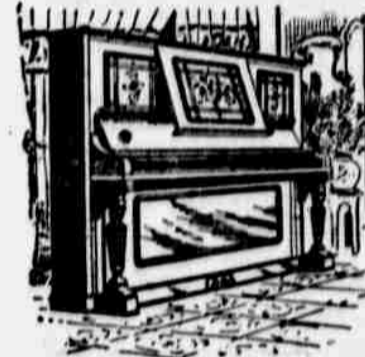
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