

CHICAGO, July 17.—Vice President P. B. Weare of the North American Transportation and Trading Company has received dispatches from the Klondike placer gold fields of Alaska, which confirm the stories of its fabulous wealth received from the Pacific coast last week.

One dispatch sums up the yield of dust and nuggets in that Eldorado country during the year as approximately \$5,000,000. The letter is from Capt. John J. Healy, who has piloted crafts for the North American Company through the winding Alaskan rivers for years. It is dated June 7, from Circle City, near the British boundary, and depicts graphically the immense fortunes which have been made in a fortnight by roaming, penniless miners.

Capt. Healy tells of new regions that have been discovered; indeed, the Captain says that not less than \$4 worth of gold dust is scooped up with every shovelful of dirt, and that applies to every piece of ground into which the shovel is delved. Salaries to miners are not less than \$12 a day, and a man can get his bed and provisions for \$2.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Weare, "that the veins of gold are only partly uncovered. All my dispatches agree that this is the continuation of the mother vein in this country. Von Humboldt, upon his visit to Dutch Harbor, near Bristol Bay, predicted that the mother vein would show itself in Alaska in parallel lines. Everything indicates the truth of this prophecy.

"Circle City and Fort Cudahy were the principal gold fields before the Klondike fields were discovered last Fall, and the rush for the three fields has continued since.

"Gold fields of great value have also been discovered in the vicinity of Noatak River, which is British territory, but the travel has been, and continues to be, toward the Yukon fields. This year the number of miners in the territory has been increased by 3,000, to which must be added the 4,000 miners already situated there. Most of these miners come from the silver mines and push through the wild country and over the mountains. In this way the distance is only 1,000 miles, while the water route covers 3,000 miles."

Mr. Weare has also news of a new discovery of gold fields, hitherto untouched, near the mouth of Tananar River, which is the second largest river of Alaska, and enters the Yukon at the town of Weare.