

## Company's Denial.

J. D. Trenholme, secretary of the Northwestern Commercial Company and the Seattle representative of the Northeastern Siberian Company, declares that the entire story of Condaraki and Johnson is absolutely unfounded and malicious. Mr. Trenholm said this afternoon:

"This story is absolutely false, being the malicious attempt of Max Johnson to get revenge for having been discharged from the service of the company for drunkenness and general unfitness to perform the duties for which he was employed. Johnson, after having settled with the company resigned and accepted full pay from the company for his services, came to this city and brought suit against the company upon a year's contract.

"Sixty American prospectors, about as many Russians and about 250 Chinese, Japanese and Korean laborers have been landed on the Siberian coast by the Northeastern Siberian Company during the past three months together with over \$100,000 worth of provisions.

"This man Nelson referred to was one of sixty prospectors taken to East Cape from Nome under a two years' contract. The company furnished them all the necessary provisions and paid them a salary. All were landed at East Cape with their outfits and everybody went to work with a will except this man Nelson, who afterwards came on board and demanded that the captain carry him back to Nome. Upon his refusal to pay his fare the captain had him ejected from the ship. There is absolutely no danger of any suffering of any kind at East Cape, as we have a large store and warehouse there, with provisions sufficient to last all the men there for five years."

This statement of Mr. Trenholm is verified by Capt. Connauton, the master of the Manauense; Mr. McCowan, agent of the Northeastern Company, who was also there at the time the incident occurred, and others who were on board.

Further Mr. Trenholm states that the Manauense is now loading to make her regular fall trip to Siberia and will make out of that country all the men who wish to leave.

The steamship is also taking a full supply of provisions to replenish the company's trading station stores.

What Danish Consul Says.