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HOW TO GO.

The Clondyke enters the Yukon near the 64th parallel of north latitude. It may be reached from two directions. One is by ocean steamer to St. Michael's island in Behring sea, and thence up the Yukon river, the distance up the river being 1,679 miles and navigable for vessel of 400 tons. The other is by crossing over the coast range of mountains to the head waters of the Lewis branch of the Yukon and descending by boat. The shortest route from Vancouver is that via the White pass and is approximately 1,591 miles. This journey is made up as follows:

	Miles.
From Vancouver to Skagway bay, near the head of Lynn canal (ocean steamers).....	1,024
From Skagway bay over the White Pass to Lake Tagish (pack trail).....	36
From Tagish to Clondyke, down river.....	531
Total number of miles	1,591

Another available route to the Lewis river is from Dyea or Tya, at the head of Lynn canal, via the Chilcoot pass. This distance is slightly longer than that via the White pass.

A third route to the Lewis river is via the Stickeen river to Telegraph creek and thence overland by pack train to Lake Teslin. The distance is approximately as follows:

	Miles.
From Vancouver to Fort Wrangel (ocean steamers).....	801
From Fort Wrangel to Telegraph creek (river steamers).....	144
From overland travel to Teslin lake.....	150
" head of Teslin lake to Clondyke.....	584
Total number of miles	1,683

Still another route is from the head of Taku inlet, a little south of Juneau, thence overland by the valley of the Taku river to Lake Teslin. The distance to Lake Teslin by this route is approximately the same as via the Stickeen route. To Clondyke might be somewhat shorter, according to the point at which the trail will strike the lake.

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