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GREAT CROWDS

Of Nome-Bound Pilgrims Can Not Obtain Passage From Seattle

BY THE LONG, ALL-OCEAN ROUTE

And Will Travel By Way of Skagway and Dawson

FOR MECCA OF THE NORTH

To Which Place the Rush Is Greater Than to Klondike in the Year of '98.

Travelers and papers from the south are beginning to bring authenticated reports of congested and complicated conditions existing on the Sound in connection with the handling of traffic for Nome by the ocean route. At the same time, says the Alaskan, there comes from the interior news that steamers have got down the river to Dawson, and that the lake will be open for navigation next week, and then the great and serene highway down the beautiful sun kissed valley of the Yukon, to the very threshold of Nome, will be open and inviting the perplexed and weary argument to embark upon its bosom and sail to the land of his dreams. From Seattle to Skagway is only four days' journey, and to Bennett, the headwaters of the Yukon, is only a half day by rail. At Bennett one may build his own scow, embark with his freight under his own care, and be his own skipper to the mouth of the Yukon. Or one may take river steamers from Bennett and make the journey the entire length of the Yu-

kon and thence by steamer right to the Nome fields.

Already the movement for Nome by this route is starting. Hundreds, if not thousands, are expected to start down the river from Dawson for Nome in a few weeks.

C. C. Field, who arrived yesterday en route from his home in Tacoma to Dawson, reports that just before the City of Seattle sailed last Sunday from Seattle, the United States inspectors made an inspection of the steamer Robert Dollar, about to sail for Nome, and found she had aboard 65 more passengers than the law allows her to carry. After getting the surplus passengers ashore, the officers continued their search and found 20 stowaways aboard the ship.

The barge Skookum, Mr. Field also reports, was stopped at Seattle from sailing for Nome until she discharged a part of her cargo. The authorities deemed her too heavily laden to make the trip in safety.

E. T. Pope, agent for the Washington & Alaska Steamship Company, has received a letter by the last mail from his brother, who is manager of the Yesler dock in Seattle, stating that the rush to the Klondike in '98 was nothing as compared to the present rush to Nome. In regard to the Robert Dollar he says the vessel loaded 1200 tons of freight, and then was compelled to leave on the wharf 1000 tons which she had contracted for Nome, as well as 65 passengers.

The situation was further complicated by some of the passengers who, being the last to buy tickets, and so compelled to leave the ship, had their freight aboard the vessel and in the very bottom of the craft, and further by some who were permitted to remain on the vessel for the trip having all their freight left behind. A riot was almost precipitated.

"Much of the trouble as to the overloading of a vessel in this rush," says E. T. Pope, "comes from inexperience on the part of men who have jumped into the Nome trade. They have estimated that a ship having a capacity of 1000 tons, for instance, should carry 1000 tons of freight. They are wrong. She will not carry more than two-thirds that amount. The Dodwells, who have long been shipping men have contracted for their steamer Tacoma, far less than the apparent capacity of the vessel, yet she will have all she can carry."

Prefers the Koyukuk.

Frank J. Golden has changed his mind, it having been his intention for some time to go to Nome, and will now seek his fortune in the Koyukuk for which place he will leave tonight on the steamer Leah, where it is hoped his most fond anticipations may be realized.

From Gay Gulch.

Peter Bucholtz, at one time a hotel magnate of Port Angeles and East Clallam, Washington, but who cast his lot in the Klondike nearly two years ago, is in the city from Gay gulch, where he is developing claim No. 11, with most promising results. He will return to his property tomorrow.

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GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Bullet-Perforated Body Taken From the Yukon Yesterday.

AT A POINT NOT FAR FROM SELKIRK

Which the Finders Believe to Be That of Clayson.

WILL BE BROUGHT TO DAWSON

If Body Is Not One of Christmas Day Victims, a Fourth Murder Was Committed.

The report circulated yesterday evening as to the discovery of a human body in the Yukon above Selkirk is confirmed today by wire to the officials of this city, although an effort is being made to keep the news of the discovery as quiet as possible. It is officially stated, however, that a body was found and that in it are two bullet holes, the location of which are not given; neither is a statement made regarding the preservation and condition of the body.

The authorities here who have been informed of the discovery state that it is believed the body is that of Fred H. Clayson, whose disappearance along with Relfe and Olsen on last Christmas day from the trail a short distance above Minto, is well-known to the readers of this paper.

For a long time there has not remained a vestige of doubt but that the three men were murdered, their bodies robbed and later thrown into an open place in the ice of the Yukon river. In fact, the scene of the murder is known to have been located, as a piece of a human skull, a human tooth and other evidences of human butchery have been found. One of the supposed perpetrators of the crime, presumably the principal, has been apprehended and is now in jail, and so soon as the body found is identified as one of the victims of the Christmas day wholesale murder, the chain of evidence necessary to conviction will have been completed.

If it should turn out that the body found yesterday is not one of the three men above mentioned, then the fact that there are bullet holes in it will prove conclusively that a fourth murder has been committed, which is not at all improbable.

It is understood that the body found will be brought to Dawson by the first steamer passing Selkirk for this place, where, if it is that of either Clayson or Relfe, there are many persons here who will recognize it unless all familiar features have been obliterated by water and time. Olsen was not known here so far as can be learned.

Later—Since the foregoing was put in type and at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the following telegram was received by the Nugget:

Selkirk, June 1.—About 8 p. m. on May 30th John Kehoe and partner, who were on their way to Dawson discovered a dead body on a sandbar about a mile above Fort Selkirk; they stopped here and reported the matter to Corporal McPhail, in charge of N. W. M. P., who immediately sent up and had the body brought down. It was lying on a bar in about six inches of water and had evidently just been thrown up. Had the water been raising instead of falling the body would probably not have been discovered, but would have been carried on down. The body arrived here about 11 p. m., and was placed in one of the vacant barrack rooms for the night. On the morning of the 31st an examination was made by Corporal McPhail, Constables Pennyquick and Hales and Dr. Madore, who reported that a bullet wound was found on the body, but it can not be confirmed. The police are

very reticent regarding the result of the examination.

The body was clothed as follows: Knee pants, felt shoes, yellow sweater, heavy wool underwear and also suit of goat skin underwear. The body is now lying in a vacant barrack room packed in ice, and is supposed to be held for further examination.

Unusual Specifications.

Bids are now being solicited by the government for the construction of six public buildings, and the plans and specifications for the new structures may be seen at the architect's office, which is situated immediately north of the gold commissioner's building on First avenue. The structures to be erected are a postoffice building, courthouse, administration building, residence for commissioner, residence for chief officials, and a recording office. The sites for only two of the buildings have been selected thus far. The courthouse will be situated in the vicinity of the present courthouse and the postoffice will be erected at the southwest corner of Third avenue and Third street.

Work has been commenced on the site for the postoffice. During the past few days laborers have been engaged in preparing the ground for the construction of the foundation. The contractor, whose bid is accepted, will be required to accept the work which is now being performed by the government. The department of public works also insists that the building materials, which are in its possession, be purchased by the contractor, and that he pay the transportation charges of eight men from Bennett, B. C., to Dawson. The rather unusual paragraphs of the postoffice specifications are as follows: "The contractor to take over from the department of public works, at such prices as will be given at the time of tendering, all material of the nature called for by this specification, such as nails, tarred paper, etc., and in such quantities as may be required or are available to carry out the work from the stock held by the department at Dawson.

"Contractor for this building, when tender is awarded, must take over all work performed and labor and material supplied by the department of public works up to the time of his signing the contract, at the prices contracted by the government. He will also be required to pay the fares of eight (8) men from Bennett, B. C., to Dawson, Y. T., at the schedule rate agreed between the department and the transportation company.

When questioned concerning the peculiar portions of the specifications, Mr. F. W. Fuller, the superintendent architect, replied:

"The government is very anxious to have the postoffice building completed as soon as possible; and, as the time for the tender of bids does not expire till June 13th, work has been commenced on the foundation with a view of expediting the construction of the building. This preparatory work will have to be accepted by the contractor, whose bid is favorably considered. With regard to the materials which are in the possession of the government, I may say that this stuff was brought here last fall for the purpose of erecting telegraph offices, and it is only proper that it be used at the first opportunity. A list of these materials may be seen by any contractor, and I think the prices are quite fair.

"The eight men, whose transportation charges from Bennett to Dawson will have to be paid by the contractor, are carpenters who have been in the employment of the department during the past few months; they have been erecting telegraph offices along the line of the branch to Atlin. I can give no reasons why this requirement was inserted in the specification, other than such was the order of the higher officials of the department of public works."

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

ST. LOUIS STRIKE

Assumes a Hostile Form and Much Rioting Has Resulted.

ALASKA CIVIL CODE BILL WILL PASS

Granting Representation in Congress and Municipal Rights.

NO NEWS FROM PRETORIA

Owing to Strict Press Censorship—Reported Kruger Will Retire to Lydenburg.

St. Louis, May 26, via Skagway, June 1.—The street car strike in this city continues and riots of a most serious nature are of frequent occurrence. Several policemen have been shot and there is further danger to both life and property. A large number of special police have been sworn in, but as yet the force is not sufficient to protect the city from the rioters.

A pitched battle between the police and strikers took place yesterday in which over 100 shots were exchanged. Many were wounded, one policeman fatally.

Alaska's Civil Code.

Washington, May 26, via Skagway, June 1.—The passage of Alaska's civil code bill is now assured. It includes the granting of a delegate in congress and municipal rights to cities and towns.

Congress will appropriate nearly half a million dollars, available at once, for the erection, maintenance and operation of telegraph lines in Alaska.

Boes Still Working.

London, May 26, via Skagway, June 1.—Owing to the very strict censorship maintained, not a line of authentic news can be had from Pretoria, although from an unofficial source it is reported that Kruger will retire to Lydenburg, when, by the fighting it becomes clear to him that Johannesburg and Pretoria must be given up.

The report further states that there is much quarrelling and discord among the Boers, who are on every hand retiring before Roberts' advance. Peace cannot come any too soon for the disappointed, discouraged and now practically vanquished Boers.

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.....J. W. BOYLE