

Yukon's Ice Is Breaking

Princess May Brings News That Navigation Will Soon Commence.

New Victoria Pilot Appointed—Through Bills of Lading to Dawson.

Steamer Princess May, which reached port from Skagway yesterday morning, brought eight saloon passengers, but one of whom was Dawson. The passengers were Sergeant Post, of the N. W. M. P., who is bound to Regina; Mrs. Hall and child, Geo. Wilkinson, Jas. Richel and wife, and Rev. W. Elford for Victoria. According to telegraphic advices received at Skagway from Dawson, the ice was broken on the evening of May 11, at 8:30 p. m., ran 30 minutes and then stopped. It is expected that the river will be open by the 15th, and that the navigation will be open by the 20th. The ice was expected to break before another day, and that the river was expected to be clear. It was a cloudy and stormy day, snow falling on the hills, and the water front was crowded with those who went down to watch the ice move. The weather changed for the better on the 12th. The upper river is also opening. A despatch from White Horse dated May 10, says: "The Arctic winter is losing its icy grasp on the Yukon and next week will probably see steam transportation begin on the river below La Barge. Reports from river pilots are very indefinite but the ice appears to be breaking at nearly all points. Jami have been formed at Tantalus, Five Fingers and at Selkirk, but they are liable to go out at any time. The British Yukon Navigation company officers announce that they favorably report today and tomorrow they will send the Styx out from Hootchik Monday. The Styx is all loaded and prepared to follow the ice down the river to Dawson. She will carry live stock principally. The Klondike winter breaking up and ice is moving. The report had reached Juneau from Hiamama Bay, that on May 10, Mount Chibabou, Rideout Peak and Hiamama Mountain were all three in active eruption, covering Latchouche and Monteau islands and the surrounding sea and country with volcanic dust and ashes.

LYMPIA SAILS. Northern Pacific Liner Takes Good Cargo to the Orient.

STEAMER OLYMPIA, of the Northern Pacific line, left on her regular run yesterday afternoon with a heavy cargo of general merchandise for Chinese and Japanese ports. Her cargo included heavy shipments of both flour and cotton, which are the principal imports of both China and Japan. The steamer also carried a large quantity of general cargo for the Orient. She has 500 tons of general cargo for the Orient.

THE RATE WAR. Pacific Coast S. S. Company to Place Steamer on Another Route to Alaska.

Several new features developed in the rate war between the Pacific Coast S. S. Company and the Alaska Commercial Company. The Pacific Coast S. S. Company has announced that it will place a steamer on the route to Alaska, which will carry a heavy cargo of general merchandise for Chinese and Japanese ports. The steamer will be named the "Alaska" and will be operated by the Pacific Coast S. S. Company. The Alaska Commercial Company has also announced that it will place a steamer on the route to Alaska, which will carry a heavy cargo of general merchandise for Chinese and Japanese ports. The steamer will be named the "Alaska" and will be operated by the Alaska Commercial Company.

NEW PILOT APPOINTED. Capt. William Cox Has Been Made a Victoria Pilot.

Capt. William Cox, of this city, has been appointed as the new pilot of the Yukon river. He has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Ramsay, who died a few years ago, after having been on the pilot list of the board for some time. Capt. Cox, the new local pilot, has had considerable experience in British Columbia waters, and was formerly engaged in sealing. He was in Nova Scotia in 1855, and has been engaged in the marine business for some 25 years. He commenced sealing on the coast of Alaska, and was successful in his work. He has been on the Yukon river for some time, and has been successful in his work. He has been on the Yukon river for some time, and has been successful in his work.

WORK FOR CAULKERS. White Horse the Mecca of Shipworkers.

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TO CHANGE FLAG. Fleet of Sailing Vessels at This Port to Fly Danish Flag.

There is a fleet of sailing vessels registered at Victoria, B. C., although but few of their owners are residents in this city. These ships are the Lord Templeton, Drummond, Drummond and Drummond, the steamer Wyeed, all of which are registered in British Columbia. The fleet of sailing vessels at this port is expected to change to the Danish flag. The fleet of sailing vessels at this port is expected to change to the Danish flag.

MANAUSSE SAILS. Leaves Seattle With Cargo For Siberian Coast.

The steamer Manasse, a Siberian bottom flying the Danish flag, left Seattle on Wednesday for Russian Asia, via Japan. The vessel is under charter to Col. W. H. Murray, and is operated by the Commercial Company. She carries 1,500 tons of merchandise, including flour, sugar, and other goods. She is expected to arrive at Vladivostok on the 25th, and will be engaged in trading with the coast.

Government of New Guinea

Among Notable Passengers on the Mlowera—The Massacre of Missionaries.

Investigation of Cannibal's Crime—Skull of Rev. Mr. Chalmers Found.

DANUBE SAILS. Carries Freight for Northern Ports and Canneries.

The British ship Brodick Castle, Capt. Olson, was towed into the Royal Roads last night by the tug Lorne. The Brodick Castle is 43 days from Shanghai for Victoria. She has a heavy cargo of general merchandise for Chinese and Japanese ports. She has a heavy cargo of general merchandise for Chinese and Japanese ports.

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Freights Lower.

Rates Have Declined Since Last Month's Report.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. H. Barber & Co. for April says: Since our last report, grain freights have improved, although there has been little activity in the market.

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Progress of Cable

How the Work of Connecting Canada and Australia is Proceeding.

Engineers Arrive by the Mlowera and Tell of the Great Undertaking.

Cable Steamer Anglia in Cyclone—The Colombia is Loading Line.

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