

FIRST BOAT FROM BELOW.

Steamer Leah Arrived Yesterday From Dall River,

And Is Now Tied Up at the A. C. Co.'s Wharf—She Brings Lots of News.

The first boat to arrive from the lower river this season was the steamer Leah, of the A. C. Co.'s fleet, and carrying the United States mail. She left the Dall river on the 21st of the present month with the ice running at that time. The ice broke there on the 16th and went out the following day. Capt. Harry Young had charge of the boat. He reports the drowning of four unknown men near Eagle by the overhanging ice from the shore falling in on their canoe and sinking the boat with all aboard. He also reports the killing of Tom McNamee by McDonald at Fort Yukon, a complete account of which will be found in another part of today's paper. Many of the boats met on the river are bound for the Koyukuk they seemingly changing their course for that country in preference to going as originally intended to Nome. The ice on the Yukon this spring was piled higher on the banks than ever seen before and the channels in the flats are in better condition than ever, as the lower measurements were seven and eight feet and in all but exceptional cases no bottom was found. In other than the main channels the water is very low. All the stations down the river are comparatively deserted. Capt. Young was in the Koyukuk country last winter and paid \$43 a sack for flour and \$1 a pound for bacon. He says the country is generally inhabited by a lazy crowd of ignorant chechakos who make no effort apparently to improve their opportunity by a systematic course of prospecting, but are awaiting the arrival of others with more enterprise to develop the country. One claim he visited on Slade creek he reports as very rich on all parts, the pay-streak being found wherever a hole has been sunk. Twenty-one men went in there last winter from Circle. Pursuer H. G. Stevens gives the following passenger list of the Leah: M. T. Blom, mail carrier; H. J. Collins, Rampart; W. E. Noye, Halfway island; Capt. Lewis, of steamer Ewan; H. Schlager, Circle City; F. E. Manchester, A. E. Co. wood agent; Mrs. W. K. Wright and daughter Bessie, from Fort Egbert, and Dr. Gordon Van Hook. The Leah will sail for St. Michaels in a few days. The steamer Barr is expected tomorrow. She was seen at Fort Yukon by the Leah.

General Manager Fulda, of the A. E. Co., cabled news of his departure from London, May 8th.

The steamer Gustin will sail Saturday or Monday for the lower river.

The Yukoner is billed to sail for the upper river next Saturday. She has been completely repaired and will make a trial trip Thursday a short distance up the river.

The steamer Sybil sailed at 2 p. m. today for Whitehorse. She will be followed by the Victorian which is expected in from the lakes in a few days.

After many disappointing delays and much legal difficulties the Merwin is again billed for departure. This time Alex McDonald is handling the boat, at least in a manner, as he has placed J. B. Connelly aboard to look after his interest and he will accompany the boat to her destination. It is understood that Capt. Talbot could not liquidate an indebtedness of several thousand dollars which was advanced by McDonald to float the Merwin enterprise, as he (Talbot) used the moneys received for passenger fares in expenses on the boat. Rather than tie up the boat indefinitely it was decided to allow her to depart with his representative aboard.

Agent Calderhead, of the Klondike Corporation is doing everything possible for the comfort of the passengers who are awaiting the opening of Lake Lebarge on the steamer Flora, as can be seen by the following telegraphic correspondence: "Agent Klondike Corporation, Dawson—Will we collect for meals at Lebarge owing to delay. Capt. Campbell." "Capt. Campbell, Steamer Flora, Lebarge—No charge for meals, Dawson to Bennett under any circumstances. Give passengers best treatment possible. R. W. Calderhead, agent."

The Lulu C. which has been wintering at Selkirk, started down the river Thursday but unfortunately got stuck in a slough at Halfway post. The Lulu C. came through the lakes last fall.

G. W. Boxton, assisted by I. F. Ketchum, are in charge of the Aurora

dock, upon which a neat office has been opened. Mr. Boxton is manager for Nerton & Holder, the boat freighters to the mouth of Hunker.

The Lotta Talbot sails tonight for St. Michael.

The Rock Island made her trial trip today, sailing down the river a number of miles. Her machinery works perfectly and she is in the best condition for her initial trip. She leaves June 4th for St. Michael.

Lake Bennett is now open to Taggish on both sides. The Nora has started her regular lake run. She is a sister boat to the Ora and Flora, and operates between Bennett and Whitehorse.

Water is reported to be very low at Caribou and Lake Lebarge. The ice is running out of the lower lake and the only thing now which will impede the river craft is the shallowness of the channels.

The mail is coming down by canoes and is expected to arrive here Wednesday night. It was portaged around Lebarge and left for Dawson this morning.

Tom Davies has heard from his black spaniel, which has been missing for several days. The purser on the Columbian advises him by wire of its safety, it having taken a notion to make a trip up the river. Latest advices state he is enjoying the trip.

Yukon Council.

The Yukon council convened in extra session last Friday afternoon. All the members, excepting Justice Dugas, were present. A number of matters was considered; but no business of importance was transacted.

The committee on civil justice and miscellaneous matters, to whom was referred a memorandum from the commissioner, recommending a quick and inexpensive method of collecting small debts, beg to report that, after considering this matter, they would recommend that the council let it stand over until the arrival of the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig.

It was ordered that the motion respecting the admission of the public to the council meetings be postponed until a full attendance of the council.

The council adjourned to next Thursday evening, the time for the regular weekly meeting.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

To empty slops on the banks of one of the rivers on the North American continent that flow north is an expensive habit as was apparent in Capt. Scarth's court, this morning when L. R. Rolin was fined \$20 and costs for emptying a bucketful of slops on the banks of the Yukon yesterday.

"Soapy" Smith used to say "The sun never sets on the Smiths," and in that respect he probably told the truth. One of the illustrious family was up this morning, George Smith, charged with having broken the door of the domicile of Louise Legie, one of the French damsels who reside in Dawson's Whitechapel on Fourth or Fifth avenues. George is a butcher by trade and still wore his butcher's coat when he stood up in court this morning and said, "Not guilty, yer honor." The prosecuting witness was present, also one of her neighbors, and after "kissing the Bible, they each testified to naughtiness on the part of the man of the illustrious name. In his own behalf Smith admitted that he called at the abiding place of Miss Louise and that immediately after quitting her premises he made the somewhat startling and painful discovery that he had been robbed of \$73 which he had carried in one of the hip-pockets of his pants, and that he returned to whence he came and asked for his money and that Louise then sent for an officer and had him arrested. In view of the new phase of the case, the court continued it until this afternoon, and the man with the butcher's coat went back to jail.

J. E. Coveney, on the charge of having unlawfully extorted \$7000 from Frank J. Phiscator, was brought into court, Attorney J. B. Pattullo appearing for the prisoner. On the strength of a physician's certificate submitted by Sergeant Wilson to the effect that Phiscator is unable to appear, a continuance was asked for by the prosecution. Attorney Pattullo objected to any lengthy continuance on the ground that his client is confined in jail, and thought the doctor should appear in court and give some information relative to his patient's condition. Pending receipt of such information, the case was continued until this afternoon.

A. U. Warnecross, who for the past week has been in jail on the charge of robbing the sluice boxes on claim 23 below on Sulphur, on which he has a lay from the owner, Robert Evans, submitted his defense in court this morning, the prosecution having closed its testimony in the preliminary hearing on Saturday. At the conclusion of the case this morning Warnecross was held in the sum of \$3000 to appear before the territorial court. He gave the required bond and was allowed his freedom.

Is This a Knock?

The Pioneer is doing a fine business these days. Whether this is owing to the excellent brand of hooch dispensed at that popular resort, or to the fact that the games which have been put in have a tendency to drive men to drink, has not been ascertained. However, George Butler is happy and extends the glad hand to all.

When in town, stop at the Regina. Summer drinks and ice cream. Mrs. West's.

BRIEF MENTION.

Dick Butler is at the Regina. W. H. Welch is visiting the city. John Nelson is spending a few days in town.

J. O. Wrenn is making a brief visit to the city. J. P. Anderson came to town from the creeks yesterday.

W. M. Wilson is registered at the Hotel McDonald. Charles Ludolph of Sulphur creek spent Sunday in town.

F. M. Schrader is enjoying a short vacation in Dawson. J. E. Hendrickson is a recent arrival in town from the creeks.

Tom Henderson is among the guests at the Hotel McDonald. Thomas Beays is an inmate of the Good Samaritan hospital.

C. Maynard is in town attending to matters of business. C. J. Bayard and Frank Bensville are visiting friends in the city.

W. L. Bramley is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances. Gold Commissioner Senkler returned this noon from a trip to the creeks.

Mrs. R. Sinclair was discharged as convalescent from the Good Samaritan hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Malarky was entered as a patient to the Good Samaritan hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Mitchell and Miss Dorcas Coffina are stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

Dr. R. M. Simpson, from 11 below on Hunker, is in the city on business. He is at the McDonald.

Fred Struthers is making an extended visit to the several creeks. He will return to town the latter part of the week.

R. Ormsby, a young man who came here last fall from Atlin, and who is well-known and popular in Dawson society, will be a passenger on the Merwin for Nome.

Miss Wright, a daughter of Capt. Wright, U. S. A., stationed at Eagle City, was a passenger to Dawson on the steamboat Leah. The young lady will visit friends in this city until the return trip of the vessel to the American side.

C. M. Weymouth, one of the Klondike sour doughs who came here with the first rush in '97, is in the city from 17 below Sulphur, in which he is interested. Up to last fall Mr. Weymouth had been with the A. C. Co. for a period of two years.

A Serious Loss.

One day last week an aged lady in this city who supports herself by hard work, had the misfortune to lose from the pocket of her jacket which she was carrying on her arm a money poke containing two \$20 gold pieces, one or two bills and some small change. To the elderly lady this is quite a serious loss, as to her it represented the fruit of many days' hard labor and the practice of rigid economy. If the finder will leave the poke and its contents at the Nugget office, it will be restored to the owner who can ill afford its loss.

The Balloon Burned.

On Saturday evening, the balloon of John Leonard was destroyed by fire. The accident resulted in a serious loss to the aeronaut and it likewise occasioned disappointment to a large crowd of people who had assembled on First avenue to witness the ascension. Leonard had commenced to inflate the balloon with hot air, and in order to expedite matters he had poured gasoline on the woodfire. Gases were formed, which were ignited by the flames, and an explosion occurred. John Diston, a workman was under the folds of the balloon when the accident happened, and his face was scorched by the flames. The unfortunate man was carried immediately to a drug store, and there it was ascertained that the injuries, though painful, were not at all serious.

The value of the destroyed property is difficult to estimate. On the outside, the balloon would have been worth about \$250.

The aeronaut has already commenced the construction of a new airship, which he hopes to have completed within the next ten days.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

This afternoon Commissioner Senkler is engaged in hearing testimony in the case of Dr. William E. Thompson, plaintiff, vs. Meikle, Trabold and Shindler, defendants. The trial of this action was commenced on last Friday, and then adjourned until today.

A Cricket Club.

Mainly through the efforts of Mr. J. N. Storry, a cricket club has been formed in Dawson. Arrangements have been made to purchase the excellent cricket outfit which is now owned by the Yukon field force. At present there are 22 members in the new club. They are as follows: Messrs. J. N. Storry, E. R. Murray, J. R. Ritchie, W. McKay, W. E. Burritt, H. G. Wilson, J. C. Phillip, C. Barwell, P. C. Stevenson, C. G. K. Nourse, R. L. Cowan, W. H. Snell, A. G. Smith, E. C. Senkler, H. L. Stowe, Louis Coste, Percy Margetts, Charles Clark, M. W. Lewer, F. Crisp, J. Wood and Capt. J. B. Wood. A meeting of the members will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in the

Yukon Club, and on Saturday a match game will be played in the barracks square with the Yukon Field Force team.

In Suspense.

A ludicrous incident happened on the upper deck when the band made its appearance from below. The upper and lower decks are connected by a perpendicular ladder, at the top of which is a narrow aperture, through which one has to pass to gain the top deck.

J. C. Filbin, a happy individual with Falstaffian proportions, essayed the task, but when half through got stuck, and in his violent efforts to extricate himself he cut loose from the ladder and left himself hanging in mid air, beating the wind frantically above with his hands, and below with his feet.

The on-lookers rushed to his rescue, those above trying to pull him up, and those below, with equal vigor, trying to pull him down. Fortunately for him, weight was in favor of those below, and at last he landed, gasping, on the deck. The impact of his fall jarred him considerably, but, fortunately, he was more scared than hurt. He is now seen to shy whenever he comes near a ladder of any description.

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