

Opening of Navigation

The Danube Brings News of the Breaking of the Ice on Rivers.

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News was brought by the Danube, which arrived this morning from Skagway of the opening of navigation on the northern river. The Dawson, one of the White Pass & Yukon company's new boats, left White Horse on Sunday to run down the river. It was hardly expected that she will be able to run right through continuously, but she would be on hand to follow the ice down.

The Victorian and Bonanza King, with good passenger lists, were expected to reach Lower La Barge last Saturday evening.

Victorian to Crush Through.

General Manager Hawkins returned from White Horse on Saturday. He reported that the ice was still thick on La Barge, but that he expected the Victorian would get through. She would attempt to break through the ice to White Horse, and being a power boat, with a steel sheathed prow, he expected she would accomplish the task. With this successful, he expected that by Monday or Tuesday the small steamers of the company would start carrying passengers from the terminus of the railway. It might be that for a few days the passengers might have to be transferred to the large steamers at the mouth of the Hootlikine.

The Gleaner.

This steamer left her tying up place at her dock on the railway pier to return, however, having found too much ice in Taku Arm.

An Indian Tradition.

The natives of the North have listened to the wild tales of the pale face until he has become imbued with the necessity of telling something startling to keep up the reputation of his country. Indians occupy the centre of the stage with the statement that at two separate seasons and two only, since the ancestral Yukon native first built his "wickiup" on the banks of the great lake, according to the traditions handed down to each successive generations, Lake La Barge had not opened at all, but through the short cool summer the ice covered the face of the waters; the wild goose came, but landed not and the mountain sheep came down from the heights and played on the ice to get warmed up. Just how long ago this happened is not clear except that it was long ago— "40-45 anity." Jim Boss, the well-to-do native La Barge merchant, who now has a sawmill on Thirty-Mile, goes this tradition several points better, according to a late arrival. He is reported to have said that when his father, who is a very old man, was young La Barge never opened at all!

Bailey Wins the Race.

The Bailey is reported to be near Seakirk and making satisfactory headway up stream. In connection with the Bailey, the story is told of how he was captured by his daring, was the first to reach Dawson this season. The boats were all held at Hell Gate by a big ice jam. Pilot Murray, of the Bailey, began to chafe over the delay caused by the jam. He examined the ice jam, and found the entire length of Hell Gate packed solid with huge cakes. The probabilities were that such a jam would not break for days, so the pilot began to consider ways and means for getting around it. Close to the right bank he found the channel of an old slough, which ordinarily carries very little water. The Hell Gate jam, however, had raised the river above to such a height that a large volume of water was pouring down the slough. The pilot tested its depth and found sufficient depth to take his boat through, so it was decided to make the attempt.

When the Bailey got up steam the other captains looked on, astonished at such a venture, but as the Bailey rode through the slough like a thing of life the others were not slow in following, but the Bailey held her own by 45 minutes all the way to Dawson.

Lower La Barge Icebound.

The Lower La Barge was still ice-bound and indications were that it would continue for some time. The Nora, which arrived at Lower La Barge from Dawson on June 2d, had to give up the attempt to force a passage through. Travellers reported that there were 14 miles of ice measuring from one and a half to two feet thick. With a heavy air blowing it was possible that the ice might be in condition for a steamer to get through the latter part of this week.

Hundreds at La Barge.

Five men arrived in White Horse on the 5th, having travelled out from the foot of Lake La Barge, skirting the shore of the lake. They came up the river from Dawson on the Nora. Three hundred people were there waiting at La Barge for the ice to go out and the time that event takes place there will be between 600 and 700 people there. These men report the Bailey as not in the position as last reported—about fifteen miles up, open water on the lake waiting for the balance of the ice to go. It will take a pretty strong wind to break up the twenty miles of solid ice, they say. The ice is fully two feet thick and at the time they passed along the lake had not moved an inch from the position in which it froze.

In conversation one of the men, John Swanson, an old timer on the Yukon, expressed the opinion that it will be fully a week before the first people to come out by water all the way will arrive.

People have just now realized that within the next ten days 600 people will

be in White Horse to take the place of those waiting to go down the river.

Wild Ride on Ice Jam.

Twelve hours aboard a frail raft, tossed about like a cork by huge ice floes, and not knowing what minute would be their last was the experience of L. V. Stanley and four Indians, who arrived at Dawson on May 25th from Indian river, and to whom belongs the distinction of being the first persons to reach Dawson this season from the river. A couple of weeks before Stanley and his partner went duck hunting to Indian river, and not meeting the success they anticipated, decided to return home. Upon their return they were met by a jam of small logs was constructed and upon it were placed their blankets, guns and two dogs. When they pushed off into the current, says the News, the river was more or less free of ice, but they had gone only a few miles when the jam which broke at Ogilvie in the forenoon had overtaken them, and before they were fully aware of their danger they were right in the midst of ice cakes which threatened their immediate destruction. With might and main they worked to extricate themselves, but with no avail. They were surrounded on all sides with massive floes and were as helpless as babes. They thought their destruction was at hand a dozen times, and their escape is deemed almost miraculous.

Second Biggest Nugget.

A nugget valued at the snug, small fortune of \$1,420 and dipping the red gold scales at 634 ounces was found on Frank Phisator's claim, No. 2 Eldorado, a few days ago, according to the Dawson News. The value given is reckoned on the basis of \$16 to the ounce.

The ground from which the big nugget was taken was being worked on a day by T. G. Edgar. Under a rilling in a case brought before the courts several months ago, the possession of the nugget falls to the owner of the claim. Mr. Phisator was present when the nugget was taken out, and immediately took possession of it.

This is one of the largest nuggets ever found in the camp. One was found on Cheechaco worth something like \$1,300. The one found yesterday weighed the second largest produced in the district.

The big piece of treasure is somewhat flat and has a little quartz in the sides. It was thrown in the sluice and not discovered until the riffles were cleaned. The big piece from Cheechaco also contained a small amount of quartz. Both pieces have an appreciated value over their intrinsic worth as commercial quantities, because of their extraordinary size.

The Telegraph Line.

Superintendent Crean, of the Dominion telegraph line to Dawson, has gone to White Horse, after a visit in Skagway. On some days the line is down, the transfer point for through messages will be changed from Bennett to White Horse. Thus, little by little, Bennett is being pulled up by the rattle.

Canadian Customs.

The tiny little room at Skagway in which E. J. Bashy, supervising officer for Canada customs, and his assistant have transacted the business of that office, has been enlarged by the removal of a partition so that the former express office is thrown into one large room with the old office. This gives ample room, says the Alaskan, for the dispatch of the customs business, and gives Mr. Bashy an opportunity to entertain visitors without the necessity of climbing on top of his desk to make room for them. So narrow has been the quarters that his boys' big great Dan has accommodated himself by wedging his tail up and down instead of laterally.

Prices at Dawson.

Edward Carlson had just arrived at Skagway from Dawson when the Danube sailed. He was in Dawson when the first snow laden with per-shables and provisions came up the river. He said there was a remarkable slump in the price of eggs, which during the winter found ready sale at \$20 a case, went to \$40 in one drop, and then gradually down to \$14 and then \$10, and when things went down to \$10, then \$8. Mr. Carlson believed the spring cleaning would result in a heavy gold yield. The claim on which he worked—'23 on Eldorado—used to be one of the good diggings, but the best of it has been worked out. It will produce from \$25,000 to \$40,000 this year.

In Atlin.

The Atlin claim, the bright little oragan of the district, chronicles the fact that the late season is now opening up rapidly and work on all the creeks is progressing favorably. Not far behind the Klondike, the miners of Atlin have formed a union which will be a branch of the Western Federation of Miners, and will be named the Atlin District Miners' Union.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Van Wert; vice-president, Mr. Conroy; secretary, H. E. Brown; treasurer, Roy Taylor.

By a unanimous vote it was decided that the scale of wages for one day's work of 10 hours shall be \$5.

The organization meeting was largely attended and everyone present signed the roll.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

New York, June 14.—Vice-Chancellor Stevens, sitting in New York, today denied the application for an injunction to restrain the Amalgamated Copper Company from purchasing the Butte and Boston and the Boston and Montana Companies. He also required the plaintiffs in the action to file a bond of \$20,000 on appeal. Upon notice of appeal to the court of errors made by counsel for complainants, a temporary stay until 4 p.m. next Thursday was granted.

CATARRH TAIN.

More Lives Are Blighted by Catarrh than by All Other Diseases.

If There is a Hint of Catarrh Taint.

Apply Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder with out delay. It will save you suffering, heal you quickly, whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years. It relieves cold in the head and catarrh headaches in ten minutes. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice of Canada, in a letter to the Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, sold by Dean & DeLoe and Co., 21.

Work on the Atlin Creeks

Interesting Resume of What is Going on at These Gold Bearing Streams.

There is a Good Outlook For a Prosperous Season—Different Properties.

The Skagway Alaskan publishes the following description of the progress of work on the Atlin creeks to date. Pine-Harrigan and partners have several men at work constructing a new wingdam, and they expect to have the creek turned and everything in working order by the 10th of June.

Miller and McLaren, on Discovery, are working on their claim, and are taking water from the Sunrise Company's ditch. About ten men are employed.

The Atlin ditch and flume of the Sunrise Hydraulic Company have been cleaned out and are now in excellent condition. Mr. Ruffner has had from 25 to 30 men on his pay roll for the past week. He expects to have a month working on the upper Willow creek pit inside of a week. The sphynx to the ditch on the right side of Pine will be completed in a day or two, and when the water is running in this, we may expect to see some genuine activity on the south side of the river.

On the Stevens property two or three miles bringing up a drain ditch several hundred feet in length, with the view of cross-cutting the pay channel. Owing to the very heavy deposit of clay and sand it was necessary to timber the upper portion of the ditch. The owners of this property are to be commended for the grit they have shown in doing this. Birch-The Atlin Lake Company, Ltd., have several men at work on their hydraulic ground and will have every-day work on the drifting water, when sufficiently. They have a great deal less frost to contend with than on most creeks. A successful season is anticipated.

Spurce.—Our information regarding this creek has of late been but meagre as our correspondent has been too busy attending to his own affairs to give us anything of the capacity of the public's demand for "news" under this head.

However, the old saying, "every little helps," has been fulfilled, and it is hoped, will be followed by something more substantial right along during the season.

A great deal of work has been done this week during the winter, particularly from 80 to 115 below, and the results have been for the most part satisfactory, in some instances away up the creek, and in the drifting water, which is carried on by Pacey, McNeill and others.

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