

SMALL BOATS

On the Upper River Route Must Hustle for Business

AS BIG STEAMERS HAVE CUT PRICES

And Now Carry Passengers to Whitehorse for \$40 and \$30.

HAPPENINGS ON THE RIVER.

Sybil Forced to Put Back for Repairs—Steamers Arrive and Depart.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The small boats are not going to have it all their own way in the passenger business from now on. Manager Davies of the steamers Lightning, Tyrrell and John P. Light has announced a big cut in rates.

The steamer Lightning will sail at 1 a. m., tomorrow and accept passengers, first-class \$40, second-class at \$30. It is understood that the C. D. Co., will do likewise and that all boats operated by the company will make that rate to Whitehorse, commencing tomorrow, August 1st.

Tom Davies, with his usual quick perception, has deferred the sailing of the Lightning until 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, thereby cutting in first with the slash in prices.

The Ora, Flora and Nora people have been a thorn in the flesh of the big companies, as they have left here many times with a full load of passengers, while the larger boats have gone out in numerous instances practically deserted.

The next card will probably be played by Agent Calderhead, of the Klondike Corporation, as it is not that gentleman's nature to sit quietly by and see the coin of the realm filling the coffers of his competitors, while his boats are lying idle at the dock.

The steamer Tyrrell, of the D. & W. H. N. Co., left the Yukon dock this morning at 10 o'clock bound for Whitehorse. The Lightning sails tonight at 1 o'clock. The John P. Light will be the next boat of this company to leave for the upper river.

The Flora sailed at 9 o'clock last night for the Stewart river.

The Yukoner arrived last night with 130 tons of freight and six sacks of government mail. She brought the following passengers: Mrs. J. E. Miller, T. Stone, Mrs. B. B. Elliott, T. W. Baistdorf, Mrs. C. B. Lundell, E. A. Lundell, J. Bosworth, L. A. Bosworth, Marion Bosworth, H. Marymont, Jack Emerson, E. B. Shaw, T. N. Durand, A. Wheeler.

The steamer Sybil sailed last night for the upper river after a long wait in port for repairs to her machinery. She ran as far as Indian river, when she broke down again and was compelled to put back to port. Her next sailing is indefinite.

S. S. Bailey was reported at Selwyn this morning coming down.

The Canadian left Whitehorse this morning at 2 o'clock.

The steamer Victorian was reported at Hootlaingua going up at 11 last night.

The Eldorado passed Selkirk at 9:30 this morning.

Considerable speculation is rife in reference to the steamer Sifton. She has not been heard of for more than 24 hours and she is long overdue. It is thought she is on a bar near Selwyn.

Steamboat men are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in securing competent men to accept minor positions on the river boats. Managers Davies and French were both looking for a second engineer this morning, but without success. The Anglian is being held until a man can be secured for the position.

Mail Arrives.

A small consignment of mail arrived on the Yukoner last night, she bringing but six sacks. A large quantity of papers and periodicals are now sent through the mails and are arriving with every mail. This class of mail is sent through from outside points at one-half a cent per pound. Local news dealers

are taking advantage of this, consequently the mails and postoffice are crowded with heavy packages.

Whitehorse Has a Kick.

There is a general impression all along the line from Dawson to Seattle that Klondikers bound for the outside are great spenders. To a great extent this is true, and fortunate indeed is the town that can entertain for a few hours a party of the pilgrims en route. This probably accounts for the following in the Whitehorse Star:

Whitehorse, July 23, 1900.

Ed. Whitehorse Star: Can you give any explanation why the W. P. & Y. Ry. run in an extra train every time there is a boat load of passengers out from Dawson?—These people can certainly be as well cared for in Whitehorse as in Caribou, where they are forced to remain from eight to twelve hours before they can get transportation to Bennett. Perhaps the true reason is that when they get to Caribou they are forced by circumstances over which they have no control to get berths and meals on board the company's boats.

Should not the merchants and other business men of Whitehorse, who have purchased lots of this same company, and have gone to great expense in improving them almost especially for this class of travel, be entitled to some consideration at their hands?

Every pound of freight I have shipped into Whitehorse has been forwarded over the White Pass & Yukon Route, and this is true of almost every other business house here. I certainly think it no more than right that our interests should be looked after a little by the railway company, instead of their seeking every opportunity to take patronage away from us. Yours, etc.,

MERCHANT.

To the above the editor of the Star replies as follows:

Frequent complaints of above tenor have been made to us since our arrival and various remedies advanced to abate the evil. We would suggest, however, that the business men get together and appoint a committee to wait on Messrs. Hawkins, Irwin and Rogers and state their grievances, and have no doubt but that these gentlemen, who are fair-minded business men, will devise means to obviate the difficulty."

Boxing Contest.

This evening the public will again be privileged in witnessing the old war horse Frank P. Slavin, in his war paint, doing battle for the scalp of Billy Manson, another of Australia's well-recommended boxers, and who carries with him a long list of successful engagements from that country. Those attending the Slavin-Perkins contest were satisfied to a man that both contestants were out for the purse, and they enjoyed an animated and determined battle. The contest this evening promises to excel the previous one, as Slavin has taken upon himself to stop Manson in six rounds, and to attain this object Frank has to get going at the commencement of the bout, as Manson's record places him in the ranks of the most prominent boxers in Australia. As was published in a previous issue, the conditions of the contest are: Frank P. Slavin engages to stop Billy Manson inside of six rounds, the winner to take the whole of the gate receipts. The contest will be held in the Palace Grand at 10:30 this evening, doors opening at 9 o'clock. The management have full control of the house, and in consequence all crowding will be obviated.

The Whitehorse Tribune.

The Whitehorse Tribune made its bow to the public Saturday, July 21, and it made a very creditable bow, too. It is a six-column folio, and from its appearance seems to have the solid support of the advertisers of its home town, which speaks well for its future.

R. J. Burde, the Tribune's editor and manager, in his salutatory, writes much to the point and in a business-like way, makes the statement that the paper is not out to do missionary work, but is there for business, and identifies the interests of the Tribune with those of Whitehorse.

A New Bridge.

Notices are out asking for tenders for the construction of a bridge across the slough on Fifth avenue between blocks 11 and 12 on the police government addition to Dawson townsite. The bridge is to be 100 feet long and 20 feet wide, plans of which may be seen at the office of the commissioner.

An Expensive Goodnight.

Every evening at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Mand Carey, of New York, calls up her father, Capt. George S. Stone, of Cincinnati, on the long distance telephone and bids him goodnight. Each message costs \$3.50, but Capt. Stone thinks it cheap enough at that price. He is a street car magnate. —EX.

VICTORIA CROSSES

Will Be Awarded Capt. Meiklejohn and Sergt.-Major Robertson

FOR BRAVERY AT ELANDSLAAGTE

Lightning Strikes a Cleveland Church During a Funeral.

MANY DEATHS ARE REPORTED

As Having Occurred Near the Mouth of Yukon—Excessive Heat in Philadelphia.

London, July 20.—Victoria crosses have been gazetted for Capt. Meiklejohn and Sergeant-Major Robertson, both of the Gordon Highlanders, for bravery in the battle of Elandslaagte, and Lieut. Forwood, of the Fifth Dragoon Guards, for rescuing a fallen trooper at Ladysmith.

Terrifying Scene.

Cleveland, O., July 20.—At Charlestown, O., yesterday, lightning struck a church, in which a funeral was in progress. The edifice was packed to the doors and a panic ensued. The lightning ran down a pillar. Mrs. Simon Shade, who was leaning against it, was prostrated and may die. Twenty-five others were injured. Two of them, Miss Dora Bowers and George Booker, it is believed, fatally. Many women fainted. In the excitement the coffin fell from its supports to the floor.

Alaskan Tragedies.

Tacoma, Wash., July 20.—News of upwards of 20 deaths lately near the deltas of the mouth of the Yukon river, Alaska, were brought down by the steamer Sequoia and the transport Antennian. Among those who are known to have perished during the fierce gales which have swept the mouth of the river recently, are a party of four Boston men, whose names were recorded at the Russian mission as Mike O'Brien, M. C. Button, A. R. Brown and M. Cronin. Also a party of eight people who had come down the river from Rampart and who were wrecked on June 18.

Warm in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 18.—The excessive heat today caused the death of six persons in this city, and two in Camden, N. J. Up to a late hour tonight 40 cases of prostration were treated at various hospitals. According to the report of the forecaster, this was the hottest day of the summer. The humidity was 63 per cent during the day, but decreased tonight to 50 per cent at 8 o'clock, at which hour the thermometer registered 90 degrees.

End of Wall Paper Trust.

New York, July 17.—The National Wall Paper Company, which has been known for more than six years as the National Wall Paper Trust, having failed to control independent manufacturers, has practically been driven out of business by the outside competition, and in the near future will be dissolved. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the majority of the stockholders held today in this city. The collapse of the National Wall Paper Company will result in the winding up of affairs of the Continental Wall Paper Company, which has for some time been an ally of the National. The latter controlled the output of fifteen factories in the combination and the Continental Company operated 17 similar factories. At the annual meeting today the old board of directors was re-elected and empowered to act as trustees in the dissolution proceedings. Some of the factories will be bought back by their original owners and the others will be sold to the highest bidder.

Vancouver News.

Vancouver, July 18.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade it was resolved by the board that the government at Ottawa be asked to discontinue the quarantine of boats entering this port from the United States, as there was no fur-

ther danger from infectious diseases. The city council has passed a resolution to ask the Dominion government to continue for some time the inspection of boats entering this port from the States, owing to conditions in the United States which render such a course necessary.

The city council has passed a resolution to co-operate with the councils of the cities of Victoria, Nanaimo and New Westminster in urging upon the Dominion government to take immediate steps to exclude all Mongolians, especially Chinese, from coming into the province, especially from across the line, in view of the fact that bubonic plague is extending in San Francisco. The mover, Alderman (Dr.) McGuigan, said that a great deal of correspondence had passed between the different boards of health regarding the matter and there was no doubt the Chinese were endeavoring to escape from the plague-infested districts, and it behooved the city to take precautionary measures to keep these people out of the country.

A Weather Bureau

Vancouver, B. C., July 17.—Mr. Webber, inspector of the meteorological bureaus from St. Johns to Dawson, is in Vancouver en route to Dawson, where a bureau will be established as soon as telegraph communication is completed, about six months from now; another station will also be established at Port Simpson, B. C. Mr. Webber says that when these stations are in working order, they will be an immense value to Canada and the United States, as most of the weather of the Middle States and provinces has its origin in the far west. It will be of the very greatest importance to observe the air currents at Dawson and Port Simpson and their effect on other air currents, and have the news heralded all over the American continent.

There are 37 weather bureaus in Canada and 120 in the United States, and with 60 of these Canada's 37 exchange communications daily by telegraph, at 8 a. m. and at 8 p. m. in Washington and Toronto and at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. in Victoria and the Coast. So efficient and prompt is the telegraph service that within half an hour after the observations the 97 offices in Canada and the United States that exchange reports are able to compare notes as to results, and send out reports warning the world of an approaching heat wave, cold wave, hurricane, gale, blizzard or storm.

Mr. Webber stated that heretofore it was very difficult to make forecasts of approaching weather from British Columbia towards Manitoba, but that with the Northern stations established a vast improvement would take place, of great benefit to the American continent.

Lord Minto's Visit.

It is feared that the distinguished personages soon to visit our city will not see by several thousand as many people here as they will expect. If they do they differ from 99 in every 100 outsiders in their estimate of Dawson's population. The first thing that usually strikes a stranger on his arrival in Dawson is the absence of 20,000 or 30,000 people whom they had expected to find here. But at present the population is less than it has been known at any time since the arrival in the country of the influx of '97. There are many reasons for this material decrease in the country's population and it is highly probable that the coming visitors will be made acquainted with a few of them before they leave.

The Athletic Association.

The meeting of the Dawson Athletic Association last evening was not very largely attended, although the membership rolls which have been circulated during the past week showed a very heavy increase in membership, as over 300 names were presented.

The secretary, Mr. Young, was confined to his bed by illness, and the acting chairman, Dr. Wilcox, was unable to attend. Joe Clarke acted for the secretary and Attorney McKay was placed in the chair.

The committee on constitution and by-laws presented a working draft of its work which was adopted without change. Owing to the fact that a permanent president and other officers, under the constitution must be selected from the board of directors which consists of ten members, yet to be elected, further work in this direction was postponed.

It being understood that some athletic sports were to be inaugurated at the coming reception of the governor general, a committee of three, consisting of Dougherty, Watson and McDermott, with Mr. Young as an assistant committee man, was appointed on ways and means, and among other things will call upon the officials, having in charge the reception and tender co-operation, as it was deemed to be the appropriate thing to suggest that the new association should be given charge of the athletics.

CRIMINAL CASES

Now Coming Before the Territorial Court for Final Hearing

THREE OF WHICH ARE POSTPONED.

Question Raised by Defense Concerning King's Sanity.

SARGA PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Names of Jurors Who Have Been Summoned to Act at the Present Sitting.

In the territorial court this morning the case of John Sarga, alias Stargis, alias "Little Joe, the Greek," charged with having murdered Louis Ballois on Last Chance a year ago this month, was called, and the prisoner looking just as stolid and unconcerned as when he made his appearance in the police court a short time since took his place in the prisoner's dock. The charge was read to him by Clerk McDonald and he entered a plea of not guilty.

Sarga has retained no counsel thus far, and when asked by the court if he was ready for his trial he did not seem to understand at first, but finally said he would be ready for trial in a week.

Judge Craig said the case would be called in about a week, but no date could be fixed this morning.

The case of Alexander King, who shot and killed Herbert Davenport on the 15th inst., on the Yukon near White river, was called next. King stated when arraigned some days ago that he had no friends to pay an attorney and the court has appointed Attorney Davis for the defense. At the time of his arraignment King plead self-defense in answer to the charge of murder, but the defense intimated this morning that a plea of insanity would be made. Crown Prosecutor Wade stated that in anticipation of something of the sort he had had the prisoner examined as to his sanity by Drs. Thompson and Good, the former having watched the prisoner very closely and continuously since his incarceration, and the prosecution was prepared to show that there was more ill-nature and bad temper than insanity. The defense asked for further time in which to procure witnesses, and was granted until 2 p. m.

The case of Donald McPherson, the man who could not remember when arraigned whether he was guilty of unlawfully moving or causing to move a certain raft or not, was called and the prisoner took his place in the box. Crown Prosecutor Wade called for three witnesses, one after the other, and none of them answered to their names, although it was supposed they had been subpoenaed. They had not been, however, owing to a misunderstanding, and the case, like the two previous ones, went over.

The following jurors have been summoned to serve at the present criminal sitting of the court, beginning today: W. A. C. Baldwin, J. P. McLennan, F. C. Liddle, D. Matheson, A. B. Marks, David Doig, Jas. McDonald, A. J. McFarlane, Henry Robson, C. D. Grange, Henry Piggott, H. B. Young, Robert Craig, Ross Eckhardt, H. Rolph, P. R. Ritchie, Chas. Reichenbach, E. S. Crisp and A. J. Bannerman. The last named was excused on account of illness.

Greeting From Hawaiians.

Washington, July 18.—The president has received the following letter:

"Honolulu, June 30, 1900.

"To His Excellency, William McKinley, President, and Congress of the United States of America—Greeting:

"We, the native Hawaiian citizens of the territory of Hawaii send their greeting; they wish to express to you their appreciation and thanks for the liberal laws which the congress has enacted for the territory of Hawaii, and which your excellency approved on the 30th day of April last.

"We further extend our good wishes to your excellency, to the congress and the people of America. Respectfully yours,

D. KALAUOKAANI,

"JAMES K. KAULIA,

"ROBERT W. WILCOX,

"National Committee."