

CAPE NOME MINES ARE OVER-RATED

Steamer Alpha After Hair Breath Escapes From Arctic Ice, Brings News of the Far North Gold Fields.

With the completion of her trip from Cape Nome, the steamer Alpha marks an epoch in local marine history...

When on Friday morning the Colonist predicted the arrival of the steamer Alpha at Cape Nome on May 25, it was predicted correctly...

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Attacking the City and Has Char-ports.

On May 15 Cape Romanoff was passed, and again the ice-pack was fallen in. All day the steamer steamed...

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to jail for stealing sand from the dump of two beach miners at Nome. The sand stolen went \$50 to the sack...

STEAMERS REACH NOME. The whaler Alexander the First of the Fleet—Alpha Co. Behnd.

The steam whaler Alexander was the first of the Cape Nome fleet to reach the diggings. She dropped anchor of Nome on May 21st, at 11 a.m.

A number of the Alpha's crew deserted at Cape Nome. The mate, E. J. Rawlson, began to close in on her...

NOME'S TRAGEDIES. Body of the Third Victim of the Mysterious Killings Found.

The body of the third victim of the Northern Bay tragedies, described in the Colonist, has been found...

PASSINGERS INTERVIEWED. What Those Who Came Down Have to Say of the Country.

The most enthusiastic passenger on the Alpha was John Kill, Mr. Kill describes the country as follows...

A RACE AGAINST DEATH. and in an awful form. The steamer was stuck in the ice...

THE GREAT ARCTIC FLOE was seen. The barrier was met with, but Capt. Buckholz, in the hope that the ice would break...

THE BRINGERS OF TREASURE TALK OF Cape Nome and Its Mines.

Jack Kill, of the Frye-Bruhn Packing Co., who is well known in Victoria, took some of the most interesting...

THE LATEST DISCOVERY. Many Tens of Thousands Taken Out of Topkirk Creeks Within a Month.

Jack Kill, who came down on the Alpha, says the latest and biggest mine in the vicinity of Nome is at Topkirk.

THE BAND OF GAIN. Murders and Gun Play Features of the New Gold Fields of the North.

Officers of the Alpha report that several shooting scrapes had occurred at Nome. One of the most serious...

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT. In the engine room, T. Davis, an oiler, was injured when he slipped and caught his foot in one of the eccentrics.

DOES NOT WANT IT. Why Would Rather Be Governor of New York Than Vice-President.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—Lieut. Governor Woodruff is the choice of New York.

ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNED. Position Tactics Brought on a Dead-lock.

Rome, June 18.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the Premier, Gen. Pelloni, announced that the cabinet has resigned owing to a deadlock arising from opposition's uncompromising attitude...

Gape Nome's Diggings

A Comprehensive Statement of Conditions at the Over-boomed Mines.

An Extensive Gold Belt But the Rush is Not Warranted.

According to the advices brought from Nome by the Alpha, those intending to go there would do well to consider Funch's advice to people about to marry—"Don't!"

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this half dozen will show up any paying claims.

"Nome is an enterprising city. Three thousand people wintered here and in the immediate neighborhood. Early last fall a municipal government was organized...

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successful so far. All of the miners whom I have worked with in this locality are at their work some 65 miles out on the creek, and I do not believe they would be there if there was a chance to do any better in the Koyukuk or Tanana, so you can use your own judgment in forming an opinion in regard to the stampedes, as well as any man in the country.

Another miner, writing to a friend at Dawson on April 23, says: "Another boom is on the Koyukuk. Don't go there either, for there has never been over two or three claims found there that pay. All the miners that went from here have come back, having found nothing."

Speaking of the Tanana he says: "They are having a great boom on the Tanana river just now. Don't you be fooled by anything you hear, for there has not been anything found so far to guarantee anyone to open up a claim."

To show how great a rush there was to the river to the Nome, Capt. Lewis, who kept a record in the Koyukuk, says that he has seen 1,200 people pass with good teams en route to Nome. In addition to this number were 60 women and 12 bicyclists. Eighteen horse team outfits also passed. Since the break-up 25 boats and scores of men, women and children have passed for the Koyukuk and an almost equal number for Nome.

The departing Yukon field force were entered prior to their departure in the true soldier fashion on May 29. They expected to leave Dawson for this city about the 15th inst., and can soon be looked for. The men of the N. W. M. P. undertook to say farewell to their regulation soldier fashion and in the regulation soldier fashion and in the regulation soldier fashion...

News Budget

Frank Phiscator the Victim of a Sensational Hold-Up Affair.

The Klondike mining country is not without its gun play incidents, although they are by no means as numerous there as in the camps on the other side of the mountains.

The victim was Frank Phiscator, of Dawson. The would-be extortionist was a man who tried to extort money from him at the point of a revolver was H. S. ...

News was also brought by the arrivals up the river on the Ora of the barrenness of the alleged gold fields...

Four men, names unknown, who were in a boat following the ice, were drowned about four miles above the rapids, where they lost control of her, and she upset.

A new question has arisen in the Senkner investigation that has been so busily discussed among the lawyers of Dawson. Justice Dugan has practically decided that the royal warrant for the charges, he cannot permit either the accused, D. G. McTavish, or the defendant, George Ballantyne, to be present at the hearing.

The body of George Ballantyne was shipped out from Dawson on June 1 by the steamer Leach. He was the wife of the deceased and three brothers.

Sudden Death.—News reached the city yesterday of the death, while en route to Victoria from the Old Country, of Mrs. Walker, who for a long period was in charge of the Protestant Orphan Asylum. A daughter—a resident of Victoria—survives her.

Prohibition National Convention.—The Great Northern railway through British Columbia is to be offered for sale. An excursion rate of \$71.50 round trip to Chicago, for the Prohibition National Convention, tickets will be sold June 21 and 22, the return being good for sixty days. The sale of tickets will not be confined to the city. A man can get a ticket even if he does carry a bottle in his back pocket.

Suburban Cemetery.—The residents of Victoria West will hold another meeting this evening, to select a site for a cemetery near that section of the city.

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