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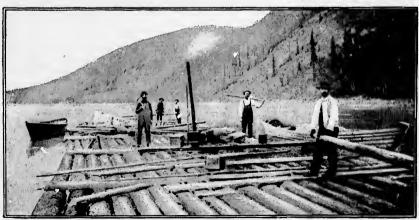
agreed to take me with him. Our cooking outfit consisted of a tin can in which to make coffee and a lard can in which sour dough bread was made and beans boiled; the top of the can was used for frying bacon.

The scenery along this part of the river journey is magnificent and surpasses that of the Danube River above the Iron Gates. At times the river broadens and is filled with numerous islands, but soon narrows and is confined by high walls of lime and sandstone, which are worn into fantastic and beautiful shapes, forming "turret, dome or battlement," and crowned by a growth of pine trees. Numerous mountain streams join the river, in which the "grayling or arctic trout" abound and are easily caught with a fly-hook. The Kloudike River is notable for the salmon which frequent it, and for the number and size of the bears which come to

fish for them during the season. Quartz croppings are numerous, and there is abundant evidence of copper, iron and coal.

Near here are the ruins of Fort Reliance, and it is because of their estimated distance from this point that the creeks and rivers along the Yukon have been given their names.

My first impression of Forty Mile was that it resembled Stambonl, because of the number, hunger and fighting qualities of its dogs; my second was that I did not care to stay. It is located on a point of land formed by the junction of Forty Mile Creek and the Yukon River, and is sometimes overflowed during high-water in the Spring. Around the trading post and storehouses of the Alaska Commercial Company some two hundred log-cabins have been built; they are low and square, and made from logs with the bark left on,



From a photograph.

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