

RAILROAD BUYING STEAMERS

Has Absorbed the John Irving Transportation Company.

W. P. & Y. Co. Now Has Two Steamers on Lakes and Rivers—Is Gradually Cornering Business.

The parties concerned authorize the publication of the fact that the steamers, the assets, the wharf interests at Atlin and the Taku tramway, owned and operated heretofore under the name and management of the John Irving Navigation Company, Ltd., were yesterday purchased by a company composed of R. T. Elliott, manager of the Canadian Development Company; E. C. Hawkins, general manager, John Hislop, assistant chief engineer, and J. P. Rogers, superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon Route.

An order has been issued, effective June 14, under which R. T. Elliott, assumes the management of the properties just acquired from the John Irving Navigation Company, in addition to the general management of the affairs of the Canadian Development Company.

The new management, it announces, will at once take steps to improve the service on the routes formerly covered by the John Irving Company, and to complete the Taku Railway, and in general, to give to Atlin City a service equal in every way to that maintained by the Canadian Development Company.

The new steamer which Capt. John Irving has been building at Bennett the last several months, and which is nearly ready to run, is not included in the transfer mentioned. That steamer, which was to have been known as the Reaper, was bought by the Canadian Development Company a few days ago, and will be operated under the flag of that company, and will be given the name of Zelandian.

As to the exact service to be given and the time of movement of boats on the Atlin route, under the new management nothing is yet given out officially.

The acquirement of the John Irving properties by the parties mentioned in the foregoing, means that the Canadian Development Company and the John Irving Company are now allied to the White Pass & Yukon railroad, thereby forming the strongest, most extensive and most wealthy transportation alliance in the north.

Having a river division between Whitehorse and Dawson, the railroad has extended its operative department to Dawson, and, presumably, will consider the Atlin route acquirements, made yesterday, the same or a similar division.

To all intents and purposes, the railroad has absorbed the Canadian Development Company and the John Irving Company, both of which were the strongest transportation concerns in their respective fields. The railroad now has some eight or ten steamers, practically its own, running in connection with it on the Atlin and Dawson routes, and there are several other lake and river companies connecting with the road. All traffic distributed by the road first passes through the gateway of Skagway, and all tributary to the road comes here seeking outlet below.—Alaskan.

Serious Levity.

A little incident in a recent court hall at St. Petersburg is said to have widened the breach between Germany and Russia and may ultimately cause war between the two great nations, says the New York Journal.

"Who will have the pleasure of taking your ladyship in to supper?" asked Grand Duke Vladimir of his pretty partner, Mlle. the Baroness Lubow, after the last waltz at the Hermitage palace in St. Petersburg the other evening.

"Prince Radolin, the German ambassador, may it please your imperial highness."

"It doesn't please me at all, but as you are a new comer at court that accounts for your naivete. Be more careful in future, my dear young lady. Those German diplomats are the worst dullards in the world."

It could not be ascertained whether Mlle. de Lubow repeated this jocular remark or whether it was overheard by some person near the couple. At any rate it took wings, and soon the whole festive assemblage was talking about it. And there were 3000 present at the czar's ball and reception when this happened.

Of course in such an assemblage it's difficult to know exactly who's who. No wonder that one of the 11 German diplomats at the supper table was soon

made acquainted with the cause of the general hilarity. One of the czar's maids of honor with whom he was conversing in French whispered it to Baron von Gasser, Bavarian minister, and his lordship, having an old grudge against Prince Radolin, the German ambassador, made haste to acquaint him with the bon mot.

Radolin then said that he would beg instructions from the kaiser and forthwith sent a lengthy cipher telegram to Emperor William. The emperor wired back: "Wait on Grand Duchess Vladimir and tell her from me, as German emperor, that I command her, as a German princess, to persuade his imperial highness to give you the apology which is your due."

"May it please your imperial highness," said Prince Radolin, when he was presented to the grand duchess, "my august master appeals to your patriotism as a German princess."

"I am not a German princess. I never was more than half German at best, as my mother was the Grand Duchess Anastasia-Michaelovna; but, even so, since when are the Mecklenburgers ordered around by Hohenzollerns? Why, your master's ancestors still lived in trees when mine, on my father's as well as my mother's side, were lords of vast territories."

"I have already informed you that I am a Russian by birth and by choice, a Russian in the political and religious sense. I don't owe any allegiance to your master and forbid you to trouble me with his messages in future, unless it be an excuse couched in terms befitting my dignity and sentiments."

In this way Germany lost a good and perhaps her only formidable friend at the Russian court through this incident.

Curiosities of Paris Exposition

The cosmorama, showing the earth, sun, moon and stars.

Giant telescope, that makes the moon look only a mile off.

Mareorama, a mimic sea voyage taken on dry land.

An active volcano, with daily eruptions and earthquakes.

The cloud gallery, where visitors walk above the clouds.

The subterranean world, showing how the richest gold and silver mines look and how they are worked.

Palace of light, with walls of glass and crystal, studded with diamonds and draperies of pearls.

Palace in the sky, a huge house-shaped air-ship that rises 2,000 feet.

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The enchanted house, in which everything is upside down, and people walk on the ceiling like flies.

How to Capture a Coon.

There are several expert coon hunters in this city, probably five or six, and there are 64,792 people who would not know how to get a coon if they were lying around in every tree in the woods. Perhaps an old coon hunter's directions for getting one of the beasts may be interesting:

"Fust ye git a good dog. Then ye git a crowd of fellers, and each feller gits a lantern and a gun loaded with buckshot. On the darkest night ye kin find go out in the wuss piece of woods ye know of. Turn yer dog loose.

"Then run as ye never run before and try ter foller yer dog. Ye can't do it, but ye kin try. Bimeby ye'll hear yer dog a-bayin like tarnation up aginst some tree. If ye run all night and don't hear no bayin, then ye hain't got no coon. Git under the tree where yer dog is and build a big fire outer brushwood. This'll let ye see the coon when he comes down.

"Then pick out the feller ye hate the wurst and make him climb. Bimeby the con'll jump. When he hits ground, all hands go fer him. When ye've got him, then try ter find yer way home. Ye can't do it, but ye kin try. Ye'll git home the next day."—Manchester Mirror.

Snake Fed Ham.

"Snakes as food or hogs beat chestnuts, acorns or any of the fancy food-stuffs," said Henry Arbuthnot to the Washington Post. "Of course you know that in some parts of Europe pigs have killed out the vipers. I was in West Virginia some months ago and found there that a novel industry had been undertaken by a numbr of men whose lands were overrun by the small variety of snake that infests that section. The snakes were so numerous as to be a nuisance. One farmer tried the hog as an exterminator. He succeeded so well that he found the drove of animals he had turned loose on the plantation had not only decreased the number of snakes, but that they were actually thriving on them. He told his neighbors about it, and now the whole valley is one large hog pen, in which hundreds of the animals are feeding literally on snakes. Formerly no one would buy land there, notwithstanding the beauty of the place, because of the

snakes, but now that the remedy has been found and at the same time big money is made on the pigs that grow fat on snake food the land is destined to be in great demand, as it is the most fertile land in West Virginia. This may sound like a fairy snake tale, but I assure you that it is correct and that hundreds of pigs are sold from that valley very year that have literally become fat on snakes."

Would Not Tell Her Name.

She had just come up from Mississippi to "hire out" in Memphis, and all of her friends at home promised to write to her. After the newness of the city wore off and the ache of homesickness began to make itself felt, she went to the "general delivery" at the postoffice to inquire for her mail. She still had her moss grown suspicion of "town folks" and their dark and devious ways, so she marched aggressively up to the general delivery window and demanded, "Any letter here for me?"

"What is your name?" asked the clerk.

"Tain't none of yo' business whut my name is!" she responded indignantly, and without further parley she left the postoffice, angrily muttering to herself, "I ain't gwine to tell that white man what my name is. Lak to know whut business 'tis o' hisn whut my name is." The cautious old body didn't hear from home that day.—Memphis Scimitar.

A Misunderstanding.

It is the opinion of some of the clergy, Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal, that the name of the Good Samaritan hospital should in no way be connected with a Sunday excursion, even though the proceeds of the excursion are to be devoted to the endowment of a ward.

The excursion to be given by the Masons Sunday has no other connection with the Good Samaritan, or any other hospital other than to endow a ward as stated. The reverend gentlemen may not be aware of the fact that the 24th of June is always a Masonic holiday, and for that reason the excursion planned for the 24th can hardly be termed a Sunday excursion in the sense usually understood.

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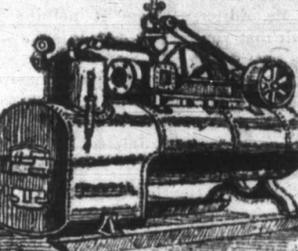
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