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flow we ran the White Horse Rapids in the
good ship Ida Belle.

In length she lacked of two score feet, and her
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length was less than ten,
before nor yet, since then,
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ger sides were low and her wargo large, and
full two feet she dawn,
and the pilots, shook their heads and said,
"She never can go through."

And the pilots shook their heads and said,

She never can go through.

For the White Horse stream is full of rocks and many a sandy bar

Is waiting there to wreck her, for she draws too much by far.

She's too deep in the water to run those rapids, swift and white;

So take off half your cargo and then you'll run her through all right."

Fut the captain swore a good round oath, for a swearing man was he,

That ere that day was ended below those rapids we should be;

and not a pound from off that ship would we put upon the shore,

And we'd run the White Horse Rapids as they'd, never been run before.

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sowe decked our good ship over with canvas,
stout and true,
Till she sat like a duck on, the water all ready

But the rapids still were roaring in the distance.

iar below,
and we steered for them in a line as straight
as the ida Belle could go.
Now the rocks loosined up on every side and
the water raged and tossed,
and it looked as though the boat and crew
and cargo might be lost.
Then mardwed naged and bent at our oars and
loud was the steersman's cry,
and fierce and savage glared those rocks as
we swiftly passed them by;
on through that raging flood we rushed, as a
hallet in its flight.
And now we poised on a huge wave's crest,
and now we sank from sight.
Lip and down like a cockle shell our good boat
rose and fell,
And over her sides the water broke with each

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returning swell;
nut every man amount drawched and chilled,
stool, bravely at his our,
and the steersman's voice rang clear and loud
above the rapids' roar.

And so with every muscle strained and every

we ran the White Horse Rapids with the Ida
Belle unhurt.
Then here's to that craft so safe and staunch,
and here's to the crew as well.
We're jolly good boys, and glad to say we lived
this tale to tell.

toldiseasili, give three cheers for our boat,
when you run those rapids through,
We'll try and be on hand and do the same good
turn for you.

ers, four in number, were apprehended and are now held in custody at Tagish Post and will be brought to Dawson during the summer for trial. The particulars of the crime as gathered at the post are as follows: The two prospectors after proceeding some distance up the McClintock, which empties into Marsh lake, had concluded to return to the lake and come down to eluded to return to the lake and come down to bawson by the regular route. On the day pre-egging their departure they were approached by two indians who requested passage in their bont some distance down the stream. The re-amest was readily granted, and having ascer-tained the time of departure the Indians with-drew, promising to be on hand the next morn.

une. On the following day when Mecham and Fox were ready to set out the Indians failed to appear and after waiting some time the prospect of the shot was heard from the shore and Fox fell to the bottom of the boat with a bullet hole through his left shoulder. A second shot immediately followed and Mecham dropped mortally wounded, a portion of his body hanging over the rail. Two more shots were fired, both aking effect on Mecham who died almost immediately.

Fox though badly wounded succeeded in raising his head slightly above the boat, and discovered on the shore the Indians who had asked for passage the preceding day. After some talk and gesticulation among themselves they ran into the timber.

Fox concluded that they were making for a bend in the stream where from the nature of the current the boat would drift ashore. His left arm was perfectly helpless but he managed with the help of a paddle and his uninjured arm to reach the opposite bank. Hastily should arm to reach the opposite bank. Hastily should arm to reach the other shore and reached the bend just as the Indians came out of the timber at the same spot. After securing the boat they took Mecham's body, weighted it down with rocks and a pick and sunk it in 25 feet of water. The only first were then removed and cached some distance from shock and fallem overboard and gone down stream.

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when the murderers had left, Fox set out for the nearest camp, a distance of nine miles. He reached the camp in an exhausted condi-tion and a courier was immediately dispatched

to the postcorp. H. E. Rudd, with three mounted police, left at once for the scene of the crime. After a vigorous search and some clever detective work the murderers were all captured and the stolen onthits seemed. Three weeks from the time of as departure Corp. Rudd landed his prisoners and the goods at Tagish Post. They are now guarded closely day and night and will be until they are brought to Dawson for their final cital.

Fox was taken to the post as quickly as posi- down were after provisions, and expressed their

of circumstances afforded a scene such as was witnessed on the upper lakes upon the breaking up of the ice this spring. Boat building had been in progress on lakes Bennett and Tagish from the formation of ice last winter antil the opening of navigation. Many of the men who failed to get through last fall remained at the lakes and spent the winter building boats for the spring rush. Since the first of Manola a steady stream of prospectors poured in matil the shores of the lakes were fined with tents and thousands of men were busy constructing the crafts that were to take them down the river this spring.

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When the ice began to break, a fleet numbering no less than 5000 boats was gathered, ready to sweep down the Yukon. Every conceivable kind of craft was represented; from the large, niver, steamer capable of carrying a hundred tons of freight, down to the small prospector's bateau. Many large scows and barges were built by parties intending to carry passengers and freight to Dawson but for the most part the intending prospectors preferred to construct their own craft.

It was an inspiring sight and one never to be

stout and true.

Till she sat like a duck on, that water all ready to go through.

Then we grashed our oars with ready hand, and the steersman took the sweep, and we shoved her off, and down we rushed through that water swift and deep.

Straight as an arrow shot our boat right into the canyon's jaws, and the water tossed her up and down like a mouse in a kitten's paws.

We bent to our oars with might and main, starboard, port and all, and right and left we pulled her bow as the stressman gave the call.

Then rowed those cliff so emprod our good boot cause at sea.

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It was an inspiring sight and one never to be forgotten as the white winged fleet bearing its army of Argonauts sailed away for the gold hunters.

At Tagish Post, where all boats stopped for inspection, a line of boats extended along the shore for nearly three miles and for a number of days this line seemed to remain almost stationary, boats coming it fast enough to take the places of those which left for below. It is a striking evidence of the efficiency of the mounted police force that with but three many for inspection duty, so vast a number of boats was bandled with little delay and searcely say, friction.

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white Horse rapids afforded many an intersecting scene. Here again boats were gathered, by hundreds, each waiting its turn to make the by hundreds, each waiting its turn to make the by hundreds, each waiting its turn to make the by hundreds, each waiting its turn to make the by hundreds, each waiting its turn to make the was low and many rocks were dangerously near the surface, but comparatively iew accidents occurred considering the number of boats that each through, it was harvest time for the pilots, many of whom made from \$150 to \$250 per day acting as p lots for the boats. While the rush lasted, beats came through at the rate of about onnewery three minutes. The tramways also were in active operation and great quantities of freight were taken over hy them. All day long and far into the night, the shore along the rapids was lined with people cheering the boats as they came through and lending a hand when any became lodged on the rocks or caught in the eddies. Many women ran the rapids in the boats and then it was that the erowd went wild, especially if the fem nine portion of the crew happened to be handling an oar, which was frequently the case.

Whatever else may happen to the gold seekers who came down the river this spring, none of them will soon forget their experiences en route.

Drowning at White Horse Rapids.

drowned, and A. Mattson, their partner, of the same city, narrowly escaped the same fate at the White Horse rapids. Their score when you run those rapids through, we'll try and be on hand and do the same good turn for you.

MURDER ON M'CLINTOCK RIVER.

MURDER

Young Byrne Recovers.

Wm. E. Byrne, the lad whose feet were frozen on the way out last winter, has been brought to Dawson and will leave for Seattle on the first

Dawson and will leave for Seattle on the first boat down the river.

Byrne and his uncle, Jas. McGuire, were proceeding up the river during the latter part of November. Forty miles this side of Selkirk they struck running water and young Byrne's legs became frozen. He was taken to Col. Word's camp and given all available attention but it was feared that he could not recover. Fortunately Dr. Beckett of Seattle was camped some 25 miles below Selkirk and Joe Green was dispatched to bring him up. When the doctor reached the camp, gangrene had set in and it became necessary to amputate the legs half way to the knees. The operation was successfully accomplished and the lad improved from that time.

time.

Frank Knowles and Lee Croissant of Seattle took care of him during the winter and when the ice broke brought him to Dawson.

It was reported in Seattle during the winter that young Byrne had died.

Stampede in Klondike City.

A miniature stampede occurred in our neighboring city one day last week. It did not last long, but was exciting enough while it did long, but was exciting enough while it did last. Old timers will remember of the losing of some \$300 worth of dust from a bag last year. A wag who knew the circumstances took hiss gold pan the other evening and in the midst of an admiring throng of newcomers proceeded to prospect. The second pan netted him 15 cents. The news spread like wildfire, and an excited crowd was soon busily at work with their pans. The facts, however, soon leaked out, and the prospective millionaires sadly placed their gold pans under their arms and silently stole away.

An inquiry. Judge Morford brings to the Nugger office a communication from Mrs. Juliette Prescott-Mathis of Santa Barbara, Cal. Mrs. Mathis desires information concerning the reported death of her cousin—Mrs. Monroe Bean. According to Mrs. Mathis' letter her cousin was murdered in Alaska' by Indians in 1878. Nothing beyond a bare rumor of the tragedy ever reached the outside. Mrs. Mathis thinks that during the present rush some definite information regarding her cousin's fate may come to light. Any one possessing such information may communicate same to the Nuccert office.

HOW WE RAN THE WHITE HORSE.

The Negger plant was brought down the bullet pierced his left lung, coming out he has been surce for six weeks, a number bullet pierced his left lung, coming out he has his left breast. It has a counts he was slowly of men having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a counts he was slowly of men having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a count he was slowly of men having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a count having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a count his left breast. It has a count having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a count has left breast accounts he was slowly of men having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left breast. It has a count having subsisted almost entirely in Done listen now, my heartles, and a bale his left lung, coming out he are and other game during that time.

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respondent of the the approval of Ge following: "The army sailed today (Wednesday 27,000 men, comp alry, artiflery and

"The infantry co 16 regular and 11 v "The total infar In addition there neers, a detachme five squadrons of of light and two c Gen. Shafter is

the force, which is tleship Indiana ar while the training floating home of The transports Friday night or the landing will b This should be effe and no doubt by stars and stripes

de Cuba. ATEANTA, Ga., today prints the correspondent: Last Wednesd aides posted on

headquarters a c for troops to be ate departure. notice was put or correspondents v army to report Thursday. The fifth corps regiments, the

and the Second corps are about day night Gen. transferring to teer troops in Ta the Georgia and ing these regime long to Gen. Lee of course, to s

This addition increased the i 25,000 to nearly

Warships E CAPE HAYTIN reported here taken place at Guantanamo. At 5:30 yest five ships of

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