

INCREASE OF TRAVEL

Working Miners Coming in Numbers

Low Rates Afford Them Winter Vacation on the Outside

"It is a noticeable fact," remarked a local transportation man this morning, "that the great number of men who have thus far arrived over the ice from the outside are miners who ordinarily work for wages."

"They are returning inside to work during the spring and summer and many of them leave the stages at the Forks, not even taking advantage of the fact that their ticket entitles them to come through to Dawson."

"These men are all old timers in the country who went to the outside at the close of navigation, taking advantage of the cut rate tickets sold. Most of them had a small poke running from \$500 to \$1000, which was enough to take them out and give them a nice vacation in Seattle or some other of the coast points."

"From now on the stages will be crowded to their fullest capacity with the returned wanderers who are coming back to the Klondike for another summer's work."

"In a few weeks the 'big fellows'—that is the heavy operators—will begin arriving, and there are a lot of them when you get them all together."

"Most of them want to reach Dawson in plenty of time to get ready for their summer work."

"The outlook for travel is certainly good and with the low rates of travel there is bound to be an astonishing amount of business handled by the overland stages. Winter traveling is almost as cheap as by boat and it requires but very little more time to make the trip now than when the steamers are in operation. By making close connection the trip from Seattle or Vancouver to Dawson can be accomplished in 10 days and at a cost of about \$125, which is only slightly in advance of the regular steamboat fare. There is no inducement, therefore, for anyone to await the opening of navigation and on this account it may be expected that nearly all the Klondikers now outside will return to Dawson before the opening of navigation."

A Quebec Shooting

Quebec, Jan. 13.—Mr. Charles Shirley, a former member of the city police force, and now proprietor of a hotel on the St. Louis road, lies at the Bellefleur hospital with four bullet wounds, two in his head, one in his left shoulder, and one in his arm. About noon today while Mr. Shirley was working in a stable in the rear of the hotel, John Guard, a waiter at the Chateau Frontenac, entered the stable and, without warning, opened fire upon Shirley with the above result. Shirley was immediately removed to the hospital, where the doctors set to work to extract the bullets. Guard was arrested and lodged in jail. The would-be murderer is a young Englishman, about 24 years old, and five feet eight in height. He is one of a batch of English waiters that arrived in Quebec some two years ago, and has since been employed at the Chateau-Frontenac. He was also a member of one of the South African contingents. His motive is not known. The doctors do not consider Shirley's wound as necessarily fatal, and he may recover if blood-poisoning does not set in.

White Slave Trade

Vienna, Jan. 17.—An American gentleman going from Krakow to Prague learned that sixteen young girls, between the ages of 15 and 18, who were on the same train, were bound for New York. Inquiry showed them to be pretty Galician Jewesses; they traveled under escort of a man of 30. Arriving at Prague, the American told the police inspector at the station he feared the girls were taken to New York for improper purposes. The inspector agreed with him, but refused to act. He said that such suspected white slave transports passed through Prague every little while, and that Galicia sent at least 200 girls per week to the United States and South America, traveling via Hamburg and Bremen.

Blank Shots Fired

La Guaira, Jan. 12.—The Russian barque Quador, from Cardiff, with a cargo of coal for the La Guaira Caracas Railroad, arrived off the port during the morning and was notified to heave to. But the barque continued heading for the port until the British cruiser Tribune arrived, fired two blank shots and signalled to the British despatch boat Columbus to approach. The Quador then anchored outside the port, and her captain was allowed to land and communicate with the consignees.

Use "Grape Nut," the health food. You are cheating yourself if you don't have it for breakfast. 3 packages \$1.00. N. A. T. & T. Co.

MUSHERS IN PLENTY.

Nearly All the Stray Dogs in Town Put to Work.

There were about ten or a dozen started out this morning for the Tanana, with dog teams, most of them with either four or five. There were also several who started for Duncan and a few for Boucher, all with dog teams. One man was driving round the streets today with no less than 15 dogs harnessed up to an empty sled. Two men started with a five dog team each for the other side of the Rockies. If this activity should keep up for a few days dogs will once more be at a premium.

Fought to the Death.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—First Lieutenant Werner von Grawert, son of the lieutenant general of that name, shot Dr. Aye, a lawyer of Plensburg, through the neck, cutting the spinal cord, in a duel fought in the Grunewald forest yesterday. Death ensued immediately. The deceased, who was an officer of the army reserve, leaves a widow and five children. The cause of the quarrel was obscure, but of long standing. The duel occurred in pursuance to the findings of a military court of honor. Lieut. von Grawert surrendered himself to the military authorities.

Going to Tanana

Mr. McCarney, of the Forks, left this morning with a team of four dogs to try his fortunes in the Tanana.

SOUR DOUGH BILL DAVIS

In Dawson After an Absence of Four Years

He Went to Nome Early in '99 Arrived on Stage Yesterday Evening.

Among the passengers arriving on the Merchants stage from Whitehorse last night was Mr. William Davis, a Yukon pioneer of the vintage of '94. At the time of Mr. Davis' arrival in the country the Klondike was unknown, Dawson unthought of and Circle City the Yukon metropolis. Davis located at the latter place, coming here after Carmaek's discovery of gold on Bonanza.

In June of 1899 Mr. Davis left Dawson for Nome and after considerable prospecting in that country came back to the lower Yukon, later going into the Kuskoquim country which he has carefully prospected for several hundred miles, finding nothing. He still, however, owned valuable property at Circle and it is to look after it that he will leave Dawson for that place in a day or two.

Mr. Davis was accompanied from San Francisco on his trip in by Chris Harrington, another pioneer who has spent probably a dozen winters in the Yukon. Mr. Harrington stopped last night with friends at Grand Forks and will come on to Dawson this evening. Last year Harrington sent a number of men from Circle into the Tanana country and it is in answer to letters from them telling of wonderful wealth discovered there that he is now en route to that country. He will accompany Davis to Circle and after stopping there for a few days they will both continue on to the new Tanana diggings. Davis says the letters received by Harrington confirm the most glowing reports of the recent Tanana strike.

New York Corruption

New York, Jan. 17.—The confession of George Bissert, for many years warden and collector of tribute from disorderly houses, dives and criminals in the Fifth street police precinct, is regarded by District Attorney Jerome as the most important proof against the police "system" he has ever obtained. The revelations of blackmail and "protection" on the East Side, which are to follow the indictment and trial of police officials and others, it is said, will rival the exposures of corruption made before the Lexow committee in 1894.

The former warden, betrayed by superiors, accuses them in an amazing story of corruption. Inspector Cross and Captains Herlihy and Diamond are named. Bissert says \$100,000 was collected in ten months from one class of dives, and criminals were urged to open resorts. An extraordinary grand jury may be impaneled to try the accused men.

BIG POSTER.

Issued From Nugget Job Printing Office.

The largest printed poster ever issued from any printing office in Dawson has been turned out by the Nugget. It is an advertisement for the reduced subscription price of the daily, printed in colors and presents a most attractive appearance. The poster measures 6 feet in length by 3 feet 2 inches in width. Copies of it were placed all about the city in prominent places and much attention drawn to it from hundreds of pedestrians. The largest poster heretofore printed in town was slightly more than one-third the size of the Nugget mammoth sheet.

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BIG DRIFTS ON MILLER

Returning Miners Coming by Fortymile

Government Road From Here is Badly Drifted on All the Summits.

H. C. Scott has got in from Miller creek, and he says that the trail was drifted so badly during the last four or five days that he did not dare to come over the government road because he heard that the ridge road was absolutely impassible, so he came out from Miller by way of Fortymile. He says that serious work started on Miller over a month ago and there is considerable mining activity there now. The N. A. T. & T. Company is going ahead with the prospecting of its claims and there are more men now at work on the creek than there has ever been before.

He says that several have left for the Tanana, or are talking of going, and that the way they are going is by the north fork of the Fortymile, which he has no doubt is by far the best way as the divides are so low for one thing. Another matter of some moment is that they strike the United States government trail a short way out, a trail which Lieutenants Mitchell is building right through to the Bates rapids and of which probably fifty miles has been completed by this time.

There are a number of men, he says, working on Bedrock and Glacier and getting good results. Also, he knows of two parties who are prospecting beyond Bedrock creek on the Sixty mile, and it would not surprise him to hear in a few days that they had made a rich strike.

Re-located on business

New York, Jan. 13.—Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford of the British navy has arrived here. "I have come," he said, "simply on a little business for the British Admiralty, and also, on a pleasure trip." He reiterated his statements, recently made in London, regarding the Venezuelan controversy.

No General Amnesty

London, Jan. 9.—Mr. Chamberlain says he is satisfied, so far, with the progress of his mission in South Africa. He told a Boer deputation yesterday that a general amnesty for rebels cannot be granted. He asked the members of the late Boer government in Europe to prove their desire to become good citizens in South Africa, by rendering an account of the money they took away with them.

Kansas Bank Fails

Toronto, Kan., Jan. 17.—The state bank of Toronto closed its doors today. The liabilities probably will amount to about \$35,000. It is said only a small per cent. of the deposits, which amount to \$15,000, will be paid. The bank was one of the oldest in Madison county. The cashier is W. P. Dickerson.

British Medal of Honor

Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 17.—A well-known Pine Bluff citizen, Lieut. D. C. Graves, has received from the British government the colonial medal of honor awarded for conspicuous bravery while serving with Cape Colony troops. Seven like medals were awarded, and Graves is one of two Americans thus honored.

Sagaista Entered

Madrid, Jan. 13.—The remains of former Premier Sagaista, who died January 5, were catombed today in the Church of San Francisco in the presence of King Alfonso and other notables.

FOUND—Slush dog, weight about 50 to 60 pounds. Apply Jim Palmer, 34 Gold Run.

Why Smith Left Home—Auditorium

STEAM SHOVEL

Coming From New York to Work on Stewart River.

George L. Taylor, who has a gusher of his own on Stewart river, received in the last mail the good intelligence that a steam shovel had been shipped from New York for him. He expects to get it in by one of the first boats and to put it at work on his claims on Stewart. It is exactly the same as the one now being worked by the Dominion Gold Mining Company.

TO MAKE PURCHASE

U. S. Government Will Buy Land

To Have a Reservation for Public Purposes at Skagway Alaska.

Seattle, Jan. 7.—The latest copy of the Army and Navy register, published at Washington, D. C., gives information that the war department has definitely decided to purchase a tract of land at Skagway for a military barracks for the troops stationed at that point. The question has been under consideration for some time past and last month it was thought had been turned down, however, it appears the matter was reconsidered and a decision to buy was reached.

The department has under consideration a tract of land located in the lee of the hills to the east of Skagway, which is sheltered from the strong winds that sweep down the valley through Lynn canal during the winter months. This makes it unusually cold in almost any other spot around the town, except near the bluffs. The price which was originally asked for the land in question was \$500 and it is said that this proposition still holds good, although the owner only authorized his agent to sell at that price until November 16.

In a report from Skagway the commander of the regularly stationed there complains severely of the present inadequate quarters, which he describes as being cramped and entirely objectionable. They are now paying a monthly rental of \$569 for barrack room and it is estimated that the government could purchase the site proposed and erect its own buildings at a cost of not more than \$15,000.

Premier at Quebec

Quebec, Jan. 13.—With the arrival of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in town last evening the appointment of Sir C. A. P. Pelletier to the lieutenant-governorship of this province was revived, and the question today formed a lively topic for conversation. Sir Alphonse stated that he had positively declined to accept the exalted position, and added that he preferred not to quote any particular reason for his action. He was fully satisfied with his present quiet life, and did not seek further honors. Sir Alphonse and Lady Pelletier entertained Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier at their home this evening. The premier of Quebec and Lady Parent, also the members of the cabinet and their wives, have been invited.

The Port. Gage Way

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—The British Embassy here has secured the issue of an imperial trade granting the Khedival Navigation Company of Alexandria, Egypt, the same privileges for its ships to go hence through the Dardanelles without stopping as enjoyed by other companies. The Embassy had been agitating the question for years, with no result, until it recently ordered the Khedival steamer El Kahira to pass through the straits without stopping. This was accomplished without incident when the Porte was notified of the Embassy's action an trade was promptly issued just before the steamer's departure, granting the company the privilege required.

Best hot drinks in town—The Sideboard.

ORDINARY PROTEST.

Suit as to Water Grant on Caribou Gulch.

D. E. Griffith entered a protest in the gold commissioner's court against a water grant being extended to Stewart Bros. and Napoleon Huet on Caribou gulch. Gold Commissioner Sumler, in his judgment handed down today, sums up the case in this fashion:

This is one of the usual cases brought by the owner of a creek claim to prevent a grant being issued to the defendants for water they intend carrying past the creek claim, thus depriving the creek claim of water the owner is entitled to if he works his claim.

For ten days in the spring, according to the plaintiff's own evidence, there is more than sufficient water for him. This surplus water should be at the disposal of the other miners who require it, and I think the plaintiff's objection that once a grant is issued trouble is bound to arise when the water becomes scarce is over-ridden by the urgent necessity of making every possible use of the water while it is running.

The plaintiff has the prior right to all the water he requires for the miner-life working of his claim, and it is the duty of the mining inspector to see that his rights are protected, notwithstanding any water grants that may be issued to others.

Whether this water grant should issue is a matter I will leave in the hands of the mining engineer.

HERE FROM FORTY MILE

Pioneer Billie Moran Blows in Yesterday

Found Trail on River Much Drifted—Few Have Yet Gone to Tanana.

Billie Moran, a pioneer of ten years experience at Fortymile and Circle and former partner of Thos. O'Brien, arrived from Fortymile yesterday evening and will remain in the city a week or ten days. He left Fortymile Tuesday evening making the Halfway roadhouse that night, completing the journey yesterday.

Mr. Moran says the trail up the river is badly drifted owing to the recent fall of snow and heavy winds. In many places it is entirely obliterated. Otherwise the river is fairly smooth and will be in good condition again in a few days.

SEVENTYMILE RIVER

London, Jan. 17.—The most important authoritative report that has yet been received in regard to the mineral wealth of Alaska has been furnished by William Fitzhugh, an eminent expert, who recently returned from an inspection tour of properties on the Seventymile river for a London syndicate. Mr. Fitzhugh examined the bed and banks of the river. In many places he found that the valley on both sides contained immense banks of gravel. The expert made a thousand tests of these vast deposits, and found that they were auriferous throughout, the low grade averaging fully 32 per cent per cubic yard.

The great advantage of the situation is the fact that it is ideal for placer or hydraulic mining. There is ample water supply, and the expense of building ditches and sluices would be comparatively small. The gravel lies uncovered, instead of underneath a 20 or 30 foot drift, as in the only similar deposits in Siberia. The total expense of working the deposits will be within 20 cents per cubic yard.

Mr. Fitzhugh estimates that the gold collected in these deposits amounts to fully \$500,000,000. He prophesies that the gold output of Alaska after the year 1906 will exceed that of the East in the following ten years. The property is described as being of low grade and offers no attractions to the individual miner. It is unnecessary to add that it will not be offered to the public, but that it will be worked by private owners in England and the United States. The building of sluices will begin as soon as the winter breaks.

NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE

Gold Commissioner's Decision

Gold Commissioner Sumler has handed down his decision in the protest brought by Charles McCloskey against F. Russell Chute, in respect to creek claim 243 below lower on Dominion, which was a controversy as to the priority of staking. In his judgment the commissioner says:

"On December 31 last the plaintiff stated the above claim and brought protest to set aside the grant issued by the department on the ground that said defendant did not stake the claim at the time he claimed to have done so in his application."

"The evidence brought by the plaintiff refers altogether to the condition of the ground, both as to the staking and the tracks in the snow on the 27th and the 31st of December last. They can give no evidence as to where the defendant was on the day on which he claims to have staked the ground. The location of the plaintiff's staking is some distance away from the work, and the evidence does not refer to posts or tracks in the snow close to the creek."

"The defendant's story is that he was alone when he staked and that he walked along the creek bottom from claim 239 and placed his posts close to the creek."

"In this case the plaintiff can give no evidence of the whereabouts of the defendant on the day he staked, nor does he give evidence of the condition of the ground close to the creek. The defendant, on the other hand, states positively he was on the ground and staked it on the day mentioned in his application. I must believe the defendant's story. The protest is dismissed."

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