

FIRST STEAMER

To Tie Up at Dawson Dock This Year Accomplished Feat Today.

BEING BONANZA KING FROM SLOUGH

High Water and Floating Ice Threaten Destruction

ON DAWSON'S WATERFRONT

Steamers Were for a Time in Danger of Being Crushed—Massive Chunks of Ice Strew the Shores.

From Friday's Daily.

The long expected, patiently awaited and hopefully looked for first steamer of the season arrived in Dawson about 10 o'clock this morning. A shrill toot of the whistle from the boat echoed by a general cry of "steamer!" from all parts of the town heralded the approach of the Bonanza King as she glided alongside the Robert Kerr and made fast.

There was a general rush to the landing to get the first news but disappointment was seen on the countenances of the people who realized, upon reflection, that the boat only came from the slough across from Klondike City where she has been tied up all winter and not from the headwaters as everyone had hoped it to be.

Capt. Sid Barrington commanded the boat and brought her gracefully around and made a safe landing. The ice jam of last night which threatened so much injury to the boats in front of Dawson was also felt by the boats at the slough. The water raised there to feet in less than 30 minutes and the current in the slough was stronger than in the Yukon and the big cakes of ice which came rushing in threatened all kinds of serious damage to the steamers tied up there and it was only by the most skillful maneuvering and hard work that the danger was averted. No line which the Bonanza King had aboard was strong enough to hold her against the current and ice and her cables and ropes snapped like so much cotton twice when under an ordinary pressure.

It was an anxious time on all the boats, but Capt. Barrington reports that none of them sustained any injury and all of them are riding on the bosom of the water this morning, although surrounded by huge cakes of ice, with the exception of the barge Michigan which is landed high and dry on the bar.

The steamer Gold Star which was left by the jam yesterday on the bar was lifted off by the high water last night and is all right this morning. The Bonanza King was also left on a bar for a time but succeeded in making her escape. The water raised higher than at first was thought, entirely covering the flat opposite the barracks and depositing just in front of Major Wood's house a great big cake of ice. All along the shore, the ice is piled up and just in front of the Yukon hotel one cake was measured which was found to be more than eight feet thick of clear ice, and nearly ten feet measuring the snow and crust on top.

Allman's bath house and the scow with the cabin on it which lies on the beach opposite the Fairview were carried up onto the shore and deposited in the midst of the jam. A small boat which came down with the ice is on top of the jam opposite the old post office building.

If the sun should come out this afternoon or before the river rises sufficiently to carry the ice away the camera brigade will be seen in full force getting in their deadly work on the remains of the winter of 1900-1901.

New Line of Steamers.

Seattle, April 18.—Lyman C. Smith, the millionaire typewriter manufacturer, of Syracuse, N. Y., is the head of a syndicate of capitalists which closed a deal for the purchase of a number of steamships on the Atlantic coast, to be used in the Oriental and Pacific trade, with Seattle the home port.

The syndicate proposes to build in its own shipyards, in this city, a number of sailing vessels suitable for the lumber trade of the Pacific coast and China, the Hawaiian Islands and Australia.

In the enterprise \$1,000,000, it is estimated, will be immediately invested and an additional capital placed to secure the success of the syndicate's operations on a small scale. J. W. Clise, president of the chamber of commerce, is the Seattle representative of the syndicate.

THE HOUSE JACK BUILT

Not in Good Repute With Fire Department.

Leroy Tozier has decided that being agent for non-residents is not at all times the most pleasing of worldly offices. For example, when Capt. Jack Crawford left the scenes of triumphs, ups and downs, etcetra, in the Klondike he did not leave behind him very much aside from his memory and a skeleton house in South Dawson which boasted the suggestive name "The Wigwam." But the latter he left in Tozier's care. Being constructed principally of canvas and tar paper the building has for some time been a mote in the eye of the fire department chief. Some weeks ago Tozier was instructed to remove the objectionable features of the building and thought he had done so until yesterday evening when he was again notified that the wretched house that Jack built is constantly inviting fires to come and destroy it with its neighbors. As the house is not and has not, since the departure of its owner with the flowing locks, been a revenue producer, Tozier was called upon to put up his own money to have the menace to property torn down and removed which he did today, his promise to Magistrate Starnes that the work would be done being all that occurred in court regarding it.

In the meantime, wholly oblivious to the tribulations of his agent in the Yukon, the poet-scout is probably entertaining (or boring) people outside with "Me and Grant" happenings in Mexico or "Me and the Canadian Government" stories of the Klondike.

PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED

In Cases to be Heard in Police Court.

The charges preferred against Attorney J. A. (Tod) Aikman, partner of Crown Prosecutor Wade, one of permitting his dog to run at large unmuzzled, and the other of resisting a peace officer, the officer being Corporal J. S. Piper, will again occupy the time and attention of the police court tomorrow morning at which time Magistrate Starnes will probably rule on the motion of defendant's attorney, the crown prosecutor, relative to the validity of the ordinance under which the first charge was brought. Considerable interest is centered in the cases and their outcome is eagerly looked for by people who saw fit to obey the police orders without questioning the validity of the ordinances under which they were issued.

High Water on the Klondike.

In sympathy with the rise which occurred in the Yukon last night the Klondike also gave symptoms of carrying more water than the bed of the stream can comfortably accommodate. At the mouth of Hunker creek the Klondike came up nearly four feet, the water rising that height in the space of a very few moments.

G. R. Soole and J. P. Simmonds came down from Last Chance early this morning and report the trip as being the hardest they have ever undertaken in the country. In fact the men's clothes bore striking evidence to the truth of their statements for every garment they wore was wet through and their coats and trousers were torn almost in shreds.

The high water was encountered at the mouth of Hunker at which point the bridge which crosses the creek was entirely submerged. A cabin occupied by a man and his wife was found with two feet of water inside and the owners of the cabin were on the roof waiting for the water to subside. The trail in many places is completely obliterated and at times the men were compelled to wade in water up to their waists.

The water came up very rapidly rising at the rate of two inches a minute.

Several parties of hunters on the lookout for ducks were found taking refuge in trees and looking as though they were being hunted themselves. Naturally traveling was very slow and laborious and Soole and Simmonds consumed four hours in making a single mile across the flat near Bear creek.

At 7 a. m. the water began to go down but the trail is left in such condition that traveling over it is now next to an impossibility.

A New Firm.

Messrs. P. D. Greene and Raoul Rinfret both well known in local civil engineering circles have recently formed a partnership with offices in the McLennan-McFeeley building. Mr. Rinfret has been for some time past connected with the government having had in charge the disposition of the patents to certain portions of the Harper and Ladue townsite. Both members of the firm are experienced in all departments of their business and they are prepared to give prompt attention to the surveying of claims and any other work requiring the services of expert civil engineers.

REPORT OF RIVER

From Whitehorse to Dawson Shows That Several Days Will Elapse

BEFORE BOATS CAN POSSIBLY GET IN

As Ice at Five Fingers Remains Unbroken and Solid.

THREE MILE JAM AT SELKIRK.

All Steamers Have Left Lower Laramie and Some Will Leave Hootalinqua Today—Full Report.

From Friday's Daily.

The following report of the condition of the upper river from Whitehorse to Dawson was received by wire at noon today:

Whitehorse.—Water is very low. Large numbers of small boats and scows are leaving here daily for Dawson. They float down the river to Lake Lebarge where they are pulled out of the water and hauled over the lake, the ice on which is yet quite solid. No steamer can leave here yet for about two weeks.

Lower Lebarge.—The river is clear and the steamers which lay here during the winter have all gone. The Bailey left this morning at 3:30 and the Zealandian at 8:45. The lake is getting soft but freighting still continues.

Hootalinqua.—Steamers Ora and Flora will probably leave for Dawson this afternoon. They are now loading cattle on scows they are towing. The Sifton will leave for Dawson as soon as the Bailey and Zealandian, which left Lebarge this morning, arrives.

Big Salmon.—The Big Salmon river is all clear and the water is very high. The Yukon is still very low. Scows pass here every day for Dawson laden with sheep and cattle.

Five Fingers.—The water is rising but it will be sometime yet before the river breaks at this point. All the ice from above is still above and it will remain there for some time to come as the ice between the fingers is yet quite solid.

Selkirk.—There is a big jam three miles long here and the water is rising very rapidly. It is raining hard now, which circumstance it is hoped may help to break the jam.

Selwyn.—The ice moved here for the first time at 9:30 this morning, but went only half a mile when it jammed hard and fast and remains so.

Stewart.—The river is all clear here. Considerable ice is passing down and it is almost wholly submerged.

Ogilvie.—The river is clear here now and the water is very low.

South African Constabulary.

Gen. Baden-Powell has written to the officer in charge of the recruiting depot for the South African constabulary expressing satisfaction with the fine condition of the recruits sent out from England for his force. The first batch of recruits, which left England in December, has been under his eye, and he is much pleased with the class of men secured.

Up to the present 3200 candidates have been accepted for the constabulary. Of these over 1600 have already been sent to South Africa, and 1000 more are preparing to leave shortly. After that it is anticipated that another 1000 will be ready for embarkation after. With this last detachment will go three officers, including Capt. Laing Sims.

With regard to the recent decision of the war office that five per cent of the units of the regular army at present in England would be allowed to enlist in the force, the authorities have now ruled that those enlisting who have completed their 12 years' service must take their discharge from the army. Those who have not completed their 12 years may transfer into the constabulary without taking their discharge, and their service with the force will count towards the completion of their engagement. The time spent with the police will not, however, count for the purposes of a pension. To get his pension a man must rejoin and finish his 21 years in the army.

Another new order is that married men joining the force will be allowed to sign away up to three-quarters of their pay for the benefit of their wives. For this the colonial office is now engaged in making the necessary arrangements.—London Daily Graphic.

The Bonanza King after getting a supply of fuel dropped down to the slough below West Dawson and will wait there for the balance of the ice to run out.

IT WAS A GRAND SIGHT

Say Those Who Witnessed River This Morning.

There was a lively scene on the water front this morning between the hours of 2 and 6 when the ice jam which had broken above was under full swing in the river.

At 12 o'clock and until 2 o'clock the river was nearly free from ice only small cakes being seen in the channel at irregular intervals.

At 2:15 the big jam reached the front of Dawson filling the river from bank to bank. The water raised six feet in less than 30 minutes and continued to rise until it had reached within about 24 inches of the top of the new extension of the White Pass dock. It looked very shaky for some time for the steamers Robert Kerr and Clara which are lying below the Yukon and W. P. docks, but luckily the ice instead of crashing through them glided underneath and raised them on top of it, so that when the water receded it left them sitting on a cake of ice and both of them out of the water.

When the jam was seen coming a call was issued to the firemen who responded in double quick time and pulled the engines up onto the bank to a place of safety. There are a number of scows which were also left high and dry on the bank when the water lowered.

The banks on both sides of the river are lined with ice which is piled up several feet high and probably 20 feet in breadth.

Those who witnessed the jam last night say it was the grandest sight which the mighty Yukon has produced in several years.

THE COLD WEATHER

Is Greatly Delaying Work of Sluicing on Mining Claims.

The work of sluicing on the creeks is not going ahead with that rapidity which was expected of it for the reason of the continued backward weather. Especially is this true where there is no thawing machinery on the claims and where the heat from Sol is depended upon to thaw the dumps, the weather so far only permitting of from two to three hours work each day on such dumps. On the claims operated on a larger scale and where steam is used the dumps are being thawed rapidly and the work of sluicing is carried on from 10 to 16 hours daily. Considerable gold has already found its way into the banks, but the amount is not to be compared with what would have been brought in had the weather for the past few weeks been anything like as warm as was that of the corresponding period of last year. However, the delay will in no wise lessen the season's output, only defer the close of the cleanup season.

Tide of Prosperity.

Probably in the history of the continent there never was such a tide of prosperity enjoyed by any country as the Dominion of Canada is being favored with. That portion of Canada known as Western Canada is attracting thousands of people, who are seeking homes on the arable lands of that new but rapidly developing country. Possessed of exceptionally good railroad privileges, the best school system in the world, churches in every small settlement, while in the towns and cities all denominations are represented, and with markets in close proximity to the grain fields, most of the requirements for a comfortable existence are met. The development that is now taking place in the mining districts gives an impulse to agriculture, and good prices, with good crops, bring about a state of affairs that the crowded districts of more populous centers are taking advantage of.

Loan companies that made advances on Manitoba property years ago report that the return from the west during the past three months have exceeded expectations. One company has taken from Manitoba over \$20,000 interest, and discharged mortgages, many of which had been written off a year ago. Directors of leading loan companies are taking a greater interest in business of their institutions, and are inquiring into many properties on which advances have been made.

The climate in the western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan is excellent, there being no healthier anywhere. The Canadian government is now offering special inducements for the encouragement of settlers, and they have their agents at work throughout the United States for the purpose of giving information and distributing literature. Among those going to Canada are many ex-Canadians, who have failed to make as good a living as they expected in the United States.—Ex.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now and all they expect to have.

Learn to keep your ears open and your mouth closed.—Dallas News.

DEAD MAN IN RIVER

Was Found at Whitehorse Yesterday.

The body of a man was found in the Fifty-mile river either at or near Whitehorse yesterday, a wire having been received by Major Wood to that effect this morning. The information received was void of details further than that at an inquest held on the remains by the officer of the Whitehorse police post nothing was found by which the identity of the body could be established. Whether or not the drowning was recent was not stated in the telegram.

DAMAGED ON BONANZA

Much damage is reported as being done on Bonanza last night by high water which rose fully three feet after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon going down again this morning. Many dumps between discovery and 11 below were badly damaged, pay dirt being carried away.

A number of shafts were also damaged, the water causing them to cave in from the sides.

Innovation in Building.

In most countries it is customary to begin at the foundation and build upwards in constructing buildings but in Dawson the opposite is being followed in one instance at least. Almost immediately opposite the Nugget office a building is being erected, the second story being put up first and hung in the air while the first story is built under it.

PREPARE FOR HIGH WATER

Immense Body of Ice Due Here This Evening.

A private wire to Capt. Hansen received today informs him that an immense body of ice from a broken jam passed Ogilvie at 2 o'clock this morning followed by a rise of water of fully ten feet. At the rate of the current of the river it is estimated that this body of ice is due to reach Dawson this evening.

The steamer Bonanza King which started up to the cattle yards three miles up the river put back without completing the trip.

Poisoned Cigars.

The famous Botkin and the more recent Cornish poisoning cases recall England's equally famous mystery of 24 years ago.

Two members of a great club in Manchester, both men of position and keen politicians, each received, apparently as a New Year's gift, small boxes containing a few cigars of the very highest quality apparently. Both were taken fearfully ill after smoking, and one of them subsequently died.

The cigars were found to be loaded with poison, and it was said that the man who recovered only did so because he used a cigar holder. The facts were at first brushed up, because, as was said, the suspected sender, whose motive was revenge on account of a lady, was a man of wealth and power.

But this subject was cleared, and the mystery was deepened by the following circumstances: A rich Manchester merchant, traveling one day in a railway car about the time of the incident related, got into conversation with a most agreeable and highly cultivated stranger, who finally offered his cigar case. The Manchester man was found at Leeds almost unconscious, and the only occupant of the carriage. He grasped in one of his convulsed hands the cigar he had been smoking, and after analysis showed it to be identical with the others. He recovered, but the stranger was never discovered.—Ex.

Reported Reverse.

London, April 15.—It is said that a private telegram has been received here to the effect that Gen. French, with 500 British troops, has been captured by the Boers while the force was enveloped in a mist on the hills. No confirmation of the report can be obtained.

The war office here knows nothing about the rumored capture of Gen. French and entirely discredits the report.

The report cabled to the United States that an attempt had been made to assassinate Mr. Kruger is purely imaginary.

Small Fire Today.

At a few minutes before 12 o'clock today the fire department was called out to extinguish a spark on the roof of the Club gymnasium on Third avenue, but a cup of water judiciously applied had done the work before the alarm had finished sounding.

The ice jam which is expected at any minute now is reported to be the largest that has yet come down.

KNIFE WIELDER

Tony Bogetta Who Stabbed Actor Larry Bryant in Left Forearm

DURING ROW LATE THURSDAY NIGHT

In Room of Cosmopolitan Restaurant on Second Avenue

GETS 30 DAYS AT HARD LABOR

Which Sentence Was Imposed by Magistrate Starnes After Hearing Case This Afternoon.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.

Tony Bogetta, the man who was reported in the Daily Nugget of yesterday as having the night previous stabbed Actor Larry Bryant in the left forearm, and who was brought into police court yesterday morning when the case was continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon, was, after the evidence had been given in the case, sentenced by Magistrate Starnes to one month at hard labor. Attorney Alex Howden appeared for the defendant while the prosecution was conducted by the arresting officer, Corporal Piper.

As is usual in rows of like character to the one in which Bryant was knifed by Bogetta, there was a woman in the case, the particular one this time being a "ham phatter" who calls herself Blanche Cametta, the "queenly Blanche Cametta," and who with Bryant had accepted an invitation to dine with "the count" at the Cosmopolitan, and while they were dining Bogetta, who is said to have for some time past been paying more attention to the "queenly Blanche" than was relished by Bryant, showed up and insisted on becoming a member of the dining party. His presence was not relished by Bryant and "the count" who proceeded to eject him rather unceremoniously and it was then that Bogetta used the knife.

Was Not at Orpheum.

The information imparted to this paper yesterday regarding the stabbing (the word "stabbing" is used in the information filed at the police court) of Larry Bryant by Tony Bogetta was partly in error in that it did not occur at the Orpheum but in the Cosmopolitan restaurant on Second avenue where the interested parties were dining when the row occurred. This statement is made in justice to the Orpheum management which endeavors at all times to conduct an orderly and respectable house.

Cork Decoration.

The famous cork room that has been for ten years one of the attractions of New York city is about to be destroyed. The walls and ceiling of the room are covered in an artistic manner with champagne corks, no fewer than 40,000 representing 30,000 quarts and 10,000 pints, being used in the decorations. There has been more champagne than this consumed in the room during the past ten years, but large quantities of the corks had to be thrown away, so as not to mar the artistic effect of the 40,000 used in decoration. The corks are affixed to the ceiling and walls by felt and sealing wax.

Telephone Combination.

Baltimore, Md., April 11.—Final steps were taken today in the big telephone consolidation scheme engineered by the syndicate headed by George Webb, of this city.

At the meeting of the directors of the United Telegraph & Telephone Co., today, the following properties were acquired: Maryland Telephone & Telegraph Co., capital stock \$1,000,000; Pittsburgh & Allegheny Telephone Co., capital stock \$1,500,000; West Pennsylvania Long Distance Telephone & Electric Co., capital stock \$200,000; Allegheny City Telephone Co., capital stock \$200,000; Hartford County Telephone Co., capital stock \$1,000.

In all, about 500,000 phones, either in actual operation or under contract awaiting installation, will go into the combination.

Changed His Mind.

George O'Brien the supposed murderer of Clayton, Relfe and Olsen has changed his mind and decided that he will stand a better show for his life with the aid of an attorney than if he conducted his own defense as he told the court he would prefer to do.

The date set for his trial, June 6th, is rapidly approaching and Bleeker & Donoghue the attorneys whom he has retained are busy preparing his case.

The trial promises to be a lengthy one and will probably occupy several days.