

DAWSON TO THE COAST

Patrick Galvin and Party Narrowly Escape Starvation on the Long Trip.

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News of the arrival at Skagway on Tuesday last of Patrick Galvin, the millionaire, with three companions, after a hard trip, was received on the Athenian Sunday. The particulars of the trip are contained in the following letter from Mr. J. D. Barry, the special correspondent at Skagway of the San Francisco Chronicle, which was also received on the Athenian.

Skagway, May 24.—Arrived in tatters and with toes protruding through his moccasins, Patrick Galvin, a Yukon millionaire, walked into Dawson late this afternoon. With him were Ed. D. Hickman, Charles W. H. Schulz and Louis Mazade, Galvin and Hickman left Dawson on the 12th inst. for the purpose of making the head of Lyaw Canal where that remained of the winter trail. They were woefully deceived in this respect, as a consequence came near starving to death, having been lost for over six days in a wilderness of snow. Galvin was desirous of reaching Dawson as early as possible in order to close a big mining deal into which he entered while in London last winter. Navigation to St. Michael's had been closed, so he engaged Hickman to drive his dogs, and set out over the ice. On the way up these two overtook a telegraph wire as they were in order to close a big mining deal into which he entered while in London last winter.

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ADVENTURES ON THE TRAIL

A Newspaper Man Writes of the Experiences of Himself and His Party.

Writing to a friend in this city from Lake Linderman, under date of May 17, Col. D. McGregor, the veteran British Columbia newspaperman, has the following to say of the adventures of himself and his party on their journey to the North:

We left Dyes soon after breakfast and secured passage in a heavy lumber wagon on Canyon City, a collection of rough shacks and tents, with saloons, hotels, bank houses, restaurants and outfitters predominating. Here we remained for dinner and had a fairly good meal for forty cents each. We then proceeded on our journey on foot over the mountain trail to Sheep Camp, a small town and rather dirty, containing at date about 2,500 people. We took lodging here in the principal hotel for the night, paying at the rate of \$2 per day. Next morning we started, four in company, on the most treacherous part of the journey—the ascent of the far-famed Chilcot Pass—and succeeded in reaching the Summit safely, making the climb in three days. On our way up we met several parties fatigued and disheartened, returning to their homes in more congenial climates. Among all the men was a man from California, good looking and seemingly in the prime of life.

"Before leaving home," he said, "I thought I was equal to the task, but on reaching part way up to the Summit I concluded I had enough of it and now I am in Yukon territory." The climate here is inclement and changeable. Extremes come suddenly, especially on nearing the top. The weather greater danger seems to be exposure to those sudden changes when men are fatigued as they almost invariably are at this particular stage of the tramp. The scenery may be termed "wild and romantic" but nevertheless it is a bleak and most inhospitable region. The snow storm. No vegetation is to be seen for miles around—nothing but mountain peaks and crags covered with eternal snows. Wood for fuel is selling here for five cents per pound; coal at \$125 per ton and mules at one dollar. One of our party refused here all night to attend to freighting our outfits down to the lakes. He paid one dollar for sleeping quarters in a tent and another for a post and a blanket to protect him from cold.

We are now camped on Lake Linderman awaiting favorable weather. There are about 3,000 people here on their way to the gold fields. Some have been here for several months, some are expected to be here in the next few days. Those who had no boats shipped from the outside over the passes are busily engaged saving lumber for that purpose and building their boats here. There are about 5,000 people at Lake Bennett, at the junction of the Chilcot and the Skeena. They are waiting for the opening of navigation. All communication from the interior is now cut off owing to the dangerous condition of the trails and the ice on the lakes. It is expected that in about ten days the lakes will be clear of ice, the Klondike trail will be open, and it is estimated that there are about 10,000 people camped at the lakes—Linderman and Bennett. The large proportionate number of women among those making their way to the gold fields, probably has no precedent in the history of mining stampedes. The trail over the Chilcot is reported to have been the worst of the Skagway or White Pass and is to be the best in winter is now scarcely passable.

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