

## A FAMINE AT DAWSON CITY

That is the Dire Prediction  
Per Steamer

## JUST FROM THE KLONDIKE.

Steamer P. B. Weare Was Wrecked  
On the Yukon River.

Almost a Nutcase on the Steamer Humboldt  
—Two Stores at Dawson City Ceased  
Selling Outlets to Prospectors, and When  
No More Food Could be Procured There  
was Consternation Among the Population—  
Reckless People There Were  
Will be Sure to Make Trouble.

Offer Point, B.C. (via Victoria), Sept. 11.  
—Of starvation and violence, of mutiny  
and shipwreck, of perils from snow on  
land and ice in the river, made up the  
thrilling tales from the gold seekers of the  
Yukon brought by the steamer Cleveland.

The Cleveland left St. Michael on Aug.  
29, stopping at Umanak and passed here  
today, bound for Seattle.

The startling news was received at St.  
Michael that famine is imminent at Dawson  
City, and that on July 28 the two large  
stores closed their doors and made no more  
sales, their stocks of provisions being ex-  
hausted before the winter began.

The steamer P. B. Weare was wrecked  
in the Yukon, and the steamer heavy took  
the passengers from the stranded steamer  
and transported them to St. Michael. The  
steamer Kleckler was disabled on the  
city south.

On the steamer Humboldt, bound north,  
there was rebellion among the passengers,  
and the life of the leader of the  
expedition, W. D. Wood, who conducted a  
party to the goldfields of the Klondike,  
was in jeopardy.

In this story there is not much gold that  
glitters. There is a story of a man who  
died of starvation, and there is a story of  
a man who was killed by a bear.

Famine feared at Dawson City.  
In the course of all this series of disasters  
the most important matter is the condition  
at Dawson City. In this centre of  
population at the mouth of the Klondike  
River with the Yukon, there are two  
stores, one owned by the United States  
Commercial Company, the other by the North  
American Trading Company. Both these stores were  
closed on July 28, and the agents of these  
two corporations told that they had no  
more food to sell, and that the people  
must look out for themselves.

When the agents at the stores announced  
that no more food could be obtained there  
was consternation among the population.  
Up to the town were coming 25,000 people  
a day. Some of these brought their pro-  
visions, but many had none. It was  
evidently the food supply outside the stores  
is not sufficient.

Through the winter, there is abundant  
food at St. Michael, but there is little  
probability that enough of it can be trans-  
ported by the river to supply the wants  
of the miners and the prospectors. A  
fringe of ice is appearing on the sides  
of the river, and the prospectors are  
inclined to come early this year, as though  
nature were kinder to the gold seekers.

Men who grasp for the gold in the gravel  
near Dawson before the ice has set in, are  
not more than four or five miles from  
the river. The steamer agents are  
Hamilton, the Healy, the Bella, and the  
Alta.

With the threat of famine, the present  
disaster at Dawson has gone many  
reckless men and some reckless women.  
They are not inclined to consider the  
wants of others. Lawlessness will come and  
possibly riot. The prospectors are  
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During the coming winter there will be  
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While many keep their nuggets  
secret, there is more than a little  
in the party. They all tell the same story.  
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While we were at St. Michael the an-  
nual gatherings of the members of the Na-  
tional City and South Coast expeditions  
show that the troubles there are ahead  
there as well as on the Klondike. It is  
my belief that the results that are to  
turn this fall will come heavily loaded with  
gold. The results of wealth easily won  
are disappearing from view of many who  
looked north. There is a barrier that  
means death between them and the fulfilment  
of their dreams.

Watkins thinks the same.  
The pursuer of the Cleveland, J. Whitbeck,  
gives the same direful prediction as Capt.  
Hall. "All the miners are taking of the  
scarcity of provisions and agree that on  
July 28 last the two big stores were  
closed, as they had run out of provisions,  
and so had no reason to keep open," said  
he. "This presents a famine in the Klondike  
this winter, and there must be many  
deaths from starvation unless food comes  
from some quarter not known at present.  
The river steamer can't possibly haul  
enough food to supply the population of  
Dawson; in fact, all they take in will be  
enough to supply those who travel with  
the vessels bearing the supplies. It  
has been told that the steamer Cleveland  
which started up the river Yukon toward  
Dawson, has been wrecked, and the cap-  
tain killed, and the passengers are  
starving." Many of the miners on the Cleveland  
are still early in the morning. The  
journalist spoke the Cleveland, and the  
reporter climbed aboard. They crowded  
around the purser's cabin as he told the  
story he had gathered from them, and as  
soon as he mentioned the probability of  
famine they gave their assent to his utter-  
ances.

One of their number said: "This statement  
truly as I am standing here that there will  
be a famine at Dawson this winter, and  
short rations for all. There are many  
people to take by force what they need,  
and are nothing for the winter. They are  
facing death in the agony of starvation."

## MAJOR WALSH'S PROPOSAL

A Series of Posts from Dyea  
to the Klondike.

## TO BE THIRTY MILES APART

But Mr. Gowler Says He Must Have  
Plenty of Means and Men.

The Steamer Topeka, Just Down From  
Alaska, Reports Travel Falling Off  
and a Concentration of Prospectors at  
Juncos—Another Railway Projected—  
Another Steamer Brings Down Miners  
With Suggs and Dusk—Belleville Man  
With a Good Fortune.

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