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THE ORA ARRIVES FROM WHITE HORSE.

Successful Trip of the B. L. & K. N. Co.'s Trim Little Boat.

News Brought to Town by the Steamer Ora—Several Other Boats Are Impeded by the Low Stage of Water Prevailing.

The little steamer Ora, the first boat to arrive in this spring with steamboat connections with Bennett and the outside world, pulled into port on Thursday afternoon, four days out from White Horse, and was welcomed by a crowd of thousands of people. On board were a number of distinguished passengers, including several well known old-timers. Among them were: Messrs. Louis Slöss, general manager of the A. C. Co., L. N. ("Jack") McQuesten, J. M. Wilson and Mr. Sumner, also of the A. C.; L. R. Fulda, manager of the A. E. Co.; Charles Stepp, manager of the Felix Klondike Co., and Mrs. Dugas, wife of the judge of the territorial court. Others on the boat were: William Gates, popularly known as "Swiftwater Bill," and wife; Lucille Elliott, looking as smiling and handsome as ever; Annie Graham and Grace Seymour, the advance guard of Simon's female extravaganza company; W. S. Phelan, George LaMarie, H. D. Anderson, John Erickson, Gus Erickson, Mrs. Gift, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wyberg, Mrs. W. J. Walters, Miss Garrett, W. J. Casey, S. Kosofsky, D. McArthur, David Bruce, C. Regnier.

Captain O. S. Waud, commander of the spry little craft, reports a most successful and pleasant trip, marred only by a loss of 20 hours at the head of Lake Lebarge, owing to low water. He says there is no channel whatever there—only a vast mud flat. The Willie Irving left the rapids seven hours ahead of the Ora, and also lay up several hours on the flat. The Ora finally overtook her in the Thirty-Mile, where she was caught on a pile of rocks. An effort was being made to pull her off as the Ora went by. The Gold Star was found in a similar condition in the Thirty-Mile, and the Victorian was having some trouble with the mud flat going up.

The most unwelcome news brought by the Ora was a statement that the steamer Columbian, while en route to Dawson from the White Horse rapids, had struck a rock in the Fifty-mile river, about nine miles down, and sunk in twenty minutes. One side lay in nine feet of water. The sister boat Canadian was found alongside, endeavoring to pump the sunken boat out preparatory to raising and repairing her.

At the rapids when the Ora left were the Clara and Anglian; six miles below was the Eldorado, and close by the Tyrrell. Only the Nora and the Bailey had reached White Horse from Bennett, the ice in Marsh lake not having cleared out sufficiently to allow the other boats to get through.

Captain Waud said further that the stage of water in the lake region is still very low and rising only at the rate of one inch in twenty-four hours.

The passengers who came on the Ora speak in the highest terms of the skill shown by Captain Waud in bridging the boat safely through the dangerous waters of Thirty-mile. They desire also to acknowledge the uniform courtesy which they received at the hands of officers and crew alike.

Repudiates His Organ.

The amusing spectacle of Commissioner Ogilvie repudiating the government organ and denying its veracity was presented on Wednesday, when a delegation of water frontiers called upon the official to inquire why he had not kept his promise to leave them undisturbed in their establishments until a reply to their petition had been received from Ottawa.

Mr. Ogilvie replied to the committee's question by letter, saying that he had never made such a promise.

A committee member had recalled the occasion when the commissioner had given them to understand that he had promised as described, and referred him to a copy of the Yukon Sun which, in quoting Mr. Ogilvie said specifically, that the promise had been given.

Replying to this Mr. Ogilvie said that the Sun had spoken without his authority when it made the statement, and referred the delegation to the Nugget which had properly reported what he said. With such a high authority as his excellency quoted, the delegation was forced to be content and go their way.

Celebration of the Fourth.

The mass meeting of citizens called for Thursday night to further the preparations for a celebration of the Fourth of July, was responded to by fully 500 persons, who gathered at the commodious warehouse of the A. C. Co. at the rear of the fire station.

Chairman Tozier called the assemblage to order, described what had been done, and called for suggestions. Mr. Foster moved that an executive committee of 40 be selected by popular nomination, and after its adoption the following were chosen: Captain Hansen, Chief Fletcher, Frank King, J. Stanley Hudson, P. C. Ritchie, Mr. Foster, J. J. Healy, Col. O. V. Davis, Raamps Peterson, Tom O'Brien, Captain Frank Harper, Mr. Seeley, Jack McQuesten, Murray Eads, Captain Jack Crawford, Colonel W. P. Edwards, J. D. Jourden, Gus Seiffert, Captain Burstall Uncle Andy Young, John

Gibson, Captain Ogilvie, Alex. McDonald, W. J. Norville, Captain Pierce, Nat Lyons, W. C. Gates, Tom Chisholm, E. M. Sullivan, W. Williamson, G. Layfield, Joe Boyle, Mr. Manchester, L. R. Fulda, H. E. Stamer, Jim Doherly, George McPherrin, John F. Miller, George Noble. The committee was asked to meet the following night, when the sub-committees would be appointed.

Secretary Moran read a letter from Captain Hanson, acknowledging the receipt from Uncle Andy Young of \$48 collected by him on the occasion of the late contest between Agnew and Raphael.

Much enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting, and it was evident that the sentiment of the Dawson public is strongly in favor of a rousing celebration of the great American gala day.

Oil City in.

The steamer Oil City, D. C. Bayse, master, arrived at 8 o'clock a. m., Friday, fifteen days out from Russian mission, where she wintered, having left St. Michael on October 9, 1898, the last boat out for Dawson. At Fort Yukon forty or more men were found who came in on the Edmonton route and had been out eighteen months. Their tale of hardships and woe was fearful to hear. The Oil City brings 250 tons of oil and candles for the Standard Oil Co. Her appearance is fine. She is now, with her improvements, the fastest of the Moran fleet.

New Townsite.

Bert E. Collyer who came in on the steamer Bonanza King brings information concerning

war. The delegates show much disappointment over the turn in affairs. Another cause of discontent is the secrecy imposed by the Russian delegates on the proceedings of the congress.

Cape Nome.

Dr. Yemans of the Empire line brings to the Nugget office a photograph of Cape Nome taken some years ago during one of the doctor's Arctic voyages. The photo shows a rugged range of snow-capped mountains running parallel with the water's edge and rising abruptly therefrom.

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Andy Thanked.

The Salvation Army give their kindest regards to Uncle Andy, who so kindly passed around the hat in their behalf Tuesday evening, and also tender their thanks to the boys for responding so liberally. May God prosper Uncle Andy.

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To the Dome.

A trip to the Dome back of Dawson to see the midnight sun on the 21st of June is well under way, and C. W. Tennant, who was the first in the movement, is arranging for a flag-raising oration, corner solo and a poem by Captain Jack Crawford, to take place on the Dome. All parties wishing to make the trip in a body are asked to join the party, bringing a cup and spoon, and also lunch, and meet at the engine



a townsite located about 20 miles above Fort Selkirk. Mr. Collyer states that a copper ledge the outcroppings of which have been traced a distance of 10 miles, has been located at William's point by a San Francisco syndicate. Representing the syndicate and now at William's point are Lieut. Adair, U. S. A., Capt. Stretch and A. D. Smith. These gentlemen have in charge a surveying party and will proceed immediately to lay out a town site. Their party numbers in all 50 men.

Mr. Collyer represents the Seattle Times and will leave in a short time for St. Michael.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Max Steinfeld is confined to the hospital with typhoid fever.

Mr. Bulmer of the Selkirk sawmill is a guest at the Fairview.

Pat Rooney, the pugilist, was a passenger to the outside on the Merwin this week.

Ike Schwartz, a well known fireman, left on the Rideout Wednesday for his home at Portland, Or.

Jack Hyland of Victoria and a party of old timers, arrived Tuesday night by barge from the outside.

Mr. Campbell, formerly a bartender at the Aurora, Harry Gibson and Tom Scott, three well known old timers, arrived from the outside on Monday.

E. J. Ward, an ex-member of the N. W. M. P., who "struck it rich" in the early days of the Klondike, arrived from the outside this week, accompanied by his bride.

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Peace Congress in Session.

THE HAGUE, May 20.—The international peace congress has been formally convened, but already there is promise of trouble, owing to the positions of the czar and King William. The latter has expressed his opposition to the plan of arbitration, on the ground that it would deprive him of one of his "divine prerogatives," while the czar's representatives have expressed their refusal to support the proposal to neutralize all private property at sea in time of

house (A. C. Co.'s store) at 8:30 p. m., as the party is to leave at 9 o'clock sharp.

There is plenty of wood on the summit for fire, and tea and coffee can be made by packing water a short distance.

A good time is expected, and the view is most extensive and grand from the summit.

CHESTER W. TENNANT.

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LATEST OUTSIDE NEWS.

The Earl of Strafford committed suicide in May.

Queen Victoria made her last appearance at a public function on May 24, her birthday.

The athletic teams of Cambridge and Oxford have invited those of Harvard and Yale to engage in a contest in London during the last week in July. The Americans are expected to accept.

At Ashfork, Arizona, two masked men entered the Harry Van Alen saloon while twenty people were there, and, at the points of revolvers, cowed the crowd until they had plundered the till and made their escape.

The hoisting car in the War Eagle mine at Rossland, B. C., fell 850 feet on May 20, taking down Mike Cook, W. F. Scofield, O. A. Honeyford, J. O. Palmer and T. A. Neville, all of whom were killed but the first two named.

Cossacks and Chinese had a battle of several hours' duration on April 2, when the former attempted to cross from the frontier to Tibet by way of a pass. The Cossacks were repulsed, and both armies will at once be re-enforced, when another battle is expected.

The Seventh New York Volunteers have been invited to go to England and participate in the review of the London volunteers by the Prince of Wales on July 6. Sir Charles Howard Vincent is the prime mover in the scheme, but says the invitation is from the whole nation.

Owing to the stubborn position taken by America and Great Britain on the Alaska boundary dispute, that question is to be dropped temporarily by the high joint commission to enable them to agree upon the other matters in hand. The British Government has also objected militarily to the United States sending a large force of soldiers to Alaska, saying it might create the impression that forcible occupation of the disputed territory was intended.

Take your best girl to "The Kozy" for a splendid dish of ice cream or for the nicest little lunch to be secured in town.

NEWS OF A NEW STAMPEDE.

Good Diggings Said to Have Been Found on California Creek.

Corroborative Information Concerning the Cape Nome Country—It Has Been Known for a Long Time on the Lower River.

Another stampede out of Dawson, and one which possesses more than the usual amount of merit, took place this week as a result of the arrival in the city of Pat E. Dunden, Messrs. Pearl, Crane and others from the waters of the upper White river. They reported the discovery of gold on what has been named California creek, a tributary of the White river, and showed several samples of the precious metal, which they found at a depth of fifteen feet. Several of the discoverers recorded immediately, and Gold Commissioner Bentler posted a notice of the discovery at his office. Three members of the party came down the White and Yukon rivers on a raft, while the others walked in, striking the city via Swede creek, which, they say, is the proper trail to take.

The new creek heads in the vicinity of Glacier and Miller creeks of the Forty-mile district, both of which have been gold producers. The reason it had not been heard of earlier is because the prospectors had been making their headquarters principally at Forty-mile. Among the Dawsonites who went on the stampede is Polioy Bob, who claims to have had men at work on the creek all winter.

Cape Nome.

Fresh information of the big stampede to the Snake river gold find, in the Cape Nome country, arrived with the steamer Pilgrim, of the Blue Star line, on Thursday. The boat wintered at Andreofsky, which is located only 125 miles this side of St. Michael. Purser A. C. Morrison was asked about the reported strike by a Nugget man, and replied that he had no doubt that it was a good thing. Nearly everybody at St. Michael and the lower river, it was reported, had gone over, many of them sacrificing profitable positions. The most significant feature of the stampede was the fact that the people who had inside information were the ones most excited. A Captain Jig-nereaux, who represents a New York mining syndicate, went over the hills to the Snake river in February, and he was so impressed with the discovery that he returned at once for a substantial outfit. A bad feature of the stampede, Mr. Morrison said, is the fact that powers of attorney are being used and that the country has already been largely taken up in the names of absentees. The Pilgrim is commanded by Captain Thomas Hor.

DISAPPOINTMENTS UP NORTH.

Following closely upon the wake of the Pilgrim was the Oil City, of the Standard Oil Co., under command of Captain DeWitt C. Bayse, a navigator of the old school, with the drom of a Beau Brummel and the manners of a Cheeverfield, but a skipper who takes a back seat for nobody. On board was a motley group of passengers, consisting of nine white prospectors from the Porcupine and a dozen or so Indians from the Athabasca lake country, on the other side of the Rockies, and not far from Edmonton. The Indians made their way by the upper Rockies to the northern Alaska country in the company, it is understood, of a young man named McKay, who is believed to have come here in advance and engaged in the saloon business. The Indians are a ram-looking lot, and are well worth seeing. The prospectors from the Porcupine report that they secured absolutely nothing for their winter's work, nor did any of the large number of people on the creek. One of the men reported to a Nugget representative that the so-called Robertson party, which left Dawson last fall, prospected all the rivers as far north as the Herschel islands, in the Arctic ocean, but didn't find anything. The Porcupiners further reported that there was much suffering among the prospectors on the creek during the winter, and that several of them actually starved to death. B. A. Smith, the pilot of the Oil City, and wife wintered on the Herman at Whitefish island, which is 150 miles below Rampart City. The Herman is now at Circle City.

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A New Paper.

The first issue of the Bennett Sun, published at Bennett City, by Messrs. Scharschmidt and Dumar, has come to this office. The Sun tells us that Bennett City is destined to become one of the great commercial and shipping centers of Canada, which settles all doubts as to the future of the city. The paper is bright and newsy and displays lots of enterprize.

Everything Goes.

even the "Water Front," and the Drug firm of Kelly & Co. are now located in Tom Chisholm's building, on Second street.

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