

### YUKON SHIPPERS ON DECK.

Various River and Lake Steamers Ready for Business.

Ice Confidently Expected to Go Out Very Early This Season—Ready to "Cast Off."

A big inpouring from the south of skilled Yukon lake and river steamboat men occurred when nearly 50 arrived on the steamer Amur. All, says the Alaskan, are bound in to prepare steamers for navigation, and later to operate them.

One of these parties comprises Capt. Bailey and six men who will work on the Sybil. Another, and the largest and most complete and significant party to come north on such an expedition is that of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., of which McDonald Potts, who also came, is general manager. This company was recently organized in England, taking over what was the Klondike Trading & Transportation Company, the Klondike Goldfields Company, and the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company. The latter company was the best known to the public, and it is in connection with the navigation branch of the new company that the present expedition has chiefly to do.

Accompanying the general manager are 40 other people, mostly Yukon river captains and engineers and other members of boat crews. In fact all the members of the boats crews of the Klondike corporation are with Mr Potts. They will get off right away for the interior, where they will put in condition the steamers Ora, Nora and Flora for the coming season.

The chief officers of the different vessels of the company and the places at which the vessels now are follow:

Steamer Ora, now at Lower Lebarge; Capt. Williams commander; Capt. Bragg, pilot. Steamer Flora, now at Lower Lebarge, Capt. Martineau, master; Capt. Campbell, pilot, Wm. Summerville, chief engineer. Steamer Nora, now at the mouth of the McClintock, Capt. Cox, master; Capt. Wolber, pilot; Peter Craig, chief engineer.

Manager Potts announces that Peter Copeland will be the Skagway agent of the company this season, R. W. Calderhead will be agent at Dawson, and Robert Hall at Bennett.

It is the intention of the manager to remain in the north, that is between Bennett and Dawson the greater part of the summer. Victorja, however, will be his headquarters. After a few days visit to Bennett he will go to Victoria, where he will remain three weeks previous to coming north for the summer's work. Mr. Potts was last year auditor of the Bennett Lake & Klondike company and is the only officer of that company who has been retained by the new corporation. He is a young man, yet one in whose face is shown business shrewdness. Mr. Potts says:

"In all likelihood we shall this summer have no other than our regular fleet, but the vessels will be in good condition and we shall endeavor to operate them to the best possible advantage. I have the option to purchase four large steamers now on the Yukon, but I do not know that I want them under the prospects. It appears that because of the light snow in the interior there will be very low water in the Yukon this season, and that the large steamers will be able to do but little. However, we hope to keep busy with our smaller light draft craft. I intend to put the Ora and the Flora into Dawson this season ahead of all other vessels. Freight to load them both the trip is already secured.

"It appears navigation will open three or four weeks earlier this year than ever before. More freight is coming by the Skagway route to Dawson this year than the boats will be able to handle."

#### South African Lighting.

A very few days after my arrival at Maritzburg at the end of 1875 I was standing one afternoon in the shade of my little house on a hill anxiously watching the picturesque arrival of an ox wagon laden with my boxes. It was in the very early summer, and the exigencies of settling in left me no time to worry about the thunderstorms, of which of course I had often heard.

A more serene and brilliant afternoon could not be imagined, and it was not even hot—at all events, out of the sun. My two small boys, as usual, trotted after me like dogs and clamored to assist at the arrival of the wagon, so I lifted the little one up in my arms and stood there, with the elder boy clinging to my skirts.

Suddenly out of the blue unclouded sky, out of the blaze of golden sunshine, came a flash and a crash which seemed as if it must be the crack of doom. No words at my command can give any idea of the intolerable blinding glare of the light which seemed to wrap us round or of the rending sound as if the universe were being torn asunder.

I suppose I flung myself on the ground, because I was crouching there, holding the little boys beneath me with some sort of protective instinct, when in a second or two of time it had all passed, for I heard only a slight and distant rumble. I do not believe the sun had ceased shining for an instant, though its light had seemed to be extinguished by that blaze of fire.

Never can I forget my amazement—an amazement which even preceded my deep thankfulness at finding we were absolutely unharmed, the fearless little boys only inquiring, "What was that, mummy?" There had been no time for their rosy cheeks even to pale. I wonder what color I was? I looked at the little stone house with astonishment to find it still there, for I had expected to see nothing but a heap of ruins. Nay, it seemed miraculous that the hills all around should still be standing.—Lady Broome in Cornhill Magazine.

#### ALL FOR THE KLONDIKE'S GOLD.

Three women were sitting quite near in the town park one day; While passing by I chanced to hear One of them plainly say:

"In the deep snows of Chilkoot pass My husband lost his life; I know his prayers to the last Were for his lonely wife I lost my husband; you, your son, And you your brother bold; Then let us weep—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

"Let ussing the sad refrain, Sing as we grow old, All for the love of golden gain, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then another, shedding her tears, Her sad story now told; It seemed her son, though young in years, Died, too, for Klondike's gold.

"He's buried in the Yukon's sand, Beneath its angry waves, No headstone in that dismal land Does mark his lonely grave, You lost your husband; I, my son, And you, your brother bold; Then we will weep—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then, the sad story of the third Followed up the other; No letter, no line, not one word, From that sister's brother.

"Like many another, he went alone, No pard to help along; He left me here in the old home To join in your sad song; You lost your husband; you, your son, And I my brother bold; Then weep we may—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then a desolate, aged form Upon the scene appeared; Her voice was low, her face careworn, As she, moaning, declared:

"Rather the snows of Chilkoot's pass, Or Yukon's muddy wave, L'e o'er, tonight, my darling lass, Deep in her lonely grave; Than be so sad and made to mourn, As I am growing old; By hearing of my darling one—Sinning for Klondike's gold, You lost your husband; you, your son, And you your brother bold; But I lose still a dearer one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

#### Lull in the Campaign.

London, April 4.—Gen. Colville and Gen. French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfontein, and have rejoined the main army. It doubtless seemed to Roberts a vain thing to send from ten to twelve thousand of his best troops into the wilderness with a field transport in the directions of a right angle with his chosen line of advance. The Boers have probably moved elsewhere, and if to the southwest Gen. Colville could as easily strike them from Bloemfontein as by following across the plains.

The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the war field waiting probably for the accumulation of material for a swift advance on the Transvaal frontier.

Details received of the scenes on Greenmarket square, Cape Town, on Tuesday, when Premier Schreiner encountered an English demonstration, show that the premier, fearing personal violence, sought refuge in a restaurant. He was hooted, and tried to reach the parliament house protected by the police. The people shouted "traitor," but he succeeded in reaching the house. Lord Roberts did not meet his wife at Cape Town. She will proceed to Bloemfontein.

The permanent bridge at the Modder river station has been finished, and the first train passed over it on Tuesday.

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#### Notice to the Public.

The public is hereby notified that Messrs. Port, Crowler, Pratt and West will on Saturday, April 28, 1900, retire from the business known as the Palace Grand Amusement Company, and all bills must be presented on or before that time. J. J. West, Manager P. G. A. Co.

### ALL STEAMERS IN COMBINE

On Through Rates From Below to Dawson.

American as Well as British Bottoms Will Adhere to Schedule Made With W. P. & Y. Ry. Co.

When the new rate schedule of the Canadian Navigation Co.'s steamers, the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. and the C. D. Co. on freight from Sound points to Dawson was published in the Nugget some time ago it was feared by many that the rate as published did not include steamers flying the American flag on the Skagway-Sound run, but by a late circular issued by the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co. these fears have been removed.

The circular announces that through rates on passengers, merchandise and livestock have been made through agreement by all the steamer companies now having vessels plying between British Columbia and Skagway and Puget Sound and Skagway and the White Pass railroad and steamers on the waters of the Yukon and its tributary lakes.

The only Yukon river steamer company mentioned on the tariff as being in the agreement is the Canadian Development Company, but there is no doubt but that shippers can bill their freight by any line they please at the schedule quoted.

Certain new regulations and conditions accompany the new quotations, and the most notable of these, in regard to general merchandise, is the raising of the measurement ton from 40 to 55 cubic feet. In other words, 15 more cubic feet are allowed to the ton, thereby giving the shipper just that much more allowance and virtually amounting to a reduction.

The quotations in the new tariff from Puget sound and British Columbia points to Dawson are as follows:

"The following through rates shall apply on passenger business and shipments from Puget sound and British Columbia ports to Dawson and Yukon points after the opening of river navigation:

"Passengers—Through rate, including meals and berths on coast steamers and meals and berths on river steamers, and 150 pounds of baggage, \$105.

"Cattle—Through rate, \$85 a head, feed to be charged at regular tariff rates; men in charge to pay full fare.

"General merchandise—Shipments of five tons and under: Through rate, \$145 a ton weight, provided the sum of each shipment does not exceed 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight, all excess to be charged \$1 a cubic foot. Shipments of over five tons: Through rate, \$125 a ton weight, provided the sum of each shipment does not exceed 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight, all excess to be charged \$1 a cubic foot.

"Powder, calcium acids, gasoline and naphtha to be carried only by special engagement."

From reports it is probable that every steamer which will ply this season on the waters between here and Bennett will have all the freight that her capacity will permit of being handled.

#### Will Drag the River.

Reports from the neighborhood of Minto are to the effect that preparations are being made to drag the river near there as soon as it is open in search of the bodies of the three murdered men, Clayson, Relfe and Olsen. The work of prosecuting the search by cutting away the ice was prosecuted for some time, but slow progress was made. It is reported that Detective McGuire who is working on the case in the employ of Clayson's brother, will arrive in Dawson in a few days; though just what is bringing him before the bodies are found or the search abandoned is not known.

#### Bowling Tournament.

On next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock will occur one of the most exciting contests in the history of Dawson. The occasion will be a five game bowling tournament at the Monte Carlo alleys, the participants being Al Clarke and A. Swartz, the stake being a purse of \$500. Both men have enviable records, and each will do his utmost to carry off the purse. Both men have many friends who are ready to back their favorites with the coin of the realm.

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