

grievously mistaken. You must build a boat here, capable of carrying yourself and your stores hundreds of miles across lakes and through rapids. It doesn't matter if you know nothing of boat-building; you *must* build some sort of boat or raft, or else turn back over the awful Chilcoot. "Where is the wood?" you ask, in dismay. You have to *fell the trees for it*—aye, and travel miles to find a tree, so disafforested has this spot been by hundreds of eager gold-seekers. In your baggage should be not merely the tools for tree-felling and plank-sawing, but even the very pitch which is to caulk the seams of your crazy craft.

The distance across Lake Lindemann is $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Next comes Lake Bennett, $26\frac{1}{2}$ miles long.

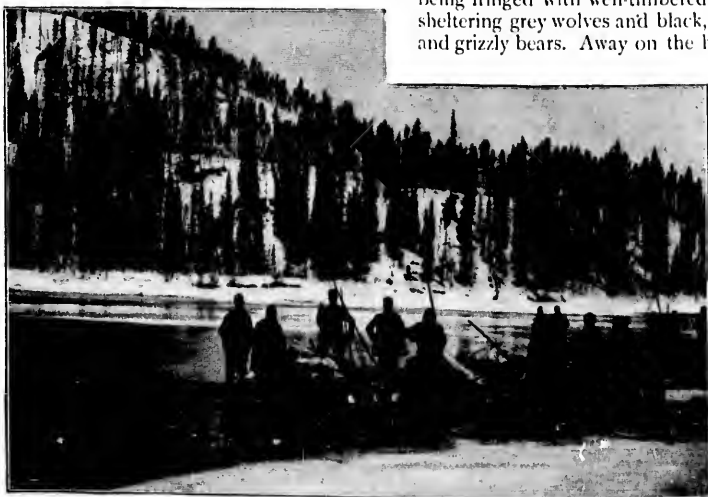


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Here is reproduced a photo. showing Lake Bennett in spring, with a number of miners on their way to Klondike in craft of queer construction. "When I was last there the shores of this lake resembled a big shipyard, with scores of miners at work on their boats." A woful number of these boats and rafts, built by "tenderfeet"—i.e., greenhorns—merely carry their passengers to a watery grave in the rapids below.

"The journey down the Lakes," said Mr. De Windt, "occupied ten days, four of which were passed on Lake Bennett. All these Alaskan lakes are dangerous, by reason of the sudden storms that spring up. In winter,

the scenery is wild and beautiful, the shores being fringed with well-timbered slopes, sheltering grey wolves and black, brown, and grizzly bears. Away on the horizon,



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LAKE BENNETT, IN SPRING—MINERS BOUND FOR THE KLONDIKE.

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