ABOUT THE YUKON RIVER FLEET

The W. K. Merwin Arrives From The Lower River.

Her Passengers Pass a Weary Winter—A Story of Horrible Suffering of Two Men—Movement of Other Steamers.

Another steamer to arrive at Dawson after spending a winter in the ice is the W. K. Merwin. She arrived Thursday evening, having been ten months and twenty days on the trip from Seattle. She had gotten about a hundred miles up the Yukon river—barely started on her long journey in fact—when she ran her barge on a bar and had to leave it to hunt up winter quarters for herself. A convenient slough five miles in length afforded protection for herself and two other steamers, the Alice and the Dwyer. The ice held her until June 6 and the winter was spent as is usual in such cases—eating and sleeping. Some of the passengers went to St Michaels and some scattered down the river and out of an original passenger list of 85 about 38 came in with her last evening. Geo. Derwin, of Boston, died of dysentery April 14 and was buried under a bluff. The long winter was enlivened by the arrival and departure of one mail each way. Lieutenant Jarvis, of the U. S. revenue cutter Bear, stopped at the Merwin camp Dec. 28 on his way to relieve the frozen in whalers at Pt. Barrow. Jan. 22 the Tilton party passed with outgoing mail. The coldest weather reported for the winter was 43 degrees below zero with an average temperature of 12 below.

A horrible story of suffering and death of a party of two unfortunates is brought in by the Merwin passengers. An Indian told some of them on March 8 that the body of a white man burned to a crisp lay at their village and that another white man was also there dying of exposure. The body was found to be that of V. E. Nadoff of New York, and the sick man named Morgan, a press representative from the same place. Inquiry elicited the facts that the two men had been compelled by hunger to eat their team of dogs, and it is supposed that Morgan finally killed and cooked his companion in a fit of delirium induced by exposure. Anyhow he is now held at St. Michaels charged with that crime.

On March 16 the Alice's scow filled with water destroying about a quarter of the provisions of the passengers.

The Merwin started out with herself and barge loaded down with provisions. The breakup of the ice found her with ample capacity to carry all that was left, without bringing the scow.

W. B. Robertson of San Francisco, aged 60 years, of the steamer Dwyer, died Feb. 24, of dysentery.

As a sample of the news carried to frozen-in steamboat passengers it may be mentioned that all the Merwin had heard of the important outside events of the past winter was that the U. S. was at war with Japan and the battleship Oregon had been sunk in Honolulu harbor.

The Stoneman Stranded.

On its trip up the river the steamer Merwin passed the Gov. Stoneman which was 200 feet from water, where she had been left by receding ice and water. This had occurred at a point 12 miles up from Cochran station, near Minook. Two-thirds of her provisions have been lost.

Seattle No. 1 Sails for St. Michaels.

On Wednesday evening, June 30th, the Seattle No. 1, owned by the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., sailed for St. Michaels. The Seattle No. 1 carried some 146 passengers, a great many of whom took out with them good-sized sacks of gold-dust. Some few had turned their dust into drafts and carried out their money in that form; but for the most part each man had his fortune in his sack. The boat will connect with the new steam schooner, Alliance, which the company has placed on the run between Seattle and St. Michaels. The Alliance is a fine ship, and equipped in every respect for the business in which she is engaged. A notable feature of the departure of the Seattle No. 1, was the material reduction in the fare from the rates which have prevailed heretofore.

New Steamboats for Dawson.

The steamboat arrivals from down the river have not so far kept up to the expectations of many who knew of the plans of boat building outside. However, the following new boats are known to be on the way up and given by have a representative here: W. H. Rideout and barge with a capacity of 600 passengers; Gold Star and barge with accommodations for 400 passengers. Both steamers are the property of the Gold Star Transportation Co. Then there are also the Staghound and Gamecock, both with a total capacity of 12,000 passengers—and there are others.

A New Steamer Coming.

On June 13th, at Lake Teslin, a new steamer, named "Angeline" was launched to run to Dawson. The new steamer is owned by the York Company, and is of fair size. She will run up the Pelly river for twenty miles after she has made her trip to this city. She may arrive here any day.

That Special P.-I.

Brother Swinehart of the *Midnight Sun*, is nothing if not a hustler after news. When the fake issue of the *P.-I.*, dated June 4th, reached Dawson, Swinehart learned where a copy could be secured and started off post-haste to secure it. Newspapers only 11 days to Seattle are a scarce article around Dawson, and our journalistic friend saw the opportunity of a lifetime to get in a big scoop on the NUGGET. As the man who sold him the copy said, "Mr. Swinehart could not reach quickly enough for the big round dollar that made him the proud possessor of one of those souvenir *P. I.s*." He quickly sought the retirement of his sanctum and proceeded to satisfy his appetite for news with a glance over the paper. The first column, however, cooled his ardor. Right at the top were those fatal words: "Special War Edition for the Klondike," and right below was a long rehash of how Dewey licked the Spaniards at Manilla—something everyone knew about six weeks before. No news in that! The next column was no better. This one contained another account of the same battle. Editor Swinehart was becoming discouraged. Inside the paper was a greeting to the Klondiker who was supposed to be hungering and thirsting for news that had been discussed in every cabin on the creek a month previously.

Mr. Swinehart threw down the paper in disgust, and, though not a profane man, it is said that a few expressive words escaped from his lips.

An Open Letter.

To the Miners and Prospectors of the N. W. T.:

Allow me to remind everyone interested in the welfare of the territory the urgent necessity of co-operating for the purpose of securing a liberal form of government and more just and equitable mining laws than at present exist. This can only be accomplished by the people appealing to the legislature at Ottawa, and failing this to the electors of Eastern Canada.

First and most important is the need for local government. Then comes a removal of the burdens and taxes on a miners industry in the shape of royalties and reservation of every ten claims. In sweeping away these unjust laws we want to substitute laws that will protect the miner and prospector in his occupation and conserve his interests in every other way.

We want better means of transportation, the trails improved, better postal accommodation and delivery, both here and in the surrounding mining centers; a removal of the customs dues on all goods, miners outfits or otherwise, and as nothing can be raised in the country, this is only just.

Also the price of the miner's right reduced to a reasonable figure and such right to give every miner full permission to cut and raft timbers either on his own claim or any government ground in the N. W. T.

There are many other grievances which require abolishing, and the only means of doing so is for the miners to combine solid and have a central body in the shape of a provisional committee to transact its business and organize the movement so that it can proceed on constitutional lines until it lands at Ottawa with the necessary papers stating what is wanted and backed up by everyone in the N. W. T.

I take the opportunity of informing the miners that a provisional committee will be established in a few days when a definite plan of campaign will be placed before the miner, with the object of carrying out the above project; but remember it is only by the united support of all that anything can be accomplished.

Trusting for your co-operation,

I am a British subject,

FRANK J. DUNLEAVY.

PERSONAL.

R. J. Brown, of Owasso, Mich., arrived in the city Wednesday.

Wesley Young, of Seattle, formerly with the Great Northern Railway, arrived one day last week.

The following party of Seattleites came in on the 28th inst, bringing with them considerable trading outfit: Messrs. F. W. Trounce, A. E. Smith, J. G. Clarke, Geo. Saar, Alex Anderson, Tom Mackle.

Eddie Lewin, well-known as one of the proprietors of the Dominion saloon, was a passenger out for Seattle on the steamer Ora. Eddie has made money and will take an extensive vacation, returning next spring.

Messrs. F. E. B. Smith and Martin Harris, of Seattle, are located on good claims in Sulphur creek. They have nearly completed representation work for the year, and will probably be in town in a short time.

Charles H. Harris, traffic manager of the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co., is in the city this week in the interests of his company. He arrived in time to see the Seattle No. 1, the first of the fleet to reach Dawson, leave for St. Michaels with a full list of passengers.

P. E. Deville, better known to old Alaskans as "Trench Pete," is now a permanent feature of Dawson. Pete is famous in gold circles as the discoverer and original owner of the well-known Treadwell mine, on Douglas Island. His life has been an adventurous one, as a hide filled with bullets and buckshot will testify.

Mr. H. S. White, special correspondent to Reuter's, London, England, is with us, "a chiel among us takin' notes." Reuter's is to England what the Associated Press is to the United States. It strikes an American as rather slow at this late date that they now have, in the person of Mr. White, their first correspondent in this field.

The first person to pay a years' subscription for the semi-weekly edition chanced to be Mr. O'Brien, for O'Brien and Moran's store in Klondike City. Twenty-four dollars a year for a newspaper is the highest price on record in the world. But it would be cheap at twice the sum up here in Dawson, with everything so high. At $2.50 per month, the way a great many of our subscribers prefer to pay, the cost reaches $30.00 per year.

Jack Collins, of Portland, has located claims on Moosehead and on the left foot of Big Creek. Mr. Collins went out over the ice last winter, drawing his own hand sled. He enjoys the inevitable distinction of having carried the largest pack over the Dyea summit that has yet been recorded. Mr. Collins walked over the trail with a load of 220 pounds on his back. If this record has been beaten the NUGGET would be pleased to publish it.

Frank E. Knowles, of Seattle, is representing a claim on 74 below, on Sulphur. Mr. Knowles recently shot a fine moose and the Sulphur boys have been feasting without cost ever since. A representative of the NUGGET, who happened along shortly after the killing of the moose was hospitably entertained by Mr. Knowles in his sung little cabinet. Mr. Knowles is a genial fellow and understands the art of making care of his friends in splendid shape.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Meals at $1.50 seem to be the go now at most of the hotels and restaurants.

The N. A. T. Co. finds increasing business calls for larger quarters, so a 30 x 30 extension is well under way.

A gasoline launch is among Dawson's latest acquisitions. We shall soon be as metropolitan as Victoria or Seattle.

From this on horses are to be no rarity in Dawson. Ten head more arrived Wednesday, the property of J. S. Caldwell.

Our sidewalks are an abomination, but are excusable, when one realizes that for nine months in the year they are unnecessary.

G. G. Berg bought 19 head of steers from "Cow" Miller this week, which are being slaughtered as needed for his new place of business on First avenue.

Buildings are going up on every hand. The A. C. Co.'s new building, on First avenue and 4th street, is large enough for a Seattle business. Its dimensions are 210 x 30 feet.

Idle dogs are a necessary summer evil, we suppose; but if the thieving hound who stole Jim Norson's hunk of bacon will only return it he can have the other piece which he gnawed on but did not take.

Chas. Hendrickson, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment for robbery, an account of which appeared in our issue of June 15th, was sent to Forty-mile on the Hamilton, in charge of Constables Ryan and Kennedy.

Puget Sounders are apt to turn up their noses at the log supply of Dawson. In Washington and British Columbia, in estimating a run of logs, they speak of so many thousand to the log. In Dawson it is so many logs to the thousand.

As a curious coincidence it may be mentioned that on November 8th last, at 4 p. m., the Yukon froze up tight for the winter. On May 8th, at 4 p. m., the river broke up again, the time elapsing between the freeze up and break up being just exactly six months to the day and hour.

One of the interesting sights of Dawson is the miners and prospectors coming in from the creeks to get the news. Little groups can be seen in the shade of numerous cabins "reading the pictures" of *Judge* or *Puck* as eagerly as though the matter portrayed was not months old. Later papers than ever before can confidently be expected from this on.

H. A. Stewart, who has just returned from a trip up the McQuesten, brought back with him a three-weeks old wolf which he captured about 125 miles up the Stewart. The baby was found in the mountains about 30 miles back from the river, and was taken from its mother, who showed no signs of fight. With a condensed milk diet Mr. Stewart expects to raise his pet and use it in harness when snow comes.

Novelty on novelty is what we all expect coming from Dyea to Dawson; but to the average American the British barmaid is the greatest novelty of all. McGrath & Pattison, of the New England, have introduced her and our American friends don't know whether to be pleased at the innovation or not. The British isher moves serenely by and sees nothing out of the common in a woman dispensing drinks behind a bar.

For a Good Meal

Visit the Yukon Hotel Restaurant. Everything well cooked and served in the best possible manner. Open from 6:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. A. H. Griffin, proprietor.

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Try the Can Can Restaurant and Short Order House. NELLIE CASHMAN.

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WANTED—To represent a claim. Address Oliver Ohlsen, care of Nugget office.

WANTED—To represent a good claim for interest or cash. Address J. L. B. S. care NUGGET office.

WANTED—Situation as waitress in restaurant. Jennie Jensen, care KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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PERSONAL.

WILL W. H. Atkinson, or Edmondton, N. W. T., call upon Fred'k W. Spencer.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the officer commanding the Northwest Mounted Police at Dawson has been requested by me to carry out the following regulations:

1. All logs, timber, lumber, cordwood and other obstructions must at once be cleared from the Front street.

2. Campers occupying the streets and private property must move their tents elsewhere. At present the streets are blocked, private property is interfered with, and the sanitary condition of the town is threatened.

All campers can secure squatters' rights on the plateau above Dawson at the upper end of the Bonanza trail. There is also ample room for the campers on the flats opposite the city.

Dated at Dawson City, June 17, 1898.

J. MORROW WALSH,
Commissioner of the Yukon.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the hearing of disputes with regard to the ownership of the undermentioned mining claims on Dominion creek, in the Troandik mining division, the Yukon district, will be begun Thursday, the 23d day of June instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be continued thereafter from day to day until disposed of. Hearing each day to be begun at 2 o'clock in the afternoon:

Below upper discovery, No. 11 A, 18, 23, 26, 26 A, 31 A, 31 A.

No. 17 above lower discovery, and No. 34 below upper discovery.

Above lower discovery, No. 12 and 14 1/2 A, 2 B, 4 A, 31, 32, 46 and 47.

THOMAS FAWCETT,
Gold Commissioner.

Stmr. W. K. MERWIN

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