

Alaskan Gold Fields.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash, Sept. 2.—The steamer Farallon arrived last night from Dyea and Skagway. The officers of the steamer tell interesting stories of the condition of affairs at both landings. They say the gold seekers at Dyea are slowly but surely crossing the divide and the road for ten miles up the canyon is strewn with tents, provisions, discarded baggage and dead horses. Less than 1,000 people are on the beach at Dyea, as all make efforts to get across the divide as soon as landed. At Skagway things present a different appearance. There are between 5,000 and 6,000 people there. Less than fifty men have succeeded in getting across White Pass, and hundreds have given up trying to cross until spring. Steamer officers said rain had fallen continually there for eight days and that it is utterly impossible to cross. All kinds of business is flourishing. Men are selling outfits for little or nothing. A saloon keeper at Dyea is buying flour, emptying it in a hopper in a tent and selling the empty sacks at seventy-five cents each.

SEATTLE, Wash, Sept. 2.—The demand for horses to be used in packing over the passes from Skagway is increasing and during the present week several hundred horses were shipped there. There are now at Skagway 4,000 horses, and it is difficult to see how this number can be fed during the winter. Many predict that both men and horses will be starving before spring and that the horses will be killed and eaten.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash, Sept. 2.—A letter just received from John U. Smith, U. S. commissioner at Dyea and Skagway intimates that government officials on the way to the Upper Yukon may by their acts bring on serious international complications with the Dominion government. He says "It is announced here by a deputy United States marshal that the United States government is to make claim to a large portion of the Yukon gold fields, which have heretofore been supposed to be in British territory and that the territory which is claimed as being within Alaska includes Dawson City. The basis of the claim to be made by the United States officials to the disputed territory is in the fact that the boundary line has never been determined and the United States authorities are claiming to possess information as to the surveys made by the Canadian government that fixes Dawson City and a large portion of the gold district within Alaska."

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The Klondike

Boston Herald: "The most realistic description we have seen of the Klondike region comes from a Nebraska boy in a letter home to his parents. He says it took him a hundred days to come there from Juneau, "with five dogs and 1000 pounds of grub." One of the party with whom he started died on the way, and they brought him 700 miles on a sled. Wages are \$15 a day. He paid a man \$2 to carry his letter to Juneau. "There is no night most of the summer, but in the winter we have scarcely any sun. There is winter digging; the ground is frozen forty feet deep. We drift as we do in coal mines, put a fire in the base and let it haw then shovel it out in summer. We wash it out in sluice boxes. This creek is the richest in the world. Two men shovelled out \$18,000 in two hours. The worst thing about this place is there is nothing to eat. We have nothing at all but bacon and flour. There is considerable scurvy here, one-third of the men being affected with it." There were about 7000 people in the Yukon country when he wrote—April 4. He says: "Three years is enough time to stay here. It will make a young man old to live on the grub we do for that length of time. Although we have plenty of gold here, it can only buy bacon and flour. Father, keep up a little longer and we will be all right—that is, if gold can make us so. You would laugh to see me now, as my hair is as long as "Wild Bill's." This is the only place in the world where a man can make money, but it takes a strong man to do it. I think I could eat a barrel of fruit. A man came here this spring with a lot of eggs and sold them for seventy-five cents apiece." This it will be borne in mind, is an account of comparatively virgin Klondike. What it will be when the thousands contemplating going there have poured into it may be imagined."

Unneighborly.

"Kunneel Kyahyah," said the Virginia gentleman, "is a bawn gentleman, but his killin' of that nigger he found in his hen roost was mighty unneighborly, sah." "I thought," said the commercial tourist "that you did not consider the colored man as a nei hbor."

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What He Expected.

The captain of one of the big schooners that bring ice from the Kennebec to Washington tells a story of an Irishman he shipped. Pat wanted to get from Washington to Norfolk and had no money. His story excited the sympathy of the ship master, who finally agreed to let him work his passage says the Post of that city.

Pat was willing but densely ignorant of all things maritime and no real sea duty fell to him until the vessel was sailing down Chesapeake Bay with a fair wind and plenty of searoom. The captain then told Pat to take a turn at lookout forward and instructed him to promptly report anything he might see. It was a clear night and soon after the lookout took his position he sang out: "Ah captain!" "Well Pat," "There's something out here fore'ninst the boat." "What is it," said the captain to test Pat's seafaring knowledge, the lights of an approaching steamer being visible. "I raly couldn't say for shure, sur," says Pat, "but I suspect its a drug store. There a red and a grane light."

Couldn't Fool Mamma.

Mrs. Younglove—"Oh, I am sure that my husband has never told me a lie in his life." Her mother—"My poor child! You are married to a hypnotist!"

THE STEWART CASE

Mr. Stewart Pays a Visit to Pictou - Congratulated by his Many Friends on his Restoration to Health.

PICTOU, N. S., Sept 6—Good news sometimes travel as fast as bad news, which is proverbially fast. Many people here knew that Mr. Allan Stewart, of Springton, P. E. I., had been for many years afflicted with kidney disease and gravel. It was known, too, that last year he was so bad that public opinion put him down as likely to die soon. Mr. Stewart fooled public opinion though, for he began using Dodd's Kidney Pills and ten boxes of them completely cured him. When he paid a flying visit to this city a few days ago, he received many hearty congratulations on his restoration to health and improved appearance. Dodd's Kidney Pills have never yet failed to cure in this part of the Dominion.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier reached Ottawa Wednesday night and received an enthusiastic welcome from the citizens. The Premier was met at the station by the mayor and common council and conducted to Parliament Hill, where in the presence of ten thousand people an address of welcome was presented. Prominent citizens of both political parties were present, Hon. John Costigan being one of those on the platform, which was very prettily decorated and illuminated by a thousand electric lights.

STEERING A STEAMSHIP.

"Running the Time and Distance" in Foggy Weather.

Gustav Kobbe has an article entitled "Steering Without a Compass" in St. Nicholas. Mr. Kobbe says: The degree of A. B. is not confined to college graduates. Aboard ship it means "able bodied" seaman.

Every nautical "A. B." knows how to "box the compass" and how to steer by it, but you will be surprised to learn that no good helmsman will steer by a compass unless all other things fail him. Among those "other things" are the horizon, the wind, the wake of the ship, the stars, the soundings and the line of the surf when running along the coast. And so the able-bodied seaman, when a greenhorn takes his trick at the wheel, hands over the helm to him with this caution, "Keep your head out of the binnacle."

I am speaking of sailing vessels. Steamers, especially those that travel on regular routes, steer by compass. They "run their courses" from point to point—from lighthouse to lighthouse, light-ship, day mark, buoy, bell or fog whistle. In thick weather they know, taking wind and tide into consideration, how long they should stand on each course and try never to pass the "signal" at the end of it. When they have seen or heard that signal, they start on the next "run" or course. This is called "running the time and distance." I have gone into Halifax on a steamer that met with thick fog from Cape Cod down. One morning the captain said to me:

"We ought to pick up Sambre in half an hour."

Surely enough, about half an hour later we heard, through the fog, a cannon shot, the distinguishing fog signal of the Sambre light station on the Nova Scotian coast.

Real sailors—the Jack tars that man sailing vessels—actually prefer, as I have said, to steer by signs rather than by compass, and there are times when the steamer pilots have to.

THE OPEN BOAT.

At the Mercy of the Sea—Stephen Crane Describes His Sensations.

In the meantime the oiler rowed, and then the correspondent rowed, and then the oiler rowed. Gray faced and bowed forward, they mechanically, turn by turn, plied the leaden oars. The form of the lighthouse had vanished from the southern horizon, but finally a pale star appeared, just lifting from the sea. The streaked saffron in the west passed before all the merging darkness, and the sea to the east was black. The land had vanished and was expressed only by the low and drear thunder of the surf.

"If I am going to be drowned—if I am going to be drowned, why, in the name of the seven mad gods who rule the sea, was I allowed to come thus far and contemplate sand and trees? Was I brought here merely to have my nose dragged away as I was about to nibble the sacred cheese of life?"

The patient captain, drooped over the water jar, was sometimes obliged to speak to the oarsman.

"Keep her head up! Keep her head up!"

"Keep her head up," sir," The voices were weary and low.

This was surely a quiet evening. All save the oarsman lay heavily and listlessly in the boat's bottom. As for him, his eyes were just capable of noting the tall black waves that swept forward in a most sinister silence, save for an occasional subdued growl of a crest.

The cook's head was on a thwart, and he looked without interest at the water under his nose. He was deep in other scenes. Finally he spoke. "Billie," he murmured dreamfully, "what kind of pie do you like best?"—"The Open Boat," by Stephen Crane, in Scribner's.

England and Russia.

Many believe, says Benjamin I. Wheeler in The Atlantic, that Constantinople has been systematically fortified against the English to the west, but not, at least by land, against Russia to the east. A Russian army can enter Constantinople without great difficulty. When the question of forcing the Dardanelles with an English fleet was agitated last winter, the English naval authorities estimated that of the 19 ships lying at Salonika 6 must be sacrificed to do it. The cards have been stacked for Russia. It looks today as if the ultimate occupation of Constantinople by Russia were a foregone conclusion.

What has England to say? The matter concerns her. It seemed for a time that the discovery of the route by the cape of Good Hope would provide an evasion of the eastern question and free her from the necessity of worrying about the Bosphorus. But the opening of the Suez canal has changed things, and as if by jealous interposition of geographic fate, drawn the issue back to the old fighting ground in the eastern Mediterranean. If she is to hold India and Australia, England must control the Suez canal and its approaches.

An Expensive Frog.

It is said that the most costly product in the world is charcoal thread. It is at present made in Paris, but by an artisan who carefully conceals himself from the public the better to guard the secret of his craft. Charcoal thread is sold at wholesale by the gramme (15 1/2 grains) and is used for incandescent lamps. That for the 30 candle lamp costs \$12,000 per pound and that for 30 candles \$8,000 per pound.—New York Ledger.

With the Lights Turned Down.

"Do you notice any increase in your gas bills since your daughters are old enough to receive company, professor?" "You have recalled something, sir, that is inexplicable to me. We regard mathematics as a fixed science, and yet it is a fact that I pay less for gas than when the entire household used to retire together. It's astounding."—Detroit Free Press.

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Typhoid at Dawson.

New York, Sept. 2.—A special to the World from St. Michaels, Alaska, dated August 16, states that miners who came down on the steamer Healey, report considerable sickness in the vicinity of Dawson during the summer, with several deaths. There is quite an epidemic of typhoid fever there now, no less than thirty cases when they left, and several had died of it. Among these were Charles and Robert Carlson, who together had taken out \$25,000. A man named Belcher died a few days before they left with \$25,000 under his pillow and \$25,000 more due him as the purchase price of a claim. Another named Felch died of heart disease on the night following the day on which he had settled up all his business preparatory to coming out with \$17,000.

The City of Dawson, they say, is on low ground stretching along the banks of an eddy in the river and is quite unhealthy. Its growth upstream is checked by the miners' claims along the Klondyke a the mouth of which is its site, and its extension down the stream does not help matters.

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Canada's Trade.

OTTAWA, Sept 3.—The Department of Trade and Commerce will in a few days issue their report for the quarter ending June 30. The report shows that the revenue, on account of the consolidated fund, amounted for the fiscal year, ended June 30, \$36,872,170, and the expenditure for the same period \$31,237,458 as compared with the revenue last year of \$35,659,770 and an expenditure of \$30,557,274.

The imports amounted in value to \$111,380,777, as against \$110,587,713, while the duty collected netted to the treasury \$19,874,890, as compared with \$20,172,777 the previous year. The increase was largely in the importation of free goods. In leaf tobacco the importation in anticipation of the imposition of a customs tax rose from \$1,345,163 to \$2,046,666, while the imports of wool fell from \$1,206,555 to \$885,012. The importation of sugar, which amounted to \$4,752,303 in 1895-6 increased by the impetus of tariff uncertainty to \$7,153,110 last year. In dress goods, silks, etc., there was a considerable falling off.

The exports of the fiscal year just closed show an increase of from \$118,140,504 to \$134,113,970 and was general along the line. Taking exports and imports together they amount for the fiscal year just closed to \$245,494,756, against \$228,728,217, an increase of \$16,776,539.

Wawa Discovery.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Sept. 1.—J. B. Miller, the prospector who went to examine the Wawa gold find, has returned. He says Wawa is going to be the Algonna Klondyke. Prospectors mostly Americans, are flocking into the territory. Over a hundred went up yesterday by the gram. Mr. Miller says pebbles picked up on the shore alongside of Dicken and Mackie's location, on being broken, are found to contain a fine showing of free gold. The ledge is what is called a "banded ledge" every seam containing free gold. Mr. Miller had returned some days ago from Rossland, where he is partner of the Prig Mine. He had intended going to the Klondyke, but in view of this discovery he has decided to stay at home.

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