

CRIMINALS COIN MONEY. Alaska Towns and Passes Crowded With Crooks. MATERIAL IN GREAT QUANTITY.

Unlike Their Victims, This Element Is Not Compelled to Wait Until Spring to Make a Strike—Police Boxes, Passes and Shovels Not Necessary in Making a Clean-Up—A Passenger on Queen Drop 4500.

SKAGWAY, March 7.—Among all the thousands of men rushing through the mountain passes or doing business in the new towns on the border of the land of gold, none is doing a better business or making more money for the amount invested than the confidence men, sure-thrift grafters and professional crooks who are working this district. They are coinng money. They are cleaning up a dump pile of such richness as would make Alexander green with envy if he could see it. They are waiting for neither spring nor police boxes, passes or shovels, for their clean-up. They do not even have to prospect to find ground to work off. The material for their purpose is here in endless quantity.

Victims of these wily, smooth confidence men are so numerous now that they are beginning to crowd out the victims of the Corona disaster, who have heretofore monopolized whatever sympathy there was going for such in the community. Only in the case of the film-lantern victims, the sympathy bestowed on them is liberally mixed with disgust. While they are bestowed upon the Corona victim who lost his all when the ship went down, and is now trying to make a living in this country, the hapless individual who has dropped his eye with these human sharks must look a little more than a beggar to most of the word of comfort. The victim is allowed even more than the victimizer, if that is possible. Every day the people of Skagway have new stories of the film-lantern's hardy victims.

These are not the men and these are not the times when things are done by halves; when men run against these "sure-thrift" rascals, they come away broke to the last dollar, for such are the inducements offered the anxious speculator who ventures his money in the hope of big rewards, ultimate success seems always just a little ahead of him, and he gets up the dollar, fully believing that his luck will change with the throw and give him back the pile he has all but lost.

One of the passengers on the Queen, who came to town, dropped over \$500 in a few minutes on a "sure thing game." He was an old man, and he ought to have known better, but he did not, and as a result he went back home broke. His partner, a young man, handed the elder his purse just before quitting the boat, to have him take care of the precious money for him. The younger man was afraid that he might get roped into some game and thought that the money would be safe in the elder's hands. In less than an hour the old man returned, without a dollar, broken in purse and broken in mind. Pathetic as the case may seem, he had to give up their trip to the Klondike.

A man who came up on the Farallon dropped \$200 almost as quickly. Yesterday a man from San Francisco was beguiled into a saloon and induced to display his money. Then the smart sharper proceeded to show the victim how he was swindled out of \$100 in Downon on a card trick. The victim finally lost \$200. He claimed that he refused to be on any of the sharper's games and that the fellow finally grabbed his money and escaped. The sharper says that the victim bet on the cards and lost his money in a play. The favorite path of the confidence men here is that of a Klondiker. He dresses up like a prospector with a heavy rubber shoe and often has a park on his back. Sometimes he goes out on a trail and works his game. The three shell game is to be seen almost any day in the woods north of town and along the trail anywhere to the summit, if the weather is favorable. When this game is played, it always happens that mysterious woodsmen, with axes over their shoulders or innocent-looking cappers happen along to take a hand in the game. They work all the steamers thoroughly and accost everyone whom they think at all liable to bite at their baits.

DYEA, March 6.—Ship Lucile, which has been lying in the harbor for several days, commenced to unload today at the wharf. The mail steamer long journey well and came out of their prison in discharging agents. Everything necessary for the trip into the interior is ready now, but would come today that Secretary Alger is about ready to abandon the scheme and recall the expedition.

DYEA, March 6.—The Lancaster, Wisconsin, Klondike party, numbering 45, has arrived at Dyea, and is preparing to get out over the pass. This is the largest party yet to pass through in one body. The trip so far has been unusually successful and uneventful, the only thing in the shape of a mishap being the loss of a dog. The party has over eighty dogs, the loss of one is not serious. The party is under the leadership of James A. Elwell, who has a good claim on Klondike. On the way up a Juncal lady, with whom he has been acquainted some years. The bride accompanied her husband to the golden land. Mrs. E. J. Carthow is another belle in the party. She was married a few days before the party started from Wisconsin.

DYEA, March 6.—The recent warm weather has helped have with alighting in both Dyea and Skagway valleys, and some of the packers have already abandoned the sleds and gone to using wagons. Snow and colder weather is being craved for. Thousands of men are camped at Sheep Camp and all along both trails. No difficulty is experienced in getting over either trail at the present time. Sleds and pack animals are used on the Skagway trail clear over to Bennett, while on the Dyea trail horses and wagons are used to Dena and on to Skagway, where the Klondiker must pack his goods over by boat or on the little trail to the Arctic Barren. There has been and is to be no more snow at the summit of Chilkoot pass, which does temporarily, the trail over the summit is now clear from day to day but they are liable to advance in the near future.

N. W. POLLOCK, Auditor for Alaska. Capt. E. H. Robinson is serving up the Associated Trade Show results at the Yukon river between Dawson and the Yukon lakes. The boiler is now being re-

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STICKEEN ROUTE NOT OPEN. NO PARTIES SUCCEED IN GETTING UP THE RIVER. A Number Return and State That There Can Be No Travel by That Route Until the Ice Breaks and the Steamers Can Start Running.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. VICTORIA, B. C., March 12.—Steamer Amur, from Fort Wrangel, reports that as far as winter is concerned, the Stickeen route of the Klondike is a failure. "On account of the winter there is a lot of slush on the ice, and it is impossible to make any progress. The parties sent forward to commence work on the Stickeen-Tadina railway have been unable to get up the river. Unless there is some very good weather this month to make the ice solid the Stickeen route will be practically booked until navigation opens."

Quite a number of men returned on the Amur, having given up the attempt to make the trip up the river. Among them was ex-Lieutenant Governor Dewdney and the party which he proposed to pilot up on the Klondike. Mr. Dewdney, of the Transportation Company, says it will be possible to go up the river within a few days, but the other men who came down think otherwise. They say the best the ice can do now is until navigation opens and go up on the river steamers.

There are several thousand men at Cottonwood island scattered from there for the Klondike. Many of them are waiting for the boat to go. When the last report was brought down.

ANOTHER NEVADA VICTIM. Hans Alexander, of Seattle, Was a Passenger on Wrecked Steamer. Hans Alexander, of Seattle, was on the ill-fated steamer Clara Nevada when she blew up off Seward City, Alaska. He left Seattle on the steamer as a sailor, and his friends have received information that he did not leave the boat at Skagway. He was 38 years of age and came over from Norway about ten years ago. Since he came to this country he had been married in Seattle his headquarters. He leaves two sisters at Tomesber, Norway.

Ran Away From Her Mother. The police are searching for Edith M. Plumb, aged 14 years, who ran away from her mother at Tacoma a week ago. L. S. Plumb, father of the missing girl, applied to the police for assistance yesterday. He said that the girl was supposed to have left Tacoma day before yesterday on the steamer Multnomah, in company with a colored woman, whose name he did not know.

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READ Treen Co.'s shoe bargain adv. on page 12. A block of warehouses on Front street, Toronto, was gutted by fire Saturday morning.

DANGER IN SODA. Serious Results Sometimes Follow Its Excessive Use. Common soda is all right in its place and indispensable in the kitchen and for cooking and washing purposes, but it was never intended for a medicine, and people who use it as such will some day regret it.

We refer to the common use of soda to relieve heartburn or sour stomach, a habit which thousands of people practice almost daily, and one which is fraught with danger; moreover, the soda only gives temporary relief and in the end the stomach trouble gets worse and worse.

The soda acts as a mechanical irritant to the walls of the stomach and bowels and cases are on record where it accumulated in the intestines, causing death by inflammation or peritonitis. Dr. Havardson recommends as the safest and surest cure for sour stomach (acid dyspepsia) an excellent preparation sold by druggists under the name of Stewart's Dyppepsia Tablets. These tablets are made of 30-grain lozenges, very pleasant to take and contain the natural acids, pepsines and digestive elements essential to good digestion, and when taken after meals they digest the food perfectly and promptly before it has time to ferment, sour and poison the blood and nervous system.

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ESTIMATES WERE TOO LOW.

MORE PEOPLE COMING THAN HAVE BEEN COUNTED ON.

Klondike Movement in Pennsylvania Is Assuming Vast Proportions—One Thousand Coming From Pittsburgh by Way of Seattle.

Estimates made two or three months ago of the number of people who would pass through Seattle this season en route to the gold fields are decidedly small, if outside reports are to be relied upon. From Pittsburgh, Pa., comes the story that the rush from there is assuming vast proportions. The Pittsburgh Dispatch, in reviewing the situation, says that it would not be surprising if more than 1,000 persons from Pittsburgh and its immediate vicinity start for the gold fields within the next three months. Conservative estimates have been shown to differ below the facts. J. K. Dillon, district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, said that for the first fifty days this year he had sold 100 tickets, and he expects a large increase in the business during the month of March.

"The fever has extended to the railroad ticket agents," says the Dispatch. "February 15 the entire office force at the ticket agency of the Great Northern railroad, in the Carnegie building, resigned, and the clerks are now on their way to the gold fields. This move was headed by A. B. Wickery, the district freight agent, who left a situation that paid him \$2,200 a year. He was accompanied by C. E. Johnston, district passenger agent; F. W. Wickery, solicitor, and S. M. S. Thompson. Their plans had been laid for some time, and they were awaiting word from an agent whom they had sent in advance.

"Last fall W. C. Wilkins went to the Klondike to investigate and report to them. They waited patiently all winter. On the morning of February 15 they received word from Wilkins to the effect that he had located two claims within nine miles of Dawson and that they had secured the necessary permits. The same day their resignations were sent in."

E. C. Dunnivant, general passenger agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, said that during the first twenty-two days of March he had the tickets for Seattle to persons going to Alaska. In January he sold 42. During the month of March he expects to sell more than 200 and has already closed deals for 100 or more. Among the many people who have left Pittsburgh for the gold fields is a party of eleven enthusiasts headed by an Allegheny saloon keeper, who abandoned a business that paid him in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a year. A prominent Pittsburgh aviator, who has an income of more than \$5,000 per year from his business, has announced his intention to go and is making arrangements to that end.

The Klondike fever," says the Dispatch. "A prominent West Newton man presented to Mr. Dunnivant an order for five tickets to Seattle, upon which an installment of \$2 had been paid. Mr. Dunnivant promptly informed the man that he had been approached by a man who had represented himself as a driver of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, who sold him the order and collected \$25."

The Cottage City Not Ashore. VICTORIA, B. C., March 12.—The report sent out from Vancouver that the steamer Cottage City is again ashore is without foundation. She was seen at Mary Island by the steamer Arcton on the 11th, and was seen by the steamer Arcton on the 11th, and was seen by the steamer Arcton on the 11th.

Spinal Meningitis at Skagway. The peculiar disease attacking the present of Skagway and Dyea is a puzzle to the doctors, who do not seem able to find any remedy for it. The attack comes on suddenly. The patient is taken with a cold, the spinal column soon becomes affected, pain in the back of the head follows, the head is drawn backward, and death soon follows from paralysis. So rapid is the disease that few recover. It carries off its victims in from five to twenty-four hours after the attack. In an interview with Mr. J. J. Miller, of the Tacoma News, who was himself taken down with the dread disease while at Dyea, he said that he had been with his friends at 1017 Fourth avenue west, in this city, for a few days, he said he had just returned from Skagway and had not fully recovered from its effects yet, although he carried with him a bottle of Dr. Dyer's Compound. He reports that as many as nine people in one day were carried past the door of his cabin, victims of the disease.

In regard to his own experience Mr. Miller says: "On February 23 last I had been at work outside all day. The wind was quite severe. Towards evening symptoms of a cold came over me, and in two hours' time I was taken down with spinal meningitis. I became dazed and stupid; in fact, I thought I was going crazy, and I honestly believe I should not have lived today but for fortunate circumstances. Before I left Seattle I bought one of those Oxydators that we hear so much about, from E. H. Alvord, 6 and 7 Holyoke block, and while toasting about it I noticed this little instrument lying on a shelf beside the bed. I believe it was a divine providence that prompted me to reach out and put it on my wrist. Much to my surprise, in half an hour I began to feel better. My spinal column began to improve, and in less than two hours the dazed condition and all unnatural symptoms left me; but I had terrible pains all over my body for some hours, in fact they did not leave me until next day. In the morning I felt much better, but very weak; too weak to stand on my feet. I still kept the Oxydator applied, and by the next evening I was able to get out of bed. On the following Tuesday I took the steamer City of Seattle for home. I am still weak, but recovering rapidly. I fully believe that I had not got on that Oxydator if I should not be alive today, and would advise all who make the trip to Alaska to take one along with them. They are a wonderful little instrument."

A WISH. When lovely Phyllis dreams to sing Such sweetness upward bubbles, That Time forgets to move his wings, And I for, at my troubles, I wish my tailor could but hear My Phyllis sing so sweetly, That suit I got on the last year He might forget completely.

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Will Be Kept at Pyramid Harbor, Where Moss Can Be Had for Feed—Last Chance to See the Animals in Woodland Park This Afternoon.

The plan for sending north the government reindeer has been again changed. Capt. W. W. Robinson, Jr., was notified yesterday that the entire herd of 508 should be sent to Pyramid harbor on the bark Seminole, together with all the Lapps, men, women and children. The idea now is to set the animals on Alaska as soon as possible, that they may have native moss for feed, instead of grass.

It is understood that the major portion of the reindeer, with about forty herders and drivers, under command of William Kjellman, will start for the interior over the Dalton trail. Two hundred, as already indicated, will be reserved for military purposes and will be kept at Pyramid harbor until the expedition to Prince William sound and the Copper river is started.

Should no unexpected occurrence prevent, the Seminole will leave here in the evening of the 12th, and aboard will be the entire government outfit of reindeer, attendants and their families. The last opportunity to see the herd and the Lapps will be today. No one will be admitted to the park after this afternoon.

The frequent changes of plan communicated to Capt. Robinson, taken in connection with the fact that work is now begun on the army post, have necessitated considerable extra work in the office. In addition, Capt. Robinson has received a telegram designating the location of buildings to be erected for the garrison at Marrowstone point, and has been ordered to have plans and specifications for such buildings prepared.

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