

RATE WAR ON THE YUKON

A Fare of Only \$5 Is Now Asked From Lake Bennett to Dawson City.

ILL FEELING BETWEEN COMPANIES Has Led to the First Arctic Transportation Fight—Now Cheaper to Go to Dawson Than to Stay at Home.

The steamship Humboldt, which arrived from Skagway this morning, brought the interesting news that a fierce rate war had broken out at Lake Bennett between rival Yukon transportation companies competing for passenger traffic to Dawson, and that the rate charged after June 4 would be \$5 for first class passage from Lake Bennett to the Klondike metropolis, meals not included.

The first aggressive move in the direction of rate war was made on May 23 by the Bennett & Atlin Lake company, operating the Yukon steamer Bailey. The company then announced that the rate to Dawson, beginning with the opening of navigation, would be \$10 per passenger, canvas cot in cabin included. Meals would also be served at an extra charge of \$1 each.

The unexpected announcement created quite a stir in Bennett City and Skagway, as there had been no pronouncement of a cut. The rival transportation line, known as the Canadian Development company, followed the next day with a flaming advertisement in the Skagway papers, that the company's boats Australian, Columbian, Canadian and Anglican, running between Bennett and Dawson, would also carry passengers to the Klondike for \$10, meals not included.

This was only the beginning of the furry, however. On the day when the Humboldt left Skagway, both transportation companies announced a further cut to \$5, the Bennett & Atlin Lake company taking the lead. It was prophesied that a cut to \$2.50 would follow.

It is stated that the rate war is a direct result of the bitter enmity between the rival companies, and that each is seeking to run the other out of business. The travel by way of the lakes and upper river fell off materially last fall, owing to the competition of the boats from St. Michael, and it appears as though the struggle for business engendered the ill-feeling. The prospects for a keen competition this summer between the St. Michael boats and the upper river boats may also have proved an inducement for the announcement of a cut that would tend to draw travel to Dawson by way of the lakes and the upper river.

No announcement is made as to the length of time that the cut rates will remain in force. It is possible that the rate war will be of long duration, but the chances seem to be decidedly against this condition. The expense of operating the steamboats on a \$5 fare basis would soon eat up the spare capital of the competing companies. It is considered barely possible that a fare of \$10, with increased freight receipts, would prove remunerative, owing to the decline in the prices paid for labor on the boats, but this fact has not yet been demonstrated. It is regarded as probably that the ultimate established passenger fare from Bennett to Dawson will not exceed \$5, and that this figure may be the final basis upon which the rate will be permanently adjusted this summer.

If the \$5 rate continues in force for awhile, the cost of a trip from Seattle to Dawson will be as follows:

	1st class	2nd class
From Seattle to Skagway	\$25	\$16
Skagway to Bennett	10	10
Bennett to Dawson	5	5
3 1/2 days—11 meals on Yukon at \$1	11	11
	\$51	\$42

The Yukon river boats expect to begin regular trips between Bennett and Dawson on or about June 4, as the ice has nearly disappeared.

UNION PACIFIC EXPRESS TRAIN HELD UP AND DYNAMITED BY ROBBERS --EXPRESS SAFE RIFLED

LARAMIE, Wyo., June 2.—The Union Pacific Transcontinental west bound mail train was held up, dynamited and robbed at 1 o'clock this morning near Wilcox, a lonely station on the Wyoming division. The holdup was accomplished by waving a danger signal a short distance east of Wilcox bridge. Engineer Grindstone Jones resisted, when one of the robbers climbed on his engine, and he was struck on the head, receiving a severe scalp wound and was then made to cut his engine loose from the train at the point of a gun. The robbers drove the express messenger from his car and then exploded a charge of dynamite under it. The car was wrecked and the mail car next to it was badly damaged. The robbers then exploded a charge of dynamite under the bridge, cutting off communication between the train and engine, and tying up all trains. After the bridge was blown up the holdups disappeared and Engineer Jones ran to Medicine Bow and reported. It is not known at this time what amount was secured from the express car safe. The holdup occurred in a district where escape to the mountains is comparatively easy.

RECORD BROKEN BY HUMBOLDT

Makes Her Quickest Round Trip—7 Days 6 Hours.

The steamer Humboldt, Capt. Bonified, arrived in port early this morning after a record-breaking trip. She left Seattle on May 25, and was seven days and six hours in making the round voyage. On the trip north the Humboldt did not go to Skagway direct, but touched at Vancouver, Ketchikan, Mary Island, Skagway and Dyea. She left Skagway on May 26, and on the return voyage stopped at Juneau and Ketchikan.

This voyage is the quickest trip the Humboldt has made since she has been on the Lynn canal route. Her agents did not look for her arrival until tomorrow morning. The passenger list reads as follows: Sergt. Chas. Clark, U. S. A., E. J. Rathbone, C. E. Attwood, W. J. Stephens, E. P. Glass, R. D. Gray, Earl M. Litt, L. H. Huddinger, Mrs. Blondel, Geo. Bounds, Miss Lotia Norcross, G. W. Hellman, D. D. Jones, Charles O'Brien, Dr. Charles Plant, A. B. Buck.

American Plant in Japan

ALBANY, N. Y., June 2.—The directors of the American Tobacco company at the last meeting of the board decided to build factories in Japan at once and to vigorously expand its business in that country.

Baking Powder Trust.

TRENTON, N. J., June 1.—A certificate has been filed with the secretary of state that the authorized capital of \$20,000,000 of the recently incorporated Royal Baking Powder company has all been paid in. Of the amount, \$19,999,000 represents property acquired, and the remaining \$1000 is cash.

Boy Sentenced to Death

WHITBY, Ont., June 2.—Howard Elliott, a 15-year-old boy, was sentenced by Judge Macmahon at the assizes today to be hanged on Aug. 17, for the murder of William Murray of Heaverton. The victim, who was 80 years old, lived alone and was beaten to death with a club. The object was robbery.

When sentenced he showed the same indifference which has characterized his actions since his arrest.

She Feared Insanity.

CLEVELAND, O., June 2.—Mrs. Emma L. French, wife of Alfred A. French, one of the best known architects of Cleveland, committed suicide early this morning. She had been ill and feared that she was becoming insane. She requested her husband to arise and get her glass of water this morning and while he was away from her room shot herself in the temple, dying at once. A note explained the cause. She leaves three small children.

EVEN MONEY NOW OFFERED

On Fitzsimmons and Jeffries —Sports Have Money.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The betting on the Fitzsimmons Jeffries fight has finally swung around to even money, several bets being made at that figure. This fluctuation is due to the abundance of Jeffries money, which has been appearing in large quantities during the last few days. A stranger left \$1000 with Jim Corbett to be placed on the Californian even money. He remarked that he had some more which he would place at the same figure. The city is full of sports, many of whom have large amounts of coin which they are going to wager on the night of the battle. Fite has won the toss for corners, and has chosen the one nearest to the ocean, which is generally considered the winners' post.

CHICAGO, June 2.—George Silver, who will referee the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight, does not view with favor the suggestion that he shall judge the battle from a position outside of the ring. He believes this plan prevents the referee from witnessing fouls.

AN UPRISING IN SOUTH AMERICA

PANAMA, Col., June 2.—Vizcarra is at the head of an uprising which occurred this morning in Amaranas, a province of Brazil. Vizcarra proclaimed himself president of the Republic of Amahanas.

Thought She Was Divorced

DANVILLE, Ill., June 2.—Mrs. O. Thatcher married her husband twice. As Mrs. Emma Galfre she obtained a divorce from her husband, Louis Galfre. She was refused a divorce from Galfre in 1897, but, understanding from her attorney that the divorce was granted, she married Thatcher. This did not please Galfre, who had her arrested for bigamy. She filed a second divorce suit against Galfre. State Attorney Wilson says that the charge of bigamy will not be pressed against her.

EPSON RACES NEAR LONDON.

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Musa Wins One of the Biggest Purse—Talent Loses.

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Accident to an Automobile

FAIRPORT, N. Y., June 2.—The Winton automobile, making a trip from Cleveland to New York to establish a record, made a successful run to Fairport, ten miles east of Rochester. Just before reaching the corporation limits at 5 p. m., the motor climbed a long, steep hill, and, on reaching the top, started off at a terrific speed. The machine had not gone a quarter of a mile when the right front wheel broke from the axle, and the wagon landed at the bottom of a 4 ft. ditch, throwing Mr. Winton and a newspaper man who accompanied him, a considerable distance.

Steel Rail Record Broken

The South Mills of the Illinois Steel company has just broken the world's record of steel rail making in a 12-hour run. The new record is 1310 tons of rails. The former record was 1301 tons and was also held by the South Chicago plant. The company officials claim both records are far in excess of those held by any other steel mills in the world. The men engaged in this record-breaking run were not selected for the occasion but composed of the ordinary night shift.

An Inhuman Shoemaker

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., June 2.—Mrs. D. M. Sampson, wife of a shoemaker, was discovered today dying in her home, where on Saturday last her husband, it is said, knocked her down with his hammer, and tortured her by jabbing awls into her face. He then fled, leaving the woman to die.

PRICES ARE SOARING

The Iron Famine Grows Apace.

IS RAPIDLY AFFECTING MARKETS

All Steel and Iron Products Advance From Ten to One Hundred Per Cent.

CHICAGO, June 2.—Because of the unprecedented famine in iron, the prices of all manufactured goods in which the iron staple enters, are soaring very high. The increases range from 10 to 100 per cent. Every class of consumers is affected, from the railroad that buys locomotives to the householder who invests in a lawn-mower. The conditions are said to be ripe, not only for a continuance of the top-notch figures, but the quotations will probably go higher still, as the consumption shows no signs of diminution. Steel and rolling mills, blast furnaces and iron foundries, are swamped with orders. The supply of pig iron on hand at present is not enough to provide for a week's consumption. The improvement in trade conditions, with the accompanying activity in all lines, is the only reason that business authorities advance for the boom.

AN INVASION OF COSTA RICA

NEW ORLEANS, June 2.—Advice from Nicaragua say that Gen. Velarde, who fled into Nicaragua after an unsuccessful attempt last March to overthrow President Olesista of Costa Rica, is reported to have obtained arms, men and money in Nicaragua and has invaded Costa Rica.

SEATTLE TO CELEBRATE

The Glorious Fourth of July.

A MEETING OF CITIZENS TONIGHT

Plans for a Big Celebration and the Various Committees Will be Discussed.

Tonight a meeting of the citizens of Seattle will be held at the chamber of commerce to take preliminary steps for a Fourth of July celebration. At the preliminary meeting held yesterday afternoon, a committee was appointed to make the arrangements for tonight and to secure the presence of as many of the citizens as possible. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, and a general committee and sub-committees will then be appointed. Preparations for the celebration will begin at once, as there only remains a month in which to work.

James Wilkes Says the Miners Will Not Accept Cut.

SANDON, B. C., June 1.—"I have no hesitation in saying the Nelson and Slovan miners' unions will not accept the reduced scale of wages, of \$3 for the new eight hour shift offered by the mine owners."

GOMEZ'S CONDITION NOW CRITICAL

HAVANA, July 2.—Gomez has had another severe attack of asthma. His condition is again serious. A consultation of doctors was held today and it was decided to remove the old hero from Quinta to the sea shore.

THE WEDDING OF MISS GRANT

NEWPORT, R. I., June 2.—Miss Julia Dent Grant, who is to be wedded early in the fall Prince Cantacuzene, is expected to come to Newport a few days after her arrival in New York next Wednesday.

The prince will be here about the middle of August and the wedding will take place a few weeks later and will undoubtedly be a society feature of the Newport season. Elaborate preparations are being made at Beaulieu, the William Waldorf Astor villa, leased by Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, for the coming of Mrs. Palmer, with whom Miss Grant and her mother will stop. The wedding will be a royal one in its appointments.

One Farmer Kills Another

GALVESTON, Tex., June 2.—A dispatch received here from Arcadia says that about five miles south of that place, on Hall's Bayou, in Brazoria county, A. Hanshaw was killed this morning by Frank Chapman. The men were farmers and neighbors.

Tobacco Destroyed.

TYRONE, Pa., June 2.—Last evening a rear end collision occurred between two eastbound freight trains on the Pennsylvania railroad, west of this place, wrecking 15 cars and one engine. The wreck took fire, and two cars loaded with leaf tobacco were destroyed. It required three wrecking crews all night to clear the track.

PATY DU CLAM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

PARIS, June 2.—The Petit Republic prints a rumor to the effect that Lieut. Paty du Clam attempted to commit suicide immediately after his arrest last evening.

Wrecked by a Waterspout

DALLAS, Tex., June 2.—A telegram to the Texas & Pacific railway headquarters announces the sweeping away of the big storage dam near Baird, with approximately all of the water stored for use on the central division of the road, extending from the Brazos to the Colorado River. The storm that swept the dam away closely approached a waterspout in point of violence. Much general property was destroyed by the water. The loss to the Texas & Pacific is estimated at \$50,000. Much inconvenience will result from the loss of these storage facilities.

Ada Bothner is Dead.

ELGIN, Ill., June 2.—Ada Bothner, actress, died here today, after an illness of eleven weeks. She was the leading lady in the "Bunch of Keys" company.

Miss Bothner and her company appeared in "A Bunch of Keys" at the Third avenue theater several months ago. She played the part of "Teddy" and was considered quite good although her support was not the best.

Misses Leiter Leave India

CALCUTTA, June 2.—Misses Daisy and Nannie Leiter, sisters of Lady Curzon, wife of the viceroy of India, will sail from Ceylon in August to rejoin their parents in Paris. In the meantime, in July, they will make a brief tour in upper India. The Calcutta society is greatly disappointed at the departure of the young ladies before the beginning of the winter season.

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Preserving Pots, 1 gallon, 30c.
Bean Pots, 2 quarts, 30c.
Milk Crocks, 10c

Fruit Jars, per doz., 50c, 65c, 85c.
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Ben Hur..... 17 1/2c Surprise..... 35c Pearl..... 15c
Black Tail..... 15c Jim Shaine..... 25c
Butte and Boston..... 65c Kate Howard..... 61 1/2c Tom Thumb..... 20c
Cleveland..... 22c

The Red Metal Is a Winner.

"Copper production in the United States as shown by the reports of the companies to their statisticians, Mr. John Stanton, shows a drop in April, the total reported for that month having been 19,954 long tons, which is 1964 tons less than in March, and 2355 tons less than in April, 1898. As compared with last year, there was a decrease of 2855 tons in the reporting mines, but an increase of 300 tons in the copper from outside sources—that is, produced by smelters from ores which are not specially rated as copper ores, and by the smaller non-reporting mines. That consumption is on the increase in this country is shown by the falling off in our exports, which for the four months were 6100 tons, or 13.3 per cent."—New York Engineering Journal.

Nothing wrong about this, if you own copper stocks, eh? Twelve cents a share will find Lost Creek stock one of the most promising on the market.

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