

THE ESKIMO BULLETIN.

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MURDERED BY AN ESKIMO.

FRANK BOYD, A MINER ON
KOTZEBUE SD., SHOT BY A
CAPE P. OF W. ESKIMO.

THE MURDERER STILL UNPUNISHED.

Last Summer, Frank Boyd engaged three or four natives from the Kotzebue Sd. and Cape P. of Wales tribes to help tow his mining outfit and supplies up the Noon-a-tok river. After a few days absence, As-ser-uk the C. P. of Wales native, assisted by one or two Sd. natives, returned the boat and supplies to Mr. Samms, the missionary at Cape Blossom, reporting that Boyd had accidentally shot himself. By threatening the natives with him, he forced them to substantiate his story. But it soon became known that As-ser-uk had murdered him. Borrowing Boyd's rifle under pretense of shooting a spotted seal, he deliberately shot him. As-ser-uk now claims that the miner had threatened to kill him on the day previous and that he shot him in "self defense". But this flimsy excuse is not believed even by his own people, among whom he has always been known as a "born" liar and thief. They attribute his crime to his inborn depravity, while the Sd. natives think he wished to avenge the death of his father, who was among the thirteen killed by a whaler in 1877.

It was a great surprise to the natives here and at other settlements along the coast, that the U. S. Cutter, evidently considering it out of its line of duty, made no effort to investigate this murder or arrest the murderer, when anchored here in Sept. and June.

NEAKLUK RIVER GOLD FIND.

ONE DOLLAR TO THE PAN.

GOLOVIN BAY, ALASKA, May, 10.-

Pay dirt, yielding one dollar to the pan on the surface, has been discovered along the Ne-ak-luk River. The few whites within fifty miles of this river have already staked claims. Should they prove as rich as the indications promise, there will undoubtedly be a great rush to the Ne-ak-luk from St. Michael this Summer.

The miners making this discovery, have utilized the tame reindeer throughout the Winter. Many sled journeys have enabled them to examine the country between here and Port Clarence and locate small gold bearing streams, which may prove as rich as any yet discovered in Alaska.

LAPPS AND FINNS COMING.

118 TO BE LANDED AT THE U. S.
REINDEER STATION AT
UNALAKLEET.

ST. MICHAEL, July 1. - Seventy-eight Laplanders, ten Finns, and twenty-five Norwegians will arrive here about July 15, on the Str. Del Norte. This vessel is chartered by the Bureau of Education, and after discharging its cargo, will proceed to Siberia and carry over what reindeer have been purchased at St. Lawrence Bay by a Gov. trader during the Winter.

The landing of so many Laplanders to look after the small Government herd at Unalakleet, or colonize this part of Alaska is much ridiculed here. The 500 deer with which they started from Lapland, are reported to have satrvded to death in S. E. Alaska. According to the papers, these people, on account of their intemperat^e habits, have given the Gov. officer no little annoyance.

FLED TO THE AMERICAN SIDE.

The Eskimos from the Diomedes Islands bring the news that Messis, Kelly and Conn have been compelled to desert the Reindeer Purchasing Station at St. Lawrence Bay, Siberia, and flee to Port Clarence, Alaska, for safety.

This station was established there last Summer by the U. S. Bureau of Education, and stocked with a valuable cargo of barter goods. The Diomedes natives say that the Siberian Ko-neel-git (deer-men) have been threatening the traders so as to drive them away, and avoid delivering the deer for which they have already received pay. It is reported from another source, that only coast natives living near the station have opposed and menaced the traders, and that Mr. Kelly has paid for 800 or 900 reindeer and thinks most of them will be delivered.

FORTY TONS OF MEAT DRIVEN NORTH.

A NOVEL RELIEF
EXPEDITION
COMMANDED BY
LIEUT. JARVIS.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION AND ESKIMOS
LOAN THEIR REINDEER TO
THE TREAS. DEPT FOR THE
RELIEF OF THE ICE-BOUND
WHALERS.

The skill and good judgement displayed by Lieut. D. H. Jarvis who commanded the novel Overland Relief Expedition to Pt. Barrow, reflects much credit upon the U. S. R. C. Service. Landing Dec. 17, at Cape Vancouver, south of the mouth of the Yukon, with Lieut. Barthelemy and Dr. Call who accompanied the Expedition, he secured dog sleds and pushed on to Norton Sd. where he providentially met Mate Linton who had been three months coming with dog sleds from Pt. Barrow.

He informed Mr. Jarvis that the crews of the wrecked Strs., Orca and Freeman, were living ashore, and the Strs., Belvedere, Fearless, Newport, Jeanie, and Sch. Rosario were frozen in and their crews living aboard. He also reported that if no

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Herd, and Trains of Supply Sleds Crossing the Divide at Head-waters of the Kevudlens, Kookpuk, and Pitmegea Rivers.