

THE COUNCIL EVENING BULLETIN

Friday Evening

October 29, 1915

Seattle, 29:- Last night a fire destroyed pier 14. On the dock at the time of the outbreak was stored goods valued at nearly three fourths of a million dollars, practically all of which was consumed.. Included in these burned goods were \$353,000 worth of tea which arrived from the Orient three days ago, and 50,000 cases of Alaska salmon, recently arrived from the North, which was awaiting shipment to Liverpool.

Nome, 29:- Mr. Fred Daniels of the Board of Trade Restaurant has disposed of his holdings to Mr. Geo. Modini and will retire from the management of that establishment on Nov. 1.

At eight o'clock last evening the Victoria was 250 miles east of Unimak pass. She will enter Bering sea some time tonight.

She is reported to have the largest mail for the North that has ever come to Nome at one shipment. It is said that an accumulation of Fairbanks mail, and mail for other inland points is being brought to Nome and will be sent overland by the winter route from Nome.

Mr. W. F. Stiegelmaier brought in thirtyfive sacks of parcel post and second class mail and two first class pouches, aggregating 1638 pounds. By the terms of his contract Mr. Stiegelmaier is required to bring only 450 pounds, and all over that weight he receives no compensation for hauling. But out of a desire to befriend the residents of Council and to be accommodating Bill brought the whole business right through. Councilites owe Bill a big vote of thanks.

Leaving on the stage in the morning will be some of Council's old standbys. Julius Saupe, Ed. Gibbs, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schwarz, E. J. Cunningham and Frank Linke. With the Wild Goose team will go Mr. & Mrs. Lester Washburne, Earl James, Fred Ayer, W. H. Freak and William Miller.

Henry Dorsch has returned from a business trip to Nome,

The mail will leave at six o'clock tomorrow morning and will be the last to connect with outgoing steamers this fall. Registration and money order business will close tonight at eleven o'clock, but ordinary mail will be put in the sack up to within fifteen minutes of leaving time.

The regular winter service on the Solomon Ketzebue route will start from Solomon on November 1st.

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NEWS FROM DIME CREEK

Golovin, Alaska, 2:- Pete Curran, the mail carrier, returned this afternoon from Dime creek, having made a brief visit to the diggings before commencing his winter's work of carrying mail on the overland run from Golovin to Unalakleet. Following are some of the news items gleaned from him in a short conversation on the telephone this evening.

Arthur Gloor came down the river with him to look for the engine which was on the scow that sank near Six Mile Point. He was unable to find any trace of the engine or scow and it is presumed that both are buried under the ice.

Gloor & Gawiler have a fine cabin up and are just about ready to begin mining. They have part of their household goods on the claim they are getting the balance as fast as they can with dog teams. (sic) They with their families were three days on the beach at Six Mile Point with nothing but what they could get from the Eskimos. They got along fine, however, and no one suffered. The women and children especially enjoyed the outing. Their self dumper is at the mouth of the Koyuk from whence they will haul it to the claim with dog teams. Their cabins are on No. 3 above which claim they bought for \$10,000, paying \$5,000 down and the balance to be paid next August.

Delos Lovell has a good cabin up and is now getting in wood, but has not started to taking out any dirt. (sic)

Olsen Brothers are now at work putting up a cabin and bunk house.

Fred Seidel, Charley Larsen and the Bulette Brothers are in the timber cutting wood at \$4 a cord piled so the teams can get at it.

Gunderson has two cabins up and has begun taking out pay, with three men, Mrs. Gunderson cooking.

Madsen & Hansen from Nome have on (sic) cabin up and will build two more. They own Discovery and have an option on No. 1 above. They expect to work twentyfive men. Mrs. Hansen will do the cooking.

Sam Smith and Si Ferguson are on the lower end of No. 1 and have cabins up ready to start in taking out a dump.

Andy Meyers with Pfaffle & Co.s (sic) four horse team is too busy to go after grub, getting \$2.50 an hour, hauling logs and wood. Peterson & Olsen also have a four horse team at work.

Bobby Brown is running a sawmill at the nouth (sic) of Sweepstake turning 2,000 feet of lumber a day with himself and two men, and gets \$80 per thousand for it.

At Dime City Ross, who used to run a ferry at Solomon, is running a roadhouse, and La Mountain a store. Dick Connors and Joe Morley have cabins there.

Phillip, a native from Chinik, is going to carry a weekly mail between Dime creek and the overland mail route, charging fifty cents per trip for each person for whom he carries (sic) mail, be it one letter or more.

Mr. Curran says there is at present no demand for more labor than is now in the camp and the only chance for men to get employment is to go into the timber and cut wood and sell it.

There is a heavy snowstorm on the coast at present with a warm south wind.

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Seward,24:- Today over the Seward-Iditarod trail there arrived the sum of \$250,000, the last cleanup of the dredges in the Iditarod this season.

Fairbanks,25:- According to late arrivals from the Tolovana the paystreak on Livingood Creek has been lined up for a distance of over eight miles. Considerable prospecting is being done on the benches and several outfits are finding very deep diggings.

The four teams hauling mail to Candle reached Camp Haven this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Golovin,25:- Walter Shields has just returned from White Mountain where he has been looking over the situation. He states that he thinks that is the proper place for an Eskimo school and that he intends to reccommend (sic) that one be established there.

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Vancouver, B. C., 28 Prince Rupert is to make known the fact that it is the closest rail port having connection with Alaska. The Grand Trunk Pacific is planning to place steamers on the run between Skagway and Prince Rupert, between Seward and Prince Rupert, and an all rail route to the East and Middle-West for products and passengers at rates that no American firms can compete with.

Nome, 29:- The Nulato radio notified Nome today that the first incoming mail left there Wednesday, November 24. Notice was also given that night letter rates will commence over government lines on December 1st.

Mr. Linke will return to his home tomorrow morning.

William Stiegelmaier will leave for Council tomorrow morning.

Golovin, 29:- Tom Gaffney is here on his way to Dime Creek. While passing Spruce Creek his sled struck a log and threw him out injuring him so he had to lay up there for several days.

The staking of the trail from Golovin to McKinley Creek was finished today and teams now cross the bay where heretofore they went around the shore.

Percy Blatchford and Mr. & Mrs. Johnson arrived from Candle this afternoon. They will leave for Nome as soon as they get rested. They are stopping at the Marks.

Charley Jones and Louis Erickson are stopping at the Kane House. They will leave early in the morning for Nome.

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Nome, 31:- The Boschen race was pulled off this afternoon with a large crowd on hand to see the speedy dogs make their start. The first team to leave the line was that of Vincent who took the trail at one sharp with Riley, Ross and Billy Webb following each two minutes apart. For the third time Riley proved to be the winner thereby annexing to himself the cup for all time. Riley's time was 24.11:35. Ross and Vincent ran second and third, some distance behind the winner. The time of Ross was 28.26:1/5, and that of Vincent 29.51:2/5. Dalzene and Jackson both withdrew. As the Boschen cup has passed into the hands of Mr. Riley for good Mr. Mueller has offered a cup for next year's race which will be put up under the same conditions as those governing the Boschen cup race.

Fred and Mrs. Ayer left Candle this morning to return to Nome via Council.

Marshal Jordan is at Chinik tonight on his way to St. Michael on official business.

ANDREW DUFRESNE HAS A HARD TUSSLE WITH
KING BOREAS BUT COMES
OUT WINNER

What might have been another tragedy in the history of Council, had it not been for a cool head and a powerful constitution, occurred about ten days ago on the trail between Council and Solomon.

Andrew Dufresne, a well known Councilite, started out afoot and alone on Wednesday, December 22, for Nome, expecting to reach there in time to spend Christmas with some friends. While never over the trail he decided to take the new mail route staked a year ago by Nick Kristensen, up Fox River and over the divides to Spruce Creek.

When Dufresne started out the weather was fine and he anticipated no trouble in making Solomon in less than two days.

The first day Andy went as far as Hatch's cabin on Fox River, about fourteen miles from Council and there he camped the first night. Having no food with him he made his supper and breakfast off the supplies left by the mail carriers, who make that one of their stopping points.

Thursday morning bright and early he set out for Spruce Creek, following the staked trail. The snow was deep in many places and Andy had no snow shoes. About 11 o'clock that morning it began to snow and blow, the storm increasing in violence as the day wore on.

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About 5 P.M. it became so dark and the whirling snow was so thick that Andy could no longer see the stakes and soon lost the trail. Wet to the skin by the melting snow he was compelled to keep moving so he struggled on, somewhere, anywhere, so as to keep from freezing, until 3 the next morning when he came to a clump of willows that offered him a semblance of shelter. Here he stopped, hollowed a hole in the snow under the willows and crawled in to rest, his clothes by this time frozen stiff.

Until morning, all day Friday, and all the next night, Andy remained in his snow cave half frozen but still more comfortable than in the blinding blizzard that raged fiercely without. Using his mittens for a pillow and the snow for covering he lay down in his icy bed and succeeded in getting a little sleep and rest, even under such cheerless circumstances.

Saturday morning, the weather having cleared somewhat, Andy started out again, often floundering through snow waist deep and as dusk was coming on reached the deserted cabin on Big Skookum used during the summer by the Topkok Ditch Company. Inside he found a stove, a broken box, some discarded gum boots, and some old coal sacks. Using the box for kindling and the boots for fuel he soon had a cheerful fire at least, even if he had no food. Next he removed his clothing and hung it up to dry, using the coal sacks for covering while he waited.

Daylight Sunday morning found him again on the trail but this time knowing where he was and with his face turned toward Council, intending to take the back trail by way of Fox River and Hatch's camp. Having tasted no food for three days and nights Andy was by this time beginning to get weak and could only go a short distance before he would have to sit down and rest. He kept his watch wound, however, noted the time as it was passing and at no time did he get excited.

The fourth night again found him without shelter and food and again he laid down in the white, cold blanket to await the light of another day. At daylight Tuesday morning the struggle was again resumed with no thought of defeat; but this time Andy began to realize he was nearing the end of his physical endurance and to again lie down another night might mean a longer sleep than he was ready to take JUST YET. So Andy did not make a bed in the snow that night but fought on, slowly and painfully but still on, towards the shelter and food which he knew was near at hand if only he could summon the strength from his weary body to enable him to reach it.

Three o'clock on Wednesday morning found Andy once more at the door of Hatch's cabin, now to him a palace. Staggering in he succeeded in making a fire, cooked himself a little rice, made some coffee, ate of these sparingly and laid down to rest. At 11 o'clock he arose refreshed himself with more food and drink and started for Council where he arrived late in the afternoon having been out about 174 hours. With exception of a few frozen spots on his face, nose, neck and the ends of the fingers of the right hand and a stiffness and soreness in his muscles Andy looks as natural as though he had really had a Merry Christmas. But Andy will never forget the Christmas he spent all alone at the head of Big Skookum.

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Washington,20:- There will be no less than twelve Alaska geological survey parties in the field this year. The work of completing the survey of the Bering river, the Matanuska and the Nanena fields is engaging the attention of the Department. It is also reported that the Geological Bureau may attempt to survey the Point Lisbon coal fields during the summer if other conditions are favorable.

Nome,20:- At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night it was decided that the road to Council via Solomon should be completed, and an effort will be made to have the United States government, through the Road Commission, provide the necessary funds.

Nick Kristensen arrived in Solomon with the mail this morning at eight o'clock and the overland mail left for the outside (sic) at ten A.M.

Bob Brown arrived in Candle yesterday afternoon from Seepstakes.(sic)

A. N. Kittilsen and Louis Stevenson passed through Chinik yesterday on their way to Dime Creek.

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May 15, 1919

Nome, 13: The Nome postoffice has issued a notice that bids will be received at that office up to 5 p.m., May 23, 1919, for the performance of the service described below: for carrying the U.S. mail from Golovin Alaska to Haycock, Alaska, about 110 miles and back twice a month; from July 1, 1919 to October 31, 1919, on a schedule satisfactory to the Department, not to exceed four days running time each way, carrying all mail offered, bids to state the rate per round trip.

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Juneau,20:- The influenza item of the urgency deficiency bill was defeated because detailed itemized statements had not been furnished Congress. The Nome vouchers have since been received and detailes (sic) statements will be made and forwarded at once. Hopes are entertained that the appropriation will be inserted in some other bill. The Territorial money will be used just as soon as Congress takes definite action. The above statement was given out by Gov. Riggs.

Nome,24:- An old timer in this part of the country who came in on first sailing of steamers and whose name is Dennis Cullenana, better known as Benny Murphy, went to work at Mrs. Neibling's restaurant and soon after had an attack of rheumatism in the ankles. Some one suggested the use of oil of wintergreen as a remedy. . Instead of applying it locally he took it internally, swallowing about 3/4 of an ounce. He died two days after.

The stage left Nome this morning about nine o'clock. Mr. Longley is bringing only the limit of 450 pounds as the trail is still too bad. A big consignment of mail was brought from Unalakleet by the Victoria. The post office at Nome has been buried in mail and the employees have just about got cleaned up what has been received. Another consignment is expected on the Cordova in a few days.
