

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 1.—The steamer North Fork arrived here tonight direct from St. Michaels with twenty-eight passengers and the following letter from H. M. Morgan, Associated Press correspondent:

Dutch Harbor, Sept. 21.—The wreck of the schooner Hueneme, having on board the material for three river boats to be built at St. Michaels island for service on the Yukon, has had the effect of changing the route of the steamer Portland, which had on board the material for one river boat, also for service on the Yukon. The Portland will discharge her cargo here (Dutch Harbor) and leave Moran Bros., the contractors for building river boats, here together with their employees, who will proceed with the construction of the one boat brought up on the Portland.

As soon as the Portland has unloaded she will return to Seattle, where arrangements will be made to send material for construction of three boats as originally intended to be constructed here, and forwarded to St. Michaels in the spring. The passengers and Mr. C. H. Hamilton and Barber party are to be transferred to the steamer Bertha of San Francisco, Captain J. M. Hays, which is expected to leave Unalaska on Friday, 24th inst., for St. Michaels.

The Bertha left St. Michaels Monday night, the 13th inst., and arrived at Dutch Harbor Friday morning, the 17th. This will be her last trip this season. She will return to San Francisco for the winter.

The steam schooner North Fork of Tacoma arrived here from St. Michaels late this evening with about thirty-five passengers on board, among them were P. C. Richardson of Seattle. Mr. Richardson left the Sound July 25th over Chilkoot pass, arriving at Dawson City August 12th. He stayed at Dyea two days and two days at Lake Bennett. Mr. Richardson says there are at least 5,500 people at Dawson City, the greater number living in tents, of which there are 400 to 500.

Soon after his arrival there the North American Transportation and Trading company closed their store, being out of provisions and unable to fill about 400 paid orders, with a bare chance of the Margaret, with a hundred tons of provisions, and the Alice, with seventy-five tons, arriving before they would be compelled to close. The Margaret ought to have arrived by August 25th, but it is impossible to get up the Yukon on account of lack of water.

Mr. W. E. Langdon of Seattle, also a passenger on the North Fork, has been up the Yukon as far as Fort Yukon on the Hamilton. Mr. Langdon says the water fell four and one-half feet in five days, and that it is impossible for any one to get through to Dawson City this year. He says it is impossible to exaggerate the danger from starvation in the Klondike this winter, and an early winter is predicted, and there are absolutely no provisions to be had.

There are about 1,000 people at Rampart City, Mr. Langdon says, living in tents, and that the Hunter and Minook creeks are all located.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Suburban towns to the west of Chicago are in danger of prairie fires. Little or no rain has fallen for several weeks and the tall prairie grass is dry to its very roots and inflammable as tinder. If prairie fires should spring up in the immense fields that encompass Berwyn, Olyle, Morgan Park, Lyons, Riverside and the other villages that are in the district, there is danger of an extensive conflagration. Facilities for fighting flames in this district are meager.

Huntington, Ind., Oct. 1.—Forest

fires in the southern part of this township are doing great damage. The timber and meadows are so dry that the fires burn with great rapidity and cover large areas of ground in a short time. A fire has been raging fiercely for three days in the forests and there appears no way of checking it. Crowds of farmers are out with plows tearing up the ground around farmhouses and buildings to prevent the fire from reaching and destroying them. The dense smoke that rises from the forest fires is almost unbearable.

St. Louis, Oct. 1.—According to the Post-Dispatch, John A. Truitt, a conductor on the Northern Central Electric street-car line, was sold by his wife for \$4,000 to a woman who declares that she loves the man more than his wife does. The deal was the sequel to the following remarkable statement to Mrs. Truitt by a Mrs. Stephens, who lives in this city with her father:

"Mrs. Truitt:—I love your husband and I want him. I have traveled the world over and he is the first man I ever loved. I will give you \$4,000 cash for him if you will give him up."

Truitt, who is the father of four children, seems to agree to the deal.

It is stated that last Tuesday Mrs. Truitt, knowing that her husband loved another, attempted to take her life by swallowing a big dose of morphine.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Fire which broke out early today at Willow Springs, sixteen miles from Chicago on the drainage canal, destroyed nearly half the town and made fifty families homeless. The fire apparatus was totally inadequate and assistance was telegraphed for to Chicago. A special train was at once sent, but before it arrived the fire had burned out. Loss about \$50,000, with but little insurance.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 2.—The steamer from Skaguay, Alaska, The Farallon had on board 110 returning prospectors, among the number being Louis Lang, direct from Dawson City, which place he left August 26th, coming out on Dalton trail. He stopped at Juneau.

In an interview with an Associated Press correspondent Lang said:

"When I left Dawson the stores had stopped selling supplies and restaurants had closed because they could get nothing more. Provisions will be scarce, although many of the miners are leaving. In my opinion there will be 200 or 300 come out over the Dalton trail within the next few weeks while a great many others are going down by St. Michaels.

"It was a great mistake in trading companies to bring so much whisky up the river instead of supplies. Before we left Dawson nine cattle beef had been driven in and four of them butchered. Choice cuts brought \$1.50 per pound, while a soup bone was worth 50 cents. I paid \$1 and \$1.25 per pound for elk meat.

London, Oct. 2.—A dispatch from Madrid today says that Capt. Gen. Weyler has been recalled from Cuba. His successor, it is added, has not yet been officially announced.

Marshal Blanco, it is stated, in all probability will accept the post of captain general of Cuba in succession of Capt. Gen. Weyler.

Portland, Me., Oct. 2.—Neal Dow died at 3:30 p.m. today.

St. Louis, Oct. 2.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Hume, Mo., says:

The Hume bank was entered by two masked men at 2 o'clock this morning, and with two nitro-glycerine explosions they made an opening in the big steel safe containing about \$5,000 in cash, but did not get the money. Sol Moore, who gave the alarm, was

compelled by the robbers to stand and watch the operations at the point of their guns.

Marshal Pat Powers arrived and put the robbers to flight. They stole a horse and carriage and left for the Kansas line. An armed posse is after them and it is expected they will be caught. The bank building of brick was wrecked by the explosion.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Eclair this afternoon advocates a Franco-Russian-American dreibund. It says it considers America's commercial and agricultural support necessary even in the case of a Franco-German war and expresses the hope that the new French ambassador to the U. S. M. Jules Cambon will do his utmost to bring about the alliance referred to.

Leadville, Colo., Oct. 2.—An Associated Press dispatch from this city on September 21 has been the means of putting the relatives of James Rowman in communication with the returned Klondiker.

Rowman was a passenger on the Portland and had been in the Alaskan gold fields for thirteen years. During the past year he has accumulated a large fortune, owning several valuable claims on Bonanza creek. He brought down a quantity of gold dust and passed through Leadville on his way to New York to hunt up relatives, having lost all trace of his family during his absence. It now appears that he has a brother, John Rowman, at 130 Lytle street, Chicago, who first learned of the arrival of James from the item in the Associated Press dispatch from Washington, Oct. 2.—The President today appointed the following postmasters:

Utah—John C. Graham at Provo city.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Secretary Bilas has requested Secretary Alger to order troops to proceed to Tuskahoma, Indian Territory, to avert threatened trouble during the sessions of the Choctaw council, which convenes Monday.

New Orleans, Oct. 2.—The yellow fever situation did not improve this morning. No new cases were reported, but there were reports of four deaths. The board of health continues to find great difficulty in its work of stamping out the disease. Failure to report cases is becoming exasperatingly common. The result is that patients are not receiving prompt medical attention and are dying where they might be pulled through if doctors were immediately called in. The cases at the hospital are increasing. There were fifteen there last night and others to be removed there this morning.

A number of people were released yesterday and today from the detention camp. The Rigolets detention camp has been closed, as very few people were coming into New Orleans over the Louisville and Nashville roads. Orders have been issued to send all suspects from infected points to Fountainebleau, where there are ample accommodations for several hundred people.

Although the number of cases here is increasing, the board of health has refused to modify the quarantine regulations. Every affected point is being watched. The board will continue to quarantine houses here wherein fever exists. The effect will be to prevent a spread of the disease and to give employment to several hundred men who have been thrown out of work by the stagnation of trade.

Maj. E. J. Hamilton, the probable successor of Chief of Police Gaster, was stricken with yellow fever today.

New York Oct. 2.—A special to the World from Madrid by way of Bayonne says: In all her consultations with the Spanish generals and the leaders of the political parties, the