

DOWN TO DIET OF SALT PORK

In This Condition Captain
Olson Finds the People
of Catala.

FAMINE SEEMS IMMINENT

Ship After Ship Undertakes to Land
Relief but in Vain—Six Weeks of
the Roughest of Weather.

Tacoma, Nov. 4.—Subsisting mainly on salt pork and brought almost to the gate of famine was the fate of the 1,500 or 2,000 people of Catala, Alaska. The Alaska Coast company's steamer Bertha, which has just arrived from the north and which was the steamship that took relief to the unfortunate camp, brought down the news.

The condition was due to the unprecedented rough weather that prevailed all along the north Alaskan coast for six weeks or more.

Catala has little if any harbor, and its beach is practically exposed to the pounding of immense waves from the open sea. During rough weather the surf runs so high that lighters cannot operate.

Many Tried to Give Aid.

For weeks prior to October 18 vessels found it extremely difficult to beat in close enough to shore to offer assistance. After anchoring, the vessels dragged their anchors, while it was also found impossible for lighters to brave the destructive seas. Steamboats laden with provisions were sent out from Valdez every day or so to Catala, which is but 147 miles from that place, but after arriving off Catala it was simply a matter of cruising about for a number of hours in the vain hope that the water would smooth sufficiently to permit lighters to operate. By October 1, flour, fresh meat, butter, sugar, oil for lighting and other necessities in the line of groceries were gone and the people faced extremities.

Olson Hit a Smooth Spot.

When the Bertha arrived at Valdez Captain Olson was told of the conditions at Catala and asked to do his utmost to give relief there. The Valdez merchants put eighty tons of provisions aboard his vessel and October 18 he sailed for Catala, where he arrived a day later. Two days before the steamer Navigator had tried to land provisions there but failed. By good fortune Captain Olson found a smooth sea and lighters at once came out and in a few hours had provisions ashore. Captain Olson had no fresh meat to give them but he believes that before this time other vessels have found it possible to get additional shipments ashore.

Navigators returning from Alaska report the weather conditions in the far northwest as unusual in severity. The Bertha experienced weather such as, Captain Olson says, he never before met with in all his years of service in Alaskan waters. Hurricane winds kicked up mountainous seas and brought snow and hail and beating rain storms, making voyaging very dangerous.

STORMS DAMAGE BOATS.

East Coast Fishing Schooner Lost In Recent Gales.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 4.—It is feared many lives were lost in the recent gales. Three New Foundland fishing schooners are missing and four French vessels have not reported. Wreckage ashore on the southern coast indicates that the schooner Orion was lost with 18 men.

To Whom It May Concern:—This is to certify that Mr. Jack Rice is no longer connected with the Marsden Wholesale Liquor House, either at Marshfield or Bandon.
Robert Marsden.
Marshfield, Ore., Nov. 2, 1907.

Hang a Negro.
Cameron, Tex., Nov. 4.—Following an indictment by the grand jury for attempted assault, Alex Johnson, a negro, was taken from jail and hanged to a tree in the courtyard by a mob of 500.

Mistaken Identity of Ship.
Seattle, Nov. 4.—A vessel reported sighted outside the straits of Juan de Fuca, which was supposed to be the Arthur Sewell, supposed to have been lost in the straits of Magellan, turns out to be a sister ship of the Sewell, the Erskine M. Phelps, which arrived at Seattle tonight.

Communicated.

Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 26, 1907.

Editor of the Times, Dear Sir—Enclosed find \$1.50 to renew subscription. I notice that the chambers of commerce of Marshfield and North Bend are co-operating for the general welfare of the whole bay. That is as it should be. The entire peninsula should be consolidated under one name, one mayor and one city government. There should be no jealousy between different localities. The peninsula is not so large, it will all be populated in a few decades, neither should there be any jealousy between Coos Bay and Portland. There is room enough for both cities in Oregon. New York and Philadelphia are only 90 miles or two hours run apart, and there are several large cities between them. Here are 6,000,000 in these two cities on the railroad route of 90 miles. From Portland to San Francisco with a sea coast of 700 miles you have less than 500,000 people, you should appoint a committee of about nine of the most sensible men you have to select a suitable name and consolidate under that name and all pull together, Marshfield, Empire and North Bend will never lose their identity. Go the center of Philadelphia and you will see street cars going to Chestnut Hill, Laure Hill, Hestonville, Frankfort Germantown and many other points, all old names of villages now incorporated in the great city. In Sacrament it is the same way. That city is a consolidation of Sacrament with Hyde Park, Green Ridge, Providence and other towns whose local names still remain within the city. You are named to the name Coos Bay but, the bay should be omitted in naming your city. Supposing New York was named New York Bay, or Boston named Boston Harbor, would it not be absurd? But no more so than for you to stick the word bay on to your city. Coos seems short and abrupt but better Coos than Coos Bay, but there are a hundred terminations that might be added to Coos and make a more dignified name for your city, and for a large city it is better to have an entirely different name from any other name. Portland wishes she had a distinct name now. In this respect Seattle and Tacoma have the advantage of her. Coos is an old biblical name. The island of Cos or Coos and the gulf of Cos or Coos will be found off Asia Minor, east of Greece. The entrance to the gulf of Coos is from the west and doubtless some old sea captain who had seen this gulf, in passing along the coast of the Pacific fancied he saw a resemblance and named Coos Bay. After it was named it would be very easy to have Coos Indians at Coos Bay, just as we have Delaware Indians on the Delaware river. After that river had been so named by the English. You have Cape Blanco nearby how would Coosablanco do or Coosadena? I am not anxious to suggest a name, but a place that is destined to be a great city should have a solid sensible name selected, not by tossing up a penny, but by a committee of common sense people. But what is everybody's business in nobody's business and the chambers of commerce of the two cities can do more to restore order out of chaos than all the individuals of the two cities acting separately can do. Yours truly,
R. M. WICKER

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NORTH BEND NOTES

Mr. William Cribbins, of Myrtle Point, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. Russ Johnson, of Coquille, was a visitor in this city Monday.

Mr. G. Horn, who has been confined to his bed for the past ten days with pneumonia, is again able to be on the streets.

Mr. C. L. Hudson, of Detroit, Michigan, is in the city looking around for a location.

Miss Anna E. Jacobson returned from Haynes Inlet yesterday where she has been visiting friends the past week.

Mr. Benjamin Roberts, of Templeton, was a business visitor Monday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonebrake, of Grangeville, Idaho, are in the city visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Riggs.

—Four dollars for the first hour and reduced rates for a longer time. See Mr. Andrews at the Coos Bay Transportation office, A street dock. His automobile is for hire.

THE GROOM MUST PAY.

Queer Marriage Custom Among the Quebec French Canadians.

A singular marriage custom prevails among the French Canadians in Quebec. After the morning marriage service in the church the bridal party in caleche or carriage make a tour of calls upon relatives and friends during the day and then return again to church for vespers.

Before the evening dance at the bride's new home comes the supper. When the company rise from the table the bride keeps her seat, and some one asks with great dignity: "Why does madam wait? Is she so soon in bad grace?"

She replies: "Somebody has stolen my slipper. I cannot walk."

Then they carry her, chair and all, into the middle of the room, while a loud knocking announces a grotesque ragged vendor of boots and shoes. He kneels before the slipperless bride and tries on a long succession of old boots and shoes of every variety and size until at last he finds her missing shoe.

The groom redeems it for a good price, which is spent in treating the company. If the groom is not watchful they steal her hat and cloak, which he redeems in the same way, and they have been known to steal the bride, for which there must be liberal pay. The event of the evening is a good fit in which a guest volunteers to outdance the bride. If successful the visitor demands a prize from the groom.—Fearson's Weekly.

A MADDENING PRANK.

The Queer Joke That Eugene Field Played on a Printer.

When Eugene Field was city editor of the Kansas City Times he found great amusement in annoying one of the characters employed on the paper. Ferguson was one of the "makeups" on the paper, and in Wyandotte, where he resided, just over the line from Kansas City, he was the leader of a local temperance society. For over a year Field, on coming down to the paper to go to work, would write a personal concerning Ferguson. Generally it ran like this: "Mr. John Ferguson, the well known 'makeup' of the Times composing room, appeared for work yesterday evening in his usual beastly state of intoxication." This entertaining bit Field would send down in a bundle of copy, and the others of the composing room would set it up and say nothing.

Poor Ferguson knew that this awful personal was in their midst and every night would go carefully over every galley for the purpose of locating and killing it. It gave him vast trouble. Every now and then Field would not write his personal about Ferguson, and then the bewildered Ferguson was worse off than ever. As long as he could not find it it might still be there. It almost drove the poor man off the paper. Now and then it escaped his eagle eye and was printed. On such occasions Ferguson's burdens were beyond the power of even a Christian spirit to bear.

Old Medicine.

The following are among some of the fantastic cures presented by the medical authorities of early times, as given by Dr. Hugo Magnus in his book, "Superstition in Medicine."

Remedy Against Bellyache: "Take the heart from the living heart and wear it as an amulet at the left thigh."
—Alexander of Tralles.

Remedy Against Epilepsy (advised by the Physician, Moschion, Diorthotes, Alexander of Tralles, Book I, Chapter XV, page 570): "The forehead of an ass tied to the skin of the patient and worn."

"Gather iris, peonies and nightshade when the moon is in the wane, pack them into linen and wear as an amulet." Advised by the magician Osthames, Alexander of Tralles, Book I, Chapter XV, page 569.

The Australian Natives.

An English author writes of the Australian natives: "Between tribe and tribe war for purposes of territorial aggrandizement is unknown. They may fight about women or in the blood feud, for, as nobody is supposed to die a natural death, every death is thought to be caused by hostile magic. Fights are not now resolutely waged, but merely to draw first blood, as a rule, and, as there are no conquests, there are no slaves and very little material progress. There are no hereditary chiefs, though among some socially advanced tribes a kind of magistracy or a 'moderation' of local groups in the tribal general assembly is hereditary in the male line."

A Good Word For Tobacco.

A nobleman that was extremely fat was reduced to an ordinary size by chewing Tobacco, which also does good in an Asthma. 'Tis of great use in Camps, where there is many times Scarcity of Vituals and Cholicks and the like.—"Compleat Herbal," 1654.

Understood of Slippers.

Slippers play an important part in the life of almost every man. In childhood they are laid on him; in manhood, just after he has been married, they are thrown after him, and for a considerable part of the rest of his life they are under him.

A Pleasant Frolic.

After the dissipated Duke of Wharton had been narrating his frolics Dean Swift said to him: "My lord, let me recommend one more to you. Take a frolic to be good. Rely upon it, you will find it the pleasantest frolic you ever engaged in."

The usual fortune of complaint is to excite contempt more than pity.—Johnson.



G. E. Mickey

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