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FAMOUS NOME BUT A MEMORY

By M. J. Brown

300 Dogs Left. Unlike Other Towns Nome is a Summer Camp—Dredges and Hydraulic All That is Left.

On the last boat to come back until the saying in Nome, "that pretty nearly everyone went outside with him."

Nome had 3,000 people, 400 white men—and the rest were in the long wind-up wait for God and the boat to come in from Seattle.

I figure that in years more there will be more than men in the one gold city.

As out of my stateroom at the morning to get a first ship was anchored about two out, and passengers are in—that is, when the permits. Sometimes for storms sweep across the sea and blow the water such heaps that it is impossible to land. Then the passengers console themselves in that ever popular song of the Boring Sea, "Oh, why do you stay so close to the shore."

at the ocean was as glassy as a pond this summer morning and everybody could land—about that would come down \$2.50.

and here was a funny one I did get the straight of. My room-mate was assessed from a food conservation the steamship company better have landed the butch, for it was a pinch would not return until the hour and then heard on would more than offset the of launching them in and transportation puzzle was I was held up and frisked on the steamship from Nome to Seattle, while room-mate was not. My aty is endeavoring to solve one for me.

back to Nome.

was a pretty sight from the mer to see the little gold spread along the beach. All other Alaskan towns it long and narrow—a dilly-dolly wood—one string of buildings along the shore, with benches further back.

land and started on a hike to the beach, toward the Es-village to start things off. way out I met five young boys and I didn't need to see them to see that the Nome was an irrigated town.

landed me and ordered of the roadside. I sat of them, with much and dignity, pro-pluck six reed stems lengths. These I drew. Then he and one of the declared "it" having I might have to wait four or five years for the fickle winds to blow the snow into his particular trap.

Everything is a chance, and a big chance in Alaska. When things come they break in a big bunch, but they are a long time coming to the 90 and 9.

"Where did this beach gold come from?" I asked a miner. "Washed down from the hills," he replied. The same question to another miner got this answer, "Washed in by the ocean. Now you guess."

There are three beaches at Nome, the present water front, one a mile or two back, and one four or five miles back from which it is plainly evident that in the ages past glacial and volcanic out great fortunes from the

SHAWMUT TO USE AMERICANS FIRING AT THE BACHE

Government Using All Railroads at Very Best Advantage, Regardless of Who Once Owns Them. Delivering the Freight.

The new federal control of the railroads will mean much to Hornell, according to an order which became known to-day that all coal shipments from the Bradford division of the Erie and from the Pittsburgh & Shawmut railroads were to be handled over the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern railroad and that the Shawmut is going to run its freight trains directly into the Erie yards there. This is done on account of the coal shipments to the Shawmut is done to relieve the other roads for other work and to end competition.

Engines will be brought from other roads to handle the increased traffic and under the new order the Shawmut will become one of the greatest coal hauling lines in this section of the state. There was also a report in railroad circles; this morning, that the Shawmut depot in this city would be abandoned and that the Erie depot, but this report could not be verified.

An order has already been issued suspending all passenger traffic on the Bradford division and now that the coal shipments are taken off that division it will be free to handle the vast amount of other business. It will provide to greater speed in the handling of coal, the Shawmut mines supplying several big government factories.

The new arrangement is really one of the most important steps that has been taken under the new government control of the railroads and will mean more than double the present amount of traffic over the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern lines.

The Bradford division extends down into the coal mining regions of Western Pennsylvania and heretofore the Pittsburgh & Shawmut railroad has been turning its coal shipments over to the Erie at Brockwayville. A few years ago the coal was practically all shipped over the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern lines, but last March the Pittsburgh & Shawmut began to deliver its coal to the Erie at Brockwayville.

It is not known where the new engines for the Hornell-Olean division will be brought from, but it is possible that they will be taken from the Bradford division of the Erie. The local yards of the Shawmut are inadequate to cope with the increased traffic and therefore it has been decided to send the trains directly into the Erie yards.

AMERICANS FIRING AT THE BACHE

An Account of the First American Artillery Engagement in France Against the Germans. All Anxious to Go at it Again.

As a number of Andover boys are now serving in the artillery the following account of our first engagement with the enemy will be of intense interest.

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Nov. 17. — The first American artillery unit to establish contact with the Germans came back to its billets to-day. The men were tired and muddy, but still as enthusiastic a lot of soldiers as ever came out of gunpits. The artillery had a longer stay at the front than the infantry and they came back men and horses, wet to the bone, covered with mud and ready to sleep.

Their "homecoming" was one that will long be remembered in this section of France. It was late in the day when long lines of marching soldiers and straining horses were seen rounding a small mountain many miles away. The rain was beating in their faces and a village snuggled in a valley came into their view as they crossed the crest of the hill. Below stood a group in uniform. Above the group floated the American flag and a number of children were gathered about. Suddenly the band—for the group of uniforms was a band—started a tune that brought a smile to the face of even the most tired artilleryman in the column. It was "The Campbells are Coming." The entire command was immediately drawn up on a hill side and a gun, covered with camouflage paint, was drawn out in front. On the gun shield an artilleryman had written in chalk:

"The first gun for the Germans." The colonel in command told the men the people of the village wished to do honor to the gun and its crew, and to the American army. The children gathered around and placed a floral wreath over the grim barrel and a bunch of wild flowers inside the empty case of the first shot fired. The regimental band then played the American and French national anthems.

That was all the ceremony, but the sight of Americans returning from combat with the Germans, cheered the populace of the village so that when the troopers dismounted many old men and women came up to them either to shake hands or to put their arms affectionately around their shoulders.

Tonight the artillerymen turned in at six o'clock. Tomorrow they will not be called out until hours after the regular time. The men were very tired, having marched for many hours under unfavorable conditions and eating their short ration while perched astride a horse or swinging on top of a gun carriage.

Despite the hardships not a man was heard to grumble except about the fact that no mail from home was waiting for him. Every one declared enthusiastically that the firing of shells at the Bache would be "fine business." All were anxious to go back again.

In this command there was not one casualty despite the length of its stay at the front and the fact that the Germans shelled the American artillery heavily several times. The officers said that the night the American artillery was raided the artillery got into action quickly and poured a counter barrage into "No Man's Land." They were sure they prevented all the Germans from reaching the trench—and that some of the Germans never got back alive. The officers and men were proud of their ability to handle their guns in this manner.

The members of the crew

SCRIBNER-HOUSE

Mrs. Minnie Scribner, formerly of Andover, and Frank House, of Howard, were united in marriage Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, at the Baptist parsonage in Howard, by the Rev. Earl Greason.

W. O. T. U.

The Womens Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Backus, Friday afternoon, Jan. 4th.

WITH OUR SOLDIER BOYS IN TRAINING

J. V. Stearns Recovering From Operation at Camp Wadsworth. Worth While of His Xmas. Coming Home on Furlough.

Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mother and all:

As this is Xmas morning and I am feeling pretty good will try and write a few lines home. The doctor said I might get up Wednesday or Thursday, so you see I am gaining very fast and will be out this week. He said I was a very good patient and would like them all like me.

I had a box of candy and a package of cigarettes this morning from women in Spartanburg, and then was presented with a red cross-bag which contained a knife, match-safe, handkerchief, tablet, pencil and envelopes, so it has not been so dull for me as it might.

I have just eaten my Xmas dinner and had turkey, dressing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, spinach and peas, and you would think I was never sick or had an operation for appendicitis the way I ate. I am still hungry, how does that sound.

I can come home on a furlough if my pass comes.

Several boys from Co. K, have been over to see me to-day and thought it funny I would get out so soon, but I think God is very good to me and helping me every way He can because I have had so much good fortune lately.

I will enclose a spray of mus-tard for Reta and the rest and must close and rest now.

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all my friends.

Your loving son,
Victor.

NOW PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

Officers Coming Into County to Help You Figure How Much You Should Pay. You will Be a Slacker if You Dodge.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1917.—It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.

Collector of Internal Revenue, Riodan to-day announced that 53 officers will start from his headquarters on January 1, and that on January 2 every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned to him to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officers assigned to this county will be located at the places named below and will have their office in the building set opposite the main of the place, and they will remain during the period of time set opposite each place.

Belmont—Post Office Bldg., Jan. 2 to Jan. 12.

Belmont—Post Office Bldg., Jan. 14 to Jan. 19.

Wellsville—City Hall, Jan. 21 to March 1.

They will be found every day on the dates stated.

It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000.00 or over, and every married person, living with wife or husband, whose net income is \$2,000.00, or over, to call on income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay. Collector Riodan said to-day. The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers.

There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make a return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man.

The men in the field will have income tax forms for every one and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms.

CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire to express their gratitude to all the kind friends, who expressed their sympathy by acts of kindness during the illness and burial of wife and daughter, and most especially to Mrs. C. E. Hann and the King's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church for their thoughtful help in our hour of need.

Edgar Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blouvelt.

RED CROSS WORK

A shipment of twenty pairs of ambulance socks was made Dec. 25, 1917. Including the week of Dec. 27th several ambulance pillows and eighteen pairs of ambulance socks were finished, exclusive of the shipment of Dec. 25th.

There is urgent need that we make all the ambulance supplies as many as we can and as soon as we can.

HULBERT LIVERMORE

Miss Pearl Livermore, of Buffalo, formerly of Andover, and Roy Hulbert, of Buffalo, formerly of Belmont, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. L. B. Robinson, December 22, 1917, by the Rev. Harvey C. Beaman, of the Glenwood Ave. Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

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