

Fast Dog Teams Race With Death Over Nome Trail

Veteran "Mushers," Working in Relays, Bear Supply of Anti-Toxin to Diphtheria Stricken Region.

Anchorage, Alaska, Jan. 29.—Mushers raced against death today. Through the Arctic night, with temperatures ranging as low as 53 degrees below zero, champion drivers and their picked dog teams rived from Nenana, on the Alaska railway, to Nome with precious life-giving serum to be used in the battle against diphtheria, which is threatening to wipe out the far north town.

A supply of antitoxin furnished by Dr. J. B. Beason, former Livingston (Mont.) and Seattle (Wash.) physician, now in Anchorage, was started from here yesterday to stricken Nome, and physicians declared, should men and dogs triumph over the frozen trails in the race against the dread disease, it would arrive in Nome in time to save many lives.

"Wild Bill" Shannon, with five crack dogs, made the first leg of the 1,900-mile journey to Nome in a single mush, covering 60 miles. His time was 12 hours.

Waiting for Shannon at Tolovana was Jim Kalland, another of the north's famous mushers, with a fleet string of dogs and a light Yukon sled. Kalland will make the second lap of the "death race."

The second lap is over a distance of about 60 miles from Hot Springs up the lower Tanana river.

Wireless messages sent along the route to Nome brought a general response today from scores of drivers who wanted to enter the list for the suffering men, women and children in Nome. They were eager to risk their lives and dogs in the wild ride over the snows.

Lacked in Storm. Reports here showed many communities had been locked in the grip of a bitter storm for the last two weeks. Temperatures ranged around 50 below zero and falling below that in many places.

The greatest danger to the mushers was their life-giving cargo will be along the lower Yukon river, where Arctic blizzards sweep across a broad stretch of country, including Norton bay, the spot where many brave men of the trail have passed out in the grip of the "ice gods."

Among the interested watchers of the race was Dr. Beason, who gave the serum aid who was the hero in 1918 of another famous race with death when he rushed antitoxin to Iditarod.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 29.—The diphtheria epidemic which is sweeping Nome, Alaska, may claim hundreds, according to dispatches received here today by Dr. G. M. Magruder, in charge of the United States public health service in this district. Five are dead and hundreds are doing poorly. There was no indication given in the dispatches as to just the number of persons suffering from the disease.

Dr. Magruder said a large percentage of the afflicted were Eskimos, who, he said, were particularly susceptible to diseases that have scourged the white race.

Arrangements were being completed today by Dr. Magruder to send 1,000,000 antitoxin units to Nome on the steamer Alameda, which sails Saturday from Seattle to Seward, Alaska.

From Seward the units will have to be shipped overland, and Dr. Magruder was trying today to arrange a system of packing to protect the shipment from freezing as it is carried on dog sleds.

Efforts to obtain an airplane in Alaska to carry the serum were unsuccessful and it seemed probable the only method of transportation left will be by dog teams.

Temperatures in the north were reported at 50 and 70 degrees below zero, according to Dr. Magruder, which will mean special packing to protect the antitoxin.

Locals with the antitoxin which will weigh from 100 to 200 pounds, will be materials for Schick test used to determine if persons are immune from diphtheria. These persons will be used to nurse the sick and to carry messages in the stricken northern town.

Dr. Curtis Welch, public health service surgeon, is the only doctor in Nome at present and his strength is being taxed to the utmost by the great demands made upon him.

Every nurse in the town has been pressed into service and volunteer nurses are being asked.

96 Take Examination for Teachers at Pawnee City. Pawnee City, Jan. 29.—Ninety-six persons took the county teacher's examinations in Pawnee City, last Saturday, under the supervision of County Superintendent Mrs. Alberta Ballance.

Cuba to Build Water Plant. Cuba, Kan., Jan. 29.—Bills were opened Wednesday by the village board for the construction of water works here. About 30 bids were entered, principally from contractors in Omaha, Denver and Kansas City. The contract was awarded to Burt and Trapp of Hutchinson, Kan., their bid being \$27,500, and the terms call for the completion of the system in 120 days.

Stop Tampering With Roads, Plea of Hale Holden

Burlington Head Says 1924 Traffic Breaks Record; Opposed to Gooding Bill.

"Don't tamper with the railroads. Don't let radical politicians rear down the transportation system." This was the gist of a plea by Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, in an address before the Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon.

Prosperity is coming to the middle west, Mr. Holden asserted, but it is bringing with it a railroad problem. This is the problem of maintaining a high standard of efficiency on small returns and in the face of radical legislation.

He appealed against any change in the transportation act and specifically condemned the Gooding bill and the Howell-Barkeley bill, declaring that these measures would weaken the confidence of investors and make it impossible for the railroads to obtain money for needed expansion of the system.

Railroad problems as they arise should be dealt with and settled as economic questions, which they are, rather than as political issues, which they are not, Mr. Holden declared.

"All business and economic authorities agree that we have entered the year 1925 with the prospect of a substantial increase in productive and commercial activity," he went on, "and there is every reason to believe confidently that Omaha and the great fertile territory tributary to it will fully share in this increase in prosperity. This means that the improvement and enlargement of railway facilities must be continued by the continued investment of about \$1,000,000,000 of new capital annually."

Indebtedness Increased. "Now almost all the capital that has been invested in the railroads since the war has been raised by borrowing and increasing their indebtedness. This has been necessary, if the capital was to be raised at all, because, while a few railroads have been doing fairly well, the net return earned by a large majority has been too meager to induce investors to buy their capital stock."

Even in 1923, when a record-breaking freight business was handled, the average return earned by all the railroads on their property investment was only 4.55 per cent, and in 1924 it was still less. The average return earned by the railroads in the western district in 1924 was only 3.37 per cent and in the northwestern region it was the smallest in any part of the country, being only 2.15 per cent.

Need New Capital. "The railroads have now increased their indebtedness so much that the time has come when they must be given opportunity to raise new capital by the sale of stock if they are to be able to raise it in large amounts. Present advances in the market prices of railway stocks indicate a growing confidence of the public in them as investments. But even yet the stocks of leading railroads command an average price of only about \$50 a share.

The existing confidence of investors in railway stocks would be quickly destroyed by any radical change of regulation, and especially by any reduction of rates which would indefinitely postpone the time when the railroads as a whole and by large groups would be allowed to earn a fair return.

Mr. Holden particularly condemned the Gooding "long and short haul bill," now pending before congress, because it would make it impossible for the interstate commerce commission, even though it considered it in the public interest, to authorize the railroads to meet steamship competition to the Pacific coast through the Panama canal.

Canal Business Booms. "This bill should be of special interest and concern to business men of the middle west," he said. "The amount of freight moving to the Pacific coast through the Panama canal is rapidly increasing. This means, among other things, that middle-western manufacturers and other business men are being driven out of the markets of the Pacific coast by their eastern competitors and also that western railroads are losing a large amount of freight business which would help them to earn the net return that they need and thereby help them to provide the transportation service that the producers and shippers of western territory need."

Mr. Holden declared that attempts to reduce railroad rates on farm products were unjustified, and that such reductions would be particularly unfair to railroads of the west, where 21 per cent of all tonnage is farm products. "These roads, he said, are now earning more inadequate returns than either of the other large groups of railroads."

"There is no reasonable standard of measurement by which present railway rates as a whole or upon any large group of commodities can be held to be too high," he declared. "Measured by prevailing market prices of commodities, by wages and other operating costs and by the net return being earned, present railway rates and especially those in effect in western territory, are not too high."

Burgess Bedtime Stories

Shadow Enjoys a Hunt.

Shadow the Weasel was on his trail. He was hunting very hard for a man who he had followed until too late, or almost too late.

Shadow was stiffly over the snow, twisting and turning, looking into every place it was possible for any one to hide. He is very clever and he knows he is clever. He has boasted that no one can hide where he cannot find them. So for a time Shadow enjoyed that hunt.

He found the tracks of Peter Rabbit. They were old tracks, so old that only here and there could his keen little nose pick up the scent left by Peter's feet. But Shadow kept right on following Peter's trail.

"If I follow it long enough I'll catch up with him," muttered Shadow. "There doesn't seem to have been any one else around here. And after all it is fun to find out whose Peter has been and what he has been doing. I hope he hasn't left the Green Forest."

As a matter of fact Peter had left the Green Forest. He was at home in the deep old Briar Patch. But even there he would have been fought and paid to death had he known that

Soiled and Mussed Table Cloths-Napkins

The January Month-End Sale

features many things that may be bought for a low price and used the year 'round.

Linens and Bedding are two of the staple items that are sold for a lower price in January than in any other month.

We suggest an inspection of your linen closet and a careful check-up of your needs. There are but two more days when one may buy these goods so advantageously. Charge purchases are not due until March.

Street Floor

Last Days of the Sale of Bedding

Blankets

Wool-mixed blankets of the large 70x80-inch size—are of extra heavy winter weight, and plaided pink, blue, tan, or gray. Pair— 6.49

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 HAAS BROTHERS
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Friday and Saturday
Final Clean-up
 Of All Remaining
Winter Apparel

The last call. An opportunity to secure any remaining Winter Garment in the Haas Brothers stock at a price unbelievably low. We urge your early attendance.

Unrestricted Choice of Any
Winter Dress
 in the House—3 Lots
\$5 - \$10 - \$15

The original selling prices were several times these quoted. Dresses for afternoon, street, party and evening wear; sizes 14 to 40. Both silk and wool.

Unrestricted Choice of Any
Winter Coat
 in the House—4 Lots
\$5 - \$10 - \$15 - \$25

About 50 coats from which to choose. Sizes 14 to 40. If you are fortunate enough to get one you will have a wonderful bargain.

25 Sport Skirts to Close—\$2.95

Extra Size Dresses

Come to the Gray Shop Friday if you require a large size dress. Your last opportunity to secure Dresses at

Half Price and Less

The values are simply wonderful, sizes 42 to 54, both silks and wool. In all the wanted colors.

Haas Brothers' Quality remains the same, the prices alone have been lowered

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Corsets - Girdles
1.95 and 2.95

Garments from the best manufacturers and containing the best bonings. They are of fine coutils meshes silk finished brocade and there are many styles offered. All have been priced at very much more.

Second Floor

Boston Bags
1.00

Most convenient for shopping, or for use as an over-night bag, are these Boston bags, of regulation size and shape, 14 and 15 inches long, brown or black, with round loop handles.

Street Floor

Umbrellas
 Now 1/2 Price

Sun-rain Umbrellas of excellent quality silk, with attractive handles, are wonderful bargains at half their original prices. A choice of colors. Odds and ends of children's umbrellas, silk and cotton, at half.

Street Floor

Luncheon Sets
 Now 1.59

A set of cloth with four napkins of handkerchief linen; another of center and six plate doilies of heavy linen. Both sets are stamped for embroidery. Very special!

Second Floor

Toilet Articles

Vanishing cream and cold cream; three jars for— **1.00**

"Bruc" hand lotion; very healing to chapped hands. **19c**

Bottle—

Powder Puff— Squibbs' Tooth Paste, three for— **25c** per tube— **39c**

Black rubber combs, coarse and fine teeth, each— **7c**

Street Floor

Shoe Clearance
 All Broken Lines
 Now **4.85**

Every style in which we have not a complete line of sizes is included in this sale, and every pair is from our own regular stock.

Street Floor

No Winter Coat Is More Than \$50
 And Many Are Much Less

Exclusive Models for the price of an ordinary coat. Luxuriously Fur Trimmed Coats for the price of a knockabout, and knockabout coats so low that it is hardly believable. That's a Thompson-Belden Sale.

22 Fur-Trimmed Model Coats 50.00

These are model coats luxuriously furred, tailored by hand from the finest of the season's fabrics, and richly lined with all-silk linings. The sizes are 16 to 42.

31 Fur-Trimmed Winter Coats 29.50

These are among the best values that this store has ever offered in a sale. Well made of fashionable fabrics, all silk-lined and richly trimmed with fine furs. The sizes remaining are 16 to 42.

25 Winter Coats for Only 19.75

This group is an assortment of knockabout coats and dress coats. All of them are silk lined and tailored to the standard required by Thompson-Belden. Every one is a new coat this season and a rare bargain. All sizes.

28 Winter Coats as Low As 11.95

These are every coat not in the three groups above, and at this price will sell rapidly. They are all-silk lined and some have fur trimming. The sizes are 14 to 40.

Third Floor

All Lamps and Shades Reduced
 Floor and Bridge Lamps 1/3 Less

Silk and Wool Hose
 Now **1.50 Pair**

Much better qualities of all wool and silk and wool hose are now offered at this low price. Sports and conservative weaves. Street Floor

Pure Silk Hose
 Now **1.49 Pair**

Both chiffon and heavier weights in broken shades and sizes; but wonderful bargains for those who are able to secure their needs. Street Floor

Stamped Bed Spreads
1.79

Of unbleached muslin, an excellent quality without dressing, stamped with basket design. 80x100 inch size. A kit of all materials for working this spread, and in adequate quantity is also 1.79. Second Floor

Women's Union Suits
3.98

Realizing that the cold weather is not at an end, far seeing shoppers will buy this underwear and find need for it this winter and again next season. Part wool, and silk and wool made sleeveless with low neck in knee and ankle lengths; or ankle length with high neck and long sleeves. Street Floor

L'Aiglon Dresses
 Now **2.79**

The better daytime frocks from L'Aiglon and from Dix. They are made of fine ginghams; plaid, checked, or striped with collar and cuffs of white or of self material. All regular sizes, and outsize to 52. Second Floor

Initial Handkerchiefs
39c

Not a special group, but our entire stock, regardless of the regular price. Men's and women's initial handkerchiefs of sheer fine linen, hand embroidered. Street Floor

Buy Fur Coats
 By Payment of **1/4**
 Balance by September

Prices are now the lowest of the year, and there is no charge for the summer storage of furs selected now. Third Floor