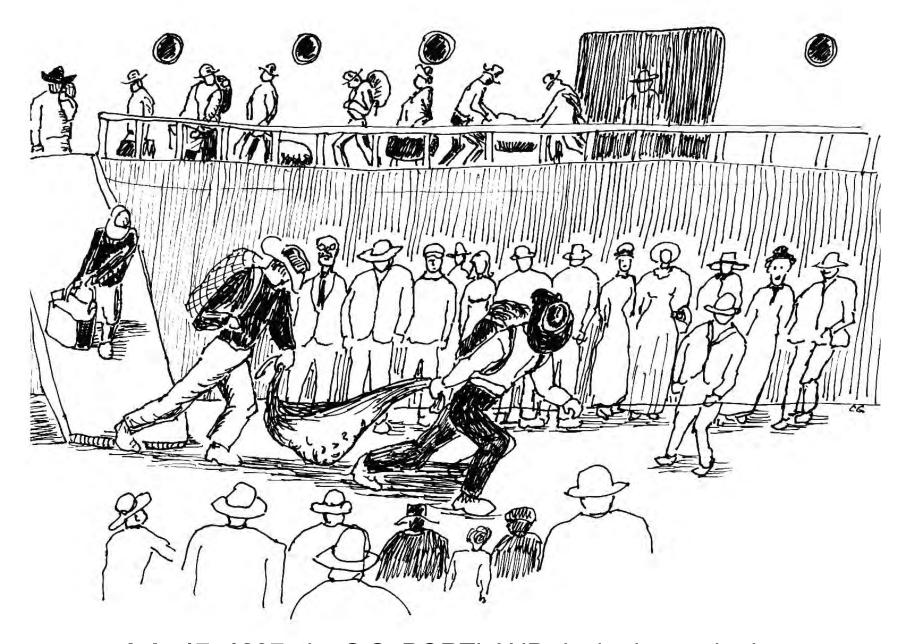




Hi! I'm Klondike
Chris, your guide.
Let's take the trail
through the
KLONDIKE GOLD
RUSH STORY!



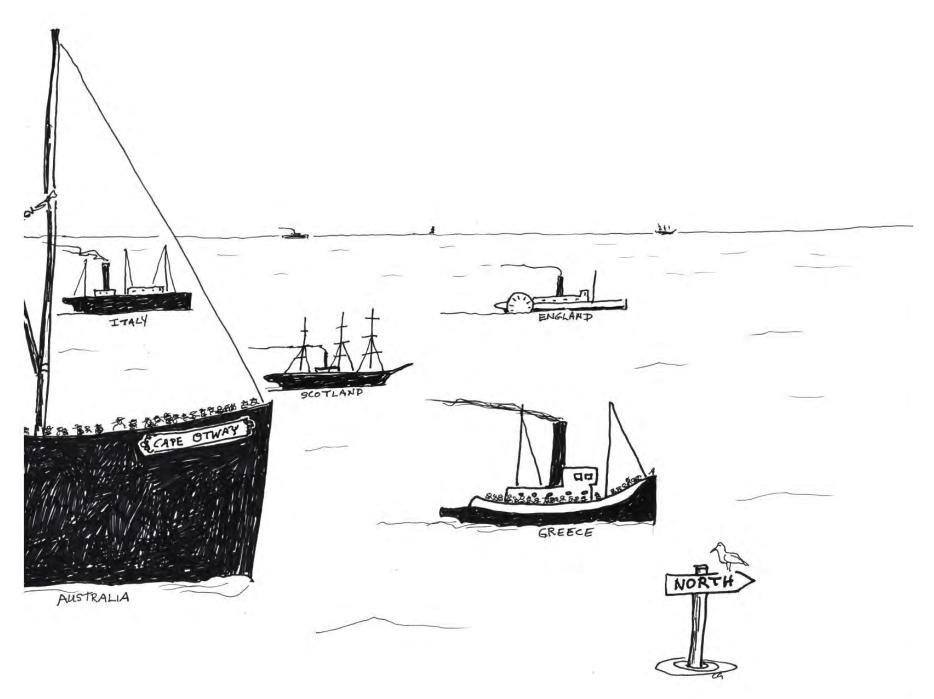
DISCOVERY! While washing out a pan, glittering gold was lying in the stream "like cheese in a sandwich!"



July 17, 1897, the S.S. PORTLAND docked at a pier in Seattle. Aboard were 68 miners carrying a total of 2 TONS OF GOLD!



From Palaces, Farms, Ranches, Cities and Hovels, people flocked to the Klondike Gold Rush!



Ships filled with Stampeders from many nations set off for the Klondike!



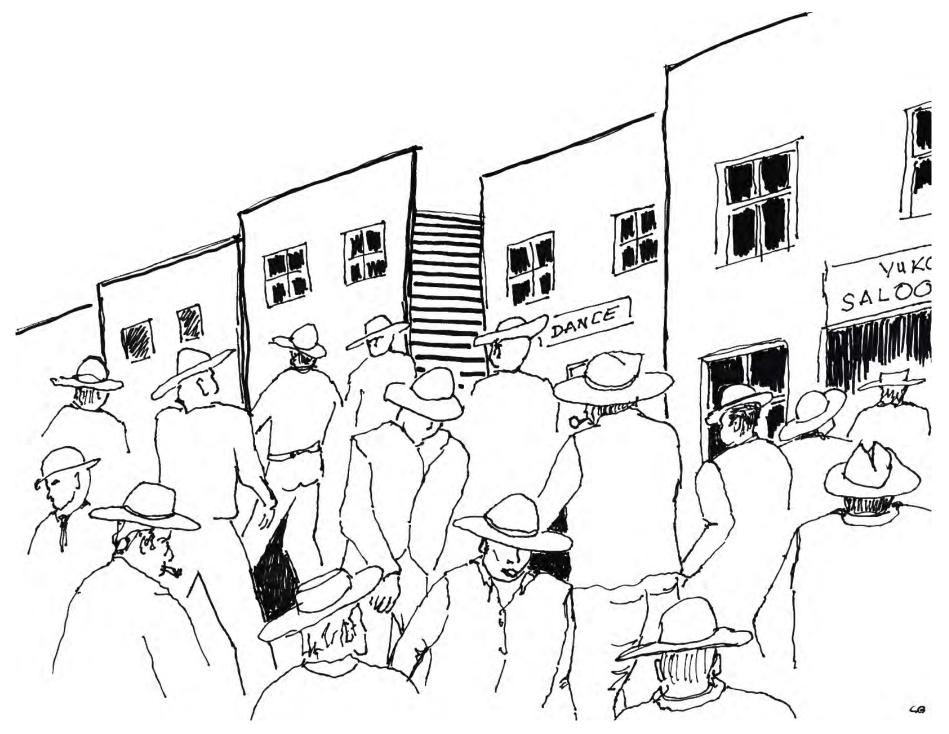
Of the 100,000 stampeders who set off, 70,000 came through Seattle. Merchants were happy to advertise "Klondike This" and "Klondike That" for any products they sold. Horses were led down the street with "for sale" signs regardless of their condition.



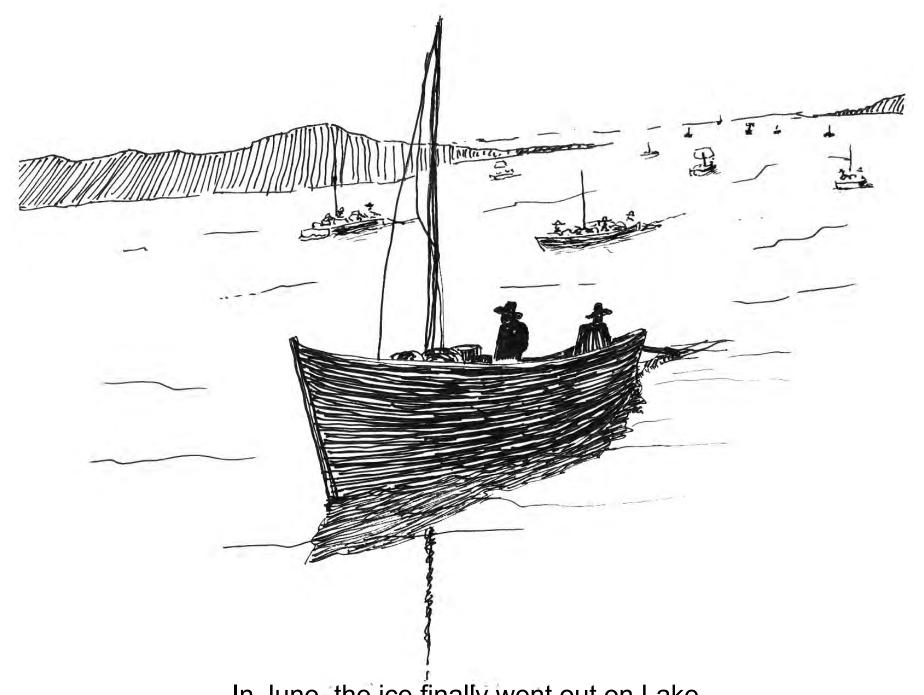
Con men flourished:
"...it tasted like eggs in
Seattle, but when we
were on the trail,
-it somehow had turned
into cornmeal!"



"when we booked passage on the ship, we were promised 4 people per stateroom..."



The town of Skagway sprang up overnight.



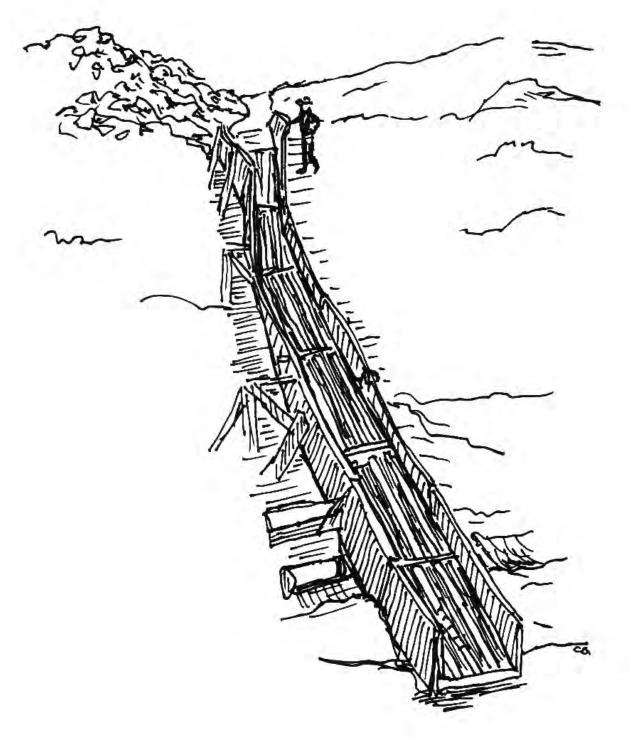
In June, the ice finally went out on Lake
Bennett and a flotilla of homemade boats set off
for Dawson City!



Dangerous Rapids awaited them.



File a claim and start panning for GOLD.



Using a Sluice Box to wash away and gravel to reveal the gold.

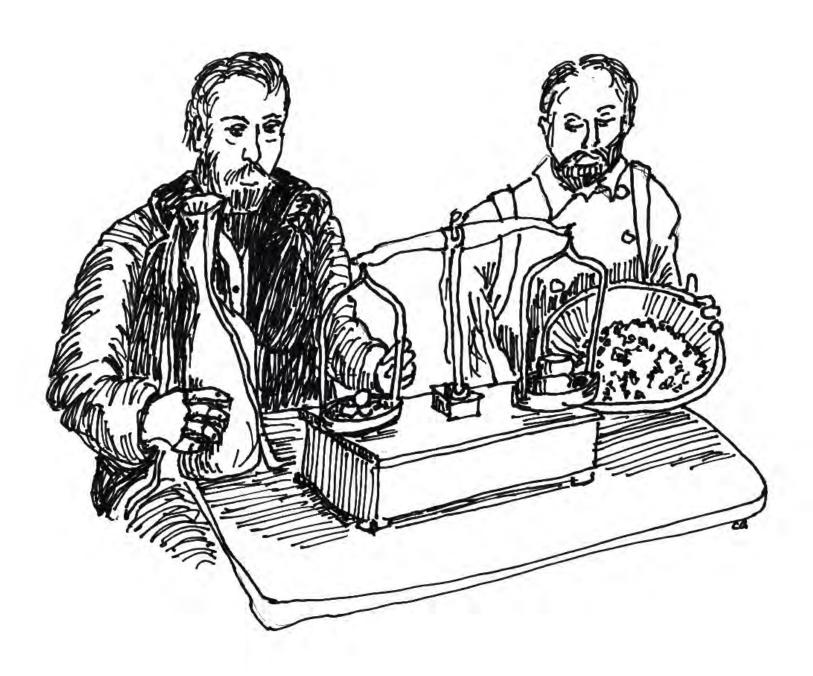


Winter in the gold fields.

Digging shafts into the permafrost.



For relaxation there was dancing in Dawson.



How much did I find? Weighing the Gold.



One million, five hundred dollars in gold pokes.

Just some the riches of the Klondike!



The Klondike Gold Rush lasted from 1897 to 1899. The gold fields were located in the Yukon Territory of Canada, along the tributaries of the Klondike River. Approximately \$107 million gold was taken out of the Klondike Gold Fields by 1907.



For more information and awesome tales of hardship, Perseverance and Luck, Contact your local library, go online, or visit the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. The stories are packed with adventures!

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