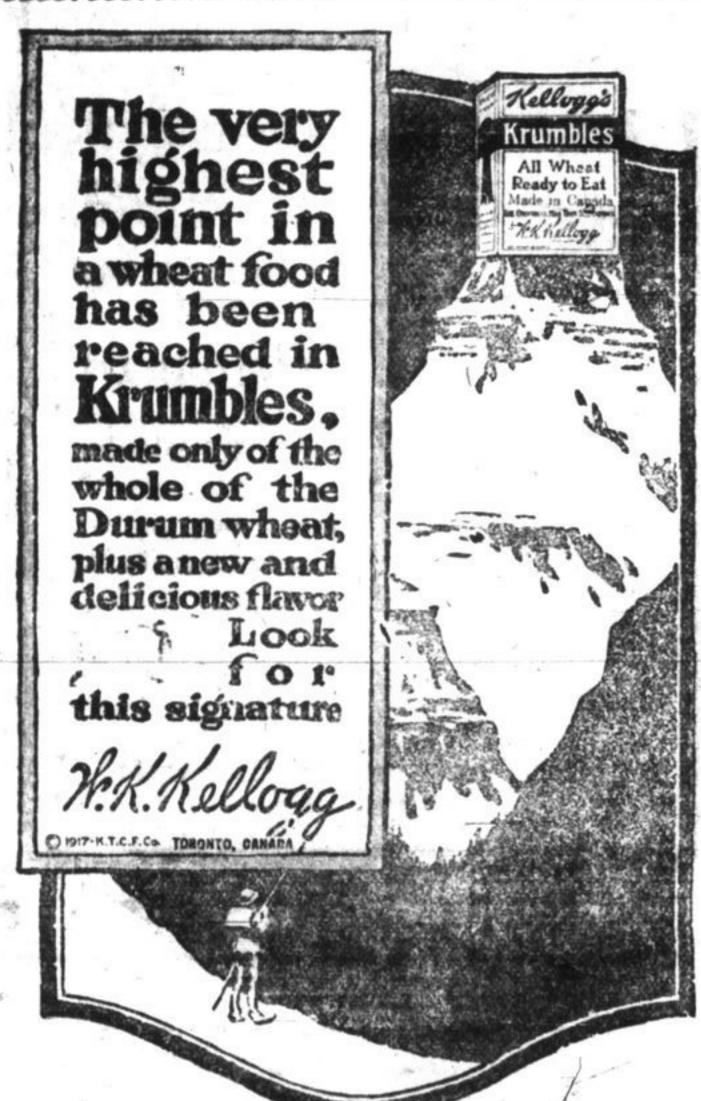
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The sense of obligation to any one but our boatman was considerably relieved when next day we paid what we owed How could be carry away these heavy for our lodging. Also, bad it not been "ingots?" the man propounded. for Talbet and Johnny, I am sure Yank and I would have taken to the we have in idle curiosity attempted to jungle. There seemed to be required answer these two questions successso much bowing, smiling, punctilious- fully, but have always falled. The ness and elaborate complimenting that | gold was safe. in a short time I felt myself in the pre- We arrived in Panama in the aftercise mental attitude of a very small noon, and we were all eyes, for here monkey shaking the bars of his cage; was a city taken directly from the with all four hands and gibbering in pages of the "Boy's Own Pirate." the face of some benign and infinitely | Without the least effort of the imagsuperior professor. I fairly ached be- ination we could see Morgan or Kidd hind the ears trying to look sufficiently or some other old swashbuckler, cutalert and bland and intelligent. Yank lass in teeth, pistols in hand, broad sat stolid, chewed tobacco and spat out sashed, tierce and ruthless, rushing of the window, which also went far over the walls or through the streets. toward stampeding me. Talbot and while the cathedral bells clanged wild-Johnny, however, seemed right at ly and women screamed. Everything home. They capped the old gentle- about it was of the past, for somehow man's most elaborate and involved the modern signs of American invaspeeches, they talked at length and sion seemed temporary and to be pompously about nothing at all, their blown away. The two story wooden smiles were rare and sad and linger- houses with corridor and veranda ing-not a bit like my imbecile though across the face of the second story. well meant grinning-and they seemed painted in bright colors, leaned crazily to be able to stick it out until judg- out across the streets toward each ment day. Not until I heard their pri- other. Narrow and mysterious afleys vate language after it was all over led up between them. Ancient cathedid I realize they were not enjoying drals and churches stood gray with the occasion thoroughly.

out, the earth grew velvet black, and masonry ruins of great buildings, conthe soft, tepid air breathed up from vent and colleges, some of which had the river. Lights of the town flickered | never been finished. like larger yellower tireflies through We stopped over one day at the low broad room very hot. We sat on Outside the walls of the city was a

drone. "He have dose mulas." nish us riding animals at \$10 each per



Concluded a Bargain.

day and agreed to transport our baggage at \$6 a hundredweight. The padrone stood aside, smiling cheerfully. "I ver' good fr'en', eh?" he demanded.

"My son," said Talbot, with feeling, "you're a gentleman and a scholar. Indeed, I would go further and designate you as a genuine lallapaloozer!"

The padrone seemed much gratified, but immediately demanded \$5. This Talbot gave him. Johnny thought the demand went far toward destroying the value of the padrone's kindness, but the rest of us differed. I believe this people, lazy and dishonest as they tre, are nevertheless peculiarly suseptible to kindness. The man had started by trying to cheat us of our pargain; he ended by going out of his way to help us along.

Having paid the alcalde, we set orth. Our good padrone was on hand to say farewell to us at the edge of town. He gave us a sort of cup made from cocoanut husk, to which long cords had been attached. With these, he explained, we could dip up water without dismounting. We found them most convenient.

Shortly after we had left town and before we had really begun our journey in earnest we passed a most astonishing caravan going the other way. This consisted of sixteen mules and donkeys under sole charge of three men armed with antiquated and somewhat rusty muskets. On either side of each mule, slung in a rope and plain to see, hung a heavy ingot of gold! Fascinated, we approached and stroked the satiny beautiful metal and wondered that on a road so crowded with travelers of all grades so precious a train should be freely intrusted to Johnny.

Thus, although are . . ; late, we stop- , the three ragged, lazy matives. So curiped at the best quarters in the town, ous did this seem that Taibot inquired of the leader why it was allowed. "Whither would a thief run to?

Often around subsequent campfires

age before grass grown plazas. 'And At dusk millions of fireflies came in the outskirts of town were massive

the thin screen of palms and jungle. Fonda Americano and then, realizing and the various noises, subdued by that we were probably in for a long distance, mingled with the voices of wait, found two rooms in a house off thousands of insects and a strange the main street. These we rented booming from the river. I thought it from a native at a fairly reasonable very pleasant and wanted to stay out, rate. They were in the second story but for some reason we were haled of a massive stone ruin whose walls within. There the lamps made the had been patched up with whitewash.

real chairs, and the stilted exchange large encampment of tents in which resumed. I have often wondered dwelt the more impecunious or more whether our host enjoyed it or wheth- economical of the miners. Here too er he did it merely from duty and was had located a large hospital tent. as heartily bored as the rest of us. There was a great deal of sickness, A half naked servant glided in to due to the hardships of the journey, tell us that we were wanted in the the bad climate, irregular living, the next room. We found there our good overeating of fruit, drinking, the total padrone and another, a fine tall man, lack of sanitation. In fact, only the dressed very elaborately in short jack- situation of the city-out on an isthet and slit loose trousers, all sewed mus in the sea breezes-I am conwith many silver buttons and orna- vinced, saved us from pestilence. Every American seemed to possess a pat-"He my fr'en'," explained the pa- ent medicine of some sort, with which he dosed himself religiously in and out With the gorgeous individual Talbot of season. A good many, I should concluded a bargain. He was to fur- think, must have fallen victims to these nostrums.

Each morning regularly we went down to harass the steamship employees. Roughly speaking some 300 of us had bought through passage before leaving New York, and it was announced that only fifty-two additional to those already aboard could be squeezed into the first steamer. The other 248 would have to await the next. Naturally every man was determined that he would not be left, for such a delay in such a place at the time of a gold rush was unthinkable. The officials at that steamship office had no easy time. Each man wanted first of all to know just when the ship was to be expected, a thing no one could guess. Then he demanded his accommodations and had a dozen reasons why his claim should be preferred over that of the others. I never saw a more quarrelsome, noisy dog kennel than that steamship office. Why no one was ever shot there I could not tell you.

In the evening the main street was a blaze of light, and the byways were cast in darkness. The crowd was all afoot and moved restlessly to and fro from one bar or gambling place to another. Of the thousands or so of strangers we came in time to recognize by sight a great many. The journey home through the dark was perilous. We never attempted it except in company, and, as Johnny seemed fascinated with a certain game called Mexican monte, we often had to endure long waits before all our party was assembled.

One morning our daily trip to the steamship office bore fruit. We found the plaza filled with excited men, all talking and gesticulating. The much tired officials had evolved a scheme for deciding which fifty-two of the 300 should go by the first ship.

By next morning the transportation officials had worked it out. We could not all get into the office, so the drawing took place on the plaza outside. As each man's name was called he stepped forward, showed his ticket and was allowed to draw a slip from a box. If it proved to be a blank he went away: if he was lucky, he had his ticket vised on the spot. Such a proceeding took the greater part of the lay, but the excitement remained inense. No one thought of leaving even

Yank drew passage on the first steamer. Talbot, Johnny and I drew

We walked down to the shore to talk "We ought to have bought tickets tood on this particular ship, not merey good on this line," said Johnny,

"Doesn't matter what we ought to have done, rejoined Talbot a little impatiently. "What are we going to do? Are we going to wait here un-'til the next steamer come along?" "That's likely to be two or three months-nobody knows."



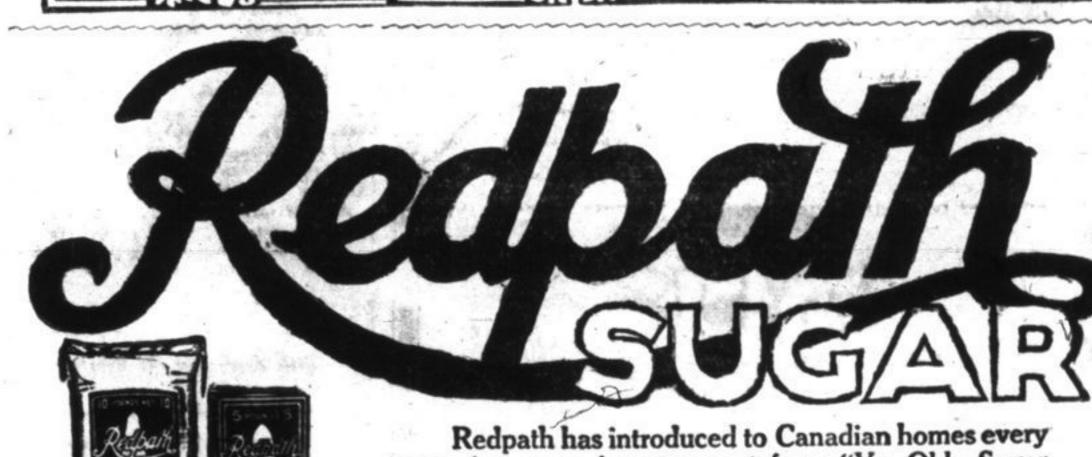
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"What's the alternative?" I asked. "Sailing vessel," said Talbot briefly. "That's mighty uncertain," I objected. "Nobody knows when one will get in, and when it does show up it'll be a mad scramble to get to her.

gold in the country will have been

"Well, it's one or the other. We can't walk, and I don't see that the situation is going to be much better when the next steamer does get here. There are a couple of hundred to crowd in on her, just counting those who are here and have tickets. And

then there will be a lot more." "I'm for the sailing vessel," said Johnny. "They come in every week or two now, and if we can't make the first one we'll have a good chance at the second or the third."

Talbot looked at me inquiringly. "Sounds reasonable," I admitted. "Then we've no time to lose," said Talbot decisively and turned away toward the town. Yank, who had listened silently to

our brief discussion, shifted his rifle to his shoulder and followed. Shortly he fell behind, and we lest him.

(Continued Next Saturday.)

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at the home of Chief of Police and Mrs. George A. Phillips, Smith's Falls, when their daughter, Ida May, became the wife of John H. Hynes, of Brockville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hynes, Cobden.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conners, Smith's Falls, when their eldest daughter, Lillian Edna, was united in marriage to Talbert B. Dorman, a C.P.R. brake-

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kelly. Merrickville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elda Beryl, to Norman J. Bradford, Smith's Falls, the wedding to take place

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