

This is an important question for the Yukoner to determine. In order to assist in its solution we will give the prospector the benefit of our knowledge and information as to the status and comparative merits of the different Passes at the present time (Oct. 97). There are five passes from South Eastern Alaska into the Yukon Valley. We will refer to them in the order of their respective importance, measured by the relative patronage they have received up to the present time. First comes

gather that lighters or similar appliances used in discharging at one place can also be utilized at the other. Although this pass is about 1000 feet less altitude than the Chilcoat pass, other disadvantages appear to offset the advantage of the lower altitude of the summit.

When this route was first opened the first three or four miles from Shikagway was in good order, but the heavy traffic attempted over it, soon made it almost impassable. The trail crosses the river at four or five different places. Bridges, have now been carried away and the trail has become so cut up by travel and storms, that the pass is impracticable, until the frost and snow of winter shall change the mode of conveyance from pack to sledging.

The following are the distances over this Pass starting at Shikagway. The first crossing of river 1 1/2 miles To end of road 3 1/2 To small lake 5 To Porcupine Creek 7 To Second crossing of River (Bridge) 11 To Third crossing of River (Bridge) 13 To Fourth crossing of River (Bridge) 14 1/2 To Fifth crossing of River (Ford) 19 Summit 26 Meadows 26 Lake Bennett 42

The altitude of the Summit is about 2500 feet. Chilcat (or Dalton) Pass via Portage Cove. Portage Cove is about 90 miles from the Linn Canal on the western side of the Dyea Arm of the Juneau and about 15 miles from Dyea Anchorage.

Stickton Route Very few passengers have gone into the Yukon by this route. It is claimed to be short and a practicable one, but as yet there are no proper facilities for taking passengers through this way.

Stickeen River and a proper road or trail made across the country to Teslin Lake (or wherever the connection between the Yukon waterways and the overland travel by this route shall be finally determined) It is claimed that flat bottom river boats during the summer months can be operated from Wrangell, (the transfer point between river and Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamers) to Telegraph Creek, a distance of about 140 miles.

The wonderful developments of the Klondike have attracted attention that this section in common with most others has been lost sight of, some important discoveries and finds have been made, however, which in all probability will lead to others more important and to a large influx of prospectors the coming year.

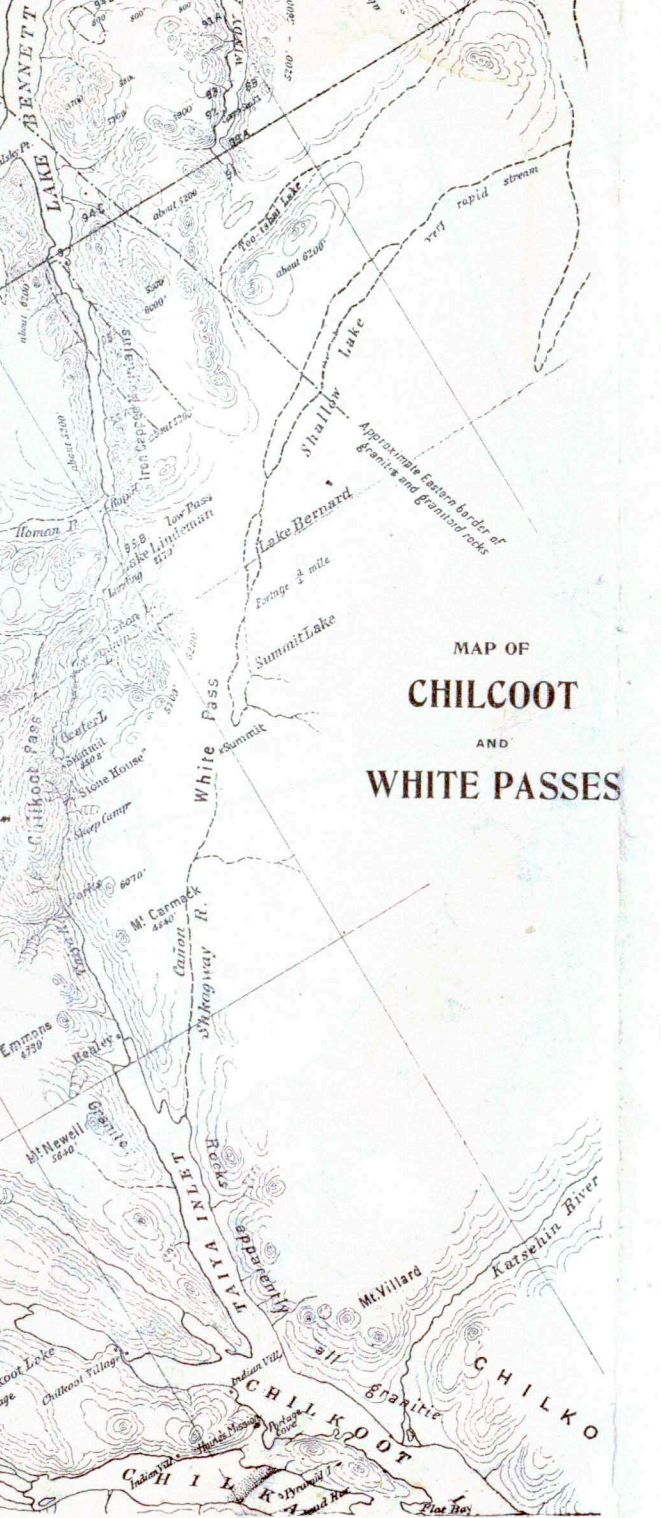


Table of Distances showing routes from San Francisco to various points in Alaska and back, with distances in miles.

Alaska Pacific Coast Steamship Co. advertisement with large stylized 'Alaska' logo and 'Pacific Coast Steamship' text.

PORTLAND-ALASKA ROUTE 1897-98. Table listing sailing dates and destinations for various steamers between Portland and Alaska.

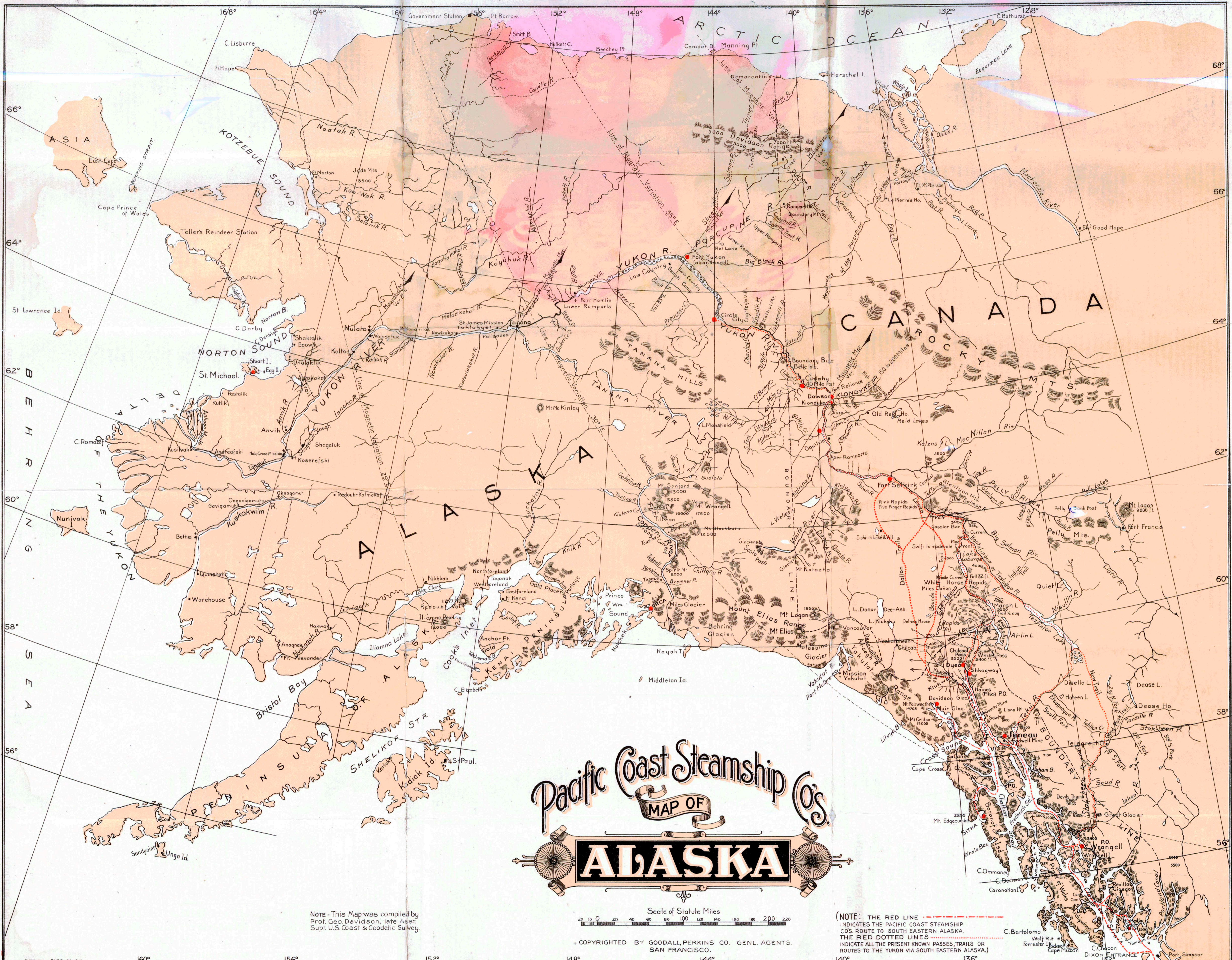
ALASKA ROUTE - Continuing U. S. Mail and Alaska Express. Table listing sailing dates and destinations for various steamers.

CANADIAN MINING LAWS. The following is a condensed statement of the Canadian Mining Laws governing Placer Mining in the North West Territory. PLACERS. Placer Land—The size of a "bar diggings" claim is a strip of land 100 feet wide at high water mark, and extending into the river to its lowest water level.

UNITED STATES MINING LAWS. Applicable to Alaska. Many recent inquiries have come to the Interior Department regarding United States mining laws applying to that part of the frozen north in United States limits, and numerous applications have been made for copies of the public land laws, which, however, do not apply to Alaska.

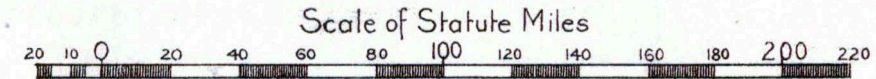
NUGGETS OF INFORMATION. For frost bites or frozen hands or feet use cold water or snow. Don't eat ice or snow. Go thirty yards with a pocket.

PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP CO. THE ALASKA ROUTE. Advertisement text describing routes, schedules, and services. Includes a small map of the Klondike region.



Pacific Coast Steamship Co's
MAP OF
ALASKA

NOTE - This Map was compiled by Prof. Geo. Davidson, late Asst. Supt. U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey.



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