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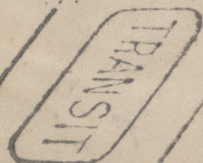
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9355—The "Dora Bluhm" at the Port of St. Michaels, Alaska.



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The two oldest transportation companies operating on the Yukon are the Alaskan Commercial Company and the North American Trading & Transportation Company. They are located on the little harbor about a mile from each other, and have spacious wharves and extensive and commodious warehouses. These great companies had their warehouses filled with supplies for the upper river, while thousands of tons were piled up in their yards, and protected by expansive tarpaulins.

In this view, we have a panorama of the harbor of St. Michaels, showing a portion of the wharf and warehouses of the Alaskan Commercial Co. The little steamer in the foreground was the first boat to reach Dawson when the river opened in the spring of 1898; the larger steamer is a new and powerful tugboat, which was constructed during the winter at Unalaska, and had just successfully accomplished the trip of 750 miles across Behring Sea to this point. In the immediate foreground are some of the tents of the miners who are making themselves as comfortable as the conditions will permit during their enforced halt.

In this harbor there were several little steamers owned and manned by small companies, fitted up as dredges, and intended to prospect the beds of the Yukon and its tributaries. One of these little steamers, which was bound for the Koyukuk River, had, as part of its equipment, a "full-blown," brass band, which discoursed patriotic airs as well as classic selections, while the "twilight sun" gilded cliffs and sky with a glorious blending of most exquisite tints.

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