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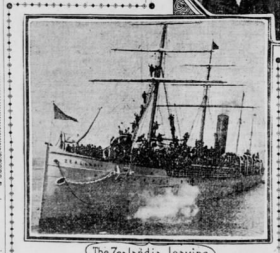

The Zealandia leaving.

Bound for the Northern El Dorado.

SOMETHING like the scenes when the first army transports were sailing, sailor-laden, for the Philippines, was witnessed at the Pacific Mail dock at the Pacific dock when the steamship Zealandia pulled out for Nome fairly well crowded with humanity, all her flags flying and her whistles blowing a shrill good-by in response to the various cries and hat and handkerchief waving of the thousands who lined the docks. Numerous relatives, friends and curious gathered on the dock from which she sailed and the broadway dock, opposite. Leadline, tears, cuts and cheers expressed the various emotions of those in the throng.

This, the largest steamer that has yet sailed from this port for Alaskan waters, people say, but has gone at one time. There were 750 passengers and a crew of 250 aboard, 650 male in all. In the crowd gay youth and hoary old age brushed together. Many women were choked, most of them going without male protection to seek their fortunes in the great-est mining camp of the times.

The excursion rate which the Zealandia sailed would have been so jammed with spectators that the passengers would have found it almost impossible to get aboard had not entrance been restricted. The corridors and the space on the sea wall, out the Broadway dock carried a large throng.

Gets Away on Time.

Assistant Superintendent Dan. Phillips of the Alaska Exploration Company, the owners of the Zealandia, Nome, and the company's secretary, E. W. Rasbleng, were there to superintend the departure of the steamer, and for every $1 of $1 on a quarter of an hour later than the scheduled time. Had the steamer been delayed one hour longer every ticket holder passenger was rowed out to the ship that would have been on board and was aboard shortly.

The most interesting passengers on the Zealandia were a party of Siwash Indians, a tribe of whom, as the newspapers, all hailed out for Nome. Among the party were Chief Sam and Mrs. Sam, the wife, whom Sam took with them. They were clothed in hand, through the furies crowd and on to the ship, where they seemed to take all the eager haste out exhibited by younger people in the throng of going up there to Nome and the Arctic circle. Sam is a Christian Indian and I haven't forgotten how. We've got a magazine as useful as anybody going up.

"We want to be where the excitement is," said Sam, "and that's why we're going up there."

Has a Political Mission.

Edward McGettigan, formerly a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, figure in political control of the San Mateo Island very hard and known throughout the county, is one of the throng in the other. was one of the passengers, his son Lewis accompanying him. Mr. McGettigan has large mining interests in the Klondike, which house which he has represented for years, but it is said that his mission to Nome is not to look after his mining holdings exclusively. It is hinted, Tom Gallagher, who is also a Democratic leader, and that's why he went ago for Nome, and it is said that Tom is to look after the interests of the great mining camp of the times.

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Women Passenger Faints.

The excitement and tense atmosphere on the dock proved too much for one woman passenger, who was to have been a fare-mate, and a few minutes before the boat was to cast off she fainted in the arms of friends on the dock. They were hastily tried to revive her, and though she soon regained consciousness she seemed in a state of a stupor and nauseous that she was taken ashore.

Those who were accustomed to associate Phillips, tapping her on the shoulder, told her that she would be back in three minutes and that if she didn't get aboard you won't get to Nome."

The woman passenger who seemed to have suddenly took to Mrs. Rosenberg at these words. She sprang to her feet, grabbed her hat from the seat and dashed up the gangplank before her friends could realize what she was doing. She was pulled on board and was on the forecastle deck waving her handkerchief to her friends.

Theodore Rosenberg, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, is a prominent citizen of Santa Cruz County and Mitchell Phillips of San Jose, a cousin. Miss Rosenberg's parents have preferred white cooks at even better wages, but white men cannot be depended on because they quit work and rush to the scene of every new mining excitement. Another reason why Miss Rosenberg's mother refused to let her go was because she would be the fall on the heretofore dock waiting for her daughter to return.

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Chinese Cooks Left Behind.

Twenty-eight Chinese cooks employed by the company were at the dock ready to sail, but they did not get away. They remained behind because they could not pass the Health Board and were not allowed to go aboard. These men were employed at the Alaska Commercial Company's station at Dawson and were willing to work for low wages, but white men cannot be depended on because they quit work and rush to the scene of every new mining excitement. Another reason why Miss Rosenberg's mother refused to let her go was because she would be the fall on the heretofore dock waiting for her daughter to return.

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