

# Book on Major Gold Strikes

The shout went out through the North country and the last stampede was on.

THE ALASKA GOLD RUSH by David B. Wharton, to be published November 30, is a history of all the major strikes that formed the gold rush to Alaska and the Yukon—but history with a difference.

Mr. Wharton presents the factual chronology of events in the emotional context of the times.

Follow the stampeders' trail to Skagway, Chilkoot Pass, Bonanza Creek, Forty Mile, Eagle, Nome, and Valdez. Meet such characters as "Soapy" Smith, professional con man; and Nellie Cashman, who (it is claimed) saved Dawson from going up in flames by dousing the fire with holy water.

Mr. Wharton tells his readers stories, some true and some not, that *recreate life as it was lived* along the streams and in the towns of the North at the end of the nineteenth century. He contends that the Yukon and Alaska stampedes mark the end of an era of independent individualism.

He writes of a time when "men were men," and when initiative and the daring ability to live with oneself under primitive conditions were determining weights in the balance of life.

Twenty-eight photographs, many of them originally taken during the heyday of the rush, illustrate the book. \$8.95.