Jack London tells how he raced from Skagway (Alaska) in a sled pulled by 5 huskies to reach the camp where his friend was dying. For 24 hours the huskies pulled the sled at full speed. Then 2 dogs ran off with a pack of wolves. London, left with 3 dogs, was slowed down proportionally. He reached camp 48 hours later than he had planned. London writes that if the runaway huskies has stayed in harness for 50 more miles, he would have been only 24 hours late.

How far is the camp from Skagway?