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RECEIVED BY WIRE. A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT

Pacific Mail Steamer Rio de Janeiro Sinks in Golden Gate

CARRYING DOWN 122 PEOPLE TO WATERY GRAVES.

U. S Consul-General Wildman of Hong Kong and Family Are Lost.

Steamer Struck on Hidden Rock Early Friday Morning and Sank Soon After—Among the Lost Were Many Mongolians—Steamer Was in Command of Pilot Jordan When She Struck—Captain Ward Went Down With His Vessel—Dense Fog Prevailed.

San Francisco, Feb. 22, via Skagway, Feb. 28.—The Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro from Hong Kong, ran on a hidden rock while entering Golden Gate during a heavy fog early this morning. She sank a few minutes after striking.

As nearly as can be estimated 122 people were carried to the bottom with the sinking ship and drowned, many of them like rats in a hole, as but few passengers had arisen from their beds at the time the steamer struck.

It is impossible to determine the exact number lost as Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is among those lost.

The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan at the time the accident occurred. Jordan was saved. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

The most prominent of the passengers was Rounseville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children en route home on a visit. All are among the drowned.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon 10 bodies

had been recovered, those of two white women, one white man and seven Chinese.

As near as can be learned there were 201 persons including passengers and crew on board the steamer, classified as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; steerage (Asiatic) 58; second cabin, 7; white officers of ship, 30; Asiatic crew, 77.

Those saved number 79, classed as follows: Cabin passengers, 12; white officers, 11; steerage passengers (Asiatics) 15; crew, 41.

The lost number 122, classed thus: First and second cabin passengers, 24; steerage, 43; officers, 19; crew, 36.

Valuable Mines.

New York, Feb. 22, via Skagway, Feb. 28.—A New York syndicate has offered \$2,000,000 for the Nowell quartz mines which are about 40 miles up Lynn canal from Juneau, Alaska.

A London syndicate has paid \$500,000 for five-sixth interest in the Vanada mine on Texada island, B. C.

SAMUEL DIS-COMFORT

Will Be His Name for Next Four Months.

Samuel Comfort made the mistake of his life when he fled up on the obstreperous brand of hooch night before last for the reason that when he was arrested the charge of drunkenness was augmented by one of living off the avails of prostitution in that a Fourth avenue woman is his source of revenue. It was a sad day for Samuel yesterday afternoon when, instead of getting off in police court with a fine, he was sentenced to four months on the royal fuel reduction works. Four months of discomfort for Mr. Comfort—a winter of discontent just begun in the glad some springtime when all nature is light and cheerful like "rooms to let." Samuel, you're up against the real thing now.

Last week Mabel Smith was held over to appear before the territorial court on the charge of knowingly receiving stolen goods. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. E. Day was in court on the charge of stealing canned goods, tea and coffee from Mabel. The case was a lengthy one, about three hours of Magistrate Rutledge's time being consumed

in its hearing. When the evidence was all in there were no grounds, even coffee grounds, for conviction and the case was dismissed.

Constant Schmell was up yesterday afternoon—for pouring slops on the "banks of the Yukon, far away" in front of the city where, when the weather becomes warmer, there would probably be a constant smell if Constant Schmell was permitted to continue to empty slops there. But Constant will not constantly do so, as a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed upon him.

This morning Mike Bartlett pleaded guilty to having last night assaulted Albert Pierce Hughes by "handing him a few." Bartlett said Hughes had been full and had used insulting language to him and had provoked him to the assault. Hughes denied having used any bad or insulting language and said the assault was wholly unprovoked. A fine of \$5 and costs was imposed.

Many People Traveling.

Nugget Carrier Bell stated today that on his trip down from the Forks this forenoon he met and saw more people on the trail than any day during the present winter. He also reports the creeks, Bonanza and Eldorado, as assuming new life.

The Weather.

For the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 25, the maximum 5.5 below zero.

MEETING TO BE HELD

To Discuss Matter of In- corporating Dawson.

A pro incorporation has been called for Monday night at the Orpheum theater. It is hoped to revive interest in the incorporation question by reason of the recent rigid orders which have been issued respecting gambling and the sale of liquor.

The opinion has been expressed by parties favorable to incorporation that the election of a city government with liberal ideas in regard to such matters would admit of overcoming the strict enforcement of the laws as is proposed at the present time.

On the other hand it is stated by the opponents of incorporation that the gambling and saloon question would not be affected in any way by the election of a municipal government. The laws which apply in the premises are all federal statutes and no ordinances in conflict therewith could be passed by the local government. It is expected that all phases of the question will be dealt with on Monday night.

Trading in Steel Stocks.

Pittsburg, Feb. 11.—The Pittsburg stock exchange broke all records for heavy trading, at the first session today. The opening was wild and prices were strong and high. The sales were over 20,000 shares, principally Crucible Steel, common and preferred, and Pittsburg and Monongahela Coal. Crucible Steel common advanced to 28 1/2 and the preferred to 32 1/2, against 26 1/2 and 30 on Saturday.

Seeking Steel Plants.

Ironton, O., Feb. 11.—Col. E. J. Bird, Jr., late superintendent of the Marling Iron and Steel Company, is representing J. P. Morgan for the purchase of the plant of the Hanging Rock Iron Company, the Belfont Iron and Steel Company, the Norton Iron Works Company and the Ashland Steel Company, Ashland, Ky.

Schwab Not Accessible.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—President Schwab of the Carnegie company, was at his office today but was not accessible. It was reported that a conference of officials was in progress, but those seen stated that it was only the regular daily meeting of the heads of departments.

A Gomez Triumph.

Havana, Feb. 11.—The followers of Gen. Maximo Gomez triumphed today in the Cuban constitutional convention. The clause making him eligible to the presidency of the republic was adopted by a vote of 15 to 14.

Maurice Thompson.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 11.—Maurice Thompson, the author, is barely alive tonight.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE. SKAGWAY'S EX-MAYOR

Is Probably Dead as Re- sult of Accident.

Chicago, Feb. 22, via Skagway, Feb. 28.—While on his wedding tour and in attempting to board a moving train here today John Hislop slipped on the ice and fell, the train passing over him, severing his right leg and fracturing his skull. He married a Miss Young of St. Paul three weeks ago.

John Hislop came to Skagway as first assistant chief engineer of the White Pass & Yukon Ry. in May of 1898 in company with Manager R. C. Hawkins, whose right hand man he has since been up to a few weeks ago, when he resigned to accept a position with a Valdes Yukon company. He always took an active interest in the affairs of the city and district, and was twice in succession elected mayor of Skagway. He was very popular and that fact was due to the upright and honorable attitude which was always his on all matters and at all times. He was probably 40 or 42 years of age.

I. O. O. F. IN DAWSON.

Little Club Scattering the Order's Principles.

To care for the sick, bury the dead and provide for the widows and orphans is the grand principle which has made Odd Fellowship popular throughout the civilized world, and while there is no organized lodge of the order here, there are many of its members and they have brought with them its grand principles which are even in this bleak land causing rays of sunshine to penetrate many a heart that would be otherwise cast down and forlorn. A little band of Odd Fellows, less than three dozen, formed a club here two months ago, since which time three unfortunate brothers have been given decent burial who would otherwise have found resting places in the pauper's field. A number of brothers have been and others are yet being aided at the hospitals where the little delicacies supplied greatly aid them on the road to recovery.

The Odd Fellows' Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month in Dr. Cassel's office in the A. C. building at which times and place all who have been to Jericho or traveled the "rocky road" are made welcome.

A COSTLY BLAZE

Cosgrove & Co. Lose Their Store and Stock.

Last night at 11:30 o'clock a serious fire occurred at the lower ferry which resulted in the total destruction of the store, both building and contents, of Cosgrove & Co., at that place. The proprietor in charge had locked up and left the store a few minutes previous to the time mentioned and there were no evidences of fire at that time. A spark from the stove is supposed to have fallen into the woodbox or among some trash near the stove. Of the contents of the building only one pair of blankets were saved. Cosgrove & Co. estimated their loss at \$2000.

WHAT IS THOUGHT

By Dawson Business Men of the Order Closing Up Gambling.

BAD EFFECTS ARE ANTICIPATED

By Men Who Have Business and Property Interests.

THE CLAIM IS MADE BY MANY

That First Avenue Property Will Depreciate in Value From 25 to 50 Per Cent.

The principal topic of conversation for the last two or three days among all classes of men in the town is the enforcement of the order relative to the closing of the gambling and dance halls.

It is the general opinion that the rigid enforcement at the present time of the law as contemplated, will work a hardship on those immediately connected with the gambling houses and dance halls, and at the same time have a depressing effect on business generally for a time at least. A number of the leading business men were seen this morning by a Nugget representative and generally expressed their views on the subject.

Mr. Mizner, of the A. C. Co., expressed his opinion on the subject by "phone from Gold Run, where he is making a short visit, as follows: "Such a movement at the present time would have a disastrous effect upon trade in general. I have seen a great many mining camps but never one that amounted to anything when run on such lines."

"Gambling is better run on the down floor and open than upstairs behind closed doors," said Mr. J. J. Delsney, of the N. A. T. & T. Co. "I think it will have a depressing effect on business for a while at least."

"The effects of any sudden radical change are so many that to express a hasty opinion would be rather unwise. The effect on certain property and business interests will be more far reaching than is apparent at first glance. The pros and cons should be carefully weighed on such a momentous question before a judgment is given," said L. R. Prida of the A. E. Co.

Mr. Orr, of Orr & Tukey, has been in many mining camps. He has never seen it tried and has no idea what the result will be, but has known Major Wood for a number of years and has confidence in his understanding the situation and handling it to the best interests of all parties concerned.

Emil Sinaf is out of town but expressed the opinion before when the subject was up for discussion that it would depreciate the value of real estate 25 to 50 per cent.

Mr. Gray, of the Ames Mercantile Co., said: "The enforcement of the law will be a good thing for the town eventually. The business men will stand a better chance of getting pay for goods sold on credit during the winter

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Sargent & Pinsky
"The Corner Store"

Change of Time Table
Orr & Tukey's Stage Line

Telephone No. 8
On and after Monday, Oct. 22, 1900, will run a
DOUBLE LINE OF STAGES
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Leave Dawson, Office A. C. Co.'s Building, 9:30 a. m.
Returning, Leave Forks, Office, Op. Gold Hill Hotel, 5:30 p. m.

From Forks, Office Opposite Gold Hill Hotel, 9:00 a. m.
Returning, Leave Dawson, Office A. C. Co.'s Building, 5:00 p. m.

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We Offer to the Ladies

Special Sale

Of Dawson and vicinity our entire stock of Dress Goods and Silks at exactly One-Half Price, among which will be found the following attractive values:—

Colored Taffetas, per yard... 1.25... was 2.50
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