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JUDGE LYNCH

May Preside at a Short Session in Steveston, British Columbia.

WHERE THREE CHINESE NEED HANGING

Great Excitement Over Murder of Chief of Police.

BADLY CHOPPED INTO PIECES

Steamer Alpha's Passengers May Experience Difficulty in Landing at Nome.

Vancouver, April 21, via Skagway, April 25.—Since full particulars of the murder of Chief of Police Main of Steveston have come to light it is stamped as the most dastardly crime ever committed in the province. The officer had gone alone, save for his Newfoundland dog, to the Chinese quarters to look for stolen goods, and when in one of the houses he was seized from behind by two Chinamen who held him until stunned by an axe in the hands of a third. The body was then chopped into small pieces, as was also the body of the officers' dog, when both were buried under the floor of the Chinese hut.

All three of the murderers are in jail, and so great is the excitement that it is thought they will be taken out and lynched. The Japanese citizens are particularly excited, and principally on account of the latter, the Chinese are all clearing out of Steveston for New Westminster and Vancouver.

First Boat for Nome.

Vancouver, April 6.—The steamer Alpha sailed from Vancouver this morning in defiance of the customs laws of the United States.

What will be their fate is a matter of anxiety. Although the first boat to leave for Nome, the chances are that the passengers will not be the first to land there this season.

The day before she left a telegram was received from the U. S. treasury department stating: "The secretary is determined to enforce the laws against the Alpha. Telegraph promptly her departure for Cape Nome." The Alpha was to carry some U. S. mail, but an order was received from Washington not to place any on her.

The Alpha's plan was to clear from St. Michael, and there either clear for Nome or failing in that to land her passengers there. This it was found could not be done, and the next plan was to anchor off Nome, outside the three mile limit and put off her passengers in small boats. If this is attempted one of the Bering sea revenue cutters will probably seize her and bring back passengers and freight to Port Townsend. Even if a revenue cutter does not happen to be there a United States officer who has gone as a passenger can seize her at Nome.

Outside Mail.

Yesterday afternoon, 10 sacks of outside mail, principally letters, arrived at the local office from the outside. The consignment left Bennett on April 13th, and, considering the condition of the trail, the trip was made in very good time. One of the sacks which was brought here yesterday, had been lost when the W. S. Stratton was wrecked last fall; it was recently recovered from the river, and its contents are in fair condition. Postmaster Hartman and his assistants commenced to distribute letters to the public at noon today. This evening the mail for the outside will leave Dawson. The carriers confidently assert that the consignment will reach Bennett within the next two weeks.

Bearing Good Fruit.

The account of yesterday's doings at the police court, as published in the Daily Nugget, was productive of much good, as many premises in the city are today the scene of more activity than has been displayed in many months.

Living Whist.

Rehearsals for the living whist to be given in May are progressing nicely under the direction of Prof. Whitley. Fifty-two ladies and gentlemen are to take part and all are entering with much enthusiasm into their parts.

In addition to the living whist Prof. Whitley is also drilling five young ladies who will take part in a presentation of a dialogue entitled "The Revels of the Queen of May." Rehearsals are held every afternoon in McDonald hall. A good cake walk will also be a feature of the entertainment, which is for the benefit of St. Mary's hospital.

The Cake Walk.

The cake to be contested for by the cake-walkers of the Dawson Minstrels next Thursday will be furnished by the Yukon Bakery on Second avenue, where it can be seen on exhibition in their window.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

Chewing tobacco \$1 per pound. Royal Groceries, Second ave.

Two bits for joy at Rochester Bar.

The Star Clothing House can fit you out. See ad for sale days.

NOME LETTER

Nome Graphically Described by Cole Burke, Formerly a Nugget Reporter.

WEATHER PLEASANT UP TO JAN. 10

Estimated Population of Town and Surroundings, 4,000.

WINTER SPENT IN IDLENESS.

Stampeding the Order—Many Former Dawsonites There—Big Influx Expected.

Mr. Cole Burke, formerly of the Nugget reportorial staff, and who, with Geo. E. Storey, foreman in the office, went to Nome last fall, starting with a complete printing office plant which was unfortunately lost at St. Michael's, writes the following interesting letter from the city on the Arctic threshold:

Nome, Alaska, Jan. 10, 1900.

Publishers of the Nugget, Dawson.

Dear Sirs: Learning through several sources that many Klondikers purpose joining their former fellow citizens who preceded them to this new gold district, it occurred to me that a brief description of the conditions existing here at the opening of the new year, in addition to a few bits of random information, will not prove unwelcome to them.

There are, it is estimated, about 4000 people in the town of Nome and the immediate surroundings, including the Solomon and Nome river countries on the east and Cripple and Penny on the west. Of this number about 2500 are residents of the town, while the balance are scattered along the beach or are on the creeks. The beach west of the city to Cripple creek holds at least 150 cabins in a distance of 10 miles; this, putting the population of each cabin at three, places the number of people in that section at 450, which figure is approximately correct to my knowledge, as I personally conducted a census of the same. To the west of town the beach is not so thickly settled. These people are, as a rule, spending the winter in luxurious idleness; some effort was made to mine the beach after the freeze up; but few people had the hardihood to keep it up long, notwithstanding the weather has been generally pleasant.

All of them will, however, be in a position to get on and hold choice beach lands next spring. The only occupation indulged in by the majority of the people here is that of "stampeding," and this has been carried on to an extent probably never before equalled. Almost no prospecting has been done, but the whole country has been staked in a reckless way that promises no end of legal muddles in the future and is sure to retard the development of the country.

Few new strikes or discoveries have been made since summer; but many new mining districts have been organized just the same, and the ground has been taken up with a confidence that is childlike in its simplicity. Owing to the scarcity of fuel for thawing, few people expect to work the claims they stake, but, rather, they will be thrown at the heads of the thousands of cheechakos who will come in next summer. At that time there will be thousands of claims offered for sale, nearly all of them unprospected or in little known districts, and Mr. Cheechako will surely find himself in a state of mind concerning the real value of the country. Some bona fide prospecting has been done in districts lying at some distance from Nome, notably at Cape York and Norton sound and good reports have come from each, particularly Cape York, but the quality of the finds is yet to be known publicly.

Some prospecting on the tundra has

been conducted, with results reaching up to \$1.50 pans. Portions of the tundra are expected to turn out well, but it is strictly a "proposition" for large capital and not for the individual miner.

At this writing a large stampede is on to the Unalaklik river, which flows into Norton sound. There, on Christmas creek, as much as 70 cents in three pans were lately taken out. Almost 100 persons have gone over there from St. Michael's, and all the large companies here have sent down river to stake, the power of attorney still being universally popular.

Advices from the outside are to the effect that about 25,000 people will come in here from the outside and Klondike next summer, and preparations are making here, in a way, for their reception. What the new-comers will turn their attention to is a problem to those now here, and it is believed that fully 75 per cent of them will meet with grievous disappointment, as what remains of the beach-diggings will accommodate but a small proportion of them, and the creek districts are generally unknown quantities outside of Anvil, Snow, Banner, Buster, Osborn and a few more of those included in the early discovery.

Nome city has been a very dull place since the last boats left for the outside and the sea froze up, and many business establishments were either closed up or the operations greatly curtailed. One of the results of this has been the appearance of the "two-bit" saloons, while mush and beans constitute the almost regular bill of fare for many scores of men who are unable to find employment. It is considered likely that much destitution will ensue before the arrival of summer.

The popular public resort of the city is the Northern, owned by George Murphy; it is manned throughout with Dawson men.

Mr. Cornell, formerly of the Dawson News, established the Nome Club and did a thriving business for some weeks. Internal difficulties then sprang up, the place was closed and Mr. Cornell is now conducting a roadhouse on the beach.

The Hobo Kid, who owns and operates the Little Blanche saloon, recently became involved in an altercation with Dan Kane and was knocked out with revolver blows on the head. Kane was bound over and the Kid was held in \$1000 bonds as a witness, as also was Harry Leland.

The gambling spirit has been rampant for some weeks, and some comparatively heavy games have been played. Duncan Mitchell and the Hobo Kid have had several encounters at poker, in which the Hobo was made to "lie down." Harry Griscoll lost a couple of thousand to "bank" today, while Judge Cardwell has had "coming his way" for several days.

Dick Agnew lately turned his attention to the Cape York district and is making his abode there. He has considerable faith in the country.

Major Strong and Messrs. Charles Boudry and Jack Kappleman, all Dawson men, are publishing the Nome News and doing a nice little business. W. C. Kurtz, one of the original partners, lately sold out to the others.

F. F. Kane, formerly associated with the Dawson Nugget, is a business representative of the Nome Gold Digger, while Wm. Carter, a well-known Dawson typo, is "sticking type" on the same paper. He was one of the first men to stampede from Dawson last spring, and had the luck to locate a town lot that will be worth \$5000 in the spring.

Harry Matchett (Blue Chip), once a

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SOUTH AFRICA

Greatly Stirred by News of Roberts' Censure of Buller and Warren.

JOUBERT'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED

Schalkbuyer is Vice-President and Botha Commander.

INCREASED PRESS CENSORSHIP

Boers Retreating From Pretoria—Ladies Roberts and Gatacre Join Their Husbands.

London, April 20, via Skagway, April 25.—The news of Roberts' communication to the war department, in which he strongly censures Commanders Buller and Warren has reached South Africa and the ears of the officers named, with the result that a great deal of comment is being made. However, no resignations have yet been received, although they are confidently expected.

Maj.-Gen. Schalkbuyer has been appointed to succeed Joubert as vice-president, and Gen. Batho general of the Boer camp.

A dispatch from Capetown says the press censorship restrictions have been greatly increased and are so rigidly enforced as to practically preclude the forwarding of reliable information regarding the progress of the war.

It is believed, however, that Roberts has begun to march northward, as reports have been received of an engagement at Karu Siding, where reports say there was heavy fighting for three days.

The Boers are said to be retreating from the country south of Bloemfontein and from the neighborhood of Pretoria.

From Mafeking comes reports that Powell's army is being decimated by fever. Roberts has wired Powell to hold out until the 20th; but his plan of relief is not outlined.

Cecil Rhodes starts for South Africa tomorrow. The announcement of his sudden return to the front was wholly unexpected.

Lady Roberts and daughters, have arrived at Bloemfontein, and Lady Gatacre will leave with Cecil Rhodes to join her husband at Maderia.

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