

### BY HIS OWN HAND

### Was Jury's Verdict of Yesterdays Suicide

### Geo. Weeks Shot Himself Because of Dependency—Charges Prove Foundationless.

The coroner's jury called yesterday afternoon for the purpose of holding an inquest over the body of George Weeks returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by a bullet wound inflicted by his own hand.

The jury first viewed the body at George's undertaking apartments and then returned to the barracks where the evidence was taken. The story of the tragedy as disclosed by the evidence was corroborative of the account published in the Nugget of yesterday. It transpired, however, from the evidence of George Jr. and Wilfred, the two sons of the deceased who are residents of the Yukon, being miners on Bonanza, that their father was a very reticent man and that there was no exchange of confidence relative to their business affairs between them. Neither of the sons seemed to know anything of their father's affairs. They both stated that he had been brooding and was dependent over some business troubles. He was not to either's knowledge interested in any property in this country but Wilfred, the elder, stated that himself and his father were interested in some farming land in Vancouver island and that they had practically come to the understanding that his father was to go outside and take care of the farm and Wilfred was to send him money to live on.

His father had hinted at times of taking his life saying "that he was burdened over this kind of life," but he had never considered that he meant to do anything of the kind. When his father returned this spring Wilfred had taken him to his claim where he had stayed. Their relations were always pleasant and there had never been any angry words between them as long as he could remember. Vincent Nittingar, a partner of Wilfred Weeks, was the next witness called and stated that the deceased had himself been not on friendly terms owing to a misunderstanding over business affairs. There had been angry words but they did not break. The deceased seemed to have a grievance against the partnership, which consisted of five members, and thought that they were trying to cheat him out of some money. The witness stated that the deceased wanted to enter the partnership but it contained five members already and was considered sufficient. He decided to go outside and wanted them to go into a business to ship to Australia. As the partnership was formed to do business in this country they decided not to go into the deal but said that if the first shipment shipped proved the venture to be a financial success they would back him up. The business recently was not a success as a haul for \$1500 came in. The draft was turned down and when the deceased came in this spring he said he was much said about it as he said he had put it into other hands, meaning an attorney, and witness replied that was the best way to settle the matter.

The witness stated that in so far as he knew the relations between the deceased and their father were most amicable and that the grievance was not sufficient justification for the act.

There were several papers and a letter addressed to the Yukon Sun by the deceased but when the coroner's jury examined them the representatives of the press present were excluded and the statements were not made public.

It is understood, however, that certain charges against different partners alleging unjust treatment were made and that he had taken his life as a consequence. The jury investigated the charges contained in the letter and decided that they were groundless, due to an overwrought imagination and a continued brooding over his affairs.

"Railroad took off his leg," "Yes, and so providential!" "Providential?" "That's what. It was the leg with the rheumatism in it!" — Atlanta Constitution.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

### Stamp Mill For Violet Group Up by August 15

The stockholders of the Violet Mining Syndicate are in high glee over the showing their ledge is making and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the stamp mill they have decided to erect on their property at once. Dan McLennan, who was entrusted with the purchase of the mill, is on his way inside now with the machinery and it is expected to have the battery up and the stamps pounding ore by the 15th of August. During the development work that has been prosecuted steadily for some time quite a quantity of ore has been taken out and piled up ready for the mill. Careful assays have been made continuously and it is claimed there is enough ore on the dump now to yield sufficient to pay the cost of the mill, its transportation to the mine, the cost of its erection and all other expenses that have been encountered to date. At a meeting of the stockholders held recently the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Barrett; vice president, W. H. Fairbanks; secretary, J. Kenneth MacRae; treasurer, R. H. S. Cresswell; directors, N. A. Fuller, T. G. Wilson, R. H. S. Cresswell, W. H. Fairbanks and W. T. Barrett.

### NARROW ESCAPE

### Jack Acklins Little Boy Falls Into Klondike River

Joe, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Acklin, had a narrow escape from drowning in the Klondike Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Acklin and the children were fishing in the river near their home when Mrs. Acklin who was leading the boy stumbled in some way and rolled off the bank, the boy rolling on into the water, which at that point was both deep and swift. Mr. Acklin was fortunately near and heard his wife's screams. He hurriedly took in the situation, jumped into the water and rescued the boy but not before the little fellow had been carried down the river several yards.

### Helena Objects

Helena, Mont., June 27.—Helena will present an attempt at the meeting of the league directors of the Pacific National League at Tacoma to drop this city and substitute Salt Lake. The people of Helena are indignant over the thought of such a proposition. William E. Persell, vice president of the Helena club, left for Tacoma to be in attendance at the meeting Monday. Before leaving Mr. Persell stated that he had conferred with other officials of the Helena club, and that they had agreed upon a course of action to be followed for every possible matter that may be brought before the meeting.

Just what the Helena officials propose doing if changes in the league are broached has not been made public. It is safe to say, however, that any attempt on the part of the other clubs to drop Helena and substitute Salt Lake will be strenuously opposed. In fact, it cannot be done without the consent of the Helena management, as long as they live up to the terms of the contract. The Helena club has a five-year franchise in the Pacific National League.

### At Last

London, June 27.—The negro opera company of Williams & Walker, which is playing "In Dahomey"—at the Shaftesbury theatre, seems to have finally established itself in London favor. From the first performance the high-priced parts of the house sold well, and the company is now playing to big audiences every night. They received a royal command to appear at Windsor today, but the king's plans were afterward changed, and they will appear at Buckingham palace on Tuesday.

The company has quite caught on in society and the members are being asked out to sing and dance at smart houses every night. It remains to be seen what influence they will exercise on the British aristocracy. Every night in their dressing-rooms trap shooting, which has hitherto been unknown in London, gives relief to their artistic labor, and Manager Michael suggests that their great national game will possibly replace the now waning fashion of the cakewalk.

An English schoolmaster offered a prize to the boy who could write the best composition in five minutes on "How to Overcome Habit." This is what was written by the nine-year-old boy who won the prize:—

"Well, sir, habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change habit. If you take off another, you still have a bit left. If you take off still another, the whole of it remains. If you take off another, it is not wholly gone up, all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit you must throw it off altogether."

### SEEKING FOR LIGHT

### Regarding Legislation for Alaska

### United States Senatorial Party is in Dawson En Route North.

W. P. Dillingham, Montpelier, Vt.; Henry E. Barnham, Manchester, N. H.; Knute Nelson, Alexandria, Minn.; Thos. M. Patterson, Denver, Colo., are names which appear on the Regina hotel register, each of the four gentlemen being a member of the upper house of the United States congress, representing the state from which he registers.

The senatorial party arrived on the Yukoner yesterday shortly after 9 o'clock and were met at the dock by prominent business men and officials. Accompanying the senatorial party are Col. D. M. Ransdall, sergeant at arms of the senate, who is in charge of the party, J. F. Hayes, secretary of the committee, Arthur Johnson, Senator Patterson's private secretary; W. H. Brill, special press representative from Cleveland, Ohio; J. S. McLean, editor of the Minneapolis Journal, and George A. Brackett, formerly of Skagway but now of Minneapolis.

The senatorial party now in Dawson is a sub-committee of a committee of twelve appointed by President Roosevelt to obtain information and data relative to territories, their requirements and needs in the way of legislation, and especially to procure information regarding Alaska. Of the latter the committee is receiving an abundance, for ever since the arrival of its members in Seattle every man met has handed in a bunch of suggestions as to what is needed by the country at one time erroneously known as Seward's ice chest. Juneau was ready with a package of suggestions and Skagway, not to be outdone, had several bundles ready to hand over which was done at a meeting held in honor of the visiting senators last Friday night.

Since arriving in Dawson the senators have been busy receiving informal visitors, all of whom possess information they are yearning to impart and as information is what the committee is seeking the calls are productive of mutual pleasure and will probably result in great benefit to Alaska.

This morning, accompanied by General Manager Washburn of the N. C. Co., Vice U. S. Consul McGowan and others, the party left on a tour of Bonanza and Eldorado to be shown the process of mining as conducted in the Yukon. Aside from Senator Patterson of Colorado none of the other senators know anything of the process employed in extracting mineral wealth from the ground. The party will return to Dawson late this evening.

Mr. Washburn of the N. C. Co. some weeks ago mapped out the Alaska itinerary of the party which will leave here on the next boat for St. Michael, probably the Sarah, making short visits at all the stations on the lower river. At St. Michael they will be met by the U. S. revenue cutter McCulloch which has been placed at their service by the treasury department. They will visit Nome, Port Clarence and may go as far north as Point Barrow, returning by the Seal Islands, Alutians, Valdez and other Alaskan coast points, reaching Seattle about August 20th.

Senator Dillingham of Vermont is chairman of the sub-committee which will have a voluminous report which will be submitted when congress convenes in December, which report it is confidently expected will result in much needed legislation for Alaska, provided the committee is able to picture to congress Alaska as it is and as they found it, removing the generally accepted impression in the States that Alaska is all a country of perpetual snow, fit only to be inhabited by the Eskimo and the polar bear.

It is not likely that the distinguished gentlemen will get away from Dawson before the first of next week. On leaving for down the river the party will be joined by Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, who with his daughter has been in Dawson for the past two weeks or more.

The full party that went to visit Bonanza and Eldorado today on the senatorial excursion is as follows:—Senator Dillingham, Senator Barnham, Senator Nelson, Senator Patterson, Senator Dietrich, Sergeant at Arms Ransdall, Commissioner, Congdon, Mayor McLennan, Major Wood,

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## NEW ARRIVALS

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The remainder of the party were met at Fuller & Norwood's claim by Commissioner Congdon, Major Wood and Mayor McLennan. The entire party enjoyed luncheon with Stanley & Worden on Eldorado. The police furnished one four-horse and one two-horse team to take the party out.

### Powder and Guns

There is abundant evidence that the origin of gunpowder and artillery goes far back in the dim ages of the past.

The Hindoo code, compiled long before the Christian era, prohibited the making of war with cannons and guns or any kind of firearms. Quintus Curtius informs us that Alexander the Great met with fire weapons in Asia, and Philostratus says that Alexander's conquests were arrested by the use of gunpowder. It is also written that those wise men who lived in the cities of the Ganges "overthrew their enemies with tempests and thunderbolts shot from the walls." Julius Africanus mentions shooting powder in the year 275. It was used in the siege of Constantinople in 668, by the Arabs in 890, at Thessalonica in 904, at the siege of Belgrade in 1073, by the Greeks in naval battle in 1098, by the Arabs against the Iberians in 1047 and at Toulouse in 1318.

It appears to have been generally known throughout civilized Europe as early as 1300, and soon thereafter it made its way into England, where it was manufactured during the reign of Elizabeth, and we learn that a few arms were possessed by the English in 1310 and that they were used at the battle of Crecy in 1346—Cassier's Magazine.

San Juan, P. R., June 27.—Leslie Lumsden, an assistant surgeon in the marine hospital service, who is temporarily acting as quarantine officer here, and Mrs. Lumsden, were drugged and robbed at the Hotel Inglaterra last night with chloral, which had been placed in their lemonade.

While they were under the influence of the drug all their money and jewelry were taken. A porter, who served the lemonade, was arrested on suspicion.

The Lumsdens recovered from the effects of the chloral. The incident has caused a great sensation here as the Hotel Inglaterra is one of the best hosteries. Lumsden was formerly on duty at Washington.

### Memorial Services

London, July 8.—Many thousands attended the memorial services in memory of the Klondike victims in London yesterday.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.



Find little George and the Hatchet.

### Bow Up the Pen

Canton City, Colo., June 27.—The discovery in the penitentiary yesterday of enough giant powder and nitroglycerine to blow up the entire state prison, created a sensation here. It is now believed by the officials that all of the convicts have been discovered. The confession of Tom Fisher yesterday led to the discovery of two full sticks of seven-eighths of an inch giant powder and a vaseline bottle filled with nitroglycerine.

The punishment meted out to all

the men in the plan to escape has been unusually severe. All are confined in the dungeon, and for the next sixty days bread and water will be their diet.

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