

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## SLEUTH M'GUIRE

Of Minneapolis. Is Working Out  
the Clayson-Relfe  
Mystery.

HUMAN BLOOD AND HAIR ON SLED.

The Case Begins to Look Bad for  
O'Brien.

MONEY IN HIS PISTOL BUTTS.

Prisoner Now at Selkirk on Trial for  
Theft—Will Be Brought to  
Dawson Jail.

From Wednesday's Daily.

It now looks as though the mystery which for the past ten weeks has shrouded in gloom and darkness the hearts of the relatives and friends of Fred H. Clayson, Lynn Relfe and Line-man Olson, the three who dropped from human sight on Christmas day, they being last reported as seen leaving Minto that morning, is in a fair way to be cleared up by locating the cause of the disappearance where it properly belongs.

From a gentleman who has just reached Dawson over the ice from Bennett and who, for certain reasons does not care to have his name used at present, is learned a great deal more than has ever yet been published relative to the search for the missing men.

For the past four weeks Detective McGuire of the Pinkerton force, who is now in the employ of Will Clayson, only brother to Fred H. Clayson, one of the missing men, has been at Tagish and on the trail northward from Tagish to Minto where the men were last seen alive. McGuire will be remembered by the readers of Daily Nugget who were conversant with the published accounts of the celebrated Minneapolis case of a few years ago when the dead body of Minnie Gung was found in a buggy which was driven to a livery barn by a dust besmeared foundry man who acknowledged to have received \$100 from a stranger for such service. For a few days it will be remembered the murder of Myss Gung was a deep mystery, but Detective McGuire soon located the murderer in the person of Harry Hayward, who was tried, convicted and hanged for his crime, making a full confession before his death, which implicated his own brother and explaining the object of the crime to be to secure a large sum of money which the murdered girl had and which Hayward intended to claim as her fiancée and by means of a forged will in which he was named as legatee.

When McGuire first reached Tagish, according to his statement to the Nugget's informant, he got but little encouragement from the police officers and it was four days before he was permitted to even see O'Brien, the man who was held in the jail there as a suspect. After two days the detective was allowed to examine the two fire arms taken from the prisoner when arrested, a small pistol and a Colt's revolver. Examination of the weapons by McGuire revealed some startling evidence, as in the butt of each handle was found a tightly wadded \$100 bill. McGuire then asked to see O'Brien's

## ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek,  
on Klondike River.

Sluice, Flume & Mining Lumber

Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on  
Klondike River and at  
Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE

sled which was finally found buried in the snow. It was dug out and brushed off; after which it took but a short time for the quick and experienced detective eye to locate several drops of clotted and frozen blood which when subjected to his professional test, proved to be human blood. A small tuft of human hair of a light color was also found in a clot of blood frozen on the sled.

Having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the officers that he knew what he was about, McGuire was permitted to visit O'Brien in the jail where he represented himself as a representative of the United States government who had been sent into the Northwest and Yukon territories to investigate cases such as O'Brien's, in that he was being unlawfully held a prisoner when there was no cause for such detention. McGuire also told O'Brien he was on his way to Dawson, where his case would be submitted to the U. S. consul, and that he would certainly be released in the near future. The detective explained his deep interest in men held as prisoners by admitting in confidence that he himself had spent a large part of his life behind bars.

The ruse worked and O'Brien also grew confidential; informing McGuire that he had done 20 years in one of the middle western states for murder, and that he also served a six months' term in the Dawson barracks. He asked "Good Samaritan" McGuire to kindly look out for a number of his (O'Brien's) friends whom he feared were in the toils, stating that he belonged to a party of 15, all men like himself, and that when he had been arrested some weeks previous the other 14 were scat-



FRED H. CLAYSON, LEAVING DAWSON, DEC. 27, 1899.

tered along the route between Tagish and Dawson; but he feared that they might have been suspected and arrested if he himself. He did not intimate that he and his associates had been engaged in any illegal practices.

The above information was gradually gleaned from O'Brien in the course of several days, when the detective decided to institute a search of the man's person which resulted in the discovery of seven \$10 bills sewed in the sole of a German sock.

After leaving Tagish for down the lakes and rivers, McGuire found several places where from marks and appearances it is evident that O'Brien and members of his crowd had camped. At several places in the vicinity of these camps the detective found where holes had been bored in trees and afterwards plugged. He chopped out several of the plugs, but found no messages concealed, and he is therefore of the opinion that this peculiar method of leaving

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RECEIVED BY WIRE.

## STEYN RUNS

From Orange Free State and Is  
Now at Pretoria With  
Kruger.

SAYS EUROPE WILL BE ASTONISHED

At Events Which Will Precede  
the Fall of Kruger.

CRONJE AND THE BOERS

Captured With Him Will Be Taken  
to St. Helena, Napoleon's  
Old Prison.

London, March 8, via Skagway, March 14.—President Steyn of the Orange Free State, has left Bloemfontein, the

eral rejoicing. Tremendous enthusiasm was shown everywhere.

Roberts' Strategy.

London, March 8, via Skagway, March 13.—Lord Roberts wires the war department that he has succeeded in clearing 15 miles of the Boers' positions by the application of elementary strategy and without the loss of many men. Roberts has now a total of 45,000 men under his immediate command.

Dutch Rising.

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—Much anxiety is felt over the news that serious uprisings are taking place among the Cape Colony Dutch. This condition of affairs is regarded by the war office as being at present the most serious cloud on the horizon.

For St. Helena.

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—Cronje and the Boer troops will be removed to St. Helena as soon as arrangements for transporting them can be perfected. They will be kept there until the close of the war.

Paris Actress Burned.

Paris, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—The Theater Francaise was burned to the ground last night. Mme. Henriot, the famous actress, perished in the flames.

En Route to Dawson.

Skagway, March 14.—Frank Henry, Mrs. Berry, Drummer Geo. A. Travis, P. P. and A. C. Ritchie left here this morning for Dawson. The Ritchies who are cousins, go for the purpose of managing a new company which will operate extensively in the Yukon mining territory and which is formed of a number of Shropshire, England, capitalists.

Manager Coffey, of the McDonald Bonanza Mining Company, J. McLellan, Fred Crewe and son, C. G. Cathr and Joe Schultz, have all started for Dawson on bicycles.

Bert Hawkins arrived today on a wheel from Dawson.

Ry. Co. and C. D. Co. Join Hands.

Skagway, March 14.—It is reported here that the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. and the Canadian Development Company have amalgamated and that the latter will handle the principal part of the river trade the coming season.

Alaska's Judge Appointed.

Skagway, March 14.—Melville C. Brown, of Laramie, Wyoming, has been appointed to the position of United States judge for the district of Alaska to fill the vacancy occasioned by Judge C. S. Johnson's resignation. Judge Brown is 60 years of age and has never seen the country over whose destinies he will preside.

Steamer Crews Returning.

Skagway, March 14.—Many of the managers, captains and crews of the lakes and rivers transportation companies' steamers are arriving here by every steamer from below and are going through to Bennett and Whitehorse or whenever their steamers were tied up for the winter to get them ready for operation as soon as the ice breaks.

Already the work of building scows has actively begun at Bennett, and a large fleet will be launched there and sail for the Yukon so soon as the condition of the water will permit. As the weather here is very warm and has been for several days, it is confidently predicted that navigation will open much earlier this season than last.

President Kruger, who has been in conference with Steyn at Bloemfontein, and who has also left for Pretoria, addressed the burgers of Bloemfontein before leaving. Kruger exhorted the burgers to stay by the fight, saying that "God is testing his people, but the limit of the test is nearly reached."

The Queen Returns.

London, March 8, via Skagway, March 14.—The queen has returned to London. The occasion was made a day for gen-

## PETITION MAILED

Asking for Representation in  
the Dominion House of  
Parliament.

WILL LEAVE FOR OTTAWA TOMORROW

Statement of Facts Included in the  
Memorial.

REQUEST FOR TWO MEMBERS.

Committee Hope to Have Yukon Ap-  
portionment Made in Pending  
Redistribution Bill.

The Dominion parliament is now in session. Soon after it convened the speech from the throne was delivered, in which the government stated that a redistribution bill would be introduced during the present session. The measure has not yet been submitted to the members; but undoubtedly it will be before adjournment, which is not likely to occur until the end of May, or the middle of June.

At a meeting of British subjects to be held in Dawson February 12th, it was unanimously agreed to petition for representation in the Dominion parliament. The committee, which was instructed to draft and forward the memorial has completed its labor, and tomorrow morning the petition, executed in triplicate, will leave here with the regular mail. The memorial has been addressed to the governor general, to the members of the senate and to the gentlemen of the house of commons. The British subjects of Dawson hope to have the Yukon territory considered in the new distribution measure. The memorial is as follows:

To His Excellency, the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, to the Honorable Members of the Senate, and to the Gentlemen of the House of Commons, of the Dominion of Canada:

The petition of the undersigned, a committee appointed by the British subjects of the Yukon territory, in mass meeting assembled, humbly sheweth:

First—That on the twelfth day of February, 1900, a large and representative meeting of the British subjects of the Yukon territory, as called in McDonald hall, in Dawson, in the Yukon territory, and your petitioners were appointed a committee thereof with instructions to prepare a petition, praying that the Yukon territory be granted the right to elect a representative or representatives to the house of commons of the Dominion of Canada, and forward the said petition to Ottawa.

Second—According to the census of parts of the Yukon territory and the estimate of the population of the other parts of the Yukon territory made by Lieut. Col. Steele, when he was a member of the Yukon council and commanding officer of the Northwest mounted police in the Yukon territory, in the autumn of 1899, the Yukon territory contains a population of upwards of 22,000.

Third—Owing to the fact that the

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## Boys on the Creeks

This Is for You...

Hurry Up to Lay in Your Spring Supplies  
Some Things Are Getting Scarce and Are  
Going Up. Special Prices to Our Regular  
Customers Who Outfitted at Our Store,  
and Liberal Treatment to Everybody.

The Ames Mercantile Co. T. Jensen  
Res. Manager