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ALARMING RUMORS

Are Circulated Regarding Pope's Health

His Holiness is Said to be Rapidly Weakening—Has a Bad Cold.

Rome, Feb. 28.—Alarming reports have been received of the illness of the Pope. His holiness is known to have been failing for some time and his apparent feebleness was noticeable on the day of the grand jubilee. For some time he has been suffering from a severe cold.

WILL REPORT ON QUARTZ

Dominion Government Will Send an Expert to Dawson to Investigate Prospects of Hard Rock Mining—Considerable Interest Has Been Aroused.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Dominion government has determined to send a quartz expert to Dawson. So many conflicting reports have been published in regard to Yukon quartz mines that the government has decid-

FIRST ROUND COMPLETED

Winners in the Hand Ball Tournament

Second Round Begins on Monday and the Play Will be Finished During the Week.

The first round in the hand ball tournament has been completed and on Monday the second will be begun. Players in the first round have been very dilatory in keeping the appointments made for the various games with the result that not so good progress has been made as was anticipated. The first round should have been completed a week ago, but for some reason the delayed games could not seem to be pulled off until the players were ready to go at it.

Nine matches were played in the first round, one of them being a bye. Only one of the players scratched and that was Michie in his game with Barrett. The former had a bad hand and was in no condition to play. Barrett was scratch and Michie was to have received a handicap. The other games played and the results are as follows: Barwell beat Overton, 21-19, 21-14. Martin beat Senkler, 21-20, 16-21, 21-19. McKinnon beat Pinder, 21-11, 11-21, 21-18. Finnie beat Lyons (bye), 13-21, 21-14, 21-18. Cantley beat Finnie, 21-13, 19-21, 21-13. Storey beat Alcock, 21-20, 21-14. Rimmon beat McLennan, 21-13, 13-21, 21-19. Long beat McMurray, 21-10, 21-13. Four games will constitute the second round, the four winners of which will play the two games in the semifinals. The winners of the latter will play each other in the finals, the winner of which will be the champion of the tournament. The players in the second round and the handicaps they receive are as follows: Barwell, scratch, plays Barwell, receive 6. Martin, receive 10, plays McKinnon, receive 8. Cantley, receive 5, plays Storey, receive 8. Rimmon, receive 1, plays Long, scratch.

SIX PERSONS WERE KILLED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS BADLY INJURED.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—A terrible collision occurred this morning on the Southern Railway near this city. Six persons were killed and a number of others badly injured. Tom Jones—Yes, I have just returned from a trip down into Texas. Bob Smith—So? How are times down that way? "Lively—lively. They were preparing for a wholesale hanging when I left." "You don't say! Mostly negroes, I s'pose?" "Nope, mostly stockings"—Kansas City Journal.

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COULDN'T AGREE

As to Figures and Tried to Settle by Fistic Bout

Mike Skorlick and his partner, both Austrians who have been working together in harmony for a long time, had a disagreement as to figures last night which ended in their taking off their coats and endeavoring to settle the difficulty by the fistic method.

They had not proceeded very far with the argument when an officer's attention was called to them, with the result that both were taken into custody. Neither one was injured and they expressed themselves as having made up and were good friends again, and so they were allowed to depart after paying a fine of \$2 and costs each, and were cautioned that the next time a similar dispute arose they were to get off in some secluded spot where no one could see them.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

PRIOR GOVERNMENT IS DOOMED

Former Premier Semlin Secures Good Majority Over Dr. Sanson in West Yale—Joe Martin Has Temporarily Joined the Opposition and Will Work for the Overthrow of Prior—Appeal to Country Likely.

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—Indications point to the fact that the Prior government has before it a decidedly short lease of life. Former Premier Semlin has come back from West Yale with a majority of 112 over Dr. Sanson who was the candidate of the Prior government and generally regarded as a strong man. It now seems inevitable that the

government will confront certain defeat when the legislature again assembles. The session is called for the 2nd of April, and hence it is considered that Prior's term as premier will be over in a matter of a few weeks.

Joseph Martin's party has temporarily joined forces with the opposition for the express purpose of overthrowing the administration. It is

understood that an agreement has been reached, that no attempt be made to patch up the party but an appeal will be taken to the country on party lines.

Liner Aground Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Feb. 28.—The liner Etruria is reported to have run aground in Godney channel.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

Dawson with the ultra religious streak contained in the social element could not be otherwise than quiet since the commencement of Lent which was ushered in on Wednesday.

Balls and receptions must not be thought of during the next forty days though poker parties with Scotch high balls thrown in ad lib will still be considered an fait providing the front blinds are drawn. I do not know that Dawson is particularly wicked, but I do truly believe that if all the sins committed in various ways since the commencement of the social season are atoned for in the good-old way there will be a shortage in sackcloth and a corner on ash-before another week has rolled by. There are the sins of the man who has lied to his wife three evenings a week about being so busy at the office, whereas he was on those occasions doing his best to draw to a bob tailed flush. He should sprinkle his head with ashes hot enough to sizzle the hair. There are the sins of the wife who has spent every afternoon for the past month at the rink gliding around the ice on the arm of a callow youth and listening to sweet nothings while she herself made goo-goo eyes at the impressionable youngster. She should wear a gown of sackcloth chopped out with a meat axe in the latest and most approved fashion and be deprived of the use of curling irons until after Easter. There is the silly and very much affected little coterie who when thrown in contact with others not in our set stare at them and edge off to the side lest they be afflicted with a contagious disease. The penance that would cause the remission of their sin is beyond me. "Aw, lawncy, don't ye know." Then, too, there are others. For instance, there is the young man who crowds aboard a bright, lurid jag and then in the presence of ladies and gentlemen proceeds to put on a pair of skates, not content with the skate he has already attached to himself, goes on the ice and makes a holy spectacle of himself. Ashes will not suffice for him. He should use concentrated lye. Then there is the person, sex need not be designated, who greets you effusively today when you happen to meet her and she is alone, and tomorrow when with Lady Fitznoodle she has the blind staggers and does not know you. Her penance should be the wearing of green spectacles for a period of forty days. There are a few others who like Koko I have upon a little list, but I have not been able to decide upon a suitable penance for them and I will defer their punishment until a later date.

tations to their functions in the future will be very eagerly sought.

The hockey match Wednesday evening between the Lawyers and the Doctors at the Athletic rink was a drawing card par excellence, the crowd in attendance being much larger than on any previous evening since the opening of the rink. One thing that may have had something to do with it was the reduction on the price of admission from \$1 to fifty cents and I take it as a very wise decision on the part of the management to make such price the permanent admission for future events. I have seen quite a few ludicrous sights during my checkered career, but never before have my reliable faculties been aroused to such an extent as they were at that game. If every player had been a comedian equal to the best they could not have afforded more amusement to the crowd than they did. There were funny falls galore, gyrations never before attempted by the most clever of fancy skaters, and evolutions that would have puzzled the most cunning eye to follow. The date for the return match has not been definitely settled yet, but I understand it will take place next week and then the capacity of the rink will surely be tested.

We are to have another presentation of the "Pirates of Penzance," the date having been fixed for Thursday evening of next week. Popular prices will prevail, the same scale as was in vogue during the Bittern Stock Company. The repetition is due to a demand from a great many who did not have an opportunity to see the opera last week and also from a large number who would like to see it again, and it is in response to that demand that the management has decided upon its revival. After a short rest rehearsals will begin on "Erminie," which will be the last produced this season. It is very pretty and is sure to prove a popular success.

Rehearsals during the week for "The Stoops to Conquer" have been carried on by the theatre and the players are fast becoming familiar with their entrances, exits and other stage business. They will also be continued every night next week with the exception of those evenings when the theatre is occupied by other companies and by Saturday evening it is presumed the company will be better perfect in every detail. Mr. Sanson, the stage manager of the company, is most exacting in his demands that nothing shall be slighted as the least and that the performance of Goldsmith's rare old comedy will be highly creditable goes without saying. Every character has been most assiduously trained and such careful and conscientious work and study can not fail to produce the most pleasing results.

Some individual whose idea of the eternal fitness of things, is to say the least a trifle peculiar is agitating the matter of getting up a ladies' hockey match which strikes me as being rather odd. In the first place there are not a dozen ladies in the city who know any more than the barest rudiments about skating and half of them are too timid to attempt to skate alone. One can easily imagine what a spectacle would be presented with fourteen ladies lined up before each other, each with a stick that would persist in hiding beneath their skirts. Fancy the possible result of a body check, a cross check, a trip and a tumble. There would be a scream, or more likely a series of screams, daily felt would go up in the air, there would be a display of hysteria, something would hit the ice and then there would be suppressed exclaiming, "Is something like 'Oh, fudge!'" The blow struck might be sufficient to loosen her back hair, or something

WILL TAKE A CHANCE

Jack Marshbank to Mush for the Tanana.

On Monday a big outfit valued at \$6,000, and chaperoned by Jack Marshbank, will leave for the Tanana strike. There is a prevailing belief that the miners at Fairbanks are already pining for a chance to place their nuggets on the blue or red and Jack will go in prepared to fill the long felt want.

Since Dawson became good and put off naughty ways a vast amount of paraphernalia has been in storage waiting for an opening. This, it is believed, has been furnished by the Tanana strike. At any rate, Marshbank will take a chance and incidentally give the miners at Fairbanks an opportunity to do likewise.

"I see Newlywed at the country club quite often since his baby came I thought he was firmly anchored to a home life." "He was, but at the first squall he began to drag his anchor.—Puck.

DEADLY FIRE DAMP

Finds Victims in Pennsylvania Colliery

Six Men Supposed to Have Been Killed—Still a Chance for Life.

Latrobe, Penn., Feb. 28.—Seven men supposed to have been killed by fire damp in the Hostetter colliery, located in this city, have still a chance for life. They are under careful treatment and hopes for recovery are entertained.

BEAT A CHINESE PUZZLE.

Wage Case in Police Court Taxes Utmost Patience of Mr. Justice Macaulay—The Witnesses Contradict Themselves and Make Case Bad Muddle.

Considerable amusement was created in the police court this morning over the case of Christian Clausen vs. Gus Raymond and Alex Nelson. The suit was brought for \$107 wages plaintiff claimed to be due him by defendants. There was considerable difference in the amount, alleged due by plaintiff and that admitted as owing by the defendants which was \$8.00.

The plaintiff stated he had worked 245 hours for defendants on their claim running their boiler at night. He was hired at 60c per hour and was to pay \$2 per day for grub. His wife was the cook on the claim and she kept his time for him. They had run out of provisions so he had gone to Adams hill and furnished grub for the claim. He expected to have it returned so had kept no account of it. He thought that he had provided enough grub to make up an amount sufficient to cover the time he had eaten at the claim while not working.

Raymond was asked if he wished to cross-examine the witness but only succeeded in getting into an argument which muddled the case.

The defense was then called for and Alex Nelson was called. After taking the oath Clausen stepped up to the box and looked in a tone of severity, "Do you know the nature of an oath?" Witness replied that he did. "Then tell the truth," came the rejoinder. The first statement made by the witness to the effect that he had no knowledge of the plaintiff bringing any grub on the claim brought forth the remark from the latter, "Lie No. 1." Several times that ex-

pression was used by Clausen during the examination for the defense and finally he had to be given a severe reprimand by the justice for attempting to intimidate the witness. The evidence of this witness was not material, so the other defendant, Gus Raymond, was called.

It was difficult to obtain any comprehensive statement of the case from this witness as he contradicted himself and in endeavoring to connect his statements the perspiration rolled off his cheeks.

The justice stated that it would be easier to solve a Chinese puzzle than decide such a case when the evidence was so disconnected and muddled. Taking the written statements of each party as to the number of hours worked and the number of days when plaintiff boarded with defendants when not working the justice allowed the time 17 days at \$4 per day and board as stated as by the defendants that plaintiff had worked and charged the plaintiff 15 days days' board at \$3 per day while not working as stated by the defendants, giving judgment in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$38 and costs.

Mail Arrives The Merchants' stage arrived this afternoon with 600 pounds of second-class mail, 800 pounds of baggage and express and four passengers, including Mr. Gregory, Mrs. M. D. Ferris and two others. Another stage is expected Monday. A White Pass stage with 250 pounds of mail is expected in this evening and another stage with mail and passengers is expected about noon tomorrow.

CHARGE IS WITHDRAWN

Case of Theft Against Schimpts and Holtz

Prosecution Has no Evidence to Bring Against Them and Withdraws Charge.

Yesterday afternoon in the police court the charge of theft against Messrs. Schimpts and Holtz which had been laid by H. M. Henning was withdrawn by the prosecution, there being no evidence to connect the defendants with the alleged crime.

Schimpts and Holtz are partners and during the winter hunt and trap up the Klondike.

No evidence was taken in the police court but from the story told a Nugget representative by one of the parties interested it appears that the men became short of provisions and Schimpts came to Dawson for a supply. It happened that about the time of his return Henning discovered that a cache of his about 50 miles up the Klondike had been looted and the contents to the value of about \$1000 taken. Schimpts was discovered several miles above the Henning cache with

his load of supplies and he was immediately suspected of having helped himself without leave or license from Henning's cache. A warrant was sworn out against him, and as soon as he learned that he immediately came to Dawson and gave himself into the hands of the authorities.

When the case came into court an enlargement was granted and it was agreed that he be allowed to go back to his camp to look after some of his traps as Holtz was up in the mountains and had not been apprehended and the two were to be tried together. He also agreed to direct an officer in Holtz direction so as to expedite matters.

The case was enlarged for one week and then a second postponement was granted until yesterday. Schimpts was in court but his partner had not been found. The case was called in the morning but was adjourned until the afternoon when as has been stated the prosecution having no evidence against the parties named to connect them with the alleged crime withdrew the charge against them.

To be Arrested Ballard, Wash., Feb. 18.—There is considerable excitement in the town over the arrest late this afternoon of the officials of the defunct bank. It is planned by the three bank trustees to seige for Seattle this afternoon in company with A. Daniels, who will swear out complaints against W. W. De Long, president; Mrs. Belle De Long, vice-president; and S. C. Hanson, cashier of the bank. Daniels deposited 137 in the bank on Friday between 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. The next day the bank failed.