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CONDITION IS VERY HOPEFUL

President McKinley Rapidly Recovering From Effects of Surgical Operation—Physicians Confidently Believe Crisis Is Past—Receipt of the News in London Was Occasion of General Sorrow—Comments of Eminent British Journalists—The Chief Executive Is Very Popular in Europe.

Skagway, Sept. 14.—The steamer Danube arrived this morning having left Vancouver early on the morning of the 10th. The preceding midnight a bulletin was posted in Vancouver as follows:

"President McKinley's hopeful condition continues unchanged except that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of the surgical operation performed upon him. All the good indications mentioned in previous bulletins are still apparent and the physicians in charge assert that the crisis has been safely passed and the president will surely recover."

London, Sept. 6.—The news of the attempt upon the life of President McKinley spread slowly in London. The first tickers reports were discredited. Then, with the confirmation and general dissemination of the news, arose a feeling of sorrow and indignation which, wherever Americans were gathered, gained almost the proportions of a panic, accompanied by feverish anxiety for further details.

The thousands of Americans now in London were mostly at the theaters when the news arrived and returning to their hotels found anxious groups of Englishmen and Americans discussing what, without distinction of race, is regarded as a national calamity. London's telephones, usually silent at night, tingled with impatient inquiries addressed to newspapers and American correspondents in hopes of securing a denial of the report. The announcement of the attempted assassination was received too late for extra editions of the papers to announce the news to the mass of English people and they will not learn until they take up their morning papers of the attempt to kill the president.

A representative of the Associated Press conveyed the intelligence to J. W. Mackay, Thomas Ochiltree, C. L. Putnam, J. W. Gates and many others.

GOLD STAR COMEDY-DRAMA

Entitled "Who Owns Me," or "When Do Seamen Get Off?"

A Sale That Fluked When Coin Was Called for—Will Be Offered Again on Monday.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain there are a few persons in Dawson who can discount Bret Harte's famous heathen Chinee. To buy a complete equipped steamer, usually requires considerable cold cash, but in the purchase of the Gold Star, but only so ago there developed a piece of financing that is worthy of a full page in the records of Wall Street. Following the flight of Captain Nixon, erstwhile owner of the Gold Star, the little steamer was quickly plastered over with libel suits for wages due the seamen. The boat in time was advertised for sale and here is where the fine Italian hand of the Napoleon of finance appeared. J. B. Phillips had no money, but he possessed a boundless ambition, a fluent tongue and a degree of energy that could not have been mistaken. He approached several with a scheme of promoting rapid transit between Dawson and the Koyukuk, exploiting at length upon the modest fortunes certain to accrue to those with the nerve and necessary cash to make the venture. To Colonel Rourke was made known the plan and he was agreed that there was a good thing in sight. At the sale which was to be had in a few days it was arranged that the colonel should bid in the boat at auction. He would be required to deposit but 20 per cent of the bid and would have ten days in which to make final payments. During the interim Phillips was to rustle up sufficient funds on his own account so that at the expiration of the ten days he was to take the steamer off the colonel's hands and pay him the difference between the sum for which the boat was knocked down and \$5000. Good "spec" for the colonel and perfectly legitimate, Phillips had no funds, but he possessed a fascinating way and was a ruster. The sale came off as advertised and the Gold Star was bid in by the colonel for \$5000. The amount was so trifling that the usual formality of depositing the 20 per cent was overlooked and for ten days quiet and undisputed possession was had of a palatial steamer at a cost of not one dollar. At once after the sale the boat was turned over to Phillips as agent who advertised extensively as being positively the last opportunity to reach the golden Koyukuk this season and sold tickets to all applicants. Time and again it was stated the Gold Star would sail on a certain day, but as many times was the date postponed. The demand for transportation, however, was not as brisk as was anticipated and the boat could not sail until the sheriff had his \$500 and the colonel his \$5000, the seamen in the meantime for whose benefit the steamer was sold would merely have to wait a little longer for their wages. They had already waited weeks and another fortnight or two would make no difference. Seamen never need any money. But the last day of grace finally arrived with the sheriff chasing the colonel and the latter doing a swift pace after Phillips. The passengers about this time who had paid out their good money in fares were beginning to wonder where they were going to get off. Among them was a lady who had bought a \$2000 outfit at one of the company stores, had paid for it and it was stored away on the boat. Others were in a like predicament and the air around the Phillips headquarters became rather torrid. The end came at last with Phillips going down and out in the tenth round, the colonel throwing up the sponge at the same time and Sheriff Bilbeck declaring it no contest. The passengers were returned their money and so ends the first act in that romantic comedy-drama, "The Sale of the Gold Star, or Where Do the Seamen Get Off."

From Saturday and Monday's Daily

all of whom desired to express their unexpressed indignation at the cowardly act, the deepest sympathy with Mr. McKinley and hopes for his recovery. Added to this personal patriotic sentiment was the dread that whatever the outcome of the outrage on the president it would perhaps react fatally upon Mrs. McKinley.

All the newspapers this morning publish long accounts from Buffalo describing the attack on President McKinley, together with dispatches from abroad regarding the reception of the news, which excited renewed and anxious discussion of means to prevent anarchist outrages, references to previous attacks and the urgent need for the adoption of greater police precautions than ever in republics and the freest countries.

The Daily Telegraph editorially says: "It is with profound regret that the world learns today that another distinguished man is added to the criminally long list of rulers who have fallen victims to the wickedness of assassins. Most unfeigned and heartfelt sympathy will go forth from every family in Christendom to Mrs. McKinley in this hour of deepest sorrow and trial."

"Americans will acquit us of all suspicion of insincerity when we claim that the blow will be felt with almost as much severity in Great Britain as in the United States."

Referring to the sympathy displayed by Americans at the time of the death of Queen Victoria, the Daily Telegraph says: "Sympathy can only be repaid by sympathy, though it is a sad fact that the debt we so gratefully discharge should have fallen due so soon." The article concludes by dilating upon the inexplicability of the crime committed in a free country at the time of its greatest well-being against one of the most popular of rulers, and the need of still further protection against anarchists.

The Daily Mail thinks the motive underlying such crimes is notoriety, and that if such criminals could be dealt with on the spot one great inducement to the commission of such attempts would be removed. The Mail suggests that all rulers should be accompanied by armed men instructed to shoot an assassin on the spot.

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MOVING PICTURES

Will Be a Feature of Sunday Night Concerts at Savoy.

The new moving picture machine which the Savoy theater added to its regular show Thursday night is the best and most attractive ever seen in Dawson. The machine is owned and personally exhibited by Miles Bros. and is called the bioscope. The scenes are reproduced on the canvas with clearness of detail and without any of the flickering lights which has always prevented a clear view of pictures exhibited by other machines. The pictures presented are all works of art and give actual scenes of people and events in different parts of the world. In addition to the moving pictures a complete history of Rome is shown by stereoscopic views, giving the scenes on the docks at Seattle of the first rush, the arrival of the boats at Nome, the business center of the town, places of amusement and the work being done on the various creeks.

The Miles Bros. have a large number of views so that a change of program will be given weekly. The pictures will be made a feature of the Sunday night sacred concerts which will be given throughout the winter and are sure to be a drawing card.

Johann Most Indignant.

New York, Sept. 7.—Johann Most, the anarchist, was indignant when informed that the man who shot President McKinley was an anarchist. "I do not believe he was an anarchist," said Herr Most. "Every man who shoots a ruler is called an anarchist. Guiteau was not an anarchist. He was a disappointed office seeker. Anyway, we know nothing of that fellow. Comes from Poland, does he? I am sure he is so anarchist. There are no anarchists in Poland. Poland is a Catholic country."

Messrs. R. and L. De Lobel were passengers for Skagway on the Sifton last night.

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STR. DANUBE'S BIG CARGO

Nearly All of Which Will Come on to Dawson.

Skagway, Sept. 14.—The steamer Danube which arrived from B. C. points this morning brought 250 tons of freight, 34 cattle and 47 hogs; the live stock being for N. P. Shaw & Co. Rev. Heatherington and family of Dawson, are among the passengers. McLennan & McPeely are the heaviest shippers. Commissioner Ross has a big grocery shipment.

The next steamer due to arrive is the Humboldt on the 17th.

DECLINES TO TALK

Mr. Hawkins Is Mute Regarding Future Operations.

Skagway, Sept. 14.—E. C. Hawkins, lately resigned as manager of the White Pass railroad, returned from below on the City of Seattle. He refuses to be interviewed relative to his future operations. He will turn over his official duties connected with the company to Vice President Newell immediately on the latter's return from Dawson.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Prospector will make another trip to Stewart river points, leaving here on Monday next.

Word was received indirectly yesterday from the steamer Louise, which had arrived with two barges 16 miles below the city, returning for her third one a short distance below Eagle City. It is learned that the Louise left St. Michael August 18, the three barges containing a cargo of 1350 tons. In a number of instances she was compelled to double trip over swift water where the current proved too stiff.

The Yukoner which brought in 47 passengers and 730 tons of freight, left last night at 8 o'clock for Whitehorse with every berth taken.

The arrival of the May West from St. Michael a few days ago recalls the first and only other time that tiny little steamer ever tied up at the Dawson docks. It was early in the season of '98 and she was the first steamer to arrive that year. The winter before Dawsonites had subsisted entirely upon a straight diet of bacon and beans, flour was selling at \$75 a sack and pork, streak bacon at almost the same figure, and when the May West pulled into port she found every man, woman and child in town down at the wharf to meet her. People climbed over each other in their efforts to buy such eatables as she had to sell, the prices realized being such as would have made millions of her owners if they had had a trifle more extensive stock. Since that year, however, the West has had a more or less checkered career and last year she sought to end her misfortunes by going ashore in a heavy gale near St. Michael, lying there on the beach for several weeks until her present owner purchased her.

Captain Hoelscher, until recently master of the Portus B. Wear, is coming up the river as one of the pilots on the Will H. Loom. The Loom is said to be drawing five feet of water.

The Dawson last trip down brought 73 passengers and 180 tons of freight. She returned up river yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Yukon came in at midnight Thursday evening with 39 passengers. On her departure yesterday afternoon she carried over 90 passengers.

Notice Re Dawson Directory.

To all Whom it May Concern: The public are notified that I am the only holder of a concession from the Yukon council for publishing a directory of Dawson City and the Yukon territory, and that the only directory already published for Dawson City and the Yukon territory was brought out and published by me, I having engaged W. J. Barnes and A. M. Baber to assist me in the publication for the year and their contract having expired with me, they have no further authority to represent me.

I propose for the coming year, under my concession, to issue a directory for the City of Dawson and the Yukon territory, devoted exclusively to the interests of the Yukon territory and this will be the only directory for said territory brought out for the coming year.

I ask the public to aid me in my undertaking, and I beg, by permission, to refer to Messrs. Blacker & De Jours, advocates, at Dawson; the First National bank of Seattle, Washington, and the First National bank of Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.

My agents with proper credentials will be on the ground, soliciting your favors in due time. Respectfully yours, MARIA L. FERGUSON.

C. B. Zabrickie has returned from Skagway where he went as a delegate to the Grand Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood. John Hering left on the Clifford Sifton last night for Seattle, where they will spend the winter.

ALL NIGHT SERVICE

Electric Lights to Be on Continuously After Oct. 1.

There is probably no commercial enterprise in Dawson which has made greater strides nor added more improvements to its plant within the past three years than the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company, and today the company is the possessor of an as completely equipped electrical plant as will be found anywhere in Canada in any city of three times the population of Dawson. During the present season an enormous quantity of new machinery has been added which was at once installed and has been in working order for a month or so. A great difficulty, however, has been experienced in securing a foundation of sufficient solidity to withstand the constant motion of the heavy engines and ponderous generators. To overcome the trouble it is now proposed to excavate beneath the machinery to a depth of eight feet, down to solid gravel, and then build up a foundation of concrete composed of Portland cement and sand. Next season will see still further improvements made in the system and should the demand occasion it the company will be in a position to transmit power for mining purposes to every creek in the Klondike district. At present power is furnished only as far as the Forks, though it is possible to transmit it as great a distance as 75 miles. Owing to the lateness of the season, but two pumps are now being operated by electric power, one of them being on Adams hill and the other on King Solomon hill, both of 50 horse power capacity and of sufficient power to raise water from Bonanza creek to a height of 300 or 400 feet. The efficiency of their work is all that could be desired and next season will doubtless see a far greater number employed. Mr. W. A. Speake, the present manager of the company, is comparatively a recent arrival in the city, having been here but little over a month. He is heavily interested in the Northwest Electric Company of Seattle and is known along the coast as being an eminently successful manager of electrical enterprises. In speaking of the lighting service which will be given Dawson this winter Mr. Speake said:

"Mr. J. A. Williams and I have concluded to give Dawson a 24-hour service throughout the winter beginning October 1. Heretofore the lights have been turned off from half past 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning to about 3 in the afternoon, but this winter they will run continuously and with no extra charge, the service being identical with cities on the outside. We are extending our circuits every day and the lighting of cabins and residences is becoming much more general than ever before. No matter what the growth of the city may be in the future we shall be in position to accommodate all who may desire our service. With our present equipment we could light every building in Dawson and still furnish power for double the number of motors now being used."

THE EMPIRE HOTEL

Its Opening Marks a Step in Dawson Progress.

The Empire hotel is now formally opened to the public and Dawson can now boast of having a truly up-to-date metropolitan hotel. The house is situated on Second street nearly opposite the Bank of H. N. A. Special furniture has been secured for the establishment, every room having a complete set of furniture, all of modern and artistic manufacture, not a detail being forgotten to make the place not only comfortable but luxurious in appointment. Major Morgan and Jim Macdonald are the enterprising proprietors of the establishment. Mr. Macdonald will be remembered by a host of friends which he made while managing the Hotel McDonald, he being a thorough hotel man and competent to successfully direct the destinies of any similar institutions in any country.

The Gold Court.

Gold Commissioner Seakler rendered a decision yesterday, in the case of Cohen et al. vs. Perrin et al., the controversy, being over the hillside, left limit, adjoining above the mouth on Last Chance. The gold commissioner finds the case to be parallel with that of Wagon vs. Vincent in which the minister of the interior held that even though a prior locator, a person making a misdescription of the ground located under the circumstances as set out in this case, he must suffer. It is decided that the defendant is entitled to hold the ground in dispute under the Nixon location, as set out under the Cote plan, only in so far as it does not conflict with the gulch claim No. 1 on the tributary at 9 above, the mouth. The decision is effect is that though one may be a prior locator on a claim, yet if in his application to record a misdescription of the ground is given a subsequent locator may apply for and will receive the grant to the claim in question.

REPORTED SUSPENSION

Of Assistant Gold Commissioner Mr. J. Langlois Bell From Office

PENDING INVESTIGATION FROM OTTAWA

Rumor Mentions "Black Hills" Survey As Unauthorized

COSTING THE DOMINION \$5000.

Gold Commissioner Seakler, Inspector Corry Nor Mr. Bell Have Official Information.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily. It is current rumor today that Assistant Gold Commissioner J. Langlois Bell will, commencing with Monday, September 16th, be suspended from his office by order from Ottawa pending an investigation of certain of his official acts.

It is also reported that the investigation will pertain to the order of the assistant gold commissioner which caused a survey of what is known as the Black Hills in the Stewart river district, which survey is said to have cost the Dominion government in the neighborhood of \$5000 and which was done without instructions from Ottawa.

Mr. Bell was seen at his home this afternoon by a Nugget reporter when he said that he had heard the rumor above referred to, namely, that he is to be suspended from office pending an investigation, but that he has as yet received no official information neither has any official information been received in Dawson concerning it. Mr. Bell said the rumor was a great surprise to him and that he is confident there is some mistake as he has done nothing which, in his opinion, should subject him to an investigation.

Gold Commissioner Seakler said he knew nothing of it, having received no official information from Ottawa.

Inspector W. W. Corry, who has been in the city some time on a tour of general inspection, was likewise as greatly surprised as the other officials who were seen. He professes total ignorance of the matter and is absolutely at sea as to the cause of the alleged complaint. He stated that he knew nothing whatever about it and had received no communication from Ottawa concerning this or any other irregularity in the gold commissioner's office.

Mr. Bell has occupied his present position nearly two years and to all with whom he has had dealings he has always proven a most courteous and competent official.

Was Properly Equipped.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 6.—There is every probability that the Islander investigation will be concluded at once. Capt. Gaudin adjourned court today, adding that it would resume Tuesday, when, if no further evidence was volunteered, a verdict would be given.

The most important evidence was that of Captain Collier, inspector of boats, who stated that he had inspected the ship on the 31st of May. He had opened and closed the bulkheads and had found them to work satisfactorily. There were six boats, four steel and two wooden ones, and with their equipment, met his approval. A short time before the inspection he had the boats all put out on the trip to Vancouver, and the work was accomplished by an officer and five men in 15 minutes. He also inspected and tested the life buoys and found that they came up to the requirements of law, all being in a satisfactory condition. They were made of cork and tule, a sort of California grass. These kind of life preservers have been in use since 1864, when they were adopted by the department of marine and fisheries.

Correspondence which passed between the local inspector at that time and the department, in reference to their use was then read to the court by Thomson. Life buoys, witness said, had been all properly distributed about the ship, every room and other compartment having its regulation number.

Big Dredger a Success.

Mr. Ross M. Crawford returned yesterday from a three days' visit to 44 below on Bonanza, where he has been examining the big dredger of the Lewis River Dredging Co. The dredge which has only been in operation for a couple of weeks has proven to be a great success and promises to revolutionize mining methods in this country.

Mrs. Robert Lawrence (Lillian Grant) took her departure for the outside on the Victorian.

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