

# NICHOLS GUILTY

Of Housebreaking to the Second Charge of Which He Pleaded Guilty.

NO MORE STATEMENTS PERMITTED

Such As Attorney Bleeker Made Concerning the Jury

IN SLOUGH MURDER TRIAL

As It Was a Reflection Upon the Police Unwarranted—No Blame Attached to Attorney.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. This morning in the territorial court Justice Dugas said that the statement made by Attorney Bleeker at the close of the Slorah murder trial, to the effect that the jury had received information outside of court, had been fully investigated and found to be without foundation. This was, he said, a reflection upon the police for which there was no occasion, and while he did not think that Attorney Bleeker had made the statement with any other end in view than that of taking every possible advantage for his client, at the same time, in the future such statements would not be permitted till the proper proof of their truth was in evidence.

George Nichols, who was found guilty yesterday afternoon of housebreaking, was on trial this morning on a second charge of a similar nature, being charged with having broken into the house of Clarence Temple between the 30th of September and the 15th of October, and stolen groceries to the value of \$14.95.

After the jury had been impanelled the prisoner stated that inasmuch as he could not find one very important witness he would plead guilty.

The case of Robert Riddle, charged with having sold wood under false pretenses from below Mooshide on the 6th day of November last, was next called.

Mr. Labbe testified that he had made arrangements with Riddle to go with him to Mooshide to look at 75 cords of wood. He had gone with Riddle's partner, Frank Rowne, and had agreed to buy the lot at \$4.50 per cord, and that he had received a bill of sale to the wood, and had paid them \$245.25 on account. The balance of the amount to be paid was deposited with Andy McKenzie to be paid over upon the receipt of the crown timber office for stumpage being presented. This receipt had not been presented, and on the 8th of the month he had again visited the wood piles, and had found the teamster of Sonnikson and Henry hauling the wood away. A visit paid to Sonnikson & Henry developed the fact that the wood was claimed by that firm. A warrant for Riddle's arrest followed.

There was some other wood in the vicinity; some that had been cut in '98, which the witness did not see at the time he visited Mooshide, and this wood, he said, was not claimed by Sonnikson, although he claimed to have acquired title to the 75 cords purchased by the witness.

These facts were brought out by the cross-examination of Attorney McKay, who appeared for the defense.

The case is on trial this afternoon, and is the last of the jury cases to be heard at this sitting. The great accumulation of cases which had gathered before the second courtroom was prepared is fast being cleared from the calendar, and the last of them will be contained in the peremptory list for the second week in December.

Next week, being the last week in November, there will be no court held. Justice Dugas has called upon the commissioner's office to prepare a complete list of English-speaking people within a reasonable distance of Dawson.

The object of this list is to ascertain the number and residence of those eligible for jury duty. It is presumed that the list will be made up at once.

There has been more or less delay in the commencing of criminal cases by the prisoners not being on hand promptly

ly when court was called, and this morning Justice Dugas ordered the issuance of an order to the effect that hereafter an order for the appearance of prisoners at a certain hour should be sent to the police headquarters the afternoon previous to the day they are required. It is only fair to the police to say that it is through no fault of their's that prisoners have not been on hand promptly when wanted, but rather to the fact that under the arrangement of men detailed for various duties it requires a little longer notice than has been possible to give under the old way.

As there will be no court held next week it is very probable that George Nichols will receive his sentence not later than tomorrow morning.

## St. Andrews Ball.

All arrangements are practically completed for the St. Andrew's ball a week from tomorrow night and nothing remains to be done but await the advent of the glorious occasion. The partitions will be removed from the down stairs of the Savoy and all the space will be thrown into one large dancing hall. Tickets are selling much more rapidly than the management anticipated they would and from a financial as well as from a social standpoint the success of the big undertaking is assured.

## Many Are Going Out.

A large number of Dawson people are preparing to start over the ice for the outside between the 1st and 15th of the next month. Many who calculated on spending a portion of the winter outside and who were not able to get away on one of the last boats, will make the trip out over the ice and return by the same route in February or March. The three-fourths of the people going out now expect to return before navigation opens. Thus far not over a half dozen people have started, but many are preparing to go soon. In the course of two or three weeks there is no doubt but that the trail the entire distance from Dawson to Whitehorse will be in fine condition.

# Numerous Fires

The fire alarm which was rung yesterday afternoon was from a burning chimney in the two-story frame building at the corner of Fourth avenue and Third street. The hose from the chemical engine was unreeled and carried to the roof but was not needed, as it was found that a few shovelful of snow thrown into the chimney were all that was necessary to put out the fire.

The business part of Dawson was startled shortly after 5 o'clock this morning by an alarm of fire which was the result of a call from a tailor shop between Germain's restaurant on Second avenue and Third street.

The fire started from a defective flue and resulted in some damage to the roof. Some of the boards were torn off when the chemical engine was turned on and the fire quickly extinguished. The damage was trifling, although very serious results would undoubtedly have followed had the fire made any considerable progress before being discovered.

The firemen complain this morning that the alleyway between First and Second avenues is being partially blocked by fire wood and logs, which would, in a serious case of fire, greatly impede the progress of fire apparatus.

Just before 12 o'clock today fire was discovered in one of the upstairs rooms of the Savoy, where a carpet had become ignited by being in close contact with a stovepipe. An alarm was rung, but the department was immediately afterward notified that a bucket of water had done the required work.

Shortly after noon today another alarm of fire was sounded and the department responded for a blaze in T. C. Healy's warehouse on Fourth street, near Third avenue.

The cause of the fire was, as usual, the same old defective flue which has cost so much money and work in the past. As in the case of the fire last evening, but little damage resulted, and that was to the roof. The warehouse contained about \$40,000 worth of goods.

## All for Teddy.

An Arizona delegate, tall, strongly built, wearing a huge sombrero and with a voice like the roll of a snare drum, climbed up on the telegraph desk at the Lafayette in Philadelphia the night before the Republican convention. He lurched unsteadily for a moment and then roared out: "We have come from Arizona, that great and grand state, to tell you benighted dwellers in this City of Brotherly Love that 'Teddy' is all right. 'Teddy' is Arizona's choice. 'Teddy' is the limit and a side bet. In this glorious city, where the spiders spin webs from the cars while in rapid motion to the trees, we declare ourselves. In this beautiful city, where you spent \$3,000,000 for a penholder—and that's the only joke you have got here—we declare for 'Teddy.' Get in line. Join Arizona! Wake up! Yell for 'Teddy!' Hurrah! Hurrah!" And he tumbled off the desk.—Ex.

# MUST BE STOPPED

Box Rustling Must Cease, Is the Order Issued by Major Wood.

THE WORK OF A DAILY NEWSPAPER

Which the Yukon Council Will Summarially Deal With.

MUST REFRAIN FROM SNEERING

At British and Canadian Institutions and Stop Trying to Stir up Racial Trouble.

The Yukon council met last evening, and as a result of one of the matters coming before it, Dawson, or, to make a distinction, the all night Dawson, was deeply stirred because it felt that it had received almost, if not quite, a body blow that would probably put it out of business permanently.

The matter referred to it was contained in a few brief words from Major Wood, who, after the business of listening to petitions, accounts and different communications had been received, stated that another case of robbery in one of the theater boxes had been reported and that he had considered it high time to put a stop to such affairs, and had taken the responsibility of ordering that all women be kept out of the private boxes in theaters. He asked what action if any, the council was prepared to take in the matter, and the feeling was unanimous among the members that the police commander had taken the right course of action in the matter, and that the council as a whole would sustain his action.

After a few minutes spent in the discussion of the matter, Justice Dugas said that while they were on the matter of asking questions, etc., there was a matter on his mind which he wanted to speak of, and at the same time he did not want to be misunderstood. "There is a publication here," he said, "which for a long time has been decrying and sneering at everything British or Canadian, and now it is trying to incite trouble and strife between different sections; in short making effort to stir up ill-feeling among ourselves."

"These people came among us and have been well received and well treated; have enjoyed all the privileges and benefits of the country, which they repay in this way."

Justice Dugas then went on to say that while he did not care to mention any names, he would say that there had been a meeting held by citizens during the day, and that the consequences of recently published matter in which certain very complimentary things had been said relative to a large portion of Canada's population was discussed and condemned, and that the result would probably be much more far reaching than the paper referred to guessed.

He desired to bring the matter before the council, and requested that some action be taken in the matter.

Commissioner Ogilvie suggested that the matter could best be handled by a committee appointed for the purpose, and asked the justice if he would serve on the committee and received the reply that he was ready to act.

The committee decided upon to further investigate the matter and see what protection can be had against that class of published matter were Justice Dugas, Gold Commissioner Senkler and Commissioner Ogilvie.

The public school matter came before the council and, because of the pressing needs of the situation, owing to the terribly crowded condition of the schools, the question of more room and teachers was discussed at great length. Gov. Ogilvie said that he had been looking for a suitable building and was sorry to have to report that there was no building centrally located which would meet the requirements and which could be had at anything short of an enormous rental.

It was finally decided that one of the

buildings available, probably Fraternal hall, should be rented as a temporary school room, and that Commissioner Ogilvie should ascertain the price of three lots in the proper location upon one of which it was proposed to build a school house at once, Justice Dugas brought forward the proposition to build at once instead of paying rent for a building not situated where it should be, and this view was generally coincided in.

The new school building will probably be located on Third avenue between Third and Fourth streets, and be built on the middle one of three lots, leaving the lot on either side for a play ground.

Susie Vernon, the witness in the recent murder trial, has been sent to St. Mary's hospital, as last evening she applied to Justice Dugas for assistance, as she is on the verge of nervous prostration and it is thought to be in some danger of becoming insane.

In speaking of the matter Justice Dugas said that she was in need of protection from people who insisted upon questioning her concerning the recent affair in which she has borne such a prominent part.

Altogether the meeting was one of much importance and public interest, although the actual business coming before it in the matter of accounts, petitions, etc., was comparatively small.

## Collecting Back Dues.

The new officers of the local camp of the Arctic Brotherhood are taking hold of their work in a manner which foretells prosperity and growth for that institution. This week the members of the board of trustees are out on a collecting tour in order that the exact financial standing of the camp may be ascertained. It is probable that a series of social entertainments and dances will be given by the camp during the winter. Many new members are being taken into the order which is all that is suggested in its name.

# Robbery Charged

Two small wage cases were heard by Magistrate Scarth this morning.

Frank Quinn, who was up yesterday afternoon on the charge of vagrancy, was allowed to go, having, through the agency of a friend, secured employment which he promised to assiduously follow.

Believing himself to be the owner of \$180 in gold dust, Andrew Fostrom "ha tank ha hafe a hale jumpin' gude tane" last night at the Standard theater, where, with one of the box rustlers, he hid himself to a box and purchased a drink. Having handled gold dust before, and knowing how it evaporates like spilled kerosene in frequent weighings out for payment of small bills, he sent his poke, which he alleges to have contained \$180 in dust to the bar with a waiter who was instructed to purchase \$25 in "chechako," which amount Fostrom evidently calculated to expend in enjoying the evening. On the return of his poke "ha tank it luke pooty small" with the result that he took it down to the bar and had the contents weighed, which act, he alleges, showed the poke to be a little upwards of \$80 shy the amount it should have contained. Fostrom charges the waiter with having robbed him. The case will be tried this afternoon.

## An Eldorado Kick.

Complaint comes from Eldorado that the new road which the government at great cost lately constructed along a portion of that creek is being obstructed in places by dumps. Particularly is this, it is said, the case on claim No. 3, where the road has been made the foundation for a big dump. At present the inconvenience is not apparent for the reason that much of the travel is now along the bed of the creek; but in the spring the fact that the road is being thus blockaded will greatly obstruct and in one or two places practically prohibit teaming on that creek.

## Bowling Match.

A grand bowling match for the team championship of the Yukon is now on, two parts of a series of three meets having been played at the Reception alley yesterday afternoon, the third and decisive meet to take place this afternoon at the same place. The respective teams are Alex Swartz and Herman Knapp against Rainbow and Harwood.

The individual score as the result of the first ten games was as follows: Swartz, 370; Knapp, 283; Rainbow, 296; Harwood, 270; the team record being S. and K., 653; R. and H., 566.

The second ten games, the individual score was: Swartz, 274; Knapp, 346; Rainbow, 350; Harwood, 327; the team record being: S. and K. 620; R. and H., 687.

Each team having won an inning, betting is even as to the result of the last ten games, which will complete the match, this afternoon. Each team has admirers, who are backing their favorites with coin of the realm.

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# ANXIOUS FOR MAIL

People of Fortymile Implore the Nugget to Assist Them.

WHAT ARE THE CONTRACTORS DOING?

Postmaster Has Had Vacation Lasting Six Weeks.

CAUSE FOR DELAY LEARNED.

Mail For Lower River Points Has Been Held at Skagway—Probably Arrive Here Soon.

Fortymile, Nov. 22.—People of ortymile want their mail. What in the world are the contractors doing with it? The trail has been good for the last two weeks. Make a howl through your paper. No mail for six weeks. THE COMMITTEE.

(The above telegram which was received at the Nugget office shortly after the noon hour today, admits of but one construction, namely: The people of Fortymile are anxious to receive their mail. Several calls at the office of Mr. Barley, the recently arrived division superintendent of the C. D. Co.'s mail business, failed to find that gentleman in, but a visit to the postoffice revealed the information that the contractors for carrying the mail on to lower Yukon points are and for some time have been ready to start with mail as soon as it is received here from southern points. With the two consignments which have thus far arrived since the close of navigation there has been no mail for lower river points, which mail has probably, at the instance of the Canadian inspector located at Skagway, been held at that place until the trail was known to be in good condition for its transportation. However, it is expected at the postoffice here with the next mail to arrive; and if it does, it will be forwarded on down the river without delay. At present there is only local mail on hand for down river points, only a few pounds for either Fortymile or Eagle having been collected. As soon as the consignments for lower Yukon points begin to arrive regularly from the outside, mails for below will leave Dawson on schedule time, which is every two weeks.

## The Boy Lied.

Danny, who is an errand boy in a broker's office, got a job in the same office for his chum Harry. Danny set himself the task of making Harry appear to the best advantage during the probationary period of his job, and he found it necessary sometimes to use means that were only justified by the end, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

Every afternoon Danny had to run with messages from one of the exchanges to the office, a distance of half a mile. When Harry came Danny had to "break him in" to do this. The first day that he made the trip from the exchange Harry staggered into the office, gasping with his eyes starting from his head. For a moment he couldn't speak. The broker looked at him in astonishment, and said: "You ran pretty fast, didn't you? How long did it take?" "Four minutes and 17 seconds," Harry panted, looking at the clock. "That's pretty good time," said the broker. "No, sir," said Harry. "Not very good. Danny says he does it every day in a minute and a quarter."

## Reform Holds Good.

The tidal way of reform which was mentioned several days ago and which is vividly apparent in the police court, shows no sign of ebbing. Where drunks were formerly marched to the police court in flocks and herds, now a week passes at a time without even a symptom of a dark, brown taste being seen. Even the old standbys who were formerly familiar figures in the "guilty yer honor" box, have not been seen for fully a month; their absence indicating that at last they are adhering to that oft repeated promise to never do it again. Yet he who would offer a reward for the man who will refuse a drink is in little danger of losing his money.