

CAUSED A PANIC

Alarm of Fire Sounded in Theatre

Crush Resulted and a Number of People Were Seriously Injured.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Missoula, Mont., Jan. 17.—An alarm of fire was raised in one of the local theatres during a performance to a packed house. A terrible panic ensued which resulted in a number of people being seriously injured. A bartender employed in the house was trampled on and is not expected to recover.

TO CONTROL RAILROADS

Gov. McBride Writes a Message

Denounces Passes and Calls for Proper Control by the State.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Olympia, Wash., Jan. 17.—Gov. McBride has sent a message to the legislature dealing in very strong terms with the railway situation. He denounces the passes and particularly the custom of issuing free tickets to members of the legislature and other officials. The message says that it rests upon the state as a sacred duty to devise means for properly controlling the railroads.

A PLUCKY WOMAN

Compelled Gambler to Disgorge Winnings.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Gen. Idaho, Jan. 17.—A faro dealer in a local gambling house was held up by a woman named Mrs. Welsh. Her husband, a miner, had lost a month's pay over the gambling table. The plucky woman secured a revolver and compelled the dealer to hand over the entire amount.

Promote a Thirst

London, Dec. 19.—F. J. Melville, in a lecture here yesterday on "The Postage Stamp With Stories," said that at Christmas in 1898 the Canadian postoffice department at Ottawa issued a stamp of rather large dimension (the one with the legend "We hold a vaster empire than has been") and which provided an unusually broad surface of gum. Teetotalers, he added, after using it for some time came to the conclusion that it was a device of the government, in league with the publicans, and that the stamp was issued expressly to promote a thirst.

Britain and Japan.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Times has the following from London: "The Tokio correspondent of the Times says a despatch from the British minister to the Japanese foreign minister conveying King Edward's warm appreciation of the Japanese celebration of his coronation and the very friendly comments of the Japanese press, has been submitted to the emperor. His majesty has ordered the publication of the despatch throughout the country."

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REFUSED JUDGESHIP

Gov. Taft Prefers to Remain in Philippines

Has Sent Letter to the President Declining Proffered Position.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, N.B., Jan. 17.—Gov. Taft has written to the president declining an offer of appointment to a judgeship. His letter states that he prefers to remain in the Philippines.

Large Syndicate

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, Jan. 17.—A syndicate of the big Canadian dailies has been perfected and arrangements made to secure reports from outgoing and incoming Atlantic steamers by wireless telegraphy. Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto papers are included in the syndicate.

BOTH WERE INDICTED

Shameful Crime of Asylum Officials.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Fredericton, N.B., Jan. 17.—The Fredericton grand jury has brought in true bills against former Supt. A. F. Woodbridge and his assistant, Ernest Powers, for seducing and having other illicit relations with inmates of the New Brunswick asylum for the deaf and dumb. Defendants have both left the province.

First Spike Driven

Special to the Daily Nugget. Port Angeles, Jan. 17.—The first spike was driven today in the Port Angeles-Pacific railway.

SAGASTA DEAD.

Former Premier Passes Away in Seventy-Sixth Year.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Former Premier Praxedes Mateo Sagasta died at 11 o'clock tonight in his 76th year. At half past six he had an attack of heart failure and it was then thought he was dead. He rallied, however, and lived for four and a half hours. His funeral will probably take place next Wednesday.

Senor Sagasta's death was due to bronchitis and gastric troubles. His family was at the bedside, and former Liberal members of the cabinet were near their old leader. A bishop administered the last sacrament this afternoon.

The news of the former premier's death created a painful impression throughout Madrid. King Alfonso expressed profound regret. Senor Sagasta's intellect was unimpaired until the last hours. He talked to his daughters, the presidents of the senate and of congress, and to the archbishop of Toledo. King Alfonso has written a letter of sympathy to Senor Sagasta's family. During the former premier's illness the queen mother and other members of the royal family frequently sent officials to inquire as to his progress.

Good Luck

Chicago, Jan. 6.—David Thompson, one of the best known prospectors in the Black Hills, over which country he has hunted for gold for seventeen years, struck a ledge of great richness and after ten minutes' demonstrations of delight fell dead, says a dispatch to the Tribune from Roubaix, S. D. An examination made later by physicians showed a blood vessel in the brain to have been ruptured.

Banquet to Prefontaine

Toronto, Jan. 6.—An interesting affair is promised in the annual banquet of the Laurier Club tonight. The Hon. Raymond Prefontaine is to be the guest of honor and a number of other public men of note are to be present.

The ingenious fellows down in the California oil belt are marketing a new kind of fuel in the form of compressed oil cakes. The product burns slowly but with abundant heat. Should this form of transporting and using oil prove practical, this enabling it to be packed and moved at a moderate cost, it will open up another use for oil, and its utility as a fuel be greatly advanced.

FOR SALE—Very cheap, interest in creek claim No. 143 below lower on Dominion. Inquire E. C. Stahl, this office.



Portraits of three men prominent in public life are presented in the Nugget today. Sig. Marconi, whose wireless telegraph system has been adopted by the great newspapers of Canada, as told in the dispatches today, occupies the center. To the right is Stanford Newell, American ambassador to the Netherlands and a member of the Hague convention, soon to sit in adjudication of the Venezuelan difficulty. The third picture is that of Hon. John Charlton, M.P., who has recently taken an active part in the discussion of reciprocity with the United States. Mr. Charlton does not believe that Canada has received fair treatment at the hands of Uncle Sam, and has expressed himself vigorously thereon.

SAYLOR COMING

Has Had a Busy Time Instructing Congress for Alaska.

United States Consul Saylor is expected to be heard from at Skagway, on his journey in, in a very few days. He has had a very busy time of it in Washington, having been called upon to make reports and collect statistics of many kinds as to the better government of Alaska, and has been called upon by several of the committees of congress to express his views upon this.

BURNED TO DEATH

Four Lives Lost in a Late Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Four persons lost their lives in a fire at the Hotel Somerset, an eight-story brick structure at Wabash and Twelfth streets, early today. Three of the victims, Mrs. E. T. Perry, aged 35, and her two daughters, 8 and 9 years old respectively, were burned or suffocated to death in their room on the fourth floor. A fourth victim, believed to be Miss Ethel Saunders, died in the ambulance on her way to the hospital. She is said to have been a niece of Mrs. Perry. The injured, T. W. Parker, broken ankle and several bruises.

Emile Saccacze, cut by broken glass. C. W. Wrightman, badly cut about face and hand. William Pearce, elevator boy, affected by smoke and cut by flying glass.

It is thought that Mrs. Perry first became aware of the fire and aroused her daughters. The latter, however, appear to have been quickly overcome both having been found in their beds, while the body of Mrs. Perry lay on the floor near the window. The elevator conductor ran his car to the top floor, shouting a warning and carrying many of the guests from the building. There were about 100 guests in the building. G. W. Parker jumped from the window of a room on the fourth floor to the roof of a two-story building adjoining the hotel and was badly injured. The financial loss was about \$20,000.

William Clemons, a porter in the hotel, has been arrested. From admissions made by Clemons it is believed that he caused the fire by accidentally igniting his bed-clothes while smoking a cigarette. The young woman who died in the ambulance and was partially identified as Ethel Saunders, is now believed to be another daughter of Mrs. Perry.

Tennessee's Partner Auditorium.

FORMING A COMBINE

In the last mail J. H. Rogers, of the White Pass company, received a letter from Vice-President Newell, the first in three months. The letter was dated Chicago, December 26th, so made a fairly good trip. Mr. Rogers believes that Mr. Newell's intention was to leave for the coast almost immediately and that he is now at San Francisco or Seattle.

While in Chicago it is believed that Mr. Newell was in conference with the N. A. T. & T. company, with the view to making a combine with them and the N. C. company as to transportation prices to be charged this summer. It will be remembered that the two big companies, the N. A. T. & T. company and the N. C. company, in the spring of 1901 formed a combination under the title of the Northern Navigation company, so as to lessen the wharfrage and other charges to the two companies. Also each boat brought up the river from St. Michael the goods of the two companies indiscriminately, charging the haulage to the company owning the goods at a rate agreed upon this time last year. But at the end of the season this combination was abolished and each company decided to run its own boats independently this year.

That large dealers were able to get in their freight last year by way of the lower river cheaper than they could by way of the White Pass was one of the thorns in the side of the latter company, and negotiations have been going on this fall to make a combination of the three companies. What they may result in cannot at present be surmised. That they may have progressed harmoniously so far is believed to be the case from the fact that the local managers have so far received no instructions as to the steamer service for the coming season, and it generally reaches them before this date. One who is an authority on such matters said this afternoon that he understood one meeting had been held in Chicago, at which there was a representative of the N. C. company present with the officials of the N. A. T. & T. company. Now it is believed that Mr. Newell has proceeded to San Francisco to confer with the N. C. company at its headquarters, and that the deal has made good progress toward a mutual understanding.

Mr. Newell would necessarily like to have this arranged before he leaves for Ottawa, where it is believed there will be another fight made for lower freight rates for the Yukon territory. It is believed that from the reports the government has received from the special agents it has sent to the Yukon during the past summer a strong demand will be made this coming session of parliament for a lower freight schedule, and it may also transpire that the passenger rates will have to come down. How far the deal Mr. Newell is able to make with the two big companies may influence the authorities at Ottawa as a question for large shippers to take into consideration.

Washington, Jan. 6.—At the cabinet meeting today all the members were present. Serious consideration was given to the status of the Venezuelan question. The status of the Cuban reciprocity treaty in the senate was also considered.

Confidence was expressed by the president and cabinet that the treaty would be ratified, but the disposition of some of the advocates of the beet sugar interests to couple the Cuban treaty with the pending proposed tariff bill was brought up.

CAPT. HEALY TALKS

Says Seattle Cannot Take All and Give Nothing

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Capt. John J. Healy, identified with the development of Alaska since the earliest days of the opening up of that country, and who is again in Seattle on what is the largest enterprise in which he has yet been engaged, says that the success of the Valdes, Copper River & Yukon Railway now seems assured, as announced in press dispatches from New York about a month ago. Capt. Healy, who has been connected with the enterprise since its beginning is now waiting in this city for Contractor J. P. McDonald and other members of a party who represent eastern interests in the proposed road. The party will start for Valdes about February 1 and make the trip over the proposed route of the railroad by sledge in order to get an idea of the winter conditions that will have to be met in the construction of the road.

It is expected that the first section of the road from Valdes to Copper Creek will be finished by fall, and that the entire distance from Valdes to Dawson will be covered in two years and a half. From Copper Creek the survey will carry the line into Eagle City and through the Fottymile country between that place, and Dawson.

The operations that are to be carried on in the construction of this road will mean a great deal to Seattle in the amount of business that will necessarily be done through this city, and as it is the expectation of the promoters that homes in the fertile parts of Alaska will be made available for at least 1,000,000 people the benefit to the city will be a permanent one. During the construction work about 5,000 from this section of the country will be given employment on the road.

COAL COMMISSION

Testimony of the Non-Union Miners.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—After a recess over the holidays the anthracite coal strike commission resumed its work today, hearing the non-union men's side of the controversy of the great industrial war in the anthracite coal regions during the past year. It is expected that nearly a month will be occupied in taking the testimony of the non-union men, the coal operators and the mine-workers in rebuttal.

The session began at 11 o'clock. The court room was well filled and the commissioners filed in and took their seats. All the prominent attorneys were present excepting C. S. Darrow, leading counsel for the miners, who was delayed in the west. The first business brought up was the presentation by their counsel of the wage statement of several of the small independent coal companies in the Hazelton region.

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Sheriff Schadt, of Lackawanna county, gave in detail his experience during the strike and finally his call upon Gov. Stone for assistance.

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MISSING MAN.

Was Well Known to Dawson Grocer.

Richard Grant who has been advertised in the Dawson papers as having disappeared and for whom a large sum of money is waiting outside, was well known to F. S. Dinkham the local grocer.

Grant resided in the town of Ingham and also traded at the store, paying his bills regularly for some months. Along toward the close of navigation he set up his affairs and took a steamer for the outside but to what point he was en route is not known.

Examination of the transportation companies' records should lead to some trace of his whereabouts.

New York, Jan. 6.—Levi Eicher, aged 59 years, and his wife, residing in Springfield township, have been tortured by masked thieves, says a Press dispatch from Conneville, Pa., until they told where their money was hidden. The robbers held a lighted lamp to Mr. Eicher's feet and, burned them until the flesh fell off before he would consent to show them the strong box where \$235 in bills was hidden. Then they bound the victims to the bed and left them, taking a horse and saddle from a barn. Eicher, it is said, recognized one of the thieves.

UNCLE SAM PREFERRED

To Other Nations by Cuban Treaty

The British Commercial Bodies Register a Strong Complaint.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Jan. 17.—Much complaint is heard in British commercial circles with regard to the Cuban treaty. It is claimed that the terms of the treaty lean so strongly toward the United States that all other countries are practically barred from the Cuban trade. The matter is under active discussion among British trade organizations and a number of deputations will wait upon Lord Lansdowne in the very near future, for the purpose of urging a protest against the treaty.

MORMON APOSTLE

To Represent Utah in the U. S. Senate.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Salt Lake City, Jan. 17.—In spite of the protests of President Roosevelt the Utah legislature has chosen Apostle Reed Smoot to represent the state in the national senate. Smoot is one of the twelve apostles of the church and is a devout adherent of the Mormon faith.

Judgment for Plaintiff

In the wage case that was tried before Mr. Justice Macaulay Saturday styled Martelle vs. Parkinson and Copping, his lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff in the full amount claimed for wages.

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Great Britain Protests

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—Great Britain has vigorously protested to the Turkish government against the permission granted in September last to the unarmed Russian torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea, under the commercial flag of Russia. These vessels were about to start on the proposed trip. The British note says the passage of the Dardanelles by the torpedo boat destroyers would be a violation of the existing international treaties, and that if Russian warships are thus allowed to use the Dardanelles, Great Britain will reserve the right to similar privileges.

The protest has caused irritation in Russian circles and concern on the part of the Turkish authorities, who fear that other powers will follow the example of Great Britain.

German Tariff

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 11.—The Korean cabinet has resigned, owing to the refusal of the emperor to authorize the impeachment of the war minister on charges which have not been disclosed. The populace is incensed against the court.

LARGE SUM IS WANTED

From State Legislature of Oregon

Fair Managers Ask for Sum of \$500,000—Will Be Granted.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—The Portland delegation in the state legislature will make a strong effort to secure assistance from the state to aid the proposed fair. A bill has been introduced appropriating \$500,000 in aid of the exposition, and no doubt is felt by the promoters of the measure that it will be passed.

TERRIBLE FAMINE

Reported in Northern Part of Sweden

People Are Compelled to Live on Pine Bark and Moss—Many Dying.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Stockholm, Jan. 17.—Distressing famine is reported from the northern part of Sweden. Thousands of people are affected and much suffering has already resulted. Pine bark and moss are the only food available. Cattle are dying off rapidly and the population is decreasing at a distressing rate.

IN THE KOYUKUK

To the Far North in Quest of the White Channel.

John Bechler, of the Regina, has received a letter from his son, who left here on the last down river boat, dated October 2nd, and written at some place about 100 miles to the northwest of Coldfoot and a few miles from the great divide of the Mackenzie watershed. He is not far from the head of Hogg river, and sends out his letter by an Indian to Coldfoot just to assure his father that he is in good health and spirits. He is on a search for the white channel, and says that on all the streams they have passed to the north they have found gold but have not stopped to prospect, and that the lower part of the Koyukuk country is not in it for richness with the country they are now going through.

Reindeer in Alaska

Washington, Jan. 5.—The secretary of the interior has transmitted to the senate a report by the commissioner of education on the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska. It shows that there are nine stations between Point Barrow and the Nenana settlement at Bethel, a distance of 700 miles, where reindeer herds have been distributed. The number of lawns born last year, and still living, is stated at 1,054, which, the report says, settles beyond a doubt the question of the successful introduction of reindeer into Alaska. The report says the Eskimos make good herders and teamsters.

Some Weather

January is abundantly making good its reputation of being the coldest month in the year. Last night the thermometer sank to the lowest mark on far recorded this winter, 55 below according to the police thermometer. Some of the instruments about town showed the cold to be even more intense, some going as low as 60 below. It was cold enough, however, and during the preceding twenty-four hours there was a variation of but six degrees. The maximum was 49, minimum, 55.

New Crown Prosecutor

Mr. J. B. Pattullo, of the legal firm of Pattullo & Ridley, received a wire Saturday from the minister of justice notifying him of his appointment as crown prosecutor, vice F. T. Condon, resigned. Mr. Pattullo does not know whether his appointment is permanent or not, the wire merely stating he was to act until further orders. The public will be well pleased with the selection made.