

PARDONED TODAY.

Edward Lord Released on a Telegraphic Order From Ottawa.

SIGNED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

The Result of Two Years' Hard Work by Leroy Tozier

WHO CIRCULATED PETITION.

The Prisoner Was Released at 12:30 Today—A Brief History of the Case.

(From Monday's Daily.)
"You can release Edward Lord," reads the telegram received at police headquarters this morning from Minister of Justice Sir David Mills at Ottawa.

To say that this telegram brings relief and happiness to several people is to put it very mildly. Besides the prisoner himself, who once more walks the streets a free man, his wife, of course, is made happy and while that word is perhaps a little strong to apply to Leroy Tozier, it is certainly not saying too much to state that he heard the news of the pardon with great satisfaction, as it is mainly due to his untiring efforts and persistence that the pardon which has been so urgently sought during the past two years, has at last been granted, and Lord set at liberty.

The history of the case dates back to November, '98, at which time Lord was a barkeeper in the employ of Joseph Kerry. While under the influence of liquor he took \$18,000 worth of gold dust, the property of Kerry and Dougherty. His arrest followed, and upon being arraigned before Judge McGuire, in what was then the supreme court of the Northwest territories, now the territorial court of the Yukon territory, he pleaded guilty to the charge of theft, and returned the money. It was deemed advisable for the sake of example to make his sentence severe, and he was accordingly sentenced to five years at hard labor.

Perhaps the severity of the sentence may have been increased from what it would otherwise have been, by the belief that there were others implicated with him in the crime, but if there were, Lord was always careful to guard their secret jealously, and would never admit anything which would tend to implicate anyone else. The prisoner received his sentence from Judge McGuire March 24, 1898, and Mr. Tozier immediately took steps looking to his ultimate pardon. Many things had to be contended with in the matter, among them some charges of former misconduct in one of the southern states, which, on account of the great distance, and limited mail service, took a long time to disprove. It was done, however, and the circulating of a petition which received the signatures of Judge McGuire, Capt. Starnes, Capt. Scarth and other officials who were in a position to know the details of the case, followed. This petition, together with voluminous proofs of former good behavior, did the work and resulted in the final pardon and the telegraphic order which came at 12:30 today and made Edward Lord once more a free man.

Mining Outlook is Bright.
Occasionally people who have failed to find a place on the hillside under a nice shade tree where they could pick the gold out of the grass roots are encountered on the streets, and sometimes they are heard to remark that the Klondike is worked out, or that it will be in a short time, and that anyway it will only be a short time till all the labor will be performed by Chinamen.

That is the regular sore-head plaint and has been heard in times past of every mining district of the west. The fact remains, and it constitutes an irrefutable argument to this, that mine owners in general in this district are demonstrating their confidence in their property in a way which leaves no room to doubt the stability of the mines.

Freighters are handling more supplies for the creeks this year than ever before, and the importation of heavy machinery for mining purposes is without a parallel.

Kirkpatrick and Fuller have en route between town and their claim, 1 above on Hunker creek, five ton boiler, which considering the condition of the roads, is taxing the resources of the freighters, Orr & Tukey, to the utmost to handle. To handle this load it requires the use of 12 horses and about as many men, and even then the work is slow. The last three miles of the distance the plant will have to be handled on skids, as the road for a load of that kind, is impassable for wheels.

George Ames is also not lacking in confidence, as he is sending out to Hunker a large steam plant of the same sort and in the same way, and this means much as it will be readily understood that this is about the most expensive way of moving heavy machinery that can be found. Much activity is noticeable among the mines generally, but this is especially the case on Hunker and Last Cahnce. The latter creek is somewhat unfortunate just now in having to contend with a surplus of water which requires much extra work and consequent expenses to keep within bounds, but work is progressing in a very satisfactory way nevertheless, and the outlook in the mining portion of the district is very flattering.

Prospecting the Stewart.

W. J. McNeil, formerly of 8 below upper discovery, Dominion creek, is one of those who have recently become impressed with the possibilities of the Stewart river country, and recently started on an extended prospecting trip in that section. He took two pack-horses loaded with a supply of provisions calculated to last during a very long trip.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate Starnes' court Saturday afternoon Leita Williams, the drunken dance hall woman who was too drunk to answer to the charge against her in the morning, was sufficiently sobered up to appear. She entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

For violating a Yukon health ordinance Chas. Robinson and E. N. Adair each paid \$2 and costs and looked much bored.

It was a motley crowd that was before the court this morning, there being all kinds of charges on the docket.

Alfred Hiltner had filled up on the boisterous brand of hootch and had broken the usual stillness of Sunday morning. Alf, was one of three who were out for a high old time, which was interrupted by Constable Borrows who marched the trio up to the guard room. But the interior of the jail did not have any attractions for him, and when his door was reached he bolted and gave the constable a lively chase for a couple of blocks, when he was overhauled and brought back. For being drunk and disorderly he was fined \$10 and costs and for skipping from lawful custody was given a solemn warning not to do it again.

Edward Biggs, a partner with Alf, in the morning lark, was in a penitent cast of countenance and looked as though he considered himself in luck when the court said "\$10 and costs."

R.D. McDonahue was the other member of the trio, and denied the allegation; but the evidence was against him and he not only paid \$10 and costs on his own account, but also for his associates; thus demonstrating in open court that beneath his vest he wears a heart as big as a Chicago ham.

Single-handed and alone John Hays went on a lonesome drunk. He did it, he said, for the reason that he felt symptoms of a spell of sickness coming on him and so he took the whisky to forestall it. Constable Stult had not noticed any traces of sickness when he arrested John, hence a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed; and the new stove smiled for John had no money.

A man named Brownly was not present when called on the charge of hitting a woman a blow in the face in the Pavilion Saturday, and the police were instructed to find him and have him on hand for trial this afternoon.

Several days ago, on the alleged representation of being a dressmaker Miss Zeoda Luburn engaged a room at the Melbourne hotel where for a few days her conduct was above reproach; but Zeoda kept late hours Saturday night, and yesterday morning she preferred prancing up and down the hall of the Melbourne and making a racket to remaining quietly in her room as became a meek and unassuming dressmaker. Landlord Brown used all the persuasive power at his command, but the hootch was working and Zeoda would not be quiet. Constable Stult arrived, and after that Zeoda, or "Fuzee," as she is endearingly called by her friends, was quiet. As her fine this morning was \$50 and costs, Zeoda must needs take a large number of stitches to play even on her late escapade.

Mrs. Mansen, alias Mrs. Amanda Young, alias Mrs. King, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of having, while an inmate of the Good Samaritan hospital last week, stolen a sack containing about \$3500 worth of gold dust, the property of another patient, a man named Contin. Mrs. Mansen has been shadowed by the police for several days and when arrested yesterday was preparing to start out on the creeks. She plead illness this morning at the jail, and hearing of her case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

WATER FRONT.

Many Steamers Arrive From Up and Down the River.

WHAT A RETURNING NOMAD THINKS.

He Says the Beach Town is a False Alarm.

MIGHT EMPLOY 1000 PEOPLE.

Topkok Is a Dead One—Government Will Be Asked to Carry Out People.

Steamers Leah and Hannah of the A. C. Co.'s down river fleet are now at the company's dock unloading. The Leah arrived yesterday, 22 days from St. Michael; the Hannah came in this morning, making the run up river in 16 days. The Leah brought, with a barge in tow, 400 tons of freight. The Hannah's cargo was 289 tons. Following is the passenger list of both boats. By the Leah—Miss M. Dunsmeur, W. M. Crowley, C. B. Gaines, C. Hundahl, W. B. Cross, A. E. Erickson, J. P. Lynch, R. M. King, C. T. Welsh, J. W. Murphy, H. H. Groat, J. B. Nixon, A. A. Richards, Joe Twain, C. E. Anderson, A. Anderson, E. Sanbury, C. Anderson, G. Johnson, E. Segerobson, L. W. Smith, H. Smith, H. Seymour, W. H. Kempkaut, H. Woodcock, H. A. Barr, Fred Vina.

Steamer Hannah—John Leonard, Jas. Christie, E. C. Hardison, Mrs. Emma Rhodes, A. Spitzel, Cad Wilson, Nellie Holgate, J. Ashland, J. S. Caldwell, E. Barry, D. B. May, J. B. Connelly, A. C. Knight, F. A. Herdstrom, R. Travis, H. Cheney, H. L. Falkner, Marie Shone, Mrs. Maisson, John White, P. M. Brown, Sam Bonfield, Sam Sloan, Jas. H. Watson, John Mansfield, A. A. McCandless, C. E. Bory, E. B. Hanley.

The Leon is following the Hannah and will probably be the next down river boat to arrive in Dawson.

The steamer Arnold, which took the freight of the Mary Graff, disabled, came up the river to Eagle City and returned to St. Michael from there after unloading her cargo at that point. She had several hundred tons of government freight.

Capt. Mercomb of the Hannah reports meeting the Susie at Tanana, the J. C. Barr at Eagle and the Hamilton and Power just above that point. The Power is returning to Dawson with a barge which she left down the river on her last trip. She will probably get in today.

The usual fare from St. Michael to Dawson is \$125.

The powerful up-river boat, J. P. Light, arrived yesterday with the largest cargo ever brought in to Dawson from Whitehorse by any steamer. She did not load to her full capacity as this is her trial trip, but nevertheless she carried 250 tons of merchandise, twice the average load of the big C. D. Co.'s boats. The trip was made without incident and Manager Davies is multiplying 250 tons by as many trips as the boat can make, consequently he sees a big run ahead as the carrying capacity of his steamer for the season's work.

There were no C. D. Co. boats arrived yesterday.

The steamer Flora arrived from the mouth of the McQuesten river Saturday night. She sails today for Whitehorse.

The following was received by wire: Gold Star passed Big Salmon coming down at 6:15 this morning.

The Victorian and Lightning passed Five Fingers going up, the latter at 5 a. m. and the former an hour earlier. The Canadian passed down at 5 a. m., and the Tyrrell at 9 this morning.

At Ogilvie the Yukoner was reported coming down at 9 a. m. today.

Lower Lebarge reports the Bonanza King and S. S. Bailey both coming down, the former at 7:30 and the latter at 8:30 this morning.

The Sybil was stuck on a bar nearly 24 hours and pulled off yesterday. She passed Stewart river coming down at

7:30 this morning. The Anglian passed that point going up at the same time.

The Hannah, Capt. Newcomb, arrived this morning with about 70 passengers who are returning to Dawson with the idea that the Klondike is the best mining district firmly impressed in their minds. The principal portion is from Nome and the most discouraging reports of that camp are given. The quarantine has been raised and all sickness is under control, but the majority of the people are without sufficient funds to reach the outside although the fare is low, in one case having dropped to \$15. The popular belief is that the government will transport great numbers to the States as they will have to be fed if they are allowed to remain in Nome, for no work will be done there this winter or early next spring on account of the many legal complications as regards ownership of the claims. Discovery on Anvil creek is being worked under the supervision of a receiver appointed by the government until the title is settled. The Wild Goose Mining Company, owning the principal claims in the district, is in litigation as to its title. For two weeks before the Hannah sailed it had rained to the satisfaction of all at Nome, but yet no gold came into town and the gold scales still remain on the top shelf with a good covering of dust. It is disputed by none that the beach diggings, which were the cause of the great rush, are a failure, and the many devices for working the same transported there at the expense of thousands, lie on the beach washed over by the high tides of fall and are just sinking in the sand. Machinery that could in no possible way be used was brought to that country by men from the Eastern states and is not worth the cost of transportation.

At Council City and Topkok good strikes are supposed to have been made, but so far it is only hearsay as no convincing proofs are at hand. Stampeding has been going on all summer and the country for miles has been staked and restaked. Some have great faith in the future of the camp next year, but so far the creeks have produced nothing.

Business was good in Nome for about three weeks and then came the collapse. Prices of goods lowered, the scale of wages was cut and as a result "to let" signs hang on the doors of many down town buildings.

From the deck of a steamer Nome has a very pleasing aspect, as the buildings are large and well-built, but upon landing the scene is changed as the streets are nothing more than narrow crooked alleys of mud which, in the fall are well nigh impassable by teams. Many are leaving but will most likely go by way of Seattle on account of the cheap fare, although many would prefer to visit Dawson. The smallpox scare was without any foundation, as only one death could in any way be traced to that disease and many physicians doubt whether that case really was smallpox. About 5000 people will winter in Nome to enjoy a winter of enforced idleness.

From the Koyukuk the reports are very discouraging, nothing having been found. Gold has been found in the Tanana district but in not sufficient quantities to pay. At Weare, Circle and Eagle nothing is being done except in government circles, where there is great activity in building. The U. S. government has a great number of troops along the river and is building permanent barracks at all points. Everyone was greatly pleased at getting back to Dawson, although a summer's time had been spent for nothing. Dawson remains the mecca of gold seekers and has proven itself to be the only substantial camp in the north.

Death of Wm. J. Walter.

A telegram received here this morning by Manager W. C. Dawson, of the Yukon Iron Works, makes the brief, but sad and startling announcement that Wm. J. Walter died in San Francisco on the 20th instant. The message contains nothing further than the short statement embraced above, and the cause of death is a mystery to his friends and relatives here.

Mr. Walter came to Dawson in the fall of '97, and after a short time took a position as accountant with the A. C. Co. Early in '98 he organized the company which founded the Yukon Iron Works, of which industry he has ever since been general manager, and which, owing to his active and energetic business qualities has been a successful venture since its inception.

Mr. Walter went outside over the ice in January and returned in June with several scows laden with machinery for his Dawson industry. About six weeks ago he returned to the outside en route to the Paris exposition, his intentions being to spend the winter in Europe. He leaves three small children who are with his mother in the state of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. O. V. Roberts, who is here, her husband being foreman in the Yukon Iron Works.

The unexpected news of Mr. Walter's death has cast a mantle of gloom over his large circle of friends, as when he left Dawson so recently he was the picture of health and all that is embodied in young manly vigor. The big industry of which he was the head closed down for the day immediately on the receipt of the sad message.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. STEAMER CUTCH

En Route North Strikes Col's Reef in Lynn Canal.

PASSENGERS AND CREW ALL SAVED.

Vessel Fills, But Stern Is Not Submerged.

HER CARGO A TOTAL LOSS.

May Be Floated—Scout Burnham Promoted—Large Destructive Fire in Atlin.

Skagway, Aug. 27.—The British steamer Cutch which left Vancouver the 20th for Skagway, struck Col's reef at the entrance to Lynn canal at 11 o'clock Friday night. The vessel filled rapidly, her bow sinking in a few moments after striking. Her stern remained out of the water, enabling her 34 passengers and crew of 35 to escape safely to shore, where they were made comfortable in tents. The passengers were all taken to Juneau Saturday. The Cutch carried a large cargo which will be a total loss. It is believed the steamer can be saved as where she lay is not exposed to heavy seas in case of rough weather.

Burnham Is Lionized.

Skagway, Aug. 27.—Word has reached here that American Fred R. Burnham, formerly of this place and who went to South Africa by special request of Lord Roberts in the capacity of army scout, but who has since been invalided to London, has been promoted to the rank of major and is greatly lionized in London.

Big Fire in Atlin.

Atlin, B. C., Aug. 27.—A big fire, the first in the history of the city, occurred here yesterday afternoon. The fire started in the British-American Corporation's warehouse, and for a time it looked as though the whole town would go, and it was saved by the most strenuous efforts of the population which worked en masse.

The approximate losses are: B.A.C. building and stock, \$10,000; J. H. Rose, hotel and dwelling, \$8000; Capt. Nickerson, store, \$2700; John Brodeur, store and restaurant, \$2000; Hirschfeld, photographer, \$2000; Anderson's barber shop, \$400; and other small structures making the total loss about \$30,000.

Live Cattle Coming.

Skagway, Aug. 27.—Two hundred head of live cattle are here on the way to Dawson. They are owned equally by J. F. Hielscher and Bartsch.

Not Needed in Winter.

Persons not posted as to the route traveled in the upper Yukon country during the winter season may not understand the order of Commander Wood of the N. W. M. P., in withdrawing the police detachments from the four points, McClintock, Hootalingua, Big and Little Salmon. But the reason is very apparent when it is considered that these points are not touched by winter travel, which is by way of the C. D. Co.'s cut off instead of by the river at those points, and men stationed at these posts after the close of navigation would be of no advantage to the winter travelers as they would never see them.

The policy of the N. W. M. P. is to distribute its force where it will do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. The police service is one branch of the government in which each resident of the Yukon receives implicit confidence for the simple reason that in no particular is it ever found derelict in its duty. All honor and hail to the N. W. M. P.