

## AND THE HORSES LAUGHED

### When They Read the Latest Fire Department Orders.

**Fire Laddies for Chambermaids—Only Experts With the Needle or at the Wash Tub Need Apply in Future.**

Who ever saw firemen for chambermaids? It remained for Commissioner Ogilvie to evolve this important function for the members of the paid fire department. The firemen are required to sign a personal agreement with the Yukon commissioner, and section 5 of the agreement reads as follows:

"It is further agreed by the parties of the second part and each of them, that during their said term of employment, their entire time is to be at the disposal of the board of fire commissioners and they shall perform any work, whether falling within the ordinary scope of the employment of firemen or otherwise

The foregoing of itself is perfectly proper, but the government draughtsmen have been given quarters in engine house No. 2, and the following order, together with the above, is calculated to make the department horses blush with mortification:

**Instructions to the Firemen in Charge of the Draughtsmen's Room, Firehall No. 2.**

1. A fire must be lighted early, etc.,
2. The room must be swept, etc., etc.
3. All lamps must be filled, etc., etc.
4. A bucket of clean, fresh water must be brought up every morning and the dirty water thrown out."

Mr. Ogilvie is evidently a firm believer in keeping the men occupied and out of mischief. Their munificent salaries of \$150. per month, with \$25 kept back to insure six months' service entitles them to carry slops at the commissioner's behest, or indeed anything else.

Why wouldn't it be a good suggestion to Mr. Ogilvie for him to have them tending the garbage piles around town, and drive the scavenger wagons?

A detachment of firemen might also be made to do chamber work at the "priest's house," as Mr. Ogilvie's private residence is ironically called in Dawson. Firemen like this sort of thing and there is nothing like being busy to drive away the blue devils. It increases the very desirable "esprit de corps" in the department—this doing chamber work. We might also suggest that the department be made to do the official laundrying. There is plenty of hot water always on tap, and when the boys are washing their own socks, they might just as well wash the governor's. To preserve their clothes the boys might be allowed to wear aprons or skirts. It would serve as a fitting department badge for a department of chambermaids. Mr. Ogilvie might still further charm the hearts of the fire boys by selecting an inner circle for the special distinction of making his bed and airing his linen.

The governor knows to a nicety what duties a fireman should perform. Indeed he is a perfect connoisseur in the line of masculine chambermaids. A great big muscular fireman in a chambermaid's lace cap and bibbed apron; is really a distinction which Dawson should be proud of. It would be a literal translation of the French "valet de chambre." Firemen all know how to mend hose. What is the matter with letting them progress to the mending of socks—government socks? Official socks?

The only objection to all this is, that that perchance a sudden alarm of fire may ring. The chambermaids might be out on the river with their slop buckets; the laundresses might be in the garden, hanging out the clothes, while the bed-making brigade might be at the "Priest's house" turning over the mattresses. Then the old horse would have to hook himself up and attend the fire alone until the chambermaids, the laundresses, the bedmakers and sock darners could get through with their several soft duties and attend to the sterner duties of suppressing the blaze.

Leaving all joking aside, it occurs to the ordinary level-headed business man that a department of chambermaids is not the best body of men in the world for fighting fire. The qualities which go to make a willing chambermaid are unsuited to a man we expect to carry a hose up a ladder and onto a burning building. A disposition adapted to the gentler pursuits of "make ze clean chamber r-re," would fall short amidst the flames of a general conflagration

such as we have once in a while. Such a man would spend too much time saving the sheets.

#### How to Make a Prisoner Confess.

Kansas City, Oct. 20.—There are more ways than one to be employed in forcing a prisoner to confess to a crime of which the officers of the law believe him to be guilty. It has remained for Inspector Halpin, however, to introduce a novel method. When Arthur Jackson, alias Ellington; Geo. Morton, Guy Stark and Will Brown were arrested for a number of robberies committed about town, the two first named broke down and made a clean breast of everything.

Starke and Brown could not be induced to make a confession, however, and Inspector Halpin hit upon a plan to force them to do so. When jailer Billy Smith led Stark and Brown down to the holdover Tuesday night, after they had been "sweated" by Inspector Halpin, he had instructions to remove their clothing. The men were locked up in dark, wooden cells in this condition. The plan adopted by Inspector Halpin had the effect of compelling both to make a full confession yesterday morning. They told of the robberies in which they had been implicated and informed the officers where most of the stolen property could be found.

#### HORRIBLE MATERNAL CRUELTY.

##### An Indianapolis Mother Behind the Bars for Cruelty to Her Child.

Indianapolis, Oct. 20.—An unusual case of maternal cruelty developed this afternoon when the bicycle police were summoned by the neighbors to the home of Mrs. Ada Bennett, on Muskingum street, who was accused of torturing her 7-year-old daughter Ruth.

The police found the child in a chair with her hands tied behind her and the blood streaming from her nose. Both eyes were black and one was almost closed. Her wrists, around which a small rope had been wound when her hands were tied, showed deep welts, and both hands were swollen to twice their natural size. It took the officers some time to untie the rope, as the flesh was so badly swollen that cutting was impossible.

The officers found that the beating had been administered with the butt end of a broken buggy whip. The mother offered no explanation and was placed under arrest. After removal to the police station the child's body was found covered with bruises, and she said that her mother often gave her a beating. She also said that she was afraid to tell her father because of threats made by her mother, although she felt sure that he would protect her if he knew the truth.

#### The Noble Red Man and His Wife.

Seattle, Oct. 20.—An investigation to prove or disprove the guilt of two alleged Alaska murderers is being conducted in this city. A half-breed Indian and his wife are in jail at Killisnoo, Alaska, which is a small place about 100 miles from Sitka, charged with the murder of their 8-months-old babe. Dr. H. B. Fitch, the marine surgeon at Sitka, has sent the contents of the babe's stomach to Dr. Emil Bories of this city for analysis.

It seems that the autopsy on the babe, who died very suddenly and without any apparent cause, failed to develop any external injury or internal disease. Dr. Fitch is of the opinion that poison was administered, and the mother of the child has made a statement in which she accuses another woman of having committed the murder. The letter of Dr. Fitch does not give the names of the parties.

Dr. Fitch says that in his opinion a syringe, an article which it seems was in the house of the babe's parents, was passed down the child's throat and the poison thus injected. The analysis will be completed in a few days.

#### How It Is Done.

"Yes," remarked Sandy Pikes, "dat wuz a pretty clever piece of bizness in dat fellow pacing a train wid his bike, but I did de same trick walking one time."

"De train want movin' fast?"  
"Yep; 'bout a mile a minnet."  
"Do yer tink I'm easy? How cud yer pace a fast train like dat?"  
"By walkin' up an down on de roof of de cars."—Chicago News.

#### In Kentucky.

"Did she marry him for his fortune?"  
"No; she married him for his feud. He had a beautiful one."—Chicago Times-Herald.

New Rex ham and bacon at Mohr & Wilkens'.

#### LOST HIS TEETH ON THE YUKON.

##### And Got Them Back Through the U. S. Mail in Seattle.

Seattle, Oct. 20.—There is one man in Seattle who has no complaint to make as to the service rendered by the United States government mail service in Alaska. He not only appreciates the service, but this morning appeared at the local postoffice in person to testify as to its efficiency. It seems that a prominent resident of this city, who has just arrived from the Klondike metropolis, made the journey up the river in a small steam launch. On the way up he had occasion to make a landing for the purpose of taking on a supply of firewood, with which to generate steam for the launch. The occupant of the boat removed his coat and false teeth, placing the latter in one of the pockets. The work of cutting wood completed, he embarked on his journey and had gone some 15 miles up the turbulent Yukon before he remembered the articles removed from his person. Both teeth and coat had done yeoman service during a long Alaskan winter and their owner concluded that they were not worth returning for.

This morning the party appeared in the office of Assistant Postmaster W. J. Colkett, and exhibiting a nicely wrapped package containing a pocket handkerchief and a pair of false teeth, which he had received by the morning's mail, proceeded to congratulate that official upon the efficiency of a service which would not only deliver such articles, but go to the extreme of finding them hanging on the limb of a tree on the banks of the Yukon river. The handkerchief contained the name of its owner and had been rescued by a passing traveler from its abandonment to be delivered to him here through the medium of Uncle Sam's mail service on the Yukon.

#### RUSSIA WILL ARBITRATE

##### With the U. S.—Sailors Captured and Abused on the Siberian Coast.

New York, Oct. 20.—A special from Washington, D. C., says:

Ambassador Tower has notified the state department that the Russian government has agreed to arbitrate the claims of American citizens against it, growing out of the seizure of their vessels off the Siberian coast. These claims amount to \$300,000 and Russia's willingness to arbitrate them is the best evidence, state department officials say, of their validity.

Mr. Tower is negotiating a treaty referring the claims to arbitration, which will be based upon the conventions under which the Cheek and McCord claims were arbitrated. The arbitrator will be selected by the two governments and will be required to render the award within six months after his appointment.

These claims are due to the seizure of American sealing ships off the Siberian coast in 1892, and the maltreatment of some of their crews. Their vessels were seized 20 miles away from the Siberian shore. Had the seizure occurred within three miles it is probable that this government would have declined to press the claims.

#### Crop Failure in Russia.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20.—The state department has received a report from Consul Henal, at Odessa, Russia, stating that the failure of the crops in many provinces in European Russia is much more serious than is generally admitted. Energetic steps have been taken to meet the situation. The famine districts are divided up and the government is acquiring knowledge of the failure in the several districts. Employment is also being given to a large number of peasants on special lines of work, such as road making. One of the most difficult questions to be solved is how working stock and other animals are to be saved, the hay crop being a complete failure.

#### Opening of Japan Ports.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20.—The state department announces that by an imperial order the following Japan ports will be opened to foreign commerce as soon as the new treaties become operative:

Shimizu, Taketoyo, Yokkaichi, Shimonoseki, Moji, Haikota, Karatsu, Juchinotsu, Mtsuimi, Issuuhara, Sasunai, Shishimi, Nawa, Hammda, Saki, Miyazu, Tsuruga, Nanawo (South Bay), Fushki, Otaru, Kusharo and Muroran.

If in any of the ports named the total imports and exports fall short of 50,000 yen the port is to be closed.

The Nugget Express will start a dog team for Cape Nome and intermediate points after the freeze-up. Letters and small packages may be left at office on Boyle's wharf.

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