

# SHOOTING AN ACCIDENT

## Bad Marksmen Wing Wm. Droulette

### A Slight Flesh Wound in the Left Shoulder—His Second Affair in Same Locality.

The vicinity of Dutch Lena's roadhouse on the Hunker road near the mouth of Bear creek is certainly a hoodoo for Wm. Droulette and if he is wise he will keep away from that locality hereafter. About ten days ago Droulette was stabbed at that point while affecting the arrest of a wild and woolly highwayman who was endeavoring to emulate the renowned Tracy and last Sunday he was shot and slightly wounded at almost the same locality by a party of picnickers. Harry Edwards, Dick McDonald and a party of ladies have been camping out for several days near the mouth of Bear creek, fishing, picking berries and otherwise enjoying themselves. In the crowd was a small 22-calibre target rifle that was often used for shooting at a mark, which was the weapon that winged Droulette on this last occasion. Sunday afternoon the campers were shooting at a mark across a small arm of the Klondike, Droulette tending the target and acting as a boatman for the party. While the shooting was going on he inadvertently drifted down in line of the target on the opposite side of the neck of land where it was placed, coming into range just in time to get hit by a bullet that had gone wide of its mark. The shot struck Droulette in the left shoulder inflicting a slight flesh wound, though scarcely sufficient to cause him any anxiety. After it was dressed he soon started up the creek considering it unnecessary to receive further medical attention.

### Kissing Impedes Traffic

Berlin, July 26.—The German railway authorities are considering how to put an end to the nuisance of kissing on the departure platforms. They maintain that it not only is an indecent practice, but tends to impede traffic, for the kissers stand in the way of officials and passengers and crowds gather to witness the process of osculation.

The German is a virtuoso in kissing. He has a particular kiss for every function where one is required, and that imparted on the departure of a feminine friend is the longest. Driven to desperation by this prolonged kiss, the railway authorities at Augsburg, Bavaria, arrested a man for making a nuisance of himself by this act and sentenced him to five days' imprisonment. This unhappy man was a husband and was bidding his wife good-bye. He has appealed to the superior court against this extraordinary sentence.

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### Scares New Yorkers.

New York, July 28.—After gnawing its way out of a wooden box in the Zoological Garden in Bronx Park, a young panther, just arrived from Mexico, walked up to a picnic party of women and children and, astonished by their panic, jumped over their heads into a tree and has since led keepers and other hunters a weary chase through the Bronx Park jungle.

The panther is a fine specimen, 18 inches high at the shoulders, five feet long and weighs 15 pounds.

He was shipped from Mexico in a pine box, with slats. To render the possibility of his escape more difficult, the panther was chained to the inside of the crate, a heavy collar being fastened about his neck, to which the end of the chain was fastened.

When the crate arrived at the Zoological Park it was deposited near the reptile house pending the establishment of its occupant in regular quarters.

The keeper having removed one of the slats and unfastened the animal's collar, left the crate unguarded for a time. The panther lost no time in attacking, with teeth and claws, the slats which stood between him and liberty.

The park was well-filled with sightseers when the animal escaped. Cunningly avoiding the open walks by keeping close to the brush, which in places is very dense, he succeeded, in escaping from the Zoological reservation, and passed into a densely wooded portion of the park.

Then the escape was discovered. Six keepers, with shotguns and nets, started out to capture the fugitive, with directions to shoot only if it appeared necessary. Through the heavy brush the little posse made its way northward, but four hours passed before any trace was found.

About a mile north of the museum a party of thirty children out picnicking saw the panther emerge from a thicket. It ran toward them and they fled.

On one occasion he wandered up to a table cloth upon which a luncheon had been spread and devoured the meal.

Sightseers made their way to the park, but only fleeting glimpses of the animal were obtained, although the hunt was kept up until night.

The park authorities say he panther is not vicious and that it probably will be shot by someone living near the scene.

### May Abolish Death Penalty

Paris, July 26.—The guillotine seems to be doomed. A war of words now waging in the senate threatens to extirpate capital punishment, and with it France's grim and blood-stained instrument of public vengeance.

The crisis was brought on by the case of a man named Bidaux, condemned by the courts to death. Formerly the place of execution was La Roquette, near Pere la Chaise, but that has been voted too public, for it is conceded that such exhibitions have no salutary effect upon the morals of the people. The prisoner is confined in La Sante, and it was suggested that the execution take place within the prison walls, but La Sante is by no means anxious for the distinction. Hence the matter was referred to the senate and the chamber of deputies. Several senators have demanded to know why there should be capital punishment at all, if it must be so carefully concealed. The argument for and against has grown so strong that the decapitation of Bidaux promises to be indefinitely postponed.

**A New Boy.**  
Mr. H. W. Carr of Carr & Veljanje, customs brokers and accountants, is rejoicing over the fact that a nine-pound boy was born into his household this morning. The mother, child and father are all doing well.

# HIS VISIT TO PELEE

## Dr. Jaggar Makes Investigation

### Notes Extraordinary Similarity Between Eruptions of Soufriere and Pelee.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, July 7.—Dr. T. A. Jaggar, of Harvard university, representing the United States geological survey in the West Indies, arrived for the second time at Fort de France on June 24 and has since visited Mont Pelee twice. He has also made excursions to the southern end of Martinique and to the warm springs of the interior of the island. Dr. Jaggar came directly from St. Vincent.

As a result of recent examinations of the crater of Mont Pelee and explorations of the tract of the devastating blast which destroyed St. Pierre, it appears that there is an extraordinary similarity between the eruptions of the Soufriere volcano of St. Vincent and Mont Pelee. The products are the same, both are characterized by the absence of lava, and the work of destruction, both to inanimate objects and to mankind, was accomplished in much the same way. The destructive effects of the eruption in St. Vincent covered a much more extensive area, but the loss of life was much less.

There has been no active eruption of Mont Pelee of importance since June 6. A great cone of boulders and volcano bombs, which appeared within the fissure from which the explosion came, has grown in size since the middle of May, when Dr. Jaggar first saw it. Occasionally there are sudden slides of debris down this cone in the deep gorge and the Riviere Blanche. These slides produce great columns of brown dust which resemble smoke, that rise in billows from the mountain's flank, and give the impression of an eruption when viewed from the sea.

At night these slidings of red hot rocks make a glowing streak on the mountain slope. This accounts for the many reports of passing vessels of eruptions, hot lava and dust falls.

The phenomenon is a superficial one. As at St. Vincent, the many mud spouts, steam jets and local craters that have been reported are all superficial, caused by rain water dripping into the beds of hot dry gravel. The two volcanoes of St. Vincent and Martinique were in eruption in sympathy in May. Both have gradually become less active since and it is probable they will continue to diminish in activity, to judge by the present signs.

In this opinion the French scientific commission headed by Prof. La Croix of Paris concurs. Dr. Jaggar is strongly opposed, however, to rehabilitation of the devastated slopes until the respective governments of the island are willing to establish permanent stations to protect and warn the inhabitants.

In addition to his work on the islands of St. Vincent and Martinique, Dr. Jaggar has spent some time in Barbadoes, collecting information and specimens relative to the spread of the dust fan which appears to have been much greater from the Soufriere than from Mont Pelee. Before returning to the United States Prof. Jaggar plans to visit the northern volcanoes of the Windward group with a view to studying the conditions of vegetation on such mountains at Pelee as they were prior to the eruption.

### Foul Effort to Kill.

Skagway, Alaska, July 26.—The steamer Rostler arrived this morning from Haines, bringing a report of great excitement at Porcupine on account of the mysterious robbery of Fred Cook supposed to be a passenger from Seattle. Some weeks ago he made a clean-up of \$1,000 on upper Mush creek, and passed through Porcupine with his poke seven days ago to catch the Dolphin for Seattle. Thursday Cook was found near Klukwan by an Indian policeman, insane and with an angry bruise on the back of his head, which shows he had been struck by a rock. His poke was missing.

He says nothing but "Oh, my poor head." It is believed to be an attempt at murder with robbery as the motive. The police are thoroughly aroused and are hunting down clues. All ports are guarded to prevent the escape of the would-be murderer. Cook is at Porcupine under the care of the police.

### Accepted by China

Shanghai, July 27.—The draft of the commercial treaty between Great Britain and China has been conditionally accepted by the Chinese government, but clause 8, dealing with the abolition of the likin, still awaits the approval of the British government. This clause provides that in return for a surtax equivalent to one and one-half times the duty leviable under the protocol of 1901, China shall abolish all likin duties, stations and barriers, and every form of inland taxation on British goods, guaranteeing them against exactions and delays.

Other articles deal with the registration of trade marks, the navigation of the Yangtse and Canton rivers, bonded warehouses, the equalization of duties on junks and steamers, facilities for draftsacks, the establishment of a national currency, the revision of the mining regulations, new regulations for the navigation of inland waters, the opening of Kong Mun as a treaty port on the West river, and the appointment of joint commissions to settle disputes.

In article 12 Great Britain agrees to relinquish her extra-territorial rights when the reform of the Chinese judicial system and establishment of an effective administration shall warrant so doing.

By article 13 Great Britain agrees hereafter to participate in a joint commission, if such be formed, representing China and the treaty powers, with the object of investigating the missionary question and devising means to secure peaceful relations between Christians and non-converts.

Article 8 shall become effective in January, 1908, subject to the other powers entering similar agreements, and China agrees on the same date to open four new treaty ports, Chang Sha, Nganking, Wan Hsien and Wai Chou. China retains unimpaired the right to tax salt, native opium, and native produce for interna consumption.

### Cold Snap in Illinois.

A cold snap is as bad as the fishing season for making liars. A West-Alton man says that a citizen of that town threw a cupful of water at a cat one cold morning last winter. The water froze into a chunk of ice in the air, hit the cat on the head and broke its skull.

Then he told about a Flint hill woman who left a lamp burning all night in the kitchen and when she tried to blow it out in the morning found the flame frozen hard. She broke it off and threw it into the woodshed, where later it thawed out and set the shed on fire.

As if these two were not enough, he winds up with the story of a St. Charles doctor who just before he started out on a drive took half a dozen good sized drinks of fine old bourbon. It was a cold night, and his breath was frozen into chunks. He put the chunks into a pail when he got home and thawed them out, and he had a quart of pretty fair whisky.—Alton Telegraph.

### Baiting a Conductor.

During the rush hour the other afternoon a dignified man entered a well filled Market street car and tried to work his way in to secure a strap to hang from, but the conductor, who was collecting fares, blocked his progress.

"Step lively, there!" said the passenger.

"Were you speaking to me?" asked the conductor, elevating his eyebrows.

"Certainly," replied the passenger. "Step forward so we can get inside. Plenty of room up front."

"If you will attend to your business, I will attend to mine," snapped the conductor.

"If you can't take your own medicine better than that, you had better try taking the car ahead," answered the passenger. The conductor's reply was lost in the laughter of the passengers.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

# THE EXODUS IS NOW ON

## Undesirable Characters Leaving Dawson

### More Will Follow in the Near Future or be Confronted by the Police.

The fact that one man was a few days ago sentenced to six months at hard labor for living off the avails of prostitution and that another has this week been fined on the charge of vagrancy, judgment being reserved until this afternoon, has been the means of stirring up no little uneasiness among the class of people in Dawson who live without visible means of support and the result is that nearly every boat that leaves Dawson carries with it from one to a half dozen or more of these people who realize that Dawson may be made too hot for them even in cold weather.

The steamer Rock Island which sailed for St. Michael yesterday, giving exceptionally low through rates to Seattle and San Francisco, carried no less than half a dozen men whose names were on the police list as "toil nots," and who, had they remained, would have been called on in the near future to explain their mode of life in the police court.

The upper river steamers are also carrying many of the same class from Dawson but must carry many more before the police slate is wiped clean of names. The police are on a still hunt and those who have been hanging around the city for months without doing anything that is a semblance to honest labor are being watched and when the time is ripe they will be brought up with a short turn.

The edict has gone forth that there are hundreds of people in Dawson who must get out between now and the closing of navigation.

### Almost Beaten to Death.

Reading, Cal., July 26.—Doctors now say that four-year-old Dewey Braddy of Red Bluff will survive the results of a beating which marked him from head to foot and sent him into a delirium which lasted thirty hours, and from which the physicians believed he would not recover. Incidentally with the case a mother's anguish has driven her almost insane and the Red Bluff police were absolutely foiled until returning consciousness enabled the baby to lip the name of one of his assailants. Now the police know that the child was beaten by two companions scarcely older than himself.

Dewey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Braddy, who have a home in Red Bluff. The father is a traveler for the E. H. Fargo Liquor Company of San Francisco. After dinner last Tuesday Mrs. Braddy permitted her six-year-old son Russell to take his little brother for a walk, and Russell became interested in a game with other boys and did not notice that Dewey had wandered away. Failing to find him, Russell went home and told his mother. While she was preparing to go in search of the child he came home with his clothing torn and face swollen from welts and scratches. From head to ankles his body was discolored and cut and bruised.

Before doctors could reach the house the little fellow had gone into a delirium, and he raved and cried until quieted with drugs. All day Wednesday it was thought death might ensue at any minute. The child's father notified Marshal Ward and other officers, who set out to find a clue to the perpetrators of the cruel deed, but little Dewey's wandering after leaving his brother could not be followed.

Late Wednesday night the little sufferer regained reason and called his mother. He was plying with questions as to his assailants until he named the six-year-old son of a neighbor. Nothing else could the child seem to remember. Marshal Ward found the accused lad, who admitted he had been with Dewey when he was beaten. Dewey had joined the six-year-old and another boy of seven and by some childish act he enraged them. In a secluded spot they set upon the little fellow with a stick and strap and delivered blow after blow until they were tired and he was almost dead.

The boys will not be prosecuted. Tickets now on sale for Bittner's Parish Priest—Auditorium—Thursday Job Printing at Nugget office.

### To Give Auto Bus Service

London, July 26.—Preparations are far advanced by which a strong American syndicate will give London and Paris an adequate horse and automobile service. Some weeks ago Judge Franklin Stone surveyed the field of the proposed operations, and, acting upon his report, several prominent American highway traction authorities will arrive here early in August to arrange for the installation of busses weighing a ton less than the present ones. They will have cushion tires, bicycle wheels, and ball bearings, and will accommodate the same number of passengers as the present vehicles, but the speed will be much greater. Advertising signs will not be allowed. The automobile lines will use Edison's new batteries, one on each hub. The lines will start running next January.

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