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## A GOLD THIEF SET AT LIBERTY.

### An Alaskan Official Clashes With the N. W. M. P.

#### On a Mere Technicality a Custom of Years is Overturned and Encouragement Given to All Kinds of Rascals.

What promises to become a very serious problem for this sparsely settled country west of the Rockies occurred within a few days. It is international in its character and opens up an avenue of escape to Dawson's criminals. Arthur Perry worked a claim on French gulch last winter for Alex. McDonald. When the wash-up came this spring Alex. went up to get the returns. Perry was there but told McDonald he had shipped the gold down town to his (McDonald's) office. The big mine owner walked back to town but found no trace of the gold. Hurdily he dispatched a man back to the claim, but the bird had flown. A little work along the water front revealed the fact that Perry and the gold—how much could only be estimated—had gone down the river in a small boat. The police were appealed to and Constable McPhail was started out in pursuit. Accompanying the policeman was D. W. Chisholm to identify the thief and aid in any way in bringing him to justice. As is well known the custom has always been for the proper officials of either Alaska or the Northwest Territory to cross the boundary in pursuit of criminals without hindrance from the officials of the visited country. McPhail had instructions to report to the various U. S. commissioners as he went down the river, which he did, and they wished him luck and let him depart. The two thief-chasers left here on the steamer Monarch and overhauled the small steamer governor Stoffman somewhere between the Koyukuk and Tanana rivers. The Monarch hove to while the Stoffman was searched. On the little steambot was found the much wanted Perry with his sacks of ill gotten gold accompanied by his wife. Perry was made a prisoner and taken aboard the Monarch. The wife followed the husband. Near the mouth of the river, at Nulato, was found the steamer Columbian headed up the river to Dawson. Upon attempting to transfer Perry to the Columbian it was found that he and his wife had been doing a large amount of canvassing among the many passengers and they were very much displeased to demand extradition papers before they would allow him to be taken aboard the up-coming steamer.

However, the captain of the Monarch, supported by his officers, took a very firm stand in the matter arguing that if Perry was a thief Dawson was the place for him, and if he was innocent of crime he had nothing to fear here. The result was the transfer was made. Coming up the river the Columbian stopped to get another boat off a bar and in so doing got on herself. Mrs. Perry in this way reached Circle City ahead and had worked up a case of sympathy, for when Circle City was reached by the boat the Columbian was boarded by J. W. Ivey, W. S. collector of customs for Alaska. Between Circle City and Eagle City the collector declared himself and demanded of McPhail that he release the prisoner. The constable protested and so did some of the officers and passengers, but Ivey declared he was prepared to use force and at once McPhail asked that at least the man be held until the extradition papers could be secured, but Ivey refused and demanded the money also. There was \$15,000 in the gold sacks, but the receipt which Ivey gave, McPhail for the man and the money contained no mention of the amount. Ivey and Perry got off at Eagle City. McPhail reported at Dawson as soon as he arrived and the captain and pursuer of the Columbian made affidavits. Captain Starnes informs us that McPhail has again been dispatched after the man, armed with fresh papers, and is accompanied by Mr. Chisholm for purposes of identification and Crown Attorney Budge to give the necessary legal advice. If found necessary the man will be followed to Seattle.

### Important Liquor Matters.

The question of the jurisdiction of the liquor business in this district seems to have been decided in favor of the contention of the N. W. government. It will be remembered that early last spring Mr. Bulyea came here to carry out certain regulations of the N. W. government in the matter had in conjunction with certain local representatives governing the local traffic here. The permit fee was fixed at \$2,000 per annum and a number of permits were issued on that basis. When Major Walsh arrived he took the stand however, that neither wholesale importing permits nor the retail permits would be recognized and informed a committee of gentlemen interested in the liquor business that they were not required to pay any rental for and that they could engage in the traffic in defiance of the regulations of the representative of the lieutenant-governor of the territories. Local circumstances were such that it was difficult to have the absolute question of law decided but steps were taken to that end, and with as little delay as possible. The police authorities have been furnished by the department of the interior with a list of N. W. permits that are to be recognized, and recently two parties in town were fined under section 95 of the N. W. Terri-

ories act for selling without the requisite written permission so that the contention of the N. W. government seems to have carried in both instances. There is no doubt that there are far more saloons in Dawson than would have been allowed had not this unfortunate conflict of authority arisen, but those who engaged in business did so on the strength of an assertion supposed to be authoritative that no fee was required. These parties who have buildings that conform to the regulations of the N. W. government are willing to be placed in an equal footing with those who took out licenses and have agreed to pay to a fund for local improvement in Dawson a pro rata amount of \$2,000 per year, from the time they opened business until such time as the new Yukon council shall decide whether or not licenses shall issue to them. Such funds to be expended by the Town Committee, of which Customs Inspector Davis is chairman. This will place all those engaged in the business in proper buildings or on equal footing, and we understand that steps will be taken at once to prosecute any others engaged in the business.

We are also pleased to inform the citizens of Dawson on the authority of Mr. Bulyea that it never was the intention of the Regina government to deprive them of the benefit of the funds collected locally here, but that at the session of the legislature, which is to be held very soon, an amount equivalent, at least to the net amount collected will be voted for expenditure under proper authorities in local improvements right here, even though this country has practically ceased to be under their jurisdiction. We are sure that this will be good and satisfactory news to our readers who can appreciate the absolute necessity of the expenditure here.

### BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

#### Joe Pickup Becomes Suddenly Despondent and Kills Himself in His Tent.

Friday night, about 10:20 o'clock, Joe Pickup fired two shots at himself from a 44 caliber Colt, the first shot apparently going wide of the mark and the second entering the brain pan at the right temple and scattering the brains. Pickup was alone and lying down in his tent on the beach opposite the barracks at the time. His two partners, A. A. Turbidge and J. Leigh, two having left him after supper about 5:30.

Joe was an Englishman from Chatham, Kent, though he has been in the Cassiar country for many years, arriving in Dawson last winter over 10 years ago. He was a man of sandy complexion, about 40 years old and in good health. He arrived from his trip to McQuesthan on Wednesday in good spirits and with nothing apparently on his mind beyond a vague apprehension about his father and mother, from whom he was expecting a letter. He had remarked to a friend that his parents did not get along together any better than they should, but the clerks at the postoffice do not remember whether he got a letter or not. He had over 10 ounces of gold and a water's outfit at his cabin on McQuesthan, so the cause of his act was not destitution. At supper on Friday he remarked: "Well, boys, this is the last supper," but he laughed it off when the partners asked him what he meant. There will probably be an inquest.

### A Register for American Citizens.

Consul Gen. McCook has arranged in his office a large register for the purpose of recording the names, address and place of residence in the United States of all American citizens who are in Dawson or who may come in the future. Heretofore it has been a matter of great difficulty to ascertain any information regarding parties who have come to Dawson, remained a short time and left. If all persons who reach Dawson take advantage of the register it will aid materially hereafter in locating them. Consul McCook also has a small silk banner hanging upon the wall of his office. The banner is ornamented with the flags of nearly all the great civilized nations. The consul thinks that all the nations are represented in Dawson and any visitors who are homesick for a look at their own flag, can recall recollections thereof by calling at the consul's office.

### From Edmonton to Dawson.

William Inxter has a remarkable story of peril and privation to tell about his trip from Peace river, B. C. to Dawson. He is an old hunter and prospector and heard of the great Klondike in '96 and immediately headed this way. Last December he joined Inspector Moody and his specially sworn-in party of ten surveyors and others for the trip from South Edmonton to survey a route to Lake Teslin. Arriving at Fort Graham Inxter and a partner left the official party, for Mr. Moody had decided to go to Stewart lake for horses, supplies and men. With thirty pounds of flour, ten pounds of bacon, and two trusty short-barrel rifles the pair of adventurers started out on a 500-mile trip, through an unexplored country and across unknown rivers to a Hudson Bay Co. camp on the Liard River. The trip was made successfully but they were somewhat disappointed upon arriving there to find the occupants down to a few pints of rice. Instead of renewing their exhausted grub bags our adventurers positively had to turn in and feed the people at the post with moose meat they had secured on their trip. Another 150 miles to another Hudson Bay camp and again the same scarcity of provisions. They gave these people dried caribou and started for Sylvester landing on the Peace, a hundred miles away. Game was somewhat scarce around Sylvester and no provisions to be had so the hands turned in and went fishing. The rivers all being open and well stocked with a number of varieties of the finny tribe.

Two hundred miles further brought our hardy frontiersmen to Lake Teslin, which body of water they struck about three miles below the town. A miner sold them some supplies and they ate their first civilized food for many months. On June 23rd they reached the town of Teslin and found a scarcity of provisions too, for everything was from 60 cents to \$1 per pound, and it was not a great amount they could buy after their expensive trip. Depending principally upon their trusty rifles, the pair built a small boat and started down on the long water trip to Dawson, arriving here last Tuesday all well and hearty, but very tired of the trip. There are but few men in the country could make the trip and here, and even Inxter for a long time lay sick on the overland trip—men of his calibre are invaluable for opening up a new country like this.

### A New Steamer Line.

The Canadian Development Company have received their first steambot up the river from St. Michaels. She is a neat craft 135 feet long and 22 feet wide, and with a capacity of 45 tons. The Columbian, in the hands of Captain Foster, made a very successful trip up the river with 25 tons of freight, most of it for the A. C. Co. She has aboard two small steel steamers, one of which will be put together at Dawson, probably for the use of the police in patrolling the river and the other one at Lake Teslin. The Columbian has aboard a large and valuable consignment of whisky and tomatoes, a strange but important combination in this climate. The Columbian has powerful engines and is designed for up-river work. Her first trip from Dawson will be to the head of Lake Bennett.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

A recent arrival from Forty Mile says he saw a party of men and 22 horses starting out for Chicken creek. John Jacobson, representing on 28 AM Geld was in town during the week. He expects to be located on the same creek during the coming winter. The good people of Dawson should not forget that St. Mary's hospital is being forced by prevalent distress to act as a free hospital, and is in need of funds. The Hotel Warden, elegant in all its appointments, recently opened, is now receiving its finishing touches and will be one of the most completely furnished hostleries in the Northwest. Messrs. Warden and Stanley are model hostlers. There is considerable California red-wood in town being used for interior finishing. As common rough native lumber is worth about \$150 per thousand the finished redwood will easily pay for bringing in as it is exceedingly light. It came up the river from St. Michaels. A meeting of British Columbians and friends of Capt. John Irving M. P. Mgr. of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. is called to meet at Pioneer hall this evening at 8 o'clock sharp to arrange for a reception to be tendered him on his arrival in Dawson. The Louise brought in several thousand gallons of coal oil this week. It came in large iron tanks with the tank signs to be returned when empty. Those tanks will never leave Klondike. They make the best kind of stoves and therefore their presence here is considered quite an acquisition. There is going to be a great scarcity of wood this winter in Dawson unless something is done, but it will not be the fault of Messrs. W. H. Smith & Co., for they have 1000 cords of wood already here, and yet cannot get but a fraction of it within 200 feet of shore for boats and other obstructions. An altercation occurred Thursday evening between E. Deroy Pelletier and Crown Prosecutor Wade in an N. A. T. Co. warehouse. The only witness present was G. B. Swinchart, but that he ended in an assault upon Pelletier was very evident from that gentleman's bruised and disordered appearance upon the street a few seconds afterwards. A man named Boyle was sentenced to six months hard labor for burglary the first part of the week and was put to work in the storehouse of the N. W. M. P. Wednesday afternoon he made a break for liberty and proceeded at a good round pace up the banks of the Klondike river. There was an exciting chase for a while, one man being started out on horseback. Boyle now wears a ball and chain until a judge comes here to try him and then his sentence is liable to be doubled. Talking about raising the dates on outside papers designed for the Dawson trade, the occasion might be worthy of note which happened to Tom Layers one day this month. He received by mail a copy of the Seattle Times of July 14. Getting interested in some of the news he sought the newsstand and found for sale copies of the Seattle Times of July 15. He bought a copy and was surprised to find it was a copy of what was sold in Seattle on the 14th. The only difference was the date line. Frank Buteau is just back from Forty Mile and brings good reports from there. He was well up the river and says on some new workings where the work is all summer work there has been taken out as much as \$225 to the pan. This is on Frank Gulch. He says a large number of people have crossed over from Eagle City to Tanana but what there is on that stream is unknown to him as the only people he saw returning from there had run out of provisions and had to come back for more before they had seen anything.

### The Canadian Development Co.'s PALACE STEAMER "COLUMBIAN" SAILS FOR WHITE HORSE AND LAKE BENNETT SUNDAY, at 2 p. m. THE ONLY SURE ROUTE TO THE SOUND

For Staterooms, Tickets and Berths apply to E. W. TROUSCE, Agt., (Opp. Combination Saloon)

## THE AMERICAN CONSUL APPEALED TO.

### The N. A. T. & T. Co. Has Trouble With Their Sailors.

#### The Men Protest that an Attempt Was Made to Defraud Them—The T. C. Power Held Until the Matter is Straightened Out.

The N. A. T. & T. Co. put 22 sailors ashore on the Dawson docks on Thursday evening and every one of them having a contract reading as follows, with the exception of the date of hiring: NORTH AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION & TRADING CO. FORT-GET THERE, July 25, 1898. Sir—On your accepting this proposition the North American Transportation & Trading Co. agree to pay you \$30.00 per month, from July 25, 1898, until the close of navigation about October 3, 1898. You agreeing to serve the company faithfully during that time as deckhand or laborer on their steamers, or at the warehouses and wharves of the company at Fort Get There, or the Yukon River, obeying all lawful instructions and keeping sober. You to furnish your own bedding. At the expiration of this term the company agrees to furnish you transportation on one of their vessels leaving Fort Get There for Seattle about October 1st. Yours truly, NORTH AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION & TRADING CO. By J. C. Bawn, Mgr. of River Transportation.

These sailors aver that Captain Mariner was very abusive all the way from St. Michaels, and when the boat (the T. C. Power) arrived at Dawson, wanted them to work a double shift, unloading freight. They refused and were all fired from the boat. On Thursday some of them were paid off and the balance put to work again. At night just before the boat was ready to pull out, the N. A. T. & T. Co., through the willing captain, ordered the men up to get their pay. Some of the men noticed the amounts they received were smaller than anticipated, and when it was figured out by one of them it was found that all hands were being paid off at \$40 per month, instead of \$30 as per contract. When they protested they say the captain became decidedly abusive and, in alarm, three of the sailors went off to get some of our mounted police. The police kept order, but, of course, were unable to make the captain disgorge the rightful wages of the men. Then Col. McCook, the United States consul, was sent for and impatient passengers were detained for hours while every subtlety of the company was overthrown by the consul, until at last the men were paid the agreed amount and the boat was allowed to proceed on her way.

While the men got all the money due them up to Thursday, there remains another section of the contract which is not yet complied with. The men were to be returned to Seattle and many of them wish to go. The boys are considering the advisability of a suit against the company—it being the only company having a succession of trouble with people in the Yukon country.

### The Ore Sails.

Without many flourishes of trumpets the B. L. & K. N. Co. operate steamers on the upper river with their usual regularity. The steamer Ora of this line got away yesterday at noon with a full complement of passengers, somewhat over the number of 90 being aboard when their little craft left the wharf. The greater number were booked for Bennett, but quite a few are destined for the new Gold of Pine River in the Windy Arm district, the company having established a service in those waters to accommodate those in search of new ground. The B. L. & K. N. Co. display a broad liberality in issuing "stop over" tickets at English for those who may wish to prospect and follow on later boats of the line, without additional expense. The steamers are being provided with steel sheathing preparatory to the ice season, so that navigation may be continued into the month of October. Electric search lights are also being placed aboard so that time may be improved in longer night running. Mr. H. Temple Fall, of this city (the agent of the company and callers at their offices adjacent to the Harper & Ladue townsite office will always receive polite, courteous and gentlemanly attention.

### Steamers En Route.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Chas. A. Munro, the purser of the steamer Columbian which arrived in Dawson on Thursday last, information is obtained as to the whereabouts of the steamers en route from St. Michaels. On Sunday, July 19th, four of the Moran fleet were lying in False Pass Bay, having been badly shaken up on their voyage along the coast. The Columbian touched St. Michaels on Friday, July 15th, and found six other new steamers at the mouth of the river. July 24th she passed the steamer Demville, and on the 28th the Peavoor. On August 6th the Rock Island was laid aground on a sandbar above Fort Yukon, the Columbian and her sister ship, the Canadian, pulling the stranded vessel off and leaving her making repairs. The Columbian brought 15 of the Rock Island's passengers to Dawson. The fleet now on its way up the Yukon may be looked for momentarily, as the recent heavy rains are proving a favorable aid to navigation.

### Change of Date.

Seattle No. 3 and Seattle No. 1 are expected to arrive in Dawson any day and will sail for St. Michaels about Aug. 28.