

STILL REMAINS DOUBTFUL

Was Peter Wyberg Drowned or Did He Commit Suicide?—Old Timers Are Experiencing Much Anxiety As to His Fate—Was in Good Circumstances and no Reason for Suicide.

Peter Wyberg, the well known sourdough who was reported missing Saturday evening has not yet been found and the supposition that he was drowned above Klondike City is growing stronger.

His actions Saturday afternoon viewed from the light of after events seemed to indicate that he was not altogether in his right mind and it is thought that in a particularly despondent moment he jumped into the river determined to end his troubles. Another version gives it that he had not recovered from the effects of a protracted spree he lost his balance and fell in and was unable to rescue himself.

Wyberg is a man of over 50 years of age and has been in this country for nearly 15 years. Before coming to the Klondike he was a resident of Juneau where he is interested in some quartz mines as well as city property. At the present time he has a number of good mining interests in this district, one of which is 32 above on Hunker. There are several other parties interested in this claim and last Friday the day before he disappeared he bought out the interests of one of the parties in the claim intending to get possession of the controlling interest.

It is hardly probable that a man under these circumstances, when he is just beginning to reap the reward of a half a century of hard work, would deliberately plan his own destruction, unless he should momentarily become unbalanced in his mind.

He had been drinking very heavily for several days preceding the date of his reported drowning but on that date he had determined to sober up. He went into the Klondike hotel where he had been stopping at 12 o'clock and took a drink saying that would be his last. He had then gone over to Klondike City to see his friend Frank Buteau. After he had talked with Buteau for some little time he went for a walk on the beach and was seen some time

CENSUS TAKING

Major Henry Woodside Returns From a Trip to Fortymile

HE HAS SET MEN AT WORK

GOES TO STEWART RIVER

Major Woodside Will Begin Census Taking in That District Immediately.

PREPARING TO LEAVE

Captain Scarth Will Depart for South Africa in a Week.

Captain W. H. Scarth, one of the most popular and best known inspectors of the N. W. M. P., will leave next week for the outside going direct to Ottawa. Captain Scarth has been in Dawson since the summer of '97 and in the past four years has made a legion of friends among the residents of this portion of the territory. His indefatigable efforts in unraveling the Relfe-Clayson murders and bringing O'Brien, the perpetrator of the crimes, to justice will long remain a monument to his indomitable will and perseverance. A number of months ago the captain received a commission in the South African constabulary, but his presence at the O'Brien trial being a necessity, he was compelled to forego joining his command until after the trial had been completed. Captain Scarth said this morning that he would not know what his future movements would be until he reached Ottawa, and it might be that he will not go to South Africa after all.

Last Vestige Disappears.

The last vestige of the O'Brien execution has disappeared and his memorable crime together with the punishment meted out to him will soon be but a memory. The gallows has been taken down and stored away and nothing save a pile of boards remains to mark the place where a human life was taken Friday morning in expiation of the most frightful crime ever known in the history of the Yukon.

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FROM THE LOWER RIVER.

Stuart Menzies Returns From Trip to St. Michael—He Tells of Conditions at Different Camps—There Will Be No Shortage of Supplies in the Koyukuk Country This Winter.

Stewart Menzies, traveling auditor of the Northern Commercial Co., accompanied by Mrs. Menzies and her sister, Miss Hill, returned from St. Michael on the Sarah yesterday and are staying at the Regina. They left St. Michael on August 12 and had a pleasant trip of twelve and a half days. Speaking of the Koyukuk this morning, Mr. Menzies said in answer to a question:

"There is no scarcity of supplies in the district; not at all. We have shipped considerable goods up there this season, and I think there will be an ample sufficiency of staples to last through the winter."

"Many going from Nome to the Koyukuk?"

"Quite a number have gone, yes; but I could not say how many. You know they have a direct steamer, the City of Paris, running from St. Michael up the Koyukuk. This has been doing a good business all season. She was to start three days after we left and already a number of passengers were booked."

"The Koyukuk is being very much discussed in mining circles, and those who have been there speak very favorably of the country. I understand that Gold creek, Emma, Twelvepile and Porcupine are showing up fairly well also Gold Bench. The latter is on

FINED 25 DOLLARS

Edgar Mizner Pays That Amount for Working on Sunday.

The decisions in the case of E. A. Mizner, manager of the Northern Commercial Co., against whom a complaint was laid for violating the Sabbath by having workmen put up shelving in the store on the 4th of this month, was this afternoon given by Magistrate Wroughton in the police court. The decision finds Mr. Mizner guilty of the offense charged and a fine of \$25 and costs was imposed. Notice of appeal was immediately taken and awaiting the judgment of the higher court the cases against the workmen was postponed.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The Prospector returned from Whitehorse this morning with a cargo of lumber and feed. She leaves this evening for Fraser Falls and after the present will make but one more trip up the Stewart.

The Eldorado pulled out for Whitehorse Saturday evening with an even 50 passengers aboard.

The trim little steamer Nora passed Selkirk this morning at 10 o'clock with three scows in tow. She will arrive tomorrow forenoon.

The Sarah arrived yesterday morning at 8 o'clock 12 days and 14 hours out from St. Michael. She brought 300 tons of freight and 67 passengers. A pleasant trip is reported with nothing of particular importance occurring on the voyage. Of the freight brought there was a vast quantity of piping for the N. C. Co. The Sarah returned down the river this afternoon at 1 o'clock. She had but few passengers.

No More Court.

This being the last week in the month there will be no regular sittings of the territorial court until next Monday, September 2. Police Magistrate Macaulay is hearing some small debt procedures this morning. During the week the entire court and its various appurtenances will move into the new courtrooms recently completed and at the convening Monday next the sittings will be held in the new building.

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LOUIS SLOSS RETURNS.

Louis Sloss, president of the Northern Commercial Company, who left here on June 24th, returned from St. Michael on the Sarah yesterday. He says that the arrangement with the N. A. T. Co. as to the combination of shipping facilities at that point had worked fairly harmoniously this season but the great drawback had been the intensest the ice went out at St. Michael, which made the possibility of moving freight ten days later than it was last season.

"It has been a very good season, on the whole, however," said Mr. Sloss, "but commercial matters are difficult at St. Michael and much the same all down the river."

Mr. Sloss will be in town for about two weeks, and then leave for San Francisco for the winter.

PAT TAKES A TRIP.

I. B. Pattullo, of the legal firm of Pattullo & Ridley, left on the Sarah this afternoon on an extensive trip to the outside. Mr. Pattullo has been constantly grinding at legal matters since '98 and feels that he is entitled to a lengthy vacation. During his absence he will tour the principal eastern cities, England and the continent, returning over the ice in March or upon the first boats at the opening of navigation.

SEGGS' DIAMOND DRAWING.

Tickets are going rapidly; those wishing to participate must secure tickets soon as the drawings will take place not later than September 3. The four gems which are good value anywhere in the world at \$500, are on exhibition in Sales' show window on Front street. Tickets may be had either at Sales' jewelry store, Chisholm's saloon, A. McCarter's store, Bill's store (Sogg's old stand) or of Soggs.

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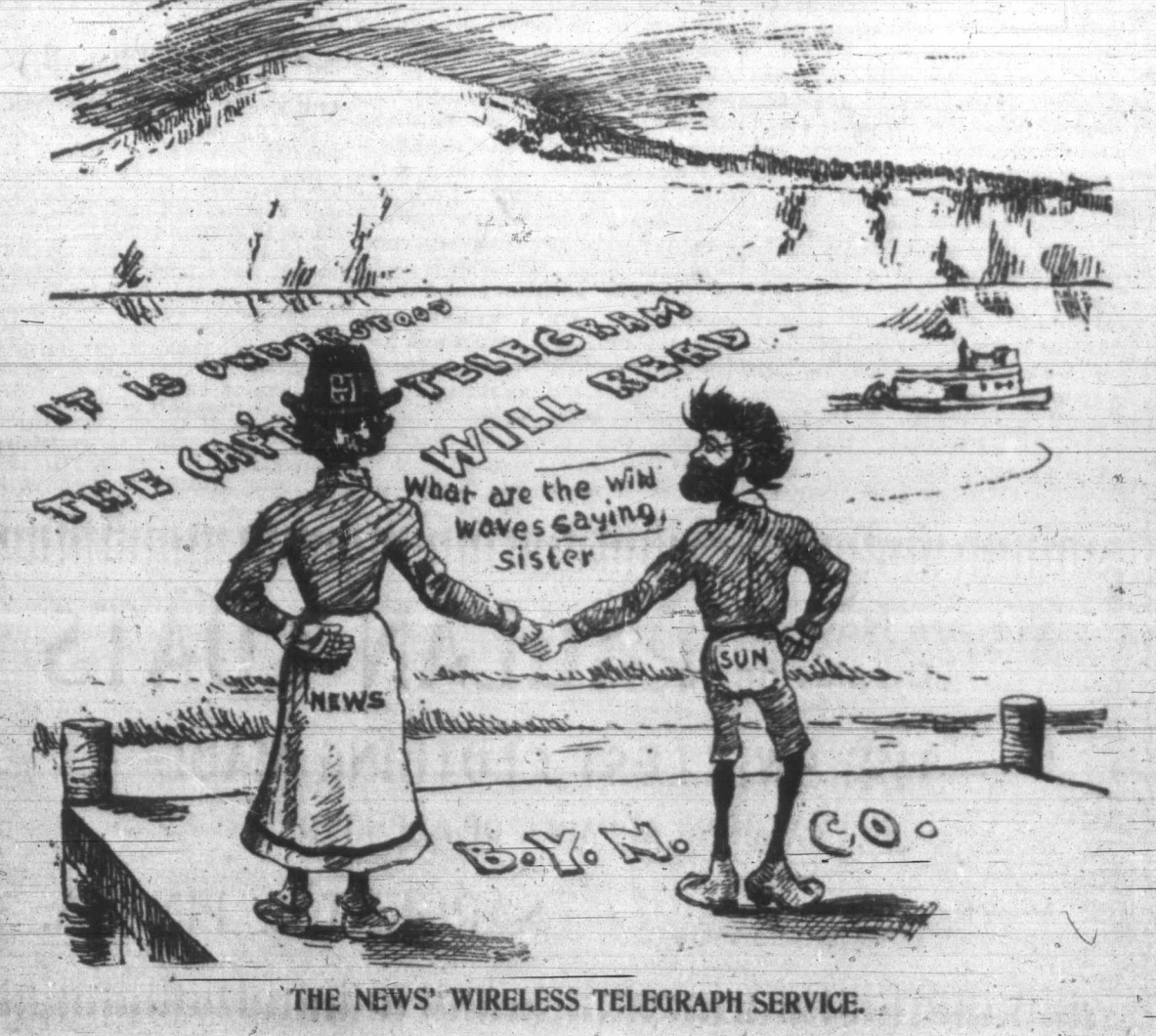
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