

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 afterwards walking back and forth in front of the bluff above the town. A short time afterwards he was looked for again by Henry Buteau but he was nowhere in sight and has not been seen since. A hat which Wm. Lloyd of the Klondike hotel recognized as Wyberg's was found by Henry Buteau and is the only clue to the tragedy, if tragedy it were. The hat was found on a rock by the bluff just where Wyberg had been walking.

Wyberg is said by his friends to have been a jovial, good natured man when sober, but under the influence of liquor he became morose, with a tinge of gruffness in his actions.

In the spring of '99 he went to San Francisco and in the summer returned to Dawson bringing a wife with him. In less than six weeks his wife left him, since when he has not been the same man he was before, and it is said has threatened to kill himself. His wife, from whom he never was divorced is now in Seattle where she has been since leaving Dawson. Every effort is being made to find him before his death will be accepted as an absolute certainty.

streams in that vicinity. On the Tahkenah, McIntock, White and other rivers there is more or less of a floating population. Men will also be sent out to thoroughly cover the Dalton trail. The census at Caribou, Whitehorse, and along the Yukon river, in Dawson and on the creeks contiguous to the city will all be taken simultaneously.

"What are the wages being paid your men, major?" queried the reporter. "That I am not prepared to say," he replied, "except that I am sure it will be in keeping with wages paid for other classes of similar work. It has been reported about town that the remuneration would be but \$4 a day and the fact of the matter is, that was the wage first proposed by Ottawa, but I have protested against such a scale and I am sure the authorities will make an allowance commensurate with other things here. I am strongly in hopes of having the census completed by the close of navigation."

Major Woodside has established his headquarters in the old court house building in the rooms formerly occupied by the sheriff.

LEEDHAM VS. WALKER

The New Savoy to be the Scene of a Hot Go.

Jack Leedham and Arthur Walker will furnish an interesting contest on the 30th. Leedham is the young athlete who gave Curly Carr his quietus as far as his aspirations for fast honors were concerned in this man's town, he (Leedham) beating his opponent to the floor with the greatest ease. While he lost the contest on a foul he showed remarkable ability and strength, in fact the latter was the cause of his losing the contest as by sheer strength he hurled Curly Carr to the floor with such force that the go was stopped by the referee who feared a possible dismemberment of Curly.

Walker has met some of the best men in the business and is entirely out of Carr's class. That a stubbornly fought battle will follow the meeting of the men there can be no question of doubt. Both men are now in active training and evidence a determination to best his man.

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.

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

MINERS ARE VERY JUBILANT

Rampart Begins to Look Good Once More.

One Man Took Out \$72 in a Few Hours—Favorable Report of New District.

The miners about Rampart are jubilant over the discovery made this season on Glenn gulch, a tributary of Rhode Island creek and the Tanana. A man named Dillon with a small rocker took out \$72 in a few hours. The gold was quite fine, the largest piece weighing but \$1.45. Everyone who could get away has gone to the new discovery to stake and it is said the gold bearing channel has been followed into Ken-lucky creek where prospectors are working diligently to find the place where the old channel crosses the creek. C. B. Allen, who staked a low discovery, refused \$24,000 for his claim. Pass as high as \$5 are not of an unusual occurrence on the gulch. Jack Lawrence, an experienced and conservative miner, has stated that in his opinion the strike is the richest ever made in the Minook district, overlooking Little Minook in its pinkest days. He took \$300 out of a pile of ground 5x7 and 12 shovels of dirt thrown into a rocker sluiced up \$12. The Alaska Forum of August 8, published at Rampart, has further news of the new discovery. It says:

"A continuation of the Glenn gulch paystreak has been located on Shirley's claim, which is on the bench over 1500 feet west of the gulch. Pay has been found from the moss down as far as the shaft has been sunk—three feet. From this claim pans ranging from five to seventy cents have been taken. This new find has created considerable stir and a large number of men are now working along the bar to the westward of Glenn gulch. A prospector who has followed this bar for over 40 miles, claims he found prospects the entire distance. The only drawback to the new diggings at present is the lack of sufficient water for sluicing. There is plenty of water for rockers and with the installation of dams and the fall rains now due it is expected that two sluiceways can be had for two months yet. The season on the Tanana side is fully two months later than in the Yukon valley and correspondingly earlier in the spring."

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 lateness the ice went out at St. Michael, which made the possibilities 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 dull 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.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

NEWS OF LOWER COUNTRY

Passengers on Sarah Tell What Is Going on.

Nome and Teller Are Very Quiet—Many People Are Leaving for the Koyukuk.

Mr. J. Bradley, from St. Michael, and Mr. Wm. Hartwig, of Circle, were passengers on the steamer Sarah. Mr. Bradley speaking of St. Michael and lower river points said: "I have spent over two years in this country, spending last winter in Southern California. Leaving San Francisco on May 15th we arrived at St. Michael early in June. I found business very dull indeed and a general depression, in mining. I visited Nome on two occasions and also Teller City and found similar conditions existing and many people were leaving. In the vicinity of Teller City a new strike was reported, but as the particulars were so meagre but little credence was given the report. There was much interest being taken in the Koyukuk, Chandelar and in some sections of the Kuskokwim, and a great many were preparing to go into the Koyukuk, and a stampede this fall is expected to set in for these points."

"The Tanana section is also attracting considerable attention and the Laville Young sailed for the mouth of the Chenosh river, 400 miles from the mouth of the Tanana. She carried 150 tons of salvaged cargo of the derelict Arctic Boy, purchased by Smith & Barrett. Mr. Smith was formerly agent of the A. C. Co. and Mr. Barrett is of Hunker creek, Dawson."

"When I was in Nome and Teller City as late as June 15th the ground was still frozen and lateness of season complained of bitterly."

"On our way up we passed the Redlands in charge of Tom Sayers, bound ostensibly for the Koyukuk. She is of about 12 tons burden, but is a deep craft and may not reach her destination. It was the intention of her owners to operate her on the Koyukuk from Bettles to the river's mouth. She is loaded lightly and will tie up for the winter near the mouth of the river. The recent rain fall seems to be pretty general all along the river and the various streams seem to have ample water, in fact there are no longer any complaints on this score."

"I am very much satisfied with the general outlook of this section and am returning on the Sarah to St. Michael and will probably return this winter to Boston, Mass., for the winter."

SHERIFF EILBECK

Moves Into New and Commodious Quarters.

Sheriff Eilbeck Saturday moved his headquarters and now is comfortably ensconced in a suit of rooms in the new courthouse. The main office is the second door to the left as one enters the main corridor from the street and is a model of convenience and comfort. Immediately adjoining is the sheriff's private office and is equally well fitted. Clerk McDonald will move into his new quarters sometime next week.

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 understood that Gold creek, Rimma, Twelvemile and Porcupine are showing up fairly well also Gold Bench. The latter is on

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Miner Quite Badly Injured on Discovery Pup Last Chance.

John Hobson, a miner, met with a very serious accident on Campbell and McFee's claim, No. 2 on Discovery Pup, Last Chance, Saturday afternoon. Hobson was at work under a steam pipe which was about 15 feet from the ground when 12 feet of the pipe broke off and struck him on the collar bone which was broken in several places. A deep gash 2 1/2 inches long was also cut in his neck. Dr. Rimer, of Gold Butte, was called and attended to the injuries which upon examination he found to be serious but not fatal. Hobson is a man about 50 years of age. He had just gone to work on this claim the day previous to the accident and considers his fate a little hard as he had been out of work a good share of the summer.

Will Make Round Trip.

J. B. Phillips, general freight and passenger agent of the steamer Monarch will make the round trip to the Koyukuk on the next voyage of the steamer leaving here on the 28th inst. Mr. Phillips is an experienced transportation man and a trip with him aboard assures an enjoyable time and a safe voyage.

NOTES OF BLUFF CITY

Alaska Town Has Good Outlook for the Coming Winter.

Andrew H. Randson, one of the old timers of Alaska, has just returned from the Bluff City district, and gives the latest information about mining in that section. He reports considerable activity along the Solomon river, where a number of dredgers and other mining machinery were in course of transportation to points up the river. One dredger was at the mouth of the Big Hurrah, but had broken down before being ready for operation. There was also one dredger at Solomon City ready to go up the river. All these were the properties of large mining companies, that were hurrying up their work in order to get some benefit out of the remainder of the present season.

At the mouth of Pine creek, on the coast, one concern has started north with a dredger.

No. 10 on Spruce creek is turning out rich. This creek is promising, especially as all the claims are winter propositions. It is deep digging and hard to get down to bedrock. On No. 10 they got \$3 to the pan, and had not yet got down to bedrock.

On the Big Hurrah the late season has retarded the work considerably. The creek is prospecting very good, and everybody is ready to go to work the moment the weather permits.

On Topkok river he found five men prospecting on one claim. They have declared their intention of staying by it until bedrock is struck. This creek also is a winter proposition.

On No. 1 Daniels creek they are sluicing and doing good work. The men were getting \$5 a day and board, but he understood that the men had made a demand for \$7 a day and board, and that a strike was pending.

Swede creek, two miles below Daniels, was said to be rich, but when the men got down about 20 feet they found the bedrock so broken up that all the gold had dropped through.

Mr. Randson says that there are good indications of quartz in the Bluff City district, and as soon as prospecting will show up very good. —Nome News.

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 courthouse recently completed and at the convening Monday next the sittings will be held in the new building.

J. W. Hill, agent of the N. C. Company at Fortymile, came up the river on the Sarah and is going below for the winter. Charles L. Hill will occupy his position until the spring.

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CENSUS TAKING

Major Henry Woodside Returns From a Trip to Fortymile

HE HAS SET MEN AT WORK

Taking Enumeration of Towns and Creeks.

GOES TO STEWART RIVER

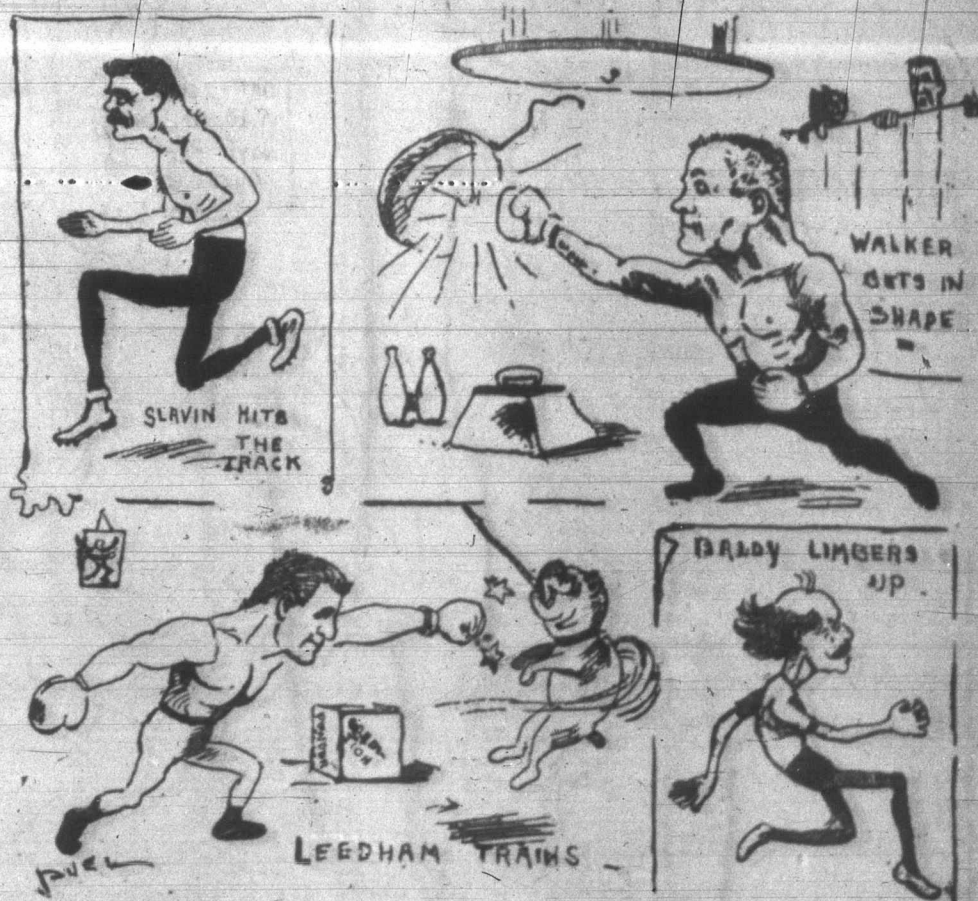
Major Woodside Will Begin Census Taking in That District Immediately.

Major H. J. Woodside, census enumerator for the Yukon territory returned from Fortymile on the Sarah yesterday morning whither he had gone to start the work of counting the noses in that district. Said the major this morning:

"The work of taking the census is going along nicely, though I have been considerably delayed in receiving final instructions from Ottawa. The men I have left at Fortymile will take in all the creeks in the district upon which men are at work and will also do the Glacier and Miller creek section in the Sixty-mile district. Several days ago a party of three was put to work on the headwaters of the Pelly and McMillan and they will work down to the junction of the former with the Yukon. I leave this evening for the head of Stewart river and will take men along for McQuesten creek and other tributaries of the Stewart. The Porcupine district I have been compelled to abandon on account of the lateness of the season and the remoteness of the country. It is scarcely inhabited but it would have been taken in had I received my instructions in time."

Only a portion of the Porcupine is in Canadian territory, the mouth of the river and several hundred miles of the lower end being in Alaska. It is the route often employed by the Indians of the lower MacKenzie in reaching Dawson.

"Shortly after my return from Stewart," continued Major Woodside, "I shall go to Whitehorse and Caribou and arrange for the census taking on the



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