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FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION

In Colorado Mine Causes a Heavy Loss of Life.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 16, via Skagway, Sept. 24.—A special to the Gazette from Glenwood Springs says a frightful explosion occurred there at 5:30 o'clock this evening in the mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., at Spring Gulch, probably resulting in the death of 100 persons or all who were in the mine at the time, fully that number. There was not one chance in a thousand for any

one to escape as the concussion of the explosion caused the entire entrance to the shaft to cave in.

Gone Outside. Mrs. McNeil, housekeeper at the Copping house, departed on the Sifton yesterday to visit her daughter in Victoria, and expects to return in time to prepare the Christmas "feet" for "her boys" at that hotel. Before she left Mrs. McNeil was presented with a nicely filled purse by the staff of the Copping house.

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THE PRESIDENT IS BURIED

His Body Now Rests in the Family Plot at Canton, Ohio—Grave Fears Are Now Entertained for Mrs. McKinley's Present Condition.

Canton, Ohio, Sept. 19, via Skagway, Sept. 24.—The president was buried today during most impressive ceremonies, many thousands of people attending the services. The exercises at the church were brief and simple, after which the remains were interred in the family plot. The personal grief of all the people was apparent. Mrs. McKinley's condition is exciting grave fears and it is feared a collapse may come at any moment. Since returning to her old home a full realization of her awful calamity has come upon her. This morning she wept piteously hour after hour and was able to take no part in the ceremonies, today neither at the

PELKEY NOT GUILTY

Jury Returns a Verdict After Little Deliberation.

The criminal calendar was taken up in the territorial court this morning before Mr. Justice Dugas, the first case coming up for hearing being that of James A. Pelkey, who is charged on the 29th of August with having stolen \$400 in bills of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the property of said bank. The trial was by jury, the jurors consisting of John H. Dickson, J. E. McAlpine, John Hepburn, A. M. Grant, J. A. Clarke and George Mitchell, the defense exhausting two challenges in the empaneling. Crown Prosecutor Congdon made the opening address to the jury in which he stated that the defendant on August 29 had gone to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the purpose of making a deposit, depositing at the time \$450. The receiving teller in accepting the deposit with its accompanying slip, which had been made out in a badly written hand, had mistaken a figure "4" for an "8," in consequence of which upon the pass book which was subsequently issued to Pelkey, as well as the ledger in which the entry was made, a credit was shown of \$850 instead of \$450, as it was alleged the deposit amounted to. Later in the day another deposit of \$65 was made bringing the total credit as shown by the pass book to be \$915. The same day Pelkey drew a check for \$900 which was initialed "O. K." by the ledger keeper and cashed by the paying teller.

A. E. Marks was the first witness for the prosecution. He is receiving teller for the bank and as such received the deposit in question. The error was first noticed when he balanced his cash at the close of business on the day the deposit was made and he found his cash \$400 short. The slips were checked up and the mistake was located by Mr. Cowan, one of the clerks. He remembered Pelkey making the deposit but could not state from memory the amount or the denomination of the bills. He had checked the money by the number of bills and had made the total read \$850 instead of \$450, initialing the slip and passing it to the ledger keeper.

A. W. Complin, ledger keeper, testified to having received the deposit slip and to making out a pass book showing \$850, and later \$85 to be deposited in Pelkey's name, making a similar entry in his ledger. Late the same afternoon Pelkey had appeared with a check for initialing with "99" in figures and "nine hundred" written out. Asked Pelkey whether he wanted \$9 or \$900, and upon being told the latter amount he tore the check up in prisoner's presence and directed him to draw a new one. Pelkey did so, but as his writing was shaky and scarcely legible witness also tore that one up and wrote another himself. Pelkey signed the third check and witness initialed it, debiting him with \$900 in his pass book.

Arthur Maynard, paying teller, identified the check which he has cashed, paying Pelkey 45 \$30 bills. Pelkey took the stand in his own behalf. He has been here since April, coming from Vancouver. He swore to having deposited on the day in question \$850 as shown by the bank books, and not \$450, as is alleged. On that day he had \$860 in his possession, all of which he deposited except \$10. His deposit consisted of six \$5 bills, 44 \$10 bills, 14 \$20 bills and one \$100 bill, his enumeration of the number and denominations corresponding with the deposit slip except in the matter of the \$10 bills. The slip shows but four, whereas Pelkey claims there were 44, showing the discrepancy of \$400. The witness adhered firmly to his evidence and told in detail where and how he had earned the money to make considerable over \$1,000. N. P. Shaw, Harry Sibley, Edward Orr, J. H. Bethune and A. F. George all testified to Pelkey's previous good character, some of the witnesses having known the prisoner for 20 years. But little time was occupied by counsel in addressing the jury, and they required only a few moments to consider their verdict, which upon being read pronounced the prisoner not guilty.

J. C. BROWN DEFEATED

By Popular Vote in Provincial Bye-Election. New Westminster, Sept. 19, via Skagway, Sept. 24.—At the bye-election held yesterday on account of J. C. Brown accepting a folio in Dunsmuir's cabinet as provincial secretary, Brown was defeated by Thomas Gifford, the opposition candidate, by a majority of 53 votes.

HUNDREDS OF TRAVELERS

Crowd Trains From Skagway to Whitehorse. Whitehorse, Sept. 25.—On Sunday nearly 500 people were here awaiting the train for Skagway, the steamers Ora, Flora, Whitehorse, Canadiana, Crimmins and Monarch having arrived after the train left Saturday. Yesterday's train from here to Skagway was the largest in the history of the road.

CONTEST ON GOLD RUN

Staked by 16 People Who Raced to Recorder's Office.

A case that is being heard in the gold commissioner's court today takes one back to early last spring when there was an unparalleled stampede to Gold Run for two lonely claims. At midnight on April 25 No. 94 Gold Run became open for re-location, and as the claim is 500 feet long it made two claims under the present regulations, each 250 feet in length. At one o'clock on the night of the 25th 16 men were found to be on the ground and all presumed to have planted their stakes simultaneously and then started on a mad race for the gold commissioner's office. Men on horseback, on bicycles, on foot and in every sort of a conveyance excepting a balloon were in the race for a claim. Among the 16 participating in the race were Chas. E. Taylor and John Scott, both of the White Pass office force. They were mounted on Kentucky thoroughbreds, but Taylor alone succeeded in reaching the goal, making the ride in from Gold Run in 9 hours, getting his application on record, and subsequently receiving the grant to the ground. For Scott, however, the pace was too swift and he failed to connect at the recorder's office, and for the following two weeks took his meals standing up, the result of his folly in cross-country riding. The latter statement, it should be added, did not come out in the evidence heard today, but is merely mentioned to show how near a person may come to a good thing and still miss it. Alas! No sooner had Taylor received his grant than his right to the ground was contested by one of his fellow stakers, the case being entitled Rogers vs. Taylor. Gold Commissioner Senkler has reserved his decision.

SLAVIN ACCEPTS

Takes the Bet of \$1,000 Put Up by Kennedy.

Kennedy made his word good last night and deposited with Jackson, of the New Savoy theater, \$250 as a forfeit on a \$1,000 bet that he would defeat Slavin tomorrow night. The bet was not slow in coming to time with his end of the purse, Joe Boyle putting up the money for Slavin and stating to Jackson that the balance of the \$1,000 for Slavin would be forthcoming on the night of the match. Devine who met Slavin and suffered defeat from his hands, said last night that he failed to see how Kennedy or any other man in this country had any show with the big Australian, Kennedy, who was standing near, smiled when he heard the remark and was introduced to Devine, who had just returned from Nome. The two indulged in a lengthy conversation relative to the work of Slavin and by Kennedy's expression it could be seen that he was thoroughly familiar with the champion's style of fighting. Slavin has been training constantly for the match ever since the articles were signed and will appear in fine condition tomorrow night.

Kennedy's work at the wrestling match Saturday night shows how he is fixed. The meeting of the two big fellows may develop some unexpected incidents. A Bet. Dominion, Sept. 23, 1901.

Editor Nugget: Dear Sir—To decide a bet will you kindly state in the columns of your valuable paper whether the Krag-Jorgenson gun, used in the U. S. army, is a 30-30 or 30-40. By so doing you will greatly oblige. HUGH M'CRORIE. (The rifle in question is a 30-40.) We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

PLOT WILL BE UNRAVELED

A Letter Was Found on Des Moines, Iowa, Anarchist Which Furnishes a Key to Arrangements for Assassination of President McKinley.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 19, via Skagway, Sept. 24.—An anarchist resisted arrest here last night and was wounded. When searched by the police a letter which was found on his person smelted at Los Angeles two weeks before the shooting of the president will, it is believed, furnish a key to the conspiracy. The letter contains two printed circulars of a strange mixture of letters, figures and characters. The circulars have been partly translated, the expressions being: "Beasts at Buffalo exposition; whatever happens is to be repeated." "Re I anarchists are known only to

BOERS ARE STILL ACTIVE

They Surprise Three British Companies at Scheepers Nek on the 17th Killing and Wounding Many and Taking Both Officers and Men Prisoners.

London, Sept. 19, via Skagway, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from Kitchen-erated at Pretoria, September 18, says that on the 17th the Boers ambushed three companies of infantry with three guns, commanded by Major Gough, at Scheepers Nek. After severe fighting the British were overpowered and lost their guns, the sights and breech-locks having been destroyed. Two British officers and 24 men were killed, eight, five officers and 25 men wounded and five officers and 130 men made prisoners.

LIVE STOCK FOR DAWSON

WILDCAT SCHEME

Company Incorporates to Build Trans-Alaska Railroad.

Skagway, Sept. 27.—The steamer Dirigo which reached here Sunday evening came loaded to the guards with live stock for Trebo, Klinert and Currier of Dawson. The stock was loaded at Vancouver and consists of 120 cattle, 135 hogs and 300 sheep. A large shipment of beef cattle and calves which came in on the Dolphin are a part of the same consignment, all of which will be shipped to Whitehorse by train.

Grand concert Thursday night at St. Mary's church when new pipe organ will be dedicated. Tickets at Rudy's and Ron M. Crawford's office.

50 tons east of the mountains lay to be closed out at once, 45 cents. S. Archibald.

On Sunday last between 27 Hidorado and C. D. dock sack containing \$300 gold dust. Liberal reward to party returning same to Nugget office. 250

Lost. Duty to Kennedy. Dawson, Sept. 24, 1901. To the Editor of the Nugget: I hereby challenge Frank Kennedy to wrestle me a fair, square match, collar and elbow 190 lbs in three strictly to rule, for the entire receipts of the house, match to take place at Dawson any day he may name after his fight with Slavin, and I will give him one hundred dollars currency if he will win one fall before I win two. J. H. McLAUGHLIN.

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