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## HILL'S FATE

Will Probably Be Determined in the Territorial Court This Evening.

## THEORY OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

Advanced By the Prisoner and His Counsel.

## CORROBORATED BY JULIA.

The Accused Presents a Reasonable Defense and Tells a Plausible Story.

The trial of the Queen vs. Charles Hill, accused of murder, still occupies the attention of Justice Dugas and a jury in the territorial court.

Yesterday afternoon the evidence of Julia, the Indian girl, was concluded. She testified that at the time of the homicide, and for quite a while previous thereto she was living with William Blair, the deceased; that during the morning of the day upon which the crime is alleged to have been committed she saw the deceased attempt to kill the prisoner by shooting at him three times with a revolver; that thereupon the prisoner retreated to his cabin; that the deceased, armed with a rifle, waited all day for the prisoner to reappear; that about twilight in the evening the prisoner attempted to pass within 50 yards of the place where the deceased and witness were camping; that she saw the deceased aim his rifle at the accused, but that the latter seemed to realize the danger and succeeded in shooting Blair before the latter could discharge his weapon. The testimony

of Julia, though a witness for the crown, favored the prisoner; and her evidence substantiates the defense of justifiable homicide, which has been interposed by the defendant.

This morning the prisoner, Charles Hill, took the witness stand in his own behalf. He is a man of medium height and weight; his age will not exceed 35 years; his hair and mustache are black, and the latter ornament is small, and twisted to a point at each end. His complexion is dark and he possesses regular features. The black suit of clothes in which he is attired is considerably worn, but scrupulously clean. Altogether, the man who is on trial for his life presents a favorable appearance, and he does not manifest the characteristics of a murderer. He submits his testimony in a collected manner, and his story is plausible and seems to be true. The prisoner related that he and the deceased had quarreled some days prior to the time of the killing; that the latter had entertained feelings of intense enmity, which eventually found expression in overt actions which threatened the life of the accused. The defendant then recounted the incidents which happened during the day of the tragedy. His evidence, in almost every detail, corresponds with that of the Indian girl, Julia. Crown Prosecutor Wade showed on cross-examination that the accused had maintained illicit relations with Julia, but on all points affecting the tragedy the prisoner could not be confused.

This afternoon the attorneys in the case will make their arguments; Justice Dugas will deliver his instructions to the jury; and a verdict is expected by 6 o'clock this evening.

### Items of Interest.

Eighty-four per cent of Idaho is public land.

Tangier is a city without vehicles. Donkeys are used for transportation.

The parliament building in Wellington, New Zealand, is the largest wooden structure in the world.

Among the Mohammedans of Calcutta the infant mortality reaches the enormous figure of 634-5 per 1000 births.

The supreme court of Connecticut has decided that a furnace is personal property and may be removed from a building by due process of law.

Improvements are being made in Bombay which will reduce the density of the population in certain districts from 833 persons to the acre to 500.

The Philadelphia Record says that a man was once elected to a responsible state office in Pennsylvania and served acceptably who could not write his name. He was intelligent and of sound business judgment.

### Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 61 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 30 degrees above.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

## TO AID HOMELESS

Steps Being Taken Whereby Dawson Will Be Enabled to Display Generosity

## IN THE CAUSE OF SWEET CHARITY

Victims of Ottawa's Disastrous Fire Objects of Consideration.

## GOV. OGILVIE TAKES LEAD.

And Names a Committee to Aid Him in the Good Work Meeting Tonight.

When on Wednesday evening, and fully 24 hours ahead of all competitors, the Daily Nugget gave to its many readers a full telegraphic account of the extent of Ottawa's late disastrous conflagration, many were the expressions of sorrow and regret heard on every side.

It had been hoped when the first news was received of the fire having destroyed the suburban towns of Hull and Chaudiere and followed the bridge across the river to the capital city where, at the time the wire was sent, the big Canadian Pacific union depot had succumbed to the elements, that even though the wind was then veering around to an unfavorable quarter, the fire would be overcome and the fearful anticipation would still be averted. But the wire to the Nugget Wednesday confirmed the worst fears. Five square miles of the capital city are in ruins; from \$17,000,000 to \$20,000,000 worth of property has gone up in smoke or down in ashes, and over 1000 families, numbering from 6000 to 8000 persons are left homeless and, save for the clothes they wear, destitute of life's comforts and the means of procuring them.

But humanity is responsive to the calls of suffering, and the message which brought news of the wholesale devastation brought news that from over Canada and the United States were pouring into the unfortunate city offers and promises of most substantial pecuniary aid.

Renowned for the liberal and bounteous manner in which she responds to calls for the alleviation of local suffering, Dawson will not be behind in her assistance to the suffering capital city. Commissioner Ogilvie has already inaugurated the good work by naming a committee to co-operate with him in devising ways and means whereby the people of Dawson in a systematic manner may all be given an opportunity for doing something towards dispelling the dark clouds which must hover over the homeless thousands of chilled Ottawa. The gentlemen whom the governor has selected to serve with him on the committee are: Messrs. Heron, of the A. C. Co.; DeLaney, of the N. A. T. & T. Co.; Lindsey, of the A. E. Co.; Wood, of the T. & E. Co.; Yemans, of the E. T. Co.; Boig, of the bank of B. N. A.; Wills, of the Canadian B. of C.; Steels, of the Daily News; Allen, of the Daily Nugget, and Zimmerman.

Each of the above named are requested to meet with the governor at the McDonald hotel tonight at 8:30 o'clock for organization and action.

### The Contest Tonight.

The sports are looking eagerly forward to the go tonight, and much speculation is current as to who will be the victor. Both men are in fine condition and strip as clean as thoroughbreds. Case is down to 138 pounds and Smith will enter the ring at 150, giving him a considerable advantage in weight. He has remarkable staying powers and will never quit while there is a blow in him. Case will probably cut an aggressive

pace in the first five rounds, hoping to stop his man early in the contest, as he has a keen appreciation of Smith's vitality.

Neither man is saying much as to his idea of the outcome, but each are evidently imbued with a strong determination to win the go, as on this result the future careers of the men as far as Dawson is concerned will be decided. The seats are being sold rapidly and boxes are engaged by many of the friends of both contestants.

### Will Not Be Recherche.

The Nugget is in receipt of a communication which it declines to print, but which suggests, in view of the fact that the phones are now to be generally used in Dawson, that conversation over the wire be not closed by the time-honored words "Good-bye" or "S'long," but that when a conversation is completed, the person who introduces it by the "calling up" act simply saying "Mush."

### Dawson's Population.

The impression prevailed quite generally that the population of Dawson had decreased during the past winter. Such opinions were plausibly explained by the fact that hundreds of people journeyed to Nome over the ice, and the thought was not entertained that the arrivals from the outside would equal in number those persons who had left here.

However, the late census report shows that this city contains a greater population now than it did last fall; the increase is comprised principally of British subjects, for there are nearly twice as many Britishers as there were in September, 1899. There are a few more citizens of the United States resident in Dawson now than there were seven months ago, there has also been an increase in the number of children. The official returns disclose a material decrease in the female population of the city.

The following table is compiled for the purpose of comparing the census report of Col. Steele which was made last fall with the returns which were submitted by Inspector Primrose a few days ago:

	April, 1899.	Sept., 1899.	June, 1900.	Dec.
Men	4,516	3,659	857	
Women	646	786	140	140
British	1,712	995	717	
United States	3,391	3,263	156	
Children	242	164	78	
Total inhabitants	5,404	4,463	959	

The above table applies only to the city of Dawson.

### A Remarkable Clock.

The only public clock for the benefit of poor people in Dawson is the one which adorns the top of a post which indicates the location of C. F. A. Sturt's jewelry store on Front street. To the ordinary observer there is nothing extraordinary about the clock, the smooth workmanship having disguised the identity of the crude material from which it was manufactured. The clock is a product of Mr. Sturt's ingenuity and was made from scraps. Some parts of the machinery were made from an egg-beater, while tin cans were made into hands and dial figures. The wooden case of this remarkable time-piece was manufactured from boards which formerly constituted a champagne box. The clock keeps correct time and has stopped only once in the past six months.

Mr. Sturt came to Dawson from San Francisco where he at one time devised a machine with arms and by operating it under a large glass covering in a space from which the air had been extracted it was all that is implied in the term "perpetual motion." The invention was one which elicited much interest in scientific circles.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

## BRITISH SUBJECTS

Of Whatsoever Calling or Profession, Are Urgently Requested to Attend

## TOMORROW NIGHT'S MASS MEETING

When Many Questions Will Be Up for Consideration.

## WITH SUGRU'S RESOLUTION.

Meeting Will Be in Palace Grand—Admission Free—Family Boxes May Be Had.

The citizens' committee assembled in session at the Hotel McDonald last evening; all the members were present excepting Mr. Thomas McMullen, who is confined in the Good Samaritan hospital with a severe attack of illness.

Arrangements have been completed for the mass meeting of British subjects to be held in the Palace Grand theater next Saturday evening. The order of business is as follows:

Report of citizens' committee.

Disposition of Sugru resolution, consideration of which was deferred at the last meeting.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the royalty.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the local taxation ordinance.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the secret meetings of the Yukon council.

Consideration of a resolution respecting toll bridge and other exclusive franchises.

In addition to the foregoing matters, there will probably be numerous other questions of vital interest submitted to the people. Admission to all parts of the theater will be free and those persons who wish to secure boxes for their families, or for private parties, are requested to give their applications to Secretary Clarke before 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon; for these special conveniences no extra charges will be made. Before and during the meeting voluntary contributions will be received at a table to be situated in the front part of the building; the committee will select a competent gentleman for this purpose, and the fund will be devoted to defraying legitimate and necessary expenses. Every British subject in the territory is urged to be present.

### Gold Commissioner's Court.

The case of John Risser, plaintiff, vs. J. Pinkert and L. R. Fuda, defendants, is on trial today in Commissioner Senkler's court. The action involves the title to the creek claim described as the lower half of No. 19 on the right fork of Eureka creek.

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