

O'BRIEN TRIES INSANE DODGE

Stands Stark Naked All Day Long and Chatters as Raving Maniac—Refuses to Eat and Guards Compelled to Force Food Down His Throat.

From Monday's Daily.
Sheriff Ellbeck has at last received official notification that O'Brien, the triple murderer, must hang, the message arriving late Saturday evening. At 11:30 this morning in the presence of Superintendent Primrose and Dr. Hurdman, the sheriff read the telegram to the condemned man, thus confirming the press reports which had been received several days previously. The message read as follows:
Ottawa, July 31, 1901.
To the Sheriff of Yukon Territory, Dawson, Y. T.:

His excellency, the governor general has thought fit to order that the law be allowed to take its course in the case of George O'Brien under sentence of death to be executed on Friday, the 23d of August next. Wire back this telegram which I will confirm by letter.
P. PELLETIER,
Acting Under Secretary of State.
O'Brien paid but little attention to the reading of the telegram which seals his doom and made continued interruptions hurling curses and most frightful imprecations upon the head of Superintendent Primrose, Provost Sergeant Tweedy and Dr. Hurdman, whom he characterizes as his persecutors.

Shortly after the sheriff had performed the painful duty imposed upon him by virtue of his office a Nugget representative was accorded an interview with O'Brien, the first to be granted the press since the prisoner's arrest a year and a half ago. Before the outer door of the guard room had been passed, loud lamentations and beseeching cries were heard, noises of a character which one would naturally expect in a lunatic asylum but scarcely in a prison occupied only by persons in their right mind. A turn to the left after entering a few steps forward and a turn to the right brought the reporter face to face with a view so loathsome and horrible that the sight of it was sickening. There behind the bars in the death chamber, the same one occupied by old man King, and from which he will not be removed until his march to the scaffold is begun, stood O'Brien as naked as the day he was born. About his neck hung a rosary, which he nervously fumbled from time to time and encircling his ankles were brightly polished manacles which when walking confined his steps to but a few inches. His clothes lay about the cell in the utmost disorder just as he had thrown them when he removed them from his person. There he stood in his nakedness, dead to all shame, with blanched face, eyes bulging from their sockets, the picture of despair in whom a guilty conscience is ever torturing him, sleeping or waking, chattering incoherently as a gibbering idiot and feigning insanity as a last and as it must seem even to himself hopeless resort. That faintness and air of unconcern, of bravado such as was a distinguishing feature during the trial is gone, and in its stead he looks and acts like a wild beast which has been chased into its hole and knows no possible way of escaping the fate in store for him. No sooner does he hear footsteps in the outer corridor than he begins his ranting, now beginning piteously for some one to save him and then breaking off suddenly and cursing and denouncing everyone about him to eternal perdition. As the reporter approached his cell the first words which fell upon his ears were, "Oh, I'm gone, I'm gone, but I've fixed it with the Virgin Mary for you, Sergeant Tweedy, and you Dr. Hurdman for compelling me to break my fast yesterday." He talked in a similar rambling strain continuously and never relapses into silence as long as there is a visitor in sight to whom he can tell his woes.

The insanity dodge is of but recent date and has only been practiced since he learned he had been refused a new trial. He will not keep his clothes on for the last two days, it being a part of the play to go about stark naked. Yesterday he tried the expedient of starving himself, saying that it was his fast day and that if he did not observe it he would be condemned to purgatory. At every meal guards force food down his throat and there is little danger of him being able to cheat the gallowes in that manner. A medical examination of O'Brien is conducted every day and beyond the outward show which he displays there is not the slightest indication that his mind is unbalanced. Those who have seen and studied his actions every day for months are of the opinion that his true nature is just beginning to make itself apparent and now that death in a few days is an absolute certainty, the craven, cowardly part of his composition, the same that was displayed when he killed three defenseless men from ambush, is becoming predominant. In view of recent developments it is not improbable that when he comes to mount the scaffold his fear will be so great that his legs will refuse to do their usual service and he will have to be carried to the place of execution.

THE DEADLY COMPARISON

Steamers Yukoner and Clifford Sifton Depart Saturday.

Two steamers, the Yukoner and Clifford Sifton, sailed on Saturday from Dawson for Whitehorse, the latter getting away at 9:30 in the evening carrying, in addition to 93 passengers, a brass band and fully 100 guests, the band and guests leaving the steamer at Klondike city and returning to Dawson. Following are the lists of passengers carried by the two steamers:

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| W. S. Phillips | W. M. Wilson |
| Mrs. W. L. Phillips | B. Jones |
| W. B. Gilson | Mrs. Jones |
| Mrs. W. B. Gilson | Mrs. Timmins |
| Rev. Woodfin | J. T. Timmins |
| W. F. Welsh | G. H. Preston |
| Wm. McPherson | P. Tausan |
| J. G. Edwards | J. Gardner |
| E. Connolly | E. H. Hawley |
| A. Chabonson | H. T. Harper |
| J. Keiser | S. Muckison |
| Mrs. Archibald | G. J. Davies |
| Wm. Daugherty | W. B. Copping |
| J. A. Hughes | W. G. Little |
| Mrs. J. A. Hughes | M. J. Henry |
| M. Hanlon | |
| F. A. Hutton | |
| M. Rosenber | |
| E. O'Brien | |
| Mrs. Kiln | |
| Chas. Hoogs | |
| J. E. Rivers | |
| Mrs. M. King | |
| Geo. C. Vickers | |
| W. Gant | |
| Mrs. T. E. Sipe | |
| J. Campbell | |
| E. L. Tipperd | |
| W. C. Jolly | |
| E. Latham | |
| A. J. McCullough | |
| Mrs. Cave | |
| Mrs. Anderson | |
| Chas. Wilkinson | |
| M. Kelkos | |
| Geo. Ains | |
| N. Piles | |
| Tom Lellan | |
| E. Johnson | |
| Miss H. M. Nelson | |
| P. Pederson | |
| H. Murray | |
| W. H. Pardy | |
| A. Birnie | |
| Row A. Bumball | |
| S. Johnson | |
| Mrs. H. Johnson | |
| H. McCandless | |
| E. Hollenback | |
| B. Price | |
| A. Fraser | |
| Mrs. Anderson | |
| H. Hennessy | |
| W. Matis | |
| F. Anderson | |
| H. Anderson | |
| D. W. Davis | |
| L. Lewis | |
| G. Sullivan | |
| F. Pastor | |
| W. Cavro | |
| W. F. Hoag | |
| L. Lower | |
| Boydick | |
| J. H. Lowe | |
| John E. Johnson | |
| F. Goyette | |
| E. Stouer | |
| E. Klingerson | |
| O. H. Roberts | |
| J. Sinclair | |
| Colfax | |
| Landers | |
| F. Elliott | |
| F. Smith | |
| Wm. Butler | |
| H. O. Nordwick | |
| E. Fanelis | |
| C. Bayler | |
| H. Braden | |
| M. Larson | |
| J. Smith | |
| A. Lyons | |
| W. C. Jolly | |
| Ed. Brodtkinger | |
| Joe Miller | |

ORPHEUM REOPENS

A Vaudeville Show Put on by Manager M. S. Eads.

The Orpheum opens again tonight this time under the management of Murray Eads of the Standard who will operate both houses in future. A first-class vaudeville show will be the attraction there tonight and for the balance of this week the same people will delight the audience with original sketches and specialty work. Each succeeding week will see new faces in both theaters and every possible effort will be made to please the patrons of the Orpheum and Standard. The former theater has been entirely refitted, papered and painted and a main entrance has been cut through from First avenue.

Champion Bantamweight.

Young "Kid" McFadden, the champion bantamweight of the Pacific coast, is a recent arrival in the city and is looking for a go with anyone in his class. The "Kid" fights at 115 pounds and has quite a record on the outside.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. NEW OFFICER COMING IN

W. W. Corey, Recently Appointed Inspector, En Route.

Skagway, Aug. 5.—W. W. Corey, recently appointed by the Dominion government inspector of offices of the Yukon, arrived on the Islander en route to Dawson, leaving for the latter place today. His duties will be the inspection of land, mining and other offices. His position has but lately been created.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. SPIRITED RIVALRY

Exists Between Victoria and Vancouver Assay Offices.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE. WORTHLESS TITLES

Another Case of "N G" Auction Claim Grant.

Another story of a case where government titles to claims proved of no commercial value, and where innocent parties are made to suffer heavy financial loss in consequence of the ordinary error of the past week, and others of a similar character may be expected. Some time late in the fall last year three men named Spencer, James and Steele, all miners with better than the ordinary education of miners, and with from \$20,000 to \$25,000 each came here with the idea of jointly purchasing a good property and bettering their fortunes. They started in to obtain control of a large piece of property called later to give good returns and finally succeeded in interesting English capital in their operations. The result of this was that they purchased from nine owners on Dago hill and Last Chance, bench hillside and creek claims to the number of about 60, together with a number of water rights and dumping privileges. They arranged was made to win over all this property to the English capitalists, representatives of the Klondike Councils for over \$300,000.

During the purchase and gathering together of these properties so as to make a contiguous bunch, it was found necessary to buy a number of claims at the government auction sale last November. These claims were advertised for sale by the government, and the purchasers naturally believed that a government title must be perfect and the very best to be had.

Upon the completion of the purchases a large sum was subscribed as working capital, and it was believed that the whole property could be floated in London for half a million dollars, probably more. All arrangements were made for the transfer of the property a month or two ago to a strong English company formed for the purpose. Now the owner of the concession covering unlocated claims or claims reverting to the crown comes in and gets the gold commissioner to mark opposite these men's claims "not transferable," concessionaire Milne claiming title to them under his grant.

There will probably be quite a number more of such instances of governmental recklessness.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. DAWSON LOOKS GOOD

And That Is Why Sailors Desert on Their Arrival.

Everyone will remember the difficulty there was in manning steamers down the river from this port during the early days, and most people have the idea that such incidents are merely memories of a past state of existence. United States Consul McCook has official evidence very much to the contrary. He says that ever since the steamer began to arrive from St. Michael this season he has had the usual trouble with the sailors who upon arrival here said "Dawson looks good enough for them," and demanded their pay to this point. They had, of course, shipped for the round trip from St. Michael, but they declared that they had shipped to Dawson only. When the ship's papers were produced they unhesitatingly declared that they had not signed them, or that the papers had not been read to them and they knew nothing of their contents. But captains who had had and experienced of these troubles in the past had taken no chances; they had papers that there was no ginsaying. In former seasons this had not been the case. Men had been snipped on a mere understanding, probably, and Consul McCook had in many instances insisted upon their being paid and discharged here. Upon the knowledge of this many of the recent arrivals who had signed papers believed they could bluff out of them but found themselves mistaken. Still there are quite a number of men now in Dawson ready to be hired and who do not object to a trip outside, and a number of those held by their papers have been allowed to remain on producing an acceptable substitute.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE. STORIES REVIVED

Since Mr. Heney's Arrival of All Canadian Railroad.

The visit of Contractor Heney during last week, and the consequent speculation as to an all-American route of railroad, which is now generally believed to be an assumed fact, has given a "hivus" to railroad projects generally. Not only have all the local projects been re-thrashed but they have been laid before Mr. Heney and there is much whispering as to the probable result.

Among the Canadians the latest all-Canadian route has been resurrected. This time it follows the telegraph line from Ashcroft to Atlin, taking in a part of the McKeen-Mann grade, and from Atlin it comes to the mouth of the Hootalinqua, tapping the new strikes in that district. Negotiations are said to have been started for the beginning of construction work this season. Also the White Pass is said to be in a position to continue its line to the mouth of Hootalinqua as soon as any possible rival makes a start.

In short, Mr. Heney's brief visit has been productive of many rumors of railroads in addition to the excited gossip about the exact route of the Valdes road.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. FISH BOATS GALORE

New Swarm on the Yukon in Front of Dawson.

The beach in front of the barracks is lined these days with fishing boats of all descriptions. From 18 to 20 boats daily are sailing the river for the king salmon which are "row" "climbing" up" in large quantities and hardly a cast is made without several of the finny tribe being caught in the meshes of the net. Some days the number caught is of course larger than others and run all the way from 25 to 50 per boat. The reason that the number is so limited to each craft is that there are so many fishing that as all cannot get onto the river at the same time so they go out in turns, lining up on the beach as they come back. It takes about 25 minutes to make the trip from the mouth of the Klondike to the mill and make the cast, and when the boat returns to the barracks it has to wait its next turn which takes nearly one hour so that during the day each boat only gets eight to ten casts. The price of fish which was \$7 per pound when the first catch was made has gone down to below bedrock and fish can now be bought at from five to eight cents per pound. There is some talk among the fishermen of salting their fish for their own use instead of selling at the price which is now offered and which will hardly repay them for the time spent in catching. There is a great deal of difficulty experienced by the fishermen in casting their nets on account of the many snags which cover the bottom of the river and oftentimes the nets are torn and damaged to a considerable extent by them. A petition is going to be sent to the government asking that the money collected from the licenses which amounts to \$20 each be used in clearing the snags from the river which would be of material aid to the fishermen.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. THE DEWEY HOUSE RAIDED

As of 12 o'clock a gambling raid occurred at the Forks Saturday night at the Dewey hotel. Three tables of blackjack were running at the time and every dollar and check in sight together with the tables was confiscated. Six policemen conducted the raid, one standing guard at each door to prevent any escape and two scooping in the money and checks, later taking down the names of every person present—some 200 in number. The cases came up for hearing this morning but were postponed until tomorrow.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. LEAP OF A FIEND

Tacoma, July 25.—An opium fiend, whose name the police have not learned, made a flying leap from the east end of Seventh street to the railroad yards below, at noon today. At the spot where the leap was taken the bluff is 150 feet high, part of which is sheer precipice. The man had just been brought to the police station in the patrol wagon. He leaped sleep, but the instant the wagon stopped, leaped to the ground with cat-like agility, and before any one was aware of what was happening, was racing down Seventh street. Sergeant McCoy followed, but the man reached the brow of the bluff, and to the amazement of the officer, leaped straight over. He fell 35 feet and landed on high weeds and grasses, which broke the force of the fall. By the time the officers reached the top of the cliff the man had disappeared, and close search failed to reveal more than a wide trail plowed down the side of the bluff. The man evidently miraculously escaped with his life, but his leap was the most daring attempt at escape ever made by a criminal in Tacoma.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. CRISIS REACHED IN 'FRISCO

Where 12,000 Members of Federation Embracing 14 Unions Walk out to be Followed by 3,000 Others—All Business on Water Front Tied Up.

San Francisco, July 30, via Skagway, Aug. 5.—The labor trouble reached a crisis here today and all maritime traffic and business along the shore is at a standstill, all industries being practically paralyzed. The order for a walk-out on the city front of all members of the Labor Federation which comprises 14 unions and organizations with a combined membership of 15,000 men was made effective this morning. Of the 15,000 members of the various unions 3000 are at sea or in other cities and the order does not apply to them until they return to this city. Many of the men are employed on coastwise steamers and will come ashore and join the strikers as soon as they arrive in port. The order was unhesitatingly and promptly obeyed by 12,000 today when, as soon as the order had gone into effect all the big shipping companies on the water front, with one exception, were left without union men.

Pittsburg, July 30.—Disappointment and apprehension pervade the air of Pittsburg tonight because of the failure of the executive board of the Amalgamated Association to ratify the peace proposals arranged at the conference recently held in New York.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. SIBERIAN GOLIATH

Visits Dawson and Attracts Considerable Curiosity.

The picture produced here with is that of Demetrius Feurin a native Siberian who arrived in Dawson from San Francisco last Friday. Notwithstanding the fact that he is not quite 22 years of age he is a giant in physique—6 feet 3 inches in height and weighs nearly 275 pounds. His extraordinary size alone would

was compelled to leave secretly and during his trip had many narrow escapes from capture and encountered many adventures. He traveled on the railroad as far as it went—the railroad employees helping him along. Leaving the railroad at its terminus which at that time was about 740 miles from Vladivostok he made the balance of the distance on foot, working his way to the coast. Talking a steamer from Vladivostok he went to Turkey and from there to San Francisco. Learning from his countrymen at Frisco of the golden Klondike he again packed his grip and started for Skagway determined to try his fortunes here. From Skagway he walked to Whitehorse and



cause everyone whom he met to turn around for a second look at him and coupling with that his picturesque appearance in his native dress, makes him the center of attraction wherever he goes. He cannot speak or understand a word of the English language but by means of an interpreter a Nugget representative learned his story. His home is in Viatco, a town in the province of Guber, Siberia, in which place he was born and raised. For two years and a half prior to his leaving his country he was at work on the new railroad which is to connect Vladivostok with St. Petersburg. It was an attempt on the part of the authorities to force him into the army which caused him to leave his country. He

from that place he worked his way down on one of the steamers. He left his home two and a half months ago during which time he has been traveling continuously. From St. Petersburg to Vladivostok he says is a distance of 10,000 miles and the fare over the line when it is completed will be \$35 for a third-class passage. He did not state what the first and second-class would be. Demetrius, notwithstanding his great size is a very pleasant appearing young man and is a ready talker when in conversation with one who understands his language. He expects to remain in this country until his fortune is made and is now looking for employment. His muscular ability should make him a valuable assistant to any mine operator in the country.

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