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NOW IN COURT

John Fred Struthers, Clerk for Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell,

IS ON TRIAL BEFORE A JURY TODAY

Charged With Having Accepted a Bribe From W. S. Brown,

WHO TELLS A NEW STORY.

And Is Threatened in Court With Prosecution for Perjury—Case Will End Tonight.

The trial of John Fred Struthers, charged with accepting a bribe while in the employ of the government, which employ meant that he was bench claim recorder and representation affidavit clerk in the office of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell, is being heard today in the territorial court before Justice Dugas and the following jury: E. McAmis, A. J. Stewart, Montague Martin, A. Beldred, G. Reed and Rafe Colley.

Prosecuting Attorney Wade is conducting the case for the queen, the defendant being represented by Attorney White.

The readers of the Nugget are familiar with the history of the case. On May 9th, Struthers, R. D. Sutherland and W. S. Brown were all arrested, the latter for offering a bribe to a government employe, the second for complicity in bribing a government employe, and the former for accepting a bribe. Since that time Struthers has been out on bond, while Brown and Sutherland have been held in jail in default of bond.

The first witness this morning was Thomas, the tailor who, it will be remembered, acted with Sergeant J. J. Wilson in laying the trap into which the suspects are alleged to have readily walked. Thomas told the story of how he secured through the agency of Sutherland, renewal for claim 3 on Lovett gulch, which claim is owned by Robert Brewitt. Thomas' story was virtually the same as introduced at the preliminary hearing and published at that time.

R. D. Sutherland also told the story of his connection with the affair the same as formerly. Thomas gave him money amounting to \$135 for having the claim renewed in the capacity of broker he turned the matter over to Brown with \$125, and Brown had brought back to him the desired paper, showing the claim to have been duly represented until October 21st, 1901. Sutherland testified to having received \$22.50 of the money given him by Thomas.

W. S. Brown's testimony was a surprise to the prosecution in that he swore directly opposite to his former evidence when he said he had given Struthers \$75. Today he said he had given Struthers only \$15. Prosecutor Wade suggested that the witness be proceeded against for perjury, and the court warned Brown to be careful in his story; but he stuck to the new version and said he had been mistaken in his evidence at the former hearing. Brown retired from the witness box under something of a cloud so far as his reputation for truthfulness is concerned.

At this afternoon's session, Gold Commissioner Senkler was on the stand to testify relative to the law governing renewals of claims.

C. J. K. Nourse was called as an expert in writing, and gave it as his opinion that one of the affidavits exhibited had been faked out, name "James Johnson" signed to it, and acknowledged all by the same person, which person the affidavits showed to be J. Fred Struthers.

As there was but little additional testimony to hear, it is likely a verdict in the case will be reached this evening.

Flush the Sewers.

It is a noticeable fact that the sewers leading to the river on the cross streets are rapidly filling with an accumulation of sediment which bids fair to interfere with their usefulness unless cleaned out. The suggestion has been made that the fire company flush the sewers at regular intervals and thus keep them as free as possible of accumulated filth. The suggestion is a good one.

Fire on the Hill.

Big clouds of smoke were seen arising this afternoon, from the hill to the east of town and overlooking the Klondike. It was reported that several deserted cabins were burned, but the report has not been verified.

Newly opened—Mrs. West's ice cream and confectionery parlors.

Chloride of lime. Pioneer drug store.

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The Leading
..Tobacconists

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Ladies' Shirt Waists
Fancy and plain patterns, all sizes, daintily made, at..... \$3
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Correctly cut, allowing them to hang gracefully and the right length.
Clothing, Gents' Furnishing AND Seitz' Famous Shoes.
2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.
"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

WARM AFFAIR

Preceded the Hearing of Evidence in the Senkler Case.

AT THE SESSION HELD LAST NIGHT

Registrar Girouard Took Exception to Published Charges.

REFLECTING ON HIS NAME,

And Which He Did Not Propose to Stand—Senkler Case Slow and Uninteresting.

Justice Dugas who was appointed a special commissioner to investigate certain charges preferred by D. G. McTavish against Gold Commissioner Senkler, accounts of which have been fully published in previous issues of this paper, held a session of his commissioners' court last night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Registrar and Yukon Councilman J. E. Girouard, as soon as the investigating court opened, asked leave to address the commissioner on a matter which the gentleman said reflected upon his character and honor as a man and an official. Mr. Girouard referred to the charges published in the News of Saturday to the effect that he (Girouard), while a member of the Yukon council, used his influence to his personal profit; that he holds mining claims contrary to law and that he unlawfully engaged in the practice of law. The former charge, reflecting on Girouard as a member of the Yukon council, is the one to which he most strenuously objected; and, after reading the article aloud, asked D. G. McTavish if he was responsible for the charges, and if he (McTavish) had given to Joseph A. Clark authority or power of attorney to make and prefer such charges.

McTavish said he knew nothing of the charges and had not authorized Clark or anyone else to make them; he had never even read the charges as published in the News. He was given a copy of the paper and told to read the charges, which he did. He then said he knew nothing of them and had never authorized their use or publication. Joseph Clark rushed forward from the rear of the courtroom and began to interrupt McTavish with questions when he was peremptorily ordered by the commissioner to sit down. Later Clark was permitted to ask McTavish questions, which he did as follows:

"Did you read the charges in Saturday's News?"
"No, I did not," replied McTavish.
"Were you not present," asked Clark, "in Mr. Woodworth's office when these charges were drawn up?"
"Charges were talked of there," said McTavish.
Mr. Girouard then took a hand in the questions and asked McTavish "Do you repudiate these charges?" to which McTavish replied, "I ignore all papers but what I sign, and what I sign I will stand by."
Mr. Girouard said something about anxiety to locate the author of the charges and McTavish said "You must go farther than me to do it."

Mr. Girouard then said something complimentary of the author of the charges, when Attorney Woodworth, who had all along refused to be drawn into discussion of the subject, jumped to his feet and with flashing eyes said: "I will make those charges and endeavor to substantiate them before another tribunal than this."
This broad statement was followed by a wordy war in which Girouard told Woodworth he would meet him at any time, any place and any way, but the words "hard gloves" and "Phillips" were not mentioned.

After the smoke of battle had somewhat cleared away Attorney Wade spoke briefly, during which time he said the publication of the wholesale charges in the News had been later explained by that paper as an accident, but he thought it was time for so many accidents to cease. Mr. Wade did not close his remarks with encomiums upon the daily press of Dawson.

Commissioner Dugas followed with scathing reference to persons who are ever finding fault with officials and backbiting and villifying their characters. He denominated such characters as disreputable, low, mean and dirty. He likewise touched up the press in the course of his remarks.

Mr. Woodworth said that it was not his intention that private matters pertaining to the sanctity of his office should be heralded broadcast to the world, and that when the charges against Girouard, Filbeck and Clement were drawn it was not his intention that they should ever see the light of day unless signed and regularly filed in some court.

Thus ended the only really interesting portion of the commissioner's night session, the remainder of the time being occupied in hearing very prosaic evidence in the Senkler case.

The first witness was Michael Cain, a laborer who had worked for Somerville on a Last Chance claim and later acquired by purchase an interest in one of the fractional claims which it is alleged was illegally granted.

Mr. Fish, a clerk in the gold commissioner's office, was on the stand for an hour or more with books, records, etc., of the office, and if the prosecution expected to extract anything from him in aid of its case, it surely failed in that the witness was straightforward and open, and knew of nothing but what was as it should be.

A man named Glidden also testified, but from him nothing was elicited of any moment. He is a partner with Somerville and acquired his interests by purchase.

Mr. Belcher, another employe of the gold commissioner's office, was called by the prosecution, but, like the other, nothing was known by him of other than straightforward, upright business regarding the working of that official's office.

The session lasted until 11 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken until tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 8 o'clock.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Captain Stanes' court this morning one lone gambler plead guilty to the usual charge and paid the usual fine, \$50 and costs, making 116 knights of the green to do business in the police court this month.

For labor performed, H. W. Bracken was given judgment against Miller for \$280.

The case was brought by Mrs. Addie Butler against Jack Cavanaugh, Cook and Clapp for selling the Butler hotel liquor license from that house at the Forks, was represented on both sides by attorneys and had all the symptoms of a "warm number" until the prosecution put in a portion of its evidence which so weakened it that the court dismissed and discharged the defendants.

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

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Notice.

George Brewitt intends to leave for the outside not later than the 5th of July. All persons having accounts against me are requested to present same not later than June 20th, and all persons knowing themselves indebted are hereby asked to pay same.

GEO. BREWITT,
c7 Merchant Tailor, Second ave.

Public Notice.

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PEACE AT HAND

Pretoria and Johannesburg Are Peacefully Occupied, and Over Both

WAVES THE FLAG OF OLD ENGLAND

Roberts Listened to Pleadings of Boer Commandant, and

WAITED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Before Entering Johannesburg—Capture of Kruger Reported—British Columbia Gives Thanks.

London, May 31, via Skagway, June 5.—The Times in a special this evening says: "The war is over, and by this time the British flag is waving over Pretoria. Kruger has fled and is now probably half way to Delagoa Bay. The news from Pretoria is that the town is in an utterly demoralized condition. Five train loads of people left Pretoria for Lorenzo Marques this afternoon. It is reported that a special train from Pretoria with fugitives was derailed and that many were injured.

British officers are now at Johannesburg, where the terms of surrender are being dictated and accepted by Boer leaders without protest. The British advance guard has advanced halfway between Johannesburg and Pretoria. All the forces have been dismissed from the forts around Pretoria.

Under date of the 30th Roberts cabled as follows: "In answer to a flag of truce I sent into Johannesburg this morning, the Boer commandant came to see me and begged me to defer entering the town for 24 hours as there were many armed burghers who will offer resistance, and in order to avert all possible disturbance, I agreed to his wishes, as large bodies of the enemy still are holding the hills of the neighborhood which I desired to clear before entering the town."

Johannesburg Captured.

London, May 31, via Skagway, June 5.—Roberts reports Johannesburg as being occupied by him today.

The Westminster Gazette publishes an account to the effect that Kruger was captured by the British within six miles of Pretoria. The report of Kruger's capture is not confirmed.

British Columbia Rejoices.

Skagway, June 5.—The steamer Amur from Vancouver and Victoria, is here with flags flying from stem to stern in honor of the fact that the war is over. Great rejoicing is reported all over lower British Columbia.

The Vancouver Province of the 31st heads its leading editorial "Thank God the War is Over."

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.....J. W. BOYLE