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HUBBARD SORRY

When Asked By a Citizens' Committee at Fort Yukon

WHY HE KILLED THOMAS McNAMEE

Hugo Byers, Chairman of the Committee, is Here.

BEING SHORT ON OFFICIALS,

The Citizens of Fort Yukon Hold Their Own Courts in Cases of Emergency.

Hugo Byers, a passenger on the steamer Barr, brings a detailed account of the killing of Tom McNamee at Fort Yukon. He was chairman of a citizens committee which met immediately after the shooting for the purpose of forming an impromptu coroner's jury as there is no U. S. officials at Fort Yukon with the power to form one. The committee was formed of the following citizens: Messrs. Beaumont, L. J. H. Wooden, T. A. Horton, Geo. Smith, Col. Aust, F. H. Beaumont and Hugo Byers. Medical student R. B. Warren was called to make an autopsy upon the body and furnish the committee with expert testimony in reference to the nature of the wounds. Chas. N. Hubbard, the man who did the shooting, gave the following testimony when brought before the committee:

"I am very sorry, more so than I can express," he said, as the tears came to his eyes; "it is a sad affair; but McNamee owed me \$5000, for which I held his note and could not collect it."

"Can you produce the note?" he was asked.

"Yes, here it is," he answered, showing the note.

When told that was no cause for killing a man he said:

"I was aggravated and hardly knew what I was doing. I helped him at Juneau and also in Dawson. The note came due on Monday after he left and he promised faithfully to pay it when he effected a settlement with his brother. I had no money left, so I followed him, borrowing from friends at Fortymile. I caught up with him at Fort Yukon and demanded the money, between 6 and 7 a. m. of the 20th. He replied insultingly. I then drew my revolver and fired, but missed. McNamee ran into a cabin and just as he was closing it I fired again, the shot which killed him. Then went to Beaumont's saloon and gave up my revolver and my person to the authorities."

When the body of McNamee was searched, a draft of \$1000 on a London bank, and another on a San Francisco bank for \$1500, as well as \$172.50 was found.

This statement was reduced to writing and signed by the prisoner as well as the foreman of the committee and sent to the authorities at Rampart, where Hubbard is now held for his preliminary examination.

S. V. T. Co.'s boat Rock Island will leave for Nome Monday. Tickets are selling, first-class \$70; second-class \$50.

The A. E. Co.'s steamer Gustin will sail Monday, June 4th. All her first-class tickets have been sold and it is expected she will carry down the river about 200 passengers. Second-class tickets on this boat entitles the holder to the same privileges as first-class passengers, save in the location of berths.

The C. D. Co.'s boat Columbian arrived at Hootalinqua at 5 o'clock this morning. It is expected she will make the run from there to Whitehorse in 14 hours if conditions are favorable.

The Flora has gone through lower Lebarge and is now at the head of the lake. The Ora is at Hootalinqua.

The sailing date of the John C. Barr has not as yet been definitely settled upon.

Capt. Wood, of the T. & E. Co., will announce the sailing date of the steamer Yukoner some time today. She will run regularly once a week between Dawson and Whitehorse this season.

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

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For Koyukuk.

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Increase and Multiply With Amazing Rapidity Each Day.

AGENTS WERE ARRESTED LAST NIGHT

And Held Without Bail Until This Afternoon.

REGARDLESS OF ATTORNEYS.

Agents and Purser Released on Bond This Afternoon—Merwin May Sail Soon.

The standing room capacity of the police court room was fully tested this morning, the nine-tenths of those present being victims of the steamer Merwin in that they have paid their money for transportation to Nome and have thus far been unable either to start on the journey or procure a return of their money.

The scene in the police court this morning was one sequence of the events of last night when Albert Spence, purser of the steamer Merwin, her agents, Craden & Wilcox, ticket brokers; Frank J. Kinghorn, also a ticket agent for the Merwin, and James Quinn were all arrested between 10 and 11 o'clock and thrown into jail for the night, all offers by friends of the various men to give bond in any amount for their appearance before the court this morning being flatly refused by the magistrate.

The first of the quartette to be brought into court this morning was James Quinn charged with having received money to the amount of \$120 on false pretenses in that he did accept money from men desirous of going to Nome with which he told them he would procure tickets for them for transportation on the steamer Merwin or barge Duff.

The prosecuting witnesses in this case are Fred Edmunds, a little old man probably 75 years of age, Wm. Montgomery and Wm. Sparrel. The old man testified to having given Quinn \$45, with which the latter promised to secure him a ticket for his passage on the Merwin to Nome; that Quinn had not given him the ticket, but had told him he had arranged with the captain to care for him. When asked to return the money Quinn had not done so.

The testimony of both Montgomery and Sparrel was virtually the same as that of the preceding witness. The former had given Quinn \$25 to procure him a ticket, while the latter had given him \$50 for the same purpose. Both said they had not received any tickets, but had been told by Quinn that he had arranged with the captain to pass them. Constable Allmark testified to having been aboard the steamer Merwin at a date after she had been advertised to sail and that she was not provisioned for a trip. Quinn's case was continued until this afternoon. Bonds were not asked for the prisoner and he was taken back to jail.

The other three men, Craden, Wilcox and Kinghorn, were then brought into the courtroom, Attorney Ridley appearing for Craden and Wilcox, and Attorney Robinson for Kinghorn.

Constable Allmark, in behalf of the prosecution, asked that the cases be enlarged until this afternoon, which request was granted by the court. Attorney Ridley asked that a bond be named and fixed so that his clients might not be required to return to jail; the court refused and the attorney insisted, qualifying his argument by asserting that no name or names were given as swearing to the complaint; that the books of his clients had been inspected by the police and found to account for every cent of money collected by them; that \$1000 had been paid to Alex McDonald and the remainder to Captain Talbot. The

attorney asked the court to fix the bond at \$20,000 if it saw fit, and that it would be readily given. The court was firm and declined to accede to the request of the attorney with the result that the prisoners were remanded until this afternoon. The charge against Craden & Wilcox is that between the 25th and 28th days of May they did obtain \$3390 under false pretenses.

In the case of Frank J. Kinghorn, charged with having from the 25th to the 28th days of May obtained \$1050 under false pretenses, selling tickets to Nome on the Merwin, Attorney Robinson made a strong plea for bond for his client, but met the same stern refusal as did his brother of the law.

The three men were escorted back to the guardhouse, after which Purser Albert Spence, charged with having obtained \$2000 by false pretenses, was brought in from the jail. Spence had no attorney and no bond was asked for when he was remanded until this afternoon.

The attorneys for Craden & Wilcox and Kinghorn, each stated that they would prove by the books of their respective clients this afternoon that no fraud, intentional or otherwise, had been committed. During the hearing of Quinn's case this morning it came out in evidence that about 400 tickets have been sold for Nome on the Merwin.

This forenoon another plaster was stuck on the steamer Merwin, an attachment being sworn out by a man named Teed for \$540 alleged to be due him from Capt. Talbot, who, according to an affidavit now in Sheriff Eilbeck's office, is two-thirds owner of the steamer. There is now no doubt but that Capt. Talbot has "blown the coop," as he has not been seen in Dawson since 7 o'clock yesterday morning. One of the Merwin's lifeboats is missing and there is but little doubt but that the wily skipper has skipped down the river.

At a late hour this afternoon it is reported that Alex McDonald has come to the rescue and that the Merwin may actually get away some time tonight. Captain McCloud, who was on the Domville when she was wrecked in Thirtymile, is said to have been secured by McDonald to command the Merwin which is being provisioned for the trip this afternoon. Alex McDonald was not in his office this afternoon, but it is authoritatively reported that he has said the Merwin will sail and carry out her contracts with her passengers if it costs him \$10,000 to do it.

When the cases were called this afternoon P. C. Wade appeared for the prosecution, Craden & Wilcox being called for a preliminary hearing. Their attorneys, Messrs. Pattillo & Ridley, asked the court to fix a reasonable amount of bail that the defendants might not be compelled any longer to remain in jail, as would be necessary should the case be postponed until tomorrow, as was asked for by the prosecution.

In reply Attorney Wade said bail, he thought, should be allowed the defendants, and the sum of \$3000 each was fixed by the court. Dr. Wilcox and E. R. Barnes were the sureties. Each qualified in the sum of \$1500 for each defendant.

The case of Frank Kinghorn followed and was treated in the same manner, he being held under \$3000 bonds to appear at 2 o'clock tomorrow, Billy Gorham and J. McDonald being his sureties.

Frank Kinghorn, when seen immediately after his release explained his connection with the Merwin, stating that he had sold tickets for the steamer when she was lying at the Yukon dock, but had ceased selling tickets some ten days ago, as his relations with Capt. Talbot were entirely unsatisfactory, and consequently he (Kinghorn) cancelled the contract he had with him.

The arrest of Kinghorn came as a complete surprise to his friends, as

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COMES HOME

The John C. Barr Returns From a Speedy Trip to Fort Yukon,

WITH FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS

Two of Whom Will Be Married Sunday.

KOYUKUK TRAIL IS VERY BAD

And Many Who Attempted to Cross It Will Take Passage on Steamers.

The steamer John C. Barr, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., arrived yesterday from Fort Yukon, loaded with 240 tons of freight. As she entered her dock opposite the company's store it was plainly seen how heavily laden the boat was for she was sunk to her guards and drew about five feet of water. She carried up the river 13 passengers, named as follows: Mrs. Mountefield, E. R. Smith, Mrs. Cherocks, Helen Cherocka, M. F. Brown, Grace Hamilton, Mrs. H. J. Therman, James H. Watson, M. Kincaid, R. Kennett, M. S. Kennett, Wm. Dean and Humer Ryers.

Mr. M. F. Brown and Miss Grace Hamilton have made the trip for the purpose of getting married, the ceremony will occur next Sunday when they will return to their home at Fort Yukon.

Mr. Forrest, who has been acting purser of the Barr during her trip from Dawson and return, brings some very interesting news pertaining to the condition of the summer trail to the Koyukuk. He reports the trail as almost impassable for horses as many who left here early in the season with live stock have abandoned the attempt to cross the marshy trail and are offering them for sale at that point. Many who have gone down in open boats for the Koyukuk have continued their journey down to the mouth of the river and will await there the arrival of a steamer bound for the new diggings.

At Circle City all who have not left for Nome and who can get away, are off for the Tanana country, as a big stampede is on to that district and reports are rife of big strikes there.

Huber Byers, one of the passengers on the Barr, was the foreman on the coroner's jury which sat at the inquest of McNamee, an accurate account of which is published in another part of this paper for the first time.

On her trip the Barr has been fitted up for her voyage to St. Michael and is in shape for clearing as soon as her freight is unloaded. She is billed to sail about June 1th.

Mail Arrives.

Twenty-four sacks of mail arrived this morning from lower Lebarge. It was brought down in a Peterboro canoe from the lake and made the remarkable time of 44 hours. It was brought down by two men. This mail is followed by another which will reach here in another day.

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