

ATTEMPTED HIS OWN LIFE

H. M. Fowle, Having Embezzled \$1600 Which He Is Said to Have Given to an Actress, Would Escape Prosecution by Traveling Chloral Route—Is Now in Jail—His Past.

From Monday's Daily.
H. M. Fowle, book-keeper for Tom Chisholm of the Aurora saloon, attempted to commit suicide last night about 12:30 by taking chloral.

For some time past it was noticed by his associates that Fowle was acting in an unusual manner, arousing the suspicions of his employer who began to keep a watch on his actions and instituted a search into his accounts. A close examination of the books revealed the fact that there was a shortage, but the sum was not ascertained until this morning when it was found to be nearly \$1600.

For nearly two weeks Mr. Chisholm has been busy on the creeks and has not been able to keep as close track on his business in town as usual. But as he thoroughly trusted his book-keeper considered everything as being correct.

Yesterday he endeavored to obtain a statement from Fowle as to his book-keeping, having a note to meet today, but was put off with evasive answers until his suspicion became thoroughly aroused and the end proved their justification.

During the two months in which Fowle has been in his employ he has occupied a suite of rooms in the Aurora building and during that time has never been known to stay away from them over night.

Sunday night, however, after his conversation with Mr. Chisholm he went to the Empire hotel and engaged a room and went to bed about 10 o'clock. Jim McDonald, proprietor of the hotel, went upstairs later in the evening and as he passed down the hallway he heard through the door of the room Fowle was occupying, which was slightly open, heavy breathing accompanied by slight groans. Going inside the room he found Fowle in a stupor from which he was unable to arouse him. He became frightened and immediately sent for a physician.

Drs. Thompson and Sutherland responded to the call and found the man under the influence of an extremely heavy dose of chloral. Antidotes were applied and gradually the man returned to consciousness. However, it was fully an hour and a half before he could be pronounced out of danger.

After his consciousness returned he struggled furiously with the doctors and begged them to leave him alone as he had no desire to live and stated that he was sorry that he had not gone out on the hill and frozen to death where he could not have been found.

After his return to consciousness he made a complete confession to Mr. Chisholm, in the presence of several witnesses, of his defalcations which he said was caused by his infatuation for a well-known actress who was recently employed in the New Savoy theatre. He also confessed to having served four years of a sentence of seven years in the Massachusetts penitentiary for defalcation and embezzlement of \$14,000 from the lumber firm of Shafford & Morse of Boston for whom he was head book-keeper for several years. After serving four years his sentence was commuted and he was released on a three years parole. His release took effect on the 17th of March, 1900, and he immediately started for Dawson, arriving here in July of the same year.

He was married in Boston but after he was sentenced his wife obtained a divorce and obtained custody of their child, a little girl.

During the summer of 1900 he worked on the steamer J. P. Light and afterwards worked for the McDonald Iron Works, and from there he went to work at the Aurora saloon. He is an expert accountant and book-keeper.

Mr. Chisholm asked him if he had not been square while working for the McDonald Iron Works and he replied that he had but he said that he was not held in such confidence as while at work for Chisholm and the opportunity did not present itself for him to go wrong.

After his return to consciousness and making his confession he was removed to the barracks. He has been very ill today from the effects of the

NEW STRIKE ON SULPHUR

Good Pay Discarded on No. 7, Friday Gulch.

Gold in paying quantities has been struck on Friday Gulch which comes into Sulphur creek at No. 3 below discovery. But little prospecting was done further than sink one hole to bedrock, the discoverer then hastening to town to record discovery in order that others might locate and record. From 15 to 20 claims have been already staked. Plans taken from the hole already put down go from 5 to 25 cents each.

FIRST MAN OVER THE ICE

Arrived in Dawson From Outside Friday Night.

H. Mubauer, a Chechaco Hill mine owner, is stopping at the Empire hotel resting up from a hazardous trip over the ice. He got in to Dawson late Friday and came the river alone and on foot. He left Whitehorse November 10th with the mail train now on the way, but was compelled to leave that outfit about Selkirk, as the mail men made camp there for an indefinite period. He suffered no particular privations or hardships en route and reports the trail down from Stewart river a perfect boulevard.

THROUGH WIRE GOES DOWN

After Valiant Service of Several Days Duration.

As falls the giant monarch of the forest during a dead calm, without reason or apparent cause, likewise did the through telegraph wire go out of business this morning at 10 o'clock after doing nobly—aye, valiantly—for a period of six days during which time press matter to the value of hundreds of dollars was transmitted over it to say nothing of a heavy volume of commercial business. The Nugget was so fortunate as to receive several thousand words this morning before the wire retired and is, therefore, able to present its readers with a fair amount of the latest news of the world in its issue this evening.

It is not known yet where the present difficulty exists, but it is hoped it will be soon repaired.

PETER DOW LEFT TODAY

On His Return to Koyukuk Accompanied by S. Archibald.

Peter Dow, who arrived ten days ago from the Koyukuk country, left on his return trip this morning accompanied by S. Archibald, the well-known merchant and commission dealer. They took one horse and a small Yukon sled. Mr. Archibald goes to look after some interests he owns in the Koyukuk and possibly for the purpose of engaging in business there on the opening of navigation next season. He expects to return to Dawson by the middle of February.

Something Like a Climate.

Two commercial travelers, one from Atherton and one from New York, discussing the weather in their respective countries. The Englishman said that English weather had one great fault—its sudden changes. "A person must take a walk some day," he said, "still feel quite warm. Next day he needs an overcoat."

"That's nothing," said the American; "my two friends, Johnson and Jones, were once having an argument. There were eight or nine inches of snow on the ground. The argument got heated, and Johnson picked up a snowball and threw it at Jones from a distance of not more than five yards. During the transit of that snowball, believe me or not, as you like, the weather suddenly changed and became hot and summer-like, and Jones, instead of being hit with a snowball, was—scalded with hot water."—Tit-Bits.

GEN. CHAFFEE'S FIRST REPORT

Only Time Will Solve Philippine Problem.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States war department has made public the first annual report of Major General Chaffee, Military Governor of the Philippines. Chaffee sums up the situation in the Philippines, from a military point of view, by stating that the provinces of Batangas and Laguna, in Luzon, and the Islands of Samar, Mindoro, Cebu and Bohol, constitute an area now disturbed by an embodied force of insurgents. Owing to the physical character of the country to natural warfare of rebels, who are "Amigos" and foe in the same hour, to the humanity of the troops, which is taken advantage of by the rebels and inhabitants who sympathize with them, and to the fear of assassination on part of those natives friendly disposed, if they give information to American forces; is due the prolongation of guerrilla warfare.

Commenting on the plan of gradually replacing military with civil administration, Chaffee says:—"The withdrawal of interference with civil affairs does not mean withdrawal of troops from their stations to any considerable extent. On the contrary, this should not be done hastily, and, when undertaken, should be gradual and more in the nature of concentration than reduction of force, or abandonment of any considerable area of territory."

He, therefore, recommends that there be no further material reduction of troops before January, 1903.

Civil governments which are being organized, provincial and municipal, Chaffee says, are both new and untried, and there is but one certain and reliable method of ascertaining the progress of the Filipinos in self government, namely—observation by the army.

KLONDIKE PLATINUM

Valuable Discovery Made at the Vancouver Assay Office.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—T. C. McCaffry, manager of the Dominion assay office at this place, states that his assays have found important percentages of platinum in dust and nuggets from the Klondike. In discussing methods of mining, Mr. McCaffry said that thousands of dollars worth of platinum is thrown away by miners in the ordinary course of taking gold. From experiments he is certain an analysis of the tailings from gold sluices would give valuable returns in platinum from the Klondike creeks.

GOOD FOR CANADA.

London, Dec. 7.—The Imperial authorities are considering a scheme for the extension of auxiliary military forces in Canada, thereby greatly increasing the militia, making large grants for ammunition and contributions to the Canadian pension fund.

NEW FURNACES.

London, Dec. 7.—English iron-masters propose large importations of ore from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for the treatment of which immense basic furnaces will be constructed.

SENSITIVE LEO.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Pope Leo will not send a representative to King Edward's coronation for the reason that he was not officially advised of his accession.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—Tom Raymond of Black Diamond, while hunting on Saturday fell into a quicksand morass and was swallowed up.

MAN HANGED.

Stevenson, B. C., Dec. 8.—James G. Green was hanged here Friday for the murder of E. Benjamin whom he shot through a window. Jealousy prompted the crime.

A GAME OF DRAW.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Nine street car conductors were arrested here last night for playing poker.

Shoff, the Dawson dog doctor, Pioneer drug store.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

SPILLED MILK.

Rome, Dec. 7.—In the Roman senate Baron Fava, formerly Italian ambassador to Washington, announces his intentions to interpellate the foreign office as to the status of the matter now pending between Italy and the United States regarding the lynching of two Italians at Erwin, Miss., last June.

A LA CROMWELL.

London, Dec. 9.—The Spectator highly commends President Roosevelt's message, especially approving his attitude towards trusts and also the foreign policy outlined by him. The president is referred to as a man "with the inflexible moral character of a Cromwell."

NOSES IN QUEBEC.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The population of Quebec is shown by the late census returns to be 1,645,572 against 1,495,535 in 1891. The French population is now 1,307,980 as compared with 1,186,246 ten years ago.

NO TRANSFER.

London, Dec. 7.—The British high court has refused to consent to the transfer of the Atlas Insurance Co. to the Pelican Co., on the ground that Atlas finances on Atlas policies would then be terminated.

LOST STEAMER.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Wreckage sighted in Heate straits by a halibut steamer is believed to indicate the loss of the steamer Ralph J. Long from Nome.

DICK CASE OUT.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Perry Queenan last night put Dick Case of Seattle out in the tenth round of what was to be a twenty round go.

TRAVEL IS PICKING UP

Many Dawson Bound Passengers Reach Skagway.

Skagway, Dec. 9.—Steamer Dolphin arrived Saturday and the Topeka yesterday. Travel shows a decided improvement. The Dolphin brought over 100 passengers. The Topeka's delay was due to a broken shaft. This is the first time the Topeka has been in this port since her mishap of two months ago when she struck an iceberg. The Farallon is off the run until there is room for her on the dry dock to put on a new wheel. The Cottage City is due tomorrow. The Alaska Mail Steamship Co. promises to put on a new boat at once to be followed by two more in the spring.

Arrivals from Dawson are coming in very slowly although it is said the trail is fairly good after the cut-off is reached coming this way.

A Sunday Stampede.

There was a quiet Sunday morning sneak taken by a number of Dawsonites yesterday, not to the side door of a saloon for a morning's morning, but to Bonanza to stake claims on a newly discovered quartz ledge said to be located near the Forks. They left town by horse sleighs, dog teams, bicycles and on foot; but as little was heard of it today, it may not have resulted in anything more than is usual to the majority of stampedes.

Shot at Short Range.

Mrs. Fourthhusband—It really truly, as the papers intimate, that our United States senators frequently talk for the mere purpose of killing it, my dear.

Mrs. F.—What a reprehensible practice, to be sure!

Mr. F. (mindful of the fate of his predecessors)—Very true, but there are greater offenders. Our local cemetery bears testimony to the existence of more fatal talkers than those whom you accuse.—Boston Courier.

His Glorious Mark.

"Ah, count," his American wife said the first time she ever saw his bare arm. "I see you have been vaccinated."

"Vaccinated? Vaccinated!" he shrieked. "Mon Dieu! Zie sees what you call—ze humilication! Diable! Et zee not ze vaccination! Et zee ze what you call heem—ze mark from ze terrible duel zat I have fight. Zee zee ze bonaire—ze gr-reat badge! Mon Dieu! Vaccinated!"—Chicago Times Herald.

Anxious to Serve.

Lawyer—It is reported that you have frequently expressed yourself as opposed to capital punishment.

Deacon Highpool (drawn for jury duty)—I won't have no scruples in that man's case. He cheated me on a horse trade once.—New York Weekly.

WRECK LOCATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The wreck of the Rio Janeiro has been located off Golden Gate by a diver who claims to have stood on the deck of the lost steamer in 30 fathoms of water. He brought up articles from the wreck to prove his statement. The Golden Gate Wrecking Company will resume efforts to raise the ship.

BOER CHILDREN.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Edmond Rostand publishes touching appeals in all the Paris papers in behalf of the Boer women and children in the British concentration camps. He calls on the children of all free countries to not forget at Christmas tide the miseries of the Boer children.

NEW RAILROAD.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Joseph B. Moore of this city has placed \$2,100,000 5 per cent. 30 year bonds in England, thus assuring the construction of the Gulf and Manitoba railway from Duluth to Kansas city.

NOTHING NEW.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Sensational disclosures are expected as the result of a rupture between M. Labori and Drupfuste. It is alleged a conspiracy existed against the French army.

BUSINESS RESUMES.

London, Dec. 9.—As an indication more normal conditions prevail at Pretoria, transactions of stocks and shares have resumed as well as the business in the postal department.

RAISIN CORNER.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A movement is on foot to corner the unsold portion of California's raisin crop and double present prices.

LYNCH WILL STAND PAT

Regardless of Threats to Arrest Him on Charge of Treason.

London, Dec. 7.—Col. Lynch, the ex-Boer soldier who was elected to represent Galway, Ireland, in the imperial parliament, is reported as saying that he will take his seat regardless of threats to arrest and prosecute him if he ever sets foot on British soil.

CRISPI'S REMAINS.

Rome, Dec. 9.—An uproar arose in the chamber of deputies yesterday during the discussion of a proposal to inter the remains of Signor Crispi, former minister to San Domingo, in the Cathedral of Palermo. The Socialists and Radicals opposed the proposal vehemently on the grounds of the economic and financial policy of the late premier which caused intense suffering to the Italian people. The scene in the chamber became so violent as to make it necessary to force an adjournment.

IN HARD LINES.

New York, Dec. 8.—A musicale was given at the residence of Mrs. Esther Herman yesterday for the purpose of raising money to send Mrs. Alice Washington Fairchild, a grand niece of George Washington, the first president of the United States, to some charitable institution. The woman was found in a squalid tenement on the verge of starvation.

UNDEVELOPED WEALTH.

A block of territory a thousand miles square, 640,000,000 consecutive acres of the richest pasture lands in the world, which yield on cultivation the strongest and best grain ever put on any market. Contiguous to, and underlying this immense area, are the largest coal fields that have ever yet been discovered; large enough to solve the fuel problem for an indefinite period, gold, silver and copper, are in abundance, and, above all, there is any quantity of water power.

Such is Northwest Canada, as described at the Royal Colonial Institute recently by the Rev. John McDougall; and all this rich country is in touch with the home markets through British routes, no foreign power lying in between.

"Let the British Government," urged Mr. McDougall, "take a practical interest in this great portion of our empire; turn the trend of emigration that way, people these immense areas, multiply the producing power of the nation, and thus secure to the home country a sure and certain food supply, as also an ever-increasing field for commercial enterprise, and in the investment of capital."—London Express.

SUMMERVILLE DIVORCE CASE

Brings Out Counter Swearing in Seattle Court.

Seattle, Dec. 8.—A divorce action of special Klondike interest is on trial in the Seattle courts. Cora E. Summerville says that William J. Summerville is her husband and that when she left him two years ago at Dawson he promised to send her money; that he failed to do this, and that he has much wealth. Summerville alleges that the woman is an adventuress; that she never was his wife, and denies making any promises to send her money. Mrs. Summerville is suing for divorce, alimony and the custody of the children.

An interesting cross examination occurred while Summerville was on the stand. He denied having written his alleged wife since her departure from Yukon, stating they had then, after living together without marriage, parted for ever. The plaintiff's attorney then produced a letter. He asked witness whether or not the handwriting was his. The latter expressed much doubt.

Summerville was then asked to write from dictation. As he did so, the plaintiff's attorney read portions of what sounded like a very loving epistle from husband to wife. Questioned again as to the writing or his initial letter, witness stated that it possibly might be his. At this juncture the court adjourned.

POOR CHINA.

New York, Dec. 7.—Shanghai correspondents say there can be no solution of China's financial problem until the powers consent to a material increase in import duties.

LIGHTING MONEY.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—It is announced here that an eastern syndicate with a capital of \$30,000,000 is seeking to get control of the lighting of San Francisco and adjacent towns.

DUNSMUIR DEFIED

Miners Affiliate With Union Regardless of Threats.

Victoria, Dec. 8.—The miners of the two greatest collieries on Vancouver Island have thrown down the gauntlet to Premier Dunsmuir by affiliating with the miner's union in defiance of Dunsmuir's threat that he would close his mines rather than employ union miners. The meeting at which affiliation was decided upon was widely exciting as a minority strongly opposed the proposition in view of Dunsmuir's threat.

MILD ASSAULT.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of Canada and father of James Strong, the first mayor of Nome, is charged in the Ottawa police court with technical assault in that he made threatening gestures to Barrister R. J. Wickstead during the hearing of a recent case before the supreme court.

WHITNEY-HAY.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Alice Hay, the eldest daughter of Secretary of State Hay, is to marry Payne Whitney, son of W. C. Whitney. The bride-to-be is the author of a number of books of verse that have been well-received.

SHOT AT POLICE.

Sofa, Dec. 8.—Halju, the assassin of ex-premier Stambuloff of Austria, has been arrested at this place. He resisted and emptied two revolvers at the police before being overpowered.

MEAGRE DAMAGE.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—The steamer Clara Brown went ashore during a recent fog. At Ki point, can be saved with but little damage.

For the Public Good.

"If you don't take it," said the struggling young author, with a gleam of fierce determination in his eye, "I'll find somebody who will."

The editor looked the poem over again.

"Well," he said, "how will \$5 do for it?"

"I'll take it," replied the struggling young author, suppressing his eagerness. "When will I see it in print?"

"You won't see it at all, young man," rejoined the editor, handing over the money. "I'm buying this merely to suppress it in the interests of the helpless public."—Chicago Tribune.

MISERABLE MAIL SERVICE

Outgoing Dawsonite Writes From Stewart of Desultory Movements of the Mail Drivers—Deadheads Mush Royal Mail for Bed and Board—Incoming Mail May Arrive Tomorrow.

From Monday's Daily.
Stewart River, Dec. 6.

Editor Nugget:
I write to tell you of the stupendous (?) effort being made by the "Hog" to get the mail out to Whitehorse.

Leaving Dawson two hours ahead of us Wednesday morning, we, a lot of chechako mushers, passed the mail after two hours and have not seen it since although we have heard of it, as when we had reached Stewart the mail just arrived at Ogilvie, being 27 miles behind us, and the trail is fine all the way from Dawson to Stewart—being nearly as good now as any time last year.

There is no reason why the mail should not make three miles to our two if it was in charge of good men with proper equipment. The outgoing mail is in charge of a driver who is no hurry whatever, while his assistant is dead-heading his way out, getting free board and lodging for helping to mush the "Royal Mail."

The driver says he expects to drive the same horse through to Whitehorse and must be careful of it. It is nothing short of an outrage the way the mail carrying company is treating the people of the Yukon.

SEVERAL DECISIONS GIVEN

By Justice Dugas in Chambers This Morning.

Clerical Errors May Be Corrected by Court of Appeals In Full Session But Not Otherwise.

Mr. Justice Dugas sat in chambers this morning rendering judgments in the case of Kast vs. Lumpkin and Lumpkin vs. Kast and handing down a decision upon a motion made in the case of Fleischman vs. Greene where in an application was made before his lordship to correct the judgment or certificate of judgment issued on the 26th day of August last, by the clerk of the court, as not conveying the real intention of the court sitting on appeal from the decision of the gold commissioner, so as to make the following phrase:—

"And it is also adjudged and declared that the side boundaries of said defendants' gulch claims as against the plaintiffs are lines three feet higher than the lowest general level of the gulch existing on the surface of said claims at the time of plaintiffs' staking." It being urged that the omission of the words "along bed or rim rock" was a clerical error and not in conformity with the decision of the court of appeal.

"I need not go into the merits of the motion," said his lordship, "though I may say that it strikes me that, in fact, this omission is a slip which would justify the court of appeal in changing the wording of the perfected judgment drawn by the clerk of the court."

Several cases are cited in the judgment where it is shown that clerical mistakes in judgments or orders, or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission may be corrected as well in the court of appeal as in the inferior court, but it is not stated that these authorities decide the point that such a correction can be ordered otherwise than by the whole court itself.

"It seems that," continued his lordship, "although it may be considered as extraordinary that an officer of the court should have, for the time being, the right to bind the decision of his court, whilst one of the judges has not. Yet, the answer to this is: that it is due to the nature of his functions which makes him the conveyance of the ideas of the whole court and not of one of its members in particular, when they have all acted together. This is the effect of our judicial system and I cannot see that anything which may be applied to the inherent jurisdiction of any member of that court will authorize one of its members afterwards to bind the others with any order, whether it really conveys or not the real ideas of the whole court."

The motion was dismissed with costs and the desired correction can not be made until the return of Justice Craig and the convening of the full court of appeals.

Judgment in the case of Kast vs. Lumpkin was in favor of defendant, the action being dismissed with costs.

At first I thought the Nugget's statements against this concern were overdrawn, but after seeing what I have, I am convinced that you have only told of part of the wrongs now being inflicted upon the people. There may be some reasons for delay further up the river, but there is none for such slow progress being made on this trail unless it is don't-give-a-damns. Yours truly, JOSEPH M. RILEY.

The above letter was brought down from Stewart by a Mr. Wood, who, with another man named Johnson, came down from that point, starting from there yesterday morning and reaching Dawson this forenoon, at 10 o'clock. They passed the incoming mail above Ogilvie yesterday and from their account of its transit it is even slower than the outgoing consignment. By telegraphic information it is learned that the incoming mail reached Ogilvie last night, leaving there this morning at 7 o'clock. However, it is the intention to only bring it as far as Ainsley today, completing the trip in tomorrow.

Over a year ago defendant sold plaintiff a two thirds interest in 35a bed on Sulphur including also all his right, title and interest to a 100 per cent. lay on 35, the claim adjoining, the total consideration being \$1200. In payment thereof Kast gave a team of horses valued at \$800 and a note and mortgage for the remaining \$400. The suit was brought upon the ground of fraud and misrepresentation and asks for damages sustained by reason of such false representation. In his judgment his lordship finds that damages can not be claimed from the defendant. Notwithstanding the plaintiff is still in possession of the claim, the original cost of which was \$1,200 and \$800 of which was only paid; still he sues for the full recovery of \$1200.

"He should have taken his action to rescind," quotes his lordship, "and instead of claiming the payment of money to him purely and simply, ask the return to him of the span of horses, and in default, then their value fixed at \$800. He has no right besides to claim the \$400 which he has not paid."

The action was dismissed with costs. The case of Webb Lumpkin vs. Wm. Kast, is another action by the same parties in which the plaintiff sues the defendant for the foreclosure of the mortgage of \$400, past due. It was agreed that this action would be dependent upon the other, and judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff. Syndicate Lyonnais vs. Eckman stands over until the second Monday in January. In Melvor vs. McKay an application was made in behalf of the alleged debtors to set aside the garnishee summons previously issued. After a little legal sparring the application was granted by consent, the parties making it putting up a bond as security. An application for a writ was made in the case of McLeod vs. Simpson. Granted returnable 60 days after service has been made. Mart. Tomerlin, the alleged highway man, was up for arraignment, but as the papers from the lower court had not been received the prisoner was remanded until a later date. During the morning and while many of the barristers were present his lordship again called the attention of the bar to the irregular manner in which the records of cases submitted to him for judgment are often made up. It sometimes happens that it is a question whether or not the proper material upon which to base a judgment is before him. It was suggested that counsel and the clerk of the court should see to it that the records in each case is complete and the proceedings chronologically tabulated when the case is closed. Another annoying thing that a judge has to contend against in sifting testimony is the constant occurrence of reference to certain exhibits, or points fixed on such as