

DEATH AT WEST DAWSON

Joseph Leon Drowned Off Ferry Boat Marjorie.

All Efforts at Rescue Were Futile—Body Recovered—Rescuers Upset In the River.

About 6 o'clock Thursday evening Joseph Leon, of West Dawson, was drowned in the Yukon river. The ferry boat Marjorie, which runs between Dawson and West Dawson, was lying at her wharf at West Dawson, ready to pull out; young Leon was aboard, being employed in the capacity of ticket collector. He saw a paddle floating past within reach, and attempted to secure it. As he did so, he leaned as far as possible over the port quarter and steadied himself by holding, with his left hand, to one of the small posts which support the roof of the ferry boat. The stanchion gave way, and he fell overboard. He yelled, and Pearl J. Hogan, Captain of the Marjorie, who was forward, letting go the line, realized the danger at a glance. He jumped on the raft, which the ferryboat uses as a wharf, ran to the end of it and got into a canoe, in which there were no paddles and pushed it towards the drowning man. The canoe swamped, and Captain Hogan swam to the assistance of young Leon. The captain grasped him by the right hand and the latter clutched the captain by his sweater and dragged him beneath the surface. The captain succeeded in releasing himself and started for the shore. He was exhausted and would have been drowned undoubtedly, had not one of the wharf employes thrown a line to him. In the meantime, J. H. Taylor, engineer of the Marjorie, had jumped into a canoe and paddled towards Leon; as he came up, after his struggle with the captain, Mr. Taylor grasped the young man by the hair, but in leaning over the side of the canoe to retain the hold the engineer turned over the small boat. Being a poor swimmer he stayed with the upturned canoe, to which a line was tied, the loose end of which was trailing in the water, near the shore. Parties secured the line and the engineer was landed safely. When Mr. J. H. Taylor unloosened his hold, young Leon sank for the last time. The spot at which he was drowned is only about 30 feet from shore, and some three hundred feet below the place where the Marjorie was tied. There is very little, if any, current in the river at this particular point. A searching party of eight people, recovered the body at 10 o'clock at night. It was found at the place where the unfortunate man went down. Joseph Leon was aged 18 years, and was the oldest son of Mr. George Leon, who is distracted with grief over the loss of his boy. The young man was bright and intelligent, well-liked and very popular among his friends and acquaintances. The funeral services will be held at Mr. Leon's home in West Dawson at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday. The body will be interred at West Dawson.

MILLIONS AT CAPE NOME.

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The captain had a talk with Gov. Brady of Alaska immediately after the latter's arrival at St. Michael from Nome. The governor is quoted as saying that the output for the month of September from the beach at Nome will be fabulous; that about 4000 people are engaged in robbing gold from the sand; and that no disturbances nor troubles have occurred at either Avuil City or on the beach. With respect to the beach diggings on the government land, a rule has been adopted to the effect that each man is allowed 60 feet for robbing purposes; but a person's right to such 60

feet terminates when the rocker is removed, and a similar right may then be acquired by another party. The captain was ignorant as to the manner of measuring the 60 feet, and was unable to say whether the ground was being taken in 60 feet squares, or otherwise. The rule has given the utmost satisfaction to all of the miners. The A. E. Company, at St. Michaels are unable to secure men to work their claims for \$10 per day wages and board. In order to secure the small crew, which worked on the boat, the captain said that the company was obliged to buy a ticket for each member to the outside. The transportation companies, operating boats between St. Michaels and coast cities, are assuring the people at Nome that navigation will remain open till the latter part of October, and that there will be ample steamship accommodations for all those who desire to return to the states before winter sets in.

The Private Wagon Road.

A private wagon road will be constructed immediately on Bonanza between No. 60 below and Fox gulch. Judge Davis and others, interested in that locality, are the promoters of the project. The ridge road to Dominion will not be of any benefit to people on Bonanza, and the miners and claim owners have concluded to help themselves. The miners, between No. 60 below and Fox gulch each propose to give two days' work to the construction of the private road, and in this way it will be completed without the expenditure of any money, other than what will be required to pay the surveyor and to buy such hardware as will be used in the building of bridges. Judge Davis hopes to interest the people at the Forks to such an extent that they will continue the road from Fox gulch to Grand Forks; and he has been assured that the miners and road house proprietors between No. 60 below and Dawson will grade the road and build the bridges on their portion of the creek.

The movement must be made successful so that there will be a good road to the Forks, irrespective of the council's failure to act in the premises.

A Runaway.

Miss Hecock, on Monday night, found herself in a dangerous predicament while horseback riding up Front street. The animal she rode became more and more unmanageable and when opposite Tom Chisholm's the rider had fairly lost all control and had slipped from her seat. The horse was making a good bolt with Miss Hecock hanging onto the side of the saddle in such a position that if she fell she would be either dragged or trampled on. Several would-be rescuers rushed to her assistance, but were unable to grab the bridle until John Riordan darted out, got hold of the head-piece and brought the animal to a halt.

Appeal to Washington.

To settle the misunderstanding about the extent of the powers of Dr. Everette, lately appointed United States commissioner for Alaska by Governor Brady, the doctor has addressed a communication to the department of the interior. How far the powers of a commissioner can be exercised in a foreign country is a mootable point, though there is no doubt as to his powers in drawing up legal documents to be used in United States territory.

War Cloud in Peru.

New York, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lima, Peru, says: There is active recruiting everywhere and the government continues to send troops to the interior. Business is at a standstill, and the mines are shutting down.

Confirmed the Appointment.

Chief Stewart has been confirmed in his position at the head of the fire department by the fire commissioners.

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How One Taxpayer Feels.

Editor Nugget:—I read with sorrow in your last night's issue your article "Wrong is Triumphant" concerning the removal of Col. Steele. I say I read with sorrow because it is really too bad that we are about to lose one of the very few good officials we have in this town. At the same time I read the article with interest because I am quite sure it voices the sentiment of at least ninety per cent of the population of our Yukon territory.

Now, Mr. Editor, let me briefly suggest the radical and spontaneous movement of trying to retain Col. Steele here. Let us call a mass meeting to discuss and mature this suggestion and appoint delegates to wait on him and ascertain if he would entertain such a proposition. I must admit my ignorance of military regulations and etiquette, but I would think it would not, under the circumstances, be very improper for the colonel to resign. As a soldier, Canada can very well afford to do without him for the present. We certainly have a right and ought soon to be called upon to elect at least a minority of the members of our Yukon council, so let us retain Col. Steele for one of them if possible.

Should Canada happen later on to really want him as a soldier we will, perhaps, then be able to let him go, but just now we cannot afford it, so let us keep him here as a legislator at a good round salary by voluntary contribution, it will pay us to do so.

Yours respectfully,

A CANADIAN TAXPAYER.

Dawson, Sept. 14.

(Your expression of good will is of value is such; your suggestion is altogether impracticable. The colonel is much too good a soldier to refuse the recall sounded by his superiors. Even if retained here in the character you suggest, his usefulness to the community would not be as now. Col. Steele has made his mark here, not as a brilliant politician, but as an incorrupt and efficient official. Should he enter Dawson's private life you must see that he would be removed from the field in which he shines. It is as commander of the N. W. M. P. he has attained his enviable position in the estimation of his fellow citizens. A life time of military service puts him at an advantage as an official which would positively become a disadvantage in a private capacity.—Ed.)

Patients in the Hospital.

There are 88 patients in the different hospitals in Dawson. Of these 78 are suffering with typhoid fever. This disease, which scourged the community so terribly this time last year, now affects more than nine-tenths of the people lying ill in the hospital wards. There are only three cases of scurvy. There are three women among the 88 patients. At the Good Samaritan hospital there are 36 patients; 33 have typhoid fever; one is suffering from the effects of an accident, one has the scurvy, and one has been successfully operated upon for enlarged lymphatic glands. Among those who are being treated at the Good Samaritan are Mr. Orr, of Orr & Turkey; Attorney H. D. Hulme, the son of U. S. Consul McCook, Arthur Thompson, and George Solomon, the butcher. There are 35 patients at St. Mary's, three of whom are women. All except five patients are sick with fever. At Dr. Bourke's private hospital there are 11 patients, nine of whom are afflicted with typhoid fever. Constables Constantine, Purser Hansen, and a Sergeant of the N. W. M. P., and Private Clarkson, of the Yukon field force are in bed with typhoid at the Barracks hospital. Two deaths occurred during the week at the hospitals: Ernest Davenport, of typhoid fever, and G. A. Campbell from the result of an accident which was received about a month ago.

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