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Amounting to Three Hundred Million Dollars—Not Able to Pay—Aguinaldo's Acts Cause Comment.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. Halifax, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—An attempt has been made to forever shelve Gen. Buller by offering him the command of the British troops in North America, which position is now vacant. It is not known whether or not the offer will be accepted.

Mormon Apostle Dead.

Monterey, Cal., April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—George Q. Cannon, the famous apostle of the Mormon church, is dead, aged 69 years.

Gold Bars Recovered.

Bremen, April 12, via Skagway, April 18.—The gold bars valued at \$16,000 and supposed to have been stolen from the vessel Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse, were found by the steamer's steward where they had been hidden behind a cornice.

Heavy Chinese Claims.

Washington, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—The Chinese indemnity claims submitted by all the powers aggregate \$300,000,000. The state department thinks the amount should not have exceeded \$200,000,000 for even that is more than China will have ability to pay. The claim of the United States is \$25,000,000. While the amount is not stated, Britain's claim is said to be comparatively reasonable.

Aguinaldo's Game.

New York, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—Aguinaldo's delay in issuing a manifesto advising general surrender of the Filipinos is causing a great deal of comment.

The Easter Recess.

London, April 3.—Parliament has risen for the Easter recess after a session more satisfactory to the opposition than to the government. The record of business is meagre, but that is a small matter in comparison, but that is lack of energy and judgment which the house of commons has been led.

The continuance of Lord Salisbury in power for many weeks is doubted by some of the most experienced parliamentary heads. There are rumors that he has sought to offer his resignation before his departure for Beaulieu and that A. J. Balfour would be found in the upper house when parliament re-assembles. Another version is that nothing will be done for a fortnight, and that Lord Salisbury may consent to remain in office until the close of the session if his health improves in the Riviera.

There was no lack of gossip in the smoking room of the house of commons during the closing hours, but the only points on which there was a general agreement were that the government had been on a downward grade since the king's speech was read and that a stronger leader than Mr. Balfour was needed in the commons.

The Game Hen.

McCort—I can understand why these roosters that fight are called "game," but what is a "game hen?"
McSport—Why, don't you know? It's one that lays bets.—Philadelphia Press.

ONE YEAR FOR ROSENFIELD.

Increased His Time by Being Over-Fresh in Court.

Less than an hour was consumed in Judge Dugas' court this morning in the trial, conviction and sentence to one year at hard labor of Jacob Rosenfield on the charge of having on the 14th of last month obtained from Mrs. Mary E. Scott of the Stockholm baths \$50 on various false representations, one of which was that he was a brother of Uncle Hoffman, another that he owned several stores in town; that he had plenty of money at the Bank of B. N. A., and that at that particular time, which was after banking hours, he needed the amount obtained to treat "some prominent peezness unt 'professional men," who had carried him around on a silver salver the previous night.

On these representations Mrs. Scott had accommodated him with a loan of \$50 until the following day, but later developments had proven Rosenfield, alias "Uncle Joe Hoffman," to be a fraud and a bilk.

The evidence of the prosecution was of a most convicting nature and to which Rosenfield only attempted to reply by making a broad statement defamatory to the character of the principal witness who then and there branded it as a malicious lie. The prominent men with whom the prisoner claimed to have hob-nobbed testified that they did not even know him.

In passing sentence Judge Dugas said it had been in his mind after hearing the very incriminating evidence to give the prisoner six months, but in view of the fact that he, in addition to having been proven a rascal had, by the charge made by himself also proven him to be malicious and a coward, he would sentence him to a period of one year at hard labor.

So far as baths of the Stockholm variety are concerned, "Uncle Joe" will not indulge in any for some time to come.

Jewels and Diamonds.

New York, March 29.—The rich, fashionable and luxurious of this country are adorning themselves more and more with precious gems. Consequently the jewelers are prosperous and Uncle Sam is collecting money on imported precious stones and is watching even more closely for smugglers of them.

Gen. George W. Mindil, jewelry examiner at the public stores in this city, has reported to Appraiser Wakeman on the importation of precious stones and pearls for the month of February last.

During that month, the shortest in the year, precious stones and pearls aggregating in value \$1,776,073.74 were entered at this port from abroad, the greater portion of which were consigned to merchants in this city, the remainder going to large western cities. These importations are the smallest in bulk that ever pass through the customs house, yet are an important source of revenue to the government, on account of the high duties imposed on them.

Gen. Mindil's figures show an increase last month over the importations of precious stones in February, 1900, of nearly \$1,200,000, and over \$500,000 more than in any February in the past five years. The invoices include diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires, emeralds and other rare varieties of gems, both cut and uncut, the cut stones being largely in excess of the uncut ones.

The appraisements in this city last month for cut gems were \$1,171,313.60, and for uncut ones \$604,760.14. Similar appraisements for February, 1900, were respectively \$533,796.70 and \$442,444.09.

The aggregate value of importations of precious stones entered at the port of New York alone amounts to more than \$21,000,000 annually. The value of those successfully smuggled into the country cannot be estimated, of course.

Christian Science Lecture.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 3.—Carroll D. Norton, of New York, delivered a lecture in Barnes hall last night on Christian Science. His presence brought a petition from the physicians of Ithaca to the university authorities protesting against the lecture. Members of the University Christian Association also opposed it as a university function. Dean T. F. Crane refused to listen to the complaint and the lecture brought out a big audience.

Mr. Norton dealt largely with the development of Christian Science, its growth and application. Cornell is said to be the first of the larger universities at which a lecture has been given on this subject.

RECEIVED BY WIRE ANOTHER ALASKA FLEET

Millionaire Lyman C. Smith to Enter the Field.

Seattle, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—Millionaire Lyman C. Smith of Syracuse, has incorporated a company with a cash operating capital of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of putting on a line of steamers between Seattle and the Hawaiian islands; also another line between Seattle and Alaskan points.

Not Mentioned in Papers.

Skagway, April 18.—No mention is found in outside papers of Sharkey's challenge or acceptance to meet Slavin in Dawson.

PURSUED 25 YEARS

After Which He is Acquitted of Charge of Murder.

Evanston, Wyo., April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—Harry Lyons, alias Harry Teer, has been acquitted after a most sensational trial of the charge of murdering John Wheeling 25 years ago, since which time and until his capture a short time ago Lyons has been chased all over the globe. The account of his travels, as related by himself on the witness stand, is more strange than fiction. The verdict of not guilty meets general approval.

Last Stage Billed.

Skagway, April 18.—It is officially announced that the last stage of the season will leave Whitehorse for Dawson on Saturday the 20th.

JIM HILL EXPANDING

Will Spend \$100,000,000 in Improvements This Year.

St. Paul, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—It is officially announced that the Great Northern Ry. Co. will spend \$100,000,000 this year in bettering its condition and reaching out for increased business. Seattle will be made the terminus of the China Mutual Steamship line, steamers for which are now being constructed.

Johnson Declines.

Indianapolis, April 13, via Skagway, April 18.—Tom L. Johnson, a millionaire of the Henry George school of ideas, has declined the nomination tendered him by the Single Taxers for the presidency in 1904.

United States Claims.

Washington, March 26.—Upon being advised by the navy department that the U. S. S. New York had arrived at Tangiers, the state department immediately sent a cablegram to Consul-General Gummers, directing him to board the New York and go forward on her special mission. Something is left to Gummers' discretion as to the execution of the details, and it is for him to say whether he will be satisfied if the sultan and court meet him half way at Mazargin, and whether he will proceed according to the original program directly to Morocco city.

It probably will make no difference in principle, provided the necessary explanations are afforded for the treatment our consul has received, and provision be made for settling the claims. They are not very large in the aggregate; probably \$60,000 will cover them all, or less than half an indemnity that was summarily collected by Germany a short time ago on a precisely similar class of claim. But it can be stated that if the court does not appear at Mazargin by the third week in April, then Consul-General Gummers will go to Morocco city.

Messrs. B. Ransom and H. Holmes, members of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skagway, arrived in Dawson last night. Mr. Ransom came in on a pleasure trip and returns to Skagway in the morning. Mr. Holmes will assume a position in the bank at this place and remain here throughout the summer.

BUILDING MATERIAL

In Way of Brick and Lime a Future Certainty in Dawson.

The discovery of lime which in quality is equal to that of any in the world has recently been made and is bound to create a revolution in the building industry of this country. The ledge was discovered about a week ago on the Yukon near the Indian river and assays made show it to be of a very high quality.

The assays were made by the A. E. Co. and this morning Mr. Marsden the chief assayer of the company brought into this office a sample of the assay which showed 51 per cent pure lime, with about 12 per cent calcium.

The location was made by O. W. Hobbs and Chas. Welch, who have now four men at work blasting out the rock to erect kilns and other buildings preparatory to carrying on the work on a large scale this summer.

Other discoveries of lime have been made but have always proven to be of a very inferior quality and it has been the intention of those contemplating the erection of brick buildings to have their lime shipped in from the outside.

This discovery brings all the material necessary for the erection of brick buildings within easy reach of Dawson and there is no doubt that there will be a number of brick buildings erected here this summer.

Not only will this enable the erection of brick buildings but will be used to a large extent in preparing frame houses for the winter by lathing and plastering them, which everyone who has lived in a frame house this last winter realizes would be a great aid in keeping warm.

Two brick yards will also be in full operation this summer and it is claimed that brick will be as cheap if not cheaper than lumber.

Messrs. Matheson and Graham will establish a kiln on the hill about two miles back of Dawson, where they have an excellent bed of clay and expect to work on a large scale.

Mr. Hobbs has also a large plant established up the Yukon near the Indian river and will have several kilns in operation. He expects to make about a million and a half bricks during the summer.

This country is rich in mineral resources, traces of every known mineral product having been found and paying ledges will surely be discovered. With the material at hand Dawson will become a metropolitan city in good earnest and we can reasonably look forward to seeing stately brick buildings in the near future.

Expects a Reversal.

J. G. Price, who went north on the City of Seattle recently from his mission to Washington, D. C., in the interest of the citizens in the towns site case, gave a different version of his trip to what was quoted of him in a Seattle morning paper. The towns site case, far from being ended in the interior department, has the best kind of a chance of being reopened and a hearing granted before the secretary of the interior on the strength of the new and important evidence which the citizens' committee and attorneys have secured.

"I am at a loss to account for those adverse reports published in the Seattle P. I., nor am I able to assign a motive for them," said Mr. Price. "I knew nothing of them until they reached me through the Skagway papers. That they were entirely untrue it is almost unnecessary to say. The secretary of the interior has not declared that the case is ended as far as his department is concerned. On the contrary, the way is yet open to again bring up the hearing of the case on the strength of the new evidence which has been obtained during the past two months. As to the nature of this evidence, it would be poor policy to give it out and thus expose our line of attack, but every property owner would agree with us were the evidence known to them, that we are not over confident in expecting not only a rehearing but a reversal of the last decision."

The towns site case, according to Mr. Price, has become almost a national matter. Through the efforts of the Skagway Chamber of Commerce, its special committee and the attorneys, every friend of Alaska has enlisted to do the best for the town. The Skagway Chamber of Commerce has a stack of correspondence a foot high from representative men all over the United States, promising their aid.—Seattle Times.

A Rural Longing.

"Say, our bookkeeper is foolish."
"What do you mean?"
"Why, he says when he gets old he wants money enough to go out and live where he can see the moon go down behind a hedge."—Chicago Record.

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KENTUCKY BLOOD

Copiously Spilled in Fight Between Sheriff's Posse and Desperadoes

ON MOUNTAIN TOP NEAR WHITESBURG

Gang Had Robbed and Murdered Woman and Son.

THREE HUNDRED SHOTS FIRED

Government Troops Ordered Out, But Not Needed—Firing Heard Twelve Miles Away.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. Whitesburg, Ky., April 12, via Skagway, April 18.—Two men are dead and two wounded as the result of a pitched battle fought today between Sheriff Wright and a strong posse of deputies and five desperadoes on a mountain top near this place and where the gang had fortified itself. The desperadoes had robbed and murdered Mrs. Jennie Hull and son, after which they burned both bodies by firing the house.

In the battle which was heard twelve miles away three hundred shots were fired. Young Wright, one of the killed and a nephew of the sheriff, joined the posse a month ago to avenge the death of his father who is supposed to have been murdered by the same gang. The other man killed was Isaac Millard. The entire gang was captured and is now in jail. There is strong talk of wholesale lynching but the sheriff and his posse will make every effort to protect the prisoners.

When the firing on the mountain was heard in the valley below it was feared the posse had been defeated and a message was sent to the governor at Frankfort asking for troops which were at once dispatched but whose services were not required.

(Whitesburg, Ky., is in the Cumberland mountains about 100 miles north from Chattanooga, Tenn., and near the line of the Cincinnati Southern railroad. It was in the same locality that the notorious Taylor brothers surprised and murdered a sheriff and his entire posse, in all six men, the night of September 13th, 1882, on which eventful night the writer, who was detained in the mountains by a railroad wreck within four miles of where the battle was fought distinctly heard the firing.)

A Fine Destination.

A young down town drug clerk who had heard the story of the colored woman who had asked for flesh colored court plaster and was given black by the observant dealer stored the incident away in his mental dust box and decided to use it at the first opportunity. He had not long to wait, for a few nights ago a comely colored girl stepped into the store where he was employed. "Ah wants some court plaster," she said.

"What color?" inquired the clerk with affected nonchalance.
"Flesh cullah, sah."

Trembling in his shoes and keeping within easy reach of a heavy pistol the clerk handed the woman a box of black court plaster, and he was surprised at the time that the situation afforded so little humor. The woman opened the box with a deliberation that was amusing, but she was unamused when she noted the color of the contents.

"Ah guess yo' mus' a-misunderstand mah ordah. Ah asked foh flesh cullah and yo' done give me skin cullah."
The drug clerk is still a little daunted from the encounter, and he has resolved to subject every joke to a laboratory test hereafter before using.
Pittsburg News.

Thos. Nixon, of Big Skookum, Arvid Brodin, of 18 above—Bonnam and A. J. McDonald, are registered with the McDonalds.