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THE GUN ROUTE

Michael W. Frank Takes His Own Life Yesterday Afternoon.

IN HIS CABIN ON THE HILLSIDE

For the Reason That He Was Nervous and Despondent.

WAS SURELY PREMEDITATED.

He Was a Native of Germany and Came to Dawson in the Fall of 1898.

Yesterday afternoon, presumably about 3:30 o'clock, Michael W. Frank, who resided on the hillside near the A. C. Co. trail, ended his life by placing a .41-calibre Colt's revolver in his mouth and firing a bullet through his palate and up into his brain.

During the past winter Frank was employed by Eddie and Arthur Lewin as foreman on their Sulphur creek claim, and, being a trustworthy and responsible man, the entire business of the claim was entrusted to him. About a month ago Frank was taken ill and was brought in to the Sister's hospital where he was treated by Dr. McFarlane, who found him to be suffering more from nervousness and mental worry than from any other cause. Frank appeared to fear that the claim of which he had been management and on which Lewin Bros had expended a large sum of money, would not turn out as well as the owners had all along hoped, and such thoughts greatly worried and irritated his mind. On May 16th he was dismissed from the hospital and has since been at his cabin in this city. He

has since been very despondent and has on many occasions spoken to friends of his intentions to kill himself, and for some days past a watch has been kept on his actions by those who feared he would execute his threat.

Late Saturday night Eddie Lewin came in from his claim on Sulphur and spent the night with Frank in his cabin, the two men not arising until after 12 o'clock yesterday, when Lewin suggested that they come down town and get breakfast. They started down together, but had proceeded but a short distance when Frank made some excuse about having letters to write and returned alone to the cabin. This was about 1 o'clock, and some of his neighbors claim to have seen him after 3 o'clock about the door of his cabin, but at 3:50 he was found seated in a chair stone dead, the Colt's revolver lying on the floor near the chair. The authorities were at once notified and had the body removed to Green's undertaking establishment.

Magistrate Starnes empanelled a coroner's jury this morning, and, after finding two witnesses each \$10 for being late, proceeded with the inquest, the verdict reached being in substance that Frank had died from the effects of a gunshot fired by his own hands. The funeral will take place from the undertaker's tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in the cemetery on the hillside.

Michael W. Frank came here in the fall of '98 from Skagway, where he was for sometime in the employ of the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co. Previous to coming to Alaska he was employed as book-keeper at the Gilman mines for the Seattle Coal and Iron Co. He was a highly educated, thoroughly reliable man, a native of Germany, 38 years of age and unmarried. It is not known that he had any relatives in this country.

Road House Robbed.

Cook's roadhouse on the Dome was robbed on Thursday night of a poke containing in the neighborhood of \$350. An employe about the establishment was suspected of the theft and has been brought to town upon the charge.

\$125 Reward.

Stolen Saturday night, May 26th, 1900, at Dawson, one full-blooded malamute dog, very dark gray, light stripe running from between ears to point of nose, light around chops, white under neck, white breast and belly, front legs and feet white, hind feet nearly white on front side, very bushy neck and shoulders, always carries tail curled over left side of back; under part of tail light, nearly white, very proud, dignified walk; head very erect; weighs about 55 pounds; 2 years old; answers to name of Prince.

I will give \$25 reward for the return of, or information that will lead to the recovery of above described dog, and \$100 more for the arrest, or information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the thief.

May 28, 1900

P. J. HEMEN,

Care Klondike Nugget, Dawson.

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

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Townsend & Rose

The Leading

..Tobacconists

Have removed from their former location on Second avenue, to their

NEW STORE....

First Ave. Next to Madden House
Club Rooms Attached

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UNDERWEAR

We will continue our sale for another week of light weight summer underwear, all American goods, silk finished, and trimmed, suit, \$3

CLOTHING....

We have a large stock of the latest patterns, latest cut, dressy looking and correct style.

"SELTZ" SHOES

These are the clear thing in footwear. They look better and wear longer than any other shoe in Dawson today; they have a reputation all over the country for design and finish.

2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.

"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

GRAVE CHARGE

Has Been Laid Against J. E. Coveney, Late From the Outside.

FOR UNLAWFULLY EXTORTING \$7000

From Frank J. Phiscator, an Eldorado Mine Owner.

OLD SCORE BLOOD MONEY.

Sergeant Wilson Takes a Hand in the Game and Coveney Is Now in Jail.

A story that has all the romance of a chapter from the Arabian Nights is on tap in Dawson, but until one of the actors sufficiently recovers composure of mind to enable him to appear in court, nothing of a tangible nature can be obtained regarding the gravity of the offense alleged to have been committed in what to date is the last chapter of the story.

Early in the history of the Klondike as a mining camp Frank J. Phiscator came to the country and secured valuable mining property, a portion of which is claim No. 2 on Eldorado. This has proven a rich claim and from it the owner has extracted many thousands of dollars' worth of gold. Mr. Phiscator has always been known in Dawson as a straightforward, unassuming mine owner and business man, but reports now current indicate that there has been a skeleton in his closet the same as in many other homes.

A short time ago, says the report, a man by the name of J. E. Coveney arrived in Dawson from the outside in quest of Phiscator, whom he found and whom he told to pay him a large sum of money or be disgraced in the eyes of his family and the world, by a certain revelation, which he, Coveney, would make.

At first Phiscator refused to be paid further than he had been, it being said that he had previously and on the outside paid Coveney \$2500, and had taken a "clean bill of health" and immunity from further extortion. But, as the story goes, the immunity did not immunize, and he was again held up for blood money. Coveney insisted and Phiscator refused; the latter, in the meantime, completing his arrangements to leave for the outside on the steamer Columbian which sailed for Whitehorse at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Coveney, it is said, continued to dog his man and finally threatened that he, too, would be a passenger on the Columbian and would either have the money or resort to violence before the steamer reached Whitehorse. His position worked on the mind of Phiscator to such an extent as to drive him almost to distraction, and in his semi-wild condition he mentioned his troubles to one or two of his friends in the city, who, in turn, imparted the story to Sergeant Wilson of the N. W. M. P., but before the latter could mature a plan to nab the alleged persecutor, Phiscator weakened and shortly afterwards on Saturday turned over to Coveney money or gold to the value of \$7000.

Having secured his pound of flesh Coveney was about to board the steamer Columbian for the outside when he was arrested by Sergeant Wilson and taken to jail. The gold said to have been given him by Phiscator was found on his person and is now in the care of the court. Coveney was held on the charge of unlawfully extorting the amount above mentioned.

Phiscator was instructed to remain here and appear in the prosecution of Coveney, but as stated in the report of this morning's session of police court, he was unable to appear, he being, it is

said, in a state of great mental perturbation.

The outcome of this case will be watched for with great interest as, if the charge is true, it is something of a departure from the ordinary channels in the history of crime in the Yukon.

Fourth of July Celebration.

A meeting of the citizens of Dawson is called for 9 o'clock tonight in the Board of Trade rooms in the A. C. office building, for the purpose of taking the steps necessary for appropriately and extensively celebrating the Fourth of July, the natal day of American independence. All residents, regardless of nationality, and especially all Americans are urgently requested to be present at the meeting tonight, when the various committees necessary to providing for a general Jubrah, old glory time will be appointed.

Trial Trip.

The S. Y. T. Co.'s steamer Rock Island made a test of her overhauled machinery today by steaming down the river to Moosehide and back. Everything was found to be ship-shape, and the Rock Island is now prepared for a busy season.

Who Is He?

George Washington's name has been handed down from generation to generation as belonging to a man who was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Dawson has such another. On the Sybil excursion yesterday was the man who is always first. He was first on the steamer, first on the hurricane-deck, first in the pilot house, first to be off when the steamer returned and first in everything except in the hearts of his countrymen. Who is he? Replies are solicited.

Tanana Reported Rich.

From persons who arrived yesterday on the steamer Leah from below it is learned that there is good ground for the report circulated here some time ago regarding gold on the Tanana river. The late word brought up is that excellent prospects have been found and that in many places holes have been sunk from which very rich pay has been taken. The country will be extensively prospected this season. It is thought that many who left here for Nome will turn aside to explore the Tanana before going on down the river.

Ministerial Change.

Rev. Wright, pastor of the Dawson Presbyterian church, went to the Forks yesterday where he conducted services last night and where he will remain for several days. Rev. J. A. Sinclair filled Rev. Wright's pulpit here yesterday, delivering two able and instructive sermons. He will leave in a day or two to resume his mission work on the creeks.

Dog Thieves Abroad.

Within the past two or three days there have been various complaints of dogs having been stolen from the streets and spirited away. It would appear that there is nothing for dogs to do at the present or until snow falls in the fall but for all that, there appears to be a demand for them. It is thought that the dogs are being stolen by persons going down the river, presumably for Koyukuk, where, in the country developments as it is confidently expected it will there will be great demand for dogs, in the absence of horses next winter, for freighting purposes.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 67.5 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 38 degrees above.

Ice cream, finest flavors, fresh every day. Mrs. West's.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by any person in my name or in the name of any person or persons coupled with my name in the Yukon Territory.
EDWARD MCCONNELL
Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

SHOT AT FT. YUKON

Thomas McNamee Killed By James McDonald on May 21st.

DECEASED LEFT HERE LAST APRIL

Neglected to Pay Debts Which He Had Incurred.

FOLLOWED DOWN THE RIVER

By a Creditor, to Whom He Owed \$5,000—Shot Through the Heart.

A trustworthy report has been received in Dawson to the effect that Thomas McNamee was killed by James McDonald at Fort Yukon on May 21st. The crime was occasioned by the refusal of the deceased to pay an honest debt to the man who committed the homicide.

It appears that McDonald advanced various sums of money in this city to Thomas McNamee, while the latter was conducting legal proceedings against his brother, James McNamee. Altogether the amounts aggregated \$5000, and Thomas promised faithfully to repay his friend when the litigation was concluded.

Early in April, the brothers compromised their differences, and Thomas received \$25,000 in full payment for all his claims against James. Thereupon the former departed from Dawson, and traveled over the ice to Fort Yukon. He paid none of the debts which he had contracted here, and his friends could not excuse nor palliate his reprehensible conduct. Among others who were astounded at his ungratefulness was James McDonald. He waited until navigation opened and then journeyed down the river in a small boat until he arrived at Fort Yukon.

Soon after he had disembarked he met McNamee in front of the mail carrier's cabin. McDonald demanded the immediate payment of the \$5000. McNamee replied, "I have nothing but drafts." McDonald answered, "They are good enough. Then McN mee retorted by telling his creditor to "go to h—." Such insolence enraged McDonald and he drew his revolver and hastily fired twice at McNamee, who, realizing his danger, immediately ran into the cabin, which at the time was unoccupied. He was followed by his assailant, who shot again and the bullet penetrated the heart. McNamee died instantly.

McDonald walked to the N. A. T. & T. Co.'s store, where he disarmed himself of his revolver and inquired as to the whereabouts of the nearest federal authorities. He was informed that officials were stationed at Fort Hamlin, and thence he proceeded in company with Mail Carrier Paterson. He surrendered himself to the officers at Fort Hamlin, and he will probably be sent to St. Michael and from there to Sitka at the first opportunity.

McNamee was buried at Fort Yukon the day following the occurrence of the tragedy. Among his personal effects were money and drafts to the amount of \$21,000. This property has been delivered to the officials at Fort Hamlin.

Everybody Knows

By this time that we are the people to trade with, because we give you what you want and save you money besides. We'll tide you over nicely until OUR NEW GOODS arrive, and then we'll dazzle you with bargains.

The Ames Mercantile Co. F. JANSEN Res. Manager

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.
Sawing, Flume & Mining Lumber
Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE