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SLORAH IN COURT

On Preliminary Hearing Charged
With Murder of
Pearl Mitchell

IS BOUND OVER WITHOUT BAIL.

Eye Witness Susie Vernon's
Damaging Testimony.

WERE THEY MARRIED OR NOT?

The Accused Well Known in Seattle
and Skagway—Little Known
Of the Woman.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The inquest which was conducted yesterday afternoon by Acting Coroner McDonnell for the purpose of determining the cause of Pearl Mitchell's death, resulted in charging the crime of murder on James Slorah, the man who was lying on the bed in a semi-conscious condition beside the dying woman when found by the officers and others. The jury was composed of the following citizens: Thos. Graham, foreman; R. L. Cowan, Allen E. Mack, M. G. McLeod, John A. Donald and W. E. Sutro.

The principal witness was Susie Vernon, the close friend and associate of the dead woman, who told a straightforward story to the effect that Pearl Mitchell had left her own room about 11 o'clock yesterday morning and entered that of witness, where she complained that Slorah was offended with her and had not yet come home after working all night; that while Pearl was in the room of witness, the latter being in bed, she sat down on the foot of bed and a few minutes later Slorah entered the room where the two women were; that he said to Pearl, "Come on to our room and go to bed;" that Pearl replied that she would not do it as she didn't want any more sleep; that Slorah again told her to go to their room and Pearl replied, "I will go when I get ready." Witness said they (Slorah and Pearl) then began to quarrel and that she (witness) turned over in the bed with her face toward the wall; that almost immediately she heard a pistol shot and jumped out of bed; that Pearl had fallen back across the bed with her head against the wall; that Slorah held in his hand a pistol which he was firing at his own head; that witness herself was very badly frightened and ran screaming into the hall where she called for help; that she thought there were five or six shots fired altogether.

Other witnesses, including Dr. Nor-

quay, who were on the scene less than one minute after the shooting, testified to having entered the room where Slorah and Pearl were both lying on the bed with the pistol between them; that the woman was bleeding heavily from the mouth while her breathing was slow and labored. Slorah who was at first unconscious, soon recovered and in a maudlin way inquired what had happened. The woman died in less than 30 minutes, having never regained consciousness nor spoken after she was shot. Only one shot struck her, that one entering under the left ear and passing out on the opposite side and lower down. It had severed several of the large veins of the neck and she soon bled to death.

The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the above—that Pearl Mitchell had come to her death by bleeding from a wound in the neck inflicted by a bullet fired from a pistol in the hands of James Slorah.

The evidence was heard in the police court room, the jurors having adjourned to that place after viewing the body and the surroundings in the room where the tragedy occurred over the Holborn cafe. With his head swathed in bandages, James Slorah, or "Jimmy" as he is familiarly known, was brought in from the jail and, seated in the prisoner's box, heard the damaging evidence which may doubtless relegate him from the daily haunts of men forever. Like one in a dream he quietly sat, apparently neither seeing nor hearing what was going on about him. He was returned to jail while the jury prepared its verdict, but was brought back to hear the reading of the verdict which was as stated above.

After giving her evidence Susie Vernon was allowed to go, but later in the evening was taken to the barracks where, being the only eye witness to the tragedy, she will be retained unless sufficient bond to insure her attendance in court when required is furnished.

Slorah was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of murder before Magistrate Starnes this morning, when the evidence introduced was practically the same as that adduced at the coroner's inquest except that more careful examination of the woman's body had revealed the presence of another bullet hole which had been overlooked in the first hasty examination, and which entered the skull through her heavy black hair about two inches above the left ear. No exit mark of the ball was found.

After seven witnesses had testified for the crown, the prisoner, through his attorney Henry Bleeker, of the legal firm of Bleeker and De Journal, declined to submit a statement, reserving the same until the case is called up in the territorial court, until which time Slorah is committed without bail.

The principal witness, Susie Vernon, was released this morning on \$500 bond for her appearance when wanted.

Pearl Mitchell's body is still in the room where she met her untimely death, but will be buried either tomorrow or Friday by Undertaker Green.

But little can be learned of the dead woman except that she came to Skagway early last year and was employed at Clancy's theater. It was in Skagway that Slorah met her, where it is said they began living together some time last winter. They both came to Dawson with the Simon's "Sapho" company last June, and later accompanied the same outfit to Nome. The woman returned to Dawson by the river route on the steamer Susie sometime in September, while Slorah came back by way of Seattle and Skagway, arriving less than a month ago.

Slorah resided in Seattle 15 or 20 years previous to coming to the Klondike in '97. He went back to Seattle in '98, and in February or March of the following year his wife died, leaving him a family of small children. In May of '99 he came to Skagway and took a position as bartender for Frank Clancy, by whom he was employed up to the time of his coming to Dawson last summer. There are scores of people in Dawson who have known "Jimmy" Slorah intimately for years, and there is not one of them but is surprised at the rash act accredited to him. His old acquaintances are certain that he was not married to Pearl Mitchell, although it is said that they were married after reaching Nome.

As the territorial court which adjourns tomorrow until November 2 will reassemble on that date for the hearing of criminal cases, it is probable that Slorah will not have to wait long before given a hearing.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

WORK STOPPED

On Extension of Government
Telegraph Line Until
Spring.

ONLY 65 MILES REMAIN TO BE BUILT

Engineer Tasche Says Govern-
ment Will Build

WHITEHORSE AND DAWSON

Wagon Road By Way of the Creeks,
Reducing the Distance to
270 Miles.

Skagway, October 24.—Superintendent J. A. Charleson, of the government telegraph, arrived last night from the extension of the line and states that 65 miles of it is yet uncompleted and will remain so until spring. He was forced by the weather to leave the work until next year.

Engineer Tasche is out from Whitehorse on business. He gives it as his belief that the government will build a road from Whitehorse to Dawson via the creeks and down Bonanza, thus making the distance between the two points only 270 miles.

McConnell of Dawson, who went below to buy 100 tons of sugar, has returned without it. No freight and but few passengers are now arriving for the interior, and travel between Skagway and lower points is very light.

E. Janne de Marre has returned from Dawson to Atlin. He says he came from Dawson to Whitehorse on his automobile, but no one believes his statement.

Sentenced for Life.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 20, via Skagway, Oct. 24.—Henry Yowtsey, charged as the principal accomplice in the Goebel murder, has been found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. A motion was made to arrest the judgment on the ground of insanity.

Still Looks Gloomy.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 20, via Skagway, Oct. 24.—Miners still refuse to go back to work. Operators decline to make any further concessions. The outlook is gloomier than ever.

Kruger Takes Ship.

Lorenzo Marquez, Oct. 20, via Skagway, Oct. 24.—Kruger has been secretly taken aboard a Holland cruiser, as threats against his life have been made by disappointed Boers.

Fighting Has Ceased.

London, Oct. 20, via Skagway, Oct. 24.—All fighting in China has ceased, but Germany's determination to be revenged for the murder of her minister

stands in the way of a settlement. It is reported that Great Britain and Germany have reached an understanding whereby the territorial integrity of China is to be maintained and all Chinese ports kept open. The empress has been petitioned by the powers to return to Peking. Count Walderssee regards the campaign as at an end and expects to be recalled.

Hockey League Formed.

At the Regina Club last night a meeting of the various hockey clubs of the city was held, delegates being present from the following: A. B. Co. club, Canadian Bank of Commerce club, McLennan & McFeeley club, Sawmill Co.'s club, Civil Service club and N. W. M. P. club.

E. E. Tiffin was elected temporary chairman and Constable A. L. Bell temporary secretary.

The object of the meeting was to form the various clubs into a league, which was done, the organization to be known as the Dawson Hockey League.

The election of permanent league officers resulted as follows: E. E. Tiffin, president; Mr. Marsden, vice-president; Constable A. L. Bell, secretary and treasurer; Ben Trenneman and Thomas Hinton, executive committee.

On motion, the rules governing the Canadian Hockey Association were adopted by the league.

Mr. Ward of the rink management, announced that the rink will be open to members of the league for practice between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m., 6 to 8 p. m., and 10 to 12 p. m., and that all active members of the league will be admitted free of charge during contests.

The price of membership tickets was fixed at \$5.

The championship will be decided by a series of home to home games to be played between the various individual clubs, the one winning the greatest percentage of games to be declared entitled to the championship.

A vote of thanks was tendered the rink management for its offering a challenge cup.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

It may be owing to the weather or it may be that inebriates have taken to acting on oft-repeated advice and put a drop of lemon in it and suck the rind after drinking. At any rate there seems to be more discretion practiced in the use of hooch than was the case in the past. Not that the stuff is being boycotted! Far from it; for many times each day may be seen men on the street whom one more drink would "fix a plenty;" but they seem to exercise discretion by not taking the one more drink, with the result that they keep away from the police court, which institution has been very dull for the past several days.

Not a single case of drunk was up this morning, and but for one man the session would have been a failure from a financial standpoint. W. H. Goodwin had not been drunk, but he had violated a Yukon health ordinance which caused his resources to be levied upon for \$5 and costs.

Round Rolling Balls.

The new bowling alley brought in by Billy Gorham was opened to the public last night. There are two alleys regulation size in use and lovers of the sport say they are perfectly laid. The alley is back of Phillips' cigar store and connected with the Reception.

Pianos for sale, Cribbs & Rogers, next to the new postoffice. c26

Try Cascade Laundry for high-class work at reduced prices.

Gould & Hepfinger, proprietors of the Bon Ton barber shop, have just purchased an extra fine oil painting of the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park. Call and see it, Second st., opp. Aurora No. 1.

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Clothing, mitts, felt shoes, underwear at Hammell's, Grand Forks. c17

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