

## Feared He Would Be Shot

Death of Capt. Howard of This City Reveals Conspiracy Against Him.

He Was the Victim of a Fraud on Part of New York Speculators.

Feared That He Would Be Shot By Agents—His Mining Ventures.

R. W. Turner, of this city, who went to Berkeley in connection with the mining of the body of his son, Capt. Howard, has positively identified the mining as those of Howard, and after reviewing the circumstances he is convinced that murder has been done. The mystery surrounding the tragedy has now assumed proportions of astounding magnitude. From Dawson City to New York stretches a web of evidence fraught with significance.

During the last year Captain Howard was the victim of a gigantic fraud, upon the successful consummation of which would have depended the loss of property of almost unlimited value. Over his own signature he had given to a party of one of the conspirators against him who had once killed a man and would not hesitate to kill again. During his entire stay in San Francisco he would not go out on the streets after dark unaccompanied.

On Saturday last he was found lying beside Brennan's barn in West Berkeley with two tortois shells through his head and a frightful fracture in his skull.

From the papers of the dead man now in the hands of the coroner at Berkeley there is gleaned a story which may throw a strong light upon the tragedy which was enacted in the dark hours of the night behind the lonely barn in West Berkeley. They show the stake for which Captain Howard was fighting and incidentally how his death might facilitate the plans of those who were seeking to lay their hands on the prize.

Captain Howard was the possessor of 1,600 acres of mining property situated in Indian River, the richest of the richest gold fields in the Klondike district. It is about this that is hinged the drama which had its climax in the death of the man in West Berkeley. By the dead man's papers, now in the hands of the authorities, it is shown that in December, 1901, he was in New York endeavoring to form a company to work his concession on Indian River. Through his attorney, George P. Clay, whose office is 195 Broadway, he became interested in a party of one of the conspirators against him, who had once killed a man and would not hesitate to kill again.

On June 6 he met J. J. Russell of the Hudson Mining Company, who had been in the city for some time. He had a haunting fear of some people, and he was afraid of the man who had once killed a man and would not hesitate to kill again.

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The correspondence then shows that there was a slight delay in carrying out the purchase of Howard's mining claim. According to some of the letters Captain Howard's title to the claim was in doubt, and he was asked to provide a clear title to the claim.

On April 14, 1902, a letter was sent from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, stating that the mining claim on the Indian River had been assigned to the Indian River Mining Company, and that the assignment of the claim by Howard to the company had been approved and entered on the records.

Howard seems to have reached an agreement with Captain Howard on March 22, 1902, when the latter was entered into where the New York miner was to put up a certain sum of money to the Klondike. If it was demonstrated that the claim was not his, he was to have the privilege of a right of sale.

The expert chemist, Dr. W. L. Taylor, of 14 West Twelfth street, New York, with him, Captain Howard left for Dawson, arriving there on July 20.

SUSPICIONS AROUSED. From the correspondence both in writing and in cipher telegram which passed between the two men during the next few months, it became evident that the former thought himself the victim of a gigantic fraud, the results of which would be to rob him of his concession. His first belief was that the man who had once killed a man and would not hesitate to kill again.

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List of the Successful Candidates in the Recent Tests.

Rossland Wins High Honors in the Interesting Contest.

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