

### WILL AID THE SUFFERING.

Dawson Will Contribute to the Relief of Ottawa.

Committees Are Appointed and a Vigorous Campaign Inaugurated to Raise Funds.

Pursuant to a call from Gov. Ogilvie as published in yesterday's Daily Nugget the following named gentlemen met last night in the McDonald hotel to discuss ways and means of contributing relief to the sufferers of the Ottawa fire: Gov. Ogilvie, J. B. Wood of the T. & E. Co., R. M. Lindsay of the A. E. Co., Manager Delaney and Thos. Mahoney of the N. A. T. & T. Co., H. T. Willis of the Bank of Commerce, Manager Heron of the A. C. Co., W. C. Young of the Yukon Sun, Geo. M. Allen of the Klondike Nugget and F. W. Zimmerman.

Gov. Ogilvie made a short address, stating the object for which the meeting had been called and expressed the hope that Dawson would respond generously to the call for help for the unfortunates who suffered so severely from the terrible conflagration which recently visited Ottawa and the neighboring town of Hull. He said that the Yukon council will in all probability make a liberal contribution.

Several other means of raising funds had been suggested to him, among them being a plan for a public entertainment, a grand masque ball and a public subscription. The governor concluded his remarks by nominating Messrs. Heron and Young for the positions of permanent chairman and secretary respectively of the committee. This action being ratified by the meeting a discussion of the various plans ensued resulting in the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on entertainment—Messrs. Young, Steele and Allen.  
Committee to circulate a public subscription—Messrs. Wilson, Senkler and Mahoney.  
Committee to draft a form of subscription—Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Young and Allen.

Committee to arrange for a ball—Messrs. Wood, Major Heming and Mizner.  
A number of those placed on the various committees were not present, but all had expressed their willingness to aid in whatever way they were requested.

After further informal discussion the committee adjourned to meet again Monday night, at which time all sub-committees are expected to report. The various committees are already hard at work and announcements of what they propose doing will be made very shortly.

#### The Trotting Record.

Poland is a new European market for the American trotter.

The pacing mare Gladys M, 2:23 3/4, has been shipped to London.

Diablo, 2:09 3/4, led all Pacific coast sires in 1899, with six new performers.

Up to Jan. 15 England had purchased 10,000 horses in America for the African war.

Scott Hudson has driven ten horses to an average record of 2:09 1/2. Scott is 30 years old.

Walter O. Palmer the Nashville horseman says he has cleared up \$30,000 on mules inside of a year.

J. S. Campbell, of Butler Pa., has imported a pair of 3 year-old Welsh ponies that he will fit for the show rings.

The stallion Antezella 2:16 1/2 by Anteeo, 2:16 1/2—Gazelle by Guy Wilkes, 2:15 1/4, has been priced to the Russians at \$5000.

The bay colt, now a yearling, by Lynne Bel, 2:10 1/4, out of Flora, dam of Frank Agan, 2:03 3/4, is quoted a fast natural pacer.

In 1894, when Cobwebs, 2:12, made his record, he won six first, one second and one fourth moneys, total \$6600 and was behind the money twice.

J. H. Crosby of Lawrence has purchased Todd Lumps, 2:30, from W. N. Stetson, of Palmouth. Todd Lumps stands 13.2, and it is claimed he is the fastest pacer in the world for his size.

Searchlight, 2:03 3/4, has won 26 races and lost 6, won 76 heats and lost 22, won 43 heats below 2:10 and 12 below 2:05 and captured \$21,802 in stakes and purses, all this in three seasons' racing.

#### A Never Failing Sign.

If what Andie McKenzie says is true, and it probably is, the early arrival of spring is a foregone event. Andie says that as he was on his way this morning to the paint store where he is employed he saw a large flock of wild geese flying northward toward's Nome. He says

he knows they were wild geese because he heard one of them say "honk," and he also knows they had traveled a long distance as one of them was carrying a branch of banana leaves with which to make a nest on reaching their destination. If Andie really saw a flock of wild geese going to Nome it proves two things: First, that spring is here; and second, that the geese prefer the Yukon route to that of the outside; all of which is a boom for Dawson.

#### Unbounded Wealth.

The London capitalist was seated at his desk with a number of mechanical drawings and sheets of paper covered with figures before him.

"Planning another railway?" asked the visitor.

"No. Railroads seem rather small to me. I've been reading about the movements of the army in South Africa. What I'd like to have more than anything else is a ferryboat line across the Tugela river."—Washington Star.

#### PERSONALITIES.

Admiral Dewey's salary is \$37,500 a day, counting 365 days in a year.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister at Washington, has purchased an automobile, which he uses for official and social visits and for pleasure riding about the city.

L. H. Severance, the Standard Oil man, of Cleveland, has given \$60,000 to Oberlin college, to be used for the erection of new mechanical laboratory.

Walther Hauser, the new president of Switzerland, is one of the best classical scholars in his country and has written a learned commentary on the "Ethics" of Aristotle.

John W. Foster, the well known diplomatist, has accepted an invitation to deliver a course of three lectures at the University of Illinois on the early diplomatic history of the United States.

Gen. Miles has long been known as one of the most accomplished horsemen in the army. Since he has been stationed at Washington he has kept up his riding, and every morning, whatever the weather, he spends an hour or two on horseback.

Speaker Henderson made an apt reply to a remark that the speaker's duties were already shockingly ageing him. "Well," replied Mr. Henderson, "I am not as young as I was, but I am not by 20 years so old as I hope to be at the proper time."

Adelina Patti comes of a musical family. Her father, Salvator Patti, and his wife were both well known singers of their times. They had four daughters, all remarkable for their beautiful voices, and a son, Carlo, who became a proficient violinist.

Frank Gould, the youngest son of Jay Gould, has bought a splendid giant St. Bernard dog for \$10,500 of a Parisian dealer. He has not yet seen his purchase, however, having made it on the recommendation of the Countess Castel lane, formerly Miss Anna Gould.

Ephraim Lätulip, the inventor, is the latest one to claim that he has rediscovered the lost art of hardening copper. He says he can make it as tough as steel, so that it will hold and carry an edge as keen as a razor. His brother is the man who made a cannon of rawhide.

Senator Bate still uses a cane in walking, necessitated by the effects of three wounds received by him during the civil war. He was successively captain, colonel, brigadier general and major general in the Confederate army and surrendered with the Army of the Tennessee in 1865.

Ex-President Harrison's maiden speech in the senate was a eulogy like that of Senator Depew's. The subject was Gen. A. E. Burnside, then recently deceased. Mr. Harrison submitted the manuscript to Senator Sherman, telling him to strike out what should be omitted. "Not a word," said Sherman after reading it over.

#### Motor Cycles in War.

The English government is experimenting with motor cycles in modern warfare. One British firm has already shipped 15 motor cycles to the Transvaal. These machines will be used for scouting purposes. But unless they have been muffled they will make noise enough to announce their approach to the enemy a long distance. Most of the motor cycles used in this country last year for pacing purposes made a noise not unlike a continuous discharge of firecrackers. The machines sent to South Africa are said to be capable of going about 22 miles an hour over ordinary roads. John Moffatt, a young Cambridge graduate, is having an armored motor built, with which he will go to the front. The machine will be fitted with a rapid fire gun capable of firing 500 rounds a minute.

#### Want the Box Opened.

In 1838 Francis Douce, the antiquary, bequeathed a sealed box to the British museum on condition that it was not to be opened until Jan. 1, 1900. Some literary people in England are now clamoring for information as to its contents, but it is unlikely that their curiosity will be gratified for a long time, as a great many formalities have to be gone through first.

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### THE LUNATIC'S IMITATION.

A Story of the Capture of a Paris Shoplifter.

Seemed to Be Experienced in the Game, But He Proved to Be a Lunatic.

A Paris correspondent tells an interesting story of how a shop thief was captured recently at the Bon Marche in circumstances that in all probability are unique. One of the private detectives in the pay of the establishment noticed a man who, with the most barefaced effrontery, was appropriating articles of every description. The individual indeed seemed to make little or no attempt to keep his operations secret. He simply walked from counter to counter and filled his pockets with whatever attracted his fancy.

In spite of the strangeness of the man's proceedings there was nothing to be done but to have him arrested, and he was given into custody. His indignation was extreme. He protested that it was most unjust that he should be interfered with in this way when other people who were behaving in exactly the same manner were left unmolested, and he pointed to a stout gentleman of most respectable appearance who he asserted had been laying his hands on all sorts of goods without resorting to the formality of paying for them.

The policeman to whom he had been given in charge had been accustomed to listening to unconvincing explanations and took his prisoner to the station. A few minutes later the stout gentleman, also in the care of a policeman, arrived at the same destination. The detective, whose curiosity had been aroused, had watched the personage and had found it to be true that he was perpetrating theft after theft with the utmost dexterity.

After a short investigation he was recognized to be an expert and notorious shoplifter, whereas the prisoner first arrested proved to be a lunatic but recently discharged from an asylum, whose mania took the form of imitating any person who might happen to strike him. The professional thief was beside himself with rage at what he described as the bad luck of getting into trouble through the vagaries of a mad man.

#### Whaling Season Opens.

A late issue of the San Francisco Chronicle says: "The coming week will mark the departure of nearly all, if not the last, of the whaling fleet for Arctic waters. Whaling, like ordinary fishing, has some of the features of a lottery, and the outcome of a long season's work in the frozen north is problematical to the captains and crew when they leave port. So far as known, however, the summer is promising. The steamers Belvidere, Bayliss and Jeanette have already sailed for Herschel island, near the mouth of the Mackenzie river, the Jeanette having left only a day or two ago. The whalers to leave port within the next few days are the Karluk, Alexander and Beluga. The whalers already in the Arctic from this port are the Grampus, Norwhal and Balena.

"Last season the champion catch was made by the Jeanette, which returned to port with 17 whales to her credit. The only variety caught in the Arctic is the bowhead whale, of which only the bone is taken. They are abundant in the wide sweep of sea between Point Barrow and Herschel island. Capt. McGregor, of the Karluk and Capt. Cook of the Belvidere are the only whaling skippers who will be accompanied by their wives in the long voyage. Mrs. McGregor has already made several voyages to Herschel island and has enjoyed the experience of Arctic weather and isolation from civilization. Her handiwork is apparent in the cabin of the Karluk, where embroidered eiderdown pillows, attractively framed pictures, rugs and upholstered furniture have transformed an ordinary cabin into a handsome boudoir. The Karluk will sail for Alaska the latter part of the week, not stopping at Nome or any of the other lively camps en route.

#### A Sweeping Objection.

"Tommy Atkins is a regular humorist at times," the subaltern said with a grin. "Did you ever hear the story of the court martial in the — Hussars? No? Well, you must know that, just as an ordinary trial, a prisoner may object to the presence of a jurymen whom he thinks has already some prejudice or grudge against him, so at a court martial he is always asked if he is satisfied with the officers selected to try him.

"Well, this particular Tommy, when the president asked him the regular questions, looked at the officers sitting solemnly before him and answered: 'Certainly; I object to the 'ole bloomin lot of yer.'

"I believe that they were so astonished at this startling reply that they had to put off the trial till they could make out what was the right thing to do under the circumstances."—London Answers.

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