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THE WATER FRONTIERS SURRENDER.

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Dr. Bourke loses in the last effort for victory — Yukon Commissioner is severely criticized.

The occupants of the water front practically agreed that the game was up Saturday morning, when the action brought by Dr. Isadore McWm. Bourke to secure an injunction against the proposed action of the police in evicting them was dismissed. Judge Dugas had, on Friday, given them some reason to hope for a favorable decision, though he said he knew there was some law, if he could only find or remember it, which would act against them. During the intervening time his lordship found what he referred to, and when the action was called up on Saturday morning he announced he had found that in 1897 the Dominion Lands Act had been amended by the addition of a provision reading that when a survey had been regularly made and a public street laid out, the said highway came under the control of the local or territorial authorities. He was therefore obliged to deny the application for an injunction.

While the doctor's case was pending a meeting of the water frontiers was held, where it was proposed that all the property in the district be put into his possession, in order to bring it under the protection of his action in case he won. The suggestion was both novel and startling, but its utility was quickly recognized, and pretty soon the doctor found himself the owner of nearly every business establishment on the water front, the tenants, with only a few exceptions, giving him a bill of sale to their properties. When the case was finally lost another meeting was held, at which, in the presence of all, the doctored doctor tore up the documents by virtue of which he had been for the time being king of the water front.

While this meeting was in progress a committee reported that they bore a proposition from the management of the Harper & Ladue townsite to set aside for their special use that portion of Third-avenue lying between Harper and Second streets. The lots would be sold at an arbitrary price of \$500, and could, if desired, be distributed among the water frontiers by ballot. Easy terms for payment was a part of the proposition.

The plan was received with such favor that the meeting was adjourned, and everybody walked over to view the site, but upon their return much dissatisfaction was expressed, some of the gentlemen declaring emphatically that they would never move there, as it was entirely too much out of the way to be feasible. However, no decision was arrived at, and on Monday while the meeting was on, some bitter criticism of Commissioner Ogilvie was indulged in, and one heated individual proposed that he be named in effigy.

On Sunday afternoon another meeting was held to talk over the subject of locations, but it ended of any particular end, and on Monday morning a scattering of the people was begun, some going to the government reservation and others taking sites as near the business center of town as they could get. The police did not appear on the scene at all, and the people were allowed to move out and take down their buildings without molestation. Quite a few paid the required rental, and will retain their present sites until June 15, but a very few days will doubtless see the bulk of the water front cleared. Forty-eight have bought lots on Third street.

Sawmill vs. Courthouse.
A sawmill will make more noise than a court of justice — or should do so; but when it comes to a tug-of-war on the question of the suppression of one or the other the court will win out in more than a majority of cases. And this happened in Dawson last week, when the management of Dan Stewart's mill, which was located on the river front across the street from the court house, accepted an invitation from the powers that be to remove their quiet-dish-making engine to some point on the globe not near. There are such things as well behaved engines, that do their work without bluster and noise, but they do not belong to the breed from which the Stewart engine comes, for a noisier one is not often met with, while it has a mischievous habit of frequently emitting a cross between a whistle and a groan that sounds for all the world like a big Yukon packet. People always turn around in eager expectancy of seeing a steamer round the bend when they hear it, and the cry of "steambot!" from some wagging individual usually follows to add to the annoyance. Over in the court house the noise made life a continual nightmare, and so it was decided that, as the temple of justice could not well be moved to accommodate the engine, the mill would have to be moved to secure quiet in the court house.

Rescued From Death.
A man living on the other side of the river had a narrow escape on Monday from going to the bottom of the Yukon through the ice. He was attempting to make his way over to the Dawson side and had reached a point near the edge of the channel when the ice suddenly gave way and he went through as far as his arms, which he instinctively spread out. He attempted to draw himself out but the ice proved so rotten and his clothes had become so heavy that he was obliged to desist and look for aid from a young man, named John Peterson, hastily securing a rope, ran out as far as appeared safe, and threw it to the man in the water. The latter caught it and taking a firm hold was dragged to shore.

Encroached on a Fraction.
Mr. Brunner, one of the six owners and superintendent of No. 3 below upper on Dominion, was before Gold Commissioner Senkler on Saturday, charged with working a fraction lying between his claim and No. 2. The police seem to have made the discovery that Mr. Brunner was encroaching on the crown land, and upon receiving notice of the fact from them Mr. Brunner wrote a letter setting forth all the facts to the gold commissioner. The latter had

Inspector Courtney look into the matter, and on Saturday the evidence was taken in the gold commissioner's court. The defense showed that, owing to Mr. Brunner's inexperience in mining, the men working under him had lost their bearing while drifting across the claim, having no knowledge, until notified by the police, that they had penetrated the fraction. Work in that direction had then ceased at once, and another superintendent was substituted for Mr. Brunner. This satisfied the gold commissioner, and he dismissed the action upon payment of the value of the gold taken from the fraction, which was estimated at \$184. Captain Hansen and Alex. McDonald are two of the owners of the claim.

OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Twenty-first regiment Infantry, stationed in New York, left on April 10 for Manila. Walter Miller shot his wife in the back and then suicided. The wife will recover.

Six Chinese who participated in the murder of a priest named Victorine in China recently, have been executed. Secretary Alger and party met with an enthusiastic reception from the Cuban people during their tour of the island last month.

Ellipino commissioners are in Japan trying to secure the assistance of that country in their trouble with the United States.

The membership of the League of American Wheelmen is suffering heavy losses for some reason, one week in April showing a falling off of 9000.

The Duke and Duchess of York are about to pay their second visit in two years to Ireland. They show a desire to become popular with the Irish people.

The British consul general to Egypt recommends extending the railroad from Kahrif to Goldarif to tap the territory of the upper Nile — "the granary of the Sudan."

Carrie K. Hope, of Seattle, proposes to sail from that city to Segway in a cat boat just large enough for two persons. Her destination is Dawson, where her father is supposed to be.

American papers are reviving the prophecy of Joe Medill, formerly a well known editor, that within the next 11 years Canada, Mexico and Central America will become part of the republic.

Dan Creedon and Tommy West fought a 20-round go in New York on April 4, and it was declared a draw, though a majority of the spectators believed that Creedon should have had the decision.

Paris dispatches state that Agoncillo is in that city negotiating with the Spanish ambassador for the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos. It is said he has full power from Aguinaldo to make terms with the Spanish government.

A moral spasm has just passed over Seattle and Tacoma, and the whole town is a scene of the path of duty of each place. The police claim that more girls are led to their downfall by reason of the existence of these private drinking boxes in saloons than from any other one cause. They are also said to be incubators of crime.

The Spanish war minister has received information that a large number of Spanish prisoners who were being held in the hands of the Filipinos have come to an agreement by which they will secure their freedom by fighting in the Filipino ranks. In Spanish circles this is held to explain the military organization of the Taelos against the Americans, which had hitherto been inexplicable.

I. J. Malone of Boston lately arrived out of the Copper River country, and tells a most dismal story of the sufferings endured by the prospectors there. He says there has been another death by freezing on the bleak Valdes glacier; that the abating scurvy epidemic has claimed two more victims at Copper Center in the interior, and that there are about 100 men at Valdes bankrupt and disgusted, who are being fed by the government agent.

SENSATIONAL STATEMENT.
FORT WORTH, Texas, April 7. — A man calling himself Dr. Charles V. Harris, and claiming to belong to the health department of the U. S. army, passed through here today en route to Washington, direct from the Philippines. He says the health of the American soldiers in the Philippines is deplorable, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. He stated that many soldiers, disheartened over their physical condition, deliberately place themselves as targets for the enemy's guns.

WASHINGTON, April 7. — The name of Dr. Chas. V. Harris is not carried on the army register, and there is no record of the man's connection with the affairs in the Philippines.

THE CLERICAL ELOPER.
VANCOUVER, B. C., April 8. — Another chapter has opened in the famous Albany elopement case. It appears that Rev. Mr. Harris succeeded, as a result of a combination of favorable circumstances, in boarding the steamer Danube before she left here with Miss Lear and her mother on board. When well out to sea he put in an appearance and succeeded in making it up with his lady love and the mother. Though he was put off at Alert bay, having no money to continue his passage, Miss Lear insisted on being put off, too, and the happy, or unhappy, couple are now there awaiting developments.

MOSCOW, April 8. — An attempt was made to assassinate the czar's aide de camp, Gen. Manuev. He was stabbed in the throat by a servant, but the would-be assassin was overpowered.

ILL FATE FOLLOWS THEM.
SEATTLE, April 9. — Ill fate follows the boats that made up the Alaska fleet last year. The steamer Chilcat went to pieces yesterday on Humboldt bar, drowning Capt. Anderson and ten of the passengers and crew.

The Stella Eland has scattered her bones on the Mexican coast, a party of scientists aboard narrowly escaping drowning. The Lakme lately put into Astoria with her cargo of lime on fire and was nearly destroyed. The steamer Protection, one of the oldest steamers in the Klondike run, recently sunk near Cape Flattery.

The Del Norte, which once went to Siberia to get reindeer for the relief of starving miners in the northern gold districts, was lately damaged badly off the California coast. The late wrecks of the Dirigo, Tees and City of Topeka are well known.

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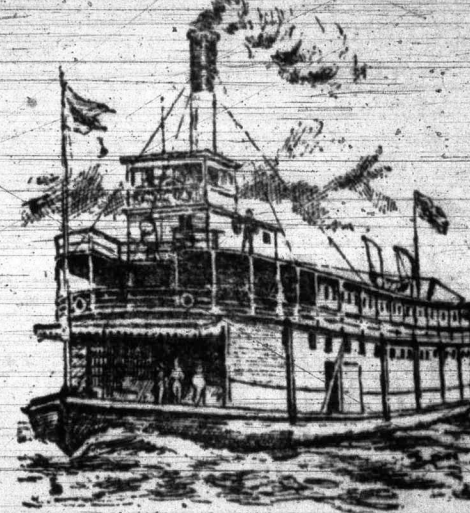
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