

A COAL COMBINE IS MADE

Capitalists Take Advantage of Shortage of Supply—Seek to Effect a Corner. Much Suffering Results Among the Poor—Labor Unions Aroused.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Jan. 20.—A combine is being effected among New York capitalists for the purpose of cornering the supply of bituminous and anthracite coal. The railroads entering New York are concerned in the combine and are assisting its successful working by allowing thousands of tons of coal to be stacked up on their tracks.

Local labor unions are taking an active part in an endeavor to relieve the situation and have passed resolutions calling for government interference in the coal mining industry.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED. Chicago, Jan. 20.—The grand jury summoned to investigate the coal famine has returned 45 true bills against as many coal operators. The dealers are charged with conspiracy and with illegal methods in handling public trade. They have been granted bail in the sum of \$1500 each.

TERRIBLE TRAIN WRECK

Engine Blows Up on N. Y. Central

Engineer and Fireman Were Both Hurlled to Instant Death.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 20.—An engine blew up on the New York Central near Albany, killing the engineer and fireman and nearly wrecking a Lake Shore limited train.

FATAL FIRE

Four Miners Burned at Mounsey B. C.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Morrissey, B. C., Jan. 20.—During a fire in the Pioneer hotel Saturday night four miners were burned to death. The conflagration was caused by an overturned lamp in the bar-room.

GUEST OF HONOR.

The President Entertained by the Y. M. C. A.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a banquet commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the Washington Young Men's Christian Association.

CANUCKS WIN.

Bristol Foot Ball Team is Badly Defeated.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—The touring all Canadian football team defeated Bristol, England, yesterday by a score of eight to nothing.

SUNDAY LABOR

Is Tabooed by the Lord's Day Alliance.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—The Lord's Day Alliance is protesting against Sunday labor on the Grand Trunk railway.

London Unemployed

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Jan. 20.—The army of unemployed in London grows daily in proportions.

TRAVEL IN COMFORT

Weld's Stage and Express

Dawson to Gold Bottom. Leaves Dawson 3:00 p. m. Every Day in the Year. Office 124 Third Ave. Phone 116

Good Dry Wood!

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MINISTER ARRIVES

To Conduct Negotiations for Venezuela

Has Full Power to Act for That Republic in Matters Before Arbitration Board.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Jan. 20.—Minister Bowen has arrived from Venezuela and will lay his report before the state department. He has been charged with full authority to represent Venezuela before the arbitration board.

FIVE MEN

Were Killed in an Iron Works Explosion.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Duquesne, Pa., Jan. 20.—Five men died as the result of an explosion in the Carnegie works in this city.

New Minister

Special to the Daily Nugget. Paris, Jan. 20.—M. Jusserand, the new French ambassador at Washington, leaves Paris January 24.

FREE LIBRARY

Committee of the Whole Makes an Official Inspection.

The board of control of the Free Library Association, at its recent meeting decided that the board as a committee of the whole should visit the library and investigate into its general condition. This took place last evening, when those who attended were Messrs. Shannon, Sparling, Ritchie, Jones and Little. They found things in a fairly satisfactory condition, and merely suggested the purchase of a few more files and a few minor improvements.

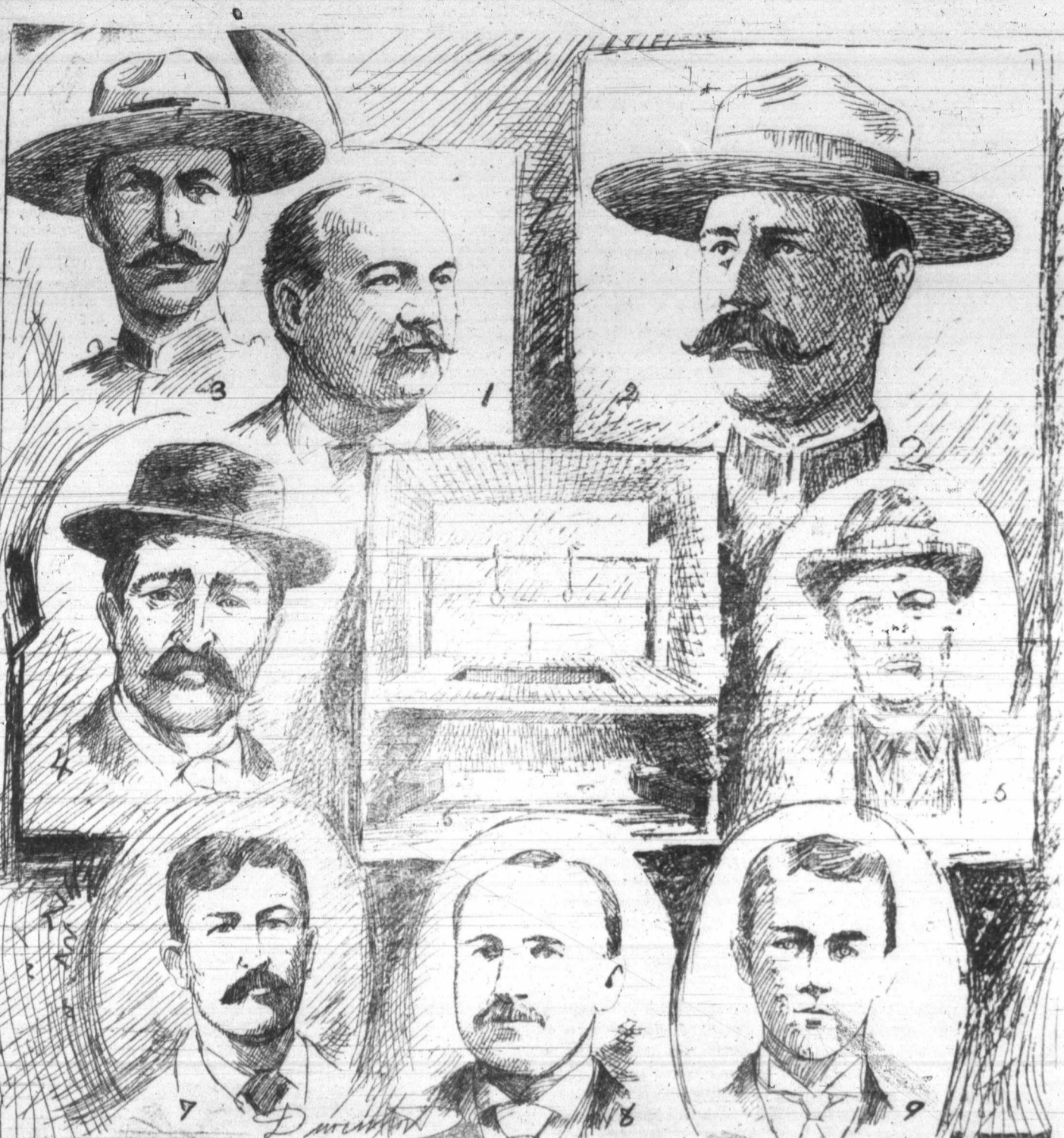
"Belle of the Yukon."

Miss Susie George is a very pretty native woman, about 20 years of age, who resides at Whitehorse. She is sojourning at the Dewey hotel and will go to Haines on the Dirigo to-day to visit relatives who reside in that village. Miss George is a wealthy Indian Klondike mine owner who resides at Caribou, where he lives in princely style and maintains a steam launch, riding horses and a retinue of native servants. Miss George is the model taken by a novelist for the heroine of his romance entitled "The Belle of the Yukon," and which has had quite a run in the east, where distance lends enchantment to the commonplaces of this country. But distance need not lend enchantment to Miss George as she is very pretty and will bear close inspection. This young native belle dresses in the height of fashion. She was educated at the mission at Sitka. — Daily Alaskan.

Notice.

Coronation L. O. L. No. 1784 meets in Masonic hall Friday, Jan. 23, at 8 p. m. sharp. Business, conferring R. A. P. degree and election of officers. All brethren cordially invited. W. FURNIVAL, Secretary.

"He is a man who always stands by his convictions." "Indeed! Who is he?" "A police judge."—San Francisco Bulletin.



PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN THE SOLEMN EVENT OF THIS MORNING.

- 1. DETECTIVE WELSH. 2. SERGEANT SMITH. 3. CORPORAL PIPER. 4. EDWARD LA BELLE. 5. VICTOR FOURNIER. 6. THE SCAFFOLD AND DROP. 7. ALPHONSE CONSTANTIN. 8. LEON BOUTHILLETTE. 9. GUY BEAUDOIN.

HANGED FOR THEIR CRIMES

Victor Fournier and Edward La Belle Duly Executed According to Sentence—No Unseemly Scenes at Scaffold—The Law Vindicated With Dignity—Both Accept the Justice of the Penalty, Fournier With Bravado, La Belle With Penitence and Humility.

A spectacle most grim was that witnessed this morning in a small enclosure within the confines of the barracks yard. Two men gave up their lives in expiation of their crimes and a crowd of over a hundred viewed with complacency the last scenes by which the majesty of the law was vindicated. Victor Fournier and Edward La Belle were the names of the principal actors in the drama and the crime for which they were punished was one of the most brutal, cold blooded and diabolical ever committed in the Yukon territory. They took away three lives and gave up two in exchange. They had shown the wind and today reaped the whirlwind. Their victims had met death in its most violent form and it was in keeping that they, too, should receive their punishment in a similar manner. But a few hours ago they were alive and in the possession of their faculties, their consciences, if such they possessed, reminding them of the atrocious deeds of which they were guilty, and now all that remains is a lifeless bunch of clay whose transmutation to the dust from which they came is being quickened by the quantities of quick lime in which they are interred. Fournier, true to his nature, stubborn, vindictive and having apparently no thought of the future died as he had lived, a foe to all mankind, while LaBelle was most penitent, his last words being a prayer that God might have mercy on his soul. The scene about the scaffold was gruesome in the extreme. The small space about the machine of death that had been arranged for the spectators was crowded to the utmost. Rough, unplanned boards had entered into the construction of the building wherein the gallows was contained and the frost settling thereon had transformed its appearance until one could very well imagine oneself in a white sepulchre. The cold was intense notwithstanding a huge stove that had been erected near the drop and those whom curiosity had attracted to the scene shivered in their furs bundled up so that the identity of one's neighbor was scarcely possible. When the procession arrived from the guard room there was a straining and elbowing by those in the rear to see the final act in the tragedy. Densely packed were they in the narrow space and as the condemned men took their places on the trap the silence became oppressive for an instant to be broken a moment later by the shifting of the feet of the guards on the roof. The hangman in his black habiliments, his face concealed beneath a mask of the same color which had but two openings, those for his eyes, the crowd in breathless silence, the condemned, one penitent and the other exhibiting his usual air of bravado, the priest in his sacerdotal garments, head bared and his lips moving in prayer for the souls of those who were so soon to be launched into eternity, all conspired to make a picture so vivid, so realistic that once seen would never be forgotten. At a quarter past 7 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Ellbeck appeared with the hangman and conducted him to the guard room. Fifteen minutes later the sheriff made his appearance in company with representatives of the press. Father Dumot had arrived at an early hour and had been with LaBelle since 3 o'clock offering him such consolation as lay within his power. The wretched man had confessed his sins, received absolution and had partaken of the holy sacrament. All was in readiness. Those admitted to the guard room were ranged on one side and at a signal from the provost sergeant a guard brought LaBelle from the death cell he has been occupying ever since the sentence of death had been passed upon him. As he came into the light the change in his appearance was at once noted. He had grown a full, heavy black beard, his shoulders were more stooped than usual, he carried his head bowed, rarely looked up and his eyes were sunken as though he had been on a prolonged fast. Immediately following the prisoner came the reverend priest with uplifted cross in his hand, presenting it constantly to the view of him who was so soon to die. LaBelle appeared weak, but spoke not a word, his gaze whenever he looked up being glued to the image of Him who died to save such as he. He was neatly dressed in a suit of dark clothes, percale shirt, turn down collar and a four-in-hand tie and was bareheaded. Motioning to the hangman to do his work, that mysterious individual approached with a pair of broad straps. La Belle was turned with his back to him and his arms above his head. The straps were drawn tight and LaBelle had the last use of his arms. He was moved over against the wall and with his head bowed his lips were seen to be moving in prayer. Another signal and Fournier was brought out and placed in the hands of his executioner. His physiognomy had not altered in the slightest, except that his straggling beard had grown a trifle longer. He looked well fed and came into the room with as much unconcern as though he had just arisen from the breakfast table and was about to begin his daily labors. His complexion had not the sallowness denoting close confinement, neither were his eyes sunken, he was not nervous and took no more interest in the proceedings than he would have if he had not been one of the principal actors in the drama.

THE WOUND PROVED FATAL

The Victim of Lieut. Gov. Tillman's Rage is Dead—Had Opposed Tillman for Governor and Brought His Defeat—Feud Was Long Standing.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Editor Gonzales, of the Daily State, who was shot on Thursday last by Lieut. Governor Tillman, died today. Tillman received the information without any expression or without betokening any emotion. As editor of the State, Gonzales was a persistent opponent of the Tillman movement. Nothing diverted him from his aggressive course and the feud between the two men was recognized by the friends of both. When James H. Tillman announced himself as a candidate for promotion to the governorship, Gonzales declared over his signature that he would oppose Tillman as a duty he owed to the citizens of South Carolina. He denounced Tillman as "totally unfit for election" and as a "drunkard," a "debaucher," and a "proven liar." Gonzales persistently referred to Tillman as "the criminal candidate." The primary election was held and Tillman was defeated in the race for nomination.

ARMENIAN PATRIARCH

Shot While Engaged in Celebrating Mass.

Assailant Was a Drug Clerk Who Made Use of Revolver—Almost Lynched.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Constantinople, Jan. 20.—While celebrating mass at the Kumkapu cathedral upon the occasion of the Armenian Christmas, the Armenian patriarch Ormanian was shot from a revolver in the hands of a drug clerk. The patriarch's wound is not fatal. The drug clerk was almost lynched.

FIRST MESSAGE.

Of Wireless Telegraphy Received in States.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Wellsfleet, Mass., Jan. 20.—The first wireless message received in the United States is from Glace Bay, Cornwall, and is in the form of congratulations from the mayor of that place. Previous messages were all sent to Cape Breton, Canada.

FINGERS FROZEN

James Smith Will Undergo Amputation Tomorrow.

James Smith, a freighter, who got his hands frozen coming from Bomanza a few days ago, and who went to the Good Samaritan hospital, has not progressed favorably. Everything has been done that could be done to save his frozen members, but it is now found that to save his hands all his fingers will have to be amputated at the second joint and his thumbs at the first joint. The amputation has been fixed for tomorrow morning.

Father had carved the turkey and had given the drumsticks to two of the children, the thighs to two more, the wings to his old maid sisters, the white meat to mother and some of the other guests, the back to Uncle Bill, who took what he could get and murmured not, like a true philosopher. Then father looked at the platter and mused. "The situation grows desperate." He turned the remnants over and over and went on. "It seems to be neck or nothing with me." — Judge.

Alabama's Governor

Special to the Daily Nugget. Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—William Dorrise Jelks was formally inducted into the governorship of Alabama.

Fatal Fire.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 20.—Fire in Cleveland caused the death of two persons and the serious injury of several others.

Meat Advance.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—Toronto butchers have raised the price of meat two cents a pound.

Health Restored

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Jan. 20.—Schwab, the millionaire iron king, is completely restored to health.

SENATOR TOM PLATT

Of New York Succeeds Himself.

Secures Nomination of Republican Caucus Without Any Difficulty.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 20.—A joint Republican caucus at Albany nominated Senator Platt to succeed himself as senator, by a vote of 108 to 1 for Elihu Root.

LORD MILNER.

Will Soon Call a South African Conference.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cape Town, Jan. 20.—Lord Milner has agreed to call a conference of South African colonies to consider all matters of common interest, including native administration and legislation.

MUCH WORRY.

Caused by Proposal to Repeal Coal Duties.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, Jan. 20.—The proposed repeal of American coal duties is a subject of much worry to operators who fear competition from British Columbia.

NOMINEES.

For Burrard District Filed Papers Today.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, Jan. 20.—MacIver, former Senator McInnes and Chris. Foley were nominated as candidates for Burrard district today.

IN HOT WATER

Wilhelm Critiques the Bavarian Diet.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Berlin, Jan. 20.—The Kaiser is getting into hot water with Bavaria on account of criticizing certain actions of the diet of that country.