

SHOT OFF HIS HAND

End of Sad Accident on the Rock Island

Man Dies While Trying to Reach Medical Aid—Leaves a Wife and Eight Children

A passenger for St. Michael on the trip of the Rock Island, the first boat to get away for the lower river this season, has written friends here of the experience had on the way down and the final scene of a sad tragedy which was enacted aboard the steamer. Some distance above Andreaski a man was taken aboard who had accidentally shot off one of his hands. The accident had occurred at a point where medical attendance could not be had and the unfortunate man had suffered the agonies of the lost in reaching the river so he could be taken to St. Michael for treatment. The mangled and bleeding stump had been tied up in a crude manner by his companions as best they could, the arteries being bound by ligatures so he would not bleed to death. He was made as comfortable as possible and as there was no doctor on board a stop was made at every missionary station where there was a physician and in every instance they pronounced the patient well enough to proceed to St. Michael. It so happened that the boat encountered ice at the mouth of the river and could not proceed, being delayed there several days.

The ice was encountered on the fifth and two days later the sufferer took a sudden change for the worse and died on the boat. Captain LeBallister still wished to take the body to St. Michael but after waiting three days for the ice to clear the body could be kept no longer. It was decently and reverently attended to, a coffin was made by the ship's carpenter and the Rock Island steamed ashore at the mouth of the river where the interment took place, Captain LeBallister reading the burial service and the funeral being attended by all the passengers on the ship. The person writing did not give the man's name but said he left a wife and eight children who are somewhere on the outside. A collection was taken up for the widow which will be forwarded with the notification of her husband's death. The trip down was very enjoyable until the injured man was taken aboard. His death caused a depression that could not be shaken off.

The letter was written under date of the 10th at which time the writer stated they had been at the mouth of the river then for two days and were 75 miles from St. Michael. A postscript was added on the 15th after six days of a stand still. Another postscript was enclosed at St. Michael under date of the 19th saying they had just arrived, which would mean a delay of nearly ten days at the mouth of the river. The ocean steamer Ohio arrived on the same day and all the passengers for outside points took that steamer. The harbor was rather clear of ice at the time though the sea was still full. They expected to leave the following day unless the floes drifted in and prevented it.

MODERN DEVICE

For Unloading and Handling Heavy Freight Installed

Mr. G. H. Sprout, chief engineer of the mechanical department of the White Pass Company, is now in Dawson supervising the installation of a plant which will greatly facilitate the work of unloading freight from steamers, storing it in the warehouse and later loading it on wagons for final removal.

The floor of the main warehouse is being leveled up and on it will be installed a powerful electric dynamo which will operate a double drum which in turn will, by means of wire cables, operate two very strong tractors of cars which will be on iron wheels, only 8 inches in diameter and in which heavy machinery will be drawn from the steamers into the warehouse. In addition to the cars for hauling freight, a derrick 30 feet high is being erected for the purpose of hoisting heavy pieces onto wagons.

While the new devices will lessen the demand for longshoremen it will greatly aid in the work of handling business and will materially assist the teamsters in the work of getting the freight from the warehouse.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Sifton left last night for Whitehorse with the following passengers: C. Jones, J. W. Edey, Mrs. H. Morion, P. F. McCabe, Thomas Smith, A. Benson, William Finlay, Peter Gohred, B. Breslane, A. Anderson, F. B. Gidner and George Laugh.

The Tyrrell will leave this evening for Fortymile and Cliff Creek.

The Whitehorse arrived last night with a big cargo and the following passengers: F. Mulligan, W. Thomas, G. B. Daniels, F. T. Stephenson, Geo. Askew, S. Cousins, G. H. Munroe, Mrs. B. W. Williamson, A. McLean, Mrs. Miller, O. Nesmith, Mrs. Nesmith, B. V. Nesmith, A. A. Nesmith, A. Thomas, C. Hubbin, F. McCune, C. D. Emmons.

The Whitehorse will carry a large number of passengers on tonight.

The steamer T. C. Power sailed for St. Michael at 2:30 this afternoon with the following passengers:

J. H. Tolison, Mrs. Jennie Sabutz, Mrs. F. W. Arnold, Miss Gussie Arnold, John W. Arnold, Geo. Miller, F. O. Dah, W. A. Speigel, C. W. Allen.

The Whitehorse left for U river last night with the following passengers:

Mrs. R. B. Simons, Miss Alsie Greene, John Carlson, Mrs. S. M. Oppenhoff, C. H. Klives, Dr. V. P. Gregory, Omer Boisvert, F. G. Bleeker, Nels Rasmussen, Martin Peterson, Captain G. C. Burnett, W. E. Thorne, H. B. Sheppard, Henry Emery, N. E. Hickey, G. Stover, Father M. P. Smith, Mrs. John H. Walker, Mrs. C. J. Larsen, Miss Elsie Larsen, Miss Rubina Larsen, Miss Gertrude Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Waldron, Rev. R. W. Ross, David L. Emery, Wm. McLeown, E. Cleary, Edward McGrath, Geo. Thompson, Paul V. Chaudy, J. L. Heren, P. H. Haynes, V. Guinhard, G. Meslin, Mrs. Meslin, Albert Carlson, Fred McNeil, O. W. Fisher, Henry Lapine and B. Travers.

The Yukoner has been due since 3 o'clock this afternoon with a big cargo of freight and a number of distinguished persons as passengers. Among the latter are:

The United States senatorial party, including Senators Dillingham, Patterson, Nelson and Burnham, their private stenographers and secretaries; Etta F. Haukes, Mrs. Tillie, A. Malcolm, Mrs. A. G. Cunningham, Lily M. White, Mrs. D. Douglas and child, Jessie Barnes, Mrs. Moore, A. Martin, R. G. Ellis, A. D. Armstrong and wife, Max Stone and wife, J. V. Timmins, R. Lowe, Bishop Bompas, D. Carnack.

The Yukoner will go out tomorrow evening.

The Bailey arrived from Eagle and Fortymile this morning at 9:30 with the following passengers:

A. H. Ryhnd, A. Bauer, P. C. Peterson, F. Carlson, J. Vanbiller, Mrs. J. Bigger, W. Doak, H. N. Ford, W. Welmer, Russ Buck, W. L. Stafford, Wm. Rose, F. Howe, H. W. Sheldon, G. A. Prescott, C. J. Ray, W. Smith, Robt. Tadhope, Robert Rochester, Mrs. McRae, Wm. Baigie, C. Antone, C. Wyman, J. J. Trunk, R. A. Werson, Mrs. Durgan, J. W. Durgan, S. B. Handley, A. R. McRae, Wm. McIntosh, E. Livingston, D. Murray, E. W. Barr, H. C. Lunsford, H. Sibble, W. Crossman, Corporals N. M. Lynde, M. A. C. Christiansen, Privates Buchter, Caparoon Jones, Witt, Mentheim, Valdo, U. S. A.

The Bailey will leave for Eagle and way points tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The steamer Selkirk is due tomorrow afternoon. General Superintendent Newell of the White Pass Co. is aboard and it is believed President S. H. Graves is with him as Mr. Newell telegraphed ahead to Agent J. H. Rogers to secure apartments for a special party of nine persons.

The Dawson will sail for Whitehorse at 5 this afternoon.

The Prospector is due at 6 this evening from Stewart river. She will leave on another voyage tomorrow evening.

The Casca is due to arrive in time to sail for Whitehorse Saturday night.

VERDICT FOR \$500

Jury Finds Against Henri Planchat in the Libel Suit

In the libel suit of Miracle against Planchat, which was heard yesterday by a jury before Mr. Justice Craig the jury was given the case at 10:45 minutes later. The gist of their findings was that the defendant had committed a libel by causing the defendant matter complained of to be published and the damages which the plaintiff had suffered thereby were assessed at \$500 together with the costs of the action. The defense did not seek to deny the publicity of the article, but endeavored to show his actions were not unreasonable, pleading justification and truth.

SATISFY EXECUTION

Valuable Bonanza Property Is Sold

Number of Interests in the Thirties Below Bring \$13,540 at a Forced Sale.

Another sale of valuable mining property was made by Sheriff Ellbeck yesterday, the claims having been seized under a writ of execution in satisfaction of the costs incurred in the case of Lowe, Stafford and Williams against Hartman and Gilmore, judgment in the case having gone against the plaintiffs, the costs amounting to \$1783. The action was one of great importance as it established to a certain extent the rights of the hillside miner in connection with the creek man adjoining. Lowe and his co-plaintiffs brought an action against the defendants for heavy damages on account of tailings from the latter's workings, as was alleged, having broken through a bulkhead built to stop them, ran on down the hill and forced Bonanza creek to find a new channel which it had done by flooding an open cut made by the plaintiffs through which they expected to operate their claims this summer.

The case was bitterly fought, the jury, court and counsel going so far as to make a trip to the claim to see for themselves the extent of the damage, if any. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants and assessed the costs to the plaintiffs. As they were dilatory in paying the same into court an execution was issued, the property was seized and has now been sold. The claims, or rather the interests in such as were disposed of consisted of a seven-twenty-eighths interest in creek claim No. 30; one-third in 30A; two-thirds in 31; one-half interest in the bench, third tier, opposite the lower half, left limit, of 30; one-third interest in the bench, second tier, opposite the lower half, left limit, of 30; one-third interest in the hillside adjoining the lower half, left limit, of 30; one-third interest in the hillside of which 122 feet adjoin No. 30, left limit, and 118 feet adjoin No. 30A, left limit, all being below discovery on Bonanza creek.

The price realized by the sale was \$4100 subject to a mortgage of \$2410 making \$13,540 in the aggregate. The surplus over and above the costs will be turned over to the plaintiffs. The hill property is considered among the best on the famous King Solomon hill while the creek claims were of known richness.

RETURN GAME

Soldiers Can't Come Unless General Gives Permission

Regarding the possibility of a return game of baseball between a nine of Dawson and the soldiers of Eagle to be played in this city, a gentleman interested in the sport had a conversation while at Eagle on the 4th with Captain Perkins, officer commanding about the matter. The captain would like to see another game played by his men, but he did not feel at liberty to allow the soldiers to go off on a week's junketing tour to a foreign country, without the authority of some one above him. It was mentioned incidentally that General Funston would be here in a few days and that it would be a good idea for a committee interested in the matter to interview the department commander upon his arrival in the city and see if a promise could not be had from him which would allow the return game to be played here. As far as known the matter has not been taken up by the league managers, though it should be attended to at once as the general is expected either tomorrow or Friday. The soldiers play good ball and a game between them and a picked team from the league would prove a splendid drawing card.

Will Arrive Tomorrow

Adjutant Kenway of the Salvation Army has had word from Miss Booth again. The eminent leader with her staff are on the Selkirk and will arrive tomorrow morning. Arrangements have been completed for a public reception at the dock at which a brief address of welcome will be made by Commissioner Congdon and other notables of the city. Miss Booth will reply briefly. It is yet unknown how long the officers will remain in the city, though it is assumed it will be for not over a week.

SUICIDE OCCURS THIS MORNING.

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tained only a few drops of the poison was found on the stand near the head of the bed which adds to the belief that the deed was premeditated. It is possible that the laudanum was tried first and not proving successful the other means was used.

A silver watch attached to a gold chain, a pair of eyeglasses in a case, and a copy of "Peck's Boss Book" was found on the stand and in his coat which was on the bed were a brown pocket book and a red note book containing papers and memorandum. He merely mentioned to the proprietor of the house when he registered that he had a son working on Bonanza; at what location he did not state.

No motive was apparent for the deed as the deceased had the appearance of being prosperous. He was dressed in a suit of blue serge with a dark flannel shirt. From the little



GEORGE WEEKS

conversation held with him the proprietor of the lodging house took him to be in possession of his mental faculties and by no means inclined to be despondent. The only reference he made to his affairs was to mention to the proprietor of the lodging house that he had a son working on Bonanza.

After telephoning to several places on lower Bonanza the Nugget learned from the Thistle roadhouse at 79 below that Mr. Weeks' two sons work-

ed in that vicinity, one on Trail creek, a tributary of Bonanza, and the other on Bonanza. Upon being told the circumstances word was sent to the claim and the boys started for Dawson immediately to attend the inquest which was held this afternoon at 2:30.

The sons of the dead man, George and Wilfred Weeks, arrived in town about noon. George the elder is employed on 80 below on Bonanza and Wilfred is employed on Trail creek which comes into Bonanza at 79 below. George Weeks is perhaps 30 years of age and his brother about 28. The family home is in Vancouver, B.C., where three other children reside, their mother being dead.

In conversation with a Nugget representative today after the sons reached Dawson George Weeks said there was no apparent cause, either family or financial, for his father's rash act. The old gentleman first came to Dawson three years ago but returned to the outside later, remaining with his younger children

CONGESTION RELIEVED

Docks at Whitehorse Cleared of Much Freight

Every White Pass steamer arriving in Dawson comes loaded to the guards with freight, the Dawson arriving yesterday evening bringing 271 tons. As a result of these almost daily heavy shipments from Whitehorse the docks at that place have been relieved of the congestion which has existed for the past few weeks although the business will continue heavy throughout the balance of the season from present indications.

MOTEL ARRIVALS.

KLONDIKE—Capt. A. Beckwith, Gus Anderson, Sigfrid Miller, Miss E. Evans, Ben R. Everett, Andy Olsen, R. B. Cotts, Andy Nordstrom, W. Young, W. Brayton, Miss Johnson, Miss Crane, G. McLean, F. T. Way, C. Franklin.  
FAIRVIEW—J. B. Pattullo, W. C. Young, John Grant, N. Mercer, C. Mercier, I. Rosenthal, Mrs. M. Hudson, T. D. Lahey, E. McGrath, J. Higginson, M. Sutherland.  
EMPIRE—Geo. N. Williams, E. P. Matheson, W. E. Thurber, J. McNaughton, Lockie MacKinnon, R. P. Nelson, Thos. Keele, A. W. Cameron, F. E. West, Andrew Horne, Wm. McDonald.

For St. Michael

Among the passengers leaving on the Power today were Bishop and Mrs. Rowe, their son Leo and Mr. Chilson who is also of the party. Rev. Mr. Warren and many other warm friends were at the dock to wish them a farewell. During their stay of a week in the city they have been the recipients of much attention and everyone who has been so fortunate as to form their acquaintance sincerely regret their departure. The bishop is presumed to make a tour of the Alaska coast this year and he will probably be here again next summer, though it is doubtful if he is accompanied by his charming family.

Klonkide Souvenirs, Gortzman's, 200 photos, \$1.00. 126 Second ave.

Panama Hats. We have just received the latest shapes in Panama Straw AND Hats. SARGENT & PINSKA, 116 Second Ave.

BOURKE COCHRANE. Will Shortly Become a Subject of Britain. Special to the Daily Nugget. London, July 8.—Bourke Cochrane is preparing to relinquish American citizenship and become a naturalized Englishman. He will enter politics. Receives Bonus. Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, July 8.—The lead mining industry of British Columbia will receive a bonus of half a million dollars yearly for a period of five years. Race Riots. Special to the Daily Nugget. Evansville, Ind., July 8.—Six dead and 25 injured, four of the latter fatally, is the present record of the race riots at Evansville. Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

The King. Try It. You Will Drink No Other. Of All Bottle or Draft Beer Is Kemp. EMPIRE HOTEL, Macdonald & Envidsen Proprietors. European plan. Heated with hot air. Electric lights and call bells. Queen Street. DAWSON.

Sailing Dates. INDEPENDENT STEAMERS. PROSPECTOR. Next sailing date July 9th, 9 p.m. CASCA. Next sailing date July 11th, 9 p.m. SIFTON. Next sailing date July 13, 9 p.m. FRANK MORTIMER, Agent, AURORA DOCK.

STR. PROSPECTOR. CAPT. WALLACE LANGLEY. Will sail from Aurora Dock for Duncan's Landing and Stewart River Points Thursday, July 9, 10 p. m. FRANK MORTIMER, Manager.

SIX PAGES. Vol. 4—No. 163. BOUNDARY COMMISSION. Is All Ready to Present the Case. American Commissioner Leave for England This Month. Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, July 9.—The case in connection with the boundary commission is to be presented. Secretary of Senators Lodge and Turner for London this month. FIGHT IN PROGRESS Between Trap Men and Fish Pirates. Cannerymen Say They Will no Salmon From Fishermen. Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, July 9.—The fight between fish trap owners and pirates on Puget Sound is raging with unprecedented season, because of an act by the cannerymen that the chase no fish from the pits. Japanese Crisis. Special to the Daily Nugget. Tokyo, July 9.—The Japanese crisis is still unsettled while the Mikado has against Russian actions. FOR SALE.—Newly styled, seated backboned, with and attachments, for rest, 3rd ave. NEW DENTAL PARLOR. DR. A. VARI. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. Filling, Gold, Crown, Bridge Work. QUEEN STREET. Dainty Blo. IN GIFT VARI. Just opened. SUMMERS & O. 116 SECOND AVE. WALLPAPER. LATEST PATTERNS. PAPER HANGING. A. VOGEL. Phone 1502. 206 1/2