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# TERRIBLE STORM

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### GREAT LOSS OF LIFE ON LAKE HURON

### Where Steamer Baltimore and 12 Out of 14 People

### WERE CARRIED UNDER WAVES

### Jury Disagrees Regarding Verdict in Case of Negro Editor Clayton Charged With Criminal Libel.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Salt Lake, May 25, via Skagway, May 30.—A terrible storm yesterday swept over Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, tearing up railroad tracks and wrecking telegraph systems. Reports are that the storm extended east to the Great Lakes and that on Lake Huron the steamer Baltimore was lost, 12 of the 14 people aboard going down with her. It is thought additional information after telegraph lines have been repaired will bring news of a large loss of both life and property.

### Jury Disagreed.

Seattle, May 24, via Skagway, May 30.—The sensational trial of Editor Clayton, colored, on the charge of criminal libel preferred by Chief of Police Meredith, ended last night. The jury was out 13 hours and disagreed.

# TRAPPERS AND HUNTERS

### Return From 11 Months Sojourn in Mountains.

Eleven months is a long time to be entirely cut off from civilization and society but such is the experience of four men who arrived in Dawson last evening from the head of Stewart river where they have been trapping and hunting all winter. Their names are R. Harrison, E. Schannon, C.H. Hamilton and P. McCaig. They all have a beautiful growth of hair which hangs down the back of their necks in peaceful curls and a growth of whiskers which are their special pride and the envy of the crowds who turn around to watch them as they walk along the street. They left Dawson last Fourth of July, going up to the head of the left fork of the Stewart river, where they have their cabin which is the base of their supplies. They worked all over the country trapping game which they say is quite abundant and they brought back with them over 300 pelts including, martin, beaver, wolverine and fox. Foxes they say are quite scarce but they managed to get some good specimens. They have done no prospecting at all but they say that a good deal of prospecting has been done on Stewart this winter and while good prospects have been found they have not heard of any strating pay streak being discovered. Their camp is situated about 350 miles up the Stewart from the mouth as they started in their canoe immediately upon the breaking up of the ice making the trip to Dawson in ten days from the time of starting.

### The Sun at Midnight.

There is a possibility that an excursion will be run down to Circle City the latter part of June if enough interest is manifested to warrant the dispatch of a boat. By arranging the time of sailing it could be possible to arrive within the arctic circle on the longest day of the year, June 21. This would give an opportunity to the excursionists to witness the midnight sun for which purpose many people have traveled from all parts of the globe. One of the large boats, for instance the steamer Susie, could in all probability be secured for the occasion, and if so there could be no doubt of the success of the enterprise for the voyage would be one of particular fascination and something to talk of by the participants for years to come.

### Forks Hotel Changes Hands.

Raymond & Julian, the former popular proprietors of the Northern Hotel at Grand Forks, have sold the property to Mr. Rosenthal (not Ike), and retired from the business.

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# PRESIDENTIAL TRIP ENDED

### Party Left Frisco for Washington May 25.

San Francisco, May 24, via Skagway, May 30.—President McKinley and party have decided to complete the program of their Western trip here. Mrs. McKinley has so much improved that the party will start on the return trip direct to Washington tomorrow. The president and his wife will not stop at Canton as was their intention a few days ago. From all over the coast telegrams have been received by the president expressing regret that he is unable to carry out the program as originally planned.

# MILNER GETS PEERAGE

### Royally Welcomed on Return From South Africa.

London, May 24, via Skagway, May 30.—Sir Alfred Milner has returned from South Africa and is being most royally and enthusiastically received. King Edward, in consideration of the valuable and distinguished services of Sir Alfred, has elevated him to a peerage.

# M'KENZIE'S BAD RECORD

### Followed Him From South Dakota to Nome.

From North Dakota come reports of a heated controversy between the opposing influences invoked in the case of Alexander McKenzie, now in the Alameda county jail for contempt of court or disobedience to orders of the federal tribunals of this district. Petitions for McKenzie's pardon have been presented and there are some protests, though it is said that the majority of North Dakotans favor executive clemency, as result of state pride in a man who is considered a local Warwick.

It is expected that application will soon be made to the federal judges in this city for a modification of McKenzie's sentence of one year's imprisonment, on the ground that he has been sufficiently punished, that his health is being undermined by incarceration, and that he is a man of good character, that ought to be excused for what they consider only a slight delinquency, after all. That the question will not be disposed of without a bitter controversy is recognized by all conversant with the facts, as his opponents accuse him of playing a desperate game for the spoilation of miners in the Nome district. It is said that among prominent men of North Dakota it was an open secret that McKenzie was going to Nome backed by a strong syndicate and that, before he returned, some of the gold diggers of that region would have gained valuable experience while he was gathering in the spare yellow metal that happened to be in sight. Individually, McKenzie is said to have been not much more objectionable than the average runs of politicians, but his critics say that he put forward others to do his dirty work. This is indicated by Fargo, N. D., telegrams that say the worst feature of McKenzie's regime is the attachment of R. N. Stevens, appointed United States commissioner by Judge Noyes, to McKenzie's official family.

A telegram from Grand Forks, N. D., gives the substance of an interview with George B. Winship in which Winship says that before McKenzie left for Nome, he (Winship) saw that there was some bad scheme afoot. Just what it was he did not learn until it came out in the papers after the trouble in Nome. Before going to Nome McKenzie bought a great many claims from Nome miners then in New York city and it was declared by Charles E. Gregory of Dickinson, N. D. that McKenzie was working the greatest scheme of his life, that he had organized a corporation called the Alaskan Gold Mining Company with millions behind him and that as soon as he got to Alaska he would obtain possession of the best claims in that country. McKenzie's connection with the Louisiana lottery scheme in North Dakota is recalled by his enemies to his discredit.—S. F. Examiner.

### No Stores for Rent.

A number of late arrivals in Dawson with goods find themselves in a tight place as they can not secure suitable rooms in which to open up stores, every available room in the city being occupied and at almost fabulous price of rent.

### Mr. W.C. Young of Clear Creek is in Dawson a guest at the McDonald hotel.

# CHRIS SONNICKSON DEAD

### Pioneer of 15 Years in Yukon Expires Suddenly From Heart Disease at His Home in Klondike City This Morning.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The death of Chris Sonnicksen at his home in Klondike City at 8 o'clock this morning will be not only a surprise but a severe shock to all who know him, owing to the suddenness with which it happened. Last night, and in fact until about 7 o'clock this morning he was apparently in the best of health, a strong, robust man. Last night he came to Dawson and returned to his home in company with his partner Mr. Henry and this morning arose and walked around seemingly all right. About 7 o'clock he complained of a pain in his chest and as the pain increased he sent for a doctor, but in less than one hour from the time of the commencement of the pain and some time before the doctor arrived he had breathed his last and all efforts to resuscitate him were unavailing. His end came very peacefully, there being no struggle whatever and as he lay on his bed he looked just as if he were enjoying a peaceful slumber.

The only cause which can be assigned to his death is heart failure, as he was in every other respect in perfect health. Mr. Sonnicksen was a native of Denmark, about 43 years of age. He came to the United States with his parents at an early age and in the summer of 1886 he started for Alaska. His first work in this country was performed on Cassiar bar in the Lewis river, but the results of his labors not being satisfactory the next spring he went to Fortymile. He prospected in the Fortymile district that spring and summer and in the fall went to the Seventymile river which he prospected during the winter. From Seventymile he went to the Klondike where he spent a couple of years and while there he married. His wife being a daughter of one of the chiefs of the Klondike Indians, with whom he lived during his stay in that country. His prospecting not showing the results he expected in the summer of 1890 he returned on the steamer Arctic to the Fortymile district where he engaged in prospecting with Peter Gerdette on Franklin gulch, Davis creek and Troublesome point on the Ameri-

can side of the south fork of the Forty-mile river. In the spring of 1891 he sold his interests in that district and returned to Stewart where for four years he spent his time in prospecting. In 1892 he took up his homestead on Stewart river, but did not do anything with it until '98. In '95 he went to Circle City where he went into the freighting business which he continued until '97, when he came to Dawson which place has since been his headquarters. His experiences in mining having been rather disastrous he gave it up several years ago and since his arrival in Dawson in '97 he has given his attention to the freighting business and ranching in partnership with Mr. Henry under the firm name of Sonnicksen & Henry. They are the pioneer farmers of this territory and fully demonstrated the fertility of the soil when once put under cultivation by their large crops of last year. Every year the amount of cultivated ground has been increased until this year there will be 75 acres which will be planted with millet, oats, red top and garden vegetables. Mr. Sonnicksen, with Mr. Henry, returned to Dawson just recently from their ranch and expected to go back to oversee the planting of the crops in a very short time. Mr. Sonnicksen, during the whole of the time he has spent in this northern country, had only made one trip to the outside, which was in the summer of '99. He went to San Jose, California, where he bought a ranch and where his parents now reside. It was his intention to go to his California home in a short time and enjoy some of the fruits of his hard labor. He leaves a wife and four children and one adopted child who together with two of the eldest of his children are at San Jose attending school. He leaves an estate valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. His will was drawn up some time ago so that his estate will be properly attended to. The executors are Thos. O'Brien, Frank Buteau, Mr. Henry, his partner, and a brother of Sonnicksen's on the outside.

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# JIM POST STOOD PAT

### And Did Not Reveal Where Whisky Was Obtained.

An air of mystery seemed to shroud the Jim Post case this morning. As announced yesterday Jim was remanded to jail in the morning until the afternoon in order that he might be able to revive recollections as to where and from whom he had obtained the liquor on the previous day on which to base a drunk, he being on the interdicted list. In the afternoon his memory still failed to serve him and he was again remanded until this morning at 10 o'clock. However, late yesterday evening he was released on bail, but when this morning came the case was not called in open court at 10 o'clock. A hearing, however, was given to him when it is understood, he was allowed to go on suspended sentence, not having departed from his original story that he started his drunk on whisky procured at his home but was unable to say at what place he secured the wherewith to perpetuate the "skate" after it was started. Considerable disappointment is expressed by the saloon men around town who are desirous of knowing which one of their number persists in disposing of liquor to men who have been "indicted."

### New Garbage Scow.

The big scow which is now being prepared to receive the garbage of Dawson is rapidly approaching completion although some unlooked for delays have occurred in the construction work. It is expected now that everything will be in readiness by the middle of next week when the dumping of garbage into the Klondike will be discontinued. The garbage scow will be moored at the foot of Eighth street where the garbage wagons formerly were emptied into the Yukon. Once each day probably at 4 o'clock in the morning the scow will be towed to the middle of the river and its contents consigned to the swift current. Pending the completion of the scow it is understood that the present system will be continued although the garbage already dumped into the Klondike has become very offensive to people who live along the bank of that stream. L. W. Horkan the Standard librarian, has lately received a scow load of literature, magazines, books and other periodicals from the outside.

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# TWO PUGS PUT OUT.

### Dan Creedon and Matty Mathews Are Vanquished.

Louisville, May 24, via Skagway, May 30.—Marian Hart tonight knocked out Dan Creedon of Australia in the sixth round of a 25 round bout.

### Go at Toronto.

Toronto, May 24, via Skagway, May 30.—In a fight for the welter-weight championship tonight Rube Ferns put out Matty Mathews in the 10th round after a hard contest.

# RISE AND FALL IN THE YUKON

### Record Kept by Sergeant Major Tucker Since Monday.

The Yukon river is slowly but surely rising to a high water mark. Just what the mark will be cannot at the present time be estimated but in 48 hours it has risen 15 inches and is still on the increase. At 4 o'clock Monday afternoon Sergeant Major Tucker of the N. W. M. P., drove a stake on the river bank just at the edge of the water at a point opposite the entrance to the barracks ground. At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, or 25 hours after the stake had been driven the water had risen until it reached 12 inches on the stake and had passed it towards the bank leaving the stake full 5 feet in the river. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the water had risen three inches more on the stake and there was more than six feet between the edge of the water and the stake. Owing to Tuesday night being so cold, the thermometer going down almost to the freezing point, the water did not rise as much as it did the night previous and in fact the Klondike river is said to have risen three or four inches where as it had risen a number of inches the night previous. The marking post which the sergeant major has placed in the river is being watched with interest as everyone now is of the opinion that the water will reach a height as great as it did in the spring of '98, unless there should be some very cold weather which would stop the melting of the snow in the mountains and cause the river to fall to such an extent as to make higher water impossible. Yesterday afternoon and last night the cold spell continued causing the river to fall about four inches, but the possibility of high water has not passed yet as the rains which have been falling intermittently for the last two days will have a tendency to cause another rise as soon as the present cold spell passes.

The winter just passed was a busy one in the postoffice department. At the first part of the season the mails were a little slow in coming but after the service was fully established the mails came very regularly, the only time when there was any prolonged pause between arrivals was when the trains were blocked on the railroad. It may be interesting to the public to know just the amount of mail which was received from the upper river route from the first of November until the first of May, or during the time of the closed season. During the month of November 49 sacks were received; December, 140 sacks; January, 108; February, 107; March, 128 and April 8, making a total of 621 sacks received. During the same months there has been dispatched 413 sacks divided as follows: November, 51; December, 66; January, 69; February, 88; March, 71; April, 68.

# RECORD OF WINTER MAIL

### Was a Successful Season—Six Shipments from Nome.

Not only have we had a good service on the upper river but on the lower river as well, there coming through from Nome and St. Michael by dog team over the ice six mails bringing for Dawson 25 sacks of mail besides a number of sacks for outside and way points. The dates of the arrival of the Nome mails at Dawson were February 19, March 1, March 8, April 10 and 20 and May 27. The last mail which arrived in Dawson from Nome and lower river points was brought in by the Clifford Sifton, having been taken aboard at Fortymile to which place it had been brought in a canoe from some point farther down the river.

### Mrs. Dewey Ill.

Washington, May 4.—The condition of Mrs. Dewey, the wife of Admiral Dewey, who has been suffering with tonsillitis, changed very little during the day. Together with the tonsillitis Mrs. Dewey has developed a serious case of erysipelas. Speaking of the condition of Mrs. Dewey tonight, Dr. Frank Hiatt, her physician, said: "Mrs. Dewey is suffering from a thorough case of erysipelas, which I expect to give way to treatment, but at the same time will have to be carefully nursed. She is resting easier tonight."

# AMERICAN HOLIDAY

### Today and Every 30th of May Observed Throughout the United States

# IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED HEROES

### Who Fought and Died in Defense of Old Glory.

# THEY ARE THE NATION'S DEAD

### Graves of Soldiers in Two Wars Flower Strwn Today All Over America.

From Thursday's Daily.  
All throughout the country over which wave the Stars and Stripes today is a national holiday, a day set aside for the purpose of decorating the graves of those who died in the defense of their country's flag. Memorial day was an outgrowth of the civil war, but now heroes of two wars, civil and Spanish, are buried side by side and the day has a double significance in comparison to that of previous to three years ago, and all over the United States today children in holiday attire and to the tune of patriotic airs have strewn flowers over the graves of departed heroes. In the South the memory of the heroes of the Blue and the Gray are alike honored, descendants of federals and confederates going side by side and hand in hand to do honor to those who thought they were battling for the right. Memorial day is a purely American institution which will last as long as time itself, becoming more sacred and cherished by the American heart as time mellow the recollection of those who gave up their lives that Old Glory might continue to wave "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Of the American citizens in the Klondike there are few whose minds today will not wander back to and linger around some little hillside cemetery far away in some particular spot of which contains all that is mortal of a departed loved one and whose grave today, unless cared for by friends, may be the neglected one among the many others which will be covered over with sweet scented flowers.

# A FAMILY OF TITLE

### Narrowly Escapes Loss of Property by Fire.

Count and Countess Carboneau narrowly escaped the loss of their combined dwelling and menagerie by fire on claim 30 on Eldorado yesterday afternoon. As it was the fire was put out before but a few hundred dollars damage had been done. Constable Shafer at the Forks was first to notice the fire and he is reported to have run half mile to the scene of the conflagration in 45 seconds by a steam gauge. Several hundred miners formed a bucket brigade, but by the time they were ready to begin passing water they found they had no water, and even had there been water in abundance, they had no buckets. The police then got in and clubbed out the fire. The count and his retinue were not at home at the time, but the countess was there and is said to have taken a lively interest in saving her property from destruction. Fortunately Escaped. Mrs. Blaker, the wife of Julian Blaker, of the Fairview, met with a very painful accident the other day which confines her to the house for the present. While going down stairs from the floor above her foot caught in the carpet, which made her lose her balance and fall the full length of the stairs, bruising her considerably and severely contusing one of her limbs. She had her infant boy in her arms at the time, but fortunately he escaped unhurt. She was wearing a pair of French heeled shoes at the time and both heels were torn from the sole by the impact of her fall. The physicians who attended the lady say no serious results will ensue from the accident.

Major Primrose's order to policemen to kill all dogs seen at large unattended, instead of taking them to the pound and bringing their owners into court is having the desired effect. Loose dogs today are very rare. Mr. John A. McKenzie, of Woodstock, Ontario, is a recent arrival in Dawson.