

WILLIE'S FLAG

Now Waves Over the Islands of Upolu, Manolo, Apolima and Lavii.

BY THE ORDER OF HIS MAJESTY

Imperial Government and Australian Delegates Deadlock on

AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION.

Object to Being Called "Colonists"—"Britisher" Is Better—Movement a la Soapy Smith.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Chicago, April 12.—A special to the Record from Apia, Samoa, dated March 17, says:

The Imperial German flag was raised and undisputed German rule over the islands of Upolu, Manolo, Apolima and Lavii began on March 1. The ceremony took place at Mulinu, in front of the governor's house. Fully 5000 native Samoans besides nearly all the foreign residents, were present.

At 9 o'clock a detachment of blue jackets landed from the German man-of-war Cormorant and formed in front of the German school. The procession then moved to Mulinu. Consul Gronow presented the flag to Governor Soli, who said:

"By order of his majesty the emperor, I now declare these islands to be German territory, and the German flag which I now receive from the hands of the imperial German acting consul, and which henceforth shall wave over the islands as a token of German sovereignty, I, assisted by the commander of H. M. S. Cormorant, now solemnly hoist."

The Australian Constitution.

London, April 12.—The Australian commonwealth delegates and the imperial government, as represented by the law officers of the crown are, after prolonged discussions, deadlocked over the clause of the Australian constitution: "No appeal shall be permitted in any matter involving interpretation of this constitution or of constitution of a state unless the public interests of some part of her majesty's dominions other than the commonwealth or a state are involved."

The government holds that the clause brings in a wholly new element, imperial affairs and that the vital pivot of a possible future federation would cease to exist with respect to Australia. The mission of the delegates is to get the constitution accepted as it stands, as anything changing it would have to be voted upon by the Australian people. The discussions came to a point where no further progress could be made. This was on Thursday. The delegates are now enlisting to their governments for instructions.

Propositions for getting over the difficulty are under consideration. One is a supplementary arrangement provided that the British ministry, after further reflection, should decline to accept the clause.

Mr. Arnold White, the author in this weeks Academy, asks the assistance of "poets, men of imagination and masters of language," in devising a term to replace "colonists" as a description of Canadians, Australians and South Africans. Mr. White points out that "colonists" is not good enough and is resented. "Britisher," Mr. White thinks, might do.

Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, to whom the executive committee of the Gladstone memorial fund entrusted the designing of the Gladstone statue, has nearly finished his work. The statue will be placed in the central lobby of the house of parliament and will be unveiled by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader of the house of commons, May 19, the anniversary of the death of Mr. Gladstone.

A La Soapy Smith.

London, April 12.—London is apparently to be denuded for the next few months of certain more or less distin-

guished personages such as confidence men and jewel thieves, for this class of criminals are detaching themselves to Paris.

It is computed by a Scotland Yard official that 200 detectives are engaged at the Channel ports of England and France in watching this migration of thieves.

In a Small Way.
A pot of \$50 has been made up by ten men who are all connected with one concern in the city, and the man who wins takes everything. The nature of the proposition is a guess as to the day and hour in which the ice will begin to move from the river in front of Dawson where garbage heaps loom up like mounds in the Dakota "Bad Lands." Each man has sealed, signed and delivered his guess to a disinterested party who was selected as stakeholder, and when the eventful day and hour arrives a meeting of the interested men will be called, then ten envelopes opened and the nearest guesses of the hour will take the pot.

BRIEF MENTION.

H. R. Barber is visiting the city. L. Jaccard is making a brief visit in Dawson.

Charles Worden is spending a few days in town.

Harry Smith, of Eldorado, is in Dawson on business.

William Angel is visiting acquaintances in the city.

William A. Boss came to town from the creeks yesterday.

M. E. Swartz is a recent arrival in town from the creeks.

Jerry Lynch has returned from a trip to his property on Bonanza.

C. O. Henninger is shaking hands with his city acquaintances.

F. N. Johnson, of Hunker creek, is making a hurried visit to town.

S. J. Dearth, formerly of Jack Wade district, is now a resident of Dawson.

James O'Neill, who is interested in the roadhouse at No. 27 Gold Run, is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

Commissioner Ogilvie has detailed three men to work on the ridge road; their duties are to keep the government highway in repair.

At 8 o'clock this evening in the Aurora parlors a number of residents will meet to make the mutual preparations for the celebration of the anniversary of the Queen's birthday, May 24th.

Reports have been received at Dawson to the effect that from here to Five Fingers the Yukon river country is experiencing mild weather and a warm south wind, and that quite a fall of rain has occurred.

The Bride's Lesson.

"Never shall I forget," said a bride, "the first word of criticism I received from my husband. Everything was moving along beautifully. There hadn't been a single cloud over our honeymoon. Then one morning I found Hal standing before my dressing table looking down disgustedly at the comb lying there."

"What was the matter?" Here two cheeks blushed like scarlet geraniums.

"Well, I had left it full of combings, a habit I may frankly admit I had always been guilty of. This time it got me into a pickle. Hal held that comb out at arm's length, the untidy mat of hair clinging to it, and I will say he tried to make his voice nice and lamb-like, but I saw by the line of his lips and the flash of his eye that he was thoroughly put out."

"Elizabeth," he said, "is this your comb?" just as if he didn't know it was the very comb he had given me my last birthday.

"I meekly answered 'Yes.'"

"Then," said he, "I would try to keep it like a lady's comb." With that he turned on his heel and stalked out of the room, leaving me sniffling and feeling terribly abused.

"But it was a wholesome lesson. I never forgot it, and my comb rested in spick and span cleanliness on my dresser ever afterward. Not that comb. I packed it out of sight, handsome as it was, that very morning and couldn't bear to use it again. But I've never been caught napping with its substitute. Not a single hair is allowed to remain in it overtime."

This bride's husband had the courage to correct her for her fault.

How many men, though naturally neat themselves, have to endure the petty trials of a wife who is careless in just such toilet trifles.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Reindeer Fire.

A gentleman who arrived in Dawson in the last party of emigrants to get in over the ice says he was not at all surprised to hear of the burning of the steamer Reindeer at Five Fingers. He stopped on the steamer on his way down for several hours and while there he says the fire in the heating stove was so great as to cause the stove pipe to become red hot its entire length. He suggested the danger of the steamer catching on fire, but was answered: "Oh, there is no danger; we had hotter fires than that all winter."

YUKONER BURNED

One of the Best Steamers of the Yukon Fleet Damaged to the Extent of \$10,000

AT LATE HOUR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Fire Originated in the Starboard Forward Locker.

WAS READY TO SAIL ANY DAY

Carried No Insurance—Will Be at Once Repaired and Put on the Whitenorse Run.

At ten minutes past four o'clock yesterday afternoon dense volumes of smoke were seen by workmen employed on the steamer Yukoner to issue from her hatchways and other apertures. A hasty inspection revealed the fact that the fire within was too far along to be overcome by a bucket brigade, and less than a minute later the fire bell was ringing a general alarm. With but little delay the fire company responded, but several minutes elapsed before two streams began to play on the doomed steamer.

The fire was in the vessel's hold, it was not possible, owing to the heavy black smoke which was being belched forth, to reach the base of the devouring element; and thirty minutes later nearly the entire house of the erstwhile floating palace, one of the most elegantly appointed steamers that ever breasted the waters of the Yukon, was a blackened, ruined remnant of its former beauty and worth. The entire interior was almost wholly destroyed, although so far as can be seen, no damage was sustained by her hull and but little by her machinery.

The state-rooms on the starboard side were all destroyed with their bedding and other contents, but several of the port side rooms are not materially injured, and with little repairing will be as good as new.

For the past three weeks a large force of men have been employed cutting the Yukoner free from ice and generally overhauling her for the approaching season; and it was by fire in the forward starboard locker, the exact origin of which has not been ascertained, that the woodwork was ignited.

The Yukoner is owned by the Trading and Exploring Company, of which Capt. J. B. Wood is manager. Material for her construction was taken from Victoria to St. Michael in 1897, where she was planned and built by Alex Watson.

In the summer of '98 she was launched and brought up the river to Dawson. Besides one of the most comfortable and best appointed, she was also the fastest steamer that ever plied Yukon waters. She had state room accommodations for 76 first-class passengers, and her carrying capacity was 350 tons. It was intended by Manager Capt. Wood to operate her on the Dawson-Whitenorse run this season, and but for her misfortune everything would have been ready for hauling in her gang plank by the end of this week if navigation was open by that time.

As the Yukoner lay just previous to the fire her estimated value was \$50,000. Capt. Wood estimates the damage at \$12,000, but even that amount will not put her in as good condition as formerly, for the reason that her upper decks and, in fact, the entire house was constructed from Washington cedar, which fact probably accounts for the tenacity with which the fire combated all efforts to conquer it. There was no insurance, as marine insurance companies will not take risks on steamers which shoot Five Fingers and Rink rapids.

Although cast down, Capt. Wood is by no means crushed; as before the charred embers had ceased to sizzle he was arranging for rebuilding the house and repairing all the damage done; and while the palatial craft may be detained a few days from starting on her first trip of the season up the river, it will be only for a few days, as her manager says that in 18 or 20 days, possibly in less time, the Phoenix' role will have been played and the Yukoner will be a candidate for consideration on the traveling public.

During the fire a number of bystanders rendered effective service in passing buckets and otherwise assisting in extinguishing the flames. Capt. Wood expressed himself to a Nugget representative as being most appreciative of this timely help and desires all who participated to accept his personal thanks.

For Koyukuk Trail.

For the past few days there has been a lively demand for light horses by buyers in Dawson, the object being to ship them down the river to be used for packing over the trail leading from the Yukon to the Koyukuk. One man was today looking for a dozen head of pack animals for the purpose above mentioned. A number of horses will be shipped from Dawson to Nome on the early steamers.

A Metropolitan Store.

Harry Hershberg has removed from his old location near Second street to the new building erected by him next to Golden's Exchange.

The building he now occupies is 60 feet in depth and is fitted up in true metropolitan style, with fine display windows, modern fixtures and illuminated with electric lights. The firm's

name is Hershberg's Seattle Clothing House and from the variety of clothing displayed there one would imagine he was in one of the great cities of the East. Mr. Hershberg says he will sell clothing, hats, shoes and furnishing goods in the same proportionate price as is charged on the outside, with but cost of transportation added and no extra profit added. His place is now open to the public and is well worth a visit.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Captain Starnes' court this morning the first case called was that of F. H. Vining, complaining witness, against R. K. Latimer, whom the complainant alleged had misappropriated money to the amount of \$198. The defendant pleaded not guilty and the complainant opened his side by his own testimony. He had proceeded but a short distance into his story when the court, seeing that the case was of civil and not of criminal nature, peremptorily dismissed it at complainant's cost, at the same time severely reprimanding complainant for bringing a charge of theft when civil proceedings should have been instituted, provided there was even ground for the latter.

The next case was that of Mathew Earhardt vs. H. W. Burns for \$57.50 alleged to be due for labor performed in preparing electric light poles in the neighborhood of 48 roadhouse on Bonanza. Burns disputed a portion of the bill and said he could prove so and so; but as his witnesses were not nearer the courtroom than Bonanza, and as the defendant had known since Monday that the case would be heard today, the magistrate concluded that his court was not to be played with at the option of clients, and judgment was accordingly given for the amount claimed.

In the case of Ross, plaintiff, vs. Adair & White defendants, the magistrate rendered a decision in favor of the defendant. The action was instituted to recover wages which the plaintiff alleged to be due for services rendered to the defendants on a trip from Bennett to Dawson over the winter trail.

Those Newspaper Hints.

Foremann—We need a few lines to fill up a column.

Society Editor (wearily)—Well, say "The Prince of Wales has begun wearing old clothes, because they are more comfortable." Perhaps it will start a fashion that you and I can follow.—Collier's Weekly.

MURDER TRIAL

Still Occupies the Attention of Judge and Jury in the Territorial Court.

JEALOUSY CAUSED THE HOMICIDE

Is the Theory Advanced By the Prosecution.

THE INDIAN GIRL TESTIFIES.

Her Evidence Is Translated By Two Interpreters—Proceedings Are Dilatory and Tedious.

The trial of the Queen vs. Chana Hill, accused of murder, continues in the territorial court. The crown is attempting to prove that, at the time of the commission of the homicide, the prisoner and the deceased were jealous of each other's attentions to an Indian girl named Julia.

Thomas Smith, a trapper and prospector who has lived in the Pelly river district since 1898, testified that the accused and Julia had lived together for quite a while, but that a short time before the killing occurred the prisoner and the woman had separated. The defendant had explained this particular matter by saying that the girl had stolen flour and had given it to Indians, and that for this offense he had required her to vacate his cabin. The witness stated that William Blair, the deceased, had given expression to threatening words in speaking of the prisoner, and that the latter had admitted a verbal altercation to have occurred between him and Blair, shortly before the homicide.

About a half an hour before the noon recess, Julia, the Indian girl, took the stand as a witness for the prosecution. She belongs to a native tribe, which speaks a language different from the one used by the Indians at Moosehide, and considerable difficulty is being experienced in the matter of interpreting her testimony. Tom Johnson, a resident of Moosehide, can understand the evidence of the witness, but he is not versed in English, consequently his words are translated by Bishop Bumpas, the well-known Yukon missionary. This indirect method of securing evidence is very dilatory and tedious; and the testimony of Julia will not be completely submitted till late this afternoon. She testified this morning that her age is 15 years; that she lived with the prisoner during all of the winter of 1898-99, and for a portion of the winter of 1899-1900; that she also lived with the deceased for a period of about two months. Julia was present when the alleged murder occurred, and her testimony is most important. She is a slender, rather soviety, undersized Indian girl; one of her eyes seem to be blinded, and her general appearance is anything but prepossessing.

Chess Players.

At Mrs. West's ice cream parlors last night a large group of chess players met for the purpose of organizing, and also incidentally to have a friendly contest with Mr. Haller, who is a knight from that chess stronghold, St. Louis. W. H. Adams, Lewis W. Fox and C. Hambury were appointed a committee of three to organize. Players of the game are respectfully solicited to send in their names to Mr. Jno. Hockin, secretary of the committee; address, city postoffice.

The winners in last night's games were as follows: Dr. C. H. Watson, Dr. G. E. Paddleford, S. J. Lacey and Fred P. Freeman. Mr. J. K. Miller drew.

Mr. Haller says he knows of no city in the United States which has as many strong chess players as Dawson.

There Is Money in It.

The man in Dawson who can invest in market for second-hand tin cans at prices commensurate with other things will be voted a public benefactor, and all his past misdeeds will be overlooked.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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