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## A FIRE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

The Fire Apparatus Not Yet in Readiness to Be Used.

Fire Confined to One Building and all the Household Goods Saved—Caused Probably by a Hot Flue—Owner Away.

A fire again occurred and found the apparatus unprepared for use. Luckily the fire was confined to one building, though the neighboring buildings on either side repeatedly caught fire. The strenuous efforts of volunteers with pails of water and snow held the flames from spreading until the one building involved was torn down and burned up.

The fire occurred in the small frame building owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John King, almost back of the postoffice. Mr. King has been up the creek for some time. Mrs. King had stepped from the house leaving a fire in the stove.

It was just about 8:30 on Thursday morning when the first alarm of fire was sounded. Everything in the house was taken out but water was hard to get. The space between the ceiling and roof was in flames and it was immediately seen that it was useless to try and save the building. To the south was a log building about eight feet from the burning structure. Northward another log building about six feet away. Men burned their clothes and rained their caps getting near enough to throw water and snow where it would do most good. As a precaution everything was removed from neighboring buildings, but moved back directly after the fire, the buildings not being much the worse for their close call.

In the rear of the burned building was stored the outfit of Mr. Courtney, the old gentleman, who is well-known here, being one of the first to get in last year with meat supplies. His outfit was saved. Mr. Courtney, it will be remembered, recently suffered the loss of a scow on Lake Lebarge, loaded with \$40,000 worth of goods for Dawson.

After the fire was out the fire-engine got to work and showed what it would have done if only it had been ready when the fire occurred. The fact of the matter is that it takes quite a long time to organize an effective department and our citizens have taken hold of the matter rather late in the day. The engine-house has not yet been fixed for heating and the steam engine and chemical engines have to be kept empty of water. No stove being in the place it was useless to keep tanks of water around with which to charge the engines, for it would simply be solid ice in a few hours. The men in charge of the apparatus cannot sleep in the building and the engineer was at breakfast in a distant part of town when the alarm occurred. The fire bell is not in place and no general alarm was given. The result of it all was that the few firemen who rallied at the engine house found everything cold and useless for the time being, and with Chief Fletcher ran to the scene of the conflagration.

One chemical engine in readiness for service would have saved the building and prevented any danger to neighboring structures. Someone started a fire in the steam-engine and it had to be drawn by the fireman. Slowly and laboriously the steam engine was dragged toward the fire when someone told the few men who were dragging it that the fire was out. The engine and hose-cart were turned around and started for the engine-house again. Then word came that the flames were making rapid headway and the cavalcade again started south.

In a few days the engine house will be completed and the heater in place. The chemical engines will then be kept charged and ready for instant service. Tools will be unpacked and placed in their proper places; but even then the department will be found lacking unless the apparatus is turned over to the brigade for drill work. The first five minutes at a fire is the most important period of all. If practiced on false alarms the boys with the chemical engines can be there well within that time. So much is dependant upon the boys who handle the apparatus that too much encouragement cannot be given them.

Some of the volunteer fire boys felt the need of distinctive uniforms so they may not be kept back from the fire by the men whose business it is to keep back the crowd.

Fur caps are not exactly the thing to wear when fighting fire. A man was observed so near the fire that his head gear was blazing up like an immense torch. Helmets would freeze a man if he was detailed to watch the hose away from the fire.

The police were again to the front as usual. The heat on the first building to the south was so great at one time that it penetrated to the inside and flames commenced to appear. Capt. Harper promptly detected it and liberal applications of snow stopped the incipient blaze. The same gentleman received a "dousing" of water during the progress of the fire.

The steam engine was taken down on the bar in front of the post office and it was found that needful tools had been left behind. Owing to the presence of carpenters and lumber it has been found inexpedient to unpack some of them from the boxes in which they arrived.

### What we Have to Suffer.

There are so many things, unavoidable in their very nature, which a Klondiker has to put up with that it is really too bad when he is also made to suffer from inexcusable errors as in the post office service. Thousands of us daily besiege the post office and receiving No! No! for an answer, and when at last a

letter arrives from the dear ones at home from whom we have not heard all summer, and comes registered for greater security, to get the same No! No! at the post office until the last boat of the season leaves and then to have the registered mail all bundled up by mistake and shipped to Ottawa is too much for philosophical endurance. And yet this is what has just transpired in Dawson. The Ora bore away all the registered mail by mistake and it will not be discovered until the bags get to Victoria at least. One can only estimate the number of months which must elapse before they get back to Dawson.

The error is particularly exasperating to those who have found when too late that the letters they looked for were amongst those lost to them for months at the least; and who have faithfully applied at that post office for month after month and always with the same result, "Nothing for you, sir."

### BRIDGE BROKE DOWN.

A Team and Three Pedestrians Dumped Onto the Ice—Escaped with but Slight Injuries.

About 6:30 on Thursday morning the light suspension bridge over the Klondike river broke loose from its fastenings and precipitated eth pedestrians, who happened to be passing, onto the ice below. The bridge at the moment of the accident was occupied by Joe Quinn, driving a horse and sled loaded with about 1,200 pounds of household goods and provisions. The freight was owned by the proprietors of the Tacoma laundry, Mr. J. R. Bourke and Mrs. Baring, who proposed opening a laundry upon the creek, and who were accompanying the team. When about a hundred feet from shore the party was stopped by the sled slipping to one side and colliding with the stanchions supporting the hand rail. Some efforts were made to free the sled when suddenly the bridge dropped on one side and then horse, sled and pedestrians were precipitated onto the thick ice below. Quinn quickly freed himself from the wreck and went to the assistance of the others.

Bourke and Mrs. Baring were found to be under the load with the woman groaning. Burke's left arm was fast but he got it free and aided in lifting the goods which had fallen upon the third of the party. Mrs. Baring had become unconscious and was carried to a near-by restaurant. Quinn was uninjured and helped Burke to a hotel. Dr. McWm. Bourke was summoned and an examination revealed the fact that the right fore arm of Mrs. Baring was broken but she had escaped any further injury. Burke had been struck severely on the left leg but nothing was found broken. The left arm was also very painful.

Curiously enough, the horse was uninjured. The cause of the accident was the breaking of one of the inch-iron rods which are attached to the "deadmen," and to which one of the cables was secured. The rods are hooked together and the break occurred in one of the bends of a hook. Double-teams with larger loads have repeatedly crossed over the bridge without injury, but it is supposed the sharp frost which now prevails had something to do with the breaking. An examination revealed the iron to be of good, fibrous grain and the break to be entirely new and clean.

The accident might have been much more serious and all parties consider themselves fortunate in escaping with their lives.

The accident occurred less than a hundred yards from shore where the ice was solid. A little further on the party might have broken through and been carried under the ice by the swift current.

Dr. McWm. Bourke promises the patients will soon be about again.

### Police Census.

The Mounted Police located on the creeks have been directed to traverse each creek in the district and take careful census of the people there. Then by taking a census of the city of Dawson, as was done once before, an official and authentic statement of the population of the Klondike district can be made. Recent arrivals from the distant creeks estimate the people there as greater than the population of Dawson.

### Tramp Shriners and Eligibles Club.

The Tramp Shriners and Eligibles (Knights Templar and 32nd degree Masons of the North-east and Southern Jurisdiction) will hold their second monthly banquet, celebrating the feast of the Severed Shrine of Cuaba of the holy city of Mecca, at the Fairview hotel at 8 o'clock p. m. sharp on Saturday, November 5, 1904. An interesting program has been arranged and several matters of importance will be brought to the attention of the club. A full attendance is desired. The number of seats at the banquet is limited, and those intending to be present must secure tickets on or before Thursday, November 3rd.

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## MUST REPRESENT THEIR CLAIMS.

Payment of \$150 in Lieu of Representation Won't Go.

A Regulation Nearly Certain to be Passed in Council Falls to Materialize—Letters to that Effect from Ottawa.

Miners who had claims on which representation would shortly fall due, and miners who have been watching some of these claims with a view to relocation, were upset some weeks ago by a rumor that representation would be evaded by the payment of \$150 to the gold commissioner. A Nugget representative saw Mr. Ogilvie on the matter before he was 24 hours in Dawson. Mr. Ogilvie stated that this was not being done, though, by the regulations, Mr. Fawcett had had occasion to exercise his power of carrying a claim over beyond the defaulting time without forfeiture by the owner. This had been done notably in cases where it was clearly shown the owner was upon a bed of sickness and unable to represent. Mr. Ogilvie, however, added that before he had left Ottawa there had been a regulation under consideration whereby the payment of \$150 would entitle the owner of a claim to retain possession without representation. Mr. Ogilvie was assured of the passage of the regulation and several weeks ago it was made operative at the commissioner's office. To represent a claim three months costs from \$500 to \$1,000, so as may be easily supposed, men were most interested in the reported change of regulations at the gold commissioner's office. A few days ago a bunch of dispatches arrived in town and immediately the orders permitting payment in lieu of representation was cancelled, for it was found that the regulation to that effect had failed to meet the approval of the council. Though it had appeared certain it would meet their approval it had failed to do so. Miners without claims will be glad to hear it, while those having claims that will need representation will be sorry they cannot buy off.

A question now arises in the minds of all: What of those who have paid \$150 and have allowed their claims to go unrepresented? It is possible their possession of the claims has been jeopardized. Naturally it is the desire of those who have been responsible to protect the men who have but availed themselves of what was to them a favorable regulation.

### AN OFFICIAL FROZEN TO DEATH.

Surveyor Cadenhead Falls Through the Ice in Sight of Town—Threw Out His Papers.

J. A. Cadenhead met his death by freezing on Wednesday night in the Klondike river, just about a hundred yards from the bridge. Cadenhead was chief government surveyor, and was returning from a surveying trip onto Sulphur when the accident occurred. Being entirely alone when he met his fate, the particulars and exact time of the occurrence cannot be obtained. From the surrounding circumstances it is surmised that he was so near Dawson when darkness overtook him he determined to keep going until he reached home.

Why he passed the Klondike City end of the toll bridge can only be guessed, but he evidently attempted to cross on the ice about 100 yards below. Another 100 yards would have carried him onto solid ice where teams are passing all day long. About midway the narrow channel of the river it is filled with slush ice and was skinned over with a thin shell of new ice and the belated pedestrian evidently broke through.

He had on no mittens, being probably warm with walking and carrying a pack which was strapped upon his back. He sank shoulder deep at once, but with outstretched arms upon the firm surrounding ice, rose waist high and endeavored to clamber out. How he struggled can be judged from his frozen hands clenched and full of ice dug with bleeding finger nails. The sudden cold overcame him and there he froze within 25 yards of a row of occupied houses and stores. Any considerable outcry would have been heard and the man saved. When he found himself freezing he took some government papers from his pocket and threw them on the ice in front of him, evidently supposing he would sink and go under the ice as soon as he lost consciousness. But he didn't sink, and was found at daylight with eyes staring directly ahead but with a face quite calm and peaceful.

Cadenhead was a medium sized man of about forty or fifty years of age and wore large gold-rimmed spectacles. He wore a brownish black beard and was dressed in gray corduroys. He came in with Captain Harper's party a year ago and was well known up the creeks where most of his work has been done.

### Attempted Suicide.

Fred Johnson who has been prospecting on 9 below discovery, on Quartz, attempted suicide last Saturday morning, and it is by a fortunate circumstance that he is alive today. Suffering from temporary despondency he placed a pistol to his ear and pulled the trigger. The ball struck a bone, its force was arrested and lodged in the neck just under the skin.

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