

WHERE IS KID WEST?

And Detective Seeley Who Are Said to be Enroute

From Seattle—West Was Loaned to Canadian Government by the United States.

George A. West, well known both here and in Seattle as "Kid" West, or "The Clear Kid," is alleged to have left Seattle in charge of Detective Seeley of the Canadian secret service, on the Topeka during the early part of December on his way to Dawson to testify in the O'Brien case.

The fact that West started, if he did start, establishes a precedent in the criminal jurisprudence of the United States as he was a prisoner at the time, and under sentence of five years in the Walla Walla penitentiary for burglary and attempted murder.

Detective Seeley has been working on the knotty problem of bringing this matter about for some months, and finally, with the signal assistance of prosecuting attorney McElroy, of King county, succeeded in gaining the consent of all the authorities to the removal of the prisoner to Dawson for the purpose of aiding the ends of justice. This is virtually the loan of a convicted criminal by one country to another, and it constitutes a wholly new page in the history of such things, and was largely brought about by the fact that two of the murdered men were well known and respected citizens of Seattle, and the authorities upon whose consent the success of Seeley's mission depended, considered that it was their moral duty to do all in their power to aid in the ends of justice.

Many are there in the tenderloin district of Seattle who discredit West's story to the effect that he was cognizant of O'Brien's plans concerning projected robberies and murder on the Dawson trail, and lean to the belief that his saying these things is but a part of a carefully laid plan on his part to avoid the Walla Walla penitentiary, and that he will do his utmost to escape en route. Some of these say that he has been heard to say that "the police would be smarter than he if they got him to Dawson."

The police authorities credit his statements, however, as is evidenced by the fact of allowing him to start.

The fact of his departure was kept a secret for a few days because Seeley feared that by reason of the procedure being an altogether new one, some of O'Brien's friends there might seek to place legal barriers in the way, and so delay, if not frustrate his plans wholly.

West is well known to the police of this city as a criminal, as he did time here with O'Brien, and afterwards went to Nome, and later was returning via Skagway, and while there learned of the arrest of O'Brien at Tagish, and immediately departed for Seattle.

There is practically little danger of escape on the part of West, as it is a well known fact that once out of Skagway his ultimate escape at least would be little short of impossible because of the difficulties presented by nature, to say nothing of his guards, who are not in the habit of letting criminals en route slip through their hands.

The fact remains, however, that so far as can be ascertained West or Seeley have never landed in Skagway, let alone taking the trail this side of Whitehorse, although it is possible that Seeley knowing that a legal impediment could be placed in his way in Skagway as well as in Seattle would take steps to get through that town without attracting undue notice.

The way the case stands at present, so far as the information at hand is concerned, the whereabouts of West and Seeley bids fair to blossom into a full fledged mystery itself.

Estimated Cost of Mint.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Director of the Mint George E. Roberts, in reply to the recent letter addressed to him by Senator Foster, has made an estimate of the cost of establishing a branch of the mint on Puget sound.

He says that it is not within his province to make an estimate of the cost of site and building. The initial cost of the machinery and other necessary equipment of the mint he reckons would be approximately \$1,000,000. The sum of \$7000 per annum, he believes, is a fair estimate of the cost of maintaining the plant, not including repairs to the building.

The annual appropriation necessary for salaries of officials and wages of employes would be about \$1,000,000, Mr. Roberts says. The director several days

ago replied to Senator Foster's inquiry, as to the amount of gold and silver that would naturally be tributary to the branch mint, including in the estimate the output of the smelters at Tacoma and Everett.

No Judgment Yet.

Justice Craig has not handed down a decision in the damage case of Mrs. L. D. McConnell against the water company.

Some authorities were to have been forthcoming from Attorney Walsh but these it appeared have been mislaid and so far cannot be found, hence the present delay.

COMING AND GOING.

Richard and James Butler of upper Bonanza are guests of the Hotel McDonald.

Capt. Donovan, of No. 6 below on Bonanza, is in town for a few days on business.

Corpora's Stewart and McPhail and other members of the N. W. M. P. in the barracks hospital, are all much improved today.

Last Saturday night a daughter was born to the wife of E. B. Long of 2 below on Dominion. The mother and child are doing well.

Alex May, formerly of Last Chance, who has been laid up with rheumatism at St. Mary's hospital for some time, has so far recovered that he has gone to the McDonald, where he is doing well under the care of Boniface Macdonald.

Some of Uncle Sam's boys are up from Eagle City on furlough. Last evening they took in the theaters, where they attracted considerable attention. There are five in all, a sergeant, a corporal and three privates.

This morning the thermometers on the Dominion ridge showed a temperature of 25 below zero, and a high and piercingly cold wind was blowing. Those who have traveled the ridge during the past three years say that they never knew the wind to blow there before when it was cold. Many had to take shelter in roadhouses and travel was almost suspended.

The proposition to dispense with police court stenographers is being considered, as it is thought that the business of the police court can be managed without them since the discontinuance of the collection of fines from gamblers and women of the town. It is pointed out by those who are not in favor of the change—that the services of stenographers were never required in the collection of fines and that so far as that branch of police court business is concerned they are as much needed as ever.

Debts of a Duke.

New York, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

The payment of the Duke of Manchester's debts is not yet an accomplished fact. Negotiations have been in progress for a settlement on terms which would warrant an annulment of his bankruptcy. The duke's actual debts amount to \$115,825, \$95,000 of which is represented by dealings with money lenders at high rates of interest. The remainder is due to tailors, horse dealers, jewelers and other tradesmen. While he is willing to pay the latter in full, Mr. Zimmerman has demanded terms from the former, who have refused to abate their claims.

The legal expenses of bankruptcy proceedings are \$3,500, and Mr. Zimmerman must pay that in addition to the total of the claims.

The duke has already been declared a bankrupt and the announcement made in the house of lords, the claim being made that this action debars him from a seat.

The duke resents the assumption and asserts that he will take the seat to which he is entitled when he returns to England.

For Whitehorse.

H. E. Myers' stage made the last trip to Whitehorse in the remarkable time of ten days under the most adverse circumstances, as the road was in very bad condition. He starts again on the 15th with a four-horse team and covered passenger stage, finely appointed with warm robes and heating stove. Mr. Myers is thoroughly acquainted with the route and knows all the dangerous places on the river. He can be found at the Yukon stable on Third avenue.

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Canada, Yukon Territory

— BETWEEN —
D. A. MATHISON, Plaintiff and M. L. HAMILTON, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, that having seized under a Writ of Execution the below described mining claims, I will sell the same by public auction on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1901, at 2 p. m., at the Sheriff's office at Dawson, Yukon Territory.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

An undivided one third interest in creek placer claim number 226 below lower discovery on Dominion creek in the Indian river mining division of the Dawson district. Dated at Dawson this 4th day of January, 1901.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Yesterday afternoon on evidence which could not be ignored Magistrate Starnes held over for trial before the territorial court Godfried Gustafson, a Bonanza creek miner, on the charge of defrauding the government by making false reports as to the output of his claim for the purpose of escaping the payment of royalty.

This morning Austin Faust was given judgment against Gilds & Brown for \$270. The defendants admitted owing \$240. Notice of appeal was given by defendants' attorney.

This afternoon the case of Doyle vs. Williams for wages is being heard.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

The Higher the Purpose the Rarer the Achievement.

If by success we mean the full accomplishment of an end, the actual reaping of a harvest of results, then it is undoubtedly true that the higher and nobler the purpose the rarer will be the success. If we aim to relieve a man's hunger, we can quickly succeed in the easy task, but if we aim to inspire him with a desire to earn his own bread the work is more difficult and the success far more problematical. If we would restrain a thief from robbery, the prison bars and locks insure success, but if we would make an honest man of him our task is a complex one, and success may be afar off. We undertake to teach a child to read. If with requisite effort we follow up our task, we are successful, but if we aspire to raise the educational standard of our community how arduous the task, how uncertain the result, how questionable the success!

The low man sees a little thing to do,

Sees it and does it;

The high man, with a great thing to pursue,

Dies ere he knows it.

Is his life, then, a failure? No; let us never imagine that any high purpose, any noble thought, any generous emotion, any earnest effort, is ever lost. We may never witness its growth, we may not live to gather its fruit or even to see its blossoms, but we may safely trust that somewhere and at some time the harvest will be abundant, and success, long hidden, shall become apparent.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Wickedest Bit of Sea.

Nine out of ten travelers would tell inquirers that the roughest piece of water is that cruel stretch in the English channel, and nine out of ten travelers would say what was not true. As a matter of fact, "the wickedest bit of sea" is not in the Dover strait, or in yachting, for example, from St. Jean de Luz up to Paulliac, or across the Mediterranean "race" from Cadiz to Tangier, nor is it in rounding Cape Horn, where there is what sailors call "true" sea. The "wickedest sea" is encountered in rounding the Cape of Good Hope for the eastern ports of Cape Colony.—Shipping World.

Flight of Time.

Old Med—Well, old man, how'd you sleep last night? Follow my advice about counting up?

New Med—Yes, indeed; counted up to 18,000.

Old Med—Bully! And then you fell asleep, eh?

New Med—Guess not; it was morning by that time, and I had to get up.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now and all they expect to have.

Learn to keep your ears open and your mouth closed.—Dallas News.

A Jail Cure.

The late Sir John Bridge, the well known London magistrate, was fond of telling his friends of a curious letter he received not long before his retirement from Bow street. It ran:

"Sir—I am sorry to occupy your time, but I feel I must write to thank you for having locked up my wife for six months. My wife had often come before the court for drunkenness, but after being fined she was worse. You were kind enough to give her six months, and she came back to me a reclaimed woman and is now the best wife in England."

This letter was all the more valued by Sir John Bridge because he was ordinarily a lenient judge.

His Candid Admission.

"I suppose your constituents will be prepared to kill the fatted calf when you get home?" said the amiable friend. "No," answered Senator Sorghum; "my constituents aren't violent people. Besides, they haven't got anything against the fatted calf. I'm the one they're after."—Washington Star.

When Ignorance Is Bliss.

Fudge—Do you believe in love at first sight?

Budge—Cert. It is then that neither party knows what kind of a person the other is. Why shouldn't they fall in love?—Boston Transcript.

Hotel McDonald Management.

Jas. F. Macdonald, who has been connected with the Hotel McDonald since the day it opened a year ago last November, succeeded Tom Chisholm and Harry Edwards in the management this morning.

Mr. Macdonald is one of the best known and most popular hotel men in

the city, his pleasant smile and accommodating ways making him always remembered by those who patronize the hotel.

Both Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Edwards are well known and popular men also, but both have other business interests which demand all their time and attention and they are glad to relinquish the business, especially as they recognize the fact that they are leaving it in thoroughly competent hands.

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times, in an editorial on President McKinley's decision to submit the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to Great Britain, reproaches him with "shifting a dangerous responsibility" on the British government, and says:

"The president must bear the responsibility for any friction that may ensue. The amended treaty is a bargain to which we cannot agree, and to which no reasonable America who takes the trouble to reflect upon our side of the question can expect us to agree."

"When Senator Lodge announced that the Americans expected Europe to 'keep out' of America, he forgets that Great Britain is a great North American power, and expects to remain such a power."

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