

### HE TOOK A TUMBLE

Workman Falls 34 Feet From Administration Building.

Homer Wood, a tinsmith, while at work on the new administration building yesterday met with a miraculous escape from an accident which those who saw it considered could only result in his immediate death. It was while at work on the roof of the building and laying the sheets of galvanized iron with which the roof is being covered, that he started to walk from one side to the other to get some more material. He stepped on a ladder, similar to those used on the top of a building, being merely a board with cross pieces nailed on it. The ladder was not nailed to the roof, and as soon as he put his foot on it it began to wobble and slide towards the edge of the building. The motion of the ladder caused him to lose his balance and before his frightened companion could come to his assistance he had plunged over the edge of the building head first, landing 34 feet below on a pile of lumber and sawdust. His frightened fellow workmen when they picked him up in an unconscious condition thought surely that he was killed or at least mortally wounded. Every bone in his body broken, but after a generous application of cold water had been put onto his head he came to his senses, got up, and looking around asked what had struck him. When told of what had occurred he began an examination of himself and it was found that with the exception of a few bruises on the face he had received no injuries whatever. His right eye was closed for a time by a big bump over it where he was struck by a board. His cheek bone had been bruised and there were a few scratches on his nose and chin but that was the extent of his injuries. The only explanation that can be offered for the slightness of his injuries is that he had struck the ground in a slanting position and had fallen on his arms which he threw in front of him. The pile of boards and sawdust on which he alighted had given under him breaking the force of his fall and saving his life. He was considerably shaken up and will take a rest for a few days to recuperate his nerves, but he has no intention of giving up his trade and starting on an exhibition tour of high diving. In the future, however, he thinks he will be a little more particular as to the ladders he steps on while at work on the roof of a high building.

### BALFOUR'S ELOQUENCE

Restores Roberts' Pre-Eminence as Greatest Living Soldier.

London, Aug. 1.—During the debate in the house of commons yesterday upon the proposition to grant Lord Roberts one hundred thousand pounds, Mr. Balfour in moving the grant told in simple language, how critical was the situation after the defeat at Colenso, and Magerfontein and explained the boldness and originality of the strategy by which Lord Roberts rescued Kimberley and Ladysmith and entered Bloemfontein after a perilous and exhausting march across a barren country. He paid also an eloquent tribute to the patriotism, genius and cheerful courage which enabled Lord Roberts to press on to Pretoria with half his force, and three and a half days' supplies, when his hesitation would have involved a protracted siege. No other Englishman has been equally candid in admitting the deplorable and ruinous consequences from which the Boer empire was delivered by the genius and courage of Gen. Roberts. The speech made so profound an impression on the commons that the objections raised by Mr. Dillon and a few of the radical members were heard with impatience and irritation. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was patriotic enough to second Mr. Balfour's proposal with genuine Scotch sincerity. Lord Roberts' popularity has been waning under the unceasing pressure of pessimists which has accompanied the protracted guerrilla operations and the acrid criticism that he abandoned the field without bringing the war to an end. Mr. Balfour's eloquence will restore his pre-eminence as the greatest living soldier.

#### First Time in Dawson.

Mike King the lumber king of Bennett and Caribou Crossing, who is so well known to nearly everybody who has come in from the coast, is in town and it will be a surprise to many to know that this is his first visit to Dawson. "I have never had time before," he said this morning. The saw building business, he says is not brisk just now, but he is still constructing them and has a number of orders on hand. When he left Whitehorse four days ago he had heard of no increase of freight rates discriminating against the shippers from that point.

### SHE HAS HER FREEDOM

Jewish Woman Does Not Like Old Biblical Doctrine.

New York, Aug. 1.—An extraordinarily rare ceremony, based by the Jews directly upon the teachings of the Old Testament, has just been performed in this city when a young woman who had traveled 70,000 miles was released from the obligation of marrying her deceased husband's brother, says the Times. The obligation of a woman marrying the brother of her deceased husband, according to ancient Hebrew law, arose when her husband died before children were born to the pair. The young woman in the case is Mrs. Cecelia Lacs, a young Rumanian Jewess from Bucharest. A little over three years ago she married Emanuel Lacs when she was but 18 years old. Within three months the husband died. All this happened in Bucharest. The brother-in-law, whom, according to the faith, the young woman must marry, is Samuel Lacs, of East Forty-ninth street, this city. Lacs was already married and therefore, of course could not have married the widow of his brother, even if he had wanted to. The young woman opened negotiations with her New York relative soon after the death of her husband, but her brother-in-law found it impossible to travel abroad to have the ceremony of dispensing with the obligation performed. Without this dispensation, according to the law, the widow could not marry again.

Under the circumstances the widow decided to come to America to get the desired release and it was this ceremony which was performed in a little front room on the second floor of a tenement house on Norfolk street.

A portion of the Talmud was read by the rabbi, who at the end of the reading, produced a sandal of peculiar and ancient pattern. It was made of two pieces of leather and was fastened with latches and two long thongs. Stooping he fastened this to the foot of Lacs. The widow was then directed to kneel in front of the man and use only her right hand to untie the shoe. After this done she arose, held the shoe high above her head and cast it on the floor in front of her brother-in-law. The principals were then declared free to go their own way.

### FIFTEEN YEARS EACH

Was Sentence Passed on Three Nome Highwaymen.

Readers of the Nugget will remember an account published in this paper a month or six weeks ago of a highway robbery which took place in Nome last winter, the perpetrators of the deed being Tommy Dolan, "Kid" Hawkins and George Allen, the latter a son of ex-United States Senator Allen, of Washington. By the P.-I. of July 28 is seen the arrival in Seattle of the United States transport Seward with 12 passengers for the penitentiary on McNeil island, the criminals having been convicted at Nome for various offenses. In the list given are the names of three persons sent up for 15 years each for highway robbery, Thomas Dolan, George Hawkins and Thomas Miller. The latter is undoubtedly George Allen, the fictitious name being given to shield the father from any further disgrace at the hands of his degenerate son. Dolan is well known in this city and has many friends who will be surprised to learn of his downfall.

#### New Ball Team.

The visit of the U. S. soldiers during the past week has had the effect of awakening in the N. W. M. P. a slumbering spirit of baseball enthusiasm which has resulted in the formation of a nine among the members of the force. Corporal Cobb the well known musical star of the force has taken unto himself the task of organizing the team and has been elected captain.

A number of the police boys are old baseball players among whom might be mentioned Count Slinblad who "WH" hold down first base; Sergeant Tweedy who will assume the catcher's position behind the bat and Harrington who will deliver the balls from the pitcher's box. Krauser has also promised to assist and several "dark horses" are expected to appear on the scene as the practice games progress. The boys when they get the team thoroughly organized will make an effort to go to Eagle City and engage the soldiers' team in a series of games in which event they are quite sure of returning covered with laurels.

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### FELLOW TOWNIES

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The city of Belleville is a small place of 800 inhabitants and it is considered a remarkable coincidence that so many should be found assembled here at the same time and it was because of this fact that the picture was taken.

#### Honorably Discharged.

Members of the local force of the N. W. M. P. having finished their term of enlistment were yesterday morning given their honorable discharge from the service. They were Constables Bacon, De Chamont, Ferguson, Thompson and Malstrom. There are a number of other men in the service whose term expires the latter part of this month and they also have signified their intention of receiving their discharge.

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