

RECEIVED BY WIRE. RIVER IS OPENING

But Lakes and Sloughs Remain Solid Throughout Upper Country.

OPEN FROM WHITEHORSE 15 MILES

Heavy Loads Still Being Hauled Over Labarge.

ICE VERY BAD NEAR SELKIRK

Solid But Wet at Selwyn—Big Salmon River Still Closed—Water Rising at Ogilvie.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The report as to the condition of the rivers and lakes extending up as far as Tagish post was received by wire between 11 and 12 o'clock today:

Tagish—Lakes still solid, but open all the way between the two lakes. Ducks and geese plentiful.

Whitehorse—River open in front of Whitehorse, and as far down as Tahkeena, 15 miles.

Lower Labarge—Ice on lake yet. Heavy loads coming every day from upper Labarge.

Hootalinqua—River open from lower Labarge to four miles below Hootalinqua. Hootalinqua river not yet open. Water very low.

Big Salmon—Still solid here, but open in spots two miles above here. Big Salmon river still closed.

Selkirk—River open in strips. It is open in one place one mile long north of mouth of Pelly.

Selwyn—Ice still solid but very wet. Stewart—Snow nearly all gone. Lots of water on ice. Slough in front of office open in few places. Ducks and geese putting in an appearance.

Ogilvie—Trail getting very soft and water rising, though river is not open yet.

PETER McDONALD

At Loss to Know Where He Spent the Winter.

Peter McDonald, one of the pioneer dance hall men of Dawson and probably the best known man in the Klondike, reached Dawson on Thursday of last week blind as a bat—snowblind. Yesterday he had recovered his sight and was out crossing palms with his host of friends. He came from Nome which place, accompanied by about 25 others, he left on December 17th intending to go to the Kuskokwin country. But after striving to reach that section from various points on the Yukon and each time being confronted by mountains of snow they were forced to give it up until the snow disappears. When asked where he spent the winter, Pete sighs and says "All along." He was on the go all the time, but the hardships he endured rested lightly upon him as he is looking remarkably well considering his experience of the past several months. Those who left Nome with McDonald dropped off at points along the Yukon, most of them stopping either at Fort Gibbon or Cahoon, McDonald being the only one of the original party to reach Dawson.

In regard to the country he vainly sought to enter, the Kuskokwin, McDonald has not yet given up seeing it but will try again later in the season. He says the Kuskokwin can be reached from the old Russian mission on the Yukon or from Cook's inlet or Valdes on the coast.

He Emulated Bluebeard.

Louisville, Ky., April 10.—Temporarily crazed, it is believed, by the reading of "The Fate of Bluebeard's Wife," Henry Devere, aged 20 years, this morning cut the throat of Bertha Devere, his 19-year-old bride of two months. After killing his wife he cut his own throat and died almost instantly. The tragedy took place at the home of Mrs. Devere's father. In his dresser was found the novel, in which the killing of a wife by her husband is detailed at considerable length. The indications are that Devere sat up until after midnight last night reading this book, and that it finally prompted him to murder and suicide.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. WITNESSES LOCATED.

They Saw Homer Bird Kill His Partners.

Skagway, April 30.—United States Marshal Shoupe has received advice that the two eye-witnesses to the murder of his two partners by Homer Bird in 1898 have been captured in Seattle and are being held in jail there, but will later be sent to Juneau, where they will be held until Bird's trial comes on which will be very soon, possibly in a few days. It is thought they have kept out of the way to keep from testifying in the case. The names of the two men are Charles Schaffer and Naomi Strong.

MINING IS BRISK

In All Parts of the Province of British Columbia.

Spokane, April 13.—Geo. Nicoal and associates have relocated a group of claims west of the Canadian Pacific wharf at Slocan, which Major Reed located a couple of years ago and allowed to elapse. The ledge is 25 feet wide and assays on the surface have been obtained as high as \$6.50.

The Ricowalibi Mines, Ltd., capital \$1,000,000, has been registered in B. C. Its purposes are to acquire the Speculator group in Slocan division, a shipping mine.

Jay P. Graves, manager of the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, is arranging to bring out a large party of eastern investors this summer to show the mines of British Columbia.

April 15 a party of Pittsburg capitalists will visit Slocan and are expected to purchase the Iron Horse and other properties to which their attention has been favorably directed.

The Enterprise, B. C. Mines, Ltd., has filed a claim on 600 inches of water from Ten Mile creek in the Slocan country and is arranging to put in a concentrator for its mines, the Montezuma and Enterprise.

The Tamarac mine, near Ymir, will make an initial shipment this week of 400 tons to the reduction works near Russland.

The force at the Foghorn, near Ymir, has been much increased. Three shifts are now pushing development work.

On the Ten Mile in Slocan the shaft is down about 50 feet and about a foot a day is being made. The ledge has widened to three feet and bunches of ruby silver are occasionally encountered.

The Rossland Bonanza, operating in the Norway mountain district, has over 300 tons of shipping ore on the dump, all taken out without stopping. It has a two-foot streak of \$100 ore, carrying values in gold, silver, copper and lead in the order named.

During last week the Granby smelter at Grand Forks treated 400 tons bringing the total up to 104,000 tons.

Since January 1 the Arlington in Slocan camp has shipped 1000 tons. The Black Prince, same camp, has a carload of ore on the dock and another carload en route on the road.

W. W. Warner, a prominent mining engineer, has secured a lease on the Wonderful group, in Sapdon camp. This is the only silver lead placer mine in the world. It yielded by ground-sluicing about \$60,000. In the heavy drift that covered the mountain side were large pieces of clean galena ore, running high in silver. Some of the pieces weighed five or six tons of almost pure galena.

A week ago Sunday the five-stamp mill started up at the Waterloo, in Camp McKinney.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads work has been suspended on the installing of the ten-stamp mill at the May & Jennie mine, on Forty Mile creek, in the Nelson district. The property was bonded last fall by A. H. Kelly, of Nelson, for \$100,000, on which \$30,000 has been paid.

Gambling Resumed.

The gamblers of Seattle have assumed an air of open defiance toward the Law and Order League. Yesterday afternoon the Standard, Union, Totem and Dawson Clubs, four of the houses which were raided, and closed on Monday, were reopened and ran all night doing a flourishing business until an early hour this morning. To all outer appearances everything in the district below Yesler Way was just as it was before the league's crusade began. But two houses, the California Club and the Seattle Club, did not reopen. —P.-I., April 10.

A general exodus of the residents of Fourth avenue south of Third street is taking place today. Some are moving to Klondike City and some to West Dawson. All are on the move as they must be outside of the city limits today or pay the penalty tomorrow.

SLUICE HEADS

Are Flowing on All Creeks Throughout the Entire District

AND SHOVELING IN IS THE ORDER.

Bonanza the Scene of Activity its Entire Length

WITH ABUNDANCE OF WATER.

Hunker Very Lively—Big Results on Gold Run—Sluicing Will be General in Another Week.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

For the first time this spring a sluice head of water is running in all the creeks and active operations are now under way for the big cleanup. Last night was the first night in which the thermometer kept above the freezing mark, consequently today the water is flowing in all the leetlers to the creeks and sluicing is now well under way.

From one end of Bonanza to the other there is today sufficient water for five or six sluice heads and work is being actively carried on all along the creek.

At 36 below on Dominion there is a good head of water but cleanup up has not been generally started on that creek. A few, however, are shoveling in and the work will be general in a few days. On Sulphur there is sufficient water for one sluicehead, but the work has not yet been inaugurated on that stream. On Hunker sluicing is being actively pushed on fractions 35 and 36 above, on 37 below and on many other claims. There is no lack of water and no shortage can possibly occur during the sluicing season. On Gold Run sluicing is general all along the creek, work beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 9 at night. On Rutledge's claim, 32, yesterday's shoveling in resulted in a cleanup of \$1600. On Larsen's claim, 30, the cleanup yesterday was larger than on 32 and, although the exact amount was not learned, it is said to have exceeded \$2000. In another week sluicing will be general on every creek in the district.

Spring Greyling.

For a mile up and down the Yukon a string of fishermen may be seen every morning fishing for greyling through holes cut in the ice out where the current is swiftest. Just how these holes are held by the original maker from one day to the next is not known for no system of locating and recording has as yet been adopted and there is said to be more or less jumping of holes among the disciples of Isaak Walton. The fish caught from beneath the ice are said to be of excellent flavor.

Annual Cleanup.

The time for the annual cleanup is at hand in Dawson as well as on the creeks, the melting of the snow having revealed a frightful spectacle in the way of filth and refuse of all kinds. Many are in luck by finding a few cords of wood they didn't know they had, while there is not a family in town that is not surprised at the number of tin cans emptied during the winter. But as a few more warm days will lay bare everything a general raking up and hauling off will be in order.

Shot in the Back.

Sneedville, Tenn., April 13.—The dead body of Evan Bledsaw, a feudist, was found today sitting in an upright position against a tree with the right hand tightly grasping his rifle. He had been shot from the rear. It is believed he had been decoyed to the desolate spot in hope of capturing the man who killed his father. Bledsaw killed John M. Tate, but it is not believed the Tates killed Bledsaw. He had been dead several days when found.

Police Court.

Magistrate Wroughton occupied the judicial seat in police court this morning for the first time in Dawson, he being one of the late additions to the local division having, but lately returned from service in South Africa and being a recent arrival from the outside. No cases were up for hearing this morning. The theft of the lumber from a scow frozen in the ice a short distance above the city was reported and a warrant for the arrest of the perpetrator was issued. The case was set for hearing tomorrow morning.

Prof. A. F. George arrived in Dawson last evening and is around today shaking hands with his friends.

Allan Cameron a partner of C. Batsch the cattleman, is just recovering from a severe attack of the la grippe.

THE RUSHING KLONDIKE

Much Water is Pouring into the Yukon.

Last night was the first night in which the ground has not frozen as much as it thaged during the day. As a result the break up has been greatly advanced. The Klondike river today shows unmistakable signs of breaking up very shortly. A large stream of water is rushing there today and while the ice is not broken except in places, it is becoming very weak and cannot hold out much longer. Yesterday several wagons went through the ice and one horse came nearly drowning. Today other teams went in and were rescued with difficulty. The ice is considered unsafe to walk across and travel has practically suspended. Keep your eyes open for the big break-up.

MANY BRICK BUILDINGS

Will Be Constructed in Dawson This Year.

A modern three-story brick hotel 75x100 feet is to be erected in Dawson. In the near future, at a cost of \$150,000. The project has been under discussion for some time past and the arrangements have gone so far as to make the promoters feel assured that it will go through. Plans and estimates are now being prepared by Welsh Bos, the contractors, but owing to the fact that prices on a large amount of the material required will have to be obtained from the outside, it will be nearly a month before the estimates are ready.

The new hotel will be three stories high and will contain between 50 and 75 rooms with large parlors and reception rooms. The different floors will be connected by elevators. The building throughout will be lathed and plastered, steam heated, electric lighted and in fact will have all the conveniences of a first-class up-to-date modern hotel.

The site for the building has not yet been chosen but it will be somewhere in the heart of the city, so that the ground floor may be used as business rooms.

The promoters of the hotel consider that the growth and development of Dawson demands such a building and that it will be ably supported by the traveling public.

The brick and lime necessary for the erection of such a building are now being manufactured in our own territory which will greatly reduce the cost of the building provided that these materials had to be bought outside.

Brick promises to become a leading factor in Dawson buildings from now on.

The large building of J. G. Wilson on Third avenue will soon be started. Rock for the foundation on the ground ready to be laid as soon as the ground dries out. A third story is also being contemplated for the brick building on Second avenue near Third street. Other buildings in contemplation when erected will give Dawson a metropolitan appearance of which all can be proud.

Filipino Leaders Pleading.

Washington, April 13.—The capture of Aguinaldo by no means ends the war in the Philippines. His departure as the so-called commander of the Filipino insurgents will mean but little, if anything. There are said to be braver men in charge of the rebellion who will be able to succeed the late chieftain of the Filipinos as commander-in-chief of the revolutionary army. It is hinted by certain diplomats in Washington that Aguinaldo deserted his people at a certain time, but in a dramatic sort of way, so that he could make peace with the United States government. Whether this rumor is ill-founded or not will probably be discussed later on. It will be noticed, however, that the war department of which the president is commander-in-chief, is not failing to secure all the transports possible to carry the troops—regulars at that—to Manila. The standing army in the Philippines has at the present time 60,000 men considered in fairly good physical condition. Some of these will return to the United States within the next six months, but the information secured from the inside army sources is to the effect that President McKinley and Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, do not believe it would be wise to reduce our forces in this archipelago with the next year below 75,000. From this it may be safely maintained that notwithstanding the great splurge made regarding the capture of Aguinaldo, the powers that be in this capital do not safely consider that the war in the Philippines is by any means at an end. Peace, of course, may be brought about through the instrumentality of Judge Taft, but the taking of the so-called chief of the Filipinos will by no means bring about the surrender of the insurgents of the islands in the Philippines almost unapproachable by land or sea.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. BLACK SULLIVAN

Will Engage in Transportation Between Dawson and St. Michael

IN OPPOSITION TO BIG COMBINE

Will Operate Steamers Light, Lightning and Tyrrell

WITH BARGE AND SCOW FLEET

Not Able to Make Rates With W. P. & Y. R.—Will Deliver Freight in Dawson at \$80 Per Ton.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Skagway, April 30.—Reliable information received here is that E. M. (Black) Sullivan of the Dawson-Whitehorse Navigation Company is having a large number of knock-down scows and barges constructed at Seattle which will be taken to St. Michael and used in transporting goods up the river to Dawson, being towed by the company's steamers which are the J. P. Light, Lightning and Tyrrell. Sullivan already has 4000 tons of freight contracted and will make lively opposition for the combine of the big companies. Sullivan is now below where he is contracting to deliver freight in Dawson at \$80 per ton. The conclusion of this company to operate on the lower river resulted from its inability to make rates with the White Pass & Yukon Route.

(Thos. O'Brien is Sullivan's partner in the new transportation enterprise and when seen regarding the above telegram said it is in the main correct, as it is the intention of his company to operate on the lower river, but that no effort will be made to engage in traffic on the upper river. He confirmed the statement that their action is due to inability to make satisfactory terms with the railroad company.)

Noted Gang Captured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday, April 13.—Chief of Detectives Roger O'Mara believes that in the arrest of the Wrights and Wilcoxes yesterday a noted gang of house breakers and murderers has been broken up and that the prisoners are, without doubt, the people who have been operating so extensively in the vicinity for the past month and whose list of crimes culminated yesterday in the murders of Grocer Kahney and Detective Fitzgerald. The smallest man in the party says his name is John Wright, 28 years old, single and that he came from Canada to Pittsburg six weeks ago. Robert D. Wilcox said he was a laborer, 21 years old. Jennie Wilcox, his reputed wife, and Jessie Wright or Jessie Boyden, as letters found showed her maiden name to have been, are each 22 years old. Both gave their callings as that of housekeepers. Edward Wright, the alleged murderer, is a powerful young fellow. He is being closely guarded today at the Mercy hospital, where his wounds are being treated. In the encounter with the detectives yesterday Wright was shot three times, but none of the wounds will prove fatal. Wright says he is a shoemaker by trade and that he came from Chicago.

In the rooms of the prisoners several trunks of plunder were found and in Wright's room burglar outfits, including nitro-glycerine, percussion caps, fuses and five sticks of dynamite were secured.

Master and Man.

The master of a mill near Salterbeble gave orders that no overtime was to be worked. He was rather surprised at the end of the week when he found one claim for an hour's overtime. He asked how it was, when the man reminded the master that he had been sent to his home to help to shake the carpets.

"Yes, but you weren't there after 6 o'clock," said the master.

"I know that. But then your missus gave me the remainder of a meat pie, which I took home, and that hour is for taking the dish back."—Ex.

Geo. H. Byrne of Bonanza, A. W. Henry of Portland, Or., Mrs. Geo. P. Sprout of 36 above Sulphur, Geo. T. Sisson of 15 above Bonanza and John McTavish of Bonanza are registered at the McDonald hotel today.

Mrs. J. T. McKinney is visiting friends on Bonanza this week.

LAST DAY OF GRACE

Large Amount Collected in Taxes Today.

This being the last day on which a discount of 10 per cent could be had on municipal taxes, the collector and his deputy have been remarkably busy. Since Saturday morning nearly \$14,000 have been paid in, over \$4000 of which was received yesterday. By the closing hour this evening it is estimated at the office that one half the total levy, about \$45,000, will have been received during the period the discount was allowed. From now until the first of July the full face of the amount will be required and after that time a penalty of 5 per cent will be imposed.

Manitoba Ry. Deal.

Ottawa, April 13.—The ratification of the Manitoba railroad deal has jumped into the front rank as a question of public policy and constitutional law. Manitoba, Ontario, and the Northwest are equally involved. The legal and constitutional arguments submitted on behalf of the Manitoba government and the opponents of the deal, to the Dominion government during the recent conference on the subject, show the situation to be now as follows:

The government of Manitoba entered into a contract with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to acquire control of the company's lines in the province for the purpose of leasing them to the Canadian Northern railway, (otherwise the Mackenzie & Mann system.) The Mackenzie & Mann main road through Manitoba is intended to eventually be a link in a new trans-continental route from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, with termini in British Columbia in the west, and Nova Scotia in the east. One of the chief objects of the deal was to lower rates of transportation from Manitoba east, beyond the jurisdiction of the province. The provincial railway bill authorizing the proceeding provided for the regulation of rates over the Canadian Northern to Port Arthur, Ontario. This was done without consultation with the governments of Ontario or the Dominion.

Under the contracts, heavy financial obligations were incurred. The liabilities of the province, now aggregating about \$5,000,000 are increased to about \$22,000,000. The direct annual charges in connection with the contracts amount to \$683,920. The entire revenue of the province being \$900,000. In connection with these charges the question arises whether in case the Dominion government assents to the ratification, the parties may not have a claim against the federal authorities in respect of those obligations in the event of a shortage of earnings, and the province being unable to meet its liabilities.

There is no corresponding contrast between the Ontario and Manitoba governments. Suppose higher transportation rates were made from points in Western Ontario than Western Manitoba, what redress would there be? If the rates from Northwest territory points were put up higher proportionately than those from Manitoba, and the railway representatives a couple of years hence were to come here and make it perfectly clear lower rates were impracticable, the people of the Northwest would have the right to come here, too, and represent the injustice of denying them rates proportionately as advantageous as those of Manitoba; and what could be done about it? Is the Dominion parliament going to compel the railway to carry at a loss for those parts of the country not contracted for? These and many other important questions of public policy and constitutional law are involved.

The regulation of trade is by the British North American act under the exclusive jurisdiction of the government and parliament of Canada, and the government is called upon to consider whether a province ought to be permitted to step outside its jurisdiction to mark out a policy for the Dominion. How far Manitoba in these contracts has done so, has yet to be determined, and in the meantime the Ontario government has to be heard from. On a statement of the position of the latter being received, a report covering all the arguments will be submitted to the Dominion cabinet, and the final decision whether to go on with the ratification bill or not, or what course to pursue will be announced.

New Ten-Dollar Bill.

Washington, April 19.—The secretary of the treasury has approved a design for the new ten dollar legal tender United States note. Prominent in the center of the face of the note is the picture of an American buffalo, taken from a photograph of a fine mounted specimen in the national museum. On the right and left ends are the portraits of Lewis and Clark the noted explorers of the far northwest. By the side of each is a youthful figure extending a palm over the picture. The figures and letters denoting the denomination are quite large and conspicuous.