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KRUGER IS LOSING HIS MIND

Ex-President of the Transvaal Bowed Down With Weight of Four Score Years, His People Conquered and His Wife Dead, Is Rapidly Nearing the Finale.

London, Aug. 8, via Skagway, Aug. 13.—A report comes from Rotterdam to the effect that Kruger is losing his mind. For some weeks past he has apparently realized that the time when his country and his people must submit to the inevitable and acknowledge defeat at the hands of the British is come. In his only been within the past few weeks that he has apparently realized what the entire world has known for almost two years. Kruger has aged rapidly since coming to Holland at which time, considering his great age, he was a remarkably well preserved man. His health and mind have both perceptibly weakened since the news of his wife's death reached him.

PLACER DISCOVERIES

Nation City District Is the Scene of Great Possibilities.

Splendid reports are coming in from the Nation city district, 50 miles below Eagle, which it is said will prove the value of a large district there long believed to be rich in possibilities. Fourth of July creek and Placer are both the scene of active operations and considerable dust has been taken out already on both creeks, pry being found by locators on all claims worked. Returning prospectors say that many quartz locations have been recorded there also, as several well developed veins have been discovered. There are now about 100 men working in the districts receiving their supplies from scows which tie at the bank at Nation City. A man named Grant is doing a fine business with a scow load of general merchandise and had almost sold out a big stock two weeks ago.

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STRATHCONA'S GENEROSITY

He Gives \$5,000 to New Wing of Victoria's Jubilee Hospital.

Victoria, Aug. 8, via Skagway, Aug. 13.—Lord Strathcona has given \$5,000 towards fitting up the new wing of Victoria's Jubilee hospital. The government assay office at this place was officially opened for business today.

MAY VISIT DAWSON

Dunsmuir Party Coming North on Pleasure Trip.

Skagway, Aug. 13.—The steamer Jean with the Dunsmuir party aboard is due today. The pleasure seekers will visit Atlin and Whitehorse and may possibly extend their trip on to Dawson.

MORE FREIGHT VIA ST. MICHAEL

Conemaugh to Carry 2500 Tons From Vancouver.

Vancouver, Aug. 8, via Skagway, Aug. 13.—The steamer Conemaugh is loading 2500 tons of freight for the Yukon via the St. Michael route. The C. P. R. announces that many of the trackmen have returned to work. Practically all on Downie's division have resumed and the trouble is at an end. The heavy run of salmon continues and many more fish are caught than can possibly be handled. Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office. Latest Kodak finishing at Goetzman's. Kodak tripods: \$5.50 Goetzman's.

LANGLEY'S PLUNGE BATH

Water Was Not Up But its Chill Reached the Spot.

H. E. Langley, a salesman employed in the hardware department of the N. C. Co., took an involuntary plunge into the chilly waters of the Yukon Sunday afternoon, much to his own disgust and the amusement of a number followed by the thrilling rescue. The incident took place on the A. B. dock where the water is some 10 or 12 feet below the level of the building. The Yukoner was approaching from up stream and Mr. Langley wishing to see



MR. LANGLEY TAKES A BATH.

ARIZONA CHARLEY

Arrives With the Cummings Stock Company for His Savoy Theatre.

EVERY MEMBER OF COMPANY A STAR

Theatre Will Reopen to Public Thursday Night

WITH EVERYTHING BRAN NEW.

Strongest Combination of Vaudeville Specialists and Comedians Ever Brought to Dawson.

The great event of this afternoon was the arrival on the Whitehorse of Charley Meadows and his unparalleled aggregation of dramatic talent. Not nearly so many people turn out to see the great operatic stars land in New York as crowded the docks to carefully criticize this great galaxy of imported beauty and theatrical fame.

Charley himself was in a seventh heaven of enthusiasm. "I had not landed in Seattle more than 24 hours," he said, "before I had a line on all the best people on the coast. I have nineteen in the present part (one of whom I had to kidnap) and I have engaged serpentine dancers, electric fire dancers and everything new and novel that is in sight.

"To follow me in 20 days, I have engaged the three Earle Sisters, aerial acrobats now with Sells Bros.; Otto Feigl and his six Tyrolean warblers, and the three Mullo sisters.

"Then I corralled and brought with me Morosco's trombone player, John Hobbs; A. R. Wolcott, the finest violinist of the coast; Theo. Eggert, pianist; Nordstrem, the famous cornetist; and Miller the clairvoyant player, all from leading San Francisco orchestras.

"Also, I have arranged with John Morrissey, the Orpheum, San Francisco;

to cure a better view leaned far out from the edge of the wharf. A moment later he lost his equilibrium and with a loud yell for assistance plunged overboard. The water was less than four feet deep, but that fact in his excitement was not realized and Dr. Cook who happened to be paddling about near at hand in a canoe was appealed to for help in the most beseeching tones. A few strokes of the paddle brought the doctor alongside and the thoroughly frightened man was pulled in the canoe and taken ashore at the lower end of the dock. In referring to the affair afterward, Mr. Langley evidently failed to receive the warm-hearted sympathy from his rescuer that he anticipated. When asked what remark Dr. Cook had made when he picked him up, he replied:

"Dr. Cook he say you act like one damn smart Alick."

McLaughlin Found Guilty

Wm. McLaughlin, one of the crew of the Yukoner, who was arrested for having assisted in broaching a barrel of beer while en route to Dawson and disposing of 28 bottles of the same, was found guilty as charged in the territorial court yesterday afternoon. Sentence was suspended until tomorrow. The cases against George Griffith and George Brown, charged with the same offense, will be concluded upon the hearing of another witness who was not available at the trial yesterday. Griffith was allowed to go on bail, the officers of the Yukoner, who evidently regard him innocent of the charge, becoming surety on his bond.

J. T. Jones of the Metropole, Portland, and Billy Barlow of Seattle, to act as my agents and send me what people they see fit.

"I am going to give a first-class show in every respect, and I am not going to have any bar about the place. The theatre will be improved. In addition to the chairs I now have I shall put 200 others on the ground floor and raise the balcony 30 so to improve the view. The theatrical company that Mr. Cummings has engaged will under direction give two changes of bill every week for ten weeks, which will be 20 first-class plays. I have spent \$800 in costumes for 17th century plays, and have the scrip of Pedora, Tosca and the rest of Sardou's dramas." Ralph E. Cummings, the leading man of the dramatic troupe, played for five years in New York city as leading man, and is also well known out west and in Toronto as a capable actor and manager of stock companies. He has with him Homer Goulet, a scenic artist of Chicago fame.

Miss Leota Howard is leading woman of this stock company; Miss Helen Jewell, scoubrette; Miss Bates, juvenile and Miss Hayes heavy woman; Frank B. Clayton (husband of May Buckley) leading; Jack Williams, character actor; Oral Humphreys, heavy man; Harry P. Cummings, light comedy.

"We shall open," said Mr. Cummings, "with Willie Collyers' farce "The Man From Mexico," but what we shall give next it is not politic to state in advance. We shall have nothing melodramatic. I don't play that kind of stuff. We shall give the best, and they will all be well costumed with appropriate stage scenery and settings."

Among the vaudeville artists imported by Mr. Meadows are Clarence Mason, acrobat; Katherine Kreig, soprano and Tyrolean warbler, who was formerly prima donna at the Tivoli, San Francisco; Sedley and Earle, singers and sketch artists, and Miss Vance-contralto.

IN GLACIER DISTRICT

All Claims Being Operated Are Paying Fairly Well.

J. J. Mahoney and George McIntosh arrived yesterday evening direct from Glacier creek in the Sixtymile diggings, traveling along the ridges in as near an air line as was possible to be in reaching Dawson. They report considerable activity in that district some of the properties yielding exceptionally well. On Glacier creek there are 17 claims being worked this season. Bedrock is but seven to ten feet deep and the ground is all opened up from the top. There has been plenty of water all summer and though the creek is known to be more or less spotted it is thought that every claim that is being operated will turn out considerably better than wages. Glacier and Miller are two of the oldest creeks in the territory and have in the past, long before the Klondike was ever heard of, yielded more than one comfortable homestead. During the season there have been between 75 and 80 men at work on the creek. A week or so ago there was a new strike reported to have been made on a pup entering from the right limit of discovery claim on Miller creek. How extensive it is not known. A party of four are doing some extensive prospecting on Little Gold creek which lies between Big Gold and Glacier. On their way in Messrs. Mahoney and McIntosh met several parties from Dawson headed for the Sixtymile diggings. The miners located in the district are still anxiously awaiting action on the petition which was presented to Governor Ross some time ago praying for the construction of a trail from the diggings to Dawson. It is said that a much better trail can be made to this city than now exists from the creeks to Portymile, one which will be no longer and which can be used at all seasons of the year. Governor Ross has promised to have the trail opened up at the earliest opportunity but it is doubtful if it is accomplished this season.

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GEO. O'BRIEN'S SAD PLIGHT

Chained in His Cell He Is Imposed on by the News—Stuff Intended for the Nugget Decoyed From Him—Thinks He Is Railroaded to Gallows by Officials.

Friendless and alone, without a living being on earth to whom he can turn for sympathy and consolation save such as can be derived from the visits of his spiritual adviser, chained to the side of his cell so that his movements are restrained to a few inches, George O'Brien lies awaiting his approaching doom. Ten days more and he will have expiated his crime upon the gallows and his body will be consigned to a murderer's grave unwept and unsung. That he fully appreciates the fact that his days are slowly drawing to a close there can be no doubt, but what the final scene will be none can conjecture. By some it is thought he will march to his death with stolid indifference while others are of the opinion that with his last breath he will hurl curses at those who have been instrumental in bringing about his conviction. As he lay upon several pairs of blankets stretched out upon the floor of his cell this morning, for nearly an hour he spoke to a representative of the Nugget as clearly and distinctly and as rationally as anyone could. Since his attempt at suicide made some days ago and his subsequent insane ravings lest another similar effort might be made his person is more closely confined. His hands and arms are free, but encircling his ankles are the chilled steel bracelets which are fastened to the south wall of his cell by a short chain. Around his waist is a broad leather belt which precludes the removal of his clothes except upon first taking off the belt. Every precaution is being taken that the ends of justice may not be defeated.

Seated immediately in front of his cell so close that his hands can touch the bars is the death watch whose eyes never for an instant leave the prisoner. Night and day, every moment, O'Brien is kept under the strictest surveillance. Since last Wednesday he has been eating his meals regularly and it is no longer necessary to use force in compelling him to take food. With the exception of several days' heard on his face and a wild, uncanny look about his eyes the condemned man looks no different from the dozen or so other prisoners now confined in the jail. His health is excellent, his rest at night is not in the least perturbed, and one would never know from his looks that he has been in close confinement for a year and a half, had tried suicide by strangling himself with a handkerchief and also by starvation and that even now the shadow of death is hovering over him.

In his conversation with the Nugget reporter, O'Brien was dumfounded in learning that the representative of the News who has visited him several times during the week and to whom he has turned over a number of letters and a quantity of manuscript was not a member of the Nugget staff.

"When I gave the News reporter my papers," said O'Brien, "I was under the impression he was connected with the Nugget or I certainly should not have given them to him. The News

has been bought up to secure my conviction, in fact they had me hanged before I came on for trial, and I wish you to get such papers of mine that they still have in their possession. I will give you an order for them."

"Have you anything to say for publication or any statement you wish made?" was asked him.

"Nothing further at present," he replied, "though I shall have something startling to say through the Nugget in a few days and which I will give you later on. I did not have a fair trial, as I have said many times before, and am no more guilty of those murders than you are. The judge, jury, lawyers, doctors, newspapers, and everybody else was bought up to secure my conviction. I have not a friend in all the wide world, no one comes to see me except out of morbid curiosity, save Father Gendreau. I have been condemned to everlasting fire and they shall be also, for I have placed my curse upon the minister of justice, Judge Dugas, Mr. Waile, Inspector Primrose and Capt. Scarth."

Almost the whole burden of O'Brien's talk was his innocence and that he was being railroaded to the gallows. He does not think those whom he calls his fellow countrymen—the Irish—have stood by him as they should have, but with an air of resignation says the world will know the truth some day. The only one of the officials whom O'Brien has not placed under the ban is Sheriff Hilbeck.

Work on the gallows was begun today. It will be constructed in the same place where old man King was executed, in the space between the jail and No. 1 barracks. The scaffold will be enclosed in a high board fence closing out any view from the outside. The cards of admission to the execution will be limited to 20 or possibly 25.

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