



President Thomas J. Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, Seated at His Desk Dictating Strike Orders to His Wife, Who is Also His Secretary.

**GOLD STAR COMEDY-DRAMA**

Entitled "Who Owns Me," or "Where Do Seamen Get Off?"

A Sale That Fluked When Coin Was Called for—Will Be Offered Again on Monday.

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain there are a few persons in Dawson who can discount Bret Harte's famous leather Chinese. To buy a completely equipped steamboat usually requires considerable cold cash, but in the purchase of the Gold Star a week or so ago there developed a piece of financing that is worthy of a full page in the records of Wall street. Following the flight of Captain Nixon, the little steamer was quickly plastered over with libel suits for wages due the men. The boat in time was advertised for sale and here is where the fine Italian hand of the Napoleon of finance appeared. J. B. Phillips had no money, but he possessed a boundless ambition, a fine tongue and a degree of energy that could not have been mistaken. He approached several with a scheme of promoting rapid transit between Dawson and the Koyukuk, exploiting it through upon the modest fortunes certain to accrue to those with the nerve and necessary cash to make the venture. The Colonel Rourke was made known the plan and he was agreed that there was a good thing in sight. At the sale which was to be had in a few days it was arranged that the colonel should bid in the boat at auction. He would be required to deposit but 50 per cent of the bid and would have ten days in which to make final payments. During the interim Phillips was to rustle up sufficient funds on his own account so that at the expiration of the ten days he was to take the steamer off the colonel's hands and pay him the difference between the sum for which the boat was knocked down and \$5000. Good "spec" for the colonel and perfectly legitimate, Phillips had no doubts, but he possessed a fascinating tongue and was a rascal. The sale came off as advertised and the Gold Star was bid in by the colonel for \$5600. The amount was so trifling that the usual custom of depositing the 50 per cent was overlooked and for ten days the palatial steamer at a cost of not over a dollar. At once after the sale the boat was turned over to Phillips as agent who advertised extensively as being positively the last opportunity to reach the golden Koyukuk this season and sold tickets to all applicants. Time and again it was stated the Gold Star would sail on a certain date and on many times was the date postponed. The demand for transportation, however, was not as brisk as was anticipated and the boat could not sail until the sheriff had his \$500 and the colonel his \$5000, the seamen in the meantime whose benefit the steamer was sold would merely have to wait a little longer for their wages. They had already waited weeks and another fortnight or two would make no difference. Seamen never need any money. But the last day of grace finally arrived and the sheriff chasing the colonel and the latter doing a swift pace after Phillips. The passengers about this time who had paid out their good money in fares were beginning to wonder where they were going to get off.

Among them was a lady who had bought a \$1200 outfit at one of the company stores, had paid for it and it was stored away on the boat. Others were in a like predicament and the air around the Phillips headquarters became rather torrid. The end came at last with Phillips going down and out in the tenth round, the colonel throwing up the sponge at the same time and Sheriff Bilbeck declaring it no contest. The passengers were returned their money and so ends the first act in that romantic comedy-drama, "The Sale of the Gold Star, or Where Do the Seamen Get Off."

**Our National Game.**

Canada's national game has indeed fallen upon evil days. After reading the accounts of "games" in various parts of the country, one cannot but think that many of the players of the present day are exercising their talents in what should be an ungenial field. The spectators also seem to partake too largely of the spirit of the combatants. The scenes on the field of carnage in British Columbia have been disgusting enough lately, but they have been setting a still more evil example in some parts of the east. The following dispatch from Montreal will explain:

"Shamrocks defeated the Cornwall lacrosse team, the leaders of the Senior League, on Saturday by a score of 6 to 2, and the game, which had been rough all through, wound up in a vicious fight, in which the spectators joined. In the ninth game Robinson was knocked out by Degan. When he came to he mixed it up with Captain Reilly, of the Cornwall team. Captain O'Connell, of the Shamrocks interfered and punched Reilly to the ground. Then the referee had something to say, and all four went to the dressing rooms. Then Brennan knocked Mr. Broderick, the goal man, down, and was also retired. Currie made an attack on goal and Broderick struck him on the head. The Shamrock man toppled over, and the two captains commenced to battle again. Robinson, seeing that O'Connell was getting the worst of it, punched Reilly, and then there was a general scramble. The spectators then crowded over, and it took the committee half an hour to break up the fight. Cornwall was outclassed from the start. The Shamrock home were fast, and their shots were straight, while the Cornwall home was broken up every time it clashed with the Shamrocks' defence."

The Cornwall home was broken up, the players were used up, and the Shamrocks won. The game has become too scientific altogether. It has degenerated into such skillful displays as are given in the prize ring. A good lacrosse general nowadays finds

out where his opponents are strong and begins to make their strength look foolish; and it does look foolish before the game is over. It is dangerous for the player whose abilities are above the average to go on the field if he possesses a disposition that is not to be cowed by intimidation. In the interests of clean, healthy sport and a good game it is time for a change. The present unfortunate state of affairs should be carefully considered and rules adopted for the protection of the persons of players and to secure the feelings of spectators from outrage. Competent authorities claim that these reforms can be accomplished without robbing the sport of any of its attractiveness. If they cannot then the police, or perhaps a regiment of soldiers, may be called upon to take part in all future matches.—Victoria Times.

**Mr. Graves Talks.**

President Graves, of the White Pass and Yukon railway, says that his company has no intention of extending its line from Whitehorse to Dawson, holding that it would give them no better facilities than at present in handling business. "While our road was being built from Skagway to Bennett," he said, "it was pretty generally believed that that would be the terminus, notwithstanding the fact that we had made no improvements there except temporary ones. When we reached Bennett we made no stop in construction work, but continued on down the lake and across the country until we reached Whitehorse."

"But at Whitehorse a very different aspect presents itself than which prevailed at Bennett. Here, instead of putting up temporary buildings and wharves, we have put up extensive, costly and substantial improvements and have made no move looking toward a continuation of the work of construction. On the contrary, we have acquired by purchase the entire fleet of the Canadian Development Company, and have also built at great expense three large, light-draught and finely finished boats which are now employed in transporting freight and passengers between Whitehorse and Dawson."

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**SPURIOUS NUGGET**

Has Been in General Circulation in Dawson.

A cleverly constructed nugget which has passed through many hands without anything wrong about it being detected when put to the test by a leading jeweler yesterday revealed the fact that it was nothing but pure unadulterated brass. The nugget has the appearance of gold and except for its lightness the deception probably would never have been discovered. It was gotten at Rampart City by a man who recently came up the river who unknowingly and unsuspectingly gave it to another party in trade and it finally passed into the hands of one of Dawson's leading saloon men, who likewise was deceived by it and took it to be good gold. The weight of it made him suspicious and taking it into the jeweler's store had a test made which resulted in the discovery that it was unadulterated brass. The nugget weighs something over six dollars but from its size if it was pure gold it would weigh much heavier.

Nuggets of this character are reported as being in general circulation in the lower country cities but this is the first yet discovered in circulation here. As the party who brought the nugget to Dawson well as those who passed it on were in ignorance of its true character no blame is attached to any of the parties but the authorities are watching closely for persons attempting to put counterfeit of this character into circulation here.

**In Opposition to Brown.**

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 6.—Last night's Gazette states that the writ for New Westminster is returnable September 25, which means a short, sharp fight. H. J. A. Burnett has been appointed returning officer, and Capt. Peelle will act as election clerk. The forces in opposition to Brown will be marshalled by McBride, who left on the midnight boat for the mainland last evening to get the opposition battalions into line for the fray. A torchlight procession, headed by the city band, was one of the plans proposed to welcome the ex-minister of mines by his admirers in the royal city. The position in New Westminster is viewed with apprehension. Residents of the old capital fearing that the new move may involve a crisis, in which the fate of the New Westminster bridge might be very problematical.

It is understood that a petition is being circulated in South Victoria riding, which Hon. Mr. Eberts represents in the government. It is stated that when the premier communicated his decision to take Mr. Brown into his cabinet to his ministers, they asked him to call a convention of his supporters to ratify or veto the selection. This the premier refused to do.

A mass meeting of labor unions of the city is called for Monday evening. The meeting is for the purpose of discussing the advisability of placing an independent labor candidate in the field at the approaching British Columbia election. Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, may be asked to run by the labor men. The Pacific Cold Storage Co. has perfectly insulated chambers regulated by steam and offers the finest warm storage in Dawson. Fine furs of all kinds at Mrs. Roberts' new store on Second avenue.

**THAT HUNKER HOLD-UP**

An Aged Frenchman Was Victim of Cowardly Quartette.

Colin McDonald who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Hunker brought additional information of the hold-up on that creek, the rumor of which was mentioned in the Nugget of yesterday. The cowardly assault was committed about 10 o'clock Wednesday night the victim being an aged French laborer who told Mr. McDonald of the affair but whose name the latter could not remember.

The old man was walking down the new road on the night mentioned and when about opposite claim 75 below four men leaped from the brush on the side of the road, commanding him to throw up his hands. At the same time one of them fired a shot from a revolver which grazed the old man's stomach, tearing his shirt across the navel. His hands went up, and the quartette proceeded to go through his pockets, their search resulting in their obtaining \$1.50 in cash and an old jackknife. The old man was then allowed to proceed. Although, the night was very dark the old man says he thinks he could recognize one of the men who went through his pockets whom he describes as a short and very thick man.

The victim of the cowardly outrage says he does not care for the \$1.50 but is sorry they took his knife, as he had carried it for nearly 20 years.

**ISLANDER PASSENGER**

Tells the Nugget of His Experience on Wrecked Steamer.

W. H. Power, one of the survivors of the Islander disaster, is a recent arrival in Dawson from the outside.

Mr. Power proceeded to Seattle after the wreck, and upon the completion of certain business in that city returned to Dawson en route to Eagle City where he is engaged in business. He was a heavy loser by the wreck having taken with him to the outside a poke containing 230 ounces of gold dust which went down with the wreck. Together with a number of the other survivors Mr. Power has filed an action for damages against the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., the case having been placed in charge of Messrs. Austin & Jeffries, a law firm of Seattle.

In speaking of his experiences during the wreck Mr. Power states that no one believed for some time after the boat struck that the accident was serious.

"The mate was standing near me at the time," said he, "and told me there was no danger, as the ship had air tight compartments and could not possibly sink. Nothing in the nature of a panic ensued until the lights went out when everybody began making a rush for the boats and life rafts."

"I did not get on a boat myself but stood on the rail at the stern and as the steamer lurched forward in the act of sinking I leaped as far overboard as possible. When I rose to the surface I succeeded in getting hold of a stye room door and that undoubtedly saved my life."

"It was more than an hour before I was picked up but after getting to Juneau and changing my clothes I felt all right."

"As regards the reported intoxication of the officers I know the Captain had been drinking but whether or not he was under the influence of liquor at the time the boat struck I cannot say."

Mr. Power states also that the life preservers used on the Islander were not made in compliance with law, reefs being used instead of cork.

At L. W. Horkan's Standard Library is found the most diversified as well as the most busy place in Dawson. While from 100 to 300 men may be found there reading and indulging in social games at almost any hour of the day or night the restaurant department at the same time is entertaining an equal number and some days from 500 to 800 meals are served between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock. Horkan's is a popular chorb when he established his library and reading room and a second one in perfect harmony with the first was sounded when he added his restaurant department. There is now nothing left for Horkan to add unless it be a mining exchange and matrimonial bureau.

**Johann Most Indignant.**

New York, Sept. 7.—Johann Most, the anarchist, was indignant when informed that the man who shot President McKinley was an anarchist.

"I do not believe he was an anarchist," said Herr Most. "Every man who shoots a ruler is called an anarchist. Giteau was not an anarchist. He was a disappointed office seeker. Anyway, we know nothing of that fellow. Comes from Poland, does he? I am sure he is no anarchist. There are no anarchists in Poland. Poland is a Catholic country."

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