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JUDGE NOYES IS DISMISSED

As Result of Conference Between President and Attorney General—Is Not "Fired" Simply Relieved From Office—No Mention in Decision of Recent Frisco Contempt Case.

From Tuesday's Daily. Washington, Dec. 16.—As the result of a conference between President Roosevelt and Attorney General Clegg, Arthur H. Noyes, United States Judge for the St. Michaels District of Alaska, Nome being the headquarters, has been relieved of his position. The decision is said to have contained no reference whatever to the contempt proceedings recently instituted against Noyes at San Francisco.

INCREASE OF BUSINESS

Canadian Bank of Commerce Has Great Prosperity.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has issued its general statement covering the six months' period to November 30th. In that period the earnings were the largest of any similar period in the history of the bank by \$477,595. Of this amount the dividends take \$280,000, and after transferring \$63,000 to the bank premises and pension fund accounts, \$134,000 is left to be added to the profit and loss account. The circulation of the banks has reached \$7,266,266 or within \$1,000,000 of the Bank of Montreal. The public deposits have reached \$51,679,365.

WHAT A NAME.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Phya Akara, a newly arrived Siamese minister, has presented his credentials.

NOT GUILTY.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Bonine has been acquitted by a jury of the murder of James Seymour.

COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT

Has Starvation Belt Buckled in Last Hole.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The republic of Costa Rica has for several years been sinking into poverty and today misery and want stare the citizens in the face. Business of all kinds has practically stopped and many failures are pending. The government is without funds with which to meet pressing needs and all workmen are idle in the streets. To make things

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DAWSON IS OVERRUN WITH RATS AND MICE.

MICE ARE RAMPANT

Many Houses are Afflicted With Undesirable Guests.

Dawson is suffering from an invasion of rats and mice. Every house and cabin in the city has its story to tell of the depredations of the destructive little rodents. Ordinary traps have proven unavailing in capturing them as the wily little animals seem to have a knowledge of every means that is taken to accomplish their destruction. In many houses they have become such a nuisance that it is almost impossible for the occupants to sleep at night. If someone of an inventive turn of mind will bring forward a device for slaughtering the "vermin" they will confer a favor on many a housewife.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Over Body of James Slater Who Ended His Life Yesterday Evening.

WAS HELD AT 10 THIS MORNING

The Jury Finding It a Case of Self-Destruction.

HIS ROOM-MATE WAS THERE

When the Rash Act Was Committed—F. J. Dynan's Account of the Tragedy.

"James A. Slater came to his death as a result of a bullet wound inflicted by himself." Such is the substance of the verdict returned by the coroner's jury which held the inquest over the body of the deceased this morning. The jury was composed of the following: D. Stewart, Arthur Conklin, N. A. MacQueen, Chas. Boyle, G. Hulme, and Colin MacGregor, and the inquest was conducted under the direction of Capt. Wroughton.

After being sworn the jury was taken to the scene of the tragedy when the body of the deceased was examined, lying in the same position in which he was found after firing the fatal shot. The deceased was a man of medium height, well proportioned, with medium dark hair and moustache. He was lying on his back, with his hands resting on his breast and when found had the weapon which the deed was committed firmly grasped in his right hand. The revolver had two cartridges in the magazine one of which was loaded and the other on which the hammer rested was empty. In the right temple about one inch above the ear

was a large hole showing where the bullet had entered the head. The hair about the ear was singed by the flash from the gun and the thumb and index finger of the right hand was also slightly buried.

The deceased was neatly dressed in a dark suit with German socks drawn up over the bottom of his trousers. He looked like a man of intelligence and determination. The first witness called was Mr. Frank Dynan with whom Slater had been living for the past 4 weeks and who was present in the cabin when the tragedy occurred.

Mr. Dynan told his story to the jury in substance as follows: "I have known the deceased for about 4 weeks, meeting him at the Kentucky stables where I was employed arranging and checking over the accounts for Mr. Bayliss. He, Slater, was sleeping at the stables and Mr. Bayliss asked for the loan of his robe in which he slept, when he started his stage line up the creek. Slater agreed to lend him the robe but stated that he would sleep cold without it. I had a nice warm cabin just opposite and Slater was a pleasant fellow I told him he could sleep with me.

"He had been sick and was always complaining of stomach trouble and vomited a good deal. One night last week he got up and went out doors to vomit and said it made him sick to stay indoors. He asked me if I did not have something that would relieve him and I looked in my trunk and gave him a small morphine pill which I had and induced him to go to see the doctor.

"He went to the doctor the next day and got a prescription but did not get it filled for several days and I finally insisted upon his getting the medicine and gave him the money with which to get it. That was on Friday night. On Sunday he said he was going up Last Chance to see his club who is at work there and would start early the next morning. They awoke early yesterday morning and after they had breakfast Slater laid down on the bed and then I did also. We both went to sleep and did not wake up until about 10 o'clock. "I intended to go up town but he begged me not to, saying I could go any time and he also requested me not to go and pile up some wood which I had intended doing, saying that could also wait until the next day or some future time.

"In the afternoon I started to read David Harum and two or three times he interrupted me and asked me to go for some tobacco and cigarette papers for him. I told him I would do so as soon as I had finished the chapter I had been reading but I told him that I could not read it to myself without being almost moved to tears as it brought back recollections of my home and therefore I could not read it to him.

"I then shifted my position from the side window to the front in order to get the benefit of the stronger light and again he asked me to read for him. "I started reading at the first chapter the account of the horse trade between the deacon and David, and when I had about half finished I heard a muffled report and half turning round heard a whistling noise and the dropping of the blood and knew that he must have shot himself. I ran across to the Kentucky stable and called for help."

"Did you ever hear him make any threats to take his life?" was asked the witness.

"At the time of Fowle's attempted suicide he inquired of me," replied Mr. Dynan, "what kind of a poison chloral was and after I had told him what I knew of it he said Fowle was a fool, as a bullet would settle the question quicker and more effectually. At the time I gave him the morphine pill he asked how much of a dose would be required to kill a man. Those were the only occasions when I heard him make any mention of anything of the kind."

In reply to a question the witness stated that he had never seen Slater have a gun in his possession and did not know that there was one in the house. Hartley, an employee of the Kentucky stables, has two guns in a trunk which was unlocked and Slater might have obtained possession of one of them, although witness could not identify it.

Witness inferred from conversations with Slater that he was a resident of Texas near Fort Worth, and that he had a brother living there. Mr. Bayliss, proprietor of the Kentucky stables, was next called. He testified to having known deceased since last summer and said he was a fine young fellow. Had known him to be sick for some time and had heard him say once that he was as near being in Hell as it was possible to get, and he would be better if dead, but had not thought anything was seriously meant by the statement. He spoke of the two revolvers Hartley had in his trunk but could not identify it. Hartley is on his way to Gold Run, having some business to transact there.

Witness knew of no property deceased had except the robe which was in his possession and the watch and a couple of nuggets found upon his person after the tragedy.

Police Dr. Thompson testified to his examination of the body, finding it in the position and condition as stated in the commencement of this article, and a further examination showed that the bullet had evidently lodged in the brain as there was no outlet on the other side for it and there was an irregularity of the bone on the left side of the temple about 2 1/2 inches above the ear where the ball had evidently lodged. The doctor gave it as his opinion from the position of the wound, the burning of the hair and fingers and the weapon being in the hand of the deceased, that he came to his death by his own hand. On the evidence of the witnesses the jury after due deliberation, returned the verdict as noted above.

RECENT BOER ATROCITIES

Worse Treatment Than Followed Vleakfontein Disaster Accorded to Wounded and Captured of Benson's Command—The Dead and Dying Robbed of Clothing.

From Tuesday's Daily. London, Dec. 16.—The war office has issued a statement dealing with the treatment accorded to the men of Benson's command who were captured at Brakenlaagte, which treatment resulted in an investigation being ordered by Kitchener. The statement sets forth that 18 officers and men of Benson's command were treated kindly at the hands of the Boers while 75 others who were examined testified that they had not only witnessed but had also suffered atrocities worse than those which followed the Vleakfontein disaster. They said the unarmed and wounded who were lying around were killed at close range, one man, the last of the wounded, was put to great torture, being robbed and stripped of his clothing in spite of his wounds and broken limbs. Kitchener says the Boer leaders are no longer able to repress murder and outrage on the part of their subordinates.

IT WAS NOT DRY CROWD

No Reference to Prohibition in Manitoba Convention.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The Manitoba Liberal convention closed with the adoption of a series of resolutions along the line of the Liberal policy. The voters' list registration act now in force in Manitoba was vigorously condemned. Preparation of the platform for the provincial contest was left to the executive committee. No reference was made in the convention to prohibition.

FOR THE YUKON.

Skagway, Dec. 16.—The Amur arrived this morning with the following Yukon passengers: Inspector Walker with ten police, M. Humes and family and H. S. Condon. The Amur reports that the Dirigo put back with a broken rudder.

DEATH BY FIRE.

Victoria, Dec. 14.—Ann Keelar and child were burned to death in their house here last night. The woman and her husband had quarreled. The latter is under arrest and will be charged with the crime.

THE OLD AND NEW.

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Louis Morris Gebhardt who was divorced from Fred Gebhardt in Dakota, October 26th last, has been married to Henry Clewes, the wealthy banker.

MARTIN ON DECK.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—It is reported that Joe Martin will resign his seat from Vancouver to test the strength of Dunsmuir's candidate, Bodwell, in the Victoria election.

NOT SELLING OUT.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—H. M. Whitney denies that he is selling out his interests either in Dominion coal or steel companies.

COLD NAME.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Senator Snowball will be the next lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

BIG TRANSFER EFFECTED

Company With \$9,000,000. Will Operate in Alaska.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—A transaction involving the proposed construction and equipment of a railroad from Valdes to the interior and the transfer of rich copper properties in the same district has been effected in Chicago. Portus B. Ware, formerly with the N. A. T. & T. Co., is one of the incorporators, the company having a capitalization of \$9,000,000. The price paid for the copper properties was \$1,250,000, of which amount \$55,000 was paid in cash, the balance to be paid when experts return judgment as to its value.

PROCEED IF YOU DARE

Is Rothchild's Threat to Standard Oil Company.

New York, Dec. 16.—Rothchilds, as owners of the Rio Tinto copper mine, have responded to the Standard Oil Co.'s threat to bring on a copper war by cutting prices, to proceed if it dares. Rothchilds declare it would result in an expensive war to the oil company.

QUEEN PATRONESS.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Queen Alexandra has consented to become patroness of the Canadian Order of Nurses.

LIBERALS TO MEET.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—A convention of provincial Liberals will be held here on January 30th.

"Why Smith Left Home."—He came to the Klondike to open a store, to find a new home, and has as good a stock of books, toys, dolls, pipes and other Xmas goods as money could buy. He has them to sell and low prices will be made right now, not after Christmas. Smith, opposite N. C. office building.

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BACK FROM WHITEHORSE. R. E. West Completes the First Round Trip This Season. R. E. West, the intrepid musher, Forks Nugget carrier and general newsdealer, returned from Whitehorse today, having made the round trip in 18 days, the return being made in seven days. He traveled by dog team and brought back a good load of news matter with him. This is the first round trip made this season. A Christmas present will be given away to every child in the Klondike holiday week at Gandolfo's. Best jewelry at the lowest prices at L. Schuman.

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