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WORST FLOOD

Known Visits Skagway and the White Pass Route

MANY BRIDGES ARE WASHED OUT

And Other Damage Done to an Unknown Extent

RAILROAD IS SHUT DOWN

Skagway is Threatened and May Be Washed Out Yet—Efforts to Stay the Flood.

Skagway, Oct. 14.—Heavy rains during the past 48 hours, together with strong Chinook winds, have caused the highest water ever known in the Skagway river. The storm prevailed over the entire length of the White Pass road.

Railroad and wagon bridges have been washed out and big land slides have kept the telegraph lines down until within a few hours.

The river overflowed its banks and

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the water rushed through the streets threatening the destruction of the city.

It is now believed that the water is receding. Should it rain again tonight the town may be flooded.

The railroad is blockaded and the bridge at the shops partially washed away. Trees are hanging above the water at the second bridge and the same condition prevails farther up the line.

BIG WASHOUTS. Five or six washouts have occurred from 50 to 100 feet long this side of Glacier, and innumerable smaller washouts are reported as far as Pennington, 14 miles below Bennett.

AMOUNT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN. Owing to the telegraph line being down until now, and the distance between the stations on the line, it is impossible as yet to tell the damage which other large bridges have sustained or to calculate the entire amount. In any event the railroad will be tied up for days.

THE SITUATION IN SKAGWAY. The damage in Skagway is comparatively light, except that the wagon bridge at the car shops is being carried away completely. As the bridge in question was the only means of reaching the west side of the river, the residences there will be isolated until the water subsides.

An employe of the railroad, just down from the shops, says the water is eating a channel across the streets and has begun flowing down Broadway.

A train is now loading with coal sacks which will be used to turn the water back to the river.

A log jam is forming above the railroad bridge which it is anticipated will help sustain the water and keep it from the town until it is carried off in the river channel.

A big crew of men is now at work at the shops, endeavoring to prevent further damage.

Later the flood abated as quickly as it came. By five o'clock Saturday evening the overflow was falling rapidly and by Sunday morning gravel, wash and driftwood were the only evidences of the recent flood. The greatest damage to the railroad was in the neighborhood of the car shops, where the road bed is fully as badly undermined as previously reported.

There was a big landslide at Pennington Saturday afternoon, and it is not probable that the railroad will be again operated before river navigation closes.

Light in Dark Places. A dozen or fifteen new electric lights are being placed in Klondike City today by order of Governor Ross, at the request of the police.

Heretofore, and owing to the fact that there have been but few lights, a proper police patrol of Klondike City has been attended with great difficulty, but in the future, owing to increased illumination, much of that difficulty will be obviated.

LOST—Fox terrier pup, white, with black spots, bob tail; had on collar with padlock; lost Friday night. Reward. Empire-bakery. p15

STR. GODDARD WRECKED ON LAKE LEBARGE

Capt. McDonald, Cook Ransom and an Unknown Fireman Were Drowned—The Boat Was Engaged in Towing a Barge Across the Lake When It Encountered the Worst Storm of the Season—Line Parted But Boat Could Not Reach the Shore—No Bodies Have Been Recovered.

Lower Lebarge, Oct. 14.—The worst storm of the season occurred on Lake Lebarge on Friday last, as a result of which the steamer Goddard is a total wreck, and Capt. McDonald, Cook Ransom, and the fireman, name unknown, were drowned. Engineer Stockfeldt and C. P. Snyder, who was on board, were saved after struggling in the water for over two hours they were rescued by Robert Clarke, of Clarke & Sons of this

place. Clarke went out into the surf in a small boat and succeeded in hauling both men in, although as a result of the cold and exposure they were unconscious.

The Goddard was engaged in towing a big scow down the lake when the storm arose. The line attached to the scow parted, but as the sea was very high the boat was compelled to run before the wind, as the captain did not consider it safe to work toward shore.

Finally the water began breaking over the bow and sides and put the fires out.

When the boat lost its power, a strong gust of wind blew her over.

The Captain and Snyder clung to the pilot house and the engineer, cook and firemen succeeded in clinging to firewood. The captain was finally washed from the pilot house and was drowned. No bodies have as yet been recovered.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE

Of Washington Supreme Court On Trial.

Whatcom, Oct. 7, via Skagway, Oct. 14.—The trial of ex-chief Justice of the supreme court Elmond Scott, charged with rape of 15-year-old Nina Schaffer, began today. A jury was secured and the state began its evidence. It will have to depend almost wholly on the child's testimony and attendant circumstances to secure a conviction.

A WORLD-STARTLER

New Discovery Made 300 Miles North of Nome.

Seattle, Oct. 7, via Skagway, Oct. 14.—News has been received here of a discovery on Candle creek off Good Hope Bay, 300 miles north of Nome, that will astonish the world. Blankenship, and Athin-pioneer, is one of the discoverers.

REGARDING LANCASTER

Seattle Papers Say That He Is in a Private Sanatorium.

Seattle, Oct. 7, via Skagway, Oct. 14.—The Post-Intelligencer claims that in spite of the statement of his sister to the contrary, the report is surely confirmed that Joseph S. Lancaster of Dawson, who disappeared so mysteriously from Seattle in August of last year, is confined in a private sanatorium in Colorado suffering from mental trouble. It mentions P. I. Lancaster as passing through that city en route to Colorado, and says he filed power of attorney for the missing man before leaving Dawson.

THE SEASON AN OFF ONE

Everything Since Last July Has Been "Unprecedented."

Along last summer a Dawson paper sprang a blood-curdling story on the unsuspecting public of "unprecedented storms" sweeping the west coast of Alaska, wrecking craft and playing Old Harry generally. Although that was a "raw one" it seems to have upset all weather customs and regulation by ringing in all sorts of "unprecedented" weather. There was an "unprecedented" shortness of summer weather; an "unprecedented" amount of fall rain fell; the W. P. & Y. T. railroad from Bennett to Skagway is looking for a roadbed which is "unprecedented"; travel to the outside has been "unprecedented"; quartz discoveries have been "unprecedented"; the blueberry crop was "unprecedented"; warms sunshine on October 14th is "unprecedented"; charging storage on boilers left on a public thoroughfare is "unprecedented." In fact, everything has been "unprecedented" since "unprecedented storms" didn't sweep over Alaska's west coast.

NEW TALENT FOR STANDARD

Bill Bittner and Wife En Route to Dawson.

Murray Eads of the Standard is jubilant this morning, he having received a wire announcing the early arrival this week of Bill Bittner, the well known Pacific Coast favorite. Mr. Bittner is accompanied by his wife. He will produce some of the latest plays from the outside and is a talented actor of rational reputation. Mr. Eads says he will continue to make the Standard the favorite theatre of Dawson this winter and will produce plays at his house which cannot be surpassed in any theatre outside of the big houses of the East.

PLENTY OF FUEL

Dawson Well Supplied for the Winter Just Beginning.

At no time in the history of Dawson has there been so much fuel in sight at the beginning of winter as at present, the supply running far into the thousands of cords. The entire water front is covered with wood besides the Klondike for nearly a mile up is almost a solid wood rick. In addition to the fuel on the market fully one-third the consumers in the resident portions of the city have an entire winter's supply ricked up at the back doors and have no interest whatever in the fluctuations of the fuel market. The price of sawing wood is not so high this year as formerly, \$4.50 and \$5 per cord being the present schedule, where from \$5 to \$6.50 was commanded a year ago.

Death of a Pioneer.

Vancouver, Oct. 2.—(Special).—Carlos W. Shane, a pioneer of 1848, died in the Good Samaritan hospital last evening, of old age. Shane had been a resident of this city for the past thirty years. He arrived at Oregon City, Sept. 12, 1846, from Cincinnati, O., and in 1850 he took up a donation land claim on Clatsop plains, the place where Lewis and Clarke wintered in 1806. He participated in the Cayuse Indian war, and was acquainted with Dr. Marcus Whitman and Dr. John McLaughlin. He was 84 years of age and left several grown children.

Boat Wednesday.

Steamer Sifton will sail for Whitehorse at 10 a. m. An unusual large passenger list will be booked for that trip as the Sifton management has made itself very popular this season by reason of the excellent accommodations that boat has afforded its patrons this season. Remember the date, 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Coming Marriage.

Wednesday evening next there will be a very pretty church wedding in St. Luke's Episcopal church, to which a number of intimate friends of those most interested have been bidden as guests. The contracting parties are Mr. P. H. Hebb, the well known mining operator, and Mrs. Minerva Putman West, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hanbury. The ceremony will be performed with a ring made from native Klondike gold, Rev. Dr. Warren officiating. Both the prospective bride and groom are popular in social circles, and their friends will extend congratulations upon the happy consummation of a romance begun over a year ago.

RAY SOUTHWARD, THE MINSTREL KING IS SINGING "GINGER LOU," "SHABBY COON" AND "DINNAH" THIS WEEK AT THE NEW SAVOY THEATER.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price \$2.50.

Geo. Butler has a fresh consignment of the "Flor de Manoa"—a big 25c cigar.

WANTED—Good steady boy to set up pins at Monte Carlo Bowling Alley.

UNFORTUNATE SPECULATION

Young Napoleon of Finance Meets Business Reverses.

Police Court Stenographer Blankman has a speculative streak in his make up and the other day when a horse was being sold from the pound Blankman thought he saw an opportunity to turn a few honest dollars and purchased the horse. The animal was not thin, but it appeared to have ringing in the ears, cold feet and other evidences of a wasted constitution. The stenographer reasoned that by the time he fed up the plug he would be worth \$200 of any man's money and he probably would have fifteen or eighteen years ago, but like Maud S., Spokane, Jay Eye C., and other famous equines, the nag purchased from the pound had made all but the last page of his history.

Blankman at once began the work of building up, the process costing about \$4 per diem. He cooked oatmeal by the gallon, had pure Arctic well water supplied, paid \$2 for a curry comb and was contemplating arranging for a small but select sleighing party for the first Sunday after snow falls.

An old quotation says something about the plans of mice and men being slipped up on. It was so in the case of the court stenographer, for this morning when he went to serve the first course of his steed's breakfast, he found that the last page of his history had been written during the night.

For Sale—A halber, apply to Stenographer Blankman.

McGRADE AT THE BAT

Through His Attorney He Brings Suit Against Mrs. Luella Day McConnell

FOR \$10,000 FOR AN INJURED NAME

As Aftermath of His Arrest and Dismissal Last Week.

HURDLE JUMPING IN ORDER

McGrade Left for the Outside Sunday But Will Return Later on to Press His Suit.

During the criminal proceedings heard last week brought by Mrs. Luella Day McConnell against Thos. J. McGrade upon the charge of attempt at extortion, the amount named being \$10,000, it came out in evidence that it certain things occurred some one was going to be made "to jump the hurdles," the presumption being that McGrade was the one to indulge in the "acrobatic feats." The accused had his preliminary hearing last Friday and was discharged, Police Magistrate Macaulay refusing to bind him over for trial in the territorial court upon the evidence adduced. Twenty-four hours later the positions in the circus that was to be changed. McGrade refused to "jump the hurdles" and now appears as the ringmaster, whip in hand in the shape of a \$10,000 suit for damages for false arrest and imprisonment, and to a man on the high seats surrounding the sawdust arena it looks as though some others may not only be compelled to do a little "jumping" but several double back somersaults may be turned for the edification of the delighted audience.

The boomerang that fell was precipitated by McGrade Saturday afternoon shortly prior to his departure for the outside. By his attorneys, Messrs. Clark, Stackpool & Wilson, he filed a suit wherein he recited the wrongs and indignities, which had been heaped upon him and demanded as a harm to his injured feelings the modest sum of \$10,000, the precise amount which Mrs. McConnell swore he tried to extort from her. In his complaint McGrade states that he is a merchant residing in Dawson and that Luella Day McConnell, the defendant, is a hotelkeeper residing in the same place. He recites further: "Defendant falsely and maliciously and without any reasonable or probable cause, appeared before a police magistrate in and for the Yukon territory and made complaint before said police magistrate charging the plaintiff with having on or about the 16th day of September, 1901, at the Melbourne hotel in Dawson, in the Yukon territory, accused and threatened to accuse the said Luella Day McConnell and Edward McConnell with unlawfully, fraudulently and de-

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NEW OWNER FOR SAVOY

Charles Meadows Sells Out to James Hall.

A deal was completed Saturday night by which Charles Meadows, "Arizona Charley," sold his fine property, the old Savoy theatre, to James Hall, the mining magnate of 17 Eldorado.

It is understood that the terms of the sale were \$17,000, paid in hand but, not being stipulated in the deal, it was decided to play three five point games of seven up to determine whether the payment would be in gold dust or "Chechako." Luck favored Meadows, with the result that he was paid in currency of the realm.

The property which changed hands is by long odds the best theatre property in the city and when well managed has always been the most popular with the public. It is not probable that "Jim" Hall, the new owner, will go into the show business, but will probably rent or lease the building, there being a number of theatrical managers in Dawson at present looking for a place to open up a show business.

Mr. Meadows will leave for the outside during the week. He is undecided as to his future, but Dawson will probably see him again next season.

WANTED.—By a competent woman, position as cook or housekeeper. Best of references. Inquire at Nugget office.

SEE THE MOTHER OF ALL FANCE COMEDIES, "PINK DOMINOES," AT THE NEW SAVOY THEATER THIS WEEK.

DEL DELPHIA THE GREAT MAGICIAN IS PERFORMING NEW AND STARTLING TRICKS AT THE NEW SAVOY THIS WEEK.

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