

## ELTON M'LAREN

The Eight Year-old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren, Drowned Monday

SINCE WHICH TIME HE WAS MISSED

Body Found Under Slough Bridge at 10 Last Night

MOTHER WILD WITH GRIEF

Father Employed at Wood Camp Near Selkirk—Coroner's Inquest Held Today—Kind Neighbors.

From Thursday's Daily.  
The body of young Elton McLaren, a lad 8 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren, residing at the corner of Eighth and Mission streets, was found last night at 10 o'clock in five feet of water beneath one of the slits under the slough bridge near No. 2 fire hall. The little fellow had been missing from his home since Monday afternoon, his continued absence having almost distracted his mother who feared an accident had befallen her son. The boy's father is a logger in the employ of the Yukon Mill Co. and is at work at one of the company's up river camps.

On the afternoon of the day of the fatality young McLaren in company with Willie and Harry Hansen, Willie Jenkins, Willie Campbell, Ray Te-Koller and several other boys of the same age attended a children's party given by their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. McKee, who resides near the slough at the rear of the Presbyterian church. The children enjoyed themselves with their teacher for some time and then despite the warnings of their teacher went to the slough and began playing in a boat. They rowed up and down the slough several times, the McLaren boy finally being set ashore on the south side of the slough and started for home. To have crossed the bridge would have necessitated climbing the bank and passing around the Sun office and instead of taking that route he followed down the slough and was seen by his companions to pass under the bridge with the evident intention of crossing on a foot log at the confluence of the slough with the Yukon. That was the last seen of him until the body was recovered last night.

Upon her son failing to return home Monday evening, Mrs. McLaren gave the alarm among her neighbors and a search was instituted at once. The boy's playmates were awakened and they repeated the occurrence which took place at the slough. Part of the searchers repaired to the slough and while dragging for the body others arrived and notified them the boy had been seen by a young son of J. E. McDonald at 8 o'clock trying to get in the Standard theatre and an hour later aboard the Victorian just prior to her departure for Whitehorse. The Abrams family, having several small boys the same age as the unfortunate lad, left for the outside on the Victorian and it was at once surmised he had been inadvertently carried away when the boat left. The police in the meantime had been notified and they wired both Selwyn and Selkirk making inquiry as to whether the boy was aboard or not. Owing to an unexpected delay in the delivery of the message a reply was not received until last night at 10 o'clock and it was to the effect that the boy was not on the boat. Search of the slough was again begun at once by a force of men and 20 minutes later Robert Innes brought the body to the surface by means of a pike pole. The features were somewhat distorted and there were several abrasions on the face. The body was removed to Greene's undertaking establishment.

Inspector McDonnell held an investigation this morning at which Mrs. McKee and the boy's companions gave evidence. The testimony adduced was practically the same as already stated, all the boys declaring young McLaren had been set ashore back of the Sun office and the last seen of him was when he passed under the bridge in the direction of the foot log. A lad named Heacock insisted that he saw him on board the Victorian a short time before the boat left, but it is believed it was a case of mistaken identity. O. R. Rhey was passing across the bridge at the time the boys were playing in the boat and fearing an accident called to them to be careful. As that time they had two boats one being of canvas. Rhey identified the body as being that of one of the boys he had seen in the boats.

At the reconvening of the investiga-

tion this afternoon Sergeant Telford was placed on the stand and testified to having examined the body. He stated no marks were found which would indicate violence. He had also examined the spot where the body was found which was probably 20 feet above the foot log. Near by was a canvas canoe turned bottom side up.

In summing up the evidence, Inspector McDonnell said the boy was certainly drowned the result of an accident, and he was inclined to believe it had been done through the capsizing of the canoe rather than having fallen off the foot log. An order was issued for the lad's burial.

The mother of the boy is completely prostrated, there being a physician and several kind neighbors in constant attendance upon her. By some it is feared the shock may prove fatal.

## THIS MORNING WORK BEGAN

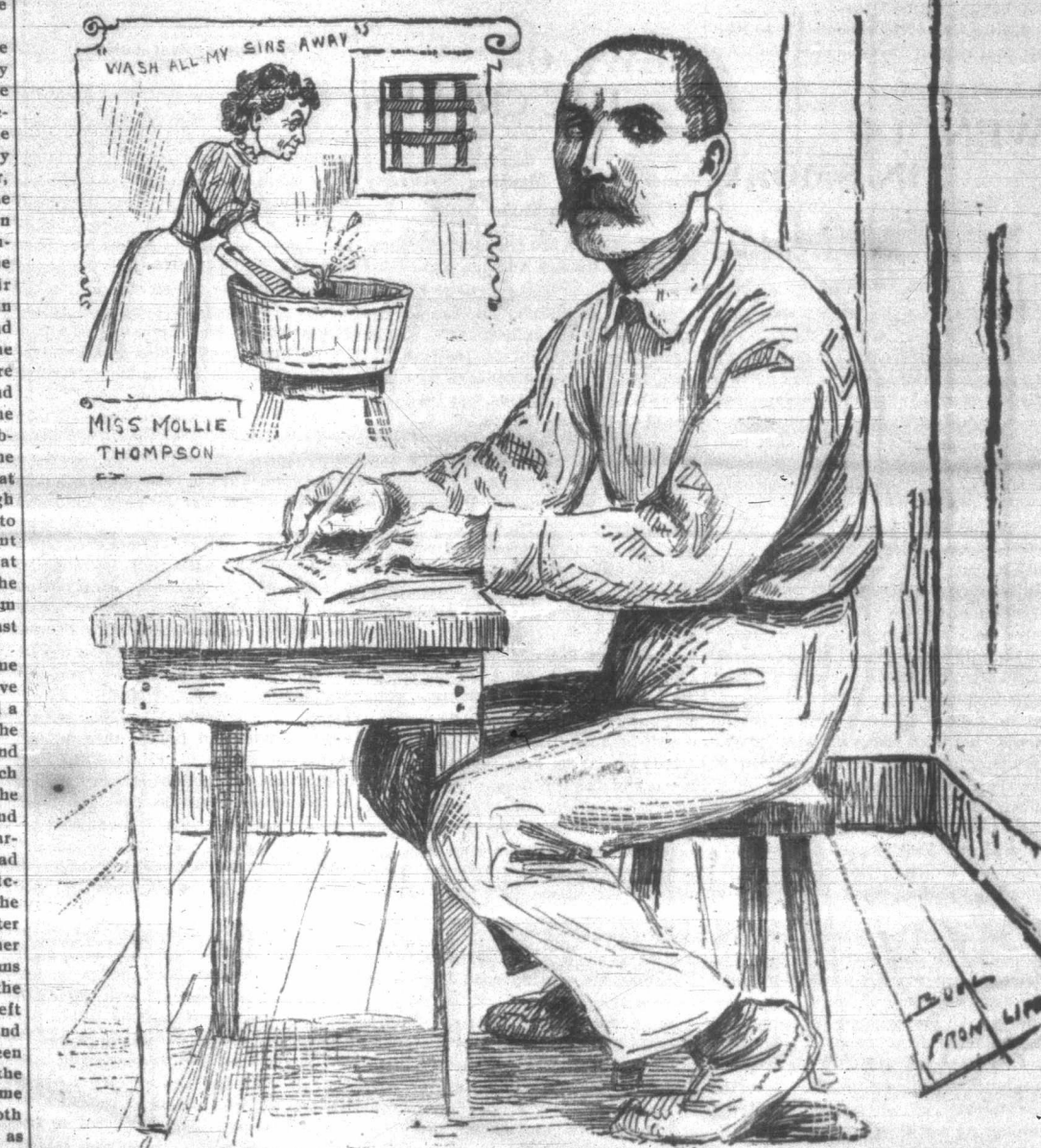
On the Government Road on Hunker Creek.

Between 80 and 100 men and four teams began work on the government road on Hunker creek this morning. Two crews were started at Gold Bottom, one working each way. Two more teams will be added to the force possibly tomorrow. The work will be rushed to completion as speedily as possible and Hunker people are correspondingly happy.

A scow loaded with brick from the yard near the mouth of Indian river arrived Tuesday evening.

The Selkirk left Tuesday night at 10 o'clock with 34 passengers for Whitehorse and way points.

Mail is being sent outside daily now, closing every afternoon at 5 o'clock.



CONDEMNED GEORGE O'BRIEN AS HE NOW APPEARS IN HIS CELL.

## MERCHANT ARRESTED

Israel Uran Charged by Mechel Neider With Theft.

Israel Uran was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn to by his partner Mechel Neider, charging him with theft.

The complaint alleges that Uran between the 1st of April and the 1st of June, 1900, did appropriate to his own use the sum of \$120 belonging to the firm.

Uran and Neider run a tobacco store on First avenue near the old post office building, and from time to time Neider has noticed shortages in the accounts of his partner. Keeping a lookout for evidence of fraud he finally discovered, by the return of P. O. money orders, the amounts which he claims in his complaint Uran unlawfully appropriated for his own use, the money belonging to the firm.

Uran is held in bonds amounting to \$2000 for his trial, which this morning was postponed until Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## GEORGE O'BRIEN

Condemned to be Hanged by the Neck Until Dead on the 23rd of August

IS NOT NERVOUS AND EXCITABLE.

Neither Does He Pace His Cell Like a Caged Tiger.

HE IS CALM AND POSSESSED

And Devotes His Time to Writing Letters, Eating and Sleeping—Hope His Rock of Support.

Owing to the distressing hallucinations indulged in during the past three days by an evening contemporary and the consequent dishing up of the yellowest of yellow journalistic freaks, O'Brien, now the most talked of criminal in the barracks jail ever possessed, the Nugget today presents a sketch of the condemned man taken from life as he was viewed sitting in the death chamber, and a brief account of his appearance, habits and general

devoid of furniture with the exception of a small table and stool which are occasionally allowed him, though he often writes on his knee sitting on the floor with his back braced against the wall. He has no bed, but simply lies on the floor rolled up in his blankets. The greater portion of his time while awake is spent in writing letters and communications, the privilege of pencils and an unlimited quantity of writing paper being allowed him by the guards.

Since his confinement in the death chamber O'Brien has been a model prisoner in many respects and has never given his keepers the slightest trouble. He is the same calm, cool O'Brien today that he was all during the trial, and betrays not the slightest degree of nervousness or fear at the fate in store for him. He still maintains his innocence and is confident the appellate court will grant him a new trial, which may to a great extent account for the splendid and long continued display of nerve. His color is good, his step and actions quick and alert and his eyes are as bright, probably, as they ever were in all his life. His appetite is as good as that of any husky Swede twisting a windlass at 40 below. For supper last night he ate a large piece of beef, several boiled potatoes, a number of slices of bread and butter, a dish of fruit and two cups of tea. Nor is his sleep in the least disturbed by any pang of conscience he may be supposed to have. He retired last night at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes later was sleeping as quietly and peacefully as a babe, never once awakening until the guard was changed this morning at 6:30.

The report recently given publicity that O'Brien has lost his nerve, starts at the least sound, and paces his cell like a caged tiger is a pipe dream, utter nonsense not without an iota of truth in it and originating only in the fertile brain of a reporter seated at his

## RECEIVED BY WIRE. CURRENT CABLE FERRY

Will be Operated Between Dawson and West Dawson.

Skagway, July 11.—J. P. Hubrick, mechanical engineer and formerly proprietor of the Royal Mail hotel, arrived in Skagway today with an immense steel cable which he says will be laid on the bed of the Yukon connecting Dawson with the opposite side of the river. The cable is to be used for a competitive ferry which will ply between Dawson and West Dawson.

## NUMEROUS PEDAGOGUES

Anxious to Mould the Intellect of Dawson's Youth.

By some chance or perhaps it might better be called a mischance the impression has gotten abroad on the outside that Dawson is not supplied with a sufficient number of school teachers to supply the demand of the children. Col. MacGregor is in receipt of a letter from Hector McKenzie Stramberg, principal of the New Westminster Collegiate Institute, stating that he had heard that eight teachers were required in Dawson immediately and asking information regarding the situation.

A letter has also been received from ex-Premier Beavan of British Columbia, asking for a position for a lady friend as teacher in the school.

On the strength of the rumor which has been circulated three teachers have been induced to come here and apply for positions. Inquiries and applications have been coming with such regularity that Commissioner Ross, in order to stay any further inconvenience on the part of teachers looking for a situation, recently sent a wire to Vancouver stating that all vacancies have been filled and no others need apply.

The same teachers who taught last winter will assume their respective positions on the reopening of school and while extra rooms have been provided for the new school house no other teachers will be employed until the population of the school children will justify it, in which case there are plenty of teachers in Dawson who will be ready to fill the position.

## J. W. ROGERS NOT REPORTED

His Liabilities Said to Amount to Over \$10,000.

No word has yet been received from any of the emissaries issued for the apprehension of J. W. Rogers, the former Gold Run operator and one-time proprietor of the Monte Carlo. In conversation with one of his creditors, it was stated that Rogers' liabilities amount to fully \$10,000, one debt alone reaching the sum of \$3000. The astounding statement was also made that Rogers never owned an interest in the Gold Run claim which was the scene of a shooting scrape about a year ago. The interest he claimed to possess, it is said, was taken away from him by Ed Holden upon his failure to pay certain moneys due on it. Many of Rogers' creditors are very bitter, particularly those whom he victimized by means of fraudulent checks. They say they will bring him back to justice even though it is necessary to follow him into American territory and secure his extradition. He is supposed to have gone down the river in an open boat.

Steamer Will H. Isom.

Seattle, July 3.—The most important sailing scheduled for tonight is that of the tug Tattosh, Capt. Brown, for St. Michael, towing the North American Trading and Transportation Company's new river steamer Will H. Isom and the barge Huron. The new steamer was built at Ballard especially for service in the Yukon, and was named in honor of the vice-president of the company that owns her. She will be used for towing barges and scows on the Yukon between St. Michael and Dawson, and also for the transportation of passengers, having elegant accommodations for more than 150. The Will H. Isom was built at a cost of \$100,000 and when put into commission will be the handsomest and also the speediest craft plying the waters of the Yukon. She will be commanded by Capt. Josie. Vice President Isom of the N. A. T. & T. Co. sailed for Skagway last Friday on the City of Seattle, from there he goes to Dawson, and will probably be present when the boat named in his honor makes her first voyage up the river.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co. offers every facility for keeping frozen products.

## RECEIVED BY WIRE. FOOLISH EFFORT

To Release "Kid West" From Canadian Officers at Skagway Nipped in the Bud

BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER

Railroad Officials at Whitehorse En Route to Dawson.

CRANK MILLER DISCHARGED.

Four Hundred Barrels of Beer and Five Tons of Turkey Coming—Large Birds and Cold "Bots."

From Thursday's Daily.

Skagway, July 11.—When "Kid" West arrived here yesterday in the charge of Canadian officers en route from Dawson to the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was presented to U. S. Commissioner Selbredo. The court dismissed the petition without a hearing. West went to Clayson's store and bought a suit of clothes. The officers left with him for Seattle on the steamer Hating.

Miller, the man whom Manager Hawkins had arrested on the charge of wilful damage by pulling down the Canadian customs house flag, was discharged, the complaint having been withdrawn.

President Graves, Vice President Newell and General Manager Hawkins arrived last night and went today to Whitehorse, where they will remain two days before going on to Dawson.

Father-Camille has been transferred from Juneau to the Dawson church.

Judge N. B. Harlan and son are here en route to Circle where the former is U. S. district attorney.

Vailes has been added to Judge Wickersham's judicial division of which it will be the headquarters.

Five tons of dressed turkey in one shipment, several tons of apples, oranges, lemons, eggs and nearly 400 barrels of beer left here today for Dawson; also a large lot of machinery for McLennan & McFeely.

## NEW QUARTZ DISCOVERY

Reported But Particulars and Location Not Given.

A new quartz ledge has recently been discovered, samples of which show it to be of great value. The exact location of the mine has been kept a profound secret and up to the present time is known only to two men who absolutely refuse to talk on the subject. The nearest description of the property obtainable is that it is within a distance of 20 miles from Dawson and easy of access.

Some who have seen the sample say that it was never obtained in this country, but the fact that it was found on this particular property and that there is a large body of ore of the same quality is affirmed by the parties interested in the property.

An effort was recently made to obtain the stamp mill of the Ladue Company with which to start development work, but the party who owns the heaviest interest and who is reported to be a man of considerable means, has determined to work the property on his own behalf and intends to send outside for a large plant some time in the near future.

The location and development of quartz properties has now become an item of great interest to the inhabitants of this country, both from a mining and commercial standpoint. There have been a number of ledges discovered and recorded, but as yet nothing has been located which has given any promise of yielding big results.

Should the strike above reported prove, when the full facts are made known, which has been promised within a short time, to be what the locators claim, it will mean a great deal for the future prosperity of this country.

Sargent & Piuska's new store on Second avenue opp. S. Y. T. Co., contains all the latest in clothing and men's furnishings.

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