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PEOPLE OF NORTHWEST

Greatly Exercised Over Lumber Combine

Commission May be Appointed by Northwest Government to Investigate.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Regina, March 23.—The people of the Northwest territories are greatly worked up over the British Columbia lumber combine. The territorial government will likely appoint a commission to investigate the situation.

A QUARREL OVER A COMB

Leads to Almost a Case of Murder

Jefferson Darnell Slashes Albert Ifft in the Neck With a Knife.

It developed in the police court this morning that the stabbing affray which occurred last Thursday afternoon at South Dawson was a much more serious affair than was at first anticipated. The wound that Albert Ifft sustained at the side of his neck was about two and one-half inches long, very deep and severed several arteries.

Had it been a half inch longer it would have resulted in almost immediate death, and as it was if assistance had been delayed 15 minutes no means that could have been employed would have saved his life.

Such was Dr. Thompson's evidence at the preliminary examination and he stated that it was almost inconceivable how such a wound could be sustained without death resulting.

It was very evident from the evidence that the friendliest of feeling had not existed between the two men for several days prior to the stabbing. According to Ifft's evidence the two men were living together in a cabin around the bluff on the Klondike and they had had some trouble and Ifft had moved away.

Thursday afternoon Ifft met Darnell near the Klondike foot bridge and had accused him of taking a comb from his cabin. Darnell had then accused Ifft of stealing some goods from his cabin on the hill. Angry words were followed by blows and Darnell had reached in his pocket and pulled out his knife and struck him in the neck with it. They had then separated and he had gone into the drug store.

Annie Ford a colored woman who was passing the place at the time the fight occurred was the next witness and stated that she was coming from Klondike City and had seen the two men run from the sidewalk to the street. She thought at first they were playing but afterward she saw it was a serious fight. She heard some words pass between them and saw the prisoner strike Ifft in the neck. Ifft said: "I did not think you would do that to me," and the prisoner replied, "I will cut your heart out." She saw something white in Darnell's hand but did not know what it was. She started on and heard some one running behind, and looking around saw Ifft. He was bleeding profusely and went into the drug store. Henry Dorchi the next witness stated that he had lived with the prisoner for two days after the latter had quit Ifft. They had come to town to buy some groceries and were in front of Lawick's store tying provisions onto the sled when Ifft came along and greeted them with "Hello, sports." Witness had then gone into the store to pay for the stuff and when he came out he saw that the two men were quarreling. He called to Darnell to come away and then he had seen Ifft break away and come to the sled bleeding. He told Darnell to go to the cabin and then followed Ifft to the drug store. He had seen something white in Darnell's hand but could not swear as to what it was.

The prisoner asked if the comb in question did not belong to the witness to which he replied that it was a similar one but was not the same.

Dr. Thompson, whose evidence has already been given, closed the case for the crown.

Darnell stated that he wished to make a statement and said that Ifft had provoked the quarrel at the store. He (Darnell) had not intended answering his salutation but Ifft asked him what he had done with the comb and then had advanced upon him in a threatening manner and had put his hand first in one pocket and then the other as if to get a knife and he thought Ifft intended fighting in an unfair manner. He had then reached into his pocket and taken out his knife and in the mix up that followed Ifft had received the cut.

Darnell then told of the first trouble that arose between them in the cabin which resulted in their separation and was to the effect that he had been sick and Ifft had gotten up in the morning and had gone away without giving him any breakfast or cutting any wood. He was still in bed in the afternoon and Ifft had said, "You hold down your bed well." He replied he was not well and Ifft asked why he didn't get out and get some fresh air and then he would feel better. He replied that he would feel better if Ifft would move. That was Saturday and nothing more was said until Tuesday when further words passed between them and he (Darnell) had moved. He did not see Ifft again until Thursday when the quarrel occurred.

"You are a very fortunate man, said his lordship, to have had a healthy victim or you would be charged with murder instead of the less serious offence with which you are charged.

"I am not trying the case and therefore I will not say anything except that which I feel called upon to say to men who allow their anger to get aroused over trivial matters, such as a comb or cabin, for which there is no justifiable excuse.

"You belong to the class of men who style themselves knife and gun men—a class which, thank God, I have met very seldom. They may exercise their practice in some countries but they cannot do so in a country governed by British law. Some may consider themselves brave but I consider a man of that stamp a most detestable coward and cannot find words to express the repugnance I feel towards anyone who falls so low as to desire to take another man's life.

"I am not trying the case and would not have made these remarks if you had not insisted upon making your statement and all that I can say is that you are a very lucky man to have had a strong man for your victim."

The prisoner was then committed for trial at the next criminal sitting of the territorial court.

Mr. Weldy Young left Dawson this morning on his return to Clear creek.

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STRIKERS ARRESTED

For Trespassing on C. P. R. Property

Men Were Taken in Charge by Police Employed by the Company.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Vancouver, March 23.—Three striking members of the railroad brotherhood were placed under arrest by C. P.R. police yesterday. The men were charged with trespassing on the depot premises of the company. They will fight the case.

HELEN JEWELL COMMITTED

For Insanity This Morning in Police Court

Has Been in Asylum Since Feb. 25th — Suffers From Delusions.

Helen Jewell was this morning committed to the asylum on a charge of insanity by Mr. Justice Macaulay. The examination was held in the asylum where Miss Jewell has been held for treatment since the 25th of February.

The evidence showed thgt Miss Jewell on the date above mentioned had gone into the town station in a very excited condition with perspiration standing out on her forehead and told Constable Taylor that a woman was chasing her with a gun and was going to shoot her. The constable asked who the woman was and she told the name of a woman. Asked where she was Miss Jewell replied that she had just jumped through the window. She had talked very irrationally and he had escorted her to the asylum.

Sergeant Hillyard who is in charge of the asylum stated that Miss Jewell had been in the asylum since Feb. 25th, and that she had been suffering from delusions. She constantly imagined that someone was trying to kill her; that there were men on the roof and others were cutting through the side of her cell. She had frequent spells of screaming also.

Mrs. Sarah Gitron who has known Miss Jewell ever since she has been in the country, stated that Miss Jewell has a mother and half brother in New York and a husband in Butte by the name of Wm. Earle, but said that her mother was the proper person to communicate with.

Dr. Thompson stated that the patient had been suffering from delusions as the other witnesses had stated and that although a little better during the last week she was not capable of managing her own affairs.

Miss Jewell was quite calm during the examination but had nothing to say except to give her mother's name and address. Margaret Kirman is her mother's name and she lives in New York city but she did not know the address as she had moved since her last letter was written.

She was then committed to the asylum to await the pleasure of the commissioner of the territory.

As she passed through the hallway leading to the stairway she burst into tears but was quickly led upstairs to her room.

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Eldorado Contest

A case that is being contested today in the gold commissioner's court is that of Erickson vs Jenkins, the matter in dispute being the question as to whether or not the defendant has allowed his miner's license to expire. Erickson and Jenkins are partners in 33 Eldorado and the contention of the plaintiff is that his partner and co-owner having allowed his certificate to exp re and having failed to renew it within ninety days after such expiration his interest becomes forfeited and according to the regulations vests in himself, the plaintiff. The case is being warmly contested as 33 Eldorado is quite a valuable piece of property.

The case of Cole vs Moncrief is down for trial tomorrow before Mr. Justice Craig.

TANANA LETTER

Tells of Hardships on Good Pasture Trail

Mild Weather Saved Stampeders From Freezing Their Feet.

The following letter was received from Tanana yesterday. It is from E. F. Corthay who left in the early rush. The letter confirms in a number of particulars reports previously published, but is particularly valuable as a warning against the Good Pasture trail. It reads:

Fairbanks, Alaska,
March 6th, 1903.

F. C. Thompson,
Dawson:—

Dear Friend,—We arrived here March 2nd, after a terrible trip. We came by Good Pasture creek and broke trail 60 miles. Good Pasture creek was open and overflowed nearly all the way. We waded in water every day for two weeks. The weather was very mild and that was all that saved us from freezing our feet. Well we are here now and our troubles are all over. I made a hurried trip up the creeks and from what I could see I think the strike is genuine. So far the mine owners are not taking out any dumps. They are only prospecting as yet. The Costa Bros. on No. 2 Pedro creek are the only ones who are taking out dumps. I will make a thorough examination of the creeks as soon as I get settled down a bit. I have staked a loton the corner of Second street and Noble avenue, named after George Noble of Dawson, and am obliged to build on it at once in order to hold it. I am not allowed according to the laws they have made here to stake lots by power of attorney but I can sell my lot and stake another if I like, and I will get ahold of as many as I can. Now there is another town started 10 miles further down the river, and the two towns are bucking each other "to beat the band." The name of the lower town is Chena. I am going down to the lower town as soon as I can get away, and will try to secure some lots. There will be a boom in town property soon, but it is hard to tell in which town it will be. However, I will do the best I can for the boys. The creeks have all been staked long before I came here. I will do some prospecting as soon as the snow goes off a bit. I will try to get an interest in some claims by sinking someholes. We landed here without any grub. Our dogs had to go hungry the last two days of the trip, but we managed to get a small outfit from Capt. Barnett. Provisions are being freighted in from Circle and Rampart. There is likely to be a shortage in some things before the river opens. There is no bacon, beans, rice or mush of any kind in town. But I am a great "grub rustler" if nothing else, and I will get along all right. There is no mail service here at present. I will send this letter by some parties who start for Dawson tomorrow. Tell Snow that he could do well here with a stock of tobacco. There is very little smoking tobacco in camp and no chewing, and if he should come tell him to come by way of Circle by all means. Warren froze his toes badly and had a hard time getting here.

Give my regards to all the boys, and tell them I will do the best I can for them. Tell Fred Chute not to come until he hears from me.

Address your letters to Fairbanks, Alaska, and send by some one who is coming in. Respectfully,

E. F. CORTHAY.

Swift's Bacon always gives satisfaction.

STRIKE IS SPREADING

Crew of Princess May Walk Out

In Sympathy With the Men Who Are Fighting the C. P. R.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Vancouver, March 23.—The strike against the C.P.R. is spreading to the boats operated by the company. When the steamer Princess May arrived from Skagway last night a delegation of strikers waited on the crew. The result was that all the sailors left the boat in a body.

VALDEZ RAILROAD

Will Not be Built This Year

Mr. A. R. Heilig, Clerk of Judge Wickersham's Court, in Dawson.

Mr. A. R. Heilig, clerk of the third judicial district court of Alaska, is in Dawson en route to Eagle City.

Mr. Heilig has spent the last four months at Valdez establishing public offices at that place. He says that there are a great many people flocking into that place and spreading out over the country prospecting. The stores have practically sold out their stocks and are now dependent upon the boats for supplies. At one time it was almost impossible to get a complete miner's outfit.

One outfit headed by Robert Blet who is well known in Dawson chartered the steamer Valencia and taking an immense outfit of privisions and 75 men are going to prospect on an extensive scale.

There have many good claims been discovered and more money taken out of the district than it has been thought, Mr. Heilig said. There is not much probability of the railroad going ahead until the present promoters have been succeeded by other parties. There seems to be a hitch about their raising money with which to commence operations. Mr. Fitzhugh said that London capitalists have been found who are willing to put up money as soon as other people get control of the route. The present promoters have the only practical pass over which the road can be built and they can hold it until they fail to comply with the provisions of the law which requires a certain number of miles built in a specified length of time. After that others can get control of it.

Mr. Heilig met with a peculiar experience at Valdez. He rented the second story of one of the largest buildings where he established the judicial offices. He had just gotten nicely settled when a strong wind storm arose and blew out the entire front of the building, scattering the court papers and documents in every direction. He states that he lost no time in gathering up the papers and succeeded in doing so before they were lost.

Mr. Heilig leaves in the morning for Eagle.

Quite a bit of excitement was caused among the liquor men on Saturday by the discovery that the proprietor of the International hotel, Richard Howe, was dispensing oil of joy at the rate of two for a quarter. Extraordinary pressure will be brought to bear to prevent the continuation of the rate cutting.

Adam Sawfox — "I am sorry to hear you talk that way about Bingo. He's one of the truthfullest men I ever knew."

Tellus Y. Knott — "Yes; he's the kind of truthful man that's worse than a liar. He tells his children there isn't any Santa Claus."

"What is your father's objection to me, Millie?" asked the young man.

"He says you have no application, Gerald."

"No application!" he echoed, bitterly. "I wonder if he knows I've been coming to see you twice a week for nearly six years!"

Job Printing at Nugget office.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

W. D. Bruce the insurance man is expected on the stage this evening.

Mrs. Ratcliffe spent Sunday with friends on Adams hill. So did Lon Griffin.

A stage of the White Pass line left this afternoon at 1 o'clock with six passengers, the largest out going load that has left in weeks.

Alderman and Mrs. George Murphy are on the stage that is due to arrive this evening. Mrs. W. C. Leake and Mrs. Celene are on the same stage.

The newspaper reporters of Dawson numbering eight have formed a writers' association that will affiliate with the typographical union. A charter has been sent for.

The Dawson Operatic Society will begin the rehearsals for "Erminie" this week. There was some talk of a revival for two evenings of "Pinafore," but great difficulty has been found in securing some one to take "Josephine" and the project has been abandoned.

The management of the rink is seriously considering duplicating the success attained with the fancy dress carnival by having another on the evening of All Fools' Day, April 1.

F. M. Shepard, who has had quite a tussle with la grippe, is again at his desk in the gold commissioner's court room.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Gosselin, who has been at Duncan making an investigation of some alleged crookedness that is said to have taken place there among the officials, is expected back the latter part of the week. The result of his inquiry will not be known until his report has been made to the commissioner.

WILL MOVE OFFICES

Commissioner's Office Will be Moved to Fairbank's

The U. S. commissioner's office for the Circle district, including the deputy United States marshal and recording offices, will be moved from Circle to Tanana and will probably be established at Fairbanks.

This news was brought to Dawson by Mr. Thos. McGowan who returned last night from Eagle City where he has been attending the sitting of Judge Wickersham's court.

Judge Wickersham will leave Eagle at once for Circle and will lose no time in making the change in the location of the commissioner's office.

This move has been decided upon by reason of the reports which have come out from the Tanana district, all of which seem to prove its permanency and also the fact that it is the center of the mining district and therefore the proper place for the recorder's office to be located.

Mr. McGowan stated that while in Eagle he talked with several parties who had come from the Tanana and that each told the same story which were of the same nature as those already published in Dawson. That is to the effect that country was a low grade proposition and should be worked by machinery.

Mr. Carl Johannson commissioner of Gagle district has just returned from the Tanana at the time Mr. McGowan arrived at Eagle and his estimate of the country is the same as the others who have arrived at Dawson. He did considerable panning and looked the ground over pretty carefully and thinks there will be a permanent camp.

The next session of Judge Wickersham's court will be held at Rampart on the 6th of July, when a grand jury and petit jury will be summoned and all the business on the court docket will be attended to.

ACCIDENT TO STR. ALKI

Broke Her Shaft Near Dixon's Entrance

Cargo Transfered to Bonita and Disabled Steamer Towed to Seattle.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Seattle, March 23.—The steamer Alki broke her shaft near Dixon's entrance, while bound to Lynn canal. Her cargo was transferred to the Bonita, and the Alki will be towed to Seattle for repairs.

SAILORS DESERTED

C. P. R. Liner Empress of India

Refused to Sign Articles When They Learned of the Strike.

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Vancouver, March 23.—Several New Brunswick sailors who had been brought to the Pacific coast to ship on the liner Empress of India have been arrested. The sailors were not aware that a strike was in progress against the railroad company and when they were advised of the situation they declined to sign articles. Three of them were arrested.

The visitor from the country stood in the presence of the prosperous man of business.

"I happened to be in town, Mr. Spudlong," he said, "and I thought I'd run in and see you."

"Yes? What is your name, my good fellow?"

"Don't you remember me? I'm Jake Speed, that used to keep a grocery store in Ellistown, twenty-five years ago, when you lived there."

"Ah, yes—Speed, I think I remember. Is there anything I can do for you, Mr. Speed?"

"Why, yes. You might pay me that $4 you owed me for groceries when you moved away."

"Encore! Encore!" persistently yelled the groupe of college students in the audience after little Eva had died her stage death and the curtain had fallen.

"Encore! Encore!"

The Uncle Tom, one of the kind that needed no burnt cork to emphasize the blackness of his face, stepped before the curtain in some perplexity.

"Gep'lmen," he said, "dere ain' gwine be no core."

"Do you take this internally?" asked the customer as he put the bottle in his pocket and handed over the change.

"Me?" said the druggist's new assistant. "Great Scott, no! I sell it."

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