

## HOW MRS. GRANT ESCAPED

From the Good Samaritan Hospital and What Followed.

When Miss Goldie, the Nurse, Came to Take Her Away—A Distressing Scene.

The need for an insane asylum or some adequate means of taking care of insane patients was to some extent illustrated last Monday, when a Mrs. Grant, who is suffering from what is hoped may prove but a temporary unbalancing of the mind, and who is confined in the Good Samaritan hospital, made her escape and was at large in the city.

The manner of her escape was beautiful in its simplicity, calling for none of the cunning which is read about as being one of the attributes of insanity. She wanted to go, and walked out of the big building and down town. This much, or the fact that she had escaped, at least, was published in the Nugget at the time, but the place of her discovery was not given at the time, and the manner of it remains to be told now.

When Mrs. Grant reached the heart of the city she wandered about for some little time, not knowing where to go, but finally went to O. Finstad's door on Second street, between First and Second avenues, and timidly asked if she could come in. Mrs. Finstad and her daughter, Miss Burt, were in the front room at the time, the latter playing the piano, and it was the sound of the music, so the demented woman said, that attracted her attention and induced her to ask for shelter. She was allowed to enter and given a seat, when she said:

"I have been sick at the Good Samaritan hospital, but I ran away. Can't stay here with you? Oh, please don't send me away!" Then the poor demented woman threw her arms about Mrs. Finstad's neck and begged piteously to be allowed to remain, and said she would sleep on the floor, anywhere if only allowed to remain.

Her husband who is in the employ of the N. A. T. & T. Co. at Portymile, and who is at present in the city, she said was unable to take her back to Portymile with him on account of the present condition of the trail, but she seemed to feel that she was practically a prisoner at the hospital.

Mrs. Finstad asked her to have lunch which she declined, sitting quietly by the fire in a rocking chair while the others ate, and immediately after the meal was over Mr. Finstad went to the hospital and notified those he found there that the missing patient was at his house.

Miss Goldie, the nurse in charge of Mrs. Grant, returned with him to his home where, according to Mrs. Finstad and the other members of the family a rather distressing and altogether unpleasant scene occurred.

"When the nurse came in," said Mrs. Finstad, "Mrs. Grant sprang from her chair and said: 'Oh! You sent for her, you sent for her; but I won't go back; I'll die before I'll go back to that woman,' and Mrs. Grant who had been all tears and pleading before, began rolling her sleeves back to fight sooner than return to the hospital with the nurse."

It was only after a long time spent in argument and persuasion that Mrs. Grant agreed to return to the hospital.

Mrs. Finstad is much interested in the case, and expresses the keenest sympathy for the suffering and misfortune of the patient.

### One Hundred Years Hence.

A hundred years hence every man, woman, and child now upon the earth will have passed from life unto death. A eminent authority states that the annual mortality of the whole world is 33,000,000, which is an average of 33,000 every day in the year, or 3730 91/100 hour or the day, or 62 every minute, which is more than one for every beat of the clock. What a commentary that is on the frailty of human life! Who is to be the next? Is it to be the man you are talking to, and if it is to be, what provision has he made for the expenses incident to his sickness and death? Or for the payment of his debts and the comfort of his family after he has been called upon to render his last accounts to the Great Judge of all?

Rudyard Kipling says: "God and earth may forgive a man's ill-doing, but that his own remorse never will." Howell claims that "while forgiveness is always possible, the consequences of

wrong-doing must follow just the same." James Freeman Clarke asserted "that the memory of sin always remained with the sinner"—a sort of eternal punishment theory from a man so distinguished, gentle and liberally minded as Dr. Clarke. These are simply latter-day expositions of the old truth that, some day, somewhere, conscious evil is inevitably punished. —Home Journal.

### Attacks Prince and Premier.

London, Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the London Sun, in today's issue of the paper, under the heading "Betting and Gambling Forecasts," tilts at the Prince of Wales and Lord Roseberry as follows:

"Woe to any country in which the heirs to the throne and prime ministers favor the race course, as it exists among us today. If princes are guilty, it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme he has no right to rebuke ribaldry upon the street. I would rather have a premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation."

### Principal Disturber.

London, Dec. 18.—"It is rumored from Sianfu," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that the real director of the grand council is the empress dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Yueng, who was erroneously reported dead last April. He is responsible for the general confusion and indecision. His latest suggestion is that the court should proceed to Nanjing."

### Legislation for Army.

Washington, Dec. 23.—At the last meeting of the senate committee on military affairs, the proceedings of which have just been made public, Secretary Root made a strong presentation of the necessity for immediate legislation for the relief of the army. He stated broadly that if congress did not at once endorse the army bill, in substantial accordance with the recommendations of the war department, the United States would be obliged to abandon a large portion of the Philippine islands, where civil government is established.

If the present garrisons are withdrawn from certain portions of the island the municipal officers, mostly Filipinos, will be left defenseless, with every prospect of being deprived of their lives and property, and at the same time the United States will be disgraced, the secretary said, for having proved faithless to its solemn obligations. The secretary argued that it was necessary to pass the department bill, as a whole, in order to properly adjust the military organization to the new conditions created by the increase of members. "We do not, any of us," he said, "expect that, for any considerable period, an army of 100,000 men will be maintained, and for an army of 60,000 men the provisions made (by the committee) are sufficient."

"With reference to the matter of staff details, the secretary said that he was convinced that the control of the permanent staff department in the city of Washington is an evil that ought to be remedied, and that it is highly important for the army that there should be interchangeable service between the line and the staff. In answer to an inquiry the secretary said that it was of minor importance whether there was a corps or regimental formation of the artillery branch, and that while he favored the former, he really cared very little about the matter, which he regarded as a purely technical question.

Secretary Root devoted considerable attention in his testimony to the army canteen, urging that it was a great means of maintaining the morality, health and discipline of the troops. He pointed out that the post exchange is a club, where the men get together to read, talk and smoke, playing checkers and other games and drinking under such natural restraints as the place afforded. A prohibition of the canteen, the secretary said, would interfere with enlistments, as the men would not enlist if they knew they were going to be confined in a reform school.

He considered the agitation against the canteen would drive the soldiers out of the post exchange, where they are subject to salutary restraints, to the demoralization and vicious surroundings outside of army posts. It would result in more drinking and more deception among those who drank. The secretary also pointed out that the proposed enactment would convey an entirely erroneous and prejudicial view to the public as to what had been the course of the army in regulating the sale of liquor up to this time.

Pataloma largest henery eggs at Mecker's.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The senate committee on finance has authorized a favorable report on the house bill giving the superintendent of coinage at mints the right to exchange gold bars for gold coin, free of charge, at their discretion. The present law makes the charge mandatory.

A dispatch to the World from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Serious riots growing out of the race feeling took place in the streets of that city recently. The chief rioters were several hundred negro soldiers of the British West India regiment, who were supported by natives of their own color.

E. M. Nordberg, formerly master of the American schooner Carrie and Annie, has filed a suit in the United States district court to recover \$499 alleged to be due for wages and damages. The damages consist in libelant being forcibly ejected from the ship at Colovin bay, while en route to Alaska.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, has offered in the senate an amendment which he will propose to the army reorganization bill, providing for the issuance by the secretary of war to the governor of the states and territories of Krag-Jorgenson rifles and equipment for the use of the national guard.

The contemplated thanksgiving services in St. Paul's cathedral in connection with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abandoned, owing, as the government announces, "to its being considered desirable to defer a general thanksgiving until the close of the operations in South Africa."

### Fighting Jack Brothers.

Mr. W. H. Conway, of the barracks clerical force, is in receipt of a letter from South Africa written by J. J. Buchanan, formerly of Dawson, but who left a year ago to go to the front in defense of his country. The letter mentions a number of old Dawson boys who went to the war, some of them being referred to in a manner both amusing and ludicrous.

Special mention is made of the sad but heroic death of Jack Brothers at Crocodile valley in the very first engagement in which he took part. Brothers owned a good claim on Bonanza, and when men were wanted to defend the honor and flag of his country he sold his claim, hurried to the outside and enlisted, being at once made a sergeant. At Crocodile valley he was reconnoitering the outposts in company with one other man when they were surprised and shot down by three Boers in ambush. Thinking their victims dead they robbed them of their carabines, but overlooked Brothers' revolver. While the Boers were gloating over the spoils Brothers quietly drew his revolver and shot the three dead. The wounded man then crawled about 150 yards when exhaustion overtook him and with no one to moisten his parched lips he died the death of the true soldier.

### Blindman's Buff.

A woman in Harlem has a daughter 17 years old who is a natural flirt and sometimes shocks her parent's sense of propriety. A mischievous young man who has a propensity for kissing calls on her, and the mother thinks it not wise to leave them alone.

On a recent evening when the two were in the parlor it became necessary for the mother to leave the house for an hour, so she told her son, 8 years old, that she would give him a nickel if he would go into the parlor to see Mr. Brown and stay there till she returned. When she got back the three were merrily playing the game of blindman's buff. When Mr. Brown had gone, Willie was rewarded with a nickel.

"Did you have a good time?" asked his mother.

"Yes," said Willie, who did not suspect that he was being employed as a watch-dog, "but they are pretty hard for a little fellow like me to catch. They kept me blindfolded most of the time." —New York Tribune.

### What a Doctor Says.

In speaking with a local doctor of medicine last night regarding the prevalence of pneumonia the medical man informed a Nugget reporter that, if taken in time, the ordinary cases need not be the subject of any great apprehension. "But," added the doctor, "if a man who habitually drinks whisky is taken with the disease, God help him. Medicine has no effect whatever on a whisky soaked patient."

Steel marten traps, just in—0, 1 and 1 1/2. Shindler's.

Mum's, Pomeroy or Perinet champagne \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

### Tomorrow Night's Event.

Tomorrow night the Club gymnasium will be the center of interest to the votaries of pugilism as a double ended go will take place there with the respectable Caribou Sinclair in battle royal against Kid Brooks and B. D. Matteson. Sinclair will stop those benighted gent's inside of the time it would take to box ten rounds—40 minutes, or loose the big end of the gate receipts. Caribou will go after his opponents, if for no other reason than to make the Club gymnasium popular in sporting circles, as arrangements have been made for a series of events to take place there, and Sinclair is now proprietor of that institution.

## Men Wanted.

Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—Inquiries have been received at the U. S. consulate for late news of Mr. Geo. Corsa, who is known to have left Dawson for the outside via Skagway in August of this year. He is inquired for by R. C. McCormick of Jamaica, N. Y.

Inquiries are also made by the U. S. consul at Winnipeg, Manitoba, concerning the whereabouts of R. D. Adams, formerly of Newdale, Manitoba, generally known as "Bob."

Information is also wanted concerning N. S. Abraham, of Redlands, Cal., who was supposed to have left Dawson for Nome during the winter of 1899-1900.

Also Jno. Apfeld, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., is anxiously inquired after by his sister Josephine. She mentions that her brother had often written that he was a partner of A. L. Graham's.

Mrs. Elder of Oswego, N. Y., inquires for her son Seymour Borens. Yours truly, H. T. ROLLER, U. S. Vice-Consul.

### Alaska Telegraph Line.

Quartermaster Rubien has received a big shipment of copper wire from the east for shipment to Capt. Abercrombie and Major Greene, who are building the government telegraph line from Port Valdes to the Yukon.

The shipment will go forward on the first steamer leaving for Valdes. It consists of 150 bundles, weighing 16 tons, of first grade of heavy copper wire. As has been published in the Post-Intelligencer, the signal corps men who are building the line are expected to continue their work during the winter. Shipments of poles, insulators and other supplies have already been made to Capt. Abercrombie.—P.I., Dec. 19.

Eastern oysters at the Postoffice market.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all placer mining claims in the Yukon territory which were sold at public auction and which have not been taken up, is being prepared for publication at once, and after the first publication thereof no grant will be issued, under

such sale as aforesaid, for any claim so advertised. All purchasers are, therefore, notified to apply for their grants immediately.

(Signed) J. LANGLOIS BELL, Assistant Gold Commissioner. Dated at Dawson this 14 day of December, 1900.

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

Fresh oysters at Denver market. cto

Thoroughbred white Leghorn eggs at Mecker's.

### Candles for the Millions.

I have enough candles, nuts, and toys to supply the whole population of the Yukon country. My stock is complete. Plenty of Lowrey's chocolate and Gunther's bon bons in any quantity; cigars by the box. Bring your friends and as I am a Missourian, I will show you the finest store in the Yukon territory. GANDOLFO, Third st., opp. A. C. C.

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