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WILLIE'S FLAG

Now Waves Over the Islands of Upolo, Manolo, Apolima and Lavii.

BY THE ORDER OF HIS MAJESTY

Imperial Government and Australian Delegates Deadlock on

AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION.

Object to Being Called "Colonists"—"Britisher" Is Better—Movement a la Soapy Smith.

Chicago, April 12.—A special to the Record from Apia, Samoa, dated March 17, says:

The imperial German flag was raised and undisputed German rule over the islands of Upolu, Manolo, Apolima and Lavii began on March 1. The ceremony took place at Mulinu, in front of the governor's house. Fully 5000 native Samoans besides nearly all the foreign residents, were present.

At 9 o'clock a detachment of blue jackets landed from the German man-of-war Cormorant and formed in front of the German school. The procession then moved to Mulinu. Consul Gru now presented the flag to Governor Solf, who said:

"By order of his majesty the emperor, I now declare these islands to be German territory, and the German flag, which I now receive from the hands of the imperial German acting consul, and which henceforth shall wave over the islands as a token of German sovereignty, I, assisted by the commander of

H. M. S. Cormorant, now solemnly hoist."

The Australian Constitution.

London, April 12.—The Australian commonwealth delegates and the imperial government, as represented by the law officers of the crown are, after prolonged discussions, deadlocked over the clause of the Australian constitution: "No appeal shall be permitted in any matter involving interpretation of this constitution or of constitution of a state, unless the public interests of some part of her majesty's dominions other than the commonwealth or a state are involved."

The government holds that the clause brings in a wholly new element into imperial affairs and that the vital pivot of a possible future federation would cease to exist with respect to Australia. The mission of the delegates is to get the constitution accepted as it stands, as anything changing it would have to be voted upon by the Australian people. The discussions came to a point where no further progress could be made. This was on Thursday. The delegates are now cabling to their governments for instructions.

Propositions for getting over the difficulty are under consideration. One is a supplementary arrangement provided that the British ministry, after further reflection, should decline to accept the clause.

M. Arnold White, the author in this weeks Academy, asks the assistance of "poets, men of imagination and masters of language," in devising a term to replace "colonists" as a description of Canadians, Australians and South Africans. Mr. White points out that "colonists" is not good enough and is resented. "Britisher," Mr. White thinks, might do.

Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, to whom the executive committee of the Gladstone memorial fund entrusted the designing of the Gladstone statue, has nearly finished his work. The statue will be placed in the central lobby of the house of parliament and will be unveiled by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader of the house of commons, May 19, the anniversary of the death of Mr. Gladstone.

A la Soapy Smith.

London, April 12.—London is apparently to be denuded for the next few months of certain more or less distinguished personages such as confidence men and jewel thieves, for this class of criminals are betaking themselves to Paris.

It is computed by a Scotland Yard official that 200 detectives are engaged at the Channel ports of England and France in watching this migration of thieves.

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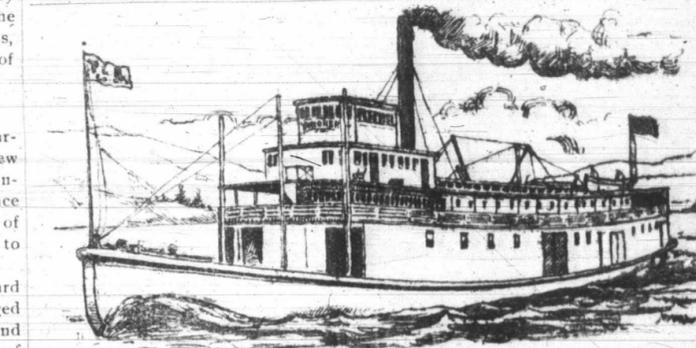
AT LATE HOUR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Fire Originated in the Starboard Forward Locker.

WAS READY TO SAIL ANY DAY

Carried No Insurance—Will Be at Once Repaired and Put on the Whitehorse Run.

At ten minutes past four o'clock yesterday afternoon dense volumes of smoke were seen by workmen employed on the steamer Yukoner to issue from her hatchways and other apertures. A hasty inspection revealed the fact that the fire within was too far along to be overcome by a bucket brigade, and less than a minute later the fire bell was ringing a general alarm. With but little delay the fire company responded, but several minutes elapsed before two streams began to play on the doomed steamer.



THE YUKONER.

As the fire was in the vessel's hold, it was not possible, owing to the heavy black smoke which was being belched forth, to reach the base of the devouring element; and thirty minutes later nearly the entire house of the erstwhile floating palace, one of the most elegantly appointed steamers that ever breasted the waters of the Yukon, was a blackened, ruined remnant of its former beauty and worth. The entire interior was almost wholly destroyed, although so far as can be seen, no damage was sustained by her hull and but little by her machinery.

The state-rooms on the starboard side were all destroyed with their bedding and other contents, but several of the port side rooms are not materially injured, and with little repairing will be as good as new.

For the past three weeks a large force of men have been employed cutting the Yukoner free from ice and generally overhauling her for the approaching season; and it was by fire in the forward starboard locker, the exact origin of which has not been ascertained, that the woodwork was ignited.

The Yukoner is owned by the Trading and Exploring Company, of which Capt. J. B. Wood is manager. Material for her construction was taken from Victoria to St. Michael in 1897, where she was planned and built by Alex Watson. In the summer of '98 she was launched and brought up the river to Dawson. Besides one of the most comfortable and best appointed, she was also the fastest steamer that ever plied Yukon waters. She had state room accommodations for 70 first-class passengers and her carrying capacity was 350 tons. It was intended by Manager Capt. Wood to operate her on the Dawson-Whitehorse run this season, and but for her misfortune everything would have been ready for hauling in her gang

plank by the end of this week if navigation was open by that time.

As the Yukoner lay just previous to the fire her estimated value was \$50,000. Capt. Wood estimates the damage at \$12,000, but even that amount will not put her in as good condition as formerly, for the reason that her upper decks and, in fact, the entire house was constructed from Washington cedar, which fact probably accounts for the tenacity with which the fire combatted all efforts to conquer it. There was no insurance, as marine insurance companies will not take risks on steamers which shoot Five Fingers and Rink rapids.

Although cast down, Capt. Wood is by no means crushed; as before the charred embers had ceased to sizzle he was arranging for rebuilding the house and repairing all the damage done; and while the palatial craft may be detained a few days from starting on her first trip of the season up the river, it will be only for a few days, as her manager says that in 18 or 20 days, possibly in less time, the Phoenix' role will have been played and the Yukoner will be a candidate for consideration from the traveling public.

During the fire a number of bystanders rendered effective service in passing buckets and otherwise assisting in extinguishing the flames. Capt. Wood expressed himself to a Nugget representative as being most appreciative of this timely help and desires all who participated to accept his personal thanks.

A Metropolitan Store.

Harry Hershberg has removed from his old location near Second street to the new building erected by him next to Golden's Exchange.

The building he now occupies is 60 feet in depth and is fitted up in true metropolitan style, with fine display windows, modern fixtures and illuminated with electric lights. The firm's name is Hershberg's Seattle Clothing House and from the variety of clothing displayed there one would imagine he was in one of the great cities of the

East. Mr. Hershberg says he will sell clothing, hats, shoes and furnishing goods in the same proportionate price as is charged on the outside, with but cost of transportation added and no extra profit added. His place is now open to the public and is well worth a visit.

Minstrels Tonight.

Everything is in readiness for the big minstrel entertainment at the Palace Grand tonight, all the performers being in the best of form and spirits. As an evidence that tonight's production will be greeted by a full house, those who attended the previous presentation are the most eager in the purchase of tickets. Many new features will be introduced and a pleasant evening is assured all who are present. The proceeds will be turned over the Good Samaritan hospital.

Notice.

The Dawson Water & Power Co. have opened an office upstairs in the Cafe Royal building, Second ave. —c3

MURDER TRIAL

Still Occupies the Attention of Judge and Jury in the Territorial Court.

JEALOUSY CAUSED THE HOMICIDE

Is the Theory Advanced By the Prosecution.

THE INDIAN GIRL TESTIFIES.

Her Evidence Is Translated By Two Interpreters—Proceedings Are Dilatory and Tedious.

The trial of the Queen vs. Charles Hill, accused of murder, continues in the territorial court. The crown is attempting to prove that, at the time of the commission of the homicide, the prisoner and the deceased were jealous of each other's attentions to an Indian girl named Julia.

Thomas Smith, a trapper and prospector who has lived in the Pelly river district since 1898, testified that the accused and Julia had lived together for quite a while, but that a short time before the killing occurred the prisoner and the woman had separated. The defendant had explained this particular matter by saying that the girl had stolen flour and had given it to Indians, and that for this offense he had required her to vacate his cabin. The witness stated that William Blair, the deceased, had given expression to threatening words in speaking of the prisoner, and that the latter had admitted a verbal altercation to have occurred between him and Blair, shortly before the homicide.

About a half an hour before the noon recess, Julia, the Indian girl, took the stand as a witness for the prosecution. She belongs to a native tribe, which speaks a language different from the one used by the Indians at Moosehide, and considerable difficulty is being experienced in the matter of interpreting her testimony. Tom Johnson, a resident of Moosehide, can understand the evidence of the witness, but he is not versed in English, consequently his words are translated by Bishop Bumpas, the well-known Yukon missionary. This indirect method of securing evidence is very dilatory and tedious; and the testimony of Julia will not be completely submitted till late this afternoon. She testified this morning that her age is 15 years; that she lived with the prisoner during all of the winter of 1898-99, and for a portion of the winter of 1899-1900; that she also lived with the deceased for a period of about two months. Julia was present when the alleged murder occurred, and her testimony is most important. She is a slender, rather sallow, undersized Indian girl; one of her eyes seem to be blinded, and her general appearance is anything but prepossessing.

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