

THE CUBAN POSTAL FRAUDS.

New Officials Begin Systematic Stealing Very Soon.

Postmaster Thompson's Fall From Grace a Surprise to Officials at Washington—A Clean Sweep.

Havana, May 27.—Warrants were issued Wednesday evening for the arrest of E. P. Thompson, the Havana postmaster; W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya and Jorge Mascaró, Cuban clerks in the stamp department, and by 7 o'clock all were lodged in the Vivac, the tombs of Havana. This was done under the advice of the postal inspectors who arrived Wednesday. It is considered now that Reeves is equally guilty with Neely. Investigation as to the record of the clerk in the military department who handled several hundred dollars' worth of stamps proves that the transaction, so far as he is concerned, was legitimate. The stamps were purchased at the request of his brother, who is a stamp collector in the United States, for \$800. They were of the old issue and were obtained from Neely. The arrest of Thompson caused great surprise in the city. It is looked upon as the precursor of many other arrests. Gen. Wood felt, as did the special inspectors, that it would be better to have the suspected persons arrested and to give the men opportunity to obtain bail than to keep them indefinitely under close supervision at a time when the detectives are badly needed for other work.

Havana, May 27.—Postmaster E. P. Thompson, of Havana local office, has signed a sworn statement in which he says that September 16 last, being in need of money, he took from the money order funds \$35, giving his memorandum as a receipt for the same. When the inspections were held Mr. Thompson ordered a clerk in charge of the money order department to place remittances received that day, which would not have to be accounted for until the following day, sufficient to cover the amount of his receipt, which Mr. Thompson then paid. He also admits that Charles F. Neely, late financial agent of posts, at Havana, indorsed a bill for \$350 which Thompson had discounted by the North American Trust Company. Thompson admits other irregularities in connection with his department.

Washington, May 27.—The confession of Postmaster Thompson at Havana came as a complete surprise to the officials of the postoffice department, who had generally been of opinion that among those who could not possibly be involved in fraudulent transactions was Mr. Thompson, who was regarded as a man of high integrity. The postmaster general read the printed statement, but made no statement.

A Splendid Concert.

All indications point to a splendid entertainment for Sunday night. The Field Force band has tendered its services on frequent occasions to assist in various public entertainments and the proposed benefit is only fitting recognition of the band's valuable services. A program is being arranged which includes the best talent in the city, all of whom have come forward cheerfully in aid of the good work.

In addition to the Field Force musicians there will be a number of the best local musical artists to assist in the orchestral portion of the program, together with the most talented singers of the city. The program will be a varied one and will not be confined to musical numbers. The Palace Grand has been secured for the occasion and will be handsomely decorated.

Wholesale Litigation.

During the past winter and spring, while there was continuous litigation in which, to use a provincialism, "master and servant" were involved, it was not often that more than two or three claimants were in court at one time. Now, however, things have changed, as it is not unusual to see from 10 to 25 men all in court at one time with complaints against the same party, the party usually being a mine operator who has a lay. These days it is not unusual to see every man that has been employed about a mine from the foreman down to the dishwasher in the cook house all in court with the common complaint—suit for services rendered.

In many instances the gold has been washed out of the dumps and is not in evidence, while the laborers are still holding their empty sacks. There is no concealing the fact that, so far as

labor is concerned, things are in a deplorable condition in the Klondike district.

Few Small Boats Leaving.

The travel down the river from Dawson in small boats is now principally confined to the class that desires to depart unannounced and by stealth. Nearly all those who camped here all winter and until the ice departed in order that they might continue on down the river have gone, and, aside from those who slip away at night, very few small boats have departed in that direction within the past several days. A number of scows, however, are daily arriving from above and many of them will continue on down. It is said that there are fully 100 scows yet at Bennett, besides many now en route, which will make the journey to St. Michael.

Wrecks in Whitehorse.

The unusual condition of the water in the upper river makes navigating the rapids a very dangerous proceeding at the present time. The water is extremely low and rocks protrude in every direction. At the jump off at the extreme end of the rapids there is but a narrow channel not more than 20 feet wide with shell rocks protruding on either side.

The number of scows wrecked this spring is something almost incredible. Out of 30, 16 went to pieces on the rocks, and of the last six but one came through. The scows are now coming through empty, the cargo being portaged around to Whitehorse.

BRIEF MENTION.

Chas. E. Severance, of the Bonanza Water Co., is in the city from Chechako Hill.

The weather at upper river points as far as Bennett reported as being "cool and cloudy."

Mrs. Frank Close and two daughters expect to leave for the outside in a short time.

R. K. Latimer, who conducts a boarding house on Chechako Hill, is in the city on business.

Leut. S. E. Adair is on his way back to Dawson and is expected to arrive on one of the first steamers.

Major Wilson from Bennett and a former resident of Dawson, arrived today in a scow 10 days from Bennett.

The telegraph wire was grounded yesterday, but was working all right and was kept hot with business today.

W. H. Bishopricks, a former prominent business man of Skagway, arrived yesterday by scow from up the river.

A large raft of logs arrived this morning from up the river, but it was not learned for which mill company they were consigned.

Mr. Eiwell, of No. 0 Eldorado, will leave for the outside on the steamer Flora. During his absence the claim will be in charge of Henry Dosier.

It is unofficially stated that the scant dressing residents of Fourth and Fifth avenues and on the intervening alley will be made to vacate that portion of the city in the near future.

The Villa de Lion, across the river, is in the hands of paper hangers and decorators this week and will, in a few days, be a delight to the eye. The popular resort will be reopened to the public within a few days.

Papers in a suit entitled Belcher vs. McDonald were filed in the territorial court yesterday. Belcher, in behalf of the estate of Alex Calder, is bringing suit against Calder's former partner, Alex McDonald, for money. Attorney Woodworth appears for the complainant.

Judge J. H. Allen, of Seattle, is a new arrival in Dawson. Judge Allen is the father of W. B. Allen, who has been on Sulphur creek during the past winter. He will spend a few days in Dawson and then go on down to Fortymile to look after certain mining properties in that district.

\$8680 for Ottawa.

After all reports from the various committees having in charge the Ottawa fire relief fund were turned in the total sum realized amounted to \$8680. This amount has been forwarded by wire to Ottawa through the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the officials of which agreed to remit the amount realized without charge.

There were three sub-committees appointed to raise the money. One to solicit subscriptions in the town, another to perform the same work on the creeks, and the third to organize a public entertainment. The amount mentioned above is the combined result of the efforts of the three committees.

To Lease.

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MEAT FAMINE IS NOW ON.

Butcher Shops Out of Meat and Close Up.

Heavy Consignments Expected Soon—No Pork for Past 30 Days—Canned Meat Now Has Its Day.

This morning three of the leading meat markets were closed by the proprietors owing to the alarming scarcity of meat, they having no fresh meat of any description, neither, beef, mutton nor pork.

There has been no fresh pork in town for the past month and the supply of beef was completely exhausted, save some few quarters held by the Denver and Victoria markets. The shops which have closed temporarily are the City market on Second avenue, the Bonanza and Bay City markets on Third street. For that matter all shops in town can be said to have closed save to their particular customers.

Chas. Murphy, of the Bonanza market said: "We are practically out of beef, pork and mutton. What little we have, we will sell for from 60 cents to \$1.25 a pound. I do not think meat will go any higher but if it does we will not continue in the business, at least not until prices come back to an equitable rate."

Chas. Bussard, of the Bay City market said: "We have closed up temporarily, but expect to do business again tomorrow. Ten head of cattle arrived yesterday and \$600 a head is asked for them—\$6000 for the lot. There are lots of cattle at Bennett, but owing to the low stage of the water it is impossible at present to ship them in. There are a number of scows on the way down, however, and probably there will be plenty of beef in a few more days."

At the City Market there was but a few pounds of boiling beef and no hind quarters.

Mr. Waile, of the Victoria market, said: "What little we have at present is saved for our old customers and sells for \$1.25 per pound when taken by the half beef. There is no profit at that price. We expect 160 head in soon, however, and will then have plenty for all. We had to refuse restaurants this morning. Fortunately there is plenty of eggs in the city, consequently the lack of meat will not be so severely felt. Canned meats will have to be served in many places. We have had no mutton since last Friday and pork has not been seen for the past month; there is none in town. We paid for five steers and one cow \$3500 a few days ago. They cost us \$1 a pound on the hoof. We are losing money right along on the stock at the prices even at their high figure, but will continue to supply our customers as long as we can obtain a pound of beef."

It was learned later in the day that the stock which was held at \$600 a head was sold to Chas. Bassault of the Bay City market and Murphy Bros., of the Bonanza market for \$525 a head. They will weight dressed about 675 pounds each.

They Look Moth-Eaten.

To a great extent the same old signs hold good. In the winter it was easy to distinguish new arrivals over the ice from their smoked ham complexions. The same complexion is acquired now by those coming down on scows, and in addition to the dark, brown color, very few noses escape becoming more or less blistered on the route which gives them something of moth-eaten appearance for several days after landing. However, a large portion of the travel from above is by scows at the present time.

To Meet in Court House.

Beginning this evening the Yukon council will hereafter hold its meetings in the courthouse at 8 o'clock instead of in the commissioner's office at 3 o'clock in the afternoon as has been the former custom. Henceforth the meetings will be open to the press and public, and all who are curious as to the manner in which the local ship of state is steered are at liberty to gratify that curiosity by attending the meetings.

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