

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

John La Ghrist Shoots Three Lead Bullets Into His Wife.

URNS THE PISTOL AND PLANTS A PELLET IN HIS BRAIN

His Wife Preferred the Companionship and Love of Another Man.

She Had Purchased a Ticket for Nome to Join Her Amour, When She Was Confronted Last Night By Her Forsaken Husband, Who Had Just Arrived From the Outside—Three Children Survive Their Parents' Disgrace—Wounded Wife Has Good Chance for Recovering—Suicide Will Rest in Potter's Field.

(From Friday's Daily.)
Dawson's annual attempt at murder and suicide, both preceding ones having been successfully carried out, has been made for 1900.

Each year since Dawson has been a twin the promptings of a jealous heart has caused some man to murder the object of his erstwhile love and temporary hatred, and then turn upon himself the weapon of destruction and end his life. In all three attempts of this kind within a period of two years, the latter part of the program has been successful, and in the two former cases, the woman has been killed. The latest attempt in this line of tragedy was, however, a deviation from the former program as in this case the woman, although shot in no less than three places, still lives, with fair chances for recovery. Her would-be murderer was more accurate in his own case, and his lifeless clay now remains of what was but yesterday a live and passion-animating man.

Yesterday evening about 6:45 o'clock people who were near the alley which runs between and parallel with First and Second avenues, heard a number of pistol shots fired in rapid succession, and glancing along the alley to a point almost directly in the rear of the Pioneer saw a woman half running and half crawling along the street, and a man standing in the door or on the doorstep of a board shack which adjoins the alley, near that particular place. When persons attracted by the shots hastened to the scene they found the woman lying in the alley, and at the same time the man retreated into the shack, closing the door after him. Sergeant Wilson, of the police, and one or two of the constables were soon upon the scene. A number of men made a rush for the shack, but were warned by an officer that there might be danger of bullets coming out through the door. This had the effect of causing them to fall back; when the officer approached the door and started to open it he found that the man's body was lying on the floor and against the door. He pushed the door open and entered to find the man unconscious, having turned the pistol upon himself, holding it well up on his left temple and firing one bullet through his hat and skull, into his brain.

In the meantime the woman had been carried to the Good Samaritan hospital, where an examination of her wounds were made, which revealed the fact that she had been hit by the three shots, one of which took effect in her right arm, another slightly penetrating and tearing one of her breasts, and the third passing through the right side of her neck. The wounds were hastily dressed and in five minutes after she was removed from the examination table, on which she was all the time conscious of what was going on, it was occupied by him who had attempted her life and afterwards succeeded in numbering the minutes of his own. Drs. Duncan and Simpson made a hasty examination of the self-inflicted wound and saw at once that death was imminent. They were right, for, after three hours' heavy breathing during which time he never regained consciousness, the destroyer of his own life passed away.

Who was the man and who was the woman? were questions which were probably asked one thousand times before the tragedy was 15 minutes old.

The latter question was more easily answered than the former. The woman was known as Mrs. Madden, who came here in August, 1898, with Hugh Mad-

den from Glenora on the Stickine, where they had resided since the previous March, and had since lived here with Madden as his wife until he went to Nome over the ice, she having all arrangements completed to sail on the Merwin to join him; but the troubles at the time of the date set for that steamer's starting on the trip caused the woman to decide to wait for a later steamer, and only yesterday she purchased a ticket on the steamer J. C. Barr on which, having had her baggage placed aboard yesterday evening, she intended passing the night in her stateroom which she had left not more than 30 minutes before the attempt on her life. While on the examination table at the hospital last night, being aware that her journey to Nome as a passenger on the Barr would not be accomplished, she had the forethought to arrange for having her baggage brought ashore, telling where the checks for it could be found.

At a coroner's inquest conducted this morning by Magistrate Starnes, the mystery of the tragedy was cleared up, and the identity of the dead would-be murderer and suicide, and his relation to the unfortunate woman fully established by a long and somewhat rambling letter which he had prepared some time yesterday, as the letter bore the date "Dawson, June 7th, 1900." The letter, which embraced language which precludes its being printed, states that the woman is the wife of its writer, John La Ghrist; that they were married at Hamilton, Ontario, in 1876 and that the fruit of their marriage was four children, two daughters now in Boston, one son in Toronto and one son who died in infancy; that the fall of '97 the husband and wife were both seized with a strong desire to come to the Klondike and in order to gratify that desire, sold their property in Hamilton, La Ghrist staying to settle up the business, his wife coming on to Vancouver there to wait until his arrival; that while in Vancouver she conducted a disreputable house, and met and began living with Hugh Madden, refusing to longer live with her husband when he arrived on the scene; that in the spring of '98 Madden and Mrs. La Ghrist went to Glenora, where the woman again ran a house of prostitution, coming with Madden to Dawson in the fall of '98, where they have since lived.

The letter further states the intention of the writer to attempt to persuade the woman to return to him and resume wifely relations, and that in case she refused then he would kill both her and Madden; that the letter was being written in order that "if anything happens to me it will fall into the hands of the officers of the law."

From the wording of the letter it is evident that La Ghrist intended, in case his pleadings with his wife to return to him were of no avail, to kill her and then himself.

It is not thought at the time he wrote the letter that he knew of Madden's having gone to Nome, as, after arriving in a small boat from Bennett with two or three other men on the 6th, the party had stopped in a tent near the Sister's hospital and La Ghrist had not been up town until yesterday afternoon.

The dead man, when seen at the Good Samaritan hospital, presented the appearance of being a man not over 45 years of age, well formed and vigorous, weighing perhaps 170 pounds; his complexion was dark and his face rather French in appearance, he wore a dark

mustache and had been recently shaven; his hands presented the appearance of those of a working man.

After viewing the remains and hearing the evidence presented, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death by a shot fired by his own hands, the bullet from a .32 calibre pistol penetrating the brain. Jurors were: C. S. Burwell, foreman; W. J. S. Bennett, G. C. Allenger, J. F. Brewster, T. Lowe and W. Lowe.

La Ghrist came to Dawson last fall in an attempt to reclaim his wife when, it is stated, Madden bought him off for \$1500, the husband leaving alone for the outside on one of the late steamers last fall.

The wounded woman says that when she met her husband yesterday he asked her to return with him to the outside and they would go to Australia and begin their life anew; she demurred. He then asked her for money and she again demurred. According to her statement, La Ghrist then pulled his pistol and at once began firing.

The woman is at the Good Samaritan hospital, where she is resting easily, and, unless complications arise, has the physicians state, an excellent chance to recover.

Except a few pieces of silver, less than \$5, the dead man had no money on his person. The body will be buried tomorrow in the potter's field.

Coming and Going.

An interesting sight is now to be observed by anyone going along the beach near the bridge. Scows are arriving and departing at frequent intervals, those from above loaded with merchandise and those going down usually with live-stock and a large number of men. One of the latter left this morning with 11 men and two horses. The scow was rigged schooner fashion. She is bound for St. Michael.

A Dog Gone Place.

The C. D. Co. send all their dogs up river in the summer time to an island in Lebarge called Dog Island. There are but two men there and fully 200 canines. Nets are spread in the lake and the fish obtained are fed to them. The company also has another reserve near Circle where mail dogs are kept, these are to be all sent up the river to join the Lebarge colony.

Sargent at Taggish.

C. S. Sargent, of Sargent & Pinsky, has been heard of at Taggish where he was reported with a scow load of merchandise coming down the river. He is expected in Dawson on the 15th inst.

Royalty Travels Incog.

Not wishing to court notoriety on his way to Dawson, Count Carboneau, who was a passenger on the Ora from Whitehorse Wednesday night, traveled under the modest name of plain "Mr. Des Long Champs." He was around calling on his old friends yesterday.

Whitehorse Growing.

Mr. Arthur E. Maynard, formerly paying teller in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city, and who went to Whitehorse to fill a similar position for the big financial institution in its new bank at that place, was a passenger on the Ora Wednesday evening, having come down on a hurried business trip. He says that as yet Whitehorse is not much of a place, but that there is every indication that the place will have assumed the proportions of a young city before the end of the summer.

Mr. Maynard says the first train will run into Whitehorse today and that from now on that will be an active and busy place. Mr. Maynard will return to Whitehorse within the next few days.

Select Dinner Party.

Col. and Mrs. Wiggins, Miss Spencer and Mr. Hastings, of the A. C. Co., were the guests of honor last evening at a dinner given at the McDonald hotel by Mr. and Mrs. G. K. French. The others present were Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. French, Mrs. McDonald and Lieut.-Col. Hemming.

Capt. Bliss in Town.

Capt. Bliss has been in town since Monday. His work as royalty collector on Dominion is pretty well along, but he will return to the creek in a few days to complete the government's business for the season.

Prominent Filipino Captain.

Manila, April 28.—Major General Wheaton reports that Senor Paterno, the former president of the so-called Filipino cabinet, was captured in the mountains near Trinidad, province of Benguet, on April 25th. Paterno, recently, through relatives in Manila, requested and received permission to enter the American lines, but failed to appear. His relatives explained that he had been sick a long time and was an invalid. He was brought to San Bernardino on a litter accompanied by soldiers of the 48th regiment.

WON BY SINCLAIR

Glove Contest at the Orpheum Attracts a Good-Sized Crowd.

BOTH MEN WERE IN GOOD FORM

And Made the "Go" Brisk and Lively While It Lasted.

COOPER FOULED HIS MAN,

And the Referee Gave the Decision to Sinclair in the Seventh Round.

At the Orpheum last night Billy Cooper and "Caribou" Sinclair were matched in a ten-round go. The affair was pulled off successfully and a splendid exhibition was given. The fiasco in which Dick Case and McKenzie appeared recently had a great deal to do with the lack of interest displayed by the people in the event, although a fairly well filled house witnessed the go. Both men evidently went in to win from the start, with Caribou the aggressor. All the work of the men was done with their lefts only an occasional right being delivered.

Round by round was contested fiercely by both men, Caribou showing up better in each round until finally in the seventh he was given the decision owing to a palpable foul by Cooper, who it is believed delivered the blow in a clinch knowingly as he realized he could not win and thus saved himself from a knockout.

It was noticed that Caribou has improved won fully in his style of fighting, but has poor judgment in delivery, otherwise he would have had his man in lullaby town in the first few rounds. Cooper did the best he could and made the hit of the night in the first round, landing on Caribou a straight left which brought the blood from his nose much to his discomfort. Several times during the contest Caribou was fouled, the onlookers yelling and directing the attention of the referee to the fact. He warned Cooper several times, until the last, which was so palpable that he gave the decision as noted above.

Geo L. Graham acted as referee with Tibbald official timekeeper. Geo. O. Willice and the Colorado Kid challenged the winner, the latter being backed by Eddie O'Brien.

Time was called at 12:15.
Round 1.—Caribou led and landed left on jaw, again leading and landing, then upper-cutting and clinching, following with four left swings, all landing with more or less force on jaw. Cooper came back with left landing heavily on nose and drawing blood, then swinging and missing as time was called.

Round 2.—Cooper led driving in left and right on jaw, then two stiff left jolts. Caribou swung and missed twice, then delivered a left swing and clinched. At breaking Sinclair got in a straight right on wind and had Cooper going but was too rattled to follow his advantage. He followed soon with three left swings all landing on Cooper's head.

Round 3.—Cooper swung and missed after Caribou landed on right jaw, Sinclair catching him lightly again, then clinching. Caribou led left and got right wind followed by left, then right on stomach, both clinching. At break away Caribou uppercut, both lead with left and got in. Time.

Round 4.—Cooper swung and missed with left, again missing. Caribou reaching his wind with right and same by Cooper, he landing right on wind; both clinched; Cooper fouled in clinch. After break away they clinch again, then Caribou drives in left swing and time is called.

Round 5.—Cooper's eyes showing bad; Caribou leads and misses, Cooper uppercuts but is blocked; Caribou gets in right on wind then left on jaw and clinches to avoid Cooper's rush. After break Cooper lands left and clinches at call of time.
Round 6.—Both men lead left and

lands, then clinch; here Cooper fouls again. Caribou swung left then clinched. Cooper lands on wind after break; then Caribou lands left twice. Cooper is bleeding heavily from nose and mouth and weak in legs, both lead and miss, then Caribou gets in left at call of time.

Round 7.—Cooper leads and misses, then gets in left and right, bringing Caribou to the floor where he stays till count of four; then Cooper leads and lands right; Caribou lands left; both clinch; Cooper again fouls driving in right at clinch and the referee decides in favor of Sinclair. Both men were comparatively fresh—at the end of the go, particularly Sinclair, who had regained his steam.

Another Smashed Record.

Mr. F. H. Griffith arrived in the city yesterday from a ten days' tour of Forty-mile river, where he owns considerable mining property. The trip from Forty-mile is seldom made afoot and in less than ten days or two weeks; but Griffith covered the distance in a day and a half and had time to spare to toy with ruby sand along the river bank on the way up. He reports the trip one of the roughest of his experience, but having mastered it, he would, were it not for the fact that he sails for Nome on the Barr, enter the Fourth of July obstacle race.

Hurrah for Bryan!

Mrs. Ross E. Bryan presented her liege lord with a nine-pound son and heir yesterday morning. The mother and son are doing well, and it is 16 to 1 that the father is the happiest man in town.

Road House Burned.

On Wednesday last a fire occurred at McNeill's roadhouse, located at No. 3 below upper discovery on Dominion creek. The house is run by Misses Julian and Evers. There was a fire in the stove at the time and the moss in the roof became ignited as a result of a defective flue. The lining of the cabin quickly caught fire and the flames soon spread over the entire inside of the building.

The alarm was quickly given to the men working on the claim who hastily formed a bucket brigade from the six 500 boxes to the cabin. After an hour's hard work the flames were subdued, but not until the cabin had been practically gutted. The roof was pulled off in order to enable the men to get at the flames. The damage will amount to \$400 to \$500.

The roadhouse has been doing a good business and it is the intention to have it immediately repaired. Mr. McNeill, the owner, left Dawson today for the scene of the fire.

Up in a Balloon.

Ballooning Leonard is preparing for an ascension tomorrow in a brand new airship. Ever since the disaster which occurred to his balloon about 10 days ago, Leonard has been busy on the construction of a new machine in which to navigate the air. It is made of strong canvas and the aeronaut thinks will fully equal the balloon which burned. He wants to make one more ascension in Dawson before leaving for Nome, in which town he says he will soar to the clouds on July 4th.

New Railway Company.

Ottawa, May 15.—The railway committee of the House of Commons this morning reported in favor of a bill to incorporate the Canada National Railway & Transportation Company, which proposes building a road from Collingwood to Toronto. The bill was fiercely fought by the promoters of the Toronto Georgian Bay Railway Company, a rival company backed by Toronto financiers. The former is backed by Americans and Canadians.

Stabbed By His Wife.

Kansas, City, Mo., May 16.—As the result of a family quarrel, Thomas H. Moss lies at the city hospital dangerously wounded from being stabbed by his wife with a pair of scissors. One of the blades entered Moss' right side, and penetrated the lower part of the lung. Physicians say he may die. Mrs. Moss is locked up at the police headquarters.

BRIEF MENTION.

Gill Edgar, owner of 18 below upper, on Dominion, arrived in the city today, having cleaned up the dumps on his claim.

Owing to the fact that there was not a quorum present, there was no meeting of the Yukon council yesterday afternoon, but a meeting will be held this evening.

Mr. Montgomery Chandler, an accountant in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is a patient at the Good Samaritan hospital, suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

There is a double program on this week at the Palace Grand—'Forgiveness' and 'Jack o' Diamonds.' The show is well worth seeing and a few pleasant hours can be spent to advantage at that popular house.

Attorney and Mrs. G. K. French will leave on the steamer Hannah for Nome where, being so to speak, under his own vine and fig tree, also the Stars and Stripes. Mr. French will practice his chosen profession.

ALASKA DEMONSTRATION

That the Administration of Co.

Renew Their Alleged Honored Principles and Object

From Saturday
The man who would preference to a typical convention has no argument. Except during the past 40, the Democrats denouncing the administration convention, but at have never neglected pride to those neglected by Jefferson, ennobled by Tilden, and dear to the heart.

The Alaska demonstration was held in and from an account Skagway, Alaskan Democratic convention revenue on whisky as "outrageous and to be embodied in platforms in the south. At Juneau the convention reported a qualified endorsement. Bryan, denounced the oligopolistic trusts and bill, favored constant as accomplished by son, Monroe and Seward, but unaltered Republican policy which, as exemplified by a Republican un-American, unconstituted tax law for Alaska. "If the principal Republican administration for Alaska should settled principles of freedom, it will result in our liberties under the tender our people citizens."

The platform furnished "unwarranted favor shipping and commerce Canada, to the great coast interests and Alaska trade with the lies that the trade which provide for the adian goods through immediately rescinded by favoring a government as the solution of the "Alaska" J. H. Cobb, of the mitted a minority from a section expressed the Boers, which he The motion called oratory. Mr. Cob England was the one States has in Europe. He pleaded that we could her in the face. This was defended by Jennings and F. D. and earnest speech demanded and the at down, 56 to 3. This was then adopted.

Dyea's Demands

The most momentous latter day history of Dyea has just been sav that, notwithstanding the event, demonstration or though it concerned town and the famous out of the town, the navy took place between two persons. The express it in a breath the closing of the port. There is no longer The erstwhile busy teeming population seekers and temptations, has lapsed Deputy Collector Wood by and collect open the port as lo prospect of a pour over the summit, months after any thousands of former dwindled to hundred to a few tens.

Then some mystic the spirit of some enclosed. So now, says the A and Mr. Walker has to help collect duties to be collected port which is a part, Uncle Sam's custody only one leaving large delegation is