

THE EVENTFUL HISTORY

Of Mrs. Harper Recalled by Commissioner Ogilvie

Who Tells of Her First Husband, Who Was an American Army Officer.

Mrs. Harper, who died recently in San Francisco, was a woman whose memoirs, could they have been preserved, would have made a book intensely interesting, as her life was spent in the newest, wildest and, therefore, most interesting part of the known world—Alaska and the Yukon territory.

She was of two races, Russian and Indian, and received the advantages of a good education. She was known among her people when a girl as Irena, and at an early age married Lieutenant Conlan of the United States army, then in Alaska in the interests of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

This was away back in the sixties; the U. S. government was looking for a cable route to Europe, and before the laying of the great submarine cable had demonstrated the feasibility of that scheme, which is now in turn about to be superseded by the Marconi system.

By the marriage with Conlan a daughter was born, who is now the wife of Frank G. H. Bonker, manager of the Pacific coast branches of the British-American Corporation.

When word came to Alaska of the successful laying of the second Atlantic cable, of course the former plans of the government concerning the laying of a cable through this country were abandoned, and the explorers recalled, and whether this led to a divorce between Mrs. Conlan and the Lieutenant, or whether the latter died, Mr. Ogilvie, who kindly furnishes the other information, does not recall. But at all events, we find the subject of this sketch some time later the wife of Arthur Harper, who afterwards associated himself with Joseph Ladue in the Dawson townsite, upon a part of which the city stands, and which is still known as the Harper-Ladue townsite.

Arthur Harper died at Yuma, Arizona, some seven or eight years since, at which time Mrs. Harper was with him administering to his wants till the last. No children resulted from her marriage with Harper, and at his death she returned to her native land, where two years since she was again married.

The disease which finally resulted in her death was of an hereditary source, her mother, who was a personage of considerable importance on the lower river, having died of the same complaint.

Anniversary of Washington's Death.

Tomorrow, December 14, will be the one hundred and first anniversary of the death of George Washington, the first president of the United States—the man who earned the praise, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." George Washington died at his home, Mount Vernon, on the banks of the Potomac, not many miles from the city of Washington, the present capital of the United States. At the time of the death of Washington, December 14, 1799, the capital of the United States was at Philadelphia. The sixth congress had just assembled, and to that city the news of the death of Washington was brought on the evening of December 17, the traveler who brought the news having heard it when passing through Alexandria, which is near Mount Vernon, the home of Washington. This traveler had passed through Baltimore and announced the death of the first president there the preceding day. The Alexandria Times was the first newspaper to print the news, in its issue bearing date of December 15.

Washington was buried on December 18. At the time the funeral services were being held at Mount Vernon, John Marshall, a member of Virginia, and later chief justice of the United States, announced the death of the first president to congress, then in session. The greatest grief was manifested; an immediate adjournment was taken, and the members voted to wear mourning and to drape the senate chamber. President Adams' wife postponed a levee one week, and notices were sent out requesting the ladies who attended to wear white dresses trimmed with black ribbon, and black kid gloves.

In Boston the tolling of the bells on Christmas morning announced the death of Washington to the people, just 11 days after it occurred.

Funeral services were held in all the principal cities of the country. In New York, in St. Paul's church, on

December 31; in Boston, in the Old South church, on February 8. Harvard college is said to have been the only college that held special funeral services. Two of the members of the senior class took part. The president of the college read an address in Latin.

We can realize how slowly people traveled in those days, when it took three days for the news of the death of the greatest citizen in America to reach the capital of the country—a distance traveled today by railroads in three hours, while a telegraphic message would pass between the two places in but a few minutes. This is but one of the many proofs of the wonderful changes in the conditions of life in this country in one hundred years.

With the news service of 101 years ago in vogue at the present time, upwards of a year would be required for the transmission of news from Mount Vernon, which is 14 miles down the Potomac river from Washington, to reach Dawson. "The world do move."

Joe Young's Escape.

Old Seattleites well remember the escape of Joe Young and his female "pal," who attempted to work a blackmail scheme on Assistant United States Attorney Relfe, father of the late Lynn Relfe, one of the Minto murder victims, for which attempted blackmail Young was tried, convicted and served five years in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

Five years labor in Washington's jute mills marked an apparent change of heart in the person of Joseph, and when he was permitted to lay aside the convict garb he blossomed out into a most enthusiastic Salvation Army worker in the vineyard of the Lord. But he wearied of well doing, resigned from the army and came to the broad, white north to carve out a name and fortune for himself. While in Dawson, where he was last winter, he did not make much headway towards laying the foundation for a fortune, those who knew him saying that most of his time and attention were devoted to efforts to keep out of the royal law refinery.

Young left Dawson last spring for Nome. There the goddess of fortune did not smile any more benignly upon him than in Dawson and he became in very straitened circumstances. Having heard, probably while a member of the Salvation Army, the homely motto, "God helps those who help themselves," Joe put it into force and effect by stealing some money in a Nome gambling house. He was detected, tried, convicted, and letters received by the last mail from the outside contain newspaper clippings which state that Young was taken below on one of the last steamers to leave Nome last fall en route to San Quentin, where he will spend two years. Joe Young is past middle age and has always borne a bad reputation.

Off for Whitehorse.

The four-horse stage of Robinson & Co., Fred R. Knight, driver, left for Whitehorse at 10:45 yesterday with seven passengers. The interior of the stage, with its cushioned seats, many fur robes and hay covered floor, presented a very cheerful and inviting appearance.

Looks Like McKinley.

George McMillan, mining engineer, and sometime actor, bears the distinction of looking like the chief executive of the United States.

The aforesaid George is much younger than President McKinley, and dresses somewhat differently, but add to his present age the score or more of years which go to make the difference in their ages, also the lines of care resultant from long and intimate acquaintance with the lamp which burns the midnight oil, and one will have a striking likeness of the first man in America.

"See here!" exclaimed Mr. McMillan, when a day or two since the resemblance was noticed, "I have traveled several times around this mundane sphere, and because my name happens to begin with 'Mc,' people seem to think that the latter part of it don't matter much, and in consequence I have been called everything from the 'Bold McIntyre' of song fame to 'McGinty' who wore his best clothes when he committed suicide, and now they're calling me McKinley. Between the name and the face which fortune has dealt out to me I am wondering whether I am destined to have greatness thrust upon me or by myself thrust into jail or an insane asylum.

"Well, at all events I guess I have very little to do with it myself; it all depends on what the Mc's do, and they are a great family."

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate McDonnell held a short session of his court this morning, but will have more business on hand this afternoon.

John Warner, charged with vagrancy and now in jail, will be up this afternoon when a number of citizens will testify that he is a regular bum and loafer.

Some time ago a gray mare was taken from the stable of Andrew Lasen on Gold Run. Later the animal was found in the possession of A. P. Brant on Hunker, who claimed to have purchased it for \$50, showing an unwitnessed bill of sale for that amount. Constable Purvis took possession of the mare and brought her to the government stable here. Brant is now an inmate of the Good Samaritan hospital and unable to appear in court. Lasen was given possession of the nag this morning, witnesses stating that they knew him to be the lawful owner. When able to appear in court Brant will be asked to explain his possession of the mare.

Mrs. Edith Butler who resides on Third avenue near the town police station had a search warrant issued this morning for the person and property of a young man whose name she does not know, but whom she has reason to believe stole money and diamonds from her to the value of about \$300.

At the instigation of Orman Bloom a warrant was issued for Albert Booth for assault on the person of the complainant. The case will be heard this afternoon.

Dave Lockridge's Nerve.

An incident occurred yesterday on Dominion creek which proves the truth of the old saying that a drowning man will grasp at a straw.

Dave Lockridge was working in the shaft at 30 below lower discovery yesterday when he was overcome by gas, and being alone he could get no assistance. He found the crane rope dangling from above, and not having the strength to climb it he still knew that it was his only source of hope, so he tied it securely about his body under the arms, and then he lost consciousness.

After a time his brother returned to the mouth of the shaft, and getting no reply to his calls, pulled at the rope, which of course came hard, owing to the heavy weight of the body attached to the lower end. He persevered in his efforts and at last succeeded in bringing to the surface the apparently dead body of his brother.

Restoratives and fresh air finally resulted in bringing back the patient to consciousness, and at last accounts his recovery was regarded as certain.

Tried Steamboating.

Tom Bruce, of the Holborn cafe, arrived in Dawson Monday after an extended trip to Nome and the States via the lower river route. While in Nome last summer he, together with Chas. Adams of Gold Hill, purchased the steamer Lavelle Young and dispatched her up the Yukon to Dawson with 300 tons of freight and 75 passengers. Unfortunately, through the carelessness of employes the flue sheet of the boiler cracked disabling the boat completely and necessitating her return to St. Michael. A new boiler is now being built for her in Seattle and the boat will be placed in commission next spring, probably going up the Koyukuk. This unfortunate accident cost Mr. Bruce something like \$10,000, but he is not daunted by his experience and will try it again next season, he still owning his interest in the craft.

Dentists as Detectives.

According to Dr. Hans Gross, of Czerowitz, dentists are likely in the future to prove of great service toward the identification and discovery of criminals. He dwells on this subject at length in the second volume of his work, "Archives of Criminal Anthropology," which has just been published, and draws special attention to the fact that on the occasion of the great fire at the Charity bazaar in Paris, on May 4, 1897, many of the victims were identified by means of their teeth. He also relates the following curious story:

"A banker was murdered in St. Petersburg some time ago and near him was found a cigar holder with an amber mouthpiece. The holder was so shaped that it could only be held in one position in the mouth, and a close examination showed that it had two marks, which must have been made by two teeth of unequal length. The banker had no such irregular teeth, but his nephew had, and their suspicions aroused by this simple but important discovery, the authorities soon learned enough to warrant them in arresting him on the charge of murder."

Dr. Gross tells another story of a man who attempted to commit murder and whom the police succeeded in arresting and identifying through the gold filling in his front teeth, a clear description of which had been given to them by the would be assassin's intended victim.

The evident conclusion is that most valuable information is to be obtained from dentists if detectives will only look for it.

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COMING AND GOING.

Postmaster Hartman is ill with a bad cold.

George Noble is in from his Sulphur claim for a few days.

Chas. Lamb and wife of Eldorado, are in the city for a few days.

Attorney Stackpool has been advised by his physician to learn to dance as a cure for dyspepsia.

C. M. Weymouth, of 18 below on Sulphur, is mingling with his many Dawson friends.

The Yukon council will hold a regular meeting at the courthouse tonight beginning at 8 o'clock.

Chas. A. Dunn and wife are registered at the Regina, where Mrs. Dunn is confined to her bed by a serious illness.

Clara Harwood, formerly a dance hall girl and more recently an inmate of one of the Fourth avenue houses is dead from pneumonia. Undertaker Green is preparing the body for burial.

Last evening a very pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, to a number of their friends who thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality which the host and hostess know so well how to dispense.

Attorney Wm. McKay is going to Fortymile to eat his Christmas dinner. So far the particular means of transportation has not been decided upon. Sometimes the scale tips in favor of a dog team and sometimes it is wondered if it would not be best to wait till the river opens and go on a steamer.

Before Justice Craig this afternoon is being heard the case of Mrs. McDonnell against the Water Co. Out of this case grew the recent injunction proceedings which created so much interest, and it is believed the case being tried at present will be even more interesting before its finish.

D. Davis is at St. Mary's hospital suffering from injuries to his spine which will probably prove fatal. He was mining on Last Chance, where he fell from top to bottom of a 50-foot shaft, crushing his spine, and sustaining other injuries of a serious nature.

The police department has been trying for some time to have the telegraph office opposite Stewart removed to the other side of the river. In the summer, when the river is open it takes more than an hour to get from the town of Stewart, where the police detachment is located, to the telegraph office.

The A. C. Co. has had hooks placed all along the edge of the roof of the Third street side of its buildings, and today workmen were busy measuring blankets to fit. The blankets are provided with eyelets and are sewn in strips to reach to the sidewalk. They are to be used in case of fire on the opposite side of the street.

The Billiard Tournament.

The billiard handicap played at the Regina club Tuesday evening resulted in a victory for J. A. Chute, who was down to play 135 points against 85 by W. H. Scarth. The winner made his score of 135, his adversary being able to find but 57 at the conclusion of the game.

The handicap played by Wm. McKay last evening at the Regina Club, against J. A. Chute was a great game. He

made his score of 140 points good, and his opponent got 84 points out of the 135 he should have had to make to win. The average was 1.23 to .74.

A Groundless Rumor.

The report was current on the streets this morning that Miss Marion Tracie was dead. As it was known that she had been ill at the private hospital of Miss Hannah for several days the rumor was given credence.

A call at the hospital, however, developed the fact that Miss Tracie was somewhat improved in health since yesterday.

Leaders Foment Trouble.

Hong Kong, Nov. 19.—Because of the conduct of the customs house at Manila trade with the Philippines has been dislocated, and it is a standing remark on this coast that in this respect things are in a much worse condition than under the Spanish regime.

This is due in a large measure to the inexperience of the officials in the customs house. It can hardly be expected that officials drawn directly from the army can become at once customs house experts. Still after two years' occupation of Manila one would naturally expect some improvement.

Hardly a ship from Hong Kong now enters that port without being fined for some trifling clerical error in the manifest or without being delayed in the harbor for some fancied small infringement of the regulations. When it is remembered that these ships and these lines have been carrying on trade with Manila for 20 years no one can believe that these infringements are committed intentionally.

Still the same trouble occurs from week to week until matters are in such a state that if it were not for the huge amount of money invested in the lines there is hardly any doubt that the steamers would be withdrawn.

Queer Trees.

The musical, or whistling, tree is a native of the West Indies and the Sudan. It possesses a peculiar shaped leaf, and pods with a split or broken edge. The wind passing through these causes the sound which gives to the tree the name of "whistler." In Barbados there is a valley filled with trees of this character, and when the trade winds blow across the island a constant moaning, deep toned whistle is heard from it.

The electric light tree, says Answers, gives a light so strong that a person can read or write by it at night.

The milk tree has a thick, tough skin that can be used for soiling shoes. To obtain the milk a hole is bored in the trunk; then it produces a sweet sap. The bread tree has a solid fruit, a little larger than a coconut, which when cut into slices and cooked, can scarcely be distinguished from excellent bread.

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