

## 'T WAS A MOST CRUEL FATE

That Followed Arthur Goddard From Early Childhood.

Story of the Accidents Which De-throned His Reason Told by a Congressman—The Father Here.

The cause of the insanity which possessed Arthur Goddard when he fell upon James Prater—the accident to which, undoubtedly, was due his condition—and the benign influences under which the young man had been reared, are all described in a letter just received by John Jenkins from Congressman John T. Jenkins, of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, the home of the unfortunate boy. The letter was written on June 30, and the congressman stated that he desired information of Arthur's condition, no word having, up to that time been received from his attorney or anyone directly connected with the case. The letter says in part:

"I knew Arthur's father long before his marriage, I have known his mother ever since her marriage and have known Arthur ever since he was born. His mother is one of the very finest ladies in the country, no finer, better, truer woman ever lived. No boy was more tenderly and properly raised than Arthur. His father, mother and sister are among the very finest and best of our people. Arthur was well brought up, his moral training was never neglected and there was no possible excuse for Arthur doing anything wrong unless it was under the impulse of insanity. Up to this time we have not had any definite information in regard to this unfortunate affair further than what we have been permitted to read in a copy of the Klondike Nugget, which seems to have given a very full and fair account of it.

"When Arthur was about 6 years of age he was coasting on a sidewalk in this city that ran down on the edge of a hill some 30 or 40 feet fall. A little dog ran out, snapping at Arthur's legs, and turning his head round to watch the movements of the dog, mislead him and he slipped under the fence or railing that protected the sidewalk and went over the decline and fell on his head, crushing his skull severely. He was brought home senseless and remained for some six days hovering between life and death. At about the expiration of that time he showed some signs of living and he remained in his bed for about six weeks, when he got up. He was treated by some medical men, and Dr. Hall remarked that Arthur would either be feeble minded or certainly go insane before death if he lived long.

"The very first day he was able to get out of doors a good neighbor insisted upon his going over to their house, promising to look after him so that his mother might have a little rest, and some one raised a trap-door and in some manner Arthur fell down, striking his head severely and losing his senses and was again carried home senseless and remained for a long time hovering between life and death. The shock to his parents was very great. We have always looked upon Arthur as having some mental difficulty. He was very sensitive about his head and an examination of his skull will show where the fracture was. It has been said by some that he had a plate in his head, but this is not the fact; his parents make no such claim. He was about 6 years of age when the first injury happened to him and the medical gentlemen in attendance were of the opinion that it would be best not to do anything but to let nature have its own way, and consequently no plate or anything of that kind was inserted in his head.

"For over four months his mother has been upon what we regard her death bed. No one acquainted with her thinks she will ever get up again and up to this time all information in regard to this unfortunate affair has been kept from her. Mr. Goddard has not been able for some two or three weeks to leave her bedside only for a short time. I have interested myself in the case, believing from all the information that I have here and what I have read in the Klondike Nugget that Arthur must have been insane and absolutely irresponsible at the time he committed the deed."

On Wednesday last, Mr. Goddard, the boy's father, arrived in Dawson, the condition of his wife having improved sufficiently to permit it. He has evidently suffered greatly through the mis-

fortune which befell his son and the illness of his wife; he is, indeed, nearly ill himself, though he was able to secure some rest while on the way in. He brought with him letters of introduction to many of our prominent citizens, together with affidavits concerning the accident described by Congressman Jenkins. He has been convinced from the first that his boy was insane at the time of his crime, and the condition in which he found him upon his arrival here was even worse than he had any reason to imagine. The boy was taken before him on Thursday and failed to recognize his father.

### Shadow of Death.

George P. Ballentine died at 11 o'clock Thursday forenoon from the effects of typhoid fever, at his home on the police reserve. Deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, but came to the Klondike from Brookline, Mich. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife, who lives in Dawson, together with two brothers. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church. The remains have been embalmed by Jenkins & Barker, and will be enclosed in a metallic casket, it being the intention of the widow to take the body outside for permanent interment next spring. Deceased spent the winter at the mines near Rampart, and only returned from there a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Lucy Thomas, mother of Mrs. Hannah Butt, of the Klondike, died suddenly at her home in Seattle a couple of weeks ago. Her daughter lately went to Seattle for the purpose of bringing the mother in here, and they were just on the point of leaving when the sad event occurred.

The funeral of the late Odelon Cadieux, who shot himself on Wednesday, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Catholic church. Capt. Scarth decided that an inquest would be unnecessary.

Information has been received to the effect that Elias Thomas, of 43b Bonanza, was drowned on Stewart river August 17th, by the upsetting of a boat. The news was brought to town Wednesday by Wilber Johnstone, who was with him at the time and narrowly escaped drowning himself. Thomas was 35 years of age and a native of Liverpool. He had been in the Klondike five years. His body was not recovered.

### Meat Co. Won.

The right to bring preserved meats into the territory from other places and put it on the local market was decided in the affirmative by Colonel Steele Saturday, in the case brought against the Alaska Meat Co., charging them with selling meats not killed in a licensed slaughter house. The company, it will be remembered, sent a cargo of meats here from Seattle on the Lotta Talbot.

The court, in dismissing the action, said the spirit of the ordinance is not to prevent wholesale meat from being brought into the country, but is to prevent diseased attle being killed here. The health officer had examined the meat on the boat and pronounced it to be in first-class condition.

### Steamboat Rates Advance.

The first advance in steamboat rates under an agreement lately entered into between the several principal companies, went into operation on Friday. The new rate is as follows: To Seattle first-class, \$145; to Bennett, first-class \$110; second-class, \$80.

### Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between us, the undersigned, under the firm name and style of the Dawson Saw Mill and Building Company and as Smith & Hobbs, in the town of Dawson, in the Yukon Territory, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to said partnership are to be paid to Owen W. Hobbs, at Dawson, aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Owen W. Hobbs, by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Dawson, Yukon Territory, this 22d day of August, A. D., 1899.

O. W. HOBBS,  
R. C. SMITH.

Witness: ALBERT B. GUPPILL.

## FOUND WATERY GRAVES.

Two More Victims Are Added to the Long Roll.

Body of a Dead Man Found in the Hootalinqua and Another in the Yukon—One Identified.

A party of Dawson men, namely, T. J. Moore, Edward Duffy, Charles Tracy and C. P. Brossious, while engaged in chopping wood on the Lewes river about 15 miles above Fort Selkirk on July 26, found the body of a dead man floating in the water. It was badly decomposed, indicating that it had been deceased for a long period. The man was, in life, about 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighed about 180 pounds, was of light complexion and had sandy hair. He wore high laced shoes, a pair of overalls, and a sweater underneath which was a canvas vest, and a soft hat. Besides a few dollars in money and a couple of knives, the pockets held a couple of papers, one of which was a logger's license issued to H. B. Tingly on May 18, 1899, the other a bill against Josie Tingley for care in the Bishop Rowe hospital at Skagway for April, 1899. As the name Josie is that of a woman, the theory has been worked out that the sick one was the man's wife and that possibly she was drowned at the same time he was while coming down one of the rivers, possibly the Thirtymile. A grave was dug on an island near the place where the body was found and cribbed up to keep it from caving in, and there the remains were given Christian burial by the men who found them. The news of the affair, together with the foregoing description, was brought to The Nugget office by Messrs. Moore and Duffy, who can be found by interested ones at their cabin on the Klondike river, about one mile from its mouth.

The body of a drowned man was found in the Yukon, opposite the post-

office on Wednesday evening. It was evidently brought to the surface by the passing of the Willie Irving, as a man in a row boat saw it following in the wake of the vessel. The man was apparently 35 years of age, but the body was greatly decomposed and the features were not distinguishable. On one hand was a woolen mitten, from which it is judged that his death occurred during the winter. There was nothing in the pockets but a silver watch, a memorandum book and a knife. Inspector Scarth decided that an inquest would be unnecessary and had the remains interred at once. On Friday the body was identified as that of Wm. J. Smith, who was drowned in the Klondike river near its mouth on June 2.

### More Police Retire.

The terms of enlistment of 18 members of the N. W. M. P. expired Thursday. They are Corporal Richardson, Corporal Rudd, Constables T. Rogers, Allmark, Kembry, Patterson, Hildyard, Mallett, Reed, McPhail, Jackson, Mapple, Coats, Newman, Thomas, McNair, Morton, Taylor. Of these, Constable McPhail has re-enlisted for one year, and Constables Rogers, Allmark, Kembry, Patterson, Hildyard, Mallett and Reed have re-enlisted for two years, the others retiring from the service. Constable Taylor, who has been in charge at Fortymile, left for the outside on Friday.

Two new men were transferred to the Dawson detachment on Friday—Constable Dyer, of Tagish, and Constable Mallett of Fortymile. They will be attached to the town station.

### To Hydraulic Indian River.

F. L. Lidelle, who has been granted a concession for hydraulicking on Indian river, sent a corps of men to the place Saturday to survey the ground, consisting of L. Netland, John Hoey, O. Winningstad, Adolph Mosheim and Mades Sandel. The concession extends two and a half miles from the mouth of the river up and from water-shed to water-shed. The surveying corps will be back within a fortnight.

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