

## SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Says the Coroner's Jury in Soldier Watson's Case Today.

Captain Thorburn, the Second Victim, now Paralyzed and End Rapidly Drawing Near.

At 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening the young soldier whose name appears on the army roll, V. F. F. division, as M. W. Watson, and who was taken to the barracks hospital about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning with a dangerous bullet wound through the left side of his abdomen, having been found lying upon the street two blocks distant from the hospital, ended life's struggles, death intervening as the result of the wound.

This morning Capt. Starnes, acting in the coroner's capacity, proceeded with an inquest, the following jury having been empaneled: J. A. Clark, L. Merrymont, J. W. Od, J. Gibson, A. Stewart and C. Johnson.

After hearing the evidence of several witnesses the jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death through a pistol shot in the abdomen; that the weapon was in his own hands when it was discharged, which discharge was accidental.

The exact text of the verdict is as follows:

"That the deceased Matthew William Watson came to his death from a pistol shot wound inflicted by himself, and that from the evidence adduced we are of the opinion that the said wound was accidentally inflicted. And the jury also wish to state that in their opinion the publication of statements that the deceased's death was a case of suicide were unfounded, and liable to bring unnecessary sorrow to the family of deceased and wrongfully injure his character."

The coroner remarked that he quite agreed with the opinion of the jury, as suicide was shouted in the streets from newspapers long before a jury could be called to decide as to the cause of death, and even before death occurred.

From papers and records now in the hands of responsible people in this city, it is seen that the dead man is the Honorable M. W. St. John Watson Beresford, and that he is a nephew of Viscount Castlemaine, Creaduff House, Athlone, Ireland.

The funeral will be held at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow from the hospital. He will be buried with military honors, interment will be in the soldiers' cemetery on the east of Dawson.

Captain William Thorburn is still suffering from the effects of the gun shot wound which he himself inflicted last Tuesday morning. He regained consciousness yesterday, since which time he has been able to recognize the friends and acquaintances who have called to see him. The entire left side of his body is now paralyzed. It is possible that the injury may not prove fatal, but the attending physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

The wounded man was formerly captain in the Argl and Sutherland Highlanders. He resigned his commission about four years ago, and soon afterwards he came to the Klondike. The news of his rash act, attempting self destruction, will be received with surprise and regret by his many friends and acquaintances on the outside.

### Mail Expected Tonight.

Postmaster Hartman stated this forenoon that while he had not heard today from the incoming mail, he expects it to arrive some time tonight. The mail coming is about of average weight, there being from 1000 to 1200 pounds in the consignment.

### America's Sympathy.

The Detroit News says: "Those of us who scan with anxious eye the casualty lists which Gen. Otis sends so often from Manila, and those who have ceased to watch because they have already learned the worst, will find a new sense of kinship with their neighbors across the border in the sad record which today's cables bring from the Modder river, where 19 members of the Canadian contingent in the South African army were killed and 61 wounded in Sunday's fighting. For the moment there will be neither Boer nor British sympathizers. While we are marking fresh graves daily we come very near to those whose brothers, sons, husbands, sweethearts and friends have fallen on the field. They went because they loved their country and their flag, just as our own boys have gone to another far corner of the earth, and the cause for which a brave man fought goes out of mind when the sod is being turned

for his resting place. There is crepe on our neighbor's door, and the sound of mourning is in our own house. We shake hands silently, and there is new warmth and meaning in the grip."

### The Clown Doth but Amuse.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes that "Private" John Allen, of Mississippi, is no longer the funny man of the house of representatives. The speeches he has made at this session of congress have contained no humor, but have been as serious as a book of statistics.

Not very long ago Mr. Allen was a candidate for the United States senate. He made a brilliant canvass of his state, and for four months delighted throngs of Mississippians with his genial humor and nimble wit. But when the time came for the people of Mississippi to make known their wishes in regard to the senatorship they elected a man not addicted to humor. Defeat was a great disappointment to Mr. Allen, and, bearing in mind the experience of the once famous Proctor Knott, it is said he has determined to keep a curb upon his wit and to speak most seriously when he feels most humorous. A funny speech which attracted attention throughout the county is reputed to have been the undoing of Proctor Knott. Ever since he delivered his panegyric upon Duluth 25 years ago he has been struggling with political adversity.

It is a pity that so genial and genuine a humorist as "Private" John Allen should be transformed into a "serious person." Wit and humor should not disqualify a man of high station. A statesman can be useful and respected and still crack jokes on occasion. Abraham Lincoln was not always serious, and Zebulon B. Vance was "excruciatingly funny" when the spirit moved him.—Baltimore Sun

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

All accounts between the Queen and Count Emile d'Rouliri have been squared, the latter appearing an hour before police court opened this morning and paying the remainder of a fine and costs of \$69.50 for selling whisky without a license.

The case of Andrew Aichison vs. A. Gustavson for wages amounting to \$80.75 was on trial this morning. The plaintiff conducted his own case while Attorney Robinson appeared for the defendant. Gustavson arrived only a few days ago over the ice with a large cargo of meat, and Aichison is one of the men who started from Bennett as a driver, but who severed his connection with the caravan at Whitehorse. From the testimony of both sides it is evident that the trip was not one on which flowery beds of ease were reposed upon. Gustavson testified that Aichison was a chronic disturber and wanted porter-house steak every meal the same as if he was the "Empire of Germany." As the plaintiff had the preponderance of evidence this morning, the defense asked for a continuance until additional witnesses can be found. The request was granted and the case was continued until Thursday morning of next week.

Yesterday afternoon a prisoner by the name of John Bell, who has served nearly two thirds of a three year sentence for theft, became belligerent while at work in the royal fuel factory and struck a fellow prisoner, William Moss, over the head with a stick of wood. Bell was taken before Magistrate Primrose, who imposed a continuation of his sentence for a period of six months, canceling all credits for previous good behavior. Instead of having a soothing effect on the offender, the elongation worked the contrary, as he is reported by the police to have attempted another assault on Moss this morning.

### Owners Stimulated.

The article regarding scows which appeared in the Daily Nugget of Tuesday had the effect of awakening to the necessity of looking after their property, many owners of stranded craft. Those who do not intend to utilize their scows in person are having no scarcity of offers to purchase them; but thus far only nominal prices are being offered. Many of them will probably be crushed and destroyed by the ice when the river breaks unless extra precaution is taken to protect them.

### Klondikers in London.

Mr. P. R. Ritchie, of the British Canadian Gold Fields of the Klondike, Ltd., who just arrived two days ago, reports a most pleasing event in which he participated while in London, where he spent nearly all of the months of November, December and January. The occasion in question was one on which Mr. Ritchie and seven others, all interested in big Klondike companies, made up a "pot" of \$1000, each man contributing \$125, and gave a Klondike dinner at which 95 plates were served. The dinner was "Klondike" in name only, as it comprised all the delicacies afforded by the London market. On the occasion Mr. Ritchie says the Klondike country was duly advertised in speech, toast and song and that the benefits which will accrue to this region will be apparent this year, and in years to follow. Mr. Ritchie is authority for the statement that there are between 30 and 40 different Dawson and Klondike com-

panies represented in London, and never in the history of this country has there been more interest manifested in it by British capitalists than at present.

### HUNGRY INDIANS.

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and be chief; then get old and boy grow old and so like that for 1000 years. Now pretty soon all Indian die no can get something eat.

"The government he no do right to Indian. White men come here and take away the land and white man kill all the moose and cariboo. White man he must stay at Dawson; moose belongs to Indian—martin, cariboo, mountain sheep, moose, all belong to Indian. One white man he kill 150 cariboo, 50 moose, on Klondike, south fork, above the canyon. All creeks lots more cariboo killed. Bye bye lots meat in Dawson; stink meat; everybody sick; no meat for Indian, he hungry. A little meat enough; no let meat stink, then Indian get plenty. Thirteen cariboo killed at Twelve mile creek; all stink bad; white man say Indian eat him; but he want him live; no good kill like that. Now everybody stop shoot, that right, and fish, him not so bad. White man let him fish all south, Indian him fish all down river; Indian want to fish. Miner he hunt gold. No Indian hunt that, all right. White man he get hungry; suppose he kill moose for hungry, him all right; that all right, but not for sell.

"I see Ogilvie—this what I want for men. Now five months we hunt all time; every place we go see white men, they shoot all time; we go away not get game; see lots trail white men just same, no thing for hunt; moose smell trails and go away. All stores and saloons pay Ogilvie money for land, no give Indian money. No want money; want something eat. Indian own land, that his; he get nothing; got some clothes, but no eat; Indian hungry.

"That's all," said Silas; "you think Indian get some eat?" he added appealingly.

Silas then told the reporter that he was going to see Governor Ogilvie and enter a protest upon the manner in which the Indians were treated and would have it all written down that every one on the outside would know his trouble. This he says he will do today.

### Labor Not in Demand.

Dawson, March 29, 1900. Editor Klondike Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: I noticed in last night's issue of the News the statement that there is a demand on the creeks for all the laborers that can be secured. Now, I wish to say that who ever made that statement didn't know what he was talking about, or told a wilful falsehood, for I have just returned from a two weeks' trip over all the creeks looking for work and found the mine owners laying off men instead of increasing their forces. There may, in the course of a month or six weeks be a demand for labor but such is not the case at present. I make this statement, trusting you may print same in your valuable paper, and thereby save many a poor man a long, tiresome and useless trip over the creeks. Yours truly, A. W. ARMSTRONG.

### Golden Making Preparations.

The lot on First avenue formerly occupied by the opera house has been cleared of all debris, and within the next few days, Louis Golden, will commence the construction of his proposed building. The old foundation posts will be used to support the new structure. All the plans have been drafted, and perhaps before the first of May the building will be opened for business.

### Items of Interest.

An analysis of the marriage records in Oklahoma discloses that the average age of brides there is 22 years. If the remarrying widows could be counted out, the average would fall below 19 years.

Russian military authorities having lately appointed three women doctors as junior medical officers in the Russian army, the czar's army becomes the only one in Europe that can boast of feminine medical officers.

A woman of Bath, Me., has just written to the mayor of Galesburg, Ill., that in 1896 she rode through his town on a bicycle at night without a light and would like him to tell her a suitable fine which she can pay and thus relieve her stricken conscience.

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### LOST AND FOUND

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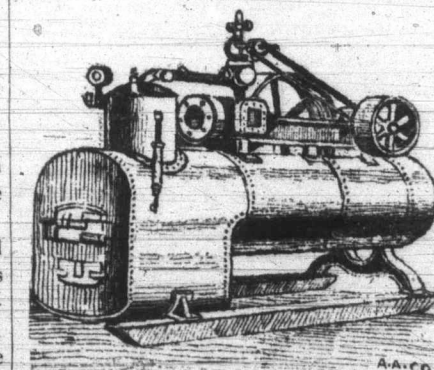
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