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## CANADA DRAWING

Many Thousands of Residents From Uncle Samuel's Domain.

## INSURANCE COMPANIES LOSE MONEY

In Canada During the Past 12 Months

## BY THE HULL-OTTAWA FIRE.

Another McKenzie-Mann Deal—Wm. J. Bryan Talks 16 to 1 in Michigan.

Ottawa, May 2.—Before the agricultural committee, Mr. Pedley, superintendent of immigration, testified that during the last year 12,000 immigrants from the United States settled in Canada. He was unable to state the cost of securing these settlers, but promised to look it up and give the information later. He pointed out that according to the statistics collected by train conductors 50,000 more people came to Canada from the States than went the other way, counting all classes of travel. During the year Canada advertised in nearly 7000 newspapers in the States.

**The Insurance Question.**  
Montreal, May 4.—A special cable to the Star from London says: "The Hull-Ottawa fire has caused British insurance offices to carefully consider their position in Canada. Their books show that during the past thirty years fire losses in Canada consumed 68 per cent of premiums, while commissions and other management expenses consumed 35 per cent, leaving a loss of 3

per cent. But they will hang on in hope of better times."

**Another McKenzie-Mann Deal.**  
Kingston, Ont., May 2.—Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, are reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Kingston Locomotive works.

**Bryan Visits Michigan.**  
Port Huron, Mich., April 30.—Nearly all the leaders of the Michigan Democracy and hundreds of the rank and file came to Port Huron today for the dual purpose of seeing and hearing the party's national standard bearer, William J. Bryan, and of attending the state convention, which will meet at noon tomorrow to select delegates to the national convention. Another incident of the gathering today was the Seventh district Democratic congressional convention, which this afternoon unanimously nominated Congressman Justin R. Whiting as representative.

On account of the presence of Mr. Bryan the congressional convention was held in the city's largest and handsomest auditorium. The colonel appeared toward the close of the congressional proceedings and received an enthusiastic reception. Tonight Mr. Bryan addressed another crowd of 4000 in the same hall.

The speaker was loudly cheered when he reiterated his belief in free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Concerning the Philippines issues he said: "If we abandon the idea of self-government in the Philippines we cannot long retain self-government in the United States. If we send an army of 65,000 men to stifle aspirations for liberty in the Orient, those soldiers when they return home will surely have become impregnated with those ideas of oppression. The Filipino must be either a citizen or a savage. I challenge any one to cite any despot in all time upon whom more autocratic power has been conferred as a ruler than that conferred upon the president by the Puerto Rican bill."

Mr. Bryan warned the people against being misled into the notion that the president could rightly depart in governing the new dependencies, from the plain provisions of the constitution which he has sworn to uphold.

**Will Be a Proprietor.**  
Phil Ernst and his brother Joe leave for Nome on the Gustin next Monday. Mr. Ernst has been a valuable employe of the Nugget for the past year and his departure is regretted, not only by the management of this paper but by his fellow workmen. He will establish a job plant at Nome.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

**For Koyukuk.**  
Steamer Gold Star will leave Yukon dock for Koyukuk Monday evening June 4th, taking passengers to head of navigation without transfer. Low rates have been made for this trip.  
FRANK J. KINGHORN,  
Agent.

Ice cream, finest flavors, fresh every day. Mrs. West's.  
Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

## Townsend & Rose

The Leading  
..Tobacconists

Have removed from their former location on Second Avenue, to their

## NEW STORE....

First Ave. Next to Madden House  
Club Rooms Attached

**W. H. PARSONS & CO.**  
**UNDERWEAR**  
We will continue our sale for another week of light weight summer underwear. All American goods, well finished and trimmed, suit.  
**\$3**

**CLOTHING.....**  
We have a large stock of the latest patterns, latest cut, dressy looking and correct style.

**"SELTZ" SHOES**  
These are the clear thing in footwear. They look better and wear longer than any other shoe in Dawson today; they have a reputation all over the country for design and finish.

2nd Street, Opp. Bank of B.N.A.  
"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

## UNCLE SAMUEL

Takes a Hand in the Matter of Steamer Merwin's Agents,

## WHO WERE CONFINED IN THE JAIL

Without the Privilege of Giving Bail.

## THE CASES BEING DROPPED

When Called Up for Trial at a Later Date—Agents Are Very Indignant.

The fact that the Merwin eventually got away last midnight on her trip to Nome appeased the wrath of her many passengers, who for nearly a week had been on the wire-edge of anxiety as to when, if ever, the steamer would be able to fulfill her contracts with them; and notwithstanding the fact that when the Merwin left, many of her passengers were hanging on to her with their toenails, all of them appeared to have forgotten all past woes and were apparently happy.

But her agents left behind, a full account of whose arrest and confinement in jail without being permitted to give bond for their release, or even to know who their accusers were are not in such a happy mood as were the Merwin's passengers. The former feel that they have been outraged in that they were thrown into jail, not even knowing by whom they were accused, and by bail being refused them until they had passed 18 hours in the jail; that later their accusers departed without giving to them an opportunity for vindicating their names and their honors. In view of this seemingly arbitrary proceeding the three agents, Messrs. Kinghorn, Craden and Wilcox, have enlisted the aid of U. S. Consul McCook whose deputy, John Q. Adams, states that a document purporting to be a statement of facts has been drawn up, that it will be forwarded to Washington, and that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English ambassador to America, will be called upon to explain the treatment accorded to American subjects in the Yukon.

Purser Spence, after 18 hours spent in jail was released on \$3000 bond and was told by the officers two hours later that he could go, as there was nothing against him.

After being in jail 20 hours, Capt. Ritchie was told last night to go, that there was no charge against him. The captain is a British subject, and, therefore, doubly feels that he has been deeply wronged. He says "Never in my 55 years' life was a key turned on me before."

At this afternoon's session all the Merwins cases came up for trial and was dismissed one after the other, the prosecution not presenting any evidence. This, of course, was an impossibility as all the witnesses for the crown were allowed last night to depart on the steamer Merwin.

The first case called was that of Wilcox and he requested to be allowed to make a statement of facts in his case. He was allowed to do so by the magistrate. His statement gave a detailed account of his connection with the steamer up to the time of his incarceration. After listening to the end the court ordered the case dismissed as noted above. The case against Lew Craden followed and was dismissed.

Frank Kinghorn then, through his attorney, presented a type-written document which he demanded should be placed on record. The request was granted and his case dismissed also. Following is a copy of the statement of facts presented:

In this case the defendant submits: That on May 29th, 1900, he was arrested

on the charge of obtaining, by false pretences, the sum of one thousand and fifty (\$1050) dollars, and that the officer making the arrest refused to divulge the name of the party or parties on whose complaint said warrant was issued; that said defendant was promptly served with said warrant, confined in jail forthwith, and that within one-half hour from time of service he had provided responsible bondsmen who were at that time in person present at the barracks and who made diligent and persistent search for the committing magistrate, at whose direction the warrant had been issued, presumably within the preceding hour, but who was nowhere to be found for the purpose of granting bail during the night of his incarceration; that these bondsmen appeared in court at 10 a. m., May 30th, 1900, ready to qualify as sureties for defendant's subsequent appearance and that the request for bail was peremptorily refused, without stated reason, and that until 2:30 p. m. of said day, when the same bondsmen were accepted, defendant remained incarcerated in jail.

Defendant further submits that he requested the court to bind over complaining witness or witnesses to appear at the time to which his trial was adjourned, namely, Thursday, May 31st, at 2 p. m., in order that the charge against him might be fully investigated, which request the court peremptorily refused, without stated reason, enabling the complaining witness or witnesses to leave the jurisdiction of this court and so escape the consequences of the charge against the defendant, which charge defendant is, at this moment, prepared to prove, by documentary evidence and by witnesses now present, to be palpably false, irresponsible, and without any semblance of foundation.

Defendant further submits that the charge upon which he was arrested was based upon information given by him, freely and voluntarily, to an officer of the court, to whom defendant, without stress or persuasion, submitted all records of accounts with the steamer W. K. Merwin, which said record evidenced the fact that defendant ceased to act as agent of said steamer at the time default was made in sailing on the day originally appointed and publicly announced, and that up to such time, defendant was, in good faith, the properly authorized agent of said steamer. The said record, submitted to and inspected by an officer of this court and so noted by him, showed that full settlement had been made with the steamer for all business transacted, and that 11 tickets only had been sold by defendant, resulting in a gross revenue of one thousand and fifty dollars, which was the exact sum reported by him to his superior officer, and so stated in the warrant which was issued following his report.

Since the failure of the steamer Merwin to sail upon the day originally appointed said steamer has never had access to the defendant's place of business, namely the Yukon dock, this fact being a matter of general and public information, and being positively known to the officer of this court upon whose information warrant of arrest was permitted to be issued, nor has any business of said steamer been transacted there.

Defendant is reliably informed, and verily believes that owing to the court's peremptory refusal to grant him his rightful privilege of being faced by his accuser or accusers, the opportunity to escape has been embraced, and he or they are now safely beyond the jurisdiction and mandate of this court.

Therefore, in view of the personal indignity and financial loss inflicted upon defendant by reason of the issuance of this warrant of arrest, defendant de-

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## MANY WILL GO

On the Steamer Gustin, Which Sails Next Monday for Nome.

## YUKONER WILL START SATURDAY

Kersey's Successor, Elliott, at Bennett, En Route.

## HEARST'S BOAT REPAIRING,

Sawmill Plant Will Go to Koyukuk on the Lalla Lee Collins—Marine Matters.

The A. E. Co.'s steamer Gustin will sail as advertised on next Monday. A large passenger list has been booked. Capt. Wood, of the T. & E. Co., says the steamer Yukoner will sail for Whitehorse next Saturday. The boat is thoroughly repaired and will be in good shape at date of sailing as she was before the fire.

Tom Davies, of the C. D. Co., is in receipt of a telegram from Secretary Elliot advising him of his arrival at Bennett. He is on his way to Dawson and will come down with the first boat. The Flora is expected to arrive from up river next Saturday by her agents. Lancaster & Calderhead have fitted up their place on their dock with all the adjuncts of a steamboat office.

The Aguilla, formerly owned by Will Hearst, of Examiner-Journal fame, is being repaired and will be sent down the lower river on a barge for completion.

The little steamer Lolla Lee Collins is being completed and will sail for the Koyukuk in a few days. Dave Cohn and S. M. Hirsh are the principal owners. They expect to navigate their boat far up the river as she draws but eight inches of water. A small saw mill plant and trading outfit will be taken along and as soon as they arrive at the diggings they will go in for a share of the merchandise business. A party of prospectors will accompany the boat to her destination.

The launch Wyvern is reported to have been unable to continue down the river under steam as her machinery has broken down at Cliff creek. She is now using sweeps and will continue down the river to her destination.

**Meyer-Carlton.**  
Mr. Louis A. Meyer, of this city, and Miss Ella Lorena Carlton, of Grand Forks, were quietly married last night at the groom's residence on Third avenue, Rev. E. A. Hetherington officiating. Mrs. Meyer will leave for the outside in a few days on a visit to her mother in Illinois. Mr. Meyer will go to Nome, where he will be joined later in the summer by his wife.

**\$400 Reward.**  
For the return to this office of eight \$100 bills, lost Thursday, May 31, Wm. Chapel, Madden restaurant. p31

## Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

## Fine Groceries

Our Stock is Still Complete

## ..Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

## Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

## Ladue Co.

## ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River  
Sawing, Flume & Mining Lumber  
Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE

## JUST ARRIVED

Something to Startle the Town....  
A Genuine Bargain in New Goods

## FRESH CREAMERY BUTTER

Sweet as a Nut—The Finest ever brought to any market. \$1.25 a Two pound square or a Two pound tin. Come and taste it before you buy. We mean business, and that is TO SAVE YOU MONEY....

We Have a STORE in NOME.

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