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## COLESBURG VICTORY.

Col. French Assisted By Reinforcements.

## ENGLISH CAPTURE GERMAN VESSEL

Skagway Landlord Falls From Gangplank to Death.

New Line of Government Steamers Will Operate Between San Francisco, Honolulu and Manila—Other Ticks From the Wire.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 11.—Fighting still continue at Colesburg around which town Gen. French has been concentrating his forces for some time past. Reinforcements arrived on

German vessel has considerably intensified the anti-British feeling which has prevailed ever since the outbreak of the Boer war. The leading newspapers are strong in their denunciation of England's action. Emperor William has sent a note to the English government demanding full reparation.

### SKAGWAY LANDLORD KILLED.

Skagway, Jan. 11.—Thomas Whitten proprietor of the Golden North hotel, was instantly killed by slipping and falling from the gangplank of the steamer Farallon, which was lying at Moore's wharf. Being one of Skagway's leading citizens, his death is causing universal regret. A special meeting of the chamber of commerce, of which he was probably the most active and influential member, was held last night, at which action suitable to the sad event was taken.

(Thomas Whitten came to Skagway in February, 1898, when he invested in property and erected the Golden North hotel, which was opened to the public the following April. From the very first he took an active interest in the advancement of the interests of the city. He served as a member of the

interfere unless a similar request is made upon the part of Great Britain. Should that be done it is altogether probable that the good offices of the United States would be tendered, though it is not stated upon what terms the proposed amnesty would be reached.

### Lost Their Outfit.

John Jones and Jack Flannagan arrived yesterday after a rather hard and unfortunate trip over the ice from Bennett, which place they left 18 days before. Instead of starting with dogs they had a horse and sled, on which they were bringing their outfit, consisting principally of clothing, tents, a Yukon stove and other articles of use in a mining camp, it being their intention on starting to travel on down the river to Nome. They got along without incident until they reached a point a few miles this side of the north end of the C. D. cutoff, when a large section of shelf ice over which they were passing dropped into the water and floated off, carrying with it their horse, sled and entire outfit. Jones and Flannagan barely escaping with their lives. The

## YESTERDAY'S BIG FIRE

Correct Story of How the Fire Originated.

WAS ALMOST PUT OUT BY BILLY DEVINE.

Burned District Three Hundred Feet Long.

Estimates of the Various Losses—Ben Levy Places His Loss at \$70,000—Some Owners Will Rebuild Immediately.

While the alarm of fire spread through the town yesterday and the people flocked to the scene, the Nugget had a corps of reporters and artists on the scene that a brief but accurate account



The Board of Trade Monte Carlo Hoffman House Opera House The Dominion The Bodega Northern Trad Co. B. of C. Adcock Building

### A SKETCH TAKEN DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRE.

the 4th inst., and, with their assistance, Gen. French has succeeded in effecting a line of redoubts almost encircling the entire town. The Boers have the town well entrenched, and have given very stiff resistance so far. Gen. French intends prosecuting the siege with the utmost vigor until a capture is effected.

Later.—Under date of Capetown, Jan. 1st, full confirmation is given of a great victory won by Gen. French at Colesburg. Details of the battle, number of troops engaged, list of casualties, etc., have not as yet been received.

### BULLER CHECKED AGAIN.

Paris, via Skagway, Jan. 11.—A report has been received here that Gen. Buller has met another severe check in attempting a flank movement for the relief of Ladysmith.

### GERMAN VESSEL SEIZED.

Berlin, via Skagway, Jan. 11.—The seizure on the part of England of a

city council of which body he was also secretary. A few months ago he declined the position of president of the chamber of commerce, preferring to work in the ranks of common members. He was one of the delegates chosen to represent Skagway in the Alaska district convention recently held in Juneau. He leaves a wife and son, the latter aged 4 years, in Skagway, and a daughter, aged 6 years, at the former family home in San Francisco. Mr. Whitten was city engineer and surveyor of Skagway at the time of his death.—(ED.)

### NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.

San Francisco, via Skagway, Jan. 11.—Complete arrangements have been made by the American government for the establishment of a line of steamers between San Francisco, Honolulu and Manila.

The line will be run on exactly the same principles as the government line now operating between New York and Cuba.

### ASK M'KINLEY TO INTERVENE.

Washington, via Skagway, Jan. 11.—The Transvaal agent in Washington has submitted to President McKinley a request that he intervene on behalf of the Boers in an endeavor to bring the war now in progress to a close. It is believed that the president will not

mishap occurred on the 30th of December. Thus deprived of their all, the unfortunate men came on to Dawson, and, although cast down, they are not discouraged. They assert that there is still sufficient ice on the river to carry them on to Nome, for which they propose starting as soon as they can devise ways and means for procuring another outfit. Jones philosophically remarked to a Nugget representative last night "the horse was only a cayuse, anyhow."

The swellest present in town—one of our Russian leather pocketbooks. Cribbs & Rogers, druggists.

of the fire might be given the public as soon as possible. That the work was done effectively was clearly shown by the Nuggets extra, which appeared upon the streets within 20 minutes after it was seen that the fire was under control. Its account was accurate and gave merely the facts without extra flourishes. The "extra" met with a sale unprecedented in the history of newspapers in Dawson.

Many stories as to how yesterday's disastrous fire originated were going around, but they all centered in Billy

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### ARCTIC SAW MILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

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## NOTICE.

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## BURNED AGAIN.

A very large proportion of the business district of Dawson has again been destroyed by fire. For the third time within less than as many years the same thing has occurred. Each time, with a display of faith almost incredible, Dawson's property owners have backed their confidence in the town with their capital and rebuilt the burned district in better and more substantial form than ever.

Will they do it again?

The Nugget is of the opinion that the necessary capital will be forthcoming to rebuild the burned district only upon the receipt of some assurance that fire protection adequate to the necessities of the town will be forthcoming within the very near future.

It is no reflection upon the efficiency of the fire department as at present constructed to say that it does not afford protection which justifies the investment of capital in buildings within the business centre.

If Dawson is to be built up on a permanent and substantial basis, some system of water supply must be devised whereby a stream can be turned on at a moment's notice at any point within the fire district. Experience has proven that with the present plan of pumping water from the river innumerable and unforeseen delays are almost certain to occur, and these delays, brief though they may be, are very apt to last long enough to enable the fire to get beyond control.

But, after everything has been said and done with regard to perfecting the fire department, the best fire protection that Dawson can have is the exercise on the part of every occupant or owner of a building of continuous and unwavering vigilance.

A defective flue, a candle carelessly left burning or any other of a half dozen similar causes may result at any time in a fire more serious in its results than that of yesterday. A regular and systematic inspection of every stovepipe and flue in town should be made. A hundredth part of yesterday's loss would pay for such inspection for a year.

## HIGHWAYMEN.

It looks very much as though the trail between Dawson and Bennett is infested by a gang of

well organized professional robbers. It is scarcely to be credited that so many men could leave Dawson by the up-river route and not be heard from for weeks at a time unless they had met with foul play. Along the cut-off trail the circumstances are favorable for the hold-up business by reason of the fact that the telegraph line follows the river instead of the cut-off. On the other hand, the general conditions are extremely unfavorable for the successful termination of the hold-up's career, for he cannot escape from the country without passing the vigilant eyes of the Northwest mounted police at one end or the other. If highway robbery has been committed along the trail, we feel absolutely safe in saying that it is a question of a short time only when the perpetrators will be safely in custody, if they are not so already.

The Nugget suggests to the Yukon Council the advisability of passing an ordinance governing entrances to places used as theaters or for other purposes of a public nature. If all doors leading into such places were made to swing outside, instead of inside the building, the danger resulting from a rush in time of fire or other cause would be materially lessened. A door swinging inside the building is very apt to be forced and kept shut by the mass and crowd of people endeavoring to get out, while if the door swings out it would be kept open from the very same cause.

There were some features of yesterday's fire that appear almost providential. Had the fire broken out at night time, the ruins this morning would have been a veritable funeral pyre. In view of the fact that so large a number of occupants were in the burning buildings, it was most fortunate that none were burned to death, even though the fire broke out in broad daylight.

## YESTERDAY'S BIG FIRE.

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Devine. Mr. Devine, who was employed at the Monte Carlo as night bartender, told this story when asked concerning the start of the fire:

"I occupied room 13 at Monte Carlo and had just got up and was partially dressed when I heard Florence Broce who occupied room J, say, 'There's a fire up stairs.' I ran out in the hallway and taking the chemical tank kept there went up to the Garrett through one of the two trap doors. I immediately applied the chemical to the burning roof, which was only a smouldering blaze, and was not over four or five feet around the chimney. I was making good headway and could have put it out but just when about one half of the chemical was used, the tank burst. If I had had a couple of buckets of water I could have 'soused' it out. The roof paper began to burn up again and in another second the heat cracked the window pane in the front of the building. Now, remember this all happened in less time than it has taken to tell it, and when that window pane cracked it made a draft which in 10 seconds fanned the little blaze into the fire

which swept from the front to the rear of the building. It seemed as if the building material had been made of gunpowder

"I made a run for one of the trap doors and got out all right.

"It had not been five minutes since I had gone up and now the place was full of smoke. The women were terribly excited, crying and screaming, but men from below came up and they were all taken out in safety. 'Bobby' Burns, the caller, was asleep in my room and we nearly overlooked him, but I got him out safely."

"What caused the roof to catch fire?" was asked.

"The front of the building and behind the bar, used as an office, was heated by a stove, the chimney of which went through the room above, passing through a drum and thence to the roof. This became clogged. Yesterday afternoon it began to burn out, heating the chimney red hot, which in time ignited the roof paper."

Mr. Devine's brother Frank turned in the alarm immediately upon hearing the cry of fire upstairs.

This is the story of how the fire started; let us follow the result of its fury.

The afternoon was comparatively warm, about zero, which was fortunate for those involved and those engaged in combating the flames.

The following is an approximately correct list of the losses:

The Monte Carlo—Two stories, 50x100 feet; saloon in front and theater in rear on first floor; rooms upstairs; building owned by Ed Holden and Jack Smith; business run by Ed Holden.	7,500
Loss of building.	40,000
W. S. Phillips—Two news stands, one on the north and one on the south side of the Monte Carlo, both owned by W. S. Phillips; stock of news, confectionery, cigars, etc. in north place saved, south side lost. Total loss.	\$2,000
Albert Mayer—Jewelry store occupying south front window; saved considerable stock. Loss, estimated.	1,000
Geo. Apple—Hoffman House, log building, 3 stories, 30x50; annex in rear, 2 stories, 30x50; saloon fixtures down stairs, restaurant fixtures in annex, both unoccupied; effects of lodgers lost. Loss of lodgers.	3,000
Loss of building and fixtures.	30,000
Opera House, Bakke & Wilson—Frame building, 2 stories, 50x100 feet, front half of first floor used as a saloon, upper floor rooms; theater in rear, 50 x 100; building owned by Gus Bakke and Tom Wilson; theater leased to Actors' Co. Operative Co.; employees, 40. Loss of employees.	5,000
Loss of stock and fixtures.	5,000
Loss of building.	35,000
Dominion, Tom O'Brien—Frame building, one story, 40x100; saloon occupied by Sam Bonfield; 20 employees; loss of and damage to stock and fixtures.	5,000
Loss of building.	10,000
Bodega Block, Geo. Apple—Frame building, 2 stories, 30x70; saloon on first floor leased to John C. Murray and Chas. Powell; offices up stairs occupied by Clark & Wilson, T. E. McGowan and U. S. Consul; stock all saved; office occupants saved most everything; building owned by Geo. Apple.	25,000
Loss of building.	25,000
Jewelry Store, Sale & Co.—Occupied front north window of Bodega, saved everything. Loss from breakage.	200
Northern Trading Co., Rosenthal Bros.—One story building, 30x60, general merchandise; most of stock and fixtures saved; building owned by T. Check and J. MacGregor. Loss of stock, etc.	2,500
Loss of building.	7,000
Canadian Bank of Commerce and Palace Barber Shop, Thomas O'Brien—Building occupied by Canadian Bank of Commerce and Palace Barber Shop; building owned by Thomas O'Brien; bank and barber shop fixtures saved.	7,500
Loss of building.	7,500
Merchants' Cafe, Charles E. Miller—One story, 10x70; used as a restaurant; employees, 10; stock saved. Loss of building and breakage.	3,500
Northwest Trading Co., Caldwell & Nelson—Two stories, 15x40; lower floor, general merchandise; stock owned by Allenberg & Garfinkle; stock saved; upstairs, Pattulo & Ridley, attorneys; building partly torn down; building owned by William Caldwell and Andy Nelson. Loss to building.	1,000

This was where damage by fire or wreckage ended, but to retrace to the Monte Carlo on the north side:

The Board of Trade, B. N. Levy—Building two stories, 40x100; saloon, Gandolfo's cigar and candy store and Reed's drug store occupied the front lower floor; restaurant in rear; upstairs recently fitted up for offices; stock of all occupants saved. Loss (Mr. Levy's estimate).
 \$70,000 || Judge Cigar Store, Harry Carson—Hole in wall between Board of Trade and Juneau Joe's; stock saved. Loss to building. | 1,000 |
| Juneau Joe's, Carl Hans—One story building, used as restaurant; partially wrecked. Loss. | 2,000 |

These losses are the estimates of those interested. The general loss, however, is much more extensive than appears in these figures, for men who claimed to save their stock are under considerable expense in handling stock, and do not figure on loss of misplaced goods, and breakage. The stock in the stores on Second street

were entirely removed, entailing considerable damage in handling.

Captain Donald B. Olson of the Dawson Electric Light Co., states that the loss suffered by his company will be comparatively slight. When it became apparent that the fire would be an extensive one, linemen were at once placed at work all along the block and the fixtures and lights removed from the endangered buildings. In three or four days the light company will have all damage repaired and be in as good shape as ever. There can be no less than 300 people thrown out of regular employment. Performers suffered most in individual loss, their wardrobe, their stock in trade, being a heavy loss to them.

The burned district covers an area of 100x300 feet, and gives an unpleasant appearance to the city.

Those who intend to rebuild immediately are Carl Hans, Tom O'Brien, Geo. Apple and Chas. E. Miller. The others are undecided as yet but before many days the lively song of hammer and saw will surely be heard through out the entire burned district.

## BADLY BURNED.

Frank Hudson, caller at the Pavilion, was assisting in removing the fixtures from the Monte Carlo when he was almost cut off by a terrible burst of flame which shot out of the front end of the building. Hudson is now confined to his home near the town station of the N. W. M. P., from the severe burns received. His eyes are closed, and lips and face are swollen terribly from the fire, while his nose is burned. Both hands are seriously burned and it will be some time before he can use them. He makes the following startling statement:

"I was helping to remove some of the fixtures when it became too hot, and with Bob Winkler and Billy Rogers, started for the door. As passed by the stairway I saw a man still gathering up things. I yelled to him but he paid no attention to me."

"Everyone else was out except he and I. Suddenly the flames began to come down on me in great rolls and I made haste to get out. When I got to the door I stumbled over a pair of moose horns which some one had tried to take out, but who left them in the doorway. They were between the main doors and inside the storm doors and the only way to open the main door was to drag—the horns out of the way. The horns were hot and it was in handling them I got my hands burned so badly. The flames were all around me, so I got down on my hands and knees and began to crawl. I thought I was gone, but kept my wits, and got out. But I am positive they will find

## A MAN'S BODY

in there. For I know that the man near the stairs did not pass me, and he could not possibly live a minute after I got out, and I was the last one out."

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

### But Little Business of Importance Up for Attention.

#### Committee on Fire, Light and Water Asked to Confer With Citizens—Necessity of Brick Chimneys.

A regular meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade was held last evening in the private office of President Fulda. The matter of mails was discussed at length, and while the postmaster was not present, Mr. Fulda informed the meeting that Mr. Hartman had assured him of his willingness to co operate with the Board of Trade in any steps it may take to better the present mail facilities and service, the object of the board being to arrange for the carrying to and from Dawson during the "closed" season second class mail matter.

E. C. Allen, chairman of the committee on fire, light and water, reported that the matter of the appointment of a fire inspector was now before the Yukon council, and that the matter of a water system for fire protection would be acted upon by the committee and submitted to the board at an early date.

President McMullen, of the Board of Trade, who was to have reported a sanitary commission, gave as his reason for not having made the appointments that just as he was starting out on that mission yesterday the fire broke out and his time for the remainder of the day was otherwise occupied.

E. B. Condon, chairman of the committee on mines and mining, reported progress being made of the committee's report.

Thos. McMullen suggested that the fire, light and water committee confer with the citizens concerning the fire of Wednesday and ask for suggestions from them as to matters pertaining to fire protection.

It was also suggested that the board ask the Yukon council to pass an ordinance, compelling property owners in the fire limits to construct brick chimneys, the fire limits being from Church street to Seventh street north and south, and from the water front to the alley between Third and Fourth avenues east and west. No other business was transacted and the board adjourned.

#### DOMINION CREEK NOTES.

Ed Heron of 21 above upper has been drifting out some very rich ground of late and the pay streak is widening in a pleasing manner to the owner.

Larry Sinclair of 15 above had a mix up with a wood sled which resulted in a splintered rib. Dr. Bell of Cariboo City was called upon and Larry is now able to be about.

The present drifts of 34 below upper are flooded to such an extent that they will be abandoned. The boiler has been taken down and moved across the creek and will soon be in active operation again. This portion of Dominion has numerous springs that are causing a great deal of trouble. Lower 33 had to close down entirely.

Messrs. Dugas and Binnett are working quite a number of men on 7 above lower, and their dumps promise to wash up well.

Twelve below lower presents the greatest variety of appliances for hoisting dirt of any single claim in the country. There is the ordinary man power—windlass puncher—two horse power, one a merry go round, the other ordinary pulleys. Messrs. Zimmerman and Crowell will shortly put on a steam thawer. Some very fine dirt has been taken out and the paystreak is about 40 feet wide. The lay being worked by Zimmerman and Crowell has prospected unusually well. The first six inches above bedrock showing over an ounce to the bucket and the next six inches \$8.70.

Twelve above lower has three thawers at work, all of them moving very rich dirt. Mr. Reynolds of the lower lay reports the pay getting better with each shift.

J. C. Felix of 11a above lower is living up to his cognomen, "Happy Jack." His claim is prospecting well and he has rented steam for drifting from Wm. Reynolds of the adjoining claim.

Mat Duffy has a thawer on 10 above, continuing the good work, and the paystreak still holds out. This line of machinery gives the creek a very active appearance.

J. C. Nelson says his pay on 7 above lower is about the same as last winter and the claim gave handsome returns for working it by the old method. With the machinery now used the claim should net a small fortune to its owner.

#### Record of Transfers.

A. G. Herbert to M. H. Boulais, all 11 Adams.

C. J. Robinson to J. W. Morrison, half lower half 31 Gold Run.

M. Weber to O. Carlson, all 57 Eldorado.

C. K. Brenker to M. S. Eads, 8-27th hillside lower half left limit, 14 Eldorado.

J. Smith to N. H. Bertram, all 27a below upper, Dominion.

J. Doherty to M. H. Waite, half hillside lower half, left limit, 74 below Hunker.

G. W. Sebley to P. Grizytte, half upper half 13 on pup at 78, left fork Eureka.

R. Hart to J. J. Filbin, third hillside, lower half, left limit, 76 below Hunker.

J. Runkel to R. Waring, quarter bench second tier upper half, left limit, 16 above mouth Last Chance.

W. R. Goode to I. Sutherland, third 25 below, Sulphur.

W. R. Goode to P. F. Craine, third 25 below, Sulphur.

W. R. Goode to E. F. Goode, third 25 below, Sulphur.

W. H. P. Clement to P. Empsen, quarter 26 above, Hunker.

P. Smith to C. J. Lett, third 31, Blanche.

J. R. Galt to T. J. Breen, half hillside lower half, left limit, 51 below, Hunker.

W. H. P. Clement to W. Sim et al, sixth 41 below, Bonanza.

W. H. P. Clement to W. Sim et al, quarter 39 below, Bonanza.

#### Biscuits, Beer and Cheese.

The N. W. M. P. will no longer have to depend on the Yukon field force for canteen accommodations. They are commencing operations on the construction of one of their very own. Soon therefore, the cry of "Biscuits, beer and cheese" will enliven our gallant policemen.

#### The Century Fund.

The many friends of Dr. Grant, formerly of the Presbyterian church, will be glad to learn that that gentleman is traveling in the East, round and near his home. He is putting the scheme and objects of the "century fund" before the public there. The century fund is an effort that is now being made by Presbyterians in Canada to raise \$1,000,000, to be devoted to the home and foreign missions and other institutions of the Presbyterian church. The fund is to be closed this year to render these missions and charities firmly rooted and well-fortified for the new century. The plan is going ahead rapidly and the church has every hope of success. Dr. Grant's lectures are thoroughly appreciated, doubtless the more so as he has stories to impart about the Klondike.

#### Winded the Corporal.

The report published in the Daily Nugget of Tuesday to the effect that Semple was being chased over the C. D. cutoff by a corporal of the police force was eminently true, and had the officer's wind not failed him, Little Willie would have been overhauled. But Willie was traveling with the royal mail, which, like young Lochinvar who came out from the west, "Stopped not for river and stayed not for stone," but kept on in its mad career day and night. The wires were down and there was no way of heading off the fleet footed ex-editor and the result was that Semple's strength and endurance being the greater of the two he got away and is now on his way from Skagway to

Seattle on one of the Sound Alaska greyhounds of the deep. As a "roadster" the corporal is not in Willie's class, and if he expects to have any more such pursuits he will do well to go into training. But the gait at which Semple traveled over the trail will be but as a zephyr to a Kansas cyclone when compared with the gait with which he will air himself and hand out red hot scare head, double column interviews when he reaches Seattle and other lower points. Then is when the trail traveled by Willie will smoke.

#### In the Police Court.

This morning's session of Major Perry's court was a quiet one, only one case being on the docket for hearing, that against C. M. Pring, charged with violating the Sunday law. The case was continued until 10 o'clock tomorrow, the defendant pleading not guilty and asking for a copy of the summons in order that his attorney may map out a defense.

The circumstances leading up to the issuing of a warrant for Pring's arrest are these: On the night of Sunday the 7th instant, the accused gave a sacred concert at the Palace Grand, to which entertainment an admission was charged. The construction put upon the law is that any Sunday entertainment to which a fee of admission is charged is a violation of the law. The outcome of the case will be watched with interest as many of the most liberal contributors to religious institutions in the city declare that if the Sunday concerts are forbidden they will never in the future donate a farthing to any of the religious institutions.

#### Nome Enthusiast.

Al Phillips, an old Dawson sour dough, is back after a stay of several months at Nome, having left there last October. He spent last winter at Nome, where he says the snow at any time was not deeper than 2½ inches. The creek claims are 1320 feet in length and each one yet prospected has shown up well. Anvil creek is without a barren claim and the beach between Snake to Penny, a distance of 12 miles, is fabulously rich. Mr. Phillips says Cape York will be a very wealthy camp the coming season. Like all others who have been to Nome, Mr. Phillips is striving to return as soon as possible as he is convinced it is the best mining field on earth.

#### Olsen Had Money.

Lineman Olsen of the Dominion telegraph, the man who started from Minto on Christmas morning with Clayton and Relfe, which trio has not since been seen and are all supposed to have been murdered by trail highwaymen, is known to have had \$400 on his person at the time he was last seen by his friends. The money was presumably savings from his salary as an employee of the Dominion telegraph. Olsen is highly spoken of as an experienced, trustworthy man. It is not stated whether he was married or single.

The new Pavilion Grill is among Dawson's best patronized restaurants. In addition to the best lunches to be secured in the city, dinner is now served at the popular price of \$1.

Tickets for the grand Masque Ball Friday night can be obtained at the S. A. T. & T. Co.

#### Ho for Bennett.

H. A. Matheson will leave for the coast on or about Jan 20. Mr. Matheson has two splendid horses and proposes to carry three or four passengers to Bennett in the quickest time possible, and every precaution will be taken to avoid any accidents or delays en route. For further information apply at store on Hunker creek or to Emil Mohr, Mohr & Wilkins' store, Dawson.

#### Notice.

Until further notice the business of the Dows Town Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be transacted at the uptown office, south of the Barracks.

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## HAS DAWSON A BLACK BART

Reported Holdup at Barracks in Open Day.

R. B. Switzer, Police Court Clerk, Slugged and Robbed of \$1,300 While Dawson Burned.

The most daring hold-up in the history of Dawson took place at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the business portion of the city was all ablaze and when the remainder was threatened with total destruction. At that hour a lone man entered the room on Barracks square in which Major Perry conducts the police court and with one blow knocked senseless Court Clerk R. B. Switzer. Before Switzer recovered the robber rifled his pockets, securing \$1300 in cash, the greater part of which money had been paid into the court only two hours before by members of the gambling fraternity, yesterday being fine day to a large number of them. Having secured the booty, the robber departed from the room and made good his escape.

The above is an unofficial account of the affair as gleaned from various sources by a representative of the Daily Nugget. When Switzer was seen this morning he presented a somewhat bedraggled appearance, but no marks of physical violence. He declined to talk about his experience of yesterday evening, referring the reporter to Constable Booth, who was present. That officer also declined to answer questions, further than to give the information that Switzer's initials are R. B. Booth in turn referred the reporter to Major Perry who, when seen at the adjournment of the morning session of his court, declined to make any statement regarding the affair pending a full investigation.

Ancient history informs us that Nero fiddled while Rome burned, but Dawson's Black Bart is more industrious than was Nero. Switzer, who is a light, spare youth of perhaps 22 or 23 years of age, was alone at the time and the man who overpowered and robbed him should not take credit to himself for any great physical prowess. The police court room is the second door on the south side of the barracks square, from the front and is but a few steps across from the guard house where a number of police are constantly on duty. The police court room is not over 40 feet from the east end of the sentinel's beat, which sentinel is always on duty day and night. Taking the circumstances and conditions surrounding the mysterious affair it is not a matter of wonder that many express themselves a being of the opinion that the whole affair is a fake of the cock and bull variety. But people will talk, and until the matter is fully investigated by the proper authorities the young man's statement should be taken as authentic, for there is no denying the fact that in Dawson today are many men who, if knowing a lone boy to have \$1300 on his person, would not hesitate to go after it, knock out the boy and get it.

### Are Certainly Flurdered.

Mr. Thomas Tritton, the Nugget Express messenger who left Dawson on November 16th, returned this morning at 5 o'clock. He arrived at Bennett on December 8th, after a hard trip, beating the government mail by half a day. Staying at Skagway for 14 days he started for Dawson on December 23d. He says that there is a very great number of people going to Nome by the Dawson route and indeed passed 50 people on the way now, among whom are Charlie Brown and his wife, late of the Novelty. Asked about the case of Clayton, Olsen and Relfe he said: "They must have been murdered for I examined the trail most carefully not only from the place they were reported missing, but before it; they could not have fallen in and it is impossible for

them to have missed their way. The trail is excellent and a blind man with care could not lose himself. Traveling," says Mr. Tritton, "is no hardship for any person of average strength and there is a roadhouse, on an average of 15 miles apart."

Mr. Tritton passed Mr. Semple en route; he was wearing a mask to protect his face from the cold(?) Willie was traveling with two Jews with the C. D. Co.'s mail team. Tritton brings in 400 pounds of express matter for the Nugget Express, including the long looked for three dozen hockey sticks. He brings back the same dogs and sled, which are in excellent condition.

Yesterday and last night it was reported that Joe Boyle who started out over three weeks ago, had not been heard from, but today it was learned that he had reached Skagway, but is badly crippled from a sprain of one of his feet, sustained while on the trip.

W. F. Matlock, who, with two others, left for Skagway five weeks ago, has not yet been heard from. He was seen at McKay's landing near Rink rapids, where he had several scows frozen in the ice. As Mr. Matlock had not promised to telegraph back, no great degree of alarm is being felt for his safety, but if not heard from within a day or two, his brother here, J. D. Matlock, a Front street merchant, will send a wire to Skagway inquiring if he has yet arrived.

### December Fires.

The following is a list of fires which occurred during last month. The list is taken from the records as kept by the Northwest mounted police:

- 4th—Cabin on the hill out of fire limits; partly destroyed.
- 6th—Cabin at rear of A. E. Co.; considerable damage done.
- 8th—George Apple's tin shop; only slight damage.
- 12th—St. Mary's hospital nothing destroyed.
- 13th—Four cabins on Fourth street; burned down. Stanley Morden's cabin, between Third and Ninth; partially destroyed. Cabin at rear of A. E. mess house; completely ruined.
- 17th—Saunders & King's paint shop, second avenue; some loss.
- 18th—Orr & Tukey's second avenue; very large damage done. Monte Carlo theater; no loss or damage.
- 20th—Cabin on Third street, near Eighth; totally destroyed; \$500 worth of damage.
- 22d—Salvation Army barracks; only slight loss.
- 23d—Bodega saloon; extinguished before arrival of fire department.
- 25th—Cigar store next Yukon Hotel; damage assessed at \$200. Yukon sawmill office; extinguished by hand apparatus.
- 26th—McLennan, McFeeley & Co., shop on fire; only slight loss.
- 27th—Thos. Adair's building, Front street; totally destroyed; damage \$6000.
- 30th—Cabin near Klondike bridge; engines unnecessary.
- 31st—Martony Cafe, caused by candles; slight damage.

### From Scow Island.

M. A. Kilgore returned yesterday from Scow island with a load of freight. Mr. Kilgore states that it requires a week to make the round trip between Dawson and Scow island. He ascertained that the trail above Thistle is in bad shape until the point is reached at which the cutoff trail meets the river.

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### LOST AND FOUND

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### WANTED.

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