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## JOHN BLAIR SHOT DEAD

By His Partner Chas. Hill on Pelly River.

GIVES HIMSELF UP AT FORT SELKIRK.

Claims to Have Acted to Save His Own Life.

Quarrel Over Dog Leads from Blows to Murder—Only Witness to Tragedy an Indian—Hill in Custody of Police—Were 50 Miles up River.

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—News of a terrible tragedy which occurred 50 miles up the Pelly river reached here on Saturday night last with the arrival of Chas. Hill at this point. Hill reached Fort Selkirk late Saturday evening and immediately proceeded to police headquarters, where he gave himself over to the custody of the officers, stating that he had shot and killed his partner, John Blair, and wished to surrender.

Hill's story as told your correspondent, relates the facts that the murderer and his partner, John Blair, were located at a small fish camp about 50 miles up the Pelly river. They occupied a small cabin together. Hill says that he and Blair quarreled some time ago, the trouble originating from a dispute over the ownership of a dog. Hot words led up to blows and Blair, according to Hill, started after the latter with a gun, threatening all the time to shoot.

Hill started to run and succeeded in getting behind a pair of bob sleds, from which point he opened fire upon his partner after Blair had first shot at him.

Hill's aim was so accurate that the first shot was all that was required, Blair falling to the ground stricken with a mortal wound. An Indian woman who had been occupying the same cabin with the two men was the sole witness of the tragedy.

Constable Tuttle, with one man as assistant, left on Sunday for the scene of the murder to bring in the body. An inquest will be held immediately upon his return.

**Insane Man at Selkirk.**

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—A man named Leclair came into Selkirk from Stewart river who is believed to be insane. His actions have been such as to warrant the post physician taking hold of his case and examining the man.

Dr. Madore the assistant surgeon of the N. W. M. P., has been called to Big Salmon post to attend Constable Tyrell, who was badly frozen some time ago. The constable's condition is reported as being serious.

**Scarth at Selkirk.**

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—Inspector Scarth, who came up the river in connection with the Clayton case, is now holding court at this point. No new developments in the Clayton case have arisen although a number of men are at

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work endeavoring to unravel the mystery.

**Coming to Dawson.**  
Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—Sheriff Eelbeck and Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell leave for Dawson tomorrow morning.

**Contraband Seizures.**  
London, Jan. 16.—The question of contraband seizures takes almost the paramount place in the thoughts of the public, the vague possibility that these may be made a pretext for Continental intervention disturbing official and private observers. The government's undeviating purpose to enforce strictly the right of search has been set forth in detailed instructions dispatched yesterday by the admiralty to the British naval commanders in South African waters, giving them weighty warnings without exception to uphold the government measures for the suppression of the importation of contraband by way of Delagoa Bay.

**Too British for Him.**

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, a few days ago, contended that the losses to the British army in South Africa was God's chastisement for the sin of rum traffic, opium trade, Sabbath desecration and social and political corruption existing in Great Britain today. These remarks were strongly condemned by Rev. G. R. Turk, of Carlton street Methodist church, formerly of Winnipeg, last night. He contended that even if the remarks had been true they were at least most reckless and untimely. The congregation cheered the preacher, only one man in the congregation disapproving of the same by leaving the church, with the remark: "This is too British for me."

**German Arms for Boers.**

Berlin, Jan. 15.—A prominent official of the German foreign office, who was interviewed this evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press, said that Great Britain had not yet answered Germany's request for an explanation of the seizure of the Bundesrath, but that a reply was expected in the course of a few days.

The foreign office, according to this official, has not yet concluded that Great Britain is trying to ride roughshod over Germany.

On being asked what Germany would do should it turn out that the Bundesrath was carrying contraband, he gave a non-committal reply, but conveyed the impression that such a discovery would seriously damage Germany's case.

The Hanover Courier, confirming earlier reports regarding the shipment of arms and ammunition from Germany, asserts that German rifles have been sent to the Transvaal since the outbreak of the war. It says: "We know, from a trustworthy source, that 40,000 German rifles of the newest and best construction, have arrived at Pretoria in good condition. They reached Lorenzo Marke by way of China, having been deceptively packed, and declared as furniture, in which pianos played the chief role."

**Tragic Death.**

New York, Jan. 14.—A tragic event occurred today in Part Three of the general sessions court. The wife of a prisoner was stricken with apoplexy and cerebral hemorrhage while she was in the witness chair, testifying to his innocence. She was carried unconscious and in a dying condition from the room. So earnest and ringing were the last words of an apparently dying woman that the jury in a few moments afterwards returned a verdict of "Not guilty" for the husband. The case was that of Louis Gordon, a Russian

mechanic, who was charged by Abraham Goffe, with the larceny of a chain valued at \$90.

Mrs. Gordon died at the hospital without regaining consciousness.

**OUR "CAP."**

You are waiting for a wire,  
Poor old chap;  
For a call to blood or fire,  
As may hap.  
You would long to do some fighting  
Where the British, wrongs are righting,  
For you're sick of "beastly" writing,  
Ain't y'r, Cap?

You could surely go "commissioned"  
What a snap!  
Then could get yourself positioned  
In the scrap,  
Where, among the dead and dying,  
Heads and whiskers will be flying—  
And you won't be half a trying—  
Whi y'r, Cap?

All the Boers, with tactics cunning,  
You will trap;  
You will simply start them running  
"Off the map."  
With your "special Sun edition"  
You will pulverize sedition,  
Till for mercy they petition—  
Won't y'r, Cap?

You will make battalions scatter—  
Fall ker flap!  
With your awful fire of clatter,  
"Fresh off tap!"  
You will stupefy, amaze them!  
You will paralyze and daze them,  
Startle, terrify and enrage them—  
Won't y'r, Cap?

But you'll miss the Sun—poor baby!  
Miss your nap;  
And in politics miss, maybe,  
Lots of pap.  
While the Yukon well might spare you,  
We'd prefer to grin and bear you,  
Than have naughty Dutchmen scare you,  
Dear old Cap!

**Mines Flooded by Water.**

The present warm spell of weather has retarded mining on several of the creeks. In some instances, properties have been suspended. Gold Bottom seems to be more seriously affected by this difficulty than any other section in the district. All the claim owners on this creek, who have been conducting development work, are now engaged in attempting to drain their mines.

Many claims on Hunker have been flooded. Nos. 30, 31 and 32 below discovery have suspended operations. The ground floor of Mrs. Moulton's roadhouse is inundated by two feet of water and this popular place is now inaccessible to travelers.

George Noble has been on the creeks for a week, or more inspecting his mining interest. In speaking of this recent difficulty he said:

"There is between two and three feet of water in places on Gold Bottom, and where this creek empties into Hunker the claim owners have suspended operations. It is impossible to reach the door of Mrs. Moulton's roadhouse at the mouth of Gold Bottom, without a boat."

**Saturday Night Dance.**

A most enjoyable dance was held at the McDonald hall on Saturday night. A large number of persons attended and the program consisted of 18 dances. The affair was under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majny's orchestra.

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## A VERY RAW FAKE.

Which Is Promptly Swallowed by Daily News.

CANNOT BE LAID TO GOVERNMENT WIRE.

Pipe Dream Regarding an Ex-Congressman's Trip.

Charles Hartman of Montana Said by News to Have Been in Dawson When He Was in Washington, D. C. Prominent Men Discuss Fake.

The Daily News, having disposed of the beef and poultry market, has again turned its attention to leaks. One day it discusses a leak in the government telegraph wire and the next day it discovers that a man by the name of Charles Fox has, by springing a leak, disclosed the confidence reposed in him by ex-Congressman Charles Hartman of Montana, who, according to the combined stories of Fox and the News, passed through Dawson just before the fire, traveling incog and en route to Nome—another case of Ships that Pass in the Night, so to speak.

Sunday night, January 28th, an attempt was made to palm the Hartman story on a Nugget man, but, like second attempts at vaccination, "it didn't take;" however, six days later the News gives full particulars of the ex-Congressman's mysterious trip, placing the article in the most prominent position of its paper.

A Nugget reporter called on Col. Word at his room on Sunday and knowing him to be from Montana, asked him if he knew ex-Congressman Charles Hartman.

"Yes, I have known him quite intimately for nearly 20 years."

"Did you see what was said in the Daily News Saturday about his being in Dawson before the fire on his way to Nome?"

"Yes, I read what was said."

"Did you see Mr. Hartman or know of his presence in this place?"

"No, nor do I believe he was here, or has passed through incog or otherwise. I believe if he had been here he would have called to see me. Allan R. Joy and a hundred others here have known him for years. From all that was said in the article referred to, it would not seem that Mr. Hartman was charged with any duty or responsibility that he need conceal from any one. He could have seen his friends without making known his business. As to the intimations that he represented the secretary of the interior and that great changes would soon be inaugurated in matters of locating claims by powers of attorney, they are all bosh. They appear more as visions seen through the fumes

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## A SUMMER CAMP.

The reports brought from Nome by the two men, Knobelsdorf and Campbell, serve to confirm the statement as set forth several times in these columns that winter work cannot be conducted on any very extensive basis at Nome. According to the story as told by the two men, no winter work is being attempted on the creeks with the exception of Snow gulch and only a few efforts are being made to work the beach diggings. It must be seen, therefore, that Nome will be a summer camp almost exclusively. The fact that the depth at which the pay is found is so slight precludes any considerable amount of winter work being attempted.

The cost of development in summer is practically nothing when compared with what it would mean to work during the winter season under the disadvantages which must naturally prevail in a country where all fuel has to be imported and where the climate in winter is so extremely unfavorable to outdoor operations of any kind. These are factors which every man would do well to consider before he banks too heavily on making a stake at Nome. He must figure on getting his stake within a period of four months and then confronting a period of eight months of practical idleness, or else leave the country during that length of time for Dawson or the lower country where something to occupy him during the winter months may be found.

## A RAW FAKE.

Our esteemed but rather flighty contemporary, the News, is acquiring a reputation for imposing fakes upon the unsuspecting public. Having apparently exhausted the telegram story as a means of filling what would otherwise many times have been an aching void in its news columns, the News now grasps at almost any old thing that happens along which, by the application of a powerful stretch of imagination, can be turned into a sensational story.

Its latest effort along this line of shady journalism occurred on Saturday night last when it published a cock and bull story concerning an alleged secret trip of ex-Congressman Hartman through Dawson en route to Nome.

The story on its face was branded as a fake by nearly everyone who read it and the Nugget is able to present the indisputable evidence which convicts the News of the veriest kind of faking. As will be noted in the interviews published elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget, ex-Congressman Hartman is positively known to have been in Washington City on Dec. 20. It is further a well known fact that he is a man of years and of physical infirmity. His presence therefore in Dawson prior to Jan. 10th is a practical impossibility. As a bolter from the con-

vention which nominated McKinley for the presidency, Hartman has always been hostile to the administration and naturally would be one of the last men selected for an important secret mission 7000 miles away from headquarters.

The bad feature about this latest News fake is the impression it tries to throw out regarding the advantages to be derived from going to Nome over the ice. It suggests in a mysterious sort of way, that upon the arrival of Hartman in Nome a practical revolution in affairs down there will take place and everybody will then have a chance to get in on the ground floor.

For a reputable journal to circulate such absurd stories is little less than criminal, for there is no telling how many men may be induced to attempt to reach Nome over the ice, in view of what the News published. The Nugget assures its readers that the story published in the News is "rot" pure and simple, without foundations in fact and circulated for the sole purpose of selling a few papers without regard to the injurious consequences which might result therefrom.

In point of reliability the reputation of the Daily News is rapidly dwindling.

The concert last night was a splendid success from an artistic standpoint and the Nugget hopes that it was sufficiently so from a financial point of view to justify the management in continuing the entertainments through the season. Amusement of the character of the Sunday night concerts is worthy of the patronage and support of all who enjoy wholesome pleasure. Dawson has not been noted for the high standard of its places of amusement and it is gratifying to know that the Sunday concerts are finding such strong support.

## A VERY RAW FAKE.

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of an opium pipe. The secretary of the interior cannot change the laws of congress any more than any other citizen. He can prescribe regulations for the acquisition of mining titles under existing laws but can go no farther. These regulations already exist. Congress can change the laws, but cannot and will not attempt to pass any retroactive law affecting vested rights acquired under existing laws. The courts hold that a citizen can acquire a mining claim located under power of attorney properly executed. No officer of the government can prevent it, until congress shall say it shall not be done. And such legislation by congress cannot affect any case arising before the passage of the act. I am at a loss to know how any one can for a moment think that the laws can be changed by any officer of the government.

"I have other substantial reasons for believing that Mr. Hartman could not have passed here. His friends in this country know that he is an attorney in the investigation at Washington now being had to prevent W. A. Clark of Montana from taking his seat in the U. S. senate, and that up to the 20th of December last he was at Washington in the discharge of his duties as such attorney before a senatorial committee. I know that Mr. Hartman is a feeble man of weak constitution, in bad health for years past. I know that Mr. Hartman would not desert his client for a trip into this country at this season, and further that he was a delegate to the convention at St. Louis, Mo., that nominated McKinley for the presidency and that he, ex-Secretary Teller and others, bolted the convention, left their party and supported Bryan. I feel that the emergency must have been great indeed to induce the administration to go among its enemies to find a person to send so far on an important

mission. I do not believe that Hartman would abandon a fat fee to become the carrier of dispatches that could be so safely entrusted to any common "musher."

"We will say that he left Washington on the 20th of December, in five days he would be in Seattle, if he did not stop to see his family as he passed through Montana. He would strike a steamer at once to get to Skagway by Jan 1st or thereabouts. Say he gets his dogs and equipment at once and leaves Jan. 1st for Dawson. If Mr. Fox's story be correct he arrived here, spent one day, bought two more dogs and left here before the fire, which occurred January 10th, thus making unprecedented time from Skagway to this place. You will excuse me, sir, if I am incredulous on this subject."

"Are you acquainted with Mr. Charles Fox?"

"I am not certain that I know him personally, though I know of him. He lived in the same county in Montana in which Mr. Allan R. Joy lived and the latter knows him well. I have always heard of him as a nice man, rather clever, possessing versatile talents and a wonderful imagination, bordering upon the romantic."

When seen in his office this morning and asked if he knew ex-Congressman Hartman of Montana, Allan R. Joy said:

"I have known Charlie Hartman most intimately for the past 18 years. I have been with him and against him in the trial of many cases; I have sat with him in a constitutional convention and in many territorial and state conventions. I was in the convention that nominated him for congress; in fact, I know Hartman much better than I know any man in Dawson, and I know that the story in the News of Saturday evening was a rank fake. Why, even if it was true that Hartman was en route to Nome he would not pass through here without calling on Col. Word, the Brays, myself and many more of his intimate friends of former days, and if he was on a secret mission he could have kept his mouth shut, couldn't he? Pshaw! Such rot makes me tired. If Hartman had been here he would have stopped at the Hotel McDonald and hired two niggers to rub him instead of hunting up this man Fox, who stops up the river some place in a slough, and who, by the way, never owned two "best" dogs in his life. Hartman is an invalid and could no more stand the trip over the ice from Bennett to Nome than a child. Besides, I know that on the 9th of January, a day after the News had him here, Hartman was in Washington City, where he is attorney in a case in which W. A. Clark of Montana, is interested. And this man Fox! Why, I have no idea he ever spoke to Hartman in his life. But to hear Fox talk you would think he is in touch with President McKinley and the Prince of Wales and other nabobs. What Col. Word says of Hartman walking out of the St. Louis convention with Teller and others is true. He stumped Montana for Bryan, who carried that state by 28,000, and it is not likely he will ever be entrusted by the present administration with any business whatever."

Mark and Henry Bray talked in the same vein of the News' fake as did Col. Word and Mr. Joy. The Daily Nugget explains this story of its contemporary lest by its vaporings, many might be prompted to rush off to Nome on the impulse of the moment.

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**Nothing to Prevent those en Route Completing the Journey.**

**Winter Life in Nome—Law and Order Prevail—No Fevers—Provisions Abundant—Betsch and Gates Parties Making Good Time.**

Shortly after the noon hour yesterday there arrived in the city two fresh appearing travelers driving five dogs to an ordinary trail sled. From the appearance of the men and dogs they might have come only from Fortymile, and when it was announced that they were from Nome the statement was scarcely credited. It was true, however, as evidenced by letters of introduction brought to parties here from acquaintances now at Nome. The two men are Carl Knobelsdorf, Prussian, and C. D. Campbell, American, both formerly of Chicago. After having stored their sled and its cargo in the Aurora warehouse and had their dogs comfortably stabled in Tom Chisholm's corral, they repaired to the McDonald hotel, where, wholly at ease, in solid comfort and to which plenty of time was devoted, they partook of the best meal it had been their privilege to encounter since leaving Nome 57 days before.

After dinner Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell kindly accorded an hour and a half of their time to a representative of the Daily Nugget, and that hour and a half was the first quiet period they had enjoyed since their arrival, except when at dinner, as at other times they had been constantly surrounded by crowds of eager questioners and listeners all anxious for news from the new mining fields. Even the five dogs, four malamutes and a Scotch collie, the leader of the team, came in for a large share of admiration and favorable comment by people who daily pass on our streets hundreds of such looking dogs without giving them a thought other than the thought which accompanies a passing kick.

Both men talked freely when sequestered with the reporter, and from them was obtained all the important news and happenings in Nome between the date of the sailing of the last steamer for the Sound November 2d, and the date on which Knobelsdorf and Campbell started on the long journey over the ice, December 10th, a period of 38 days.

The readers of the Nugget will remember that typhoid fever was reported as being quite prevalent at Nome when the last steamer sailed for below; also that there was some question as to there being sufficient provisions in the town to keep its residents until navigation opens in the late spring. From these sources the recent arrivals assert no apprehension may be felt. Fever abated with the advent of cold weather, there being few if any new cases after the first of November. As to provisions, there are plenty, both as to quantity and variety to last until more arrive. In reply to the question: "What are the people doing in Nome?" Mr. Knobelsdorf, the older and more talkative of the two men, replied:

"As you already know, the mining season closed about the last of October, since which time the people have done little else than sit around waiting for spring. A few attempts at beach mining were made but with no success, the elements, wind and cold, being too strong to be contended against. The only place where any effort is being made to carry on winter mining is on

Snow gulch and with but little success. However, time does not drag as heavily as one would think; there are all kinds of resorts in the way of saloons, gambling houses, dance halls, etc., and those who do not look to those places for amusement have organized debating and reading societies, and there is a fine club with good apartments in which are billiard and pool tables and private card rooms. Besides, there are several secret society clubs, including Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Arctic Brotherhood and others. There is plenty of diversion at Nome to prevent a person from at least dying of ennui, although, of course, the wait for the long winter to pass away and active work to again begin is a long and tedious one."

Continuing Mr. Knobelsdorf said that but little freighting is being done from the town out to the creeks, the majority of the hauling being of wood into the town and in which work many dogs and quite a number of horses are being continuously employed.

Both men spoke of Nome as compared with what they had seen of Dawson since their arrival, neither of them having been here before, and both asserted that while there are not over 3,000 people wintering in Nome the business portion of that city appears to them to be more extensive than that of Dawson. Nearly all the business houses of Nome are of corrugated iron, hence there is practically little danger from fire, and as the stocks of provisions are all stored in iron warehouses which are isolated, their loss by fire is next to an impossibility.

Among the well-known Dawsonites in business at Nome are Doctor Koons, who is practicing his profession; "Ramps" Peterson, running the Pioneer lodging house, and Harry Machette, who presides over the destinies of the Kan Kan coffee house, all of whom are reported as prospering in their respective lines.

As to the condition of the trail, which subject, by the way, is of more interest to the people of Dawson at present than any other, the statement of Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell as to their journey will be of particular interest. It is substantially as follows:

"We left Nome on the morning of the 10th of December, and 57 days later we reached Dawson, laying up six days, making the actual time traveled 51 days. On the first third of the trip over the ice from Nome to what is called the Kaltag cutoff, over that cutoff and for some days after striking the Yukon river, we averaged from 36 to 40 miles per day, but after that time, while the trail on this way was fully as good as that over which we had traveled, we did not rush the dogs, but traveled more leisurely. At the time we came over the Kaltag cutoff there was but little snow and the trail, though at that time practically untraveled, was easy going; in fact, on the entire journey from Nome to Dawson we wore our snow shoes only one day. We had no stoye and no tent, nor did we need them, as we slept out only two nights on the entire trip."

When asked if they met many people along route and of the chances of those whom they met reaching Nome over the ice both gentlemen laughed and said that while they had kept no accurate count of the number of persons met, it would reach at least 300, and if they failed to reach Nome it would be their own faults, as there was practically nothing about the trail to prevent straightforward travel.

They met Chris Betsch and his party about 80 miles below Fort Yukon on the 15th of January. The party was getting on finely and Mrs. Betsch was in the best of health and spirits. She stated that she lay in the heavy robes and slept a good part of the day. The intrepid little lady sent a letter back by Mr. Campbell to her mother here, Mrs. Pfrather. Betsch had 215 dogs in his "fleet" when met. Miss Gates and company were met two days' travel below Fortymile and were making good time. The Burnham party was seen at Forty-

mile, Mrs. Burnham having fully recovered from the effects of her immersion in the chilly waters of the Yukon a short distance below the Halfway house. With a justifiable show of pride Mr. Knobelsdorf remarked:

"After hearing our account of the trail ahead of them and clear on to Nome, people whom we met brightened up perceptibly and invariably left us in a happier and more cheerful frame of mind than when they first met us."

The appearance of the two men and that of their fine dogs is conclusive evidence of the truthfulness of what they say regarding the condition of the trail. Both men are looking hardy and rugged, and with the exception of a boil as big as a Lake Washington strawberry which Mr. Campbell is nursing on his right hand, both are in the pink of condition. Their five dogs, while looking somewhat gaunt on their arrival yesterday, are strong and vigorous, being principally bone, muscle and hair, but with no superfluous flesh. Knobelsdorf and Campbell work their dogs without swingle trees, but with one main string a la Labrador. As the animals' feet were protected with canvas boots there is not a limping dog in the quintette.

The travelers made the trip very light, purchasing the necessary provisions, of which they assert there is no scarcity, along the route as they were needed. They confirm the statement of Mail Superintendent J. B. Wingate published in the Daily Nugget some days ago as to the very moderate prices charged for provisions and dog feed on the lower Yukon.

In speaking of Sunday nights in Nome as compared with last night in Dawson both men said the contrast is indeed striking. Nome is run wide open seven days each week and there is no sneaking in at back doors seen there on Sunday. Yet, they say, Nome is a quiet and peaceful place, there being very much less violations of the peace and order law than one would naturally expect. Offenders against the law are tried by a United States commissioner appointed by District Judge C. S. Johnson, but who has jurisdiction in criminal cases only. On the arrival of ex-Governor John H. McGraw of the state of Washington, whose commission from the national capital gives him jurisdiction in cases both criminal and civil, Nome will have a full judiciary coterie in so far as minor matters are concerned. The men who arrived yesterday report having seen Mr. McGraw at Rampart City on his way to Nome.

Before leaving Nome Mr. Knobelsdorf made a house to house canvass of the city, gathering up letters for all points on the Yukon and the outside, for which letters he charged \$1 each. The two men brought between 50 and 60 letters to Dawson, the majority of which were delivered yesterday evening or today. They have a large number of letters for Seattle and other points on the outside.

The stay made by the two travelers in Dawson will be brief, as they will probably leave tomorrow, and at all events not later than Wednesday, for the outside by way of Skagway. On reaching the outside they will go direct to San Francisco on business of importance for parties in Nome. It is now their intention to take their dogs with them to San Francisco. Both men expect to return to Nome as soon as navigation opens. Regarding the mining proposition at Nome, extent and richness of the country, the two men could give no information in addition to what has been told and retold many times in the columns of the Nugget, as nothing new in mining circles has or could develop after the closing of the season which was previous to the sailing of the last steamer for below. Knobelsdorf and Campbell, however, reiterated the general expression of all who have been there and agree that it is a great country for a poor man.

### Boston Page Killed.

From Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell who arrived from Nome yesterday afternoon and who have since been busy disseminating Nome news to the people of Dawson it is learned that Bos-

ton Page was shot and killed in that place by a deputy United States marshal a few days previous to the departure of the two men on their way out. As may have been expected of any trouble in which Page was mixed up, there was a woman in the case.

Boston Page came to Dawson in the fall of '98 from Skagway, where for several months he was manager of Dave Blake's Theater Royal, which was burned the last night of that year. On reaching Dawson Page accepted a more humble position in the theatrical world, being box porter in the Monte Carlo.

Women and wine have ruled and ruined many men, but to these passions Page added faro, being while here and at Skagway, a veritable faro fiend. He would neither eat nor sleep so long as he had a dollar and a chance to play it on a faro table.

Some time last August, Page gave his enamored Maude Raymond, a well known member of the local vaudeville world, a severe beating and in consequence went to Nome in preference to the woodpile.

It is not surprising to those who knew Boston Page here and at Skagway to hear of his tragic death.

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## MUNN'S VIVID IMAGINATION

### His Story of Killing a Mammoth Sets the Nation Agog.

#### Yarn of a Circle City Indian Inspires a Fake Story Which McClure's Magazine Accepts as "Hot Stuff."

Many residents of Dawson will remember H. T. Munn, a peculiarly constituted individual of considerable literary ability, who spent some time here last year.

Before leaving the Yukon country Munn visited Circle City, where he met and conversed with an Indian of a romantic turn of mind. In the course of the conversation the native son told of how his grandfather's great grand father had killed a "copy" of the largest animal ever known to scientists, the mammoth. The Indian's story, like a badly trained case of measles, "struck in" on Munn and so possessed his mind that on reaching the outside he wrote a most thrilling account of how he himself had, during his visit in the Yukon, met and killed a mammoth. The animal was described as being as big as a governor's house and having tusks as long as the moral law; its foot prints were 5x7 feet and its tail resembled the mainmast of a clipper ship. The writer further stated that the skeleton of the mammoth had been cut up into sections, taken to the outside and sold for an enormous figure to Horace P. Conradi who had presented it to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington City, where it had been put together by means of hinges and was at once the wonder, amazement and adoration of the scientific world. Under the nom de plume of "H. Tukeman," Munn sent his article to the publishers of McClure's Magazine who pounced upon it as a gem "of purest ray serene."

The result of the publication of Munn's dream is best given by the following, which is from an exchange just received by the Daily Nugget:

"The article on 'The Killing of a Mammoth,' by Mr. H. T. Munn, ('H. Tukeman') and which appeared in McClure's Magazine for September, appears to have been very widely read and to have created a storm of excitement among scientists and people of learning throughout the world, as the following telegram from Washington published in the New York Tribune will testify:

"The Smithsonian Institution is daily overrun with visitors who are attracted there by an article appearing in McClure's Magazine for October, written by H. Tukeman, describing how he, in 1890 killed in Alaska the mammoth known to scientists all over the world as Conradi's mammoth, and given by Horace P. Conradi to the National Museum in this city. At the same time the mail of the institution is deluged with letters from scientists and people of learning making inquiries as to the accuracy and trustworthiness of the article."

"Charles Schuchert, in charge of the division of paleontology of the Smithsonian, in the absence of Mr. Lucas, who has charge of the skeletons of large animals, made a sweeping denial of the Tukeman article. He said:

"We are greatly bothered by these requests for information which the Tukeman article has occasioned. In the first place, this institution has not, and never did have a mammoth. Nor have we ever heard of the Conradi mammoth, over which scientists have 'been quarrelling,' according to Mr. Tukeman. I regard this one of the greatest 'fakes' that has been perpetrated, and do not care how broad you make the statement. The mammoth has long been extinct, and the only carcass of one that I have ever heard of being in possession of a museum is now in St. Petersburg.

"The mammoth has been so

thousands of years, and you need have no fear in denying positively that there was one roaming about in the Yukon country in 1890, when Tukeman declares he killed his, which was subsequently purchased, under the seal of secrecy, by Mr. Conradi. It is an interesting story but without foundation in fact, and I have made this statement to a representative of 'McClure's Magazine' who called on me."

#### Gold Commissioner's Court.

The trial of the case of Thompson vs. Johnson, involving a dispute respecting the boundaries of the bench claim on the second tier, right limit, opposite the upper half of No. 7 below A. Macks discovery on Quartz, was completed by Commissioner Senkler Saturday evening, but judgment was reserved.

Saturday afternoon the action of Painter et al vs. Hannon et al was tried. The question at issue related to the boundary between No. 3 Eldorado and the adjoining bench claim, on the right. The commissioner has taken the case under advisement.

Today the court is occupied in taking evidence in the action of Deran et al vs. Tozier et al. This case involves the title to No. 58 below on Sulphur. The plaintiffs allege that Doran is the original locator.

#### Flare Mail.

Besides the large lot of mail which arrived Saturday, 15 additional sacks were received at the local office early this morning. The postmaster and his associates are busily engaged in sorting and distributing the letters today. More mail is expected to arrive Thursday.

#### Sunday Night's Concert.

The third in the series of grand Sunday night concerts was given at the Palace Grand theater last night.

The largest audience that has attended any of the entertainments was present and displayed the utmost enthusiasm. There was a wide range in the program, classical numbers being interspersed with Sousa's marches and a round of national American selections which brought forward the most enthusiastic applause from the large audience present.

Miss Beatrice Lorne and Mr. F. W. Zimmerman in vocal selections added much to the enjoyment of the occasion, more particularly the former, whose sweet, clear intonations charmed the audience to such an extent that response to repeated encores was fairly insisted upon.

Mr. M. Hobbs rendered a trombone solo which met with a very favorable reception.

The program in full was as follows:

March, "Manhattan Beach".....	Sousa
Gems from opera "Faust".....	Gounod
Miss Beatrice Lorne, Marguerite, Mr. F. W. Zimmerman, Faust.	
"Echoes From Manila Bay".....	Watson
Stephanie Gavotte.....	Czibulka
Trombone solo, "Cavatina," from "Robert le Diable".....	Meyerbeer
Mr. M. Hobbs.	
Grand selection from opera "Gaspard".....	Millock
Song, "Then You'll Remember Me".....	Balle
Mr. F. W. Zimmerman.	
Medley Overture.....	Catlin
Song, "Dear Heart".....	Tito Mattae
Miss Beatrice Lorne.	
Serenade, "Espagnole".....	Metra

#### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a line of railway from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Chilkoot inlet near the head of Lynn Canal, or from the International Boundary line at or near the village of Kluckwan, northerly to the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk, thence continuing by the most feasible route to Dawson City; with powers to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines; to mine and deal in mines; to crush, smelt and work ores and minerals of all descriptions; erect smelters and other works and carry on a general mining business; to construct roads, tramways, wharves, mills and all necessary works; to own and operate steam and other vessels in the Yukon and all its tributaries and upon all inland waters in the Yukon district; to erect and operate all electrical works for the use and transmission of electrical power and to acquire and use water power for that purpose. Also to erect and maintain trading posts and carry on a general trading business in all merchandise in the Territory, and to acquire all other necessary rights and privileges, and to do all necessary things in connection with the business of the company.

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