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THREE YEARS

In the Territorial Jail Is Sentence Imposed On Mrs. Mansen

TRIED AND CONVICTED YESTERDAY

Of The Theft Of Gold Dust And Gold Nuggets

FROM A MAN NAMED CONTIN

Who Was a Patient Like Herself at the Sisters' Hospital During the Month of August.

From Wednesday's Daily
Yesterday in the territorial court was a busy day. The case of Mrs. Mansen alias Amanda Young, was heard during the morning session, when a large number of witnesses were examined. Immediately after the noon recess a motion was heard from Attorney Becker for the defense in the Boone case. The motion was one praying for the adjournment of that trial till after the return of a witness who had gone outside and who could not get back before spring. Judge Craig said after hearing the

motion that the question of witnesses was a very serious one in this country, and inasmuch as the showing of the motion did not establish the fact that the witness desired was a very important one, the motion would be denied, and the case must go on.

This matter disposed of, the case already before the court was again taken up with the evidence of Mr. Contin, who, by reason of his lack of knowledge of English, gave his testimony through Sister Mary Prudence, of St. Mary's hospital, who acted as his interpreter. The witness testified that the nuggets and gold dust displayed in evidence was that which he had lost. He had left them with the Sister at the hospital for safe keeping.

The Sister testified that she had never seen a nugget in the possession of the defendant while in the hospital, but that she, Mrs. Mansen, had given a nugget to the day nurse which she said was all she had left of the lot which had been stolen from her by her husband, Mansen.

Contin's partner Odelurd, was next sworn and identified a large number of the nuggets as having come from Gold Hill and Bonanza creek, from the claims owned jointly by Contin, himself and a third partner.

Helen Ross, matron at the police prison at the time of her arrest, said that she had found upon her person 40 ounces of gold dust and 7 1/2 ounces of nuggets.

At the close of the case for the Crown, Attorney McKay, for the defense, placed his client in the witness stand in her own defense.

Mrs. Margaret Mansen testified that she had lived here for about a year, that she had earned upwards of a thousand dollars, that a large number of people had seen her with the nuggets in her possession, and that the dust and nuggets in evidence were her personal property.

Mrs. Mansen stated that this dust and nuggets were in part in the cabin of one Billy Hempstead, who was a friend of her's, and where she stored her trunk and other things.

On cross-examination by the crown prosecutor, she stated that the dust and nuggets were not in the cabin but outside on the ground.

She stated that she had worked on a claim where Mr. Wm. Bernard had been in charge and that he knew of her having dust and nuggets.

Mr. Bernard was called to the stand and testified that he had seen her in possession of some five or six ounces of nuggets last May or June; that he had paid her at different times an aggregate of from \$500 to \$600 in dust. He had given her a nugget which he identified. The one identified was the same as that positively identified by one of the former witnesses as belonging to Contin.

Mr. Graut was called and said that he had seen the prisoner with the nuggets he had given her on her birthday, but he could not identify them.

Sergeant William Corneil was the last witness called and testified that he had known the prisoner to be in possession of sundry nuggets in the past. He also told of how Mrs. Mansen had been sent down by him in February last from Gold Bottom, where he had been in charge of the police station, on a charge of vagrancy. This charge had been preferred against her under rather peculiar circumstances.

Mrs. Mansen had been cooking there in a roadhouse, had quit and gone away, but had afterwards returned to cook for her board while waiting for more profitable employment. During this time she got sick and kept to her bed, refusing to move, and the vagrancy charge was made as an inducement to her to move on.

Attorney McKay undertook the conduct of the case at the last moment owing to the fact that the attorney who had her case in hand was called away quite unexpectedly. Notwithstanding this the young attorney made a good defense for his client.

Crown Prosecutor Wade was, as usual, bitingly sarcastic in his conduct of the case, and created several audible smiles by his questions.

After the case had been placed before the jury by Judge Craig they retired to the chambers above, from where they filed back after an absence of half an hour, the foreman delivering a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy.

Judge Craig said that the offense was a very serious one and at the same time a very mean one, as she was guilty of robbing those who were caring for her in her time of need. She is liable, he said, to a sentence of 16 years, but considering the fact of her sex, he was disposed to give her one more chance to redeem her life. He sentenced her to a term of three years in the territorial jail.

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ISLAND LIBERALS

Are Not in Love With Premier Laurier's Government.

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Irish Question Not A Factor In Present Campaign.

BRYAN IS TALKING AGAIN.

South African Volunteers Returning—Roberts Delayed—Machinery En Route.

Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 29, via Skagway, Oct. 3.—Indignation against the Laurier government has been simmering here for the past two years and is now beginning to make itself felt. The Liberals on Vancouver island are now determined to protect themselves against further blundering and indifference at Ottawa and to that end they are making a united effort to send to parliament a man who will have no strings on him. At the convention just held here the whole delegation, 42 in number, voted for William Sloan, formerly a Dawson magnate, and against Ralph Smith, who is president of the Dominion Trades Labor Council.

Ireland Out of Politics.

London, Sept. 29, via Skagway, Oct. 3.—For the first time in many years all Irish questions are being left out of the parliamentary campaign. Everywhere in Great Britain, except in Ireland, these issues are practically dead or at least suspended. The rights and wrongs of ritualists are now more frequently discussed and are, to a great extent, being made party issues.

Bryan Again Talking.

Nebraska City, Sept. 29, via Skagway, Oct. 3.—After a short rest Bryan has again taken the stump and is now making a specialty of anti-trust speeches, that being, he says, the main issue of the campaign. In several of his recent speeches he has not mentioned imperialism, while in the outset he asserted was the paramount issue.

African Volunteers Returning.

London, Sept. 29, via Skagway, Oct. 3.—The volunteers in the South African war will be home in time to take part in the Lord Mayor's parade, which will take place on the 9th of November. It will be several weeks later before the return of Lord Roberts, who will be the recipient of many honors at Natal and the Cape previous to his departure for home.

More Machinery Coming.

Skagway, Oct. 3.—One hundred tons of hydraulic machinery arrived here

yesterday for the Yukon Iron Works of Dawson. J. R. McGovern, of Dawson, is also here with 127 tons, principally boilers and thawing machines. Both consignments will be shipped at once. The owners are confident of landing their cargoes safely in Dawson before the close of navigation.

A Successful Venture.

The little steamer Flora, of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., arrived yesterday evening from Whitehorse, with all the freight she could carry, and with a laden barge of 125 tons in tow. The latter was brought down the entire trip by the little steamer and not once did she become hung up on bars, although, to quote from Agent Calderhead, who was aboard, "The bottom of the river in the vicinity of Hellgate is peeping through the surface of the water in many places." But the infallible Capt. Martineau was at the wheel and the trip down was only one more successful score on the long list of his maritime achievements.

The cargo of the barge consists principally of oats, hams and eggs, and is owned by Messrs. Lancaster & Calderhead. The successful landing of the big cargo at Dawson makes this, from a financial standpoint, the banner trip of the steamer Flora for the present season, although the active little fleet comprising the Flora, Nora and Ora, has not lost a day since the opening of navigation last spring.

COMING AND GOING.

W. C. Squires is in the city after a sojourn of several weeks at Grand Forks.

R. W. Calderhead is back from a hustling business trip to Whitehorse where he was kept too busy to wait for the "barkeep" to shake a lemonade.

Frank Close is daily expecting his wife and two little daughters from Port Townsend, Wash., where they have been visiting for the past two months.

Jack Wiley contemplates a trip to Whitehorse and possibly on to Skagway in a day or two. On his return he will probably chaperone a fleet of freight-laden scows to Dawson.

Arthur Lewin leaves today on an extended trip abroad, visiting gay Paris in his travels. Arthur will be missed by many as he is constantly increasing his circle of friends. He returns in the gentle spring time.

Steamer Kerr Arrives.

The Pacific Cold Storage Co.'s steamer Robert Kerr announced her arrival in Dawson at 9:30 o'clock last night by the blowing of the siren whistle which formerly proclaimed the presence of the steamer Lottie Talbot and which last winter announced to the residents of Dawson the unpleasant information that a fire was in need of attention and Yukon river water.

The officers of the Kerr are Capt. Gray, Chief Tenant and Purser Davis. Her cargo consists of 200 tons of frozen meat and poultry which will be sold in Dawson.

The big floating refrigerator left St. Michael August 25 with 25 passengers. She came along without incident until some distance below Circle City, when her shaft broke and left her helpless. Many old and experienced river men said it was off with the Kerr, her cargo and passengers unless a tow was procured, but Capt. Gray and Chief Tenant thought otherwise. They brought into play their mechanical skill with the result that the shaft was so doctored as to enable the Kerr to complete the trip under her own steam, which she did, arriving here as previously mentioned, last night.

The Kerr, owing to her long drawn out voyage up the river, did not bring any late news from any point. She had two passengers from Koyukuk, but they had left that country in company with others who arrived in Dawson on steamers of some days ago.

It is not yet decided where the Kerr will put in for the winter, but owing to her crippled condition she will probably lay up in the immediate vicinity of Dawson.

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