

A COAL COMBINE IS MADE

Capitalists Take Advantage of Shortage of Supply—Seek to Effect a Corner. Much Suffering Results Among the Poor—Labor Unions Aroused.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Jan. 20.—A combine is being effected among New York capitalists for the purpose of cornering the supply of bituminous and anthracite coal. The railroads entering New York are concerned in the combine and are assisting its successful working by allowing thousands of tons of coal to be stacked up on their tracks.

Local labor unions are taking an active part in an endeavor to relieve the situation and have passed resolutions calling for government interference in the coal mining industry.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED. Chicago, Jan. 20.—The grand jury summoned to investigate the coal famine has returned 45 true bills against as many coal operators. The dealers are charged with conspiracy and with illegal methods in handling public trade. They have been granted bail in the sum of \$1500 each.

TERRIBLE TRAIN WRECK

Engine Blows Up on N. Y. Central

Engineer and Fireman Were Both Hurlled to Instant Death.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 20.—An engine blew up on the New York Central near Albany, killing the engineer and fireman and nearly wrecking a Lake Shore limited train.

FATAL FIRE

Four Miners Burned at Mounsey B. C.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Morrissey, B. C., Jan. 20.—During a fire in the Pioneer hotel Saturday night four miners were burned to death. The conflagration was caused by an overturned lamp in the bar-room.

GUEST OF HONOR.

The President Entertained by the Y. M. C. A.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a banquet commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the Washington Young Men's Christian Association.

CANUCKS WIN.

Bristol Foot Ball Team is Badly Defeated.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—The touring all Canadian football team defeated Bristol, England, yesterday by a score of eight to nothing.

SUNDAY LABOR

Is Tabooed by the Lord's Day Alliance.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—The Lord's Day Alliance is protesting against Sunday labor on the Grand Trunk railway.

London Unemployed

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Jan. 20.—The army of unemployed in London grows daily in proportions.

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MINISTER ARRIVES

To Conduct Negotiations for Venezuela

Has Full Power to Act for That Republic in Matters Before Arbitration Board.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Jan. 20.—Minister Bowen has arrived from Venezuela and will lay his report before the state department. He has been charged with full authority to represent Venezuela before the arbitration board.

FIVE MEN

Were Killed in an Iron Works Explosion.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Duquesne, Pa., Jan. 20.—Five men died as the result of an explosion in the Carnegie works in this city.

New Minister

Special to the Daily Nugget. Paris, Jan. 20.—M. Jusserand, the new French ambassador at Washington, leaves Paris January 24.

FREE LIBRARY

Committee of the Whole Makes an Official Inspection.

The board of control of the Free Library Association, at its recent meeting decided that the board as a committee of the whole should visit the library and investigate into its general condition. This took place last evening, when those who attended were Messrs. Shannon, Sparling, Ritchie, Jones and Little. They found things in a fairly satisfactory condition, and merely suggested the purchase of a few more files and a few minor improvements.

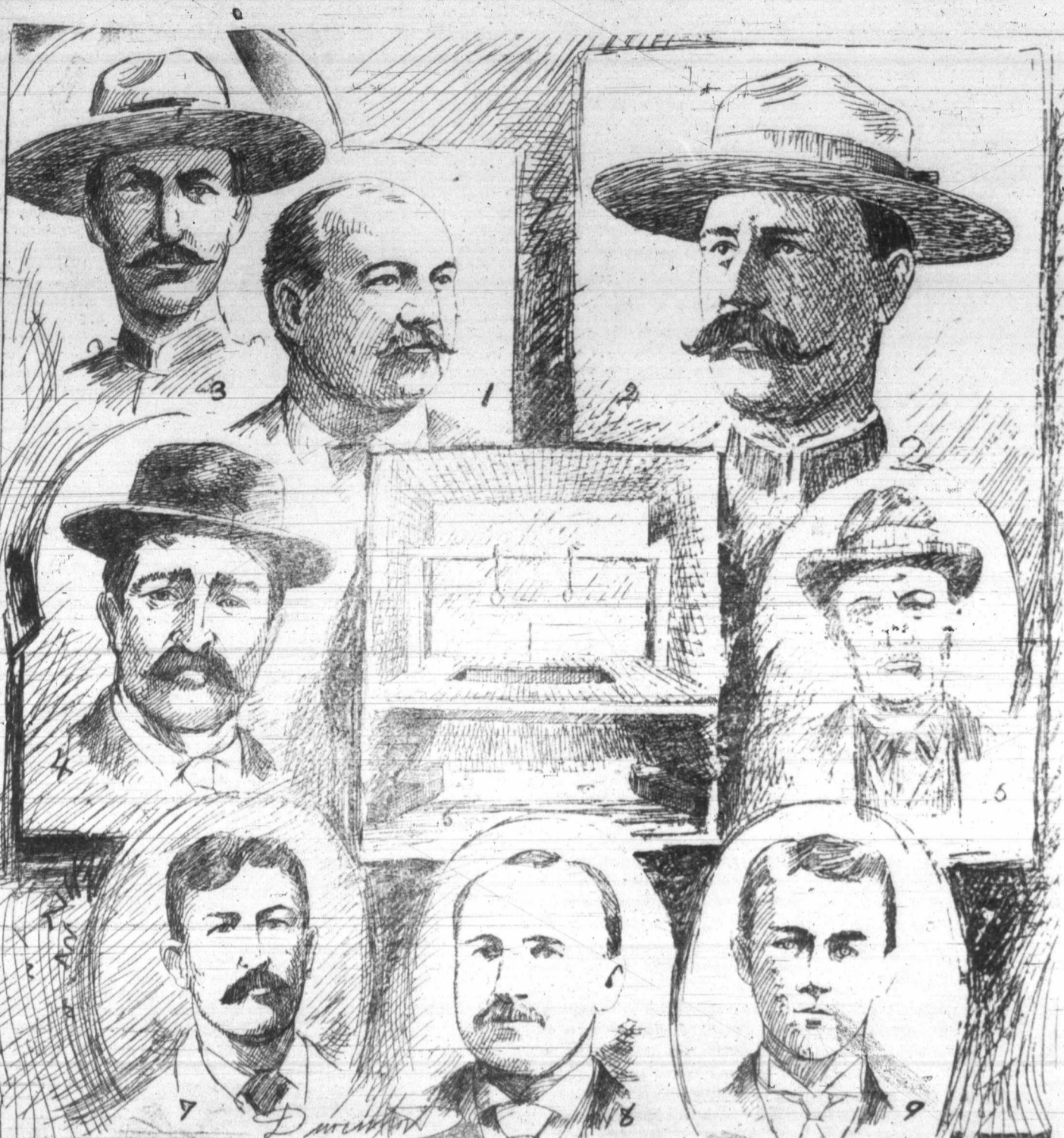
"Belle of the Yukon."

Miss Susie George is a very pretty native woman, about 20 years of age, who resides at Whitehorse. She is sojourning at the Dewey hotel and will go to Haines on the Dirigo to-day to visit relatives who reside in that village. Miss George is a wealthy Indian Klondike mine owner who resides at Caribou, where he lives in princely style and maintains a steam launch, riding horses and a retinue of native servants. Miss George is the model taken by a novelist for the heroine of his romance entitled "The Belle of the Yukon," and which has had quite a run in the east, where distance lends enchantment to the commonplaces of this country. But distance need not lend enchantment to Miss George as she is very pretty and will bear close inspection. This young native belle dresses in the height of fashion. She was educated at the mission at Sitka. — Daily Alaskan.

Notice.

Coronation L. O. L. No. 1784 meets in Masonic hall Friday, Jan. 23, at 8 p. m. sharp. Business, conferring R. A. P. degree and election of officers. All brethren cordially invited. W. FURNIVAL, Secretary.

"He is a man who always stands by his convictions." "Indeed! Who is he?" "A police judge."—San Francisco Bulletin.



PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS IN THE SOLEMN EVENT OF THIS MORNING.

- 1. DETECTIVE WELSH. 2. SERGEANT SMITH. 3. CORPORAL PIPER. 4. EDWARD LA BELLE. 5. VICTOR FOURNIER. 6. THE SCAFFOLD AND DROP. 7. ALPHONSE CONSTANTIN. 8. LEON BOUTHILLETTE. 9. GUY BEAUDOIN.

HANGED FOR THEIR CRIMES

Victor Fournier and Edward La Belle Duly Executed According to Sentence—No Unseemly Scenes at Scaffold—The Law Vindicated With Dignity—Both Accept the Justice of the Penalty, Fournier With Bravado, La Belle With Penitence and Humility.

A spectacle most grim was that witnessed this morning in a small enclosure within the confines of the barracks yard. Two men gave up their lives in expiation of their crimes and a crowd of over a hundred viewed with complacency the last scenes by which the majesty of the law was vindicated. Victor Fournier and Edward La Belle were the names of the principal actors in the drama and the crime for which they were punished was one of the most brutal, cold blooded and diabolical ever committed in the Yukon territory. They took away three lives and gave up two in exchange. They had sown the wind and today reaped the whirlwind. Their victims had met death in its most violent form and it was in keeping that they, too, should receive their punishment in a similar manner. But a few hours ago they were alive and in the possession of their faculties, their consciences, if such they possessed, reminding them of the atrocious deeds of which they were guilty, and now all that remains is a lifeless bunch of clay whose transmutation to the dust from which they came is being quickened by the quantities of quick lime in which they are interred. Fournier, true to his nature, stubborn, vindictive and having apparently no thought of the future died as he had lived, a foe to all mankind, while LaBelle was most penitent, his last words being a prayer that God might have mercy on his soul. The scene about the scaffold was gruesome in the extreme. The small space about the machine of death that had been arranged for the spectators was crowded to the utmost. Rough, unplanned boards had entered into the construction of the building wherein the gallows was contained and the frost settling thereon had transformed its appearance until one could very well imagine oneself in a white sepulchre. The cold was intense notwithstanding a huge stove that had been erected near the drop and those whom curiosity had attracted to the scene shivered in their furs bundled up so that the identity of one's neighbor was scarcely possible. When the procession arrived from the guard room there was a straining and elbowing by those in the rear to see the final act in the tragedy. Densely packed were they in the narrow space and as the condemned men took their places on the trap the silence became oppressive for an instant to be broken a moment later by the shifting of the feet of the guards on the roof. The hangman in his black habiliments, his face concealed beneath a mask of the same color which had but two openings, those for his eyes, the crowd in breathless silence, the condemned, one penitent and the other exhibiting his usual air of bravado, the priest in his sacerdotal garments, head bared and his lips moving in prayer for the souls of those who were so soon to be launched into eternity, all conspired to make a picture so vivid, so realistic that once seen would never be forgotten. At a quarter past 7 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Ellbeck appeared with the hangman and conducted him to the guard room. Fifteen minutes later the sheriff made his appearance in company with representatives of the press. Father Dumot had arrived at an early hour and had been with LaBelle since 3 o'clock offering him such consolation as lay within his power. The wretched man had confessed his sins, received absolution and had partaken of the holy sacrament. All was in readiness. Those admitted to the guard room were ranged on one side and at a signal from the provost sergeant a guard brought LaBelle from the death cell he has been occupying ever since the sentence of death had been passed upon him. As he came into the light the change in his appearance was at once noted. He had grown a full, heavy black beard, his shoulders were more stooped than usual, he carried his head bowed, rarely looked up and his eyes were sunken as though he had been on a prolonged fast. Immediately following the prisoner came the reverend priest with uplifted cross in his hand, presenting it constantly to the view of him who was so soon to die. LaBelle appeared weak, but spoke not a word, his gaze whenever he looked up being glued to the image of Him who died to save such as he. He was neatly dressed in a suit of dark clothes, percale shirt, turn down collar and a four-in-hand tie and was bareheaded. Motioning to the hangman to do his work, that mysterious individual approached with a pair of broad straps. La Belle was turned with his back to him and his arms above his head. The straps were drawn tight and LaBelle had the last use of his arms. He was moved over against the wall and with his head bowed his lips were seen to be moving in prayer. Another signal and Fournier was brought out and placed in the hands of his executioner. His physiognomy had not altered in the slightest, except that his straggling beard had grown a trifle longer. He looked well fed and came into the room with as much unconcern as though he had just arisen from the breakfast table and was about to begin his daily labors. His complexion had not the sallowness denoting close confinement, neither were his eyes sunken, he was not nervous and took no more interest in the proceedings than he would have if he had not been one of the principal actors in the drama.

THE WOUND PROVED FATAL

The Victim of Lieut. Gov. Tillman's Rage is Dead—Had Opposed Tillman for Governor and Brought His Defeat—Feud Was Long Standing.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Editor Gonzales, of the Daily State, who was shot on Thursday last by Lieut. Governor Tillman, died today. Tillman received the information without any expression or without betokening any emotion. As editor of the State, Gonzales was a persistent opponent of the Tillman movement. Nothing diverted him from his aggressive course and the feud between the two men was recognized by the friends of both. When James H. Tillman announced himself as a candidate for promotion to the governorship, Gonzales declared over his signature that he would oppose Tillman as a duty he owed to the citizens of South Carolina. He denounced Tillman as "totally unfit for election" and as a "drunkard," a "debaucher," and a "proven liar." Gonzales persistently referred to Tillman as "the criminal candidate." The primary election was held and Tillman was defeated in the race for nomination.

ARMENIAN PATRIARCH SENATOR TOM PLATT

Shot While Engaged in Celebrating Mass.

Assailant Was a Drug Clerk Who Made Use of Revolver—Almost Lynched.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Constantinople, Jan. 20.—While celebrating mass at the Kumkapu cathedral upon the occasion of the Armenian Christmas, the Armenian patriarch Ormanian was shot from a revolver in the hands of a drug clerk. The patriarch's wound is not fatal. The drug clerk was almost lynched.

FIRST MESSAGE.

Of Wireless Telegraphy Received in States.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Wellsfleet, Mass., Jan. 20.—The first wireless message received in the United States is from Glace Bay, Cornwall, and is in the form of congratulations from the mayor of that place. Previous messages were all sent to Cape Breton, Canada.

MUCH WORRY.

Caused by Proposal to Repeal Coal Duties.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, Jan. 20.—The proposed repeal of American coal duties is a subject of much worry to operators who fear competition from British Columbia.

NOMINEES.

For Burrard District Filed Papers Today.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, Jan. 20.—MacIver, former Senator McInnes and Chris. Foley were nominated as candidates for Burrard district today.

IN HOT WATER

Wilhelm Criticizes the Bavarian Diet.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Berlin, Jan. 20.—The Kaiser is getting into hot water with Bavaria on account of criticizing certain actions of the diet of that country.

Alabama's Governor

Special to the Daily Nugget. Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—William Dorcey Jelks was formally inducted into the governorship of Alabama.

Fatal Fire.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 20.—Fire in Cleveland caused the death of two persons and the serious injury of several others.

Meat Advance.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Jan. 20.—Toronto butchers have raised the price of meat two cents a pound.

Health Restored

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Jan. 20.—Schwab, the millionaire iron king, is completely restored to health.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Auditorium - "Tennessee's Parlor."

ANOTHER CHAPTER CLOSED.

The execution of the murderers La Belle and Fournier closes another chapter in the history of Yukon crimes. Retributive justice has been done; the mandate of the law has been carried out and society breathes more freely.

It is a dreadful thing to take human life, even when done with the sanction of law and in punishment of offenses as heinous as those which men sit in judgment upon the lives of their fellows they assume a responsibility which can be justified only by the weightiest of reasons.

Society, however, must find its own protection against those who seek its destruction. In legislating for the preservation of civil order and for the protection of the individual, the unit of which the state is constituted, provision must be made for the individual of murderous instinct, equally as against the petty thief.

Penalties are instituted as much for the prevention of crime as for its punishment. It is often maintained that no good arises from the execution of a murderer and truly it must be admitted that the effect arising therefrom is always an undetermined quantity. Nevertheless it will be found that in countries where the death penalty is strictly and rigidly enforced, capital offenses are comparatively rare occurrences and it must, therefore, be concluded that the fear of the gallows is the most potent preventive of murder that has yet been devised.

The force of this argument has been demonstrated in a remarkable manner by the history of events connected with this territory. In the early days of the rush to Dawson, when hardened characters from every mining camp in the world flocked in this direction, opportunities and inducements for such crimes as the one perpetrated today at the barracks, were offered on every hand. In those days gold was possessed as carelessly as though it possessed no value. Gold pans and tin buckets filled with the precious metal could be found on any claim on Bonanza or Eldorado and no extraordinary protective measures were ever taken. Nevertheless such a thing as a murder with the purpose of robbery was entirely unknown, and yet there were men of most desperate character in the country.

Mine's went about their business without fear and with the knowledge

Closed Up Tight

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Seattle was certainly a closed town last night. True to their agreement, the proprietors of four of the large variety theatres in the old and new downtown districts closed their doors to the public. The Comique theatre on Sixth avenue south was running full blast, but the women performers and dance hall girls were not permitted to solicit drinks in the barroom.

The Clancy and Considine houses on Washington street did not even open their barrooms. The Folly barroom opened during the earlier part of the evening and several women were employed to take care of the customers. The standard barroom was also open for a time.

It is very likely the fact that the grand jury has now convened will serve to keep the big resorts closed for some time to come. The tenderloin district has not been so quiet in months as it was last night.

Will Not Arbitrate. Paris, Dec. 19.—Admiral Rouvier telegraphed from Marseilles that the strikers there refused to accept the government's proposition for arbitration. A slight conflict between generalists and strikers has occurred at Havre. This is the first disorder during the strike.

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that they were in perfect safety - simply because the murderous element knew perfectly well that the gallows would sooner or later confront the man who took the life of another without just cause.

The very few murders that occurred in the country have all been punished with prompt and unerring justice and the execution which took place today serves merely to emphasize the fact that the Yukon murderer invariably meets his just deserts. While there is undoubtedly a growing sentiment in favor of the substitution of life imprisonment for capital punishment, the lesson of experience seems to teach most clearly that nothing can act more successfully as a deterrent of crime than an object lesson such as occurred at the Dawson barracks this morning.

THEY NEED A LESSON. The dispatches today tell of the formation of a strong capitalistic league, designed to control the coal situation in the eastern part of the United States.

Owing to the great strike which raged all summer long in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania and west Virginia, coal today commands a greater price than ever before in the history of the United States.

Taking advantage of the necessities of the people of the small stock of coal available and of the hard winter through which the eastern states are now passing, a conspiracy has been formed to maintain the prevailing exorbitant prices and keep the consumer at the mercy of the coal barons.

The visible supply of coal is rapidly being cornered and the prices are to be kept just as high as the traffic will bear. This is the program of the coal barons, but it remains to be seen whether the people will submit to it being carried out. Already there are signs of revolt and resolutions calling for the nationalization of the coal mining industry are before the United States congress.

It looks very much as though the greed of capital is contributing to its own downfall and if ever a set of millionaires deserved harsh treatment it is the clique who control the coal industry in the eastern states.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA.

Though the thermometer hovered in the fifties last Saturday night it held no terrors for those who intended going to the dance given by Mr. Downing at No. 41 above Bonanza. It was the kind of a dance that you read about. A large crowd of creek residents were present, friends of Mr. Downing. Music was furnished by Scotty, Frank Burney and Henry Wright. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Canavan. Following is a partial list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Canavan, Mrs. Kenon, Miss Peters, Miss Daly, Miss Dalton, Miss Brub, Miss Jarren, Messrs. Campbell, O'Leary, Grant, Stephenson, Sibbitt, Fisher, Carlson, Cameron, Smith, McPherson, Haas, O'Connell, Downing, Nelson, Dalton, Elliott and Pearson.

Coeckey Joe, the father of the man with the pick and shovel, and proprietor of the Migners' friend restaurant at Grand Forks, has closed up his place of business for a couple of months. There is no doubt but during the time the lock is kept on the door of the miners' friend restaurant, hundreds of hungry men will go to the door but will fail to see the smiling face of the obliging proprietor behind the counter. He will open up again in March.

Mrs. McNeill of Dawson is visiting Mrs. Crow of No. 21 Eldorado.

After the ceremony the Stroller walked with him up the Avenue des Champs Elysees to his "den" as he called it, and was shown a remarkable collection of souvenirs from all the crowned heads of Europe and the makers of history from nearly the beginning of this century. For De Blowitz was, after all, a remarkable man. He had the neck, as most of the correspondents of these later days have far better developed, of interesting the one he was interviewing. He either did or pretended to know all about the subject in hand, and thus made the subject to cabinet officers and even to rulers themselves. It was in this way that he obtained the celebrated interview with "His Majesty" after Gravelotte, and with Bismarck after he gave up his sword at Metz. Had he not possessed ability of a special kind he would never, when war correspondence was practically in its infancy, have been able to do this.

But he was a curious character for all that, in the early eighties. He was fighting off the ravages of age, with all the arts open to the posse prima donna. Foppishness was his principal characteristic. He strutted down the Elysee on an afternoon a veritable Beau Brummel. His moustache and side whiskers were black as the raven's wing, with the same metallic blue in the chiaroscuro. These hairs on his rufous face were curled with the graceful rigidity which made the ironwork of Quentin Matsys famous. At his heels a black poodle, the hair of which may be said to have been treated in the same extravagant fashion. He never for a moment permitted himself, or any

Stroller's Column.

The wire was up for a few minutes yesterday and brought to your notice the passing away of one of two notables in the world's history. Also, the rope was up early this morning, and by the same figure it noted the passing away of two very leading features of local history. To you boys who plod very often alone on the trail, miles and miles away from even a roadhouse, the business of this morning means a great deal. You don't know how much because you have never stopped to think about it. And the more you think of it the more you will wonder that there were not more of such cases in the early days, before we had telegraphic communication all through the territory, practically, and when men went out in dog sleighs carrying their own pole of their earnings for the year. Clayton was one of the most foolish of men in that respect, and it must have seemed an easy thing for a real bad man to ease him of his wad and, if necessary, tumble him into the river. It was easy, but the skillful manner in which the crime was directly traced to O'Brien, and his hanging for the crime a little over a year ago, one would think would be a dissuade for all attempt in that direction for all time to come. No, there is always another fellow who sees the mistakes the last one made, and who will take the risk. It is a big one, and the fellows who were swung off this morning have found it out. It was the easiest thing in the world to kill those three Frenchmen and to throw their bodies in the Yukon. It is another thing to keep the mounted police in the dark about such a thing. They will get on to it sometime and somehow.

Many inquiries have come to the Stroller as to the literary and debating society. There has also been some enquiry as to a Shakespeare society. Last winter the debating society was a great success, and the reason given for not starting it at the beginning of this winter was that there would be so much political debating that no interest would be taken in debating just for the fun of it. Now that the elections are all over Dr. Brown, Mr. Sparling, or somebody, if a meeting was announced, would have no difficulty in forming a much stronger organization than the one of last year. Who will do it?

Wisdom of Babylon. Herman Hillprecht, who has been excavating mounds in Nippur, states that he will devote his life to deciphering the 23,000 tablets found while excavating. He said to a New York Sun representative recently: "The contents of the tablets will altogether change the ideas of the world as to the state of civilization and knowledge of that early people. It will be seen that they knew, 2300 B.C., that the earth was globe, and that their astronomers took the same view of celestial phenomena as we now take. 'Nippur is, in fact, sixteen cities, one built above the other. We have by no means reached the lower of the buried cities. Much of the Temple Library has been brought here, and it is now in the museum of the university here. The temple in that early period was not only the place of religious worship, it was also the school, the college. 'Within the last four months our most important discoveries were made. The day before I embarked on my homeward voyage I had in my hand a tablet upon which were the minutest astronomical calculations as to the constellation Scorpion. 'One of the most interesting tablets is mathematical. The Babylonians, in the multiplication table, for instance, went far beyond us. Our multiplication table stops at 12; 13 times 12 is the highest. The Babylonian tables went up to 60. Their children might have sung 60 times 60 if reciting the multiplication table. Indeed, for astronomical purposes, they carried the table out to 1,360, that is, the results of multiplication up to 1,360 times 1,360 were tabulated. They wanted to know at once the result of large calculations. They did not want to be retarded in their work by arithmetical problems that was why they extended the table so far. 'The Babylonian children would have been wonders in our view. Not only did they have to learn arithmetical tables carried out to four figures, but they also had to learn two languages, the Babylonian and the Samaritan; one a learned, the other a colloquial, language, and that in the schools of the lowest grades, and not as our children learn Latin in the high school, by the mouthful, but so thoroughly as to be able to speak and write them. 'Sparke-I wonder why women are not admitted as members in the Stroller's exchange? 'What? For practical reasons. If one came in a pair would be expected to give up his \$20,000 seat to her. -Philadelphia Record.

But the Stroller is afraid that this old reminiscence of the great European correspondent of the Thunderer, whose name will doubtless go down into history, will appear to very few after all. The Klondike population is made up of all kinds of people from every part of the world. And on the platform its population has been extolled as the most intellectual of its number to be found in any part of the world. The Stroller hugged this species flattery to his bosom as ardently as anybody did. But the last election - oh, what a sad revelation that was!

The first communication read was from W. R. Little, secretary of the Dawson Free Library Association. He stated that at a special meeting of the board of control of the library held yesterday afternoon he had been instructed to make application to the city council for a continuation of the grant to the library. A letter was read from John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria, recommending Frank Hales for an old position for which he might apply with particular reference to the carrying out of any public works he may be entrusted with. George R. Clarke has an apparatus with which he claims he can prevent the water in the fire hose from freezing when in use during the extreme cold weather. He wants it tested and

"I have an apparatus made where by I feel strongly assured I can keep the fire hose from freezing during the action of a fire at 50 below zero, as well as during the uncoupling after the fire. I wish hereby to apply to you for the privilege of a test to meet these conditions by your fire department. To keep 4000 feet of your regular fire hose from freezing any number of hours you may deem sufficient at a temperature of 50 degrees below zero, or as nearly so cold as possible. 'Also to prevent any serious injury from freezing during uncoupling, I would appreciate your consideration of this matter at your early convenience, as its nature would urge such action. 'Dr. J. A. Sutherland, city health officer, filed a report covering the past six months which shows the general health of the community to be of the very best. He states that in the time there have been but seven cases of typhoid fever in the city which have originated here, only one resulting fatally. A number of cases have been sent to the hospitals from the creeks and surrounding country, but they have no relation to the sanitary condition of the city. There have been eleven cases of scarlet fever in the city and two deaths. The disease was brought in by a Finlander from Vancouver, and the doctor considers it fortunate that the authorities were able to control its ravages as well as they did. Reference is made to the general sanitary condition of the city which is declared to have been greatly improved by the system of drainage that has been inaugurated during the past six months. Greater care has also been taken in the disposal of the refuse of the city. Thanks are extended to the citizens for this, as they as a rule have aided in every way they could in keeping the city clean. The report concludes: 'At present the general health of Dawson compares more than favorably with that of any city of its size in Canada. 'Police Commissioner Macdonald filed the report of the chief of police for the month of December. During that time twelve arrests were made for infractions of the city bylaws. Six dogs were shot and one horse impounded. Of the arrests made five were convicted and seven were dismissed with a caution. Those convicted, included two for drunk and disorderly, fined \$1 and costs, one for the same offense, fined \$2 and costs, one for having committed a nuisance, fined \$2 and costs, one for driving over the fire hose while it was in use, fined \$25 and costs. Total fined collected, \$31. Among those dismissed with a caution were five charged with being drunk and disorderly, the lieu-

MADE THEIR FIRST BOW

New City Council Take Their Seats

Committees Are Named and Confirmed - Macdonald is Made Senior Alderman.

The new city council had its first meeting last night, all the members being present with the exception of Alderman Murphy, who is now on the outside. But little business was transacted other than the confirming of the various committees which had previously been agreed upon. The members have chosen their seats for the year and the arrangement is slightly different from what it was in the old council. Alderman Macdonald has moved to the head of the table and occupies the chair formerly held down by Wilson to the left of the mayor. Murphy takes Macdonald's old seat to the right of the clerk at the other end of the table. Between them sits Edwards in Norway's old place. On the other side of the table at his worship's right where Adair used to sit is Johnson. Lalande is in Yachon's old seat and Ryan in that formerly occupied by Murphy. What little business came before the council was handled with all the assurance of old-timers. His worship went through the order of procedure and when it was completed the council adjourned with the same degree of composure as though it had been their last instead of the first meeting.

The first communication read was from W. R. Little, secretary of the Dawson Free Library Association. He stated that at a special meeting of the board of control of the library held yesterday afternoon he had been instructed to make application to the city council for a continuation of the grant to the library. A letter was read from John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria, recommending Frank Hales for an old position for which he might apply with particular reference to the carrying out of any public works he may be entrusted with. George R. Clarke has an apparatus with which he claims he can prevent the water in the fire hose from freezing when in use during the extreme cold weather. He wants it tested and

"I have an apparatus made where by I feel strongly assured I can keep the fire hose from freezing during the action of a fire at 50 below zero, as well as during the uncoupling after the fire. I wish hereby to apply to you for the privilege of a test to meet these conditions by your fire department. To keep 4000 feet of your regular fire hose from freezing any number of hours you may deem sufficient at a temperature of 50 degrees below zero, or as nearly so cold as possible. 'Also to prevent any serious injury from freezing during uncoupling, I would appreciate your consideration of this matter at your early convenience, as its nature would urge such action. 'Dr. J. A. Sutherland, city health officer, filed a report covering the past six months which shows the general health of the community to be of the very best. He states that in the time there have been but seven cases of typhoid fever in the city which have originated here, only one resulting fatally. A number of cases have been sent to the hospitals from the creeks and surrounding country, but they have no relation to the sanitary condition of the city. There have been eleven cases of scarlet fever in the city and two deaths. The disease was brought in by a Finlander from Vancouver, and the doctor considers it fortunate that the authorities were able to control its ravages as well as they did. Reference is made to the general sanitary condition of the city which is declared to have been greatly improved by the system of drainage that has been inaugurated during the past six months. Greater care has also been taken in the disposal of the refuse of the city. Thanks are extended to the citizens for this, as they as a rule have aided in every way they could in keeping the city clean. The report concludes: 'At present the general health of Dawson compares more than favorably with that of any city of its size in Canada. 'Police Commissioner Macdonald filed the report of the chief of police for the month of December. During that time twelve arrests were made for infractions of the city bylaws. Six dogs were shot and one horse impounded. Of the arrests made five were convicted and seven were dismissed with a caution. Those convicted, included two for drunk and disorderly, fined \$1 and costs, one for the same offense, fined \$2 and costs, one for having committed a nuisance, fined \$2 and costs, one for driving over the fire hose while it was in use, fined \$25 and costs. Total fined collected, \$31. Among those dismissed with a caution were five charged with being drunk and disorderly, the lieu-

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ency of the court being due to offenses having been committed on holiday when considerable more latitude is allowed than ordinarily in such case, one for having discharged arms in the city limits and one for keeping a ferocious dog at large. Johnson moved that Macdonald be made the senior member of the council to act as mayor in case of the absence of the latter, which was agreed to. Macdonald thanked the conferees for the honor extended to him. He said he had enjoyed the same distinction with the former council and fortunately was not called upon to act in such capacity upon one or two occasions. He hoped that such would prove the case with the present council as he knew of no one who would grace the chair with so much dignity as the present incumbent. However, if called upon to substitute for his worship he would do his duty to the best of his ability.

The confirming of the committees was then taken up with the following result: Finance committee - Johnson, Macdonald, Edwards and Ryan. Streets, works and property - Murphy, Lalande and Johnson. License, police and health - Lalande, Murphy, Ryan and Edwards. Fire, water and light - Macdonald, Edwards and Murphy. Printing and bylaws - Edwards, Johnson and Macdonald.

The chairman of each committee the gentleman first named. Lelande gave notice that at a meeting to be held not less than two weeks hence he would offer a resolution to amend bylaw No. 4 by providing for the alternate in the council. Under the amendment the council will meet only on alternate Mondays. A special meeting, however, can be called at any time he may see fit.

Macdonald gave a similar notice of the effect that he would introduce a resolution amending the fire bylaw looking toward greater restrictions in the construction of buildings of a business section of the city. The franchise bill was not taken in response to a request from representatives of the railroad that it be deferred until the next meeting.

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By Katherine Macquoid

THE PAINTER'S WIFE

Author of "Applejore Farm" Etc.

The breath of spring filled the valley, her footprints could be traced even to the hillsides, bold grey and green summits which rose on either side. A sparkling brook bubbled over the stones beside the path and seemed to sing a blithe welcome to the many tokens which assured it that winter had gone away. Sprays of white bloom wreathed the slender trees beside the hills, every blade and flower seemed to quiver with joy of the sunshine.

home, you always say my bread is better raised than mother's, don't you?" He sighed, bent down and kissed her, and the young pair walked, silently back to the cottage in which Mary had been born, and which was still lived in by her mother.

the dazzling white to a rosy glow, the snow lay there still. It lay too on the thatched roofs of the cottages at this end of the dale. There were not many of these. Two stood away from four or five others, and of these two, one was evidently deserted; no attempt had been made to sweep the snow from it; there had been storm and wind during the night, and through the morning that followed the snow had drifted feathery and now lay before this habitable a solid white mass as high as the top of the doorway.

Fred Wade Tells Londoners About the Boundary Dispute

London, Dec. 24.—Mr. F. C. Wade, formerly crown prosecutor in the Yukon, contributes to The Empire Review a good-tempered article on the Alaska-Yukon boundary dispute. He prefaces the Canadian side of the controversy with ability and fairness, laying stress upon the fact that United States trade with the Yukon is declining, and that the tidewater towns of Skagway and Dyea are not being benefited, but ruined, by existing arrangements.

Advertisement for Pacific Coast Steamship Co. and Monogram Hotel. Includes text: "Affords a Complete Coastwise service, Covering Alaska, Washington, California, Oregon and Mexico." and "Good meals, good beds, good bar."

Large advertisement for THE KLONDIKE NUGGET JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT. Features: "FOUR CARLOADS OF JOB PRINTING MATERIAL", "The finest and Largest Assortment Ever Brought to Dawson.", and a price list: Letterheads \$6.00, Business Cards 3.00, Meal Ticket 4.00, Dodgers 4.00 per thousand.

Advertisement for DOWNING'S EXPRESS. Text: "For Fortymile and Eagle City. TUESDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK. From Calderhead's dock, Dawson. Four-hour stages, plenty of fur robes, careful drivers, insuring a fast, comfortable service. All road house stations on this route are strictly first class."

Advertisement for In LADIES' COATS AND DRESS SKIRTS. Text: "Summers & Orrell. 112 SECOND AVENUE. Great Reductions."



GRIMSLEY CAPTURED

Found in a Cabin on Swede Creek

Exactly at Time Morning Joke Said He Was "Safe on American Soil."

It is perhaps a coincidence that Thomas Burns Grimsley—the middle name being no doubt in honor of Martin Van Buren, once president of the United States—should have been captured in the cabin of John Brown, on his way to what to him was the land of freedom, for the historical John Brown's life, as we all know, was devoted to assisting slaves to escape by the underground route.

Grimsley, the escaped prisoner, was caught in the cabin of John Brown, a wood chopper, on Swede creek, shortly after midnight last night.

Grimsley was serving out two sentences of six months each, running concurrently, for stealing Last Wednesday evening he managed to make his escape. The alarm was given but a few minutes after—and it was presumed he would be captured without trouble. But when in a few hours no trace of him whatever could be found the whole force, 30-to-speak, was put on to guard every avenue of escape from the territory.

To the east of the city the whole of the creeks are covered by a telephone system, so this did not take so many men. But to the westward, across the river and as far away as Boucher, there is no direct communication. Upon this part, therefore, Major Cuthbert devoted the greater part of his attention and his forces.

He had men sent to Fortymile and to guard every means of reaching the boundary in that direction. Then along the trail from here to Glacier and Boucher men were sent to the outer limits and were on guard there day and night. A day or two after they had gone to their posts dog teams were sent out from here over each of the separate trails.

It was one of these dog teams which got upon the track of the prisoner and successfully ran him down, and the honor of the actual arrest therefore belongs to these two policemen, Corporal Stewart and Constable White.

After the escaping convict had got to the other side of the river, which he appears to have done the evening he left the barracks, he did not take the beaten trail for fear of meeting someone, but made his way in a fairly direct line toward the boundary.

He must have had information that Glacier, Boucher and Brown creeks were all guarded night and day, and also that every outlet to American territory in that part of the country was equally well guarded. He therefore doubled back toward Swede creek, and it is now known that he was endeavoring to reach the forks of the creek, as he had, a friend there.

Stewart and White found his tracks in the snow and followed them. They felt sure of coming up with him because they had a dog team and could travel more rapidly. But in the bush they made little better time than the escaping prisoner, probably, as one had to break trail all the time for the dogs.

But last night they tracked him into the cabin of John Brown, a wood chopper but a few miles up Swede creek. They waited some distance away, watching for him to come out. Shortly after midnight last night, as he had not made his appearance, they rushed the cabin and found him in bed. He did not offer the least resistance. He was handcuffed and tied on the dog sled, and his captors then started down Swede creek to its junction with the Yukon and came down the river to the barracks.

Mr. Grimsley's trial for the attempt at escape has not yet been fixed.

TOM DUTTON AGAIN

This Time Was Discharged for Want of Evidence.

At the police court this morning the familiar face of Thomas Dutton, colored, again appeared in the dock.

This time it was a charge of stealing a quantity of provisions from Frank Boyle, the particulars of which were not gone into. Sergeant Smith informed the court that the prisoner had been arrested on suspicion and that he did not believe the evidence secured against him was sufficient to convict. Mr. Justice Macaulay thereupon told Mr. Dutton that he was discharged.

Mr. Dutton, putting on a fine legal air, demanded to know whether he was discharged or acquitted, and the magistrate told him that he was discharged. This left Thomas in some doubt whether he may not be re-arrested on the same charge, but he did not press for any more definite answer.

With arms closely pinned the gloomy procession started for the scaffold, Deputy Sheriff Ellbeck leading the way and followed by the reporters, then the criminals, the priest, guards and lastly the sheriff and medical officers. Without assistance the condemned mounted the stairs leading to the scaffold and at once were placed in position on the trap, LaBelle on the east and Fournier on the west.

As soon as in position LaBelle dropped to his knees, the priest directly in front of him, and together they prayed for the pardon of his sins so grievously committed. When they arose to their feet LaBelle remained with bowed head and though his lips continued to move he uttered not a sound. Again broad straps and with these the legs of the condemned were pinned at the knees and at the ankles. As that was being done the priest slowly made his way toward Fournier holding aloft the cross that he might see and repent. For an instant his face was a study and for the first time he betrayed the least bit of emotion. His countenance seemed to say "I should like to repent but I have gone this far and I'll not change now."

He looked at the cross but a moment—then turned his head away and said in French he would ask if it were wanted it, but there was no sincerity in the tone of his voice, he was weakening. Once more his eyes rested upon the holy emblem and then they plainly said "I'll accept it," and when the father leaned forward Fournier on the very threshold of death imprinted a kiss thereon, doubtless the first since the innocent days of his childhood. Quickly recovering himself his eyes roamed over the crowd and he was the same piece of stone he had been a moment before.

Fournier was the first to have the noose placed over his head and in so doing he stretched out his neck in order that he might facilitate the execution in making the proper adjustment. The black caps were placed in position and all was in readiness to draw them down and let them beneath the chin. LaBelle asked the usher if he could say a few words. The permission was given and in a slow, halting broken voice he said in English "If I have any enemies I hope they will forgive me. For my part I forgive them. I hope that we all will meet in a better world." Then he hesitated but a moment and said he would have to continue in French. In his native language he told all his fellow French-Canadians not to follow in his footsteps, but to keep close to the church, obey the law and do what is right. Again he lapsed into English, his last words, equivalent to a confession of his crime, being "I deserve what I am getting today for my sins. That is all I have to say."

"And it is very manly of you to say it, LaBelle," replied Sheriff Ellbeck. "Fournier, have you anything to say?" he was asked.

"No, sir," was the short and decisive reply with not a quiver nor the slightest change in the tone of his voice.

The time was up and the hangman stepping forward quickly drew down the black cap over Fournier's face shutting out the light from his eyes forever. While the same was being done to LaBelle the priest conversed in an undertone with Fournier, but what he said will never be known. Until the very moment the trap was sprung LaBelle continued his devotion, his constant supplication being "Pardon, Jesu Marie." Each once more kissed the cross, those in front moved back a step or two, the whetstone whirled his hand and the executioner threw the lever. Where two men had formerly stood was a yawning pit and two bodies suspended in midair. That of LaBelle whirled around several times but gave no evidence of any life the rope had been once drawn taut. Fournier remained stationary and once drew his legs up to his body, but in an instant the muscles again relaxed and soon all was over. The trap was sprung at exactly 7:54.

The bodies were left hanging for twelve minutes and upon being examined by Assistant Surgeon Thompson and Dr. La Chappelle both were pronounced dead. Four minutes later, at 8:12, they were cut down and placed in the coffins which had been deposited at the foot of the scaffold. The nooses in both instances had drawn so tight that they could not be untied and had to be cut with a knife. The hands of both were tightly clenched and though they had been exposed less than twenty minutes each was frozen as white as the frost upon the walls, so bitter cold was the weather. Both their necks were fearfully swollen, Fournier's being badly discolored as well. The grave for the latter had already been dug and as soon as consigned to his coffin together with a quantity of quick lime to hasten the disintegration it was interred in the jail yard to the rear of the barracks mess. Acting under instructions received from Acting-Commissioner Major Wood the body of LaBelle has been turned over to Mr. Auguste Noel who will hold it pending the arrival of further instructions from the relatives of the deceased. The interment will doubtless take place at once and the body in the spring exhumed and sent outside at the opening of navigation. So ends the last chapter in the lives of Victor Fournier and Edward LaBelle.

The crime for which LaBelle and Fournier today were executed is of such comparatively recent occurrence and is so fresh in the minds of the public that but a brief resume will be necessary to refresh the mind as to the main facts in the case, which for premeditated brutality and unparalleled ferocity has no equal in the history of the territory. George O'Brien was considered to have been a perfect type of the murderous degenerate, but his was not a crime to compare with that of Fournier and LaBelle. O'Brien did not know his victims, they happened to be in the first to come along after his arrangements had been completed and they fell as a sacrifice to his greed for gold. In this latest case of homicide, however, the victims were lured to their death under the guise of friendship, of the same nationality, same church and spoke the same language, and where assistance and help and good will was expected, at an opportune time they were shot to death, their bodies weighted with stones consigned to the eighty Yukon and the treacherous men who had encompassed their demise came to Dawson to enjoy the fruits of their dastardly deeds.

It was only last June, less than a year ago, that Fournier and LaBelle took passage here in the city for whitehouse under assumed names. The dutiful business they had agreed upon was fully understood between them. Fournier had originated the scheme, an easy one he called it, by which they could get some money and not have to do honest labor for it. He told LaBelle and the latter acquiesced. They went to Whitehorse, purchased a boat and such articles as they would require in the carrying out of their plans and then waited for their victims to appear. Several were approached who had just landed at Whitehorse and were in search of cheap passage to Dawson, but by a peculiar fate they escaped the trap that seemed to have been designed for Alphonse Constantine, Leon Bouthillette and Guy Beaudoin. They were fresh from the province of Quebec, spoke but little English and it was but natural that they should have with avidity grasped the opportunity to reach Dawson at a price less than half the fare on the steamboats. Their new found friends had a boat in which they could all take passage, and so they set out in high glee. They had but little money and were glad of the chance to save a few dollars.

All went well until an island ten miles below the mouth of the Stewart river was reached and when the party stopped there at night to camp little did they think that was to be their last night on earth. Another day's run would bring them to Dawson and the purpose for which Fournier and LaBelle had induced the men to accompany them must be accomplished that morning or not at all. A plan was agreed upon. LaBelle was to get up first in the morning and when he threw a stick on Fournier who was sleeping on the other side of the tent that was to be his signal that all was ready. The plan worked perfectly. LaBelle was the first to arise after Constantine, who was the cook of the party. The latter was at the river bank washing when LaBelle left the tent with his rifle ostensibly to see if there was any game on the island. In a moment a shot was heard. Constantine had met his doom. Coming back to the tent LaBelle said he had shot at a bird and missed it. Soon after Beaudoin went out and then came another shot. He, too, had passed to the great beyond with the entire top of his head blown off. Then Bouthillette, who was still lying in bed, as though fearful that all was not well, raised up on his elbow, lifted the wall of the tent and peered out. Again the rifle rang out and he, the third victim fell mortally wounded. Fournier was still inside with Bouthillette and seeing the rifle shot was not fatal completed the work by two shots from a heavy navy revolver he carried. The bodies were rifled, then weighted and thrown into the river, all traces of the crime were removed, and the victims' effects burned and the guilty murderers left for Dawson arriving here the same day. The murders occurred June 24 and he was not until July 14 that the police had any intimation a crime had been committed. On that date the body was recovered from the Yukon near the mouth of Indian river that was subsequently identified as being that of Leon Bouthillette. It bore the marks of three bullet wounds and a murder had undoubtedly been done a few weeks later a second body was found, that of Beaudoin. But the river has yet to give up the remains of Constantine. The only thing found on either of the bodies by which they could possibly be identified or which rather, could be regarded as a clue was a keyring found on the body of Bouthillette, marked "B. Bouthillette, E. Broughton." That and this, alone was the sole clue had by the police and the secret service and from that they tracked and ran down the murderers, bringing them to the justice they deserved.

Fournier was captured right here in town after he and LaBelle had been on another murderous expedition down the river in which a fourth victim had met his death. Upon the recovery of the body of Bouthillette, LaBelle became frightened and soon fled for the outside. How he was tracked for thousands of miles and finally ran to earth by Detective Wick in a little railroad camp in Nevada is still well remembered, the exploit having been written up in detail by the Nugget. LaBelle was brought back and with his partner in crime was tried on the charge of murder, convicted and sentenced to be hanged on January 10, his sentence later being commuted to the 20th in order that they might be executed together. Both were fairly defied and had a perfectly fair trial, but a jury of their peers found them guilty and they were adjudged to pay the extreme penalty of the law. Theirs was a fearful crime and the punishment has been commensurate with the atrocity of the offense.

COAL SUPPLY Is Now Short in All Parts of the States.

\$20,000 for a Fight San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The Hayes Valley Athletic Club last night announced that it would offer a purse of \$20,000 for a twenty-round contest between Corbett and Jeffries.

Many Frozen Berlin, Dec. 16.—The extremely cold weather prevailing in Germany, in connection with the hard times, is causing much suffering. Many persons have been frozen to death in the western industrial provinces and also in the north-eastern provinces.

Prize Contest. Win some easy money by writing a short ad. Smith offers a \$20 cash prize and a \$10 merchandise prize for the best ad. submitted to him before February 10th. Call at Smith's store or see ad. in Auditorium programme for particulars. Smith, King street, Portland building.

Cause of Stage Flight. An expert claims that stage flight really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this fact that persons in Dawson contemplating appearance should be careful of their diet and always buy groceries of Dunham, where they are always sure of getting the purest and best.

BONSPIEL FOR CUP

Curling Teams Selected and Dates Arranged

Tomorrow the Curling Game for Championship of Yukon Begins.

The curling for the cup presented last year by Mr. Morgan, of the New York Life Insurance Company, will be proceeded with at the rink—if the thermometer is above forty below—with the playing off of the tie between the rinks of Edwards and Bell. This is scheduled for the 21st and 22nd. On the 23rd and the 24th Cuthbert plays Wilson and Cornell plays Richardson. On the 25th and 27th Senler plays McPherson and Craig plays Phillips. On the 28th and 30th James plays Lithrow and Noble plays Bruce. On the 29th and 31st Moncrief plays T. D. MacFarlane and Craig plays the winner of the tie.

This will put eight rinks out of the contest, and the eight winners then play four against four. The four winners will play two against two and the two conquerors will play against each other and thus finish the championship series. It is hoped in this way to get the championship series finished by about February 8th, so as to give time to play many interesting matches before they season comes to a close.

It is understood that should the temperature on any of the evenings scheduled be below forty below the game will be postponed. The following are the names of the players in each rink in the contest: Lithrow (skip), Strickland, Anderson, Van Milligen; Wilson (skip), Barrett, Fairbanks, Pattillo; Phillips (skip), Ward, Copping, MacFarlane; Craig (skip), McKay, Smith, Helme; J. L. Bell (skip), Hamilton, McArthur, Robertson; Bruce (skip), Beatty, Doig, Michie, Moncrief (skip), Cameron, McGregor, McPherson; T. D. MacFarlane (skip), McKenzie, Macaulay, R. P. McLennan; Richardson (skip), J. D. Bell, Howard, Cowan; Noble (skip), Rainbow, Chisholm, Thompson; Senler (skip), McMurray, Grant, Jones; Cuthbert (skip), Ellbeck, Wood, Wroughton; Macpherson (skip), Hamilton, Tomlin, Rolph; Cornell (skip), Ritchie, Ross, Palmer; Craig (skip), McKinnon, Sutherland, McDougal; James (skip), Watts, Gibson, Cunningham; Edwards (skip), Thornborg, Tyrrell, Pinder.

Our New Governor The announcement that Mr. Fred T. Congdon, formerly crown prosecutor at Dawson, has received the appointment of governor of the Yukon, will meet with the approval of the citizens of the Yukon. It is undoubtedly no more able man could be found to follow the Hon. Jas. H. Ross than Mr. Congdon. The appointment of Mr. Congdon to the governorship of the Yukon is a wise move on the part of the government. He possesses all the personal qualifications necessary—ability, business foresight and personality. Then again, Mr. Congdon is an "insider." Being such he understands the needs of the country and will be in a position to carry out the reforms which Mr. Ross had outlined. The appointment of a gentleman who is a Yukoner first and last must necessarily benefit the territory.

During the time that Mr. Congdon has held the position of crown prosecutor he has won the esteem of the people by the creditable way in which he conducted the department of which he had charge. We are confident that as governor he will still merit the confidence of the people.

With two such men as the Hon. Fred T. Congdon and the Hon. Jas. H. Ross looking after the interests of the country there should be a continuance of the good work begun by the late governor—Whitehorse Star.

Canada is now supplying one-sixth of Britain's requirements in wood pulp, and it is estimated that in two years we will be supplying three-fourths of the trade there.

Tennessee's Partner—Auditorium. Job Printing at Nugget office.

BIG FIGHT NOW ENDED

Long Contest Over Eldorado Bench Claim

The Gold Commissioner Rules on Boundaries in Dispute Since Ogilvie's Time.

Gold Commissioner Senker today handed down his judgment in the long contested bench claim on the rigas limit of No. 36 Eldorado. This case came into the courts as long ago as 1898, and it was brought upon the boundary lines run by different surveyors. Governor Ogilvie himself testified, and said that he had placed his line a little above the base of the hill and hence arose the whole controversy. The case went from the gold commissioner's court to the territorial court, and the latter referred it back for a technical ruling upon this boundary line point. The plaintiffs in the case are William Galpin, William Ash, Ernest Ash and Alice Hollins Crane, and the defendants are Simon J. Stiles, Alexander McDonough, Matheson and Macbeth. Patisillo & Ridley were the counsel for the plaintiffs and Arthur Daves for the defendants. The gold commissioner in his judgment says:

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