

LANCASTER'S STORY

WEALTHY KLONDIKER HAD BEEN MISSING FOR A YEAR.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE

Interesting Story of Mental and Physical Wanderings as Told by Himself—Lancaster an Ex-Buttite

(By Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Oct. 17.—Joseph Lancaster, the wealthy merchant of Dawson City, Alaska, who was missing for over a year until he recently made known his whereabouts in a letter to his sister in this city, written from Beaumont, Tex., arrived in Denver Monday, but his presence did not become known until today. Mr. Lancaster denied ever having any of the fierce adventures attributed to him.

He is conscious of having passed through an extraordinary experience, the details of which and the incidents are clouded, although he is aware that after disappearing from Seattle he wandered through California and around the Pacific coast, and then to Texas.

Speaking of the influence that worked upon him and caused him to hide himself away from his family and friends for the past year or more, Mr. Lancaster said:

"Overwork, a nervous strain, accentuated in the Alaskan climate, and business worries brought about a mental collapse. It struck me suddenly. I felt as though I was going to lose my mind. I saw strange things and would talk with imaginary people. I was on the verge of insanity, when, in a lucid moment, I saw myself as others saw me.

"If I am going this way," I said, "I will cease being a burden: I will save my family and friends the annoyance of having an insane man on their hands."

"That relieved me, and the idea grew. I quietly slipped out, and instead of coming to Denver, where my sister lived, or communicating with my family, I turned myself loose. I felt these strange moods coming on, but did not resist them. I presume I became worse; there is a blank for which I cannot account. I had a little money, and that ran me. I remembered nothing of my past. People called me by another name. It is possible I was like a man under hypnotic influence until I found myself one day in Nevada, in a lumber camp."

Mr. Lancaster says he was as easily pleased as a child, yet had a powerful inclination to anything gay or exciting. He must have gone from place to place, believing himself another person and having forgotten he was once a merchant in Dawson. It came to him in Beaumont, Tex., during the oil excitement that he was Joe Lancaster.

"I think the cure was completed," he said, "the instant it flashed across my mind that I was Joseph Lancaster. I immediately telegraphed, when I found out the date, and I wrote my sister here in Denver. It seemed as if a cloud had been lifted, and the clearing brought only indistinct shadow pictures, which since I left Seattle."

Mr. Lancaster came from Beaumont Monday night. He went to the home of Mrs. Peyton, his sister, where he was met by his mother and brother, P. I. Lancaster, who reached the city from Dawson the same day.

His relatives have prevailed upon him not to risk a relapse by a return before spring to his business in the far North. He will spend the winter in San Jose, Cal., with his wife and children.

Before going to Dawson, Mr. Lancaster was a merchant of Butte, being engaged in the second-hand furniture business with Rennie V. Calderhead, on West Park street. After the firm disposed of its store, which was not until reports of the discovery of gold near Dawson had been verified, Mr. Lancaster started for the West, leaving his partner here to wind up the affairs of the firm. Later on they met in Seattle, bought a stock of goods and sailed for the North.

On arriving at Dawson they opened a general merchandise store. After conducting it nearly two years, Lancaster went to Seattle for more goods, and while there disappeared as if the earth had swallowed him.

M. W. Orton Killed. (By Associated Press.)

Spokane, Oct. 17.—M. W. Orton, an insurance man, was run down and im-

mmediately killed near Cheney yesterday. Orton was riding his bicycle along the public road when a wagon and team came up behind him on the run, knocked him down, crushed his skull and dashed out of sight. The driver of the wagon, Frank Spentz, and a companion named John Bluefield, were arrested later and are in the Cheney jail. They claim the horses were running away.

SECRETARY GAGE TALKS. Formulated Financial Convictions of Secretary of the Treasury. (By Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Oct. 17.—At yesterday's session of the American Bankers' convention Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage, in the course of an extended address, formulated his financial convictions as follows:

"First—I believe it to be most desirable that the demands liabilities of the government known as legal tender notes should be in the way of retirement and cancellation.

"Second—I believe that this can be accomplished without any burden of interest to the public treasury.

"Third—I believe that our system of bank note circulation can be, and ought to be so modified, as to make it more responsive to commercial and insurial requirements.

"Fourth—I believe that beyond acting as a guardian and trustee for the people in relation to national banks, the guarantee to bank notes should cease.

"Fifth—I believe that the public moneys, in excess of a reasonable working balance for daily use, should be deposited in national banks; that a simple and safe system of distribution of funds can be devised, I have no doubt.

"Sixth—I believe that in periods of national peace and prosperity, the public revenue should be somewhat in excess of public expenditure, and that surplus revenue should be applied to the reduction of the public debt."

After presenting some statistical facts showing the present strong and satisfactory condition of national finances, Mr. Gage, in conclusion, said:

"Looked at from the standpoint of true statesmanship, it would appear that the present is the most propitious hour in all our history, and as favorable as any period we may hope for in the future, to enter upon reasonable and judicious measures to eliminate all elements of financial weakness which experience has brought to light and to perfect our own faulty system of currency."

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has entertained the idea for some time, though absolutely nothing is known in court circles as to when he intends to carry out his purpose.

TACOMA—United States Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, on his return from his trip from Europe, left on the afternoon train for Portland.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hay returned to Washington from his summer home in New Hampshire and resumed his duties in the state department.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Vigorous warfare against ticket scalping is to be waged by the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, now in annual convention here.

MADRID—Advices received here from Rio Muni, a Spanish possession of the west coast of Africa, say that some cannibals who recently captured seven Spanish marines have eaten the prisoners.

NEW YORK—Because they refused to work with a non-union man, 150 employees in the assembling department of the Singer Sewing Machine company's works at Elizabethport, N. J., went on a strike.

SAN FRANCISCO—Walter N. Dimmock, formerly chief clerk in the United States mint in this city, has been sentenced by United States Judge De Haven to two years imprisonment, at San Quentin.

NEW ORLEANS—A telegram received at the Southern Pacific office here announces that L. J. Parks, general passenger agent of that road, with headquarters in Houston, Texas, died at Liberty, N. Y.

SEATTLE—The steamer Pleiades, owned by the Boston tugboat company and under charter to the Pacific Coast steamship company, took fire while lying at the coal bunkers at the foot of King street.

BANGOR, MAINE—A terrific explosion, probably of gasoline, in the second floor kitchen of National Ladd's restaurant, caused the death of Miss Haney, Mrs. Mary F. Carrigan, a cook, and John Barry, a waiter.

EVANSTON, ILL.—Rev. George K. Hoover, accused of misappropriating funds of the American Home Finding Association, was acquitted by the committee of fifteen of the Methodist Rock River conference.

CHICAGO—Martin D. Madden has been selected as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the fifth annual convention of the National Live Stock association which will meet here the first week in December.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt accepted honorary membership in the McKinley Memorial Arch Association and gave his approval to its purpose of erecting by national popular subscription a memorial arch at the Washington approach to the memorial bridge.

ALTOONA, PA.—James F. Wolfe, 31 years old, president of the First National bank of Tyrone, Pa., has confessed to the embezzlement of \$12,000 of the bank's funds.

SAN FRANCISCO—The transport Thomas sailed for Manila, with a large number of passengers, among them being several officers and about fifty teachers.

NEW YORK—The body of the Duke of Alva, who died here yesterday will be sent to Spain for burial, and will probably be carried on one of the liners sailing Saturday.

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HILL-MORGAN MOVE

NEW ORGANIZATION TO ABSORB NORTHWESTERN ROADS. CAPITAL ONE HUNDRED MILLION. Comprehensive Purposes and Privileges of the New Incorporation as Enumerated in the Articles.

Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 17.—What is believed to be the first tangible move in the Hill-Morgan deal for the consolidation of the Northwestern roads was taken here when articles of incorporation for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company were filed in the county auditor's office.

The capital stock of the new company is \$100,000,000, and its object, as set forth in the articles of incorporation, is to acquire the Burlington system and other roads and to maintain a road in the states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

It is said that the corporation will take charge of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company and the many lines leased and controlled by that company, and then transfer them all together to the Hill-Morgan syndicate.

The incorporators, J. C. Peasley, J. M. Deering, J. D. Connell, W. W. Baldwin and E. M. Shelton, met in Chicago Tuesday and formed the articles of incorporation, but nothing was then given out about the matter. The same papers will be filed in the secretary of state's office at Des Moines.

The first meeting of the incorporators of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company will be held in Burlington. The new incorporators will probably meet on Saturday and elect officers, and the steps contemplated for taking control of the Chicago, Burling-

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