

THE YEE GEE LETTERS.

HOK TAW ON TRIAL AT VICTORIA FOR FORGING THEM.

Yee Gee Repudiates Them and Ung Chang Says He Had No Dealings With Yee Gee—Prosecution Will Show Conspiracy Against Saunders

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 14.—An interesting episode of the Port Townsend custom house scandal opened in the city court this morning before Magistrate MacRae, when Hok Taw, alias Ah Tui, was charged with forging the name of Yee Gee to two letters, dated December 12, 1896, and May 16, 1897.

The first of these letters was addressed to Ng Hok Kung and, if proved authentic, shows a wholesale business has been carried on in assisting illegal Chinese immigrants to the states. The second letter deals with the same subject, but enters more fully into details while emphasizing secrecy. There is one portion of it which the prosecution here is emphasizing. It reads:

"Don't let Ng Hok Taw know I am contracting to bring these men in. He is helping the government."

The present prosecution is indirectly, but nevertheless chiefly, to prove a conspiracy, involving the alleged forgeries on the part of the prisoner, Rev. J. E. Gardner, and others, to "down" ex-Collector Saunders. It is claimed Yee Gee knows better than to write letters and that Hok Taw is the good friend of Uncle Sam. He is there stated to be. George E. Powell appears for the prosecution, assisted by R. W. Jennings, of Port Townsend, an attorney already conversant with the earlier proceedings in the case.

Mr. Powell, in opening, outlined the history of the entire matter, and stated his intention of proving not only that the letters produced were forgeries, but that they were part of a conspiracy to ruin Saunders. He explained how the communications had come to light, and promised a witness who would swear that the "dead lock" used on them was identical with that owned and used by Hok Taw. The latter's contradictory statements both before and after arrest were touched upon, and Robert M. Hopkins called to identify the letters, which were much in demand all day.

Yee Gee deposed that he did not write the letters, and stoutly denied any implication in the deal described therein. He had not, he declared, had any dealings with Yee Gee, and the lines indicated by Ung Chang, to whom one of the letters was addressed, repudiated acquaintance with Yee Gee, as well as business dealings with him.

Detectives Wapenstein and Perdue told of the prisoner's conflicting statements at his arrest, as to the finding of the letters, and See Dor attempted to give expert evidence in denial that the all-important letters were in the handwriting of Yee Gee, his former partner. He said one of the seals on the letter was similar to a seal used by Hok Taw, and some of the characters were similar to Hok Taw's.

CHINESE EXCLUSION A CHARGE.

An Inspector Resigns, Fearing Wholesale Corruption.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Col. J. Thomas Schaff, Chinese inspector in 183 under the district of New York, has sent to the secretary of the treasury his resignation, to take effect October 15. He says that in his opinion, based on four years of practical experience and close observation, the Chinese exclusion act is a farce and has resulted in wholesale corruption of the treasury department.

Col. Schaff is an ex-officer of the Confederate army and a fighter. He was appointed Chinese inspector in 183 under the Cleveland administration, and immediately after his arrival preferred charges against customs officials, whom he accused of assisting in the smuggling in of Chinese. He has never succeeded in bringing about the dismissal of any of the men he has accused. His failure in that direction was caused by the influence of the Canadian Pacific railway in high quarters.

He talked freely on the subject last night. He said fraud exists, and that he has good reason to believe that men in the employment of the government are making \$5,000 each from the illegal importation of Chinese. The corruption, he believes from evidence in his possession, extends to the Chinese Chinamen who have no right to come are admitted all along the Canadian border, at the port of Seattle, the Seattle office, other points along the Pacific coast. He expects to see some revelations which will startle the country. The investigation committee of congress, already provided for, begins its work this winter.

CIRCLE CITY IS ABANDONED.

Yukon Land, etc., to be Removed to the New City of Official.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Official reports have reached here that Circle City, until recently practically the only settlement on the Yukon river, has been practically abandoned. This winter, the location of the new land office, recently established there, at Weare, the proposed town which should become the capital of the Yukon territory.

A Small Fortune Lost in the Mail.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Somewhere between Chicago and Denver a package containing \$14,000 has been lost. The package was sent by a firm in Chicago to a financial institution in the West. Inspector Stewart of the postoffice department has been at work on the case several days, but his efforts can trace the money westward only from Chicago to Omaha. At that point all record of it is lost. The authorities refuse to either give the name of the sender or the consignee.

A Boycott on Union Seminary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—The professors of San Francisco have unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that they refuse to associate with the president of the Union seminary of New York, he is advised by the provost to prosecute his studies in an institution fully endorsed by the general assembly.

BREVITIES.

The Seattle Red and Gun Club is making extensive preparations for the last annual banquet, to be held at the club house at the West Seattle traps Sunday.

Twelve ounces

of Schilling's Best baking powder does as much work as a pound of any other baking powder.

Your money back if you don't like Schilling's Best at grocers.

Schilling & Company, San Francisco.

TO OUTFIT IN SEATTLE.

The Stratton Party from Colorado Will Build Steamers and Explore the Yukon Country.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 14.—James H. MacKenzie and James Casey, representatives of a syndicate of wealthy miners from this state, mention of which was made in a dispatch from this city yesterday, left last night for Seattle.

Casey and MacKenzie are not men of wealth, but have a practical experience in Leadville, Cripple Creek and Aspen. The latter goes at a military project, resigned the superintendency of the Portland mine, where he drew \$10,000 a year. At Seattle contracts will be awarded for building a river steamer, or probably two, to be so arranged in sections that it can be shipped to St. Michael.

Twenty-five of the best prospectors of the West have been engaged to make locations, and three more will be hired on the coast, with a special view to knowledge of Alaska. The river steamer will be equipped with powerful steam pumps, placed on the boat so the captain can prospect along the banks wherever deemed necessary to sample the dirt along the banks. No time will be lost, and if the results are good the men will at once start to work.

"We are going up to that country to get our share of the good things, if they are there, and we hardly see how we can miss it," said Mr. MacKenzie.

"We will take with us a sawmill complete, a hydraulic mining plant, to be operated by means of a hose from the deck of the steamer, with pumps and everything else we can possibly need.

"About the middle of February Mr. Casey and half of our force will be started over to the coast, and the rest of the party will go around by St. Michael and up the Yukon.

"We will charter a steamer at Seattle and load everything on it, the charter bringing us to St. Michael, where we will put our big steamer together, load it with our supplies, the steam launches and the outfit, and then we will start up the river and will steam away up the river and will point first part of our expedition at some point agreed upon.

"According to our plans at present, we will reach the coast about the middle of June, and will work our way over the country. They will keep in touch with the main party, and will be supplied with provisions. Should any prospecting party make a discovery that proves good, the whole party will be concentrated at that point as soon as possible, and will then be able to take up all the best part of the country. Having our sawmill we can quickly build our own camps, and we are not going to depend upon the mining alone, but will work for quartz leads as well, and will depend upon the country for absolutely everything we need, and will get it.

A NEW CHANNEL OF THE YUKON.

Not Yet Known to Navigation, but Will be Explored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—The Corwin schooner, under the command of St. Michael that Father Barnum, who has conducted a mission for many years there, is authorized to explore the channel, which is not yet known to navigation exists at the mouth of the Yukon river. He states that it is close to the south side and will permit ocean vessels to avoid the long bars and proceed up the river for a distance of 500 miles. This winter Col. Schaff will explore the channel, and Capt. Peterson will explore and endeavor to establish a new channel.

Appointments in the Grand Army.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 14.—Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued the following appointments: Adjutant General, Alonzo Williams, Providence, R. I.; Judge Advocate, Judge Eli Torrence, Milledgeville, Ga.; and de camp, Milton A. G. de Host, Lebanon; executive committee of the council of administration, H. R. Mansfield, Cincinnati; M. F. Stritt, St. Louis; William H. Armstrong, Indianapolis; Robert W. Hill, Canandaigua, N. Y. (member from Indian territory); Thomas W. Fairchild, Ill.; Lynn Caldwell, Decatur, Ia.; Edward Craig, Wilmington, Del.

Debs' Propaganda in Kansas Schools.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 14.—The Kansas contingent of the Social Democracy promoted by Debs, is in a plan to carry the movement through the schools and colleges of this state. The plan as outlined is to employ teachers in the various districts of the state to give the Social Democracy to the children, and then to organize clubs of the Social Democracy among the students so that when they go out into the world as teachers or in other callings, they will be fitted to inculcate the new doctrine.

A Warrant for J. W. Troy.

The Ex-Auditor of Clallam County, Wanted for Embezzlement. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. PORT ANGELES, Wash., Oct. 14.—Sheriff Doyle left on this morning for Olympia to secure requisition papers for the apprehension of J. W. Troy, ex-auditor of Clallam county, who is now in Spokane as correspondent of the Seattle Daily Times.

NOT LOADING AT TACOMA.

Friday Harbor Shipping Erection. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 14.—An article has been circulating in the press of Puget Sound, to the effect that the British bark Mennock with a cargo of salmon, consisting of 44,000 cases.

Hope for Consumptives.

I am prepared to treat consumption and bronchial troubles by methods which are the best and surest known to the medical world. My new invention and treatment has cured many cases of consumption directly upon the lungs and blood. Consumption can positively be cured by this method. The public is invited to inspect my laboratory and treatment rooms.

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SENATOR WILSON DISTRIBUTES FEDERAL OFFERS.

Ex-Auditor Troy, of Clallam County, Is Charged With Embezzlement—Port Angeles Sued on Grade Warrants—A Sensational Divorce Case.

SPOKANE, Oct. 14.—Senator Wilson today announced the following Federal appointments made by him as dispenser of Federal patronage in this state: Receiver of the land office at Waterbury, P. E. Kellough, of Walla Walla; of the land office at North Yakima, Miles Cannon, of that county; registrar of the land office at Walla Walla, John M. Hall, of that county. William A. Buckle, of that county, has been recommended for the postoffice at Sprague, and S. T. Topping for the postoffice at Fairbairn. Charles J. Roth, of Whatcombs county, member for the last legislature, has been appointed deputy collector of customs at Circle City, Alaska.

IT SET THE TOWN AGOG.

Former Manager of Mount Vernon Bank Suddenly Divorced While Absent in Alaska.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. MOUNT VERNON, Oct. 14.—This city has been agog with gossip and scandal for days over a divorce proceeding which, because of the prominence of the parties involved and the great secrecy maintained, has caused no end of comment. The fact that none of the general public knew of any infidelity between those interested added such a degree of surprise to the announcement of the divorce as to amount to actual consternation. There is an element of scandal in the gossip, but this is not credited by many and, least of all, by the parties themselves, who are ready to proceed. The name of a well-known business man is mentioned as having been instrumental in breaking up the marriage. He is one of the best located mills on the Sound, having fine facilities for shipment both by rail and water. Two large new houses are being built immediately, and the mill will be operated night and day in connection with the Pacific Coast mill, managed by Michael Earles.

BIG DAMAGES AWARDED.

Victims Held Liable for the Point Ellice Bridge Disaster.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 14.—The jury awarded to Mrs. Lang \$20,000 damages against the city of Victoria for the Point Ellice bridge disaster. The jury found that the city was liable for the disaster, and that the city was liable for the damages awarded.

Notes from Hood Canal.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. BRINNON, Oct. 12.—The little steamer Juanita arrived in this port Monday with a cargo of fish. The steamer was owned by W. N. Niemeyer, Misses May and Maud Palmer, Miss Edith Davis and others. Of Hallock. They are fishing, hunting, and enjoying the scenery. The extension of the county road from here to Duckabush river has been completed. It is not known when, if ever, it will be extended to the north. J. A. Robinson, after having had the steamer Mea thoroughly refitted, is again on his route across the canal.

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Grade warrants into the general fund of the city and released the property abutting upon the streets entirely free of obligation to pay for improving the streets.

The complaints in the different cases set out in detail above. The city interposed demurrers, claiming that even if such facts be true, the city was not yet liable. Upon last Monday, after argument upon the demurrers was heard, Judge McCluskey held with the warrant holders and overruled the demurrers.

The only defense left for the city is to plead that at the time these warrants were issued, it was not certain that the city would enter a plea of overissue of warrants as a defense, as it is desired to avoid all appearance of repudiation.

SHE DID NOT GET THE DIVORCE.

Letter and Check From Her Husband Change Mrs. Whitman's Plans.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 14.—Another romance, which can be directly traced to the Klondike, has been revealed here tonight. Nearly two years ago C. H. Whitman, of San Jose, Cal., deserted his family and went to no one knows whither. After waiting a considerable number of months from him, his wife had papers drawn preparatory for suing for divorce. Three days before the papers were filed, she received a letter and a substantial check from her missing husband.

Portland Men Investigating and Buying Properties.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE POST-INTELLIGENCER. TOLEDO, Oct. 11.—The Mountain Fairy, on the head of the Toule river, was sold the other day to Messrs. Charles Farram and U. Zeitfuchs, of Portland, for \$1,000 each. A crew of men is on the way to commence development work.

ST. HELENS MINING DISTRICT.

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Clothes-pins

make some of the holes—but most of them come from rubbing. And no matter how careful you are, the constant wear of the washboard weakens the fabric, thins it out, makes it easy to tear and pull to pieces. You can't help having this wearing process, even with the most conscientious washing.

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