

THE ALASKA DAILY EMPIRE

VOL. 1, NO. 48.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1912.

PRICE TEN CENTS

NEW YORK'S GREAT LABOR STRIKE

Water Front Property Sale Is Now Reported

It is reported about town that the C. W. Young water front and wharf property has been sold to A. S. Kerry the well known lumberman, of Seattle, and that he is to establish a large lumber yard and hardware establishment on the premises early next spring.

E. W. Pettit who is the local agent of Mr. Young, says that he has not received any advice about such a deal. He would not say, however, that it is not true.

The property has been for sale for

some time; in fact it is under option now to the C. P. R. Company, if the time has not expired. The C. P. R. has planned to build a splendid new dock on the property in the event of coming into possession of the property.

The property in question lies close to the City dock and has an approximate area of 140x250 feet, with a frontage of 140 feet. It is probably one of the best dock sites of the entire Juneau waterfront.

Will Not Give Adrianople

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—The Turkish ministers in a note, just issued, say that under no circumstances will the Ottoman government consent to the cession of Adrianople to the Balkan States.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Belgrade, Serbia, correspondent of the Daily Telegraph states that a report has reached the Serbian government to the effect that Roumania is mobilizing troops on the frontier.

125,000 Garment Workers On Strike in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The greatest labor strike so far as sheer force of numbers are concerned, was inaugurated today.

The strike embraces 125,000 members of the local Garment Workers' Union, the large majority of them being women.

The tie-up of the shops where the strikers were employed is complete. It was stated that the strikers' headquarters that the strikers were prepared to hold out until the employers acceded to their terms, which include shorter hours of labor and better sanitary and other conditions in the workshops.

Monopolies Must Go Says President-Elect

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 30.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson in an address here said that he hoped his administration would mean the obliteration of everything that divided the North and South.

The President-elect referring to monopolies declared that they could not exist, but in order to stamp them out there were men who would have to be mastered.

In a speech at his birthday dinner on Saturday evening, last, Mr. Wilson said that the Philippines were a part

of the last frontier, but he hoped the United States would presently deprive itself of that last frontier.

PRINCETON, Dec. 30.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson arrived at his home in this city this morning. He was accompanied by Jerry J. Sullivan, of Iowa. In reply to an inquiry concerning the object of Sullivan's visit, Mr. Wilson said: "I am just picking up threads of the situation in Iowa."

MOOSE DANCING OLD YEAR OUT

The masquerade ball to be given by the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose promises to be well attended. Over one hundred tickets had been sold several days ago to people who are getting ready for the big event.

An extraordinary list of prizes has been selected and unusual interest is being taken in the affair.

The following list of prizes will be awarded during the evening:

- Most expensive gown—\$10.00 skirt B. M. Behrends.
- Prettiest dressed lady—one electric iron, Electric Light Co.
- Fat lady—one crown ham, Frye-Bruhn Co.
- Thinnest lady—one umbrella, Mrs. Berry.
- Best grandma—your choice of a box of candy, Mrs. Kabler.
- Long-faced lady—one big box of stationery, J. Barrager.
- Lady moose—one pair of ladies' shoes, Sandstrom & Heldorn.
- Best coon lady—one street hat, Mrs. W. M. Winn.
- Best Indian costume—large box of candy, Billie Taylor.
- Best sustained lady character—Carving set, Alaska Supply Co.
- Most comical lady—large hand mirror, Wm. Britt.
- Best Eskimo lady—box groceries, Geddes & McKanna.
- Mounted igloo in mydmnyL.
- Best Oriental lady—ivory brooch mounted in gold, W. H. Chase.
- Best Chinese—assorted box of groceries, Arthur Back.
- Best toe dancer—your choice of a large bottle of perfume, J. W. Doran.
- The daintiest costume—one skirt cleaned and pressed, Alaska Steam Laundry.
- Best character representing word "Orpheum"—three months' pass, John T. Spickett.
- Most original character—meerschmump pipe, Thos. McCaul.
- Best Grandpa—your choice of a cake, Mrs. Kabler.
- Funniest man—Stetson hat, Chas. Goldstein.
- Most cleverly dressed gentleman—\$10.00 gold crown, Dr. C. C. Finly.
- Best Moose face—big goose, John Reek.
- The crazy man—fancy vest, F. Woland.
- The long guy—six months Dispatch, E. C. Russel.
- Best horse's head—one horse shod, E. D. Watkins.
- Best monkey—the whole bill at the Arctic Barbershop.
- Best sustained gentleman character—one month's pressing, Milton Bothwell.
- Next best sustained character—beautiful pocket knife, C. W. Young.
- Best giraffe—collar and cuff box, R. P. Nelson.
- Best snake-eater—Suit case, H. J. Raymond.
- Most ridiculous character—box 100 Del Punto cigars, J. B. Caro & Co.
- Best break—large glacier picture, Winter & Pond.
- Fat man—silk umbrella, E. Valentine.
- Best waltzing couple—one case assorted Reliance fruit, Epsteyn & Gilmore Co.
- Next best waltzing couple—\$5.00 cash, Juneau Lodge, No. 700 L. O. O. M.
- The judges are Mr. Spick, Mrs. Span, and Mrs. Spaek.

THAT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council held a meeting Friday night. It was a special meeting. Rumors were circulating Saturday night to the effect that it was a secret meeting; that there was a clash between members of the body over the business that was being discussed; that the council was about to lease the City dock to a transportation company—in which event freight rates would go up, wharfage charges double, and the prices of coal soar skyward.

It was pointed out by the agitated persons that the City dock had done a wonderful good for the community; that it had reduced the wharfage charges to 50 cents per ton; caused freight rates to drop from \$14.00 to \$4.00. And had placed coal on the market here in Juneau at a greatly lowered selling price.

Any attempt to make a bargain that would deprive the people of this safeguard was characterized as an act of treason.

It will be remembered that The Empire printed an account of the business that was transacted at this meeting. It was not a secret meeting.

It would be hardly possible for the council to pass a legally binding measure of this nature at any secret meeting.

Mr. Nowell says that his company has coal to sell and would prefer not entering into competition with the city in that business. Also the Alaska Steamship Company would prefer to continue docking their ships at the City wharf.

The contract will probably bind the steamship company to land all its freight at the City dock and the city to buy Nainimo coal from the steamship company with the city having the privilege of going into the open market for coal in case there shall arise a difference in price which the company will not meet.

Councilman Fries strenuously objected to the tying up of the city for five years, stating that the City dock was built for the accommodation of any steamship line and with the rapid increase of business there was likely to be freight congestion at any time. He was opposed to shutting out independent lines, and besides long within the life of the contract, Juneau would be getting its coal from the Westward coal fields, and he added that it was bad public policy to enter into a contract for a term of years that would operate against the city. All the councilmen favored the contract, except Mr. Fries, Councilman Gray was absent.

INDIAN SENTENCES STILL PENDING

Ten days ago an Indian, John Williams, better known as "Jake" Williams, was convicted of violating the law against giving, bartering or selling liquor to Indians. Several other convictions were secured against other defendants at about the same time, some of them subsequent to the trial of Williams.

Sentence has been passed on all of the white persons convicted but the court announced that sentence would be suspended in the case of Williams pending communication with the attorney-general's office.

There are various surmises on the subject of the delayed sentences. Some of the legal fraternity are of the opinion that the law is defective. It is said a doubt exists as to whether under the law an Indian can be confined in the federal jail or be put out at hard labor as a punishment. Others are of the opinion that a doubt exists as to whether or not an Indian is guilty of crime in the giving of liquor when there is no trade or cash exchange involved.

SOLDIER BOYS HAVE DEFENSE

The robbery trial now on in the federal court is taking on additional interest from the fact that Capt. Brooks together with seven enlisted men have appeared to testify for the defense.

The soldier Patrick L. Young, who confessed to the crime and pleaded guilty is the star witness for the prosecution and finished his testimony against the former comrades this morning. His story in substance follows:

"Young and the three defendants, Paris, Parent, and Colleder, were drinking in Tim Vogel's saloon on the night of Sept. 9. After leaving that place they came in contact with William Kanoff, the complaining witness. Paris sang out 'hallo Dad' and took Kanoff by the arm walking ahead; they were going toward the restricted district; Young, Parent and Colleder, were close in the rear. Parent said: 'The old man has money—let's get it.' Colleder then hit the old man knocking him down; then he (Young) hit him (Kanoff) again and took his money. The four then went to a sporting house kept by a woman named Jones; here they bought a drink and went to the second house, but were denied admission; then they went to the last house and entered buying another drink at this place. They then went back to the first house again and were denied admission; went to the third house again and divided the money. Parent and Paris each got a five dollar gold piece of the loot; could not divide the twenty with Colleder because they could not make the change."

The women were on the stand for the prosecution and one of them denied the story of the second visit.

The prosecution rested and the defense interposed a motion to dismiss on the ground that a co-defendant could not be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice.

The court denied the motion stating that there had been corroborative evidence introduced.

Evidence for the defense is being introduced this afternoon. The trial will probably consume all of tomorrow.

The soldier lads are said to have a good defense and will fight hard for their liberty.

WILL RECEIVE IN NEW MANSION

The New Year reception, which has been observed as an annual custom at the Governor's house since the first year of the present governor's term of office, will be held on Wednesday afternoon, from three until five o'clock, when the Governor and Mrs. Clark will keep open house. This year's reception will be notable for the reason that it will be in the new mansion, the work of completing which has been rushed during the last few weeks so that it might be formally opened on the first day of the new year.

It was explained at the Governor's office today that, following the custom of the last four years, no written formal invitations are issued for the New Year's reception for the reason that the invitation is as general in character as it is cordial, and addressed to the whole public.

Fresh violets, chrysanthemums, carnations, roses, due to arrive on the Curacao; will be delivered tomorrow. Place orders with WINTER & POND.

Every thing that will please a smoker may be found at BURFORD'S.

Phone your want ads to The Daily Empire, phone 3-7-4.

DANISH STEAMER LOST WITH FIFTEEN MEN

PENZANCE, England, Dec. 30.—The Danish Steamship Valmer, was wrecked off this coast on Saturday in a violent hurricane, which caused much damage to shipping generally along the coast.

Fifteen of the crew of the Valmer perished. The vessel is a total wreck.

Bank Looting Cases Are All Completed

VALDEZ, Dec. 30.—In the trials of W. H. Parsons and F. E. Barbour, indicted with Barnette and others on charges of making false statements in regard to the conditions of the Washington-Alaska bank, of Fairbanks, the court ordered an acquittal. The case was tried without a jury.

Indirecting the verdict of acquittal on the indictments for embezzlement against Hawkins, Judge Lyons said that Hawkins might be liable in a civil action for the unlawful conversion of the funds of the bank.

All the cases against the Washington-Alaska bank officials have been now either tried or dismissed, and what promised at one time a great sensation may be considered a closed incident so far as criminal prosecutions are concerned. All the witnesses have left for their homes.

During the trial of the cases District Attorney James J. Crossley has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis and for ten days was fed by injections. He is still here and may have to undergo an operation.

Three embezzlement cases against F. W. Hawkins were tried on Saturday night by a jury of ten, and Judge Lyons directed a verdict of acquittal. Hawkins was one of the two receivers of the Washington-Alaska bank, that were first appointed. He was removed by Judge Overfield, for paying out money without the order of the court.

Sentences Are Passed In Dynamite Cases

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—The defendants in the dynamite conspiracy cases, found guilty on Saturday were sentenced today by Judge Anderson. Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, was sentenced to seven years in the federal penitentiary. Clancy, Benter, Young, Hoeklin and Munsey to six years each;

Peter J. Smith, Cleveland and Barry to four years; Bernhardt, Ray, Shoupe, Phillips and Wachmeister to one year and one day; Higgins, Painter, Spireman and Houlihan to two years; Beum, Rennel, Smythe, Legleitner, Anderson, Busey, Morrin, Redden, Hannon, McCain, and Brown to three years. Sentences were suspended in the cases of Farrell, Cooney, Coughlin, Murphy, Kline and Clark.

J. M. RUFFNER TALKS ON FREIGHT RATES

One of the biggest mine operators of the North, J. M. Ruffner, is now in Juneau, enroute to the Outside.

Mr. Ruffner is the head of the North Columbia Gold Mining Company operating on what is familiarly known as the Ruffner Placer Mines of Pine creek, in the Atlin section.

This Pine creek property consists of a provincial lease on several hundred acres and mining operation have been carried on since 1898. This is probably the largest hydraulic mine in the world. Ten thousand inches of water are used and 15 monitors are employed during the mining season.

Mr. Ruffner is discouraged and thoroughly disgusted over the transportation question as applied to this section of the country. He says that unless there is a reduction of freight charges over the White Pass & Yukon route, that in a short while the mine and caribou will come back to their own, for the country will be deserted by human beings.

He lamented the fact that the railroad people can't realize that they are killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, but hopes for no relief until there is a change of management in the transportation companies on which the country depends. Mr. Ruffner asserts that all quartz development has ceased and that it will not nor cannot be resumed under present transportation conditions. Col. Conrad quit shipping ore on account of the excessive freight rates and no one feels like doing any more development work until there is a change.

Mr. Ruffner confirms the report discovery near Tewey lake and has talked with the Indian, Ward, who made the discovery. He says there is not enough known about the discovery yet to warrant the assertion that it will pay to work. It is all shallow diggings, and would be summer mining, probably hydraulic or dredging.

J. W. Waydeulich, the old pioneer, was in town today from his ranch at Auk bay.

A. G. CO. SUES TREADWELL CO.

The Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company filed suit against the Treadwell Companies and Robert A. Kline, to compel the enforcement of a contract for the division and delivery of electric power from the Sheep creek power station.

COURT NOTES

Peter Bicchieri and Sflaja Deretich, indicted for assault with a dangerous weapon, entered pleas of not guilty this morning.

N. Marino and John James under indictments for giving liquor to Indians pleaded not guilty this morning.

HUMBOLDT ON WAY TO NORTHERN PORTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—Steamship Humboldt sailed on Saturday evening for Juneau, Skagway and way ports. The cabin passengers for Juneau are: Silas W. Hewitt, Kavichavich, R. P. and Nick Puletwich; for Douglas—Miss Alice James, Miss Barbara Johnson, Miss V. McDonald.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS SEEN AT MASONIC BALL

At the Masonic ball the other evening in Elks' hall, the ball programs excited a good deal of comment. One opinion expressed was that they were printed in blue on enveloped-shaped cardboard. As a matter of fact the programs were miniature Masonic aprons, even to the white silk strings, with the Masonic emblem—the square and compass, at the top.

The programs were probably the most unique of their kind ever seen in Alaska, and were the product of The Empire job office.

The different committees of Mt. Juneau Lodge, No. 147, P. & M. A. deserve great credit for the magnificent success achieved in the first annual ball, which will undoubtedly become an institution of the local fraternity, hereafter.

All Water Lines to be Investigated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Interstate Commerce Commission will at once begin a comprehensive investigation of all steamship lines doing an interstate business. Every feature of the business will be closely inquired into, and it will be as thorough as it is possible for the commission to make it.

The water lines doing business between Pacific Coast ports and Alaska will be included in the investigation. This part of the work will probably be under the personal direction of Franklin K. Lane, the member of the commission from California, because of his intimate knowledge of Pacific Coast trade and conditions.

A TOWN SWEEPED BY AN AVALANCHE

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—An avalanche of snow yesterday partially destroyed the town of Mace in this state, and killed James Flaherty. A number of buildings were swept away and completely wrecked. A number

of people are still missing and the death list may prove to be large.

The avalanche occurred without warning and many people were in their homes, some of them, however, escaping. Complete details are as yet unobtainable.

CITIZENSHIP FOR PORTO RICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Immediate citizenship for the Porto Ricans is recommended in the annual report of W. F. McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs. Mr. McIntyre states that the people of the island have made steady progress and that citizenship should be no longer denied them.

SUFFRAGETTES IN ALBANY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The remnant of the suffragette army of three hundred which gaily set out from New York ten days ago to march on foot to Albany, reached here on Saturday afternoon. The valiant host had been reduced to seven footsore and weary women.

The intrepid Commander-General, Effie Jones, however, was still at the head of her troops, and was as cheerful, and determined, apparently, as when she started from New York. The remnant of the army will be conspicuous at the inauguration of Governor Sulzer on Jan. 1.

URGES EMULATION OF AMERICANS

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Prof. Alois Brandl, founder of the German Shakespeare Society and chief Professor of English at the University of Berlin, has written a striking article, admonishing the British to emulate Americans in devoting more serious attention to modern languages.

"Young America," he says, "is ahead of dear old England in organizing and maintaining an admirable system of modern language schools. It is no business of mine to praise my native language to Englishmen. If England can do without German, it does not matter to Germans. I consider it, however, my patriotic duty to do my utmost to promote the study of English in this country, so that every educated German may know what is written in both languages, may think with two souls and work with two brains."

"Respectability is a fine thing. It is considered most respectable to stand up for compulsory Greek, but sometimes it is expensive to keep up respectability."

"Germany cannot afford it. Our people find that they want English and French, and also Italian. They flock to the modern language lectures. At Berlin University there are no fewer than 600 or 700 modern languages students, and yet we are unable to supply the demand of our secondary schools for such teachers."

"In addition to the Western languages Russian has just been introduced in the secondary schools of the Eastern provinces of Prussia. I do not feel that it lowers our respectability."

"England is right to increase her iron fleet in order to keep off any possible enemy. We increase our mental fleet by calling in the brainwork of our neighbors in order to fight our battles against ignorance and poverty. We welcome friendly invaders."

Mistletoe, New Year cards, calendars at WINTER & POND. It.

SON OF ALASKAN BOSTON SUICIDE

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Charles W. Dirks, seventeen years old, son of Henry Dirks, a fur dealer of Unalakleet, suicided here yesterday after losing \$17,000 in gambling. He sent \$12,000 which he had inherited, to his mother at Nantucket, Mass.

MEXICAN ARMY REORGANIZATION

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—The reorganization of the army in Northern Mexico has been begun by order of President Madero. The movement has developed ill-feeling between the regular troops and the former insurgents.

AUTO RACER IS KILLED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Hal Shain, an automobile racer, was killed here yesterday when his machine jumped the track.

BABY WEIGHS ONLY POUND AND OUNCE

AURORA, Ills., Dec. 30.—A baby girl weighing only seventeen ounces was born here yesterday to Mrs. Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army. The child is perfectly formed.

Phone your subscription to The Daily Empire. Phone 3-7-4.

FEMMER & RITTER

See this firm for all kinds of draying and hauling. We guarantee satisfaction and reasonable prices. Coal delivered promptly. Femmer & Ritter's Express, Stand Burford's Corner. Phone 314. Residence phones 402 or 403.

HOLLYWOOD ART PRINTS, latest styles in PICTURE MOUNTINGS, FRAMES, made-to-order at W. H. CASE.

Phone your want ads to The Daily Empire, phone 3-7-4.