

MADMAN IN A N. Y. HOTEL

Threw Furniture About the Room
and Out of the Windows and
Screamed at Top of His Voice

BROKE DOOR WITH AXES

Squad of Policemen Required to
Arrest Him but He Became
More Rational When He
Was Placed in a Cell.

New York, Aug. 30.—A young man who registered as Arthur F. Millard of South Superior, Wis., created much excitement in a Broadway hotel early today before he was overpowered by the police. After barricading himself in his room on the fourth floor, Millard aroused the hotel by his cries and by throwing furniture about the room and out of the window into the dining room and office skylight below. The police had to chop in his door with an ax and one of the officers was stabbed before the man was arrested. The commotion lasted half an hour. Millard is about 25 years old. He was well dressed and seemed well supplied with money. He registered and seemed perfectly rational. Four hours later the guest telephoned the night clerk for a policeman. A special officer answered the call but Millard slammed the door in his face. Then he called for the clerk and manager. When they appeared he began yelling at the top of his voice and throwing the furniture out of the windows. Scores of guests ran to the hallway and a squad of police was summoned.

As Millard refused to open the door it was broken with axes. The interior of the room was wrecked and Millard stood with arms folded viewing the ruins. As Policeman Arnim, the leader of the squad, attempted to seize him, Millard's arm shot out and a knife in his hand penetrated the officer's breast. Half a dozen men leaped upon the stabber, was was overpowered and carried to the station. The wound sustained by Arnim was an ugly one, three inches deep, but will not prove fatal.

Millard seemed to regain his composure in a short time but refused to explain his conduct.

GOLD MINING IN ALASKA.

Large Companies Now Control Most of the Valuable Claims.

T. C. Fell, formerly of Pendleton, is now engaged in mining near Circle City, Alaska, says the East Oregonian. Mr. Fell left the far north about two weeks ago. He has been operating in Alaska for four seasons and will return again in the spring. "The day of the individual miner in Alaska and in the Yukon territory," said Mr. Fell, "is gone. Large companies are gradually gaining control of the mineral claims and it will be but a short time until the small mine owner will be numbered with the things that were."

Mr. Fell declares that where the larger companies are working over old diggings, better results are being obtained than when the claims were first opened. "This is due mainly to the fact that when the mines were first developed most of the earnings were used in paying expenses."

The season throughout Alaska has been very backward and miners have complained of much wet weather. Where Mr. Fell and his party are working they were visited in July by a sudden cloudburst and one man on the creek was drowned. "Our cabins escaped the flood," he said, "but our engine was carried down stream several yards. A peculiar feature of the moving of the engine was the fact that it was not injured so much as the breaking of the glass tubes in the water gauges."

Some of the mining companies experience trouble in securing competent help. Mr. Fell says the secret lies in having a good cook. "Keep a man's stomach filled with good food and plenty of it," he said, "and he will stand a great deal of hard work in all kinds of weather without complaining."

Where the Fell party is working is one of the oldest mining settlements in Alaska. The creek has been operated on since 1893, and yet the first Klondike rush did not occur until 1897. "We are situated about 300 miles north of Dawson and 75 miles north of the Tanana diggings," continued the miner. "During the rush to the latter place last spring I saw at least 500 men, women and children going down the river in small boats. But the Tanana is no place at present for a man with-

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out capital. The mineral there is low grade ore and it will take fully two years before the proper machinery is installed to work the claims. Then it will be a great camp."

Mining brokers, or "paper miners" as they are referred to by Alaskans, according to Mr. Fell, are practically unknown in the northern territory. "The mine owners haven't time to deal in stocks; they are busy getting the real article out of the earth."

An agricultural country, Mr. Fell says portions of Alaska resemble Norway. "Potatoes, cabbage, oats and wild timothy," he remarked "are raised to advantage. Vegetables bring such good prices that the farmer is justified in going to considerable expense in their cultivation."

"The banks of the streams in summer are ablaze with flowers, and blueberries grow in great abundance."

On his way out Mr. Fell met a drover from North Yakima with a band of mutton sheep that he was taking to Tanana. "The sheep bring \$25 a head there," he remarked.

George Fell, a brother of T. E. Fell, is still at the camp above Circle City and will not leave Alaska for a month yet. T. E. Fell makes his home in Portland and will return there after a few days' visit.

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