

# A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

## The Steamer Nome City's Narrow Escape

### WAS CAUGHT IN ICE PACK

#### While On the Way to Nome Early in Month of May

#### STEAMER PORTLAND CAUGHT, AND WHEN LAST SEEN WAS DRIFTING THROUGH BEHRING STRAITS TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN—DANGER OF BEING WRECKED.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—The steamer Nome City arrived tonight with the record of being the first steamer to reach Nome, and also the first one to return from there out of a fleet of thirty vessels. The ship bears many evidences of fierce battles with the ice in the North, but is not materially injured. The northbound trip was an exciting one. From May 4th until a month later the ship was practically fast in the ice, the ship being stopped short by a body of ice fully eight feet thick. The ship tried bucking its way through for two days, but when within sixty-five miles of Nome it was again hemmed in. The pack in which the Nome City was drifting to the Northwest.

For several days the vessel drifted around the island of St. Lawrence, and on May 4th was raised clear out of the water by a sudden jolt. The iron hatching was smashed to pieces. The rudder head was twisted, and the ship was badly shaken up. The ship, in drifting about, narrowly escaped going ashore on the Diomedes. From this position the steamer Portland was sighted in the ice pack, drifting up Behring Straits toward the Arctic Ocean, apparently frozen in fast. Fortunately a lead opened on the morning of June 4th, and Captain Daniels gave the signal to go ahead at full speed, the ship bucking its way through to open water and to Nome, much to the delight of the people of Nome who had been locked up for eight months.

#### Caught in the ice.

Nome, Alaska, June 7, via Seattle, Wash., June 20.—The steamer Portland, Captain Lindquist, the pioneer of the Northern Commercial Company's fleet, was on June 4th caught in the ice pack and being carried up Behring Straits to the Arctic ocean, at the rate of from two to three miles an hour. The steamer Nome City came near being caught in the same manner, and when she found a lead and bucked through the pack to the westward, the Portland could be plainly seen drifting northward past the Diomedes Islands. Three whalers were also in sight, but they were in the lee of the Diomedes, and in no danger of being carried into the Arctic by the floating pack.

When Captain Daniels brought word to Nome that the Portland was fast in the ice and drifting towards the Arctic, the United States revenue steamer Thetis left the same evening. There is some danger of the ship being crushed in the straits. If she got through the straits and failed to find a lead to the eastward or westward by which she could get clear of the pack, she will be carried into the Arctic ocean, and failing to get clear of the ice may ultimately be wrecked by the heavy floes farther north.

## BERESFORD'S CRITICISM

### HE CONSIDERS THE BRITISH NAVY TO BE INFERIOR TO THE AMERICAN.

LONDON, June 20.—During the discussion of the Navy estimates in the House of Commons today, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative, scathingly criticised the deficiencies of the Navy. He declared the whole Admiralty system was rotten and led to great extravagance, and that there was a general want of efficiency in the Navy, on which depended the success of the empire. This was the judgment of all the commissioners of inquiry, and had been proven a fact. Every increase in the number of ships and every improvement in them had been the result of outside agitation. As a result of such agitation, the British Mediterranean fleet was now a fourth stronger than a year ago.

It is remarkable, Lord Beresford added, that both Army and Navy officers were compelled to threaten to resign in order to get things righted. Great Britain had only 20,000 naval reserves instead of the requisite 80,000, and the engine room, departments were thousands of men short. As to armament, both the United States and France possessed superior guns. Blunders would continue until a separate board was appointed at the Admiralty and was made responsible for the efficiency of the fleet. Treasury control was fatal to efficiency.

As an instance the speaker pointed out the case of Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, put his pen through the ammunition supplies after the guns had been ordered.

## JAIL LIFE IS EASY

### UNDERWOOD FINDS INCARCERATION ONE CONTINUAL ROUND OF PLEASURE.

SEATTLE, June 20.—Paul Underwood, the alleged murderer of his 3-week-old daughter, is finding life in the King county jail a soft snap. He has a good many friends here among the shingle weavers, and they have been bringing him lots of "good stuff" to eat.

Underwood declares positively that he is not guilty of murder, claiming his baby was dead when he threw its body into the icy waters of the Salmon

Bay. Expert physicians of this city state his story is untrue, as there was considerable water found in the infant's lungs when the physicians performed the autopsy. This, they swear, could not be true had the baby been dead before striking the water. They say it is contrary to the fundamental laws of physics.

Be that as it may, Underwood has told his story and avers that he will repeat it on the witness stand, adding: "And then take my medicine."

For the first time since his incarceration he was allowed to see his wife one day this week. She is confined in a private room off the office of Sheriff Cuddehe. A deputy sheriff and two newspaper representatives were present at the meeting. Mrs. Underwood, only a wee, fragile bit of a woman of 14 summers, rushed to her boy husband's arms as he entered, and soon both were embracing each other. The child's wife exclaimed: "Oh, Paul, it seems two years since we parted." They had a brief conversation, touching his escape from the officers and they separated with mutual expressions of sympathy and a parting injunction to "be true."

Underwood will be defended at his preliminary hearing tomorrow by Marshall K. Snell, a prominent attorney of Tacoma. It is understood the defense will be based on the theory that the baby was dead, as stated above, before the accused threw the body into the bay.

Since Underwood's arrest and incarceration in the county jail, interest here centers in the man hunt now in progress for the scalps of Tracy and Merrill, the Oregon convicts. It is remarkable how interested the public is in that hunt. The newboys never cry anything new except "All about the 'escaped convict hunt,' and papers sell like the proverbial hotcakes."

## RECIPROCITY FOR CUBANS

### The Subject of a Conference of Republican Senators

### MEETING WAS FRUITLESS

### And After Three Hours of Discussion Was Adjourned

### SENATOR LODGE URGED THE MEMBERS TO STAND TOGETHER AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE PARTY'S HISTORY—THE WORLD IS WATCHING.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The Republican Senators had another conference on the subject of Cuban reciprocity tonight, and after three hours' discussion adjourned the subject at the call of Chairman Allison, without action. Almost all the Republican Senators who are in the city were present. Senator Lodge dwelt with especial emphasis on the importance of having the Republican Senators stand together at this critical period in the party's history. Much of our prestige and future National standing, he said, might depend on the steps now taken, for all the world was watching with interest our treatment of the Cuban people. He declared that if reciprocity with Cuba was not secured now, it would be at a later day.

#### The Canal Bill.

Washington, June 20.—Soon after the House had sent the Canal bill to conference today, reports gained circulation among the members that there was not likely to be a protracted struggle in the conference, and that the Senate amendment probably would be the basis of the ultimate agreement.

## FOR FIXING A JURY

### TWO PROMINENT RESIDENTS OF NOME IN CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL COURT.

NOME, Alaska, June 19, via Seattle, Wash., June 20.—Sentence will be passed tomorrow upon United States Marshal Frank H. Richards and City Councilman Joseph D. Jourden, a prominent saloon keeper of this city, who were found guilty of contempt of court by Judge Wickersham last week. While no one knows what the sentence will be, the general impression is that they will get the limit, which is six months in jail and \$500 fine.

Richardson and Jourden were arrested May 29th upon a citation issued by Judge Wickersham on the filing of an affidavit by John L. McGinn, Assistant District Attorney, charging them with conspiracy and wilful attempt to fix the jury in the case of the United States vs. Joseph H. Wright, whose trial and acquittal took place in April. There are five charges set up in the complaint, the court finding defendants guilty of all.

## FOREST FIRES RAGING

### HEAVY LOSSES IN THE WOODS IN WASHINGTON AND IN COLORADO.

WHATCOM, Wash., June 20.—Forest fires are raging a few miles south of this city, and are reported as having already destroyed one logging camp, and to be threatening others. They are being driven by the breeze from the north.

Salida, Colo., June 20.—Forest fires in the vicinity of Mount Ouray, southwest of this city, have swept up one gulch and down another, burning miles of valuable timber.

## TROOPS FROM MANILA

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—The United States transport Hancock arrived tonight from Manila. The Hancock brings the headquarters and ten companies of the famous Ninth Infantry, besides 400 enlisted men, 300 casuals, and fifty military prisoners.

## TIMBER FIRE DOES DAMAGE

### Great Destruction in Woods in Washington

### SEVERAL TOWNS IN DANGER

### Narrow Escape From Death by People in Lumber Camps

### THE FIERCE FLAMES ARE RAGING IN THE FORESTS AND IT IS FEARED THAT MUCH HUMAN LIFE HAS BEEN SACRIFICED—NARROW ESCAPE.

TACOMA, Wash., June 20.—A special to the Ledger from Buckley says:

Fire started at 2 o'clock this morning at Mountain Mill, two miles from town, and after destroying all the mill property and cars belonging to the Northern Pacific which were standing on the siding, spread to the woods. The residence of J. Van Raster, on the outskirts of Buckley, was destroyed. The Tacoma fire department sent a supply of hose, and as the wind abated the flames were soon stopped, and at present the city is out of danger. There are two fires raging through the heavy timber on the mountain side. One started at Mountain Mill, and the other in the Green river country. The former spread to Enumclaw, and the village had a narrow escape. Hansen Brothers' mill with all their lumber was burned, and one mile of the flume was destroyed by the fire. The destruction of the flume cut off the supply of water and in case the wind rises and carries the fire toward the town again, the inhabitants' houses are supposed to have been in the track of the fire and destroyed. The Page Lumber Company's camp at Eagle Gorge was destroyed. Every camp in the Green river district is reported to be either destroyed or threatened with destruction. The Kangley shingle mill, located one mile from Kangley, is destroyed.

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to justify the tax, and vow that unless the reduction is made it will be come necessary for the dealers to remove them from the counters.

It is considered doubtful if the council will grant the petition. The impression is general among devotees of the sport of "bucking" slot machines that the clever little devices are not constructed to beat, and, as there was much agitation for entire abolition of this form of gambling a few months ago, the council would probably not wish to go on record as making any concessions. Some of the large dealers did not sign the petition, saying that if they found their machines to be unprofitable they would voluntarily and without complaint remove them.

## DEWET URGES LOYALTY

### WANTS TO WIN THE HEART OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT BY GOOD CONDUCT.

BLOEMFONTEIN, June 20.—General Dewet has addressed a circular letter to his Adjutants in which he says:

"Let me tell you that you and I and every burgher can win the heart of the new Government by our future conduct and of this conduct I am in the least doubtful."

It is announced that the Loyalist claims for compensation, in Cape Colony and Natal would be provided for out of the Transvaal fund and out of the first loan raised. Exception will be made in the matter of damages wrought in Cape Colony by rebels or natives, this compensation falling on the Cape Government. The total amount to be paid to the two colonies will exceed according to estimates £2,000,000. The grant of £3,000,000 mentioned in the terms of surrender is not applicable to Cape Colony and Natal.

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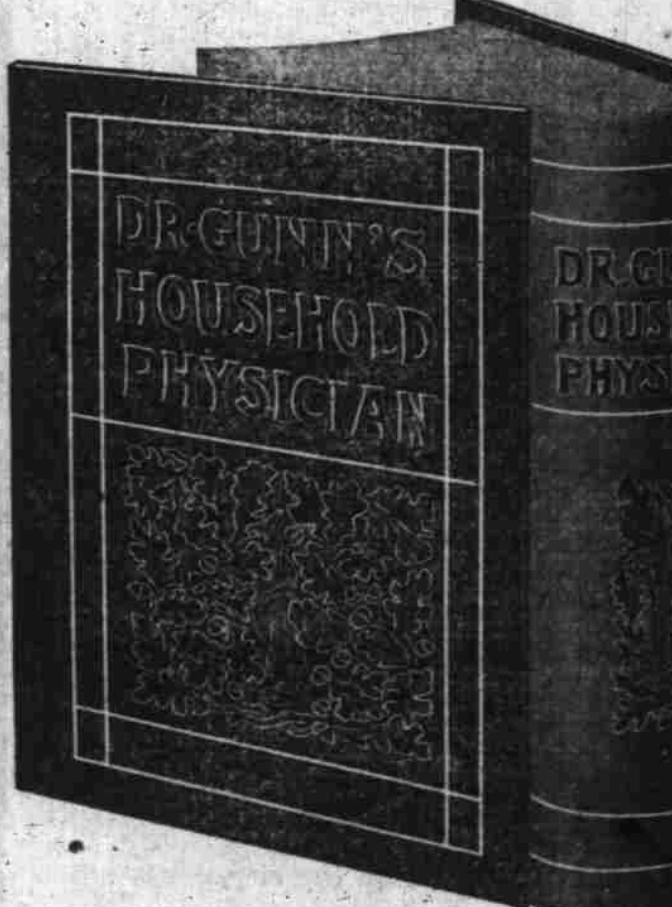
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