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A HUGE BUNKO GAME

CANADIAN ACTION IS CHARACTERIZED AS ONE.

Professor Dennis, of Princeton, Returns and Declares Stikine Route Impracticable—Rich Syndicate May Become Owner of New Guinea.

Fails to Reach Klondike.

Prof. Dennis, who edited the Princeton University newspaper and is to return to Princeton University in the fall as professor of philosophy, has returned from the North, after a vain attempt to get through the Klondike by the Stikine route. He said: "I have been three months in that wretched country. I have found the Klondike route as impracticable and brand the action of those in power in Canada, who urge thousands of people to risk their all in an attempt to reach the Klondike via the Stikine as a huge international bunco game. Thousands along the trail are eating their outfits up. They have no money. With packing to Teslin lake \$800 a ton it will take \$1,000 in cash to get through. The Klondike route is a dead end, and after one has passed in winter, but no one has passed since. Sixty miles after leaving Telegraph creek is an awful bog. Two men who contracted to get the correspondent of the Illustrated Daily News through to Teslin lake have killed nine horses in the attempt. Horses and dogs are being killed by thousands, one Michigan outfit losing 110 dogs in a week by starvation. The Dees lake find enables scoundrels to make wages. The road to Klondike is a falsehood."

SYNDICATE HAS AN OPTION.

New Guinea to Be Owned by a Rich Corporation.

An agreement has been entered into between the administrator of New Guinea by which all the best land of the British possession is at the option of purchase by the British New Guinea Company. The particulars of the transaction are of such an astounding nature that the widest and most unfavorable attention has been drawn to it. The transaction is so favorable to the syndicate largely to the cost of the administration of New Guinea, and now that it is practically to be sold to British grinders the feeling against the mother country is intense. All the colonies are appealing to the imperial parliament, and the Australian press is full of bitter denunciation of the scheme. Australian prospectors have located all the best agricultural lands and some sections known to have rich deposits of mineral. The cost of all chartered and will in time be handed over to the syndicate, which has unlimited millions behind it.

THIEVES UNDER CHURCH.

Alleged Robbers Rooted Found in a Pittsburgh House of Prayer.

John Black, Charles Kay, Julius Croquet, Charles Allen and Frank Wagner are locked up in the Allegheny police station, at Pittsburgh, Pa., charged with being burglars. Black is the janitor of the New Jerusalem Church at Sandusky and Isabella streets. Three of the alleged gang were arrested while entering the basement of the church. The others are known to be Mount Washington, where they are said to have robbed a store. In a room under the church detectives found a mass of plunder. Among the stuff were some revolutionary war relics stolen from the residence of the pastor, Rev. H. Crowley. Black is 25 years old. The others are boys. They have been giving the police trouble for some time, but no one thought of looking for them under the church.

Standing of the Club.

Following is the standing of the club in the National Baseball League:

W.	L.	W.	L.
Cincinnati 34	18	New York 20	25
Boston 33	19	Philadelphia 21	27
Cleveland 31	20	Brooklyn 21	21
Baltimore 29	20	Washington 19	33
Chicago 30	23	St. Louis 19	33
Pittsburg 29	24	Louisville 17	33

Following is the standing of the club in the Western League:

W.	L.	W.	L.
Indianapolis 33	15	Milwaukee 27	23
Columbus 28	18	Minneapolis 31	21
St. Paul 30	22	29	21
Kansas City 29	21	29	21
Memphis 30	22	29	21

Baker is Acquitted.

The trial of the case of J. B. Street, president of the recently closed First National Bank of Laramore, on the charge of receiving deposits knowing the bank was insolvent, came to an end in the District Court at Grand Forks, N. D. The jury was advised by Judge Fisk to bring in a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that the insolvency of the bank had not been proved, and consequently returned a verdict of acquittal.

MISSOURI COUNTY DECEASED.

A man, identified as Charles Dugay, Mo., caused thousands of dollars damage. Near the city of St. Charles the big bridge of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad was swept away. In the country many new iron bridges just completed were destroyed, while everywhere farms and lowlands were flooded, small streams becoming raging rivers.

To Settle Border Disputes.

It has been decided to hold the international conference between the United States and Canada at Quebec July 15. The Canadian representatives will be Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and Sir Louis Davis.

Excisor Plant Destroyed.

The extensive excisor plant owned and operated by W. C. Creager and Samuel Birey, at Thurmont, Md., was destroyed by fire. While firemen were fighting the flames a smokestack crashed to the ground, striking Harry Ross, to the right of the robbers were captured, among the number being the one who was wounded in the fight with the trainmen at Coleman.

French Cabinet Resigned.

When the French ministers reassembled the other day Meline handed President Faure the resignation of the whole cabinet, which the President accepted, while requesting the ministers to continue the direction of affairs until their successors are named.

Worden Escapes the Gallows.

John W. Noble, convicted and sentenced to be hanged for robbing a train, which resulted in several deaths near Sacramento, Cal., during the railroad strike of 1894, is to have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Shot by a Stenographer.

At New Orleans, La., Superintendent D. C. Duran of the Queen and Crescent Railroad was shot and seriously wounded by his stenographer, W. J. Reppert. Reppert is in custody.

Lightning Causes Destruction.

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Drowned in a Shaft.

An accident in the mine of the Mount Vernon Company at Stotts City, Mo., resulted in the death of five men. They were on a raft pumping out water from the shaft when a mass of rock fell upon them. One has escaped.

JOHN BECKER LYCHED.

Murderer of a Girl Meets Death at Hands of a Mob.
At Great Bend, Kan., a public square was crowded with spectators watching by a mob of probably 500 persons. The victim was John Becker, a white man, 50 years of age, who, on April 8, killed Myrtle Hufmeister, the 16-year-old daughter of William Hufmeister, a farmer, living near there. Becker was taken from the jail to Hutchinson to Great Bend for trial. At the time the mob was swarming around the jail. Evidently believing that he could outwit the lynchers by flight, the sheriff rushed Becker from the jail to his buggy, but he had no sooner done so than he and his men and the prisoners were surrounded. Seizing the murderer, they bore him to the public square. There a rope was drawn almost to insensibility. The rope was thrown over a limb of a big tree and he was drawn up.

KILLED IN A CLOUDBURST.

Artificial Lake's Dam Swept Away
A cloudburst in the vicinity of Cheeca Park, a suburban pleasure resort about three miles southwest of Kansas City, Kan., is believed to have caused the death of at least five persons, and possibly more. An artificial lake had been made in the park by the building of a dam across Jersey Creek. The flood of water caused a wave which washed away the dam and the levees along the creek. Half a dozen houses standing near Jersey Creek were carried away. Mrs. Greene, living in 13th street, near the creek, was drowned, being swept away with her husband. Robert Kokone, his wife and their two children are missing, and are believed to have perished. The dam was near that of Mrs. Greene. Three other persons are reported to have been drowned, but their names are unknown.

SCHOONER AND CARGO BURN.

Crew of the Shenandoah at Norfolk Forced to Desert the Vessel.
The British schooner Shenandoah, Captain Gibson, bound from Norfolk, Va., to Berbice, British Guiana, with 128,000 barrels of oil, was burned to the water's edge while anchored in Hampton Roads, the cargo being total loss. The first was first discovered by the anchor watch, who reported to the captain that the hounds had cut and destroyed something possible to save the vessel, but were compelled to abandon her in haste. The only articles saved were the schooner's papers. Soon after leaving the vessel the man went by the board and the hull was wrapped in flames from stem to stern. The loss is partly covered by insurance. Captain Gibson says he has no idea how the fire started.

FIVE SERIOUSLY HURT.

Santa Fe Passenger Train Collide in Colorado.
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was drafted at the War Department some days since providing for these cooks, and Representative Hull will endeavor to have it adopted. It is claimed by the department that more than half the lines of the corps are now in the service of the army, and it is for the purpose of correcting this evil that they are anxious to have this measure adopted. The armies of European nations are supplied with first-class cooks, and as this new departure has passed the experimental stage this Government has decided to adopt the same plan. A practical illustration of the benefits derived from having well-cooked food was given at Camp Alger recently. One of the New England regiments, which had been employed as first-class cooks, and with his experience in handling the commissary stores in two weeks he saved the regiment \$42, with which they purchased milk and other delicacies which were not enjoyed by the other regiments stationed there. Besides their meals were well cooked and palatable, and the men of this regiment were in much better health and spirits than those who were compelled to eat the food prepared by a novice who was ignorant of that art.

DEMANDS BLOOD FOR A LIFE.

Father of a Striker's Victim Insists That Prisoner Be Executed.

Patrick Clarke of Central Falls, R. I., has engaged a lawyer to object to the commutation of the sentence of death on Salter D. Warden to life imprisonment by Gov. Budd of California. Mr. Clarke's son Patrick, a member of Battery L, Fifth artillery, of California, was killed in a wreck near Sacramento in 1894, the same which killed the Mikado. The crew of the Mikado, braving death to rescue the forlorn hope, Hobson, the leader and originator of the plan, is a naval constructor, with the rank of first-class man, born in New York, and is 31 years old. J. C. Murphy was the coxswain of the Iowa. Hobson Warren Deigan was born in Stuart, Iowa, and is 31 years old. He is a Boston man, and is 28 years old. Francis Kelly was also one of the crew of the Mikado's original crew. He is a Boston man, and is 28 years old. George E. Phillips is 34 years old, and was born in Cambridgeport, Mass. He enlisted on the Mikado as a machinist soon after the collier was bought by the government. Randolph Clausen was coxswain of the New York, and smuggled himself aboard the Mikado without permission.

DEATH ROW.

Subject of the Mikado Was the Son of a Poor Farmer.

H. Furukawa, secretary of the Japanese legation at the City of Mexico, is on his way to San Francisco, whence he will sail for Peru, where he goes to officiate as the object of his visit to South America is to examine a colonization scheme recently laid before the Mikado by the Peruvian Government. The Mikado is a man of great ambition, and it is his desire to have a colony of Japanese to be employed as farm laborers in Peru, and the secretary of the Japanese legation at the Mexican capital has been instructed to carefully investigate the agricultural conditions of Peru and report to his government. He is reported favorably the laborers will be sent.

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