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FAWCETT TAKES "PRIVATE" RECORDS WITH HIM

And Mr. Ogilvie Delivers the Eulogy Upon His Departure.

AND ALLOWS THE ABSTRACTION OF THE RECORDS.

"Are You Going to Run the People or are the People Going to Run You?"

Does This Explain Mr. Ogilvie's Attitude in the Premises?—Believed Fawcett Was Right all the Time—Thinks Attacks on the G. C.'s Office Must Be Dictated by Personal Motives—Some Small Canadian Politics—"Say Something of Landrikin."

Good-bye, Fawcett. Poor fool! He believed himself greater than public opinion, greater than his creators, stronger than right, superior to regulations, more powerful than law—in fact a great all in all unto himself, while time has unkindly relieved him of office and made his name a laughing stock and a byword to the men he so long terrorized by reason of his almighty misused power.

It is not of this we wish to speak but of a new chapter in the play which opened with Mr. Fawcett's departure. The evening before that departure a gathering of interested friends assembled to bid him farewell, and the Yukon commissioner, honored by his country with royal powers to investigate this very man Fawcett, above all others, supposed to be a capable and disinterested judge without bias or predisposition, expected to impartially judge even his friends, this very Yukon commissioner, long before the conclusion of the investigation which he has been directed to make, declares himself, according to the report of the official organ as follows: "The Yukon commissioner then referred to Mr. Fawcett, in eloquent terms, comparing his true record with the false stories that have been related concerning him. 'The only excuse,' said the commissioner, 'so far as I can see for publishing certain statements must be to subvert private ends. To the public it is all balderdash.'"

And this is the gentleman who would have us believe that he is boiling over with a desire to impartially investigate Thomas Fawcett. Before the conclusion of the investigation he shows himself an advocate of the accused and delivers his judgment in public so that all having ears may hear. We long ago characterized the investigation as the veriest farce of the many farces which this territory has witnessed.

But this is not all. When Fawcett was removed from office, prematurely, some months ago he left in his office some papers very valuable to the investigation if it was to be a genuine one. There were files of communications from Ottawa and there was a book containing the record of the many claims which Fawcett had kindly held over without representation for rich men and for companies. Where are they now? On a sled "mushing" out over the ice in the private possession of the accused man. It almost passes mortal belief that the accused would be given carte blanche by the judge to overhurl the records and take away with him whatever he pleased at his own discretion. Yet this is practically what has been done in Fawcett's case.

It matters not that the paltry excuse is offered that he took only his private papers and books, for the fact remains that he was allowed to be the judge of their privacy and the very papers he took were being at that moment demanded in court by someone preferring charges of malfeasance on which those documents had an important bearing, and were on the files of the recording office long after Fawcett had no more right in them than the smallest and dirtiest prospector in the region.

Does Mr. Ogilvie believe that his "eulogy" of Fawcett, delivered so often before the investigation and now before the trial's conclusion will carry weight with disinterested judges? Does he think this barefaced concealment of public records will ever receive the endorsement of his government? Does he think for one moment that his hasty indorsement of those he has been ordered to judge will be swallowed by the Canadian people? Then does he, indeed, estimate the intelligence of his fellow-countrymen at an exceedingly low valuation.

The personal differences between Mr. Ogilvie and his predecessor, Major Walsh, enabled the former to hear, with impartiality and enjoy with zest anything and everything which could be brought forward against the latter by a weak-minded camp cook, but not so with

friend Fawcett. Fact upon fact was elicited without once disturbing the relationship of this modern example of Jonathan and David or Damon and Pythias.

To show the interesting nature of some of the Ottawa communications we quote as follows from a member of the government to Fawcett: "As long as you don't do anything very bad—and I don't think that is possible—you may depend upon being supported by Mr. Smart and Mr. Sifton." The foregoing is a gem in its way as suggesting an explanation of the present attempt at whitewash.

But the next is still richer: "The whole talk here (in government circles) is, 'Are you going to run the people or are the people going to run you?'" This it was which urged Mr. Fawcett on in his course of cruel indifference to the needs of the hardy men of pack and pick.

As an illustration of the petty five-cent politics which were concerned in Fawcett's appointment and retention in office we give the following: "When writing be sure and say a few words about Landrikin. I'll show it to his father and it will please him." Now, "his father" is a member of parliament, hence the desire to have something to show him which would please him. And this kind of correspondence at a time when the whole community was groaning under the mismanagement of the recording office.

It would be interesting to know just how far Messrs. Smart and Sifton have agreed to stand by Mr. Ogilvie in his investigation which is not an investigation. That Smart, Sifton & Co. desire to probe things to the bottom and place blame where it belongs, no one here believes for one moment. How far Mr. Sifton & Co. can go in their efforts to whitewash the events which surround this case, we are unable to say.

The action of Mr. Ogilvie upon Fawcett's departure suggests an explanation of the true inwardness of the tramless team, for it is plainly in line with his actions in Fawcett's case for him to have enticed both O'Brien and the standing that the recording office was as universal in the Yukon territory as humanity. This bias of judgment in favor of friends is probably what brought about that illegal permit to O'Brien against the judgment of the council. We will have more to say in our next.

OUTSIDE BREVITIES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries signed articles today for a fight sometime between April 21 and May 26. The fight is to be for 25 rounds or to a finish if that can be arranged, and before the club offering the largest purse to be fought for. The articles of agreement provide for a clean break away and otherwise the Marquis of Queensbury rules will govern.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Kid McCoy has agreed to meet Joe Choynski after March 20, before the National Athletic Club.

HAVANNA, Feb. 10.—The United States has agreed to pay over to the Cuban commanders the sum of \$3,000,000 for the payment of the troops, providing they disband at once. General Quimlin Bandera, colored, says there is a disposition among the Cubans to keep the colored troops out of their proportion of the money, which is unfair considering the prominent part the troops played in the war, and the general is here for the purpose of looking out for his men.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The London press is commenting upon the gallantry of the American volunteers around Manila and declare they fought with the discipline of regulars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The treaty of peace as ratified by the senate was signed by the president and Secretary Hay at 2:25 o'clock, in the library of the executive mansion.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The government's reply to the formal charges being made by the opposi-

tion of Klondike mismanagement is based upon the recent congratulatory reports from Dawson. Mr. Sifton declares himself as having been put in possession of what will prove to be ample vindication of the accused officials.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Bulmer, who operates a sawmill at Selkirk, was a guest at the Fairview this week.

A. H. Stearns arrived from the outside on Monday with a stock of cigars and tobacco.

Frank Biederman arrived here Monday having left Bennett on February 14. He reports a good trail.

Fred Hall, Joe Edge and John Rapp, three old timers, returned from the outside on Saturday. They confirm the reports of good times in the States, but brought in no late news. Mr. Edge was 42 days on the trail.

Messrs. Louis E. Metzger, Al Crampton and E. O. Vallet, the first two of whom are old timers here, arrived from the outside on Sunday and are quartered at the Yukon hotel. The report that many hundreds of men are on the trail, both coming and going.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Monte Carlo has been provided with fire escapes.

Charles Debeny, a former employe of the A. C. Co., arrived in from the outside on Saturday.

Another consignment of late mail left Saturday morning for St. Michaels and intermediate points.

Rev. Dr. Grant will preach in the Presbyterian church, Grand Forks, next Sabbath at 10 and 7 p. m.

A material improvement in business about town is evident. With the approach of spring and wash-up time and things will soon be humming.

The Social and Literary Club of Grand Forks have secured some of the best Dawson talent for the concert on Saturday, March 18th, at 7:30 p. m.

The many friends of Mrs. L. S. Card will be glad to learn that she is rapidly recovering, though it will be some time before the sprained foot can support her weight.

Joe Edge reports that he lost seven dogs on his late trip to the coast and return. Travelers generally report that the trail is lined with the defunct bodies of canine unfortunates.

John McDonald, proprietor of the road house at Indian river, was a guest at the Yukon hotel this week. He reports that a settlement of cheebaco prospectors 14 miles up from the mouth of the river has been named Bedrock city.

James Hall has leased the site of the old Green Tree hotel, located a short distance this side of Sam Kirk's drug store, and will soon begin the erection of a hotel thereon. He has a portion of the building material already on the ground.

Joe Barrett and his nephew, Steve Barrett, arrived in Tuesday afternoon, after a sojourn of several months in Canada and the States. They took things easy coming in, having consigned 35 days on the trail. Joe Barrett is the well known owner of No. 2 Eldorado and No. 12 Dominion.

Dr. Fritz Lange and Otho Meltzing, practicing physicians of Muntich, have sprung upon the world a pendant and tubular camera which can be dropped into the human stomach and by which a series of views of the interior can be taken. The camera furnishes its own electric light and carries enough plates to completely photograph the stomach before being withdrawn.

At a meeting of the Arctic Ski club on Saturday night, Captain Barstow was elected a member of the board of trustees and final arrangements were made for the public tournament to be held on the hill Friday afternoon. The trophy badges, seven in number, and including a nugget medal given by this office for the record jump, were exhibited by Mr. Timmins, who has been in his care.

A winter camp of prospectors on Bonanza, about 10 miles away from Dawson, in the mountains of the Yukon, was discovered by a party of prospectors who had been in the region for some time. The camp was found to be a very good one, and the prospectors are now working it with vigor.

From a newspaper clipping it is learned that Gusto LaMere, a sister-in-law of Swiftwater Bill, and who was once believed to be listed in the Yukon in a couple of weeks ago, was interviewed by a Seattle Times man a few days ago, during which she said: "Do I love Bill Gates? Well, I guess not. He is just a friend and he will never be anything nearer."

F. W. Russell, of Dawson, has kindly brought to the Nugget office an illustration of the new and gigantic ocean greyhound, "Oregano," built by Howland & Wolf at Belfast, Ireland, for the White Star line. It is 680 feet in length, which exceeds the dimensions of the famous Great Eastern by 60 feet, and towers to most stupendous heights. It is expected to knock the record for fast traveling into smithereens.

The publication in the Nugget a fortnight ago of the intention of the government officials to enforce the law providing for the registering of all partnerships, has had the effect of bringing delinquents to a sense of their duty and quite a number of registrations have been made. Among the new ones is that of J. H. Ladd and C. S. Tourtellot, Jr., who have adopted the title of the Eldorado Bottling company.

The regular meeting of I. O. O. F. Mutual Aid Association was held Tuesday evening, March 7th, in J. H. Holme & Co.'s shop. A number of new members joined. Some brothers were reported sick and a committee was appointed to look after them. Inasmuch as word was received that parties were collecting money without authority it was resolved that no member pay any person money unless they hold credentials signed by the chairman and secretary, Bros. McPherson, Young and Shorborn were authorized to collect money. Bros. R. E. Shannon is chairman and H. Douglas secretary at present. I. O. O. F. Mutual Aid Association meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in every month at J. H. Holme & Co.'s store.

Jack Carr Going Out. Jack Carr, the veteran "musher" who lately returned from a successful trip to the outside, has been engaged to make a rush trip for the Nugget Express to Seattle and Victoria, leaving Dawson today (Wednesday). He will carry letters and a limited amount of express matter. Mr. Carr's well-known responsibility has given prompt attention for anything in the way of business entrusted to him and the large number of successful trips over the ice which he has to his credit is a guarantee of this one. If business calls him back he expects yet to reach Dawson over the ice before the final break-up.

Prepare the Feast. Two philanthropic gentlemen, Mr. Stewart and Louis Olson, arrived in the city from the States on Monday, and are quartered at the Yukon hotel. While yet in the land of plenty they conceived the laudable design of coming to the succor of their less fortunate brethren in the Klondike with a supply of toothsome delicacies. To think was to act with them, and today they are able to offer our people a plentiful supply of a long-desired article—namely, frogs.

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HIGHEST GOLD MINE IN THE WORLD.

Just Opened Up at Cripple Creek in Colorado.

Gold Taken Out in Slabs—550 tons Being Covered in Large Quantities. The Face in One Place is 80 Per Cent Gold.

A special to the Examiner from Denver, Colorado, contains the account of the greatest strike of gold ever made known in history. It reports are borne out, Cripple Creek, the wonderful Colorado mining camp, has within its precincts the richest mine of gold known to man.

While the first reports as to the assay of the Isabella ore running \$200,000 to the ton may be exaggerated in consequence of local excitement, there can be no question of the marvelous richness of the property.

One in slabs three to six inches thick and a foot wide is being taken out and giving returns of nearly 80 per cent of yellow metal.

Armed guards are about the mine inside and out and the greatest excitement prevails in the camp.

Saturday morning the first indications of the rich ore were struck. The news leaked out and reached Colorado Springs, where the Stock Board instantly responded and there was soon no Isabella stock to be had at anything under double the quotations of the day before. At that time the strike was reported to be a large vein running over \$1,000 to the ton.

A few hours later a small streak of almost pure sylvanite was uncovered, and the original quartz opened out to six feet. Then the sylvanite widened and the miners went nearly crazy with excitement. They could scarcely believe their eyes. Some of them had worked in the famous Mollie Gibson of Aspen, where the silver ore ran three-quarters in gold. Here the almost pure gold ran higher.

There was no time for assays. They were not necessary. Manager Kilburn telephoned the directors at Colorado Springs and confirmed the report. Last night at midnight the strike was only ten feet in length and eighteen inches wide. Tonight it has doubled in length and shows no sign of the end of the body.

With every hour's work the area is increasing. A ton is already stacked up in slabs that will bring over \$200,000, and this has been picked out in developing the vein on each side the strike. All effort is now being directed toward finding the walls or getting some idea of the value of the chute. No attention is paid to the quartz that is six feet wide and runs about \$2,000 to the ton. This is second class ore and yet rapidly increasing in value.

The rock is honeycombed and streaked with fine stringers of metal that in places will bring the tonnage value to very high figures. The little streaks can be picked out with pocket knives and whittled.

The find was made in what was considered a few weeks ago a very high-grade body of ore 850 feet down. The body was struck in developing and gave very good returns, gradually increasing from \$650 to the ton. No idea of the bonanza struck was contained in the first strike. It was looked upon as a bonanza in itself. The chute was cut at the seventh level, 200 feet above, but not developed, so the probabilities are that the rich body extends a long way.

In the morning another force of men will be put to work to develop the extent of the high-grade streak. Yesterday an assay was made from across the two-foot streak at the break of the drift that went better than \$2,000 to the ton on the average of all the assays. When the streak is made a mile below the present level it has been estimated that the body will be made of some 100 feet and be the best of the streak mentioned. These estimates are very conservative and Manager Kilburn does not venture no figures.

The first thing Mr. Kilburn did when the strike was announced was the men working the rich stuff that their wages would be doubled. He made no changes in the force, for nearly every man has worked for him for a number of years.

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