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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28. MAY BE TURNED TO LOCAL ADVANTAGE.

Considerable interest has been awakened by the remarks of this paper in reference to the possibility of diverting in this direction the Tanana travel from outside points. The Nugget believes that a large proportion of those who are leaving from Puget Sound points en route to Tanana via Valdez could be brought this way if the facts in the case were properly and authoritatively laid before them.

The important points bearing upon the situation are as follows: I.—The trail from Valdez to Tanana is practically impassable and will need to be broken a large portion of the distance. II.—It is a difficult route to travel under any circumstances and at this time of year especially.

III.—Any one going by that route must necessarily travel "light," as natural conditions forbid the transportation of anything in the nature of a heavy outfit.

IV.—The time required to reach the diggings by the Valdez route is double that consumed in going from Dawson.

V.—The trail from Dawson to the new diggings is well broken and practicable for horses for most of the way.

VI.—With the exception of a short distance there are roadhouses along the entire route.

VII.—Supplies of American origin may be secured in Dawson and payment of duty thus avoided.

VIII.—The expense involved in reaching the diggings from this city is not half the amount that will be invested by everyone who goes from Valdez.

The foregoing may be easily established by official documents as also by statements of those who are familiar with all the circumstances and conditions surrounding both routes.

There is certain to be a vast amount of travel toward the Tanana from the States and it is the fault of Dawson if a large per centage is not brought in this direction. An information bureau in charge of a competent man at some point on the coast could accomplish results which would repay, many times over, the cost involved.

Dawson is in a position to become the supply point for the Tanana, at least until the latter part of July, for there is no other point on the river where any considerable stocks are carried.

Steamers from St. Michael cannot reach the diggings until July 15 at the very earliest, and until that time the merchants of this city can control the situation if full advantage of the opportunity is taken.

Nothing is to be gained by deploring the fact that a stampede out of Dawson is in progress. The stampede will go on just the same and the best thing to do is to turn the circumstances to local advantage and that as quickly as possible.

LET POLITICS DROP.

In suggesting measures for the betterment of local conditions the Nugget eliminates considerations of a political character altogether from the field of discussion. There is no political contest in progress at the present time and no likelihood of any occurring for some time to come.

The election of Mr. Ross to the Dominion parliament was not a matter

of politics but purely a demonstration on the part of the great majority of people in behalf of the best man whose services were tendered. The people are not interested in politics. They are interested in securing from parliament such remedial legislation as is required to ensure a continuation of prosperous conditions in the territory.

The country has suffered from the fact that politicians and would-be leaders have so long striven to make political capital of every effort that is made in the direction of remedying affairs. There are men here in Dawson who would prefer to see desired and needed reforms unattained rather than permit any share of credit to lodge with anyone other than themselves.

There are certain concessions which the community requires from the government and which we are of the opinion will be secured if stumbling blocks in the form of selfish personal ambitions are not thrown in the way.

The district needs beyond and above all other considerations assistance from the federal government in the establishment of a water system. If this assistance is secured it must come through the party in power—certainly it can come from no other source. It is obvious that the necessities of the community will not be given the desired attention if the old time tirades of abuse are continued.

What is wanted now is calm, dignified argument accompanied by practical information. The people have sent Mr. Ross to represent them at Ottawa and in so doing they have selected, beyond the peradventure of question, the best man within their reach. Their task now is to supplement Mr. Ross' endeavors by every possible means within their power.

Let politics drop for a while and the interests of the district at large take precedence over the claims of politicians.

In the development and settling of Alaska, bound now to come on with a rush, Uncle Sam will stand badly in need of a force similar to the N. W. M. P. The days of '49 in California with their "wild and woolly" accompaniments are likely to be repeated—although necessarily on a smaller scale.

The news sought to force Joe Clarke onto the people and was turned down. The same paper then essayed the task of defeating Clarke and was again turned down. Still the news speaks of itself as having "influence and a policy."

It's an ill wind that blows good to no one and the same may be said of a mining strike. The Tanana stampede may be made a source of profit to every legitimate interest in Dawson if proper steps are taken.

The Tanana diggings may be reached from Seattle via Dawson in little more than three weeks. By the Valdez route it will take two months.

APPROACHING CRISIS.

Trouble is Expected at Most Any Moment.

London, Feb. 14.—Events in the Balkans are marching rapidly toward a crisis. What the crisis will be is yet beyond the vision of the most far seeing diplomacy. Back of the Russian-Austrian program for Macedonian reforms lies a more important agreement, and that is the military convention of 1897, by which the two powers are pledged to one another in resistance to any alteration of the territory status quo in the Balkan peninsula.

That convention grew out of the agitation of the time for a "greater Bulgaria," but there is high authority for the assertion that its terms involve an undertaking by the signatory governments to prevent by force the establishment of Macedonia as an independent state—the communication sought by the Michalkowsky-Saraf revolutionaries. On this point

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the Fremdenblatt, official organ of Count Goluchowski, says: "Austria-Hungary and Russia are in complete accord as to the course to be pursued, whatever complications arise. Had it been necessary to do so, the dual monarchy would have been ready to play a strong solo part in protecting Austria-Hungary in this. But the agreement of 1897, from which we are assured by Count Lamdorff the czar has never contemplated retiring or desisting, insures community of action to maintain the status quo in the Balkans against all agitation. It is well for perverse and obstinate revolutionary factions at Sofia to understand that while the Austro-Russian pact is not aggressive, it carries with it the severest penalties for those who persistently plot to drag Christian Europe into another Bulgarian horror."

Unless, then, the Vienna foreign office is grossly betraying or betrayed, the Austro-Russian reforms project will be kept subordinate to the principle of continuance of Turkish solidarity in Europe.

Russia's program in the Far East is likewise controlled by precautionary reasons. The hour is not ripe for her to take the long stride toward the Golden Horn. Pan-Slavism has a difficult work to accomplish in the Balkans before a "Greater Bulgaria" of pro-Russian sympathy can become an accomplished fact.

The men who direct the Macedonian agitation hate the Russian as cordially as they hate the Turks. For Russia to remain supreme with Bulgarian-Macedonian levies assailed Ottoman troops would nullify all the work of Russian diplomacy at Constantinople since 1897. English opinion as summed up by the Morning Post is:

"There is no doubt that in the execution of the Austro-Russian project in relation to the European provinces of Turkey the allies have so divided the responsibility that Austro-Hungary will hold the Bulgarians in restraint; and Russia will guarantee that whatever the outcome, the Ottoman sovereignty shall be inviolate. On no other condition will Great Britain and Germany sanction even the best-intentioned reformatory endeavors directed from St. Petersburg."

WHEN ALBANI SING

She's jus' comin' over from England, on steamboat arrive Kebeek, Singin' on Lunnon an' Parre, an' havin' beeg tam, I expect. But no matter de moche she enjoy it, for travel all rou'n 'de worl', Somethin' on de heart bring her back here for she was de Chambyly girl.

She never do no'ting but singin' an' makin' de beeg grande tour, An' travel on summer an' winter, so must be de firs'-class for sure! Ev'rybody I'm 'tinkin' was know her an' I also hear 'noder t'ing, She's frien' on de Reina Victoria an' show her de way to sing!

Dat song I will never forget me, twas song of de luttie bird, Wen he's fly from its nes' on de tree top, 'fore res' of de worl' get stirred.

Ma-dam she was tole us about it, den start off so quiet an' low, An' sing lak de bird on de mornin', de poor little small oiseau.

I'member wan tam I be sleepin' just onder some beeg pine tree, An' song of de robin wak' me, but robin he don't see me, Deeg's no'ting 'for 'scarin' dat bird dere, he's feel all alone on de worl'.

Wall! Ma-dam she mus' listen lak 'dat too, wen she was de Chambyly girl.

Cos how could she sing dat nice chan-son, de sam as de bird I was hear TILL I see it de maple and pine tree, an' Richeieu runnin' near, Again I'm de luttie feller, lak young tolt upon de spring.

Dat's jus' on de way I was feel me, wen Ma-dam Al-ba-nee is sing!

We're not de bees place on our Canton, mebbe cole on de winter too, But de heart's "Canayan" on our body, an' dat's warm enough for true!

An' when Al-ba-nee was got lonesome for travel all rou'n 'de worl', I hope she'll come home lak de snow-bird, an' again be de Chambyly girl.

—Dr. W. H. Drummond.

Patients Tortured.

Venice, Feb. 14.—The discovery that the inmates of the San Ser-villo Asylum for the Insane here have been gagged, handcuffed, chained to the walls, and otherwise ill-treated after the barbarous methods of two centuries ago, has caused a great stir throughout Italy. The asylum was under the direction of a monk, Father Minoretta. He has been replaced by a specialist in nervous diseases and the antiquated instruments of torture will be used as evidence in Minoretta's trial.

A LOOK AHEAD OF THE SAXON AND THE SLAV

By REV. THOMAS B. GREGORY.

To be acquainted with the trend of European thought is to realize that in that thought Russia occupies a large place.

In the leading magazines, in the editorials of the more prominent newspapers and among diplomats generally the one ever-recurring theme is the great White Empire and its destiny.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and it is the shadow of the Colossus of the North falling across the ways of European politicians and statesmen that is causing them to do so much thinking.

That Russia has a great future no one who has paid any attention to the subject will attempt to question. Think for a moment what Russia means!

In the first place, its territory is more than twice the area of all Europe. To Russia belongs one-sixth of the land surface of the globe!

And this immense empire is practically all together. It forms one un-interrupted stretch of territory, which, so far as the purposes of empire are concerned, means a great deal.

In population Russia is increasing at a tremendous pace. A hundred years ago the population of the empire was less than 40,000,000; today it is in excess of 440,000,000.

And it is to be noted that this amazing gain is due, not to conquest, but, in the main, at least, to natural increase. Able statisticians tell us that within fifty or, at the utmost, sixty years, the population will reach the 600,000,000 mark.

Of the natural resources of Russia there seems to be no limit. Siberia, long supposed to be incapable of sustaining any considerable human population, is now recognized as being rich in agricultural possibilities, and, therefore, in all the elements of civilization.

It is safe to say that, with the aid of modern scientific appliances, Asiatic Russia will, within the present century, become the home of as many Russians as now dwell in Europe, and in the meantime the total population of the empire will have reached the enormous aggregate of five or six hundred millions!

The aggressiveness—we may say the natural, the inevitable aggressiveness—of such a practical homogeneous people with a practical unbroken territory will be immense.

It must assert itself! And in whatever it undertakes it must of necessity succeed. Numbers, when backed by science, must tell, and Russia will have both the numbers and the science.

Let us picture to ourselves the situation as it will probably be two or three hundred years from now.

Briefly stated, the situation will in all likelihood be as follows: Russia will dominate all Europe and all Asia, and the Saxon—meaning by the term the American, English and Germanic stock—will have the two Americas, all Africa and every island of the seas.

Germany is a powerful nation, but Germany cannot always keep Russia back. The pressure will eventually be too great for Germany to withstand and the great Slav wave will roll over all Europe. Germany out of the way, the decadent Latin peoples will be helpless, and the Bear

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