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## WOES OF A POLITICIAN

### Senator Clark of Montana Spent Money.

### MINISTER GETS CHECK FOR HIS CHURCH.

### Ray of Hope Flashed Before Two Newspaper Men.

### \$9,000,000 People Suffering From the Famine in India—England's Thoughts Centered on Africa—Methuen After Boer Laagers.

The latest papers received from the outside are full of events of the trial of Senator-Elect Clark of Montana on the charge of bribery. Clark is accused of having used money freely to further his interests before the legislature by which he was elected. In court it was proven that one member of the legislature had been offered \$10,000 to throw his vote for Clark; that two newspaper men had been offered positions on the Butte Miner for five years at \$2500 each per year. A minister by the name of Warren testified that Clark had given him a check for \$100 for his church, and that he, the minister, the congregation being behind in payment of his salary, had "copped off" the check for himself. On the whole, it looks as though money was rather freely used in Montana previous to the election and later at the state legislature. There are many in Dawson who are intimately acquainted with Senator Clark, but it depends on their political faith whether or not they are in sympathy with him in his contest. Clark is being defended by ex-Congressman Hartman, whom the Daily News and a man named Fox fired through Dawson behind a string of lightning-express malamutes on the 8th of January.

### The Indian Famine.

Calcutta, Jan. 29.—The council considered today the famine situation. The official estimates show the cost to the government of the relief work, etc., to the end of March will be four crores of rupees. About 22,000,000 persons are now affected in British territory and about 27,000,000 in the native states. The viceroy, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, said the famine area had expanded, surpassing the worst fears, and they were now facing a cattle, water and food scarcity of a terrible character. About 3,250,000 persons he continued, were already receiving relief. While in 1897 the world shared India's sorrow and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds towards the relief fund, the viceroy pointed out that India now would have to struggle alone, for the thoughts of every Englishman in the world were centered on South Africa. It would be the duty of the government to pursue the task of saving millions of lives and it would spend its last rupee if necessary to do so.

### At Modder River.

London, Jan. 20.—The Times has the following special today:

### ARCTIC SAW MILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.  
SLUCE, FLUME AND MINING LUMBER  
At Lowest Prices. Order Now.  
AL MILL. OFFICES:  
Bupper Ferry, Klondike River. J.W. Boyle  
Boyle's Wharf.

Modder River, Jan. 18.—During the reconnoissance on the 16th we discovered a new and larger laager on the Boer lines on the right of our line. Yesterday Gen. Methuen, with a small force of infantry and field guns, advanced to destroy it. Our force pushed to a wooded ridge within range of the enemy's rifles, but discovered that the enemy had anticipated the movement and removed their laager over night. Our guns dropped a few shells in their trenches. The indications are that more or less damage was done to the occupants. Night falling, we retired, the enemy following us with a few harmless shells. Our casualties were nil.

### Weather Report.

On Saturday evening the temperature commenced to fall, and during the night the thermometer registered 14 degrees below zero. Yesterday the weather continued to grow colder, and last night the instrument recorded a minimum temperature of 26 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning, the reading at the barracks was 23 degrees below, since which time there have been no material variations.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Sunday night, 11 sacks of mail arrived at the Dawson postoffice; it was comprised principally of newspapers.

In the gold commissioner's court today the case of Voight vs. Ramsay is being tried. This action involves a dispute respecting the right to certain waters of Cripple creek, which enters Bonanza at 76 below discovery.

Within the past few days a nugget valued at \$603 has been found on Charles Anderson's claim, No. 29 Eldorado. The specimen was found by Gus Anderson, a layman. On Gay gulch, H. A. Macaulay recently found a nugget, valued at \$65.75; this is the largest nugget which has ever been found on Gay gulch.

The Forks at the present time is presenting a very lively appearance. Business is good and the business men are feeling quite encouraged. The Dewey hotel is the scene of bustle and activity every night. The employees are kept on the jump until the wee sma' hours. Cavanaugh and Sullivan are to be congratulated upon the success they are making of their venture.

From a letter received today by Thomas Carroll from Seattle, it is evident that Dawson is not the only place in which faro games are taken down the line for large amounts, as the day the letter was written George Lappe had won \$5000 at one sitting from a Seattle table. Lappe is well known to nearly all the Dawson "knights of the green."

Mrs. A. T. Moulton, who conducts a road house on Hunker creek at the mouth of Gold Bottom, desires to correct the statement which appeared a few days ago to the effect that her place had been flooded with water from the overflow of the creek. Mrs. Moulton states in a note to the Nugget that the water was pretty high for two days, but did not at any time reach the house.

### Dick Lowe Married

At Oakland, Dec. 21st, Dick Lowe was married to Miss Virgie Graves, a former Dawson actress. Miss Graves is well known in theatrical circles both here and on the outside as she was with the Frohman and Daly companies for several seasons. Dick first met his bride at San Francisco in '98, and they made the voyage to Dawson together, where their acquaintance led to mutual affection.

### Farewell to Mr. Fulda.

The members of Dawson Camp, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, will give a fare well tonight at Ford's gymnasium in honor of Past Arctic Chief L. R. Fulda, who starts tomorrow over the ice for the outside on an extended trip to San Francisco, the eastern cities and probably to London.

Every member of the camp will be expected to be present tonight at the

gymnasium promptly at 8:45 o'clock, where, with a few invited friends, best wishes for a pleasant and successful trip, a safe and speedy return will be extended to the departing brother and officer in the camp. Everything possible will be done to make tonight's event a brilliant page in the history of the order in Dawson. A hurriedly arranged program consisting of music, recitations and stories, interspersed with refreshments, both solid and fluid, will be rendered on this occasion.

### New Postoffice Building.

The first steps leading to the erection of Dawson's new postoffice building were taken today when the small corrugated iron structure at the corner of Third avenue and Third street was pulled down. This site was selected and acquired several months ago by the government for the postoffice. Work on the new building will begin in a short time, \$16,000 being the amount appropriated for its construction. The Dominion telegraph will also have its local office in the same building.

### A Small Blaze.

All the firemen and apparatus from both halls responded to a fire alarm which was turned in Sunday at 3:30 a. m. The blaze occurred in a log cabin directly south of the Arctic Machinery Depot on Second avenue, between Second and Third streets, and was occasioned by a defective flue. The fire was extinguished with a few buckets of water and a little snow. None of the department apparatus was used. No damage of any consequence resulted to the property.

### Arctic Brothers Attention.

Every Arctic Brother is invited to participate in a social given in honor of our first past arctic chief, L. R. Fulda, previous to his departure for the outside, at Ford's gymnasium tonight; opening ceremonies at 8:45.

E. J. Fitzpatrick, Vice-Arctic Chief.

### Rev. Oom Paul Kruger.

The world has been told times without number, both in newspapers and magazine articles, that Kruger, the typical dopper and strictly orthodox member and lay preacher of the Dutch Reformed church in his own country, holds that all the colored people, say, of Africa, or of the southern half of it at any rate, have no more souls than have dogs, and that they may be shot whenever it is thought necessary with as little compunction and as little guilt as may partridges or peahens.

Of course, says the Toronto Globe, it may be said that whether such is the fact or not, Oom Paul is only a unit and his opinions are not to be attributed to the whole of his countrymen, or to the church of which he is understood to be a burning and shining light. Very true. But if this man very frankly and with some measure of self-satisfied ostentation dehumanizes nine teen-twentieths of all the inhabitants, say, of the country lying south of the Zambesi, and, for the matter of that, north of it as well, and ranks them among the useful lower animals that help to till his fields and do his drudgery, without any one of his "brethren" in "the Lord" denouncing his views or calling him to account before their ecclesiastical courts, is it not very evident that these brethren endorse his opinions, and say amen to such "advanced thinking," and, as is commonly reported, to such correspondingly "advanced" acting?

"Here's looking at you." The Rochester bar.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

## BLASTING OUT ROCKS

### Obstructions Are Being Removed.

### FIVE FINGERS AND THIRTYMILE

### Will No Longer Obstruct Navigation.

### Supt. Tasche Is at Work Removing Dangerous Obstructions From the Upper River—Will Be Safe at Low Water.

Fred Matheson arrived from the outside on Saturday last. He made a good trip from Bennett considering the fact that he found considerable water on the lakes and that in many places the trail was badly covered with drift snow. The weather has been so mild on the upper river that the ice has been unsafe for heavy travel. Nearly 20 horses had been lost prior to Matheson's leaving Bennett and he is of the opinion that more will disappear through the ice before it becomes sufficiently firm to withstand heavy freighting.

Matheson met at Thirtymile river Superintendent Tasche, who is engaged in taking out from that stream the rocks which so long have been a menace to navigation. Before the river again runs Mt. Tasche expects to have the river clear and all obstructions to navigation removed.

At Five Fingers another force of men is busily engaged in rendering that heretofore bugbear safe for all purposes of navigation. Twelve men are at work, under Foreman Delphis Menard and excellent progress has already been made in the work.

The men are now engaged on the extreme right of the main channel from which numerous big rocks are being rapidly blown out. Holes are drilled into the rocks to a depth of from two to three feet below the surface of the ice, and by this means the rocks blown out several feet below.

Menard stated to Matheson that at the conclusion of the work he expects to have a clear channel through Five Fingers not less than 110 feet in width, in which there will be no rocks nearer than four feet to the surface at extreme low water. It is anticipated that there will be no further necessity for boats lining through the channel, as the removal of the rocks will enable steamers to steam directly through the channel without the aid of a line.

The channel through Rink Rapids will also be blasted out and piers erected to mark the exact location of the channel.

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