

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## \$70,000 FIRE PROTECTION.

### Council Tackles the All Absorbing Problem.

#### The Chief Recommends an Increase of 14 Men in the Paid Department.

On Wednesday the board of fire commissioners met at the Yukon commissioner's office to consider the momentous matter of preparing a fire department which would protect Dawson. There were present Messrs. Ogilvie, D. W. Davis, Girouard and Chief Stewart.

The first matter brought up was the preparation of the engines for work. It was decided to erect two engine houses on the ice at once.

The chief stated that two horses could be secured for their keep this winter. He was directed to procure them at once. Two stables will be necessary.

The fire limits were extended south to the Klondike river, thus taking in the new business district south of the barracks, which has sprung up since the passage of the fire ordinance.

The chief put in a requisition for 14 more men, which, added to the six already in the department, will make a total of 20 men, 10 for each station. The chief was asked to furnish a list of the men wanted, the duties for which they were desired, the remuneration expected, and the degree of imperative necessity of the requisition. The commission decided to recommend the filing of the requisition by the council.

The amount of the appropriation required from the revenues to properly protect Dawson was discussed and \$70,000 agreed upon as the least for which it could be done. Recommended to the council.

#### Boers Meet Defeat.

Skagway, Oct. 26.—Advices just arrived by steamer give the following of the Boer war.

On October 14th the Boers marched on Mafeking 8000 strong. The British garrison, consisting of light artillery, cavalry and galling guns numbered less than 4000 all told. The British advanced to meet the enemy and engaged them for two hours, after which they retreated into the town, drawing the Boers after them. The triumphant Boers were seen to be massed over a mine loaded with high explosives. At a signal the button was touched and a deafening report was immediately followed by an eruption as of a volcano. It is rumored that fully a thousand Boers were killed.

An escaped friendly from Johannesburg reports the capital filled with the wounded Boers, they having been brought in from Mafeking by train.

Col. Baden Powell is credited with having slaughtered fully 300 Boers with Maxim guns in the engagement at Mafeking.

In Natal the home troops have engaged bands of marauding Boers at Besters station, ten men being reported injured.

At Ampers 20 dead tell the severity of the skirmish. The injury to the enemy is not known. All agree that the Boer attack at Besters was both ill planned and poorly carried out, the rapid firing guns quickly discouraging the foolhardy rushes of the burghers. The Basutos are reported to be aiding the Boers and were in the skirmishes with them.

At Kimberly the word is that the skirmishing lines are within 12 miles, with the enemy meeting severe repulses. Armored trains have been attacked but saved. Lieutenant Gallemey, oldest son of the chief justice of Natal, is missing.

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The Boer fortified position taken up 12 miles from Glencoe has been stormed and taken by the British. The Boers are still in possession of another fortified position and a general engagement is in progress, the Boers numbering, it is believed, 8000 men. A train which left Ladysmith has been captured by the enemy.

#### Yacht Race Still Pending.

Skagway, Oct. 26.—The latest of the international yacht race is that in the third race the wind failed, the Columbian being well in the lead of the Shamrock at the time.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

John Quigg of Adams Hill was a visitor during the week.

V. W. Haywood and G. Martin are guests at the McDonald.

Sam Newman, a Grand Forks sport, is a visitor in the city.

John Manning was greeting his Dawson friends on Wednesday.

R. J. Karthuke, has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

N. E. Doran, a miner from Dominion creek, is visiting acquaintances in the city.

Thomas Nestor is in from Sulphur to receive a scow load of machinery now due from Bennett.

Mrs. H. O'Brien, who has been very ill with fever at St. Mary's hospital, is now convalescent.

R. A. Jackson, ex-traveling passenger agent of the Grand Trunk railroad, is a recent arrival in Dawson.

Mrs. Napoleon Hewitt came in from Dominion on Thursday. She will remain in Dawson for several days.

Frank McGregor, a claim-owner on Magnet gulch, spent a few days in town during the early part of the week.

W. J. Moore, W. L. Leake, and A. Goldoph, miners from Eldorado, are registered at the Hotel McDonald.

F. C. Snell, who has been detailed at the N. W. M. P. town station since the summer of 1898, was promoted recently to the grade of corporal.

## SHIPWRECKS ON THE YUKON

### Nora, Stratton and Irving Report Much Destitution.

#### Cannot Dive for the Mail—Ice That Caused the Wreck Has Gone Out—Aid for the Destitute.

Selwyn, Oct. 25.—The situation of the shipwrecked crews and passengers of the Stratton and Irving is distressing. The police have advised the commandant at Dawson that the police quarters here are inadequate, as but one small stove is available. The police are issuing rations to the Irving people, and are feeding the Stratton unfortunates.

The crew of the Stratton, accompanied by several passengers, are started for Dawson.

The police are advising Commandant Perry that the utter destitution of the Stratton passengers may require government aid to bring them to Dawson. It is reported that Commissioner Ogilvie has cabled the minister of the interior for permission to draw on him for \$5000 to relieve the destitution.

The women here are to be pitied, not even having a change of raiment.

Can't say when can start for Dawson. The river is now clear where the wreck was.

Selwyn, Oct. 25.—The barracks are filled with destitute to overflowing. Observations have been made of the spot where the wreck of the Stratton occurred. It happened in 13 feet of water, about 350 feet from shore, a trifle inside of the main channel. Not a sign of the wreck remains, and it is believed that the mail and everything has been lost by the ice taking with it the remains of the disaster when it went out last night. The current runs swiftly and the running ice renders diving impracticable.

Selwyn, Oct. 25.—The remains of the deserted Willie Irving are still in evidence on the ice jam below.

Bennett, Oct. 27.—Word has been brought in by steamer from Tagish that the Nora, of the B. L. & K. N. line, has met with disaster about 20 miles below. The ice pierced her hull and she sank at the end of Lake Marsh, the passengers and crew escaping over the ice.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Oscar Schelsbek sold three quarters of 48 above on Sulphur for \$6000 this week.

There is talk of raising a subscription in Dawson for the unfortunate passengers of the Stratton and Irving.

A call bell messenger service has been established in Dawson. The wires have been strung, and the enterprise is now about to be launched.

T. J. Williams and H. B. Carden admitted to Major Perry that they gained a livelihood by gambling, and he fined each of them \$50 and costs.

Messrs. Nourse, Stevenson, Young, Norville and the balance of our outdoor enthusiasts, are agitating for the rehabilitation of the hockey clubs of last winter.

The "Sour Dough" dancing club is to devote the proceeds of the masquerade on Saturday night to the purchase of a piano for the improvement of the music on future occasions.

A teamster named Alvin was injured Tuesday while unloading a scow down at the Empire dock. The moving load slid against the scow causing some contused wounds besides a broken collar bone.

Cleveland & Cook were the first to drive a team of horses across the frozen Yukon, the feat being performed on Thursday morning. The ice, in places, had to be leveled off with axes, the cakes were so badly up-ended.

Among the recent connubial celebrations of Dawson were those attending the marriage of Henry Freeman and Mrs. Maria Cornell at St. Mary's church, and Roderick J. Marston to Miss Elsa W. Searing at St. Paul's.

"Conchita," who was one of the passengers of the ill-fated Willie Irving, has for years been one of the most popular artists on the vaudeville stage. If she hasn't lost her talent she is destined to make a sensation in Dawson. Her little daughter, Emily, has been in Dawson for several months.

Charlie Gleason and Dick Mauretus had a misunderstanding in the Bodega saloon on Friday morning. Dick knocked Gleason down, and the latter retaliated by decorating Mauretus with a "bum lamp." Both were arrested, but when arraigned in the police court neither would prosecute the other and the matter was dismissed.

Ed Welch was one of the first arrivals Thursday morning, the last 20 miles of the river trip being made afoot over the edge ice. Ed is on Bonanza, and went out for machinery and supplies, which, unfortunately, had to be stored at the foot of Lake Bennett, the scow being rendered worthless by the massing ice. The misadventures would have been avoided had not a boisterous head wind held the barge at Bennett for five fatal days—fatal as far as a successful trip was concerned.

There is one thing we would gain by war in the Transvaal. English newspapers would either have to take back a lot of their advice about the war in the Philippines, or compel their own generals to follow it.—Seattle Times.

#### A Unique Invitation.

The following invitation, printed in the form of a circular was issued by a colored couple in Marshallville:

Your presents is require to a swell weddin at the home of the bride. Come one come all! Gentlemens, 25 cents ladies 15 cents.

Beer, ale, porter and wines served to table guests on Sunday at Cafe Royal.

## TAYLOR GETS TAKEN UP.

### In His Long-Distance Running Proposition

#### And There Are Already Three Men Up With Forfeits to Run Him Six Days for Four Hours a Day.

George Taylor, whose sweeping challenge to the Yukon territory, some few weeks ago, caused a ripple of merriment throughout Dawson, is to be given a "chase for his money" in the very near future.

On Wednesday night Fred Thoenor deposited \$100 with Nigger Jim, by his backers, to cover the \$100 forfeit put up by Taylor, the same having been covered George Kistner and one other ambitious pedestrian.

As a consequence, it has been decided to make the race an open for all, go-as-you-please contest, entries to close on the 8th of November and the race to begin on the 27th of the same month.

It has been agreed that the winner shall take down the entire forfeit money and all gate receipts, there to be no second money nor other compromise.

The final arrangements for a hall have not yet been completed, the Palace Grand at present being the favorite on account of its size.

The race is to be for four hours each day for six days. The one covering the most miles in that length of time to take down the money and no questions asked as to his gait.

It is expected that there will be nearly a dozen starters, there being no strong favorites to date. Taylor is a man about 45, and the young "bloods" refuse to be bluffed by the story that in his younger days he was not afraid to walk with any man.

Thoenor walked around the world in two years, and is a strapping young fellow with the build of an athlete.

Kistner has "mushed" on so many stampedes and got in with the leaders that he believes himself invincible. Several noted local characters are being boomed for the race, among the names mentioned being Jack Carr, who has "mushed" his way into fame until his name is as well known in coast cities as in Dawson.

Then there is Jake Kline, who still believes himself an artist in pedestrianism, and who could find backing to any amount if he did not want to back himself.

Pedestrianism is nowhere so universal an art as in the Yukon territory, and there are dozens of men who believe they can beat old man Taylor. Let them now speak or forever hold their peace.

Taylor is on for a go as-you-please to the coast, the preliminaries to be completed this week.

#### Why He Objected.

"What's the matter" asked the congressman of his constituent. "I got you a government job, didn't I?"

"Yes."

"And the salary is satisfactory, isn't it?"

"Oh, yes, the salary's all right, but hang it all, they expect me to earn it!"

—Chicago Post.

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