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COL. STEELE WILL GO.

Is Raising Force of Rough Riders for Transvaal.

MAJOR PERRY HAS VOLUNTEERED

Willie Semple Tells What He Will Do.

Bank Defaulter Confesses His Guilt—New Pope Nominated—Talk of Alaskan Republic—Gov. Brady Recommends Statehood.

[Special to the Daily Klondike Nugget]
Skagway, Jan. 10.—Colonel Steele, late commander of the N. W. M. P., is raising a company of rough riders from the ranks of the N. W. M. P. Among those who have volunteered from this district are Major Perry, Inspector Cartwright, Corporal Semple, Sergeant Tweedy, Constables Grange, Lee, Harding, Prisick of Tagish and Stewart of Lebarge. Several other volunteers left here last night.

FOR A REPUBLIC.

Skagway, Jan. 9.—Much excitement has been created here as the result of a concerted effort being made to stir up public sentiment in favor of the establishment of an Alaskan republic. The Daily Alaskan cites the failure of congress to give recognition to the wants of Alaska and strongly urges that a separate government be formed.

Governor Brady has recommended to congress that Alaska be admitted to the union as a state.

SEMPLER TALKS.

Skagway, Jan. 10.—D. W. Semple, late editor and proprietor of the Sunday Gleaner of Dawson, arrived here today.

He came out from Dawson with two dogs, which he left at Caribdo yesterday, completing the journey to Skagway on foot.

Semple says that upon first leaving Dawson he headed for Fortymile, but doubled back, and by traveling at night managed to reach Skagway. He says that he "will damn Fred Wade or die in the attempt."

Semple leaves for Seattle today. He traveled out under the name of D. Williams.

DEFAULTER CONFESSES.

Montreal, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—James Herbert, defaulting teller from the Banque Ville Marie, has confessed his guilt. He incriminates James Baxter, a prominent money lender. Baxter has been taken into custody. The bank refuses to pay depositors until matters are adjusted.

DEFEATED FOR MAYOR.

Ottawa, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The election for mayor of Ottawa has resulted in the defeat of Campbell by a large majority.

NEW POPE NOMINATED.

Rome, via Skagway, Jan. 1.—Pope

ARCTIC SAW MILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

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At Mill, Upper Ferry, Klondike river. J.W. Boyle
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Leo, has nominated as his successor Cardinal Gotte, a famous, Genoese monk. The nominating ceremony was conducted amid great pomp. Cardinal Gotte is 84 years of age.

AFTER CLAYSON'S BODY.
Fort Selkirk, Jan. 10.—A detail of mounted police from this point are searching for the body of F. H. Clayson, supposed to have been murdered on the trail.

Skagway, Jan. 10.—There is a settled conviction here that F. H. Clayson has been murdered on the trail. It is known that Clayson carried with him a large sum of money. The police have arrested a man named Graves at Whitehorse and Ralsh O'Brien at Tagish on suspicion. Both men have bad reputations.

Clayson telegraphed to his brother Will at Skagway that he had left Minto with Lineman Olesen. Nothing further has been heard of the unfortunate man.

A man supposed to be a confederate of O'Brien's passed through this place today.

COL. EVANS EN ROUTE.
Ottawa, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Col. Evans, late of the Yukon field force, is en route to the Transvaal as second in command of the Second Canadian contingent. The troops were given a royal send-off.

Picture of Nome.

"Go to Nome or remain at home," are the words over a two page picture of Nome which George Butler, proprietor of the Pioneer, has displayed upon the wall in his place of business. The picture was published in the San Francisco Examiner of November 26th, and represents the new town to be of considerable proportions, two story buildings, cabins, tents and being thrown together in delightful profusion. The tents appear to predominate in numbers and the whole scene is that of the typical new mining town of the west and north. The picture in the Examiner is a reproduction of one taken of Nome by the man who staked off the townsite a little more than one year ago. Aside from the main picture is one of Peter Linderberg, the man who, on the 16th of September, 1898, washed out the first pan of beach sand, realizing \$25 in gold from it. Linderberg is credited by the Examiner as being responsible for the great Nome stampede. The picture in the Pioneer was intently studied by scores of men last night, and the Nugget man noticed that after gazing on it long and lovingly the gazers invariably turned away with the words "I will be there in the spring."

Major Perry Volunteers.

By reference to the telegram in the Daily Nugget of this issue it will be seen that Major Perry, presiding magistrate of Dawson and commander of the N. W. M. P. forces of the Yukon district, has volunteered his services for the Transvaal war.

Major Perry is one of the old 18 cadets of the Royal Military Academy of Canada, being battalion sergeant major, having passed his examinations with the highest class honors. He entered the Royal Engineers service, but breaking his leg by an unfortunate accident, he was forced to withdraw from that service. He then entered the N. W. M. P. service, and served with distinction in the Reil rebellion in '85, during which time he was in command of scouts in General Strange's column. At this time Major Perry was one of the first officers of the force, being at the same time a duly qualified barrister, having passed all required examinations.

For two years he was supply officer at Vancouver for the entire Yukon territory, and it was while at Vancouver that Major Perry, being recognized as the most capable disciplinarian in the service, was selected to command the great jubilee contingent of the N. W. M. P. in 1897.

Major Perry has the unbounded respect not only of his fellow officers, but of his fellow men and of the public. To know him is to honor and respect him, and in case of his leaving for the African war, Dawson and the entire Yukon district will lose an officer and a man whose position in the two spheres will be hard to fill.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Clayson, Relfe and Olsen Undoubtedly Murdered.

TWO EX-CONVICTS ARE UNDER ARREST

Search First Instituted on Account of Lineman Olsen.

Both Clayson and Relfe Carried Large Sums of Money—O'Brien and Graves, Parties Under Arrest, Are Tough Characters.

But little can be given today in addition to that contained in the Daily Nugget of yesterday relative to the mysterious disappearance of three men, Fred H. Clayson, Len Relfe and — Olsen, who left Minto on Christmas morning and of whom nothing more has been seen or reliably heard. Of the three men, Olsen was lineman for the telegraph company, his headquarters being at Five Fingers, and it was his failure to return to that place which caused search to be instituted by the police.

The searching party came over the trail to Minto, where it was learned that Clayson and Relfe were in company with Olsen when last seen. As the wire was not working it was several days before Major Perry could be notified, but once notified, no time was lost by that officer in ordering more thorough search, and in notifying all posts between Dawson and Bennett to be vigilant in keeping a lookout for any and all suspicious characters.

Major Perry says that most thorough work is being done and that if the three men have been murdered the perpetrators of the crime will undoubtedly be apprehended. Two men, Tom O'Brien and J. Graves, are already in custody, the former being nabbed at Tagish Saturday evening, the latter at Whitehorse Monday night. Both are ex-convicts, having done time here last year, and both are hard characters. It is known that they left Dawson together several weeks ago, and it is also known that for several days the two occupied a cabin on the trail between Minto and Five Fingers and that they passed on up the river about the time of the disappearance of the three men. The fact that they separated afterwards looks very suspicious. They will be safely held pending further investigation.

The following telegram was received at the Daily Nugget office just previous to going to press:

Tagish, Jan. 10.

Daily Nugget, Dawson:
Have no news of Clayson party.

Z. T. WOOD.

Send your packages to any claim on Eldorado and Bonanza by the daily stage. Nugget Express.

MAIL FROM ST. MICHAEL.

Mail Carrier Diffenderfer Arrives After a Hard Trip.

An Interesting Budget of News From the Lower Country—Concerning New Strikes on the Koyukuk.

Harry W. Diffenderfer, U. S. mail carrier and his assistant, Frank Smith, arrived from Circle City last evening at 4:30 with six sacks of U. S. mail. Of these four are lower river mail for the outside, one sack is from St. Michaels to Dawson and one is from way points to Dawson. He brings an unusually interesting budget of news concerning Nome, the Koyukuk and lower river. That he has encountered some pretty cold weather is evident from one glimpse of his face, which looks as though he had called some man a liar and the man had a brick ready for him. Mr. Diffenderfer was in good humor after his hard trip and the following interesting account of his trip was gladly given the Nugget:

"Mr. Smith and myself left here Dec. 14th with the U. S. mail bound for Circle City the end of my division of the mail route. We made good time until about 24 miles below Fortymile. A number of open places below this point had begun to close up and a jam just below this point was raising the water, so much so that we made for an island and stayed there that night. Being unprepared for any such emergency, we found ourselves in the morning without food for ourselves or dogs, and no way to get to the mainland. Fortunately we found a wood chopper on the island, for we were compelled to stay there one day for the water to freeze, for it had not receded one inch. Again things were easy until we reached Star City. From there to Cheney creek, a distance of 70 miles, we broke trail, arriving at the latter point on the 20th.

"It is not a bad trail from there on and we arrived at Circle City on the 24th of December. Circle City was very quiet; don't believe over 30 people live there, yet beer sells for 75 cents a bottle and whisky \$2 a gallon.

"While laying over there I saw some of the men who had returned from the Koyukuk, and if their stories are true things must be in a deplorable state. It seems that the rich strike made recently is on creeks staked last fall, and when the strike was made considerable jumping followed. As usual in such cases, disputes arose, and pistols and rifles were used to emphasize arguments. To such an extent had the unrest of the district grown that it was reported to Lieut. Rogers at Circle. That officer made all haste to Major Ray at Eagle to ask for a detail of men to go to the scene of trouble. On our way back we met the lieutenant, but without the men, Major Ray having refused to grant his request.

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