

WHITEHORSE IS AMBITIOUS

And Wants to Divide Territory in Two Parts.

Mr. Clement Has Resigned and Will Return to Dawson Never More, Which Raises Complications.

The people of Dawson were a little startled some time since when, through the Nugget, they learned the many needs of Whitehorse. One of these things asked for by the enterprising town up the river, and which may in some respects be referred to as the largest, has only come to light within the past day or two. That is, Whitehorse wants a line drawn on the maps somewhere between its back yard fence and that of Dawson which will be known as the limits of two territories. In other words, it wants the Yukon territory divided in such a way that Whitehorse shall be the seat of government of the newly formed territory.

This fact was intimated in a letter to a well known official here a few days since, who, for various reasons, did not wish to be quoted in the matter.

However, Superintendent of Roads Tague was seen yesterday in regard to the statement and in reply to a question as to its truthfulness he said it was quite true, although he said he himself believed it to be nonsensical, and had so expressed himself at the meeting when the proposal was discussed.

Whether or not Mr. Girouard furthered this proposed modest request of Whitehorse, or whether there is good grounds for the report current among the legal fraternity yesterday, are matters open thus far to the same question as was his parting information to press representatives concerning his object in going to Ottawa, which he stated was not concerning the O'Brien claim for reimbursement, and which the council has since declared was his mission.

Concerning the rumor of yesterday referred to, that Mr. W. H. P. Clement, public administrator, had resigned and that Mr. Girouard had been appointed to fill the office, it is only in part confirmed.

Being Public Administrator Clement, brother to W. H. P. Clement, stated this morning that a letter received from his brother by the last mail stated that he had resigned the office and that Dawson would know him no more, as it was not his intention to return here.

Whether Mr. Girouard has been appointed to the office or not is another matter and so far lacks confirmation.

This resignation leaves vacant a chair at the council board, and, inasmuch as Mr. Clement is not coming back, it also leaves the legal advisership without an incumbent. And, should the rumor prove correct that Mr. Girouard has been appointed to the office of public administrator, it somewhat complicates the present position of the registrar's office, as that office is without a legal incumbent temporarily, as matters are, it would then become practically vacant in a more permanent way.

What effect all this will have on the bright dreams of ambitious Whitehorse, is, as Kipling would say, "Another story."

An Avalanche.

There occurred at 12 noon, January 16th, at the Imperial mine on Monro mountain an extensive snowslide. Fortunately no loss of life was occasioned by the accident, though there was loss of property, and the event will, we regret to say, retard to some extent the working of the mine.

It appears that the round of holes which is usually exploded by battery connection prior to the men leaving for dinner, had been fired in the drift, when the snow, which covered the steep mountain side to a depth of some feet, began to move. Six men were at the mouth of the drift, five of whom rushed to the tunnel when they noticed the movement but only two of them succeeded in reaching shelter. Three of the men were caught by the slide and were carried several hundred feet down the hill; these were Joe Hambly, W. Warburton and H. Miller. Warburton and Miller were not completely buried and soon extricated themselves, but Hambly was buried under a great depth of snow. Luckily there were some shovels available near by and Warburton knew the position of Hambly at the time of the latter's interment. After about ten minutes of vigorous work Hambly was dug out; he appeared to be dead, but with care he was brought to consciousness, the only damage he had sustained apparent-

ly being the loss of his cap. A load of drills being carried to the blacksmith's shop by Warburton and three tons of ore carried down by the slide will be recovered in the spring. The snow shed over the entrance to the tunnel was completely wrecked.—Atlin Claim.

Saloon Men Nervous.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation and her colleagues in yesterday's saloon smashing crusade were arraigned in the city court today and waived a preliminary hearing. Judge Kirk fixed their bond at \$1000 each, which was promptly given and the women released. John Herif, into whose saloon Mrs. Nation and her followers entered, was the complainant and the specific charge was malicious destruction of property.

Mrs. Nation made no notable demonstration in court. When released she announced that she had a saloon smashing program arranged for this evening, but a question came up relative to the terms of the truce with the chief of police yesterday, the chief holding that it was to extend 48 hours, while Mrs. Nation insisted that the limit was 24 hours. As no saloons have yet been attacked this evening, it is thought that Mrs. Nation has given the chief's interpretation of the truce the benefit of the doubt. Her plan, she stated, was to have detachments of women attack the saloons of different sections of the city at the same time.

The saloon men are very uneasy and the more expensive places have employed guards or "lookouts" to warn the keepers of the approach of the enemy. The wife of one saloon keeper has placed herself in the front apartment of the saloon and threatens to repel Mrs. Nation in case of attack.

The young man who struck Policeman Sutton yesterday was the son of Mrs. Eagan, one of the smashers. His plea that he struck the officer under misapprehension that the officer was about to strike his mother, gave him immunity from punishment. He is a reporter on one of the local papers.

At 10 o'clock tonight Mrs. Nation terrorized the saloon men again. She made an address in the Salvation Army barracks in which she advocated the organization of an army to wreck saloons. She provoked her hearers to a high pitch of excitement and then marched through the principal streets a distance of five blocks followed by from 500 to 800 persons, some cheering and some jeering her. Word that she was on the streets went before her and every saloon light was snuffed out and every saloon door locked.

Mrs. Nation started a hymn every time she passed a saloon and became demonstrative as she passed the ruins of the saloons she wrecked yesterday. She recognized several saloon men on the sidewalk, and as she did, she said: "You are safe tonight, Mr. Keeper of the murder shop, but you will see me later."

By the time Mrs. Nation reached the Union station 1000 persons were in the crowd, but no violence of any kind was attempted. She purchased a ticket for Newton and took the train and the saloons opened up again.

Castellane.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The first civil tribunal of the Seine has decided the counter suits of the Count and Countess de Castellane against Wertheimer, the bric-a-brac dealer, by dividing the transactions into three series. In the first it is declared that the exchanges and purchases were freely agreed to and in good faith, and therefore could not now be modified.

The second series, comprising the exchanges, is regarded as liable to the suspicion of usury and the court, therefore, has appointed three experts to appraise the articles, final judgment being given after their report.

In the third series concerning art works belonging to Count Boni de Castellane, sold by Wertheimer, the court declares the transaction holds good, but calls on Wertheimer to submit proof of the sale in order to show he did not realize illegitimate profits.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

Bradford, Ill., Jan. 22.—Mamie Kelly and Florence Fry wrecked two saloons at Harmon because the proprietors sold liquor to their brothers, who are minors. The W. C. T. U. is defending them. The saloon keepers threaten to prosecute the temperance organization for raising quilts.

A Carrie Nation Crusade.

Hartford City, Ind., Jan. 22.—Because her husband had sold her chickens and bought whisky with the money, Mrs. William Towns, after having horsewhipped Towns in a crowded street, endeavored to wreck a saloon. She declares she will begin a Carrie Nation crusade here.

Fresh candies made daily at Zaccardi's Bank Corner.

Dancing school to-morrow night at McDonald hall, followed by social dance.

CRAFTY CUPID.

Cupid told man he shot blindfold, but I doubt it. He has aimed at far too many without ever missing any. Nay, he lied, that boy did the deed. He is merely absentminded while about it. He once pierced me to the marrow, or his dart did. And the maid who walked beside me, being unkind, only gazed me. For he used his other arrow. On a swiftly passing sparrow and departed. —Frederick Truesdell in Scribner's.

Rumored Resignation.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A question that is now agitating the minds of those interested in the Nome scandal and litigation, which is occupying the time and attention of the United States circuit court of appeals in San Francisco, and the commissioner of that court, is whether Judge Arthur H. Noyes, of the district of Alaska, has sent in his resignation. During the past summer Judge Noyes frequently expressed his intention of resigning if his wife's health did not improve, and it is believed by his friends that this expressed intention is the source of the rumor, which is growing stronger every day.

Attorney W. H. Metson, who is deeply interested in the Nome litigation, received a telegram from a friend in Minneapolis yesterday, which stated that the evening papers there published the fact that Judge Noyes had resigned. As Minneapolis is the home city of Judge Noyes, the report was given credence, but a dispatch from there last night to the Chronicle said:

"No confirmation can be obtained here of the report that Judge Arthur H. Noyes, the Minnesota man who occupies the position of United States judge of Alaska, has resigned. The most that can be adduced on the subject is the assertion of A. K. Wheeler, Judge Noyes' private secretary, who declares there is no truth in the report. 'Judge Noyes has no intention of resigning,' adds Mr. Wheeler, 'and especially not in midwinter, thus forfeiting pay and allowances from now until navigation opens. Furthermore it is the opinion here that to resign while under fire would be the last thing to be expected of Judge Noyes, who feels that he had been wronged by the persistent hostile efforts of his enemies, and if he should resign it would be only after all charges against him had been disposed of by judicial action, one way or the other.'"

It was supposed that if the judge had sent in his resignation at all, it would have been placed in the hands of A. K. Wheeler to be used if it was deemed expedient in the face of the charges which were to be brought against the judge before congress. An inquiry at Washington elicited the following reply:

"Persistent reports were circulated today that District Judge Noyes, of Alaska, had tendered his resignation. The rumor was denied by officials of the department of justice, who pointed out that communication with Nome was interrupted by ice, and that Judge Noyes could not forward his resignation if he so desired. As nearly as can be learned here the report was started in Seattle and was circulated here and at San Francisco for the purpose of influencing the case of Alexander McKenzie, now pending in San Francisco. Several senators and representatives who are thoroughly informed on the Nome scandal declare that Judge Noyes has not resigned."

Bryan's New Paper.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 23.—The first number of The Commoner, the weekly paper published by William Jennings Bryan, was issued this afternoon. It is a neat appearing sheet, typographical-ly. The salutatory says:

"Webster defines a commoner as 'One of the common people.' The name has been selected for this paper because The Commoner will endeavor to aid the common people in the protection of their rights, the advancement of their interests and the realization of their aspirations."

"It is not necessary to apologize for the use of a term which distinguishes the great body of the population from a comparatively few who for one reason or another withdraw themselves from sympathetic connection with their fellows." * * * * *

"The common people do not constitute an exclusive society; they are not of the tour hundred; any one can become a member if he is willing to contribute by brain or muscle to the nation's strength and greatness. Only those are barred—and they are barred by their own choice—who imagine themselves made of a superior kind of clay and who deny the equality of all before the law."

"A rich man, who has honestly acquired his wealth and who is not afraid to trust its care to the laws made by his fellows, can count himself among

the common people, while the poor man is really not one of them if he fawns before a plutocrat and has no higher ambition than to be a courtier or a sycophant.

"The Commoner will be satisfied if, by fidelity to the common people it proves its right to the name which it has chosen."

Gold Is Where Found.

A few years since a professor in one of the German universities said to an American mining engineer who was telling the professor of gold being found in galena, "It cannot exist." He was an old man and has since died leaving an undying name on account of his discoveries in the science of metallurgy; but with all his learning and life-long research he could not believe possible the existence of gold in a combination now familiar to everyone. No one thought it possible that metal could live in sandstone until Silver Reef was discovered; no one believed gold could exist in porphyry until Cripple Creek was found; and now that we know gold is being profitably extracted from such improbable materials as mica schist, hornblend and granite, the conservative man will be careful not to say that it cannot exist in basalt, lava or any other rock. We may all have to fall back upon the unscientific but extremely safe old California dictum: "Gold is where you find it."—Mining and Scientific Press.

Fatal Explosion.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 22.—An explosion occurred at Selby farm, 10 miles north of this city this morning, resulting in the death of three people. Mrs. Celestine Walker, wife of William C. Walker, aged 61; Eli Walker, their son, aged 28, and a daughter, Mrs. Julia Bailey, aged 22.

Father and son had been engaged in clearing land and placed 15 sticks of giant powder in the oven of the cook stove to dry. The powder exploded, killing Mrs. Walker and son instantly and fatally injuring the daughter, who died within a few hours. The bodies of the mother and son were horribly mangled, the latter being blown 20 feet from the house. The house was literally demolished and the report was heard several miles.

The Walker family came here from Oklahoma last September, purchasing the farm where the accident took place. A small child of Mrs. Bailey was sleep-

ing in the adjoining room to the one in which the cook stove was located but was unharmed, although nearly every stick of furniture in the room except the bed on which it lay, was demolished.

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