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WRONG IS TRIUMPHANT

Colonel Steele Removed For No Cause.

STANDS IN THE WAY OF GOVERNMENT PETS.

Without Warning He Is Peremptorily Recalled.

A Man of Spotless Reputation Considered a Threat to Schemes and Schemers and Ordered Out of the Territory—Wrong Is Again Triumphant Upon the Yukon.

Colonel S. B. Steele, by long odds the most highly respected man on the Yukon today, has been peremptorily recalled to an obscure post of the Northwest Territory. The one competent and absolutely honest official in Dawson has suffered the degradation of removal from a position he has honored and rendered most honorable in a short incumbency of less than a year. The nefarious schemes of the Sifton gang of political pirates could not suffer the continuance of even one honest and competent member of an outlying government—a government constructed purely upon self-interested lines and designed solely to acquiesce in the blackguardly spoilation of a defenseless territory. Without one word of explanation, at a time when the merits of the man had won him the confidence of every man, woman and child with a day or a year's experience on the Yukon, the worthy colonel suffers the ignominy of an imperative removal from the honorable position he had won in the country. His success in administration and his growing popularity with a people which has learned to respect and admire him as no other man in the territory is either respected or admired, proved too much for that ring of sharks, which desires nothing here in governmental circles but pliant incompetence and the subservient and conscienceless blindness which would conveniently close the eyes to the multifarious schemes of the conspirators for self-enrichment. Without one word of warning, which might have led to an almost national protest, Colonel Steele is relegated to obscurity, that not even one pair of keen, cold honest eyes should witness the villainous prostitution of governmental prerogative in turning over to private bodies of henchmen the public property of this great and growing Arctic commonwealth.

On Thursday last a brief communication was brought down from the end of the telegraph line, addressed to Col. S. B. Steele. It contained but a few short words, signed by the Minister of the Interior, advising the recipient that he was required to report at once in person for duty at Regina. The dispatch went on to state that the Colonel would be superseded by Major Perry, of Vancouver, and that the colonel need not await the arrival of that gentleman but could start out at once upon the arrival of Inspector Primrose, of Tagish.

The colonel is a soldier by birth and training and it has been given to few men in the history of the country to so

signally win the admiration and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Of a bluff exterior and manner, but of sterling integrity without so much as turning over a hand to win the approbation of the press or public; without the slightest act which could have been construed as an attempt to curry favor with influential people; of a gruff unapproachableness, the deposed commander of the N. W. M. P. has not only disarmed all criticism and all carping, but in eight months has won the laurels of public esteem to such a singular degree that his praises are resounding through the length and breadth of Canada and the United States and a thousand periodicals of every party and "ism" are pointing in unqualified approval to the one righteous man who, like Lot of old, has saved the Sodom and Gomorrah of Canadian officialism from the stigma of being utterly without excuse for further existence.

But the confiscation plans and concession programs of the gang temporarily in control of Canadian affairs caused them to look askance at the growing reputation of a man who was becoming famous for virtue, not for duplicity; for honesty and not for avariciousness; for temperance and not for

who critically scanned all suspicious orders and saw that they were properly signed and sealed that those truly responsible for the iniquity in hand could be properly traced and identified.

The Nugget does not believe in waiting until a man is dead before meting out to him his share of praise or blame, whichever may be due. We cannot recall a solitary favor which would put us

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Another Holdup.

About 9:30 o'clock last Sunday night, Mr. J. H. Johnson, proprietor of the Arlington restaurant, was held up by two masked men, near the Klondike bridge. The robbers stepped from the side of the road, directly in front of Johnson; one of them aimed a revolver at his head, and told him, in no uncertain tones, to throw up his hands; the other highwayman rifled Johnson's trousers pockets, relieving him of \$250 in currency and a sack containing gold dust to the value of \$150. No attempt was made to take his watch and chain, after securing the money and dust, the man holding the gun said: "Don't you try to move or yell, or I'll brain you where you are." Then both robbers ran towards the bridge. Johnson, as soon

SULPHUR DOING WELL.

Many Claims Join The Already Profitable Ones.

Steam Thawing—Steam Hoisting—Summer Sluicing and Extensive Preparations for Winter.

Sulphur creek claim owners are preparing for a heavy winter's work, and quite a number of claims were summer worked and pay located on several that were heretofore blanks.

The vicinity of the twenties below bear the marks of summer prospecting to a greater extent than any other portion of the creek. Last winter small pay was taken out near the creek, but on No. 18 good pay was located on the left, almost on the hillside, and the claims just above and below have all lined up and struck the pay streak hard. Thirty-three below has been working a great portion of the summer and handling some very fine dirt.

Billy Strong, of 17 below, has some odd partnerships, but then Billy is not a bit stuck up over them. A negro woman and himself are the owners of a good Gold Run claim, and now the surveyors on Sulphur make the Queen a property holder and part owner of Billy's windlass, shaft and drift and right on the best of the pay. This fraction above 17 below is not the only one, and dozens have been lined out by Mr. Cautley and his surveyors, from ten to 200 feet. What a beautiful stampede would be on if the old law and ring were in vogue.

Eight below located the pay streak late in the spring and will work two steam thawers. Five and 4 below summer sluiced and will also be worked this winter. 3A and 3 were sold this spring and opened up in good shape by summer work. The claims are easily worked as the pay is in the creek bed.

That perseverance will win is shown on 12 above. Messrs. Moore and Hunter have prospected 12 above for two winters and took out a bare grub stake, yet they keep up spirits and this summer were rewarded by striking very fine pay some distance from the creek on the left. The first thousand buckets hoisted, and run down to the creek, sluiced \$5 to the bucket and colors can be seen all through the dump. Mr. Moore will go outside, but Mr. Hunter will take out a dump and get the ground ready for extensive work next summer.

Twenty nine above was mostly drifted out last winter and Slater brothers are just finishing the remainder with a thawer and the pay has been good.

Thirty-six above has the finest plant on the creek and one of the finest in the country. They have a double elevator and are tunneling and running the dirt on wheel barrows on the elevator and dump it in the sluice boxes.

Sulphur has very few hotels when compared with the other creeks. Sproull & Co. have started the McDonald hotel on 36 above and George Nunan has opened a road house on 3 below.

Maps of the Klondike and Stewart river districts for sale at the Nugget office.



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debauchery; for merit and not for usefulness to his masters; for truthfulness and not for equivocation; for efficiency and not for political brilliance; for good faith and not for treachery; for sterling qualities of manhood and not for pliability to the base uses which Siftonism imposes upon its office-holding uses.

After barring whiskey from the territory by order in council and the proper notification of the colonel to that effect the Siftonians found themselves utterly unable to pass the police barriers themselves with any half way permit which should clear the glorious name of Sifton in case of future investigation. Not a drop of whiskey could pass without the damning evidence of the proper and legible signature of the man at the head of interior affairs. No wonder that the whiskey-manipulating ringsters secured the removal of the unbribed and fearless commander. Every wholesale, unrighteous iniquity of dispossession and confiscation planned for this land of gold and ice requires for its successful consummation the co-operation of the effective Northwest Mounted Police, and after all it is not at all strange that a man should be removed whose rigid ideas of right require him to execute all his orders with a military precision, but

as he recovered his senses proceeded to the barracks and reported his loss. Two policemen immediately returned with him to the scene of the crime, but no trace of the criminals could be secured. The night was dark, and Johnson can give no description of the perpetrators of the robbery, other than that one of them was armed with a pistol; that both were masked; and that they were men of medium height. Corporal Wilson has no clue, but thinks that there is something more than coincidence in the fact that most all of the hold-ups have been committed on Sunday nights.

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