

TITLE IS ALL RIGHT

Such is Report of State Department

France Has Right to Transfer the Panama Canal to Uncle Sam.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, Sept. 20.—A deputation of representatives of the American state department has returned to Washington from Paris, where they have been investigating the title to the Panama canal.

Lipton's Challenge. New York, Sept. 15.—It is announced that Sir Thos. Lipton's challenge for the America's cup will be cabled from England next week.

To Affiliate. Ottawa, Sept. 20.—The Canadian athletic associations are being urged to affiliate with the Y. M. C. A. athletic league of America.

Large Death List. Birmingham, Sept. 20.—The death list resulting from the recent disaster at this place now totals 115.

OBTAINED BY FRAUD

Allegations Made in a Protest Just Filed

Treadgold is the Defendant and Action is Over 3 Above Bonanza.

Treadgold, the concessionaire, has again been made defendant in an action brought by Ruben Brown and Francis H. Smith in the gold commissioner's court over the title to 3 above on Bonanza, one of the best pieces of ground on that portion of the creek. In their statement of claim the plaintiffs allege that the renewal granted to defendant on August 26, 1901, was obtained through misrepresentation to the recorder and gold commissioner.

The claim in question is a valuable one and should the plaintiffs win the suit a nice plum will be theirs for the staking. Another protest that was filed this morning was that of M. H. Lynch vs. Elmer Middlecoff, the contention being over the upper half of 3 below discovery on Lovett gulch.

Earthquake in Oregon. Portland, Sept. 11.—A report from Gresham, a village twelve miles east of this city, says an earthquake shock was felt there at 11:30 this morning. A report also comes from Clackamas, fourteen miles south of here, that a slight shock was felt there about 11:30. No damage was done at either place.

Charged With Brutality. Topeka, Sept. 12.—County Attorney Nicho as today caused the arrest of Charles Bradshaw, an attendant at the Hedwell private asylum on the charge of beating Jacob R. Rhyneron, aged 83, a patient, so seriously that he cannot live. Bradshaw claims Rhyneron was a vicious case and had attacked him.

THANKS THE NUGGET

The first intimation given to Governor Ross that he had been nominated by the Liberal convention was contained in a telegram sent by this paper yesterday morning in which support of the Nugget was tendered him. Mr. Ross was spending the day in the country near Victoria, and his reply was not received until too late for publication in yesterday's issue.

The governor's answer to the message is as follows: Victoria, via Vancouver, Sept. 19, 8:15 p.m. Dawson: Your telegram, the first notice I have received of my nomination, is at hand. I sincerely thank you for your generous offer to support me.

NEW BRIDGE IS ORDERED

That Crossing the Mayo Will be Built

Immediately Under the Direction of Sergeant Davis, of the McQuesten Detachment

Acting Commissioner Major Wood has issued instructions to Sergeant Davis, in charge of the detachment at McQuesten, to begin at once the construction of the bridge across the Mayo on the line of the trail leading from what was formerly Duncan landing to the crossing of the Yukon creek. Miners and prospectors in that vicinity petitioned the Yukon council at its last session to make the improvement so badly needed and the committee on roads and bridges to which the petition was referred reported favorably upon it at once.

At the time the acting commissioner received the report upon the bridge, its description, approximate cost and other such details, there was also submitted a sketch showing the Duncan creek trail and contiguous creeks with reference to their position with the Stewart, distances, etc., the first authentic map that has ever been made of that section. It shows the trail leaving the Stewart at the landing and proceeding direct to Janet lake which is but a mile and a half from the Stewart. There are some boats on the lake and miners taking in goods embark their outfits at that point and follow the right shore of the lake for seven miles. Then from Janet lake to the crossing of the Mayo where the bridge is being put in is another five and one-half miles, and one mile more across a narrow neck of land brings one to the lower end of Duncan creek. Following the creek ten miles up to discovery claim and the end of the trail. The trail at present is roughly laid out and was built by the miners, but it is the intention of the government next spring at the earliest moment when such work is possible to widen the trail and transform it into a first class wagon road following the right bank of Janet lake where at present water navigation is utilized.

A mass meeting of the residents of the landing was held a short time ago and it was unanimously decided to change the name of that important point from Duncan, landing to Gordon in honor of him who founded the place and who now is running a store and roadhouse there and has a grant from the crown for a tract of land including a portion of the water front upon which the budding city has been planned. There is at present at Gordon a population of twenty souls and eight cabins are either built or in course of construction.

On Duncan creek there are 115 men, 25 cabins and 9 horses. There are five boilers in use and more have been ordered for immediate delivery. Over 30 claims are being worked on

ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Hon. James Hamilton Ross Signifies His Willingness to 'Be a Candidate—Health Is Rapidly Recovering But Will Leave Fight in Hands of His Friends—Confident of Success.

Honorable James Hamilton Ross has accepted the honor conferred upon him by the convention which met in Dawson on the 19th inst., having signified his intention in telegrams received by the Nugget and by the officers of the convention. The telegram to the Nugget appears elsewhere. The official notification was conveyed to Mr. Ross in a wire sent by the president and secretary of the convention, and which was couched in the following terms: Hon. James H. Ross, Victoria, B. C. A large convention embracing representatives from every portion of the Yukon territory met today at Dawson, and with the most hearty unanimity nominated you as candidate for the House of Commons of Canada. Requisitions numerous signed are being forwarded urging your acceptance.

The following reply was received from Mr. Ross this morning: "To the President and Secretary Liberal Convention: My nomination unanimously for the House of Commons by a representative convention at Dawson on the 19th is very highly appreciated by me. I thank the convention for this evidence of its confidence and hereby accept the nomination. Although my health is rapidly improving, I cannot yet take an active part in an election and therefore will have to leave the work of the campaign entirely in the hands of my friends in whom it is needless to say I have the utmost confidence. I think I can claim that a reasonable measure of success has already been attained by my efforts in behalf of the people of the Yukon. If I believe in the Yukon and its great possibilities and it will be to me a pleasure as well as a duty to continue work unceasingly in its behalf." "J. H. ROSS."

Water Front Notes. The Clifford Sifton arrived last evening at 6 o'clock with the following passengers: Mrs. H. Bradman, Mrs. Lucy Long, Miss A. Tantest, Miss M. Tantest, Chas. Lemm, Gus T. Lemm, E. J. Lemm, F. F. Hawkins, E. F. Eagler. The Sifton will leave on Monday at 2 p. m.

The Dawson arrived last night with the following passengers and 211 tons of freight, mostly consigned to N. A. T. & Co.: Mrs. T. Sheldon, Florence Baldwin, J. R. Gandolfo, Mrs. H. Peters, Jas. W. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, M. W. Crean, J. O. Hickman, Mrs. Cameron, M. D. Rainbow, W. D. McKay, A. J. Beaudette from Big Salmon, W. L. Bald Whitehorse to Five Fingers.

The Columbia left Whitehorse last night, passing Big Salmon this morning. Both boats are due in Dawson tomorrow evening and will leave Monday.

The N. C. Co.'s steamer Leah is billed to leave for St. Michael this afternoon with mail for the lower river points and the following passengers: Blanche Smith, Mrs. A. B. McLeavelly, Ramon, Kallay, R. W. Price, Circle, Amy Beaton, Kallay, F. Beaton, Kallay, Thos. McGinn, St. Michael, H. H. Martenson, Eagle, Nels. Johnson, Rampart, Mrs. C. W. Bohay, San Francisco; Mrs. G. B. Blake, Rampart; Chas. Bertrand, Rampart.

The Isom returns tomorrow. The steamer Thistle left Whitehorse today and will arrive in Dawson Monday. Her sailing date is not yet announced.

The Casca sailed this afternoon at 2:45 with the following passengers: N. Henderson, F. Sanders, M. Lind, A. Stander, Mrs. Stander, Miss Little, Mrs. W. W. Petri, Miss M. Williams, Jno. McKenzie, Mrs. M. C. Brown, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Griffin, G. Cooker, Mrs. Johnson, M. Gagnon, Mrs. Riestler, Mrs. H. James, C. W. Milligan, Frank Murray, George Murray, M. A. King, Geo. Keller, W. Donaldson, Jas. Stewart, A. E. LaLande, R. Mayer, W. Atkins, E. C. Ruchbur, E. Orr, A. Lindberg, E. Huchen, S. L. Schumacher, E. B. Woodson, D. H. Hume, Mrs. Hume, Miss Hume, E. A. Chance and D. C. Verrill.

Placed in an Asylum. Boston, Sept. 11.—The Evening Record says that W. H. Stuart, formerly British vice consul here, has been placed in the McLean insane asylum at Waverly, by his family, who have for some time been convinced that because of his peculiar financial methods he has not been responsible for his acts. A number of notes, aggregating \$100,000, are held by various people. The notes bear the endorsement of Mrs. Stuart, who is the daughter of Millionaire Wentworth, of Boston. The endorsements are alleged to have been forged.

It is also understood that Mr. Stuart in his accounts at the consulate was short about \$15,000, the deficiency Stuart has been acting in a peculiar manner for months. He is a comparatively young man, and had been connected with the British consulate for about twenty years, but tendered his resignation on August 20, and it is being considered in London at the present time.

Crops a Failure. New York, Sept. 12.—According to reports from all parts of England, the heavy rains of the last three days, coming on top of an exceptionally wet summer, have seriously damaged the crops, cables the London correspondent of the Herald. Grain has suffered severely. Owing to the weather it is of such poor quality that early samples failed to get a bid on the market. With the continuance of the prevailing weather it may be days and weeks before any considerable quantity of wheat can be put on the market.

One of the largest agriculturists in Lincolnshire states that wheat in its present damaged condition, the season would prove one of the most disastrous that has been experienced during the last twenty years. Jaggs—1 saw seven airships sailing over the town last night. Wagg—How many glasses were necessary to enable you to see them?

At Auditorium—Old Homestead.

will be in a position to still further promote the welfare of its people and generally to advance the interests of the whole territory. I believe in the Yukon and its great possibilities and it will be to me a pleasure as well as a duty to continue work unceasingly in its behalf. "J. H. ROSS."

To Play 'La Crosse' to the Daily Nugget. Montreal, Sept. 20.—The Shamrock lacrosse team will leave for the coast next Tuesday to meet the New Westminster team in a match for the world's championship.

Active Merger. Chicago, Sept. 11.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: The long expected merger of the great meat packing interests of the United States will go into active operation Saturday, September 27, unless there should be an entirely unlooked for change in the plans agreed upon by all those concerned in the deal at a meeting held here yesterday. An industrial combination second only to the steel trust in point of magnitude and importance is therefore practically an accomplished fact.

According to a Boston authority who has possessed the most inside information about the deal ever since its existence was first rumored, the combine is to be capitalized at the rate of twenty-five times the last year's earnings of the constituent companies; for example, Cudahy & Co. are said to have earned about \$20,000 in 1901, which would make their share of the capital stock of the Schwartzschild & Sulzberger Company \$26,000,000.

A 4 per cent. dividend that the new consolidation might be expected to pay would amount to \$840,000 on this lot of stock—approximately its legitimate earnings.

On the basis of capitalization Armour & Co., whose last year's profits have been about \$8,000,000, will receive \$200,000,000 of the securities in exchange for their business. Swift & Co. will receive \$50,000,000 and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company \$26,000,000.

It is said that it is the undoubted determination of the consolidated meat interests to control all of the packing houses and stock yards of the country and save every possible dollar in the cost of manufacture and distributing. In addition to this all by-products will be absolutely controlled, and efforts made to buy up industries that are closely allied to the meat business.

Oil Fields on Fire. Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 11.—The oil field is on fire and judging by the great volume of smoke which is flowing in from Spindle top there is grave fear that great loss will be sustained if the field is not entirely destroyed. The fire started early in the evening in some waste oil along the Texas & Sabine tracks and burned about sixty feet of trestle. The cause was under control and it was believed that all danger had passed, but in the meanwhile the fire had been communicated to the field and a number of huge settling tanks containing thousands of barrels of petroleum are reported as being in the direct line of the fire, which has spread over a wide area. The ground is saturated with oil and there is no chance of stopping the progress of the flames tonight. The fire is spreading rapidly and it is believed the whole field will be ignited before daylight.

The streets are filled with people, thousands of them now on the way to the field in every sort of vehicle and afloat. There are 410 producing wells in the field, some of which are buried under earth to safeguard against fire.

The tank known as Higgins' has blown off its top and the burning oil is running along the ground, and this may be communicated to other tanks.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning the telegraph operator at Gladys says he fears he will be compelled to leave his post and all means of communication will be cut off. The entire apparatus of the fire department is being loaded on cars to be sent to the field and a large number of people will go on trains.

Mining Claims Sold. Sheriff Eilbeck yesterday afternoon sold a number of interests in mining claims at a figure that was considered ridiculously cheap and a snap for the buyers. The claims were sold at auction and as but few people were present all the persuasive powers of the sheriff's eloquence could not induce a more spirited bidding. A quarter interest in the upper 125 feet of No. 7 above upper on Dominion, a third interest in 7a and a third interest in 15 above were purchased by J. J. McNeil for \$485. A half interest in No. 1 Bee gulch, a tributary of Hunker at 35 below, was knocked down at \$110.

Appropriations are asked from the government to prevent destructive overflows of Texas rivers; the present tariff law is indorsed and protection for the newspapers of the state against libel is demanded.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

118 KILLED.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 20.—During the progress of a revival at the Shiloh Baptist Church, colored, last night, a fight arose which for a moment diverted the attention of those attending. During the fight some one animated by a spirit of criminal mischief, shouted "fire," and the result upon the hysterical, overwrought people who filled the church was as fire to oil. There was a mad rush for the narrow exits and hundreds of maddened negro worshippers trampled one another to death in many cases and inflicted such injuries in other instances that death will follow. In all one hundred and eighteen people perished. There were no whites included among the victims. Booker T. Washington was speaking when the rush occurred.

EXPERT RETURNS

A. J. Beaudette From Big Salmon

Examined Several Concessions and a Number of Hydraulic Propositions.

A. J. Beaudette, the government mining expert, returned yesterday evening from a trip of a couple of weeks into the Big Salmon district. Mr. Beaudette was accompanied by W. D. McKay, a brother-in-law of Commissioner Ross, and the purpose of his visit was for the examination of several concessions upon which he has been requested by the government to make a report. His trip extended as far south as the Big Salmon and also a number of the tributaries of Little Salmon. Among the latter visited was Walsh creek which early in '98 was the scene of quite a stampede among those who were making the trip inside over the ice. Until his report is in the hands of the acting commissioner, the recommendations and valuable opinions of Mr. Beaudette as to the Big Salmon concessions and hydraulic propositions will not be made public. It is understood, however, that the deposits in that vicinity are thought very favorably of largely on account of the shallowness of the ground and the further fact that frost does not extend to an unlimited depth beneath the surface. As long ago as '94 the old time Cassiar miners drifting down the river looked with envious eyes upon Cassiar bar and other similar deposits, wishing they were so situated that the placing thereon of suitable machinery was not quite so much of an impossibility as it was at that time. The presence in the territory of an expert under the direction of the government will be of immense advantage to the miners in determining how and by what means the mountains of low grade gravels may be best worked and at the least expense.

Nine more women, keepers of disreputable houses in South Dawson, were before Magistrate Wroughton this morning. They all pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs each. The same warning was extended to these as was given the others who were up Thursday morning. One of the women said she had been ordered out of town previously and had moved away for seventeen months and had come back only about two weeks ago. The magistrate said that he did not know by what authority they had come back to town. The law did not countenance them and as long as complaints were laid they would be prosecuted and not only the women but the people who rented them the buildings if it could be proven that they knew the buildings had been rented for immoral purposes.

Edward La Belle was remanded until Thursday of next week on both charges of murder which are preferred against him.

Knox is Entertained. Paris, Sept. 12.—M. Delcasse, the foreign minister, gave a luncheon today in honor of Attorney General Knox and M. Pavlov, the Russian minister to Korea. The guests included General Horace Porter, the United States ambassador to France, and the entire staff of the embassy. Jules Cambon, recently French ambassador at Washington, the new French ambassador to Spain; General Brugere, commander in chief of the army; Countess Cassini, niece of the Russian ambassador at Washington, and the Russian charge d'affaires here, C. M. Narichkine.

Siberian Butter. Seattle, Sept. 20.—Efforts will be made by the Russian government to secure the introduction of Siberian butter into the markets of the Pacific states. To this end special rates have been granted on the trans-Siberian railroad.

Refused to Plead. Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Dr. L. D. Kent charged with the murder of Ethel Blanch Dingle, when brought up for arraignment refused to answer any questions. The court therefore ordered a plea of not guilty to be entered in the prisoner's behalf.

Head Severed. Halifax, Sept. 20.—A car loaded with forty tons of freight passed over James Leary, an employe of the Dominion Steel Company, yesterday. The unfortunate man's head was completely severed from his body.

He-I understand Miss Thirlyoff is writing a historical novel. She-Well, she's certainly capable. She's getting somewhat historical herself.

FORCES ARE COMBINED

Government Troops to Attack Rebels

Venezuela Rebellion Takes a Turn in Favor of the Government.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Caracas, Sept. 20.—President Castro of Venezuela at the head of an army of 3,600 men has succeeded in joining Gen. Carido who has a force of 2,500 under his immediate control, and the combined armies will march immediately to attack Gen. Mendos, the revolutionary leader. The latter may retreat to Cuyote as his forces are not large enough to cope with the army now at the disposal of the government.

To Pass Dardanelles. Constantinople, Sept. 20.—Four Russian cruisers will be permitted to traverse the Dardanelles by special order of the Porte.

Cruiser Launched. Quincy, Mass., Sept. 20.—The protected cruiser Des Moines was launched today with appropriate ceremonies.

Bishop En Route. Vancouver, Sept. 20.—Bishop Breyant leaves here today en route to Dawson.

HALF BREED INEBRIATE

Takes a Nap on the Bridge

And Reports at Police Court This Morning—Dissolute Women Appear.

Pete Reding, a half-breed St. Michael Indian, one of the deck hands of the steamer Isom proceeded to cultivate a bright red jag last night and succeeded so well that when he reached about the centre of the foot bridge crossing the Klondike he lost consciousness and went to sleep, lying crosswise on the bridge. The attention of Constable Timmins was called to the prostrate form and as it was impossible to arouse him he was hauled to the barracks in a cart and did not awaken until this morning. He pleaded guilty to the charge of drunk and impeding the progress of pedestrians. He stated he was going back on the Isom which leaves tomorrow and a fine of \$2 and costs was imposed and Pet was ordered taken to the boat and put in charge of the officers.

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