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## JACK WADE IS A WONDER.

### Klondike Capitalists Captured By Its Promises.

#### Billy Chappell Puts \$32,000 Cash Into Nos. 8 and 9 Above Lower—Uncle Sam Is Awake.

Billy Chappell, one of the Klondike's best known and most successful men, has invested \$32,000 cash in Jack Wade creek property, and Falcon Joslin, likewise well known and admittedly a rarely competent judge of values, is enthusiastic over the promise of vast wealth which the district holds out to man. The two gentlemen went down there on August 24, accompanied by C. E. Shannon, who had interested them in the richness of the creek and Sidney Hope, and arrived home on Sunday night. That they were completely satisfied with their trip is very evident, for when Mr. Chappell left for home he bore in his pocket a bill of sale for a two-thirds interest in Nos. 8 and 9 above lower discovery, while his exchequer, at the same time, was short just \$32,000—and Mr. Chappell thinks he got a bargain at that. The claims were the property of Abel Bros. whom Mr. Shannon represented.

In talking to The Nugget man about the district, Mr. Joslin endeavored to observe the utmost conservatism, but he was still unable to conceal the fact that he is an enthusiast over its prospects. He produced and exhibited to the reporters' covetous gaze a handful of beautiful coarse gold and nuggets, some of the latter weighing an ounce, that he brought from No. 7, adjoining Mr. Chappell's purchase. "We stood by," said he, "and saw this taken out of the ground. This one," and he held up one of the largest, "was picked out of the ground with his finger by one of the men, just as you might pick out a potato. At No. 7 they have opened up the ground on the bench, into which they have gone from eight to ten feet; the cut is 200 feet long across the face of the bench, and every foot of it is gold bearing. On the width of the paystreak will, of course, depend the value of the claim, as it has not yet been thoroughly prospected; but if it extends to the back line of the claim and the prospects hold out, it ought to be worth a million—it will be exceedingly valuable. It is believed, too, that the paystreak is very wide, for a man lately staked back of No. 6 and struck good pay—getting a nugget worth \$117 and \$400 in fine gold from a hole 8x6 feet.

One thing that will tend to increase the value of the creek is the fact that the cost of mining is comparatively cheap—cheaper than here. It is shallow, the gold is of a high grade and it can be summer and winter diggings. There is good pay above upper discovery and good prospects below lower discovery, while everything between them is rich. The pups are also developing from 60 cents to 70 cents in the gravel of the water and are bound to be good properties. Everybody down there are happy over the prospects."

It is also learned that Mr. Chappell offered \$43,000 cash for Nos. 6 and 7 above lower, and that it was declined. Dudley McKinney, who was also down there, bought a 400-foot fraction between 3 and 4 above lower for \$10,000 cash, while Mr. Joslin admits that he

holds options on several pieces of property in the favored zone.

#### Uncle Samuel Is Awake.

Speaking of things generally, Mr. Joslin informed The Nugget man that Colonel Ray, commandant of the United States troops in the Yukon, has commenced the construction of a government public wagon road from Eagle over to the Fortymile country, and all in American territory, and that it is intended to establish a town at its terminus. Whether it will be on Jack Wade creek, on Steel creek or at Sam Patch's place has not yet been determined, but Mr. Joslin says it will, in his opinion, be the latter. The A. C. Co. are keeping tabs on the project and will establish a store at the point as soon as the question is settled. This road will undoubtedly take much trade and travel away from Fortymile. Active work was commenced on Thursday.

#### Porto Ricans Famished.

New York, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from San Juan says: The board of charity is sending out supplies by land and water daily, but petitions keep coming in from all over the country requesting food, medicines and money. There are no means of raising funds in the different localities. At Waunbo an effort was made to start a

Rico. He places the number of killed at 1000 and reiterates his estimate of 100,000 destitute. Gen. Davis says:

"In a few limited areas the coffee is half safe. In the remaining area the crop is almost totally ruined and the trees so injured that next year's crop will not exceed 50 per cent. Bananas furnished half the food and sweet potatoes, rice and corn and yams, all of which are grown here supplied the other half to 50 per cent of the inhabitants. But the bananas, beans, rice and corn are all destroyed and half the potatoes.

"I now estimate over 1000 dead and 100,000 hungry, one-half this number being homeless. Hunger will increase rather than diminish for many weeks."

#### Murder Reported.

An unconfirmed report of a murder on Last Chance reached town last night through the police, one of whom came down from Hunker to report to Colonel Steele. He said that a man named Leek had reported to Bartlett's roadhouse people on Dominion that a man was murdered on Last Chance about two weeks ago, and his body burned in his cabin to cover the crime. Leek, coming along later, found the bones of the murdered man. This is all the police know

## THE NEW YUKON BILL HERE.

### Commissioner Ogilvie Is In Receipt of a Printed Copy.

#### The Status of the Liquor Question Is Left Without Change—Taxation and Representation Provided For.

Commissioner Ogilvie was in receipt this week of notice of the passage of the new Yukon bill together with a copy of the same. It is full of importance to the people of the Klondike as it affects their interests in many ways.

As forecasted by The Nugget the bill provides for the election of two members of the Yukon council by votes of the people the qualified electors to be naturalized or native born British subjects of the age of 21 years or over who have resided in the territory for a period of 12 months. Such representative members will hold office for a period of two years. The governor in council is also authorized to appoint six members of the council which is two more than the council now contains.

Another important feature of the act is in relation to the liquor business. The manufacture of intoxicants of any kind in the territory is forbidden and the importation of liquor into the territory is prohibited except by permission of the governor in council in Ottawa. This it will be observed continues the late conditions which have been anything but satisfactory.

The prediction of The Nugget that representation in the council will be accompanied by taxation is confirmed by a paragraph of the bill reading as follows: "As soon as any members of the territorial council are elected the commissioner in council shall have the power to impose taxes for any purpose within the jurisdiction of the commissioner in council." It is a vague uncertain and unsatisfactory term and to a man up a tree can be productive of much future trouble.

The supreme court of British Columbia is constituted a court of appeals for the territory.

As the commissioner is believed to be anxious to begin taxing the people he may be expected to arrange with out loss of time for the election of the two people's representatives which is left entirely in his hands.

#### Telegraph Employes Strike.

Twenty-five men employed on the construction of the telegraph line struck for an advance of 50 cents per day. The demand was refused and Sergeant Charlson declined to arbitrate. The wages are \$2.25 to \$3.50 a day and board. The men also complained of the quality of the food. The line is now down to White river and would have reached Dawson within 15 days had it not been for the strike.

#### How Is This?

Mr. Beall has established a dog livery stable, where dogs can be rented at the reasonable sum of \$1 per day, for dog and harness. This is a venture that will be appreciated by those who will only need the use of a dog team occasionally during the winter.



BOYS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP WARM

popular subscription, but only 10 pesos were obtained.

In consequence of the putrefaction of bodies, typhoid fever has developed at Arrayo. The captains of coastwise vessels complain that the bad odors at the various ports have caused them more suffering than the hurricane. The reports of the board of health up to last Friday gave the number killed as 1973; 1000 missing; 6421 houses destroyed and 22,046 persons homeless.

Advices from Ponce state that there has been slight rioting at Cauco, but that it has been easily quelled by the local guard. The local authorities are running short of money with which to pay workmen. There are no reports of fever as yet from the south side of the island. The authorities are making strenuous efforts to relieve the country districts, where great distress is reported.

Washington, Aug. 22.—A cable dispatch has been received at the war department from Gen. Davis giving additional details of the conditions in Porto

of the affair at present, but an investigation is now being made.

W. H. Lucas, of No. 6, on Last Chance, was in Dawson Tuesday and confirmed the report, though he did not know the name of the murdered man. He says the victim was in a tent on a bench and he had undoubtedly been murdered as his skull had been crushed and the tent fired to hide the crime. He said robbery was probably the motive for the murder.

As yet the police have no more definite information of the affair.

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