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KLONDIKE NUGGET. TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1903.

CREDIT IS DUE.

It is unnecessary for the Nugget to enter into any defense of its attitude in directing criticisms at the territory's member of parliament. This paper supported Mr. Ross, willingly and cheerfully, in the belief that the pledges made by him and in his behalf would be observed and carried out to the letter.

The people were under the same impression when they elected Mr. Ross to office, and had there been grounds for any other belief he could not have been successful. Mr. Ross was elected because the voters of the territory were convinced that in him they would have a representative who would present their grievances before parliament in a manner that would command a hearing and bring about desired results. In this they have been disappointed and very justly they complain.

The circumstances find somewhat of a parallel in the position occupied by the present commissioner. During the latter's recent visit to Whitehorse he explained his vote against the Treadgold memorial by the contention that as an appointee of the interior department he must adapt himself to the policies of his superiors or be liable to censure from them, just as would be the case with a corporation representative who ran counter to the wishes of his employers.

Mr. Ross is the chosen delegate of the people from whom alone he is presumed to take instructions. When he fails in carrying out the people's desires he makes himself amenable to popular criticism. Applying the standard of comparison as laid down by Commissioner Congdon, it will be seen that Mr. Ross has fallen far short of what the people reasonably anticipated would result from his election.

Mr. Ross was sent to Ottawa for the specific purpose of presenting certain necessary reforms before the Dominion parliament, but so far as the people are aware he has scarcely been present in the house during the entire session. Moreover, no explanation has been forthcoming of his apparent failure to perform his duties, excepting the contradictory statements that from time to time have been made with reference to the condition of his health.

None of these, however, have emanated from Mr. Ross, he evidently not having considered it necessary to keep his constituents informed as to any of his purposes and intentions.

In view of the comparison established by the commissioner, it is pertinent to inquire as to the action which would be taken by a corporation upon discovering through indirect means that a trusted agent sent upon an important mission, had left his post without informing his principals and was engaged in other affairs at a point 3000 miles distant. Certainly a demand for an explanation under such circumstances would

not be considered improper, and in all probability the parties most affected would not stop to consider that phase of the matter. They would be more apt to request an immediate resignation. The people of this territory have trusted Mr. Ross as few men have ever been trusted, and it is most unfortunate that their faith should be shaken. Such, however, is the case and nothing but credit is due those supporters of Mr. Ross who possess the courage and honesty to recognize the situation as it exists and ask for an explanation.

NOT A POOR MAN'S CAMP.

The responsibility for sending many poor unfortunates on the long, wearisome and fruitless stamped to Tanana, rests very largely with the Sun. The sensational, and purely imaginary reports, which appeared in that paper, caused many a man to give up a lucrative position in Dawson and join the stamped. The "special" correspondents sent by the Sun to Tanana turned out to be excellent manufacturers of highly colored yarns and the tales they told possessed no foundation in fact.

The prediction of this paper that the Tanana would not prove to be a poor man's country has been amply verified.

In time and with the aid of capital and machinery the camp will undoubtedly become a producer, but under existing circumstances it offers no inducement to the pick and shovel man.

If anyone objects to the proposal of the city council to erect a new fire hall in which to concentrate the department, now is the time to make such objection known. The construction of the building contemplated will require the expenditure of a considerable sum of money and if there are any taxpayers who do not approve of the outlay it is their right and duty to give their views to the public. If the plan is undertaken without objection, no one should enter any complaints in the future.

An indication of the activity which would result from a plentiful water supply in this camp may be found on some of the hills where pumping plants have been established. A proper water system would entirely revolutionize the situation.

This territory is evidently in higher favor with Providence than it is with parliament. At any rate the former is doing something to supply the district with water, while the latter is doing nothing.

Lost—One commission, said to have been appointed to investigate the Treadgold concession. Finder please forward by express to Dawson.

The Sun editorialist possesses marvelous facility with the scissors.

The Yukon Commission. Last week the prime minister submitted to the house of commons the order-in-council defining the duties of the commissioners who are to investigate the Treadgold hydraulic concessions in the Yukon. Two months ago we called attention to the pro-

ject of the Dawson board of trade against these concessions, which it described as "the greatest steal of modern times," and we also urged the government to give the representations of the Klondike people ample consideration. The Yukon Sun, which is a government organ, asserted that the people were "a unit in making demand and would insist upon government protection from monopoly of Treadgold octopus." The Dawson board of trade claimed that the Treadgold concession was "one of the most iniquitous measures ever inflicted upon a people, and meant the virtual bankruptcy of all the property holders of Dawson and surrounding territory. By the order-in-council of April 21, 1902, Mr. Treadgold and his associates were given the sole and prior right to divert and take water from the Klondike and other rivers, which was estimated to produce a total of water at Treadgold's command of thirteen thousand inches or two hundred and sixty sluiceways of fifty inches per sluiceway, costing the miners \$78,000 a day, or \$10,140,000 a year of a hundred and thirty sluicing days, which is the length of the sluicing season in the Klondike. Mr. Treadgold, by the same order-in-council, was granted other concessions, such as having his property exempt from taxation and the fees charged to other property holders. The Dawson board of trade declared that all the hill claim-owners would have to go to Treadgold for their water or allow their claims to be unoperated for want of it, so that the whole district would be in the power of one man or a syndicate.

It has been asked what influence induced the government to project this grant. Undoubtedly the government honestly granted the concession for what it deemed at the time the best interests of the country. It is plain that no one was more astounded at the unanimity of disapproval from the Klondike than the ministers themselves. But if the government had no arriere pense, it was certainly very kindly disposed towards Mr. Treadgold. The News, of Toronto, of which the managing director is Mr. J. S. Willison, a friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as very plain spoken in this connection. "There is a great deal of continuity about the Yukon administration scandals," it says. "In rebuttal of the general charges of Sir Hibbert Tupper, concerning maladministration, the government's chief witness was one Treadgold who gave the rulers a clean bill of health. Treadgold's evidence was somewhat discounted at the time by charges that he was being exceptionally favored; and the episode was followed by the Treadgold concession and the most furious storm of protest ever raised in the mining district." Mr. Justice Britton has been asked by the government to sit at the head of the commission to investigate the Treadgold concessions and the government is angry with the Opposition for criticizing that action. Yet it is undeniable that Judge Britton's was a political appointment pure and simple.

Judge Britton three years ago was the chief defender, along with the solicitor-general, against the demand for a Yukon commission, and as the News says again, Judge Britton goes out "as a judicial commissioner to investigate the treatment accorded by his former client (the government) to his star witness of three years ago (Mr. Treadgold). He has been able to pass from his former forensic attitude to one of complete impartiality in the intervening period, he certainly possesses an extraordinary agility of mind." It would seem to be invariably unfortunate when questions of political bearing are submitted to judges with political ante-

cedents, with such unerring uniformity are their findings in the line of their political preferences. No one doubts the honesty with which they came to their conclusions, but on the other hand no one ever believes such findings to be unbiased. The worst of it is that the glamor that should surround the judiciary is lost when it is found that like other men they are governed by their prejudices. Though all who know Judge Britton have the sincerest respect for him it is certain that if he accepts this appointment the country will consider the case prejudged. The present order-in-council defining the duties of the commissioners sets forth among other matters:

"That it is important in the public interest that enquiry be made for the purpose of obtaining information showing to what extent the said grant and concession is likely to be beneficial to the mining interests of the Yukon territory; that it is also desirable at the same time that the enquiry should not be limited to the said grant and concession, but should extend to all similar hydraulic concessions granted in the Yukon territory."

The Dawson people, however, not only want the government "to disallow this Treadgold grant," but to supply the water itself at such a price as would pay for the installation of the plant in about eight years. This is asked for because the need of the Klondike country is stated as being "not the creation of monopolies, but their prevention, and the encouragement of individual miners by securing equal privileges and opportunities to all so far as the law and the administration can provide them."—Montreal Weekly Witness, June 16.

OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED

Congratulations Are Extended to King Peter

Boycott Against the New King of Serbia Has Been Partially Raised.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Belgrade, June 26.—The Kings of Italy and Roumania, the President of France, and the Prince Montenegro have added their congratulations to King Peter of Serbia. These are taken as constituting official recognition.

RECORDER BONNIFIELD.

John Still Holds Official Position at Fairbanks

Letters received in Dawson by the Rock Island from Tanana conveyed the information that John Bonfield, who was one of the first to leave Dawson for the new camp last spring, still holds the position of mining recorder at Fairbanks, he having been tendered the job shortly after his arrival.

Mr. Bonfield himself writes: that there is a great future for the Tanana country and that those who stay with it will demonstrate to the world that the many creeks are rich in gold. He writes that he will come to Dawson on a brief business trip early in August.

CONSTABLE WHITE

Drowned in Yukon Yesterday Near Tantalus

A telegram received at the barracks yesterday evening conveyed news of the drowning of Constable White in the Yukon at Tantalus late yesterday afternoon. Tantalus is in H. division, the commanding officer of which, Major Snyder, is stationed at Whitehorse. Constable White was one of the recruits brought to the Yukon from the outside within the past year. No details of the drowning were given in the wire received.

Miss Bosting—They say she's extremely haughty.

Miss Tours—I should say. The last time I saw her she went sailing down the street as—

Miss Bosting—Why do you use that senseless expression? How could she go "sailing" down the street?

Miss Tours—Easy enough, this was in Philadelphia Press.

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STORY OF HARD LUCK

How "Mother" Abbott Went Broke

She Went Against the First Bank of Marshbank at Tanana for 8000 Copecks.

From people who returned from Tanana yesterday it is learned that for a short time and about six weeks or two months ago and until the "five ones" went broke gambling flourished like a green bay tree in the town of Fairbanks.

Among the high rollers was "Mother" Abbott, a former land-mark of Grand Forks where she not only lived but prospered for some years before being taken with the Tanana fever. She left for the new camp in March taking with her one of the most complete outfits that left Dawson during the rush. Everything "Mother" took was of the best. She took four good horses and a number of men, she outfitting the expedition and footing all the bills. In addition to her costly supply "Mother" is said to have left with \$8000 in long green safely stored away in her hoary. She reached Fairbanks with her caravan just about the time the First Bank of Marshbank opened for business. She bought a stack of blues and started in to buck the tiger—heard the lion in his den, the Douglas in his hall. The reports are to the effect that "Mother" played with indifferent success; that sometimes she would quit a few copecks ahead of the game and maybe at the next sitting would lose her former winnings and be compelled to go to her horse for more capital. As a rule she lost more than she won and the ultimate result was that one day she invested her last \$50, put her stack on the queen and copped it. The queen won open and "Mother" lost. When the Rock Island left Fair-

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banks "Mother" was still there, but she was broke and no one in the camp had sufficient money to stake her to open a "flyer."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

FAIRVIEW—A. Ross, D. Ryan, Wm. Campbell, J. R. McGowan, D. Edwards, Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Bellastine, G. Daniel, George Dupre, Mike Dolmer, Matt A. Keon, J. Rose, Thos. O'Donald, Jr., Wm. Tinkham, J. S. Tejly, J. M. Dolan, T. A. Johnson.

EMPIRE—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Rose, W. R. McKinnon, C. D. McKenzie, P. R. McRae, E. La France, B. T. Beatty, Mrs. Wilson, Alex. Hadden, Lockie McKinnon, S. R. Clark, C. J. Quinnan, Wm. Lloyd, Kennedy.

KLONDIKE—J. W. Darling, Mrs. Clara Russell, P. F. McCabe, O. D. Tystad, D. Caldwell, R. Rose, S. S. Dowd, E. Peterson, Peter Iversen, Jack Gustav.

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FLUME ON BEDROCK

First Application Made for Such

For Use on Lower Dominion Draining the Hillside of Left Limit.

Last week an application at the gold commissioner right the like of which has not been asked for. F. W. Tystad, who carries six to eight acres from 33 below lower to 33 associates have asked for a claim 89 for the purpose of draining the lower half of hillsides the lower half of 88 and the upper half of 89. Dominion at that time the creek is wide from rim, the side line of the left limit being in the rise to the hill—scarcely perceptible. The distance from lines to the water is probably 1500 feet, the creek flows over to the right limit and meters of the drain are of iron that the distance is so that perfect drainage of rock on the hills can be opening a ditch covering the distance.

Quite a body of pay exist vicinity but it is so low to work it by the ordinary it can hardly be made. With the muck stripped of deficient water at hand the all be driven by hydraulic through the bedrock from enormous sum, recovered at of comparatively little. Mr. is heavily interested in the 80's and will doubtless be a factor in opening up the which gives such prospect as a large scale.

Another portion of Dominion will blossom under the sufficient water is that down past the mouth of and Sulphur. The Eland flume which has been built of about 130,000 will be within another week and turn in the water. It is feet on the bottom and eight to ten sluiceways. Many of the rich beds right limit of Dominion which now are comparatively less.

Corbett's Weight. While finishing up his town at Los Angeles, J. during an hour of leisure a fashionable store on 5th. Quite a crowd had gathered weighing scale and were were amusing themselves in each other. Corbett that he was not known, offered himself to be weighed. He stepped on the scale and the fact that he tipped at 195 pounds immediately the admiration of all those "God, but you're a big punch in the ribs by one who exclaimed mysteriously.

"That's Jim Corbett, fighter." The farmer retreated. As Corbett stepped down the scale he said: "If there were here that can tell me take on five more pounds, him 199."

By this assertion on Corbett it is quite evident contemplates a hard battle here and is of the opinion consulting more weight of winning the heavy championship would be appropriate. One of the spectators, who here, says:

His countenance is like a volcano bright. His heart is made. His hair is red. His eyes are blue. His words are hard. His blood is hot.

It appears, however, that he is able to pull himself together. He is a Chicago Red-Division. There are on the Chicago non-weighting pounds. Billie Lloyd is now comes at the Empire