

HARD LUCK FOLLOWS HIM.

George Lion's Brewing Plant and Beer Seized by Police.

He Thinks He Is Not Being Treated Justly by About 100 Per Cent—Story of His Experiences.

George Lion, proprietor of Villa de Lion at West Dawson, seems to be getting his own and somebody else's share of experience with Yukon liquor regulations, and his case may be cited as a good illustration of the hardships with which people in the Klondike are sometimes obliged to contend. As everybody knows, Mr. Lion has a brewery at West Dawson and conducts a pleasure resort under the title of Villa de Lion, where meals, lunches and drinks are dispensed. He keeps a steam ferryboat running to and from the city, employs several people in the various branches of his business, and manages to spend quite a bit of money. He is an educated, gentlemanly fellow, who once followed the calling of a preacher, and he is now endeavoring very industriously to earn a livelihood and get along in the world, the same as everybody else

of his case. He replied in a frank and fearless manner:

"To begin at the proper place," said Mr. Lion, "I should say that in March last I went to Colonel Steele to ascertain if it would be necessary for me to take out a license for making my beer. I described its ingredients to him, told him it was non-intoxicating and a really health-giving article, and he told me if that were true to go ahead with the business. There was no trouble until the last of June, at which time Mr. McGregor came over to my place and forbade my men brewing any more beer. I was not there at the time, so I called upon Mr. McGregor in town, told him I was a law-abiding citizen and wanted to do only the right thing, but I could not see why I was forbidden to make a drink like mine, which had never yet made a man drunk and never could. He said if the ingredients of the beer were as I described, I could go on making it. Thus, you see, I had the authority of two high officials to make my beer. It happened, however, that I had a large stock of beer on hand and I did not make any more after Mr. McGregor had told me it would be all right. On Monday last the gentleman came over to my place, bought a bottle of beer and went away with it; on Tuesday I was arrested on a charge of making beer, whereas the beer bought by Mr. Mc-

I demanded to know how they came to be so exorbitant and was told that \$15 was for Mr. McGregor, who was the prosecutor, although the gentleman only sat in the court like an ordinary spectator."

Mr. Lion's case will be tried by Col. Steele at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

To Board Themselves.

The practice of boarding its 48 employees and officials in the log houses provided for the purpose on the police reserve is to be abandoned this week by the government. At the time the system was inaugurated two years ago the employees were not numerous, and accommodations were scarce; the system was then a good thing and was very popular among the employees. For some time, however, the number has been too large for the facilities provided for their proper accommodation, and much discontent was created. During the winter, too, complaint was heard of the quality of food provided, only the commonest kind of fare, it is said, having been furnished. As a result of the kick made at the time, there was an improvement in the diet, but the system has never regained its popularity and the commissioner this week decided to institute a new one. It is understood that the employees and officials will now organize messes and find

NO GOLD IN THE ROCKIES.

Capt. Anderson Returns From an Extended Prospecting Trip.

Says No Gold Exists Between Hunker and Porcupine—Quartz Will Be Found on Stewart, if Anywhere.

Captain Anderson and Captain Robertson arrived home on Thursday night from a 10 weeks' prospecting tour in the upper Klondike, Porcupine and Stewart river countries. Their route lay up the south fork 20 miles, across country to the north fork, up that stream to its head, then over the divide to Porcupine. After prospecting there they turned south, passing around the headwaters of the Klondike and touching at McQuesten river in the Stewart country, thence back to the south fork of the Klondike and home.

They prospected diligently on many fine creeks, but only colors were found and they were on bedrock. They visited the camp of the Frenchmen on the south fork and of the Australians, where they washed many pans and personally prospected the creek, but found only a few colors. They are satisfied the stories of the finds are false. "Why," said Captain Anderson "if I had all the gold I washed from a thousand pans during the 10 weeks I was out, I wouldn't have a dollar's worth."

Owing to the fact that rimrock is exposed on the creeks, prospecting was comparatively easy. As a result of their research, Capt. Anderson is satisfied that there is no gold between Hunker and the Porcupine and the Rocky mountains. He also searched diligently for quartz, but without success. It was noticeable, however, that the formation grew richer and more promising as they progressed toward Stewart river, and the captain says that if quartz is ever struck in this country it will be there.

There are not many men here, probably, who are better versed in a knowledge of geological formation than Captain Anderson, and his report of the country traversed by him will therefore be of importance.

On the way home, Captain Anderson traded his horse for passage to Dawson in a canoe; and at a point just below the canyon the canoe was overturned, spilling the three men into the water and nearly drowning them. Their guns, clothing, memoranda, maps and other things were lost in the river.

Trail Work Commenced.

Work was commenced on the government trail Thursday by Patterson & Cleveland and Fraser, Fawcett & Cameron, the two firms receiving contracts. The first named began at a point on the south bank of the Klondike river nearly opposite the lower ferry, which connects it with a trail now existing on the north bank of the river. From there they will construct five miles of trail, which will be to a point well up on top of the hills parallel with Bonanza. The other firm takes up the work there and will build six miles more.

The commissioner and Col. Steele both say that the balance of the trail will be hurried along with all the speed possible.



ROCKING ON THE BEACH AT CAPE NOME.
From a photograph furnished the Nugget through the courtesy of Dr. Benson.

who climbed the Chilcoot heights and braved the dangers of the Whitehorse rapids.

On two occasions this summer, Mr. Lion has been arrested on complaint of the town police for selling liquor contrary to the local regulations, and was fined for each, though he put up a defense against each charge. The Nugget is not acquainted with the merits of these cases and has nothing to say about them, one way or another. On Wednesday of this week, however, Mr. Lion's brewery plant and stock of beer was seized by the police at the instance of Mr. McGregor, and he was placed under arrest on a charge of manufacturing beer contrary to that wonderful regulation which prohibits the manufacture of beer in the Yukon territory. The Nugget considered that an occasion where Mr. Lion should be heard on the subject, and he was asked for a statement

Gregor was from the old stock and I have not made any since he first told me not to. You will see how unjust it is; besides, they claim to have found 57-100 per cent of alcohol in the beer, whereas, in truth, it is almost free from alcohol.

"The policy of the government seems to prevent the development of the country. Instead of protecting and encouraging the men who brought in materials, put up buildings and gave employment to laborers, it forbids the operation of the manufactories, and turns the market over to the manufacturers of Chicago, St. Louis and other cities, thus depriving needy men in the Klondike of employment and keeping money outside. I call it an outrage.

"In addition to having my place seized and closed, I also have \$3000 sewed up in liquors at Log Cabin as a result of the government's order forbidding importing, notwithstanding I had a permit from Colonel Steele and Mr. Ogilvie. The goods would be worth \$6000 to me now, besides which I am deprived of the use of my money. The other day, too, when I was fined \$100 for alleged liquor selling during prohibited hours, I was taxed \$32 for costs

living quarters elsewhere about town, and will be allowed a stipulated sum each—said to be \$75 per month—for expenses. Some of them may continue to room in the present quarters, but will take their meals elsewhere.

Notice.

If J. W. Houghton, formerly of Dallas, Texas, is in Dawson City or vicinity, anyone knowing his present location will confer a favor upon his anxious brother, B. E. Houghton, of Dallas, Texas, by informing him thereof or leaving his address at the office of The Nugget.

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