

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## STAUNCH BRITONS

### Will Meet Tonight to Discuss Plans for Their Financial Salvation

### AND OTHER MATTERS OF MOMENT

### Which Foretell Pending Ruin to the Klondike.

### TO STOP CAR OF JAUGERNAUT

### List of Important Questions Which Will Be Up for Discussion.

From Saturday's Daily.

Everything is in readiness for the meeting of British subjects which is to be held in the Palace Grand tonight, from which time it is confidently believed and hoped will date the gleaming of the beacon light which will guide from the slough of despond and despair the governmental affairs of the Yukon territory.

Tonight's meeting will unquestionably be the largest gathering of representative, perfectly organized British patriots ever held north of Victoria. The citizens committee, to whom several months ago was entrusted the responsibility and power to act in the matter of instituting measures for the betterment of conditions and the alleviating of suffering, superinduced by governmental oppression, has well and faithfully labored in the discharge of the duty entrusted to it, and has not to the extent of jot or little betrayed an iota of the trust reposed in it by the people.

The meeting tonight has, in the wisdom of this committee, been called for the purpose of again giving to every

subject in the territory an opportunity of giving his views as to the progress made or not made, and of offering any advice, suggestions or methods by which the unattained may be brought about.

No British subject need hesitate to speak tonight, no matter how humble his station in life may be, as the meeting is of the people, by the people and for the people, and it is to get the untrammelled, honest expression of the people that the meeting is called.

Several questions considered to be of paramount importance will come before the meeting in the following order: Report of citizens' committee. Disposition of Sugrue resolution, consideration of which was deferred at the last meeting.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the royalty.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the local taxation ordinance.

Consideration of a resolution respecting the secret meetings of the Yukon council.

Consideration of a resolution respecting toll bridge and other exclusive franchises.

Other questions may also be brought up for consideration during the meeting. Many Britons are down from the creeks and will be in attendance. They feel that unless there is mitigation of the royalty injustice at once, financial ruin cannot be averted.

It is reported that the friends of the local representatives of the council will attend the meeting, and it is further stated that the various members of the Yukon council will also be present.

The "organ" printed an on-the-troubled-water article yesterday and copies of it were handed around the streets without money and without price. The "organ" which is known to be "boot-black" to the local administration, closes its production with an appeal to "Men of the Yukon" to allow no demagogue to stuff them with delusions and mouth paintings of local hardships. The meeting tonight will probably act independent of all advice from the "organ," whose disguise of sheep's clothing is so worn as to be transparent.

**For the Good Cause.**  
Mrs. Capt. Wood has undertaken a novel plan for aiding the sufferers in the Ottawa fire. She is securing contributions of steamboat tickets from the various companies which will be raffled off to the public and the proceeds given to the Ottawa fund. The plan is meeting with great success and the lady anticipates a goodly sum to be realized from the raffie.

**Entertainment Postponed.**  
The entertainment which was to be given at the free reading room on Monday night has been postponed until Tuesday. Arrangements have been completed for a splendid program which will be rendered on the latter named date.

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## CASE IS WINNER

### He Stops Smith in Five Rounds at the Palace Grand Last Night.

### "GO" STOPPED BY SERGT. WILSON

### Smith Not in the Same Class With Case.

### IT WAS A PICNIC FOR DICK.

### His Opponent Shows Great Tenacity and Puts Up a Very Creditable Defense.

The Palace Grand was packed last night to witness the go between Case and Smith, and great enthusiasm was displayed at the early part of the contest by the onlookers for the clever work of Smith in ducking the fierce leads of his opponent. All through the go, however, Case showed his superiority, as Smith was almost continually on the defensive and when leading being too slow to catch Case, who easily got away apparently at will, or guarding clean without leaving an opening for Smith to get in his work. The go lasted five rounds and was practically a knockout, Smith being unable to defend himself owing to the severe punishment, inflicted upon him by Case, who knocked him to the floor time and again. Smith showed great grit and a great deal of sympathy is expressed for him as he is a decent fellow, and has made a host of friends. He was entirely outmatched by Case, however, and in the opinion of many he could have been put out in two or three rounds, should Case have desired.

Dick is certainly a wonder in his class and it is a question whether there is a man in the territory who has any license to win a go he contests.

Jim Donaldson was chosen by the contestants as referee and Curly Munroe as official time keeper.

Prior to the opening of hostilities Mr. Barber, a recent arrival in Dawson, issued his second defy to the winner of the go which was accepted by both men, and after the contest by Case, who said he would be ready to meet him on the 22d of the present month. Barber is supposed to be clever, but the sports say he is a better boxer than a fighter.

Time was called at 11:30, with Smith leading. The following is the go by rounds:

Round 1—Smith feints with left, Case returning lead but short; again leading and guarding return prettily, Case smiling at Smith's efforts to reach him, then rushing in with left swing, but Smith ducked cleverly, both coming together in a rush almost throwing Case to the floor. Smith led with left, Case returning and landing with jab on the jaw, following with upper cut, landing low on chest; time was called here, both men taking their corners looking fresh and vigorous.

Round 2—Smith led for wind and landed light, Case driving in left on ribs, followed by upper cut, then left and right, all landing. Smith led left, but Case got easily away. Case again driving in on ribs, then an uppercut as Smith ducked for an expected swing, following with right and left. Here both men struck out left and got in a stiff punch, Case coming back with a stiff punch on jaw, Smith returning and landing left; both men again landed lefts at same time. Case started aggressively with a rush, landing left on jaw twice and drawing blood, Smith returning lead, which was easily guarded by Case.

Round 3—Both men came to the center fresh and willing, Case leading left, Smith returning same on Case's jaw. Case returns with terrific swing, but

Smith ducks cleverly, again swinging for his man he catches Smith with an upper-cut as Smith ducks, landing on his jaw; another left swing catches Smith, followed by an upper cut which is half blocked. Case leads again twice, Smith ducking and escaping punishment, Case coming in with a strong right on the head. Smith swings and misses, followed by another left which lands lightly.

Round 4—In this round Case evidently goes in to make trouble, whipping out his arms like a catapult and landing repeatedly, first with left on jaw, returning same again, then right on body and left on jaw, then an uppercut, missing two left swings. Smith drove left in on Case's wind; Case swings again and misses, slipping from the force of his blow and falling to the floor on his hands, quickly jumping up, with Smith leading and landing on Case's jaw.

Round 5—Case rushed at the call of time, but is blocked, Smith landing left. Case gets in a heavy upper-cut, then left and right, knocking Smith to the floor, the latter blow reaching as Smith is falling. Yells of foul from onlookers, the referee deciding no foul was made. At the count of eight Smith regained his feet, Case rushing and getting in left and right on body and face, bringing Smith again to the floor. At the count of nine Smith regained his feet, but in a helpless condition, and is brought to the floor again. Sergeant Wilson very properly interfered here, telling the referee to stop the contest which he did by leading Smith to his corner.

Neither man was injured, Smith regaining his strength in a few moments. Case then shook hands with Smith and came forward and declared he would accept the challenge of Barber.

### Beginning to Show.

The results of the work being done by Sergeant Wilson's men on First avenue are now becoming quite apparent, and the good that will follow will be apparent for all time to come. By the time the work has been under way a few weeks the street will not be recognizable as the same thoroughfare it was a few days ago and before the work of improvement was inaugurated.

### Officers Elected.

At a regular meeting of Dawson Camp, No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood, held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Arctic chief, Dr. L. O. Wilcox; vice-arctic chief, Sergeant A. McIntosh; arctic recorder, L. J. White; keeper of nuggets, Rudy Kalenborn; chaplain, Lew Craden; camp alchemist, S. G. Edwards; trustees, Messrs. Shindler, Hobbs, Cowan, McRae and Wild.

The arctic chief named the following appointive officers: Arctic trail guide, F. N. Atwood; arctic trail blazer, Sergeant E. Davis; arctic camp cook, R. Ormsby; keeper of inner tollgate, A. J. Mangold; keeper of outer tollgate, Geo. G. Cantwell; Whitehorse pilot, H. B. Lyons; finance committee, Messrs. Donald B. Olson, Leroy Tozier and R. B. Condon. Auditing committee, Lew Craden, J. L. Sale and J. S. Cowan. Visiting committee, the arctic chief, arctic recorder, Lew Craden, C. B. Zabriska and Sergeant A. McIntosh.

### Probably Mean Nothing.

One day during the week just closing a chief clerk in one of the government offices was called before the police court in the capacity of a witness, when it was noticed that, in taking the oath, the chief clerk in one of the government offices held the copy of the Holy Bible in his left hand.

### Christian Science.

Services at McDonald hall on Sunday at 11 a. m. All are cordially welcome.

## HILL IS CLEARED

### The Jury in the Murder Case Returned a Verdict of Not Guilty.

### THE TRIAL TERMINATED LAST NIGHT

### The Ultimate Result is Approved By Everybody.

### THE PRISONER EXONERATED.

### The Attorneys Who Conducted the Action Displayed Great Zeal and Marked Ability.

At 9 o'clock last evening the jury in the case of the Queen vs. Charles Hill returned a verdict of not guilty. Despite the lateness of the hour, a large number of persons had assembled in the court room for the purpose of witnessing the last scene of the most important criminal trial which has occurred during the current year, and the final announcement of the prisoner's innocence was received with approval by the audience.

Soon after the noon recess yesterday the testimony was concluded. Then Attorney McKay delivered an address in defense of the accused; the counsel for the prisoner carefully reviewed the evidence; he explained in an exceedingly plausible manner the theory of justifiable homicide, and his consummate arraignment of facts and application of legal principles greatly assisted the jury in its consideration of the issue.

Crown Prosecutor Wade presented the case for the crown. He made an exceedingly able and masterly argument, and at times, his plea was impassioned.

The judge's charge to the jury was eminently fair and impartial, and the instructions contained a comprehensive and precise statement of the law applicable to the particular facts which had been deduced from the testimony of the respective witnesses.

At 5:30 p. m., the jury retired, and it was expected that only a few minutes would elapse before the rendition of the final determination. About a half an hour later, the jurors returned to the court room; they requested some further legal instructions, which the justice granted, and then an adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock in the evening.

At the appointed hour the jurors were conducted to their seats in the court room and the announcement was made that they had arrived at a verdict. The prisoner, from his position in the dock, anxiously scanned the faces of the men who had determined his fate, as each individual juror responded to the call of his name, the accused glanced eagerly at the respective members of the panel for some sign or manifestation of their conclusion. Ultimately, Mr. Soell, the court clerk, addressed the following question to the foreman of the jury:

"Is the prisoner guilty, or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," was the quiet response; and to the accused those short and simple words were the sweetest that any tongue could utter.

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