

RIVAL TELEGRAPH LINES TO DAWSON

May Result in a Speedily Built Line Into Dawson.

Police Regulations Being Enforced at the Summit; But Do Not Affect Atlin Stampeders—Must Have Money and Food.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20.—The fight in London, Eng., between two rival telegraph companies who want to string a wire to the Klondike has been watched with much interest here, and it appears that the Canadian, British Columbian & Dawson City Telegraph Company is getting the worst of it. Two letters addressed by Hon. A. C. Blair, minister of railways, to a person whose name is suppressed, but who is presumably Col. Domville, M. P., show that the government has approved of the scheme of the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company. Minister Blair writes one letter, warning the unnamed person that his rival has been interviewing the government for aid, and says: "I mention this so that you may learn what is moving and as an additional reason which may urge you to such activity in the prosecution of your enterprise as is practicable. I told this gentleman very frankly that my department had an understanding with you, and that we were giving you a preference, at least until we were satisfied that you were delaying in pushing work unduly, and I said that upon that point we would not be in a position to form an opinion until next spring."

In another letter Minister Blair says: "I am very much pleased indeed to learn that it is your intention, representing the Northern Commercial Company, limited, to proceed without unnecessary delay with the construction of a telegraph line from the coast to Dawson, to be followed with reasonable dispatch by the laying of a cable or cables to a point of connection with the line on land. The government is extremely desirous that private enterprise should take up this work and that it should be prosecuted without delay, and the needs of the district are such that we believe an enterprise of this nature will be found extremely profitable. You may rely upon receiving the countenance and approval of the government in carrying this enterprise forward to a successful issue."

The "Summit" Regulations.

The following from the Seattle P.-I. shows that the police are thoroughly enforcing the order issued by Colonel Steele some months ago:

The mounted police of the Northwest Territory have again placed the ban on prospectors risking their lives by plunging into the interior without money and with very light outfits. A required outfit of supplies and money must be carried, or the gates of the golden land are shut up tight.

This police regulation saved many lives last year. It also saved the police a great deal of trouble and the government much expense. The police do not object to helping a man who has been unfortunate in losing his supplies, and have helped scores. They do object to prospectors going into the interior with a few hundred pounds of supplies and no money, with the intention of throwing themselves on the charity of the police in case they get stranded.

This year the requirements are rather stiff. In order to go to the Yukon one must have three months' supplies and \$500 in cash, or six months' supplies and \$200. Klondikers who came out past Tagish Post were told by the Captain of Police in charge there that these regulations would be enforced to the letter.

The rule does not apply to prospectors going into the Atlin country. Old time Yukoners, those who have property in the camp and who are returning for the winter are not compelled to show up money and supplies. They are compelled, however, to prove their identity to the satisfaction of the officer in charge.

A Big Mail.

To Mr. M. A. Mahoney are Dawsonites largely indebted for the breaking of the mail blockade brought about by the failure of P. C. Richardson to fulfil his contract. Mr. Mahoney went out over the ice last fall, and his departure was duly chronicled in these columns. Of immense physique and unwearied constitution, the trip proved but child's play to him. On his way out the congested condition of the mails at Skaguay, Bennett and Tagish had attracted his attention, and arriving at Victoria, one of the best gentlemen sought out and interviewed by

Mr. Mahoney was the Canadian postmaster-general, Mr. Fletcher. Explanations were made and then a letter was given to A. C. James, the assistant postmaster-general, with whom a contract was quickly made whereby Mahoney was to get so much per pound for picking up all stranded Canadian mail found anywhere along the route and forwarding it to Dawson. Written orders were also given him on P. G. Richardson to turn over any and all mail which was not already being pushed forward with dispatch. Then a correspondence was opened with Washington, and similar terms were made for the moving of American mail.

Hastily securing several sacks of private mail, Mahoney commenced picking up deserted mail at Skaguay. An American officer accompanied the party as far as Tagish, to verify the weights of the American mail picked up. At Linderman and Bennett and at Tagish, was found enough mail to make a grand total of 2,200 pounds. Some of it had been cached under an old boat on Lake Bennett; some of it was lying at road houses; some of it was at stores, but the bulk was cached away at police stations. All but some 600 pounds was Canadian mail. With three men, twenty-seven dogs and four sleds the load was started for Dawson.

From Mahoney we learn that P. C. Richardson had been making weakly efforts to move the mail which was turned over to him at Skaguay, and by fits and starts moved the bulk of it to Tagish. Men would be hired with teams of horses and dogs, and would quit after a day or so of ineffectual musing, and would make their way back to Skaguay. At last, abandoning all but 1,300 pounds, Richardson's men made an effort to get ahead of Mahoney, whom they had probably heard was coming behind to relieve them of all pretense to be trying to fulfill their contract. They were passed some five days back by Mr. Mahoney, who arrived in town Wednesday evening with his welcome but ancient mail sacks.

The incidents of the trip were of course very numerous, Mahoney making the phenomenal time out of 22 1/2 days from Dawson to Skaguay. On the way in one of his men, named Billy Wickoff, of Port Townsend, froze both feet very badly, and had to be left behind at Selkirk. The others of the party nipped their ears and fingers a couple of times, but nothing more serious.

Some 700 pounds of the mail brought in by Mahoney is for Eagle City and Circle City, and he intends starting out for those points in a very few days.

The Richardson mail may be expected now at any date.

Social Side of Life.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Crawford gave a party on Wednesday evening to a number of friends consisting of Messrs. McArthur, Edwards, Whittren, Lampe, Clayton and Kallenborn and Miss Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson. Several popular musical selections were excellently rendered by Mr. Lampe on the violin; Messrs. Kallenborn and Edwards on the guitar and mandolin, after which the company joined in songs. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all present voted Mr. and Mrs. Crawford entertainers of the first class.

Dame rumor says that Dr. Wharton will give a bachelor's party at his quarters in the A. C. Annex tonight.

Miss McGarvey entertained a number of friends at dancing on Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Those present included Misses Ronnow and Myrthil and Messrs. Daly, Williams, Kallenborn and Northway.

Mrs. J. M. Pickel entertained a number of friends in honor of her guest, Mrs. Anna T. Moulton of No. 39 below on Hunker, Monday evening. The evening was very pleasantly passed with music and games with an exhibition of legdemania by Prof. George. The feature of the evening was the dainty luncheon prepared by the hostess. There were present Mrs. J. M. Pickel, Mrs. Moulton, Miss Josephine Pickel and Mrs. Noble; Messrs. George, Hemen Storey, Boundy and Allen.

The Dawson Club Social.

The Dawson Club gave the third in their series of monthly entertainments at the club rooms on Wednesday evening, March 1st. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the assembled guests. The following program was rendered:

Instrumental duet, Dr. Sutherland and Mrs. Barrio; solo, "Queen of the Earth," Mr. Cope; solo, "O Promise Me," Mr. Storry; recitation, "Barbara Frietchie," Miss Josephine Pickel; solo, "Kentucky Babe," Mr. Robertson; solo, "Should he Uphold," with violin accompaniment by Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. Davison; encore, "Twickenham Ferry"; recitation, "Mr. Travers' First Hunt," Miss Ross; encore, "The Specs"; solo, Mr. Armour; solo, "Heart of a Sailor," Mr. Finney; harmonica selection, "The Mocking Bird," Mr. Stuart; encore, imitation of bagpipe; solo, "Death of Nelson," Mr. Fishaven.

After the programme refreshments were served, and the floor was cleared for dancing, which was continued until the early morning. A delightful time was the verdict of all present.

Veteran "Mushers."

The Carr and Yeager party arrived in Dawson at about 10:30 Friday morning. There were five men in the party and twenty-seven dogs, with five sleigh loads of merchandise, etc., weighing two tons. The members of the party are Jack Carl, Chas. Yeager, Turner Townsend, Geo. Taylor and Billy Kinney, composed with one exception of "sour doughs," who went out last fall or this winter.

The party brings in the biggest load which has come in this winter, and progress has been naturally somewhat slow. Bennett was left January 23th. Notwithstanding the immense

loads upon the sleds, the dogs reached town without a sore foot or a sore neck; in fact when photographed by Photographer Wegg, the appearance was as if they were just standing out instead of coming in from such a trip. Seventeen of the twenty-seven dogs had already made the trip out from Dawson, while the Atwater team of a breed, half malamute and half boarhound, has made itself famous by making a trip to Skaguay, to Hoodaliqua, to Skaguay, and back to Dawson, with less than an hour's rest of a whole day for rest at either end of the run. One of the dogs in another team went from St. Michaels to Skaguay last winter.

Hof For the Coast.

The Nugget Express will dispatch another of its fast dog teams to the coast on Thursday, March 9th, carrying passengers, mail and express. Orders may be left either at the main office in the Phoenix, at the branch office at Grand Forks, or at the office of the KLONDIKE NUGGET.

St. Mary's.

The report for the week ending March first shows that nine new patients have been received, three convalescents have been discharged, leaving forty-six occupying beds at present. There were no deaths to chronicle.

Joe Schwartz Loses.

Joseph Schwartz lost both of his liquor cases in the Territorial court on Friday. It will be remembered that he was tried in Justice Harper's court on two charges of having in his possession spirituous liquors, with the intent to barter the same. Conviction followed, and he was fined \$50 and \$100 respectively, with costs. He appealed to the Territorial court, and on Thursday the appeals were dismissed with costs, which sustains the judgment of the lower court.

Relieved From Duty.

Corporal Hanson, of the N. W. M. P., died of consumption at Fort Selkirk, on February 18th, and was laid away with military honors.

Sick Benefit.

A grand benefit will be given at the Tivoli Theatre Sunday evening, March 5, for the sick and poor food of Dawson, with the entire Tivoli Theatre company and 20 volunteers, making it the strongest attraction ever given in Dawson.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

J. Gainsbury secured \$50 in wages from F. Fairchild, who also paid the costs.

James Farrar lightened his hide with hootch, with the usual result of a fine of \$20 and costs.

Bert Curt's is averse to so slash an existence, as a life of labor and hence with the woodpile with his presence for the next three months.

A. Sams has been living in wealth and luxury but did not show conclusively how his life of ease was maintained. Says he is not much good "bucking" wood but will be given free lessons in that noble art for the next three months.

Long Naxon disapproved of the distance of the fuel supply from Dawson and sought a shorter road to enjoy the comforting host of a stoveful of dry burning wood. He neglected to make due allowance for the double trip his neighbor would have to make and hence has been given a four months' task of making firewood which he will not be allowed to enjoy.

Joe King charged Tom Yerex with assault and Yerex showed up with a face pounded almost to jelly. Naturally the complexion of the defendant changed from the complexion of the case to its own green and yellow hue and a certain amount of jealousy was discovered at the bottom. After the dismissal of the charge Yerex charged King with the same offense and made it stick to the tune of \$5 and costs.

A. P. Benton was an unfortunate victim of circumstances—and possibly a bit of spite—that caused his presence in court on a charge of theft, the property in question being the wooden floor of a tent that he had purchased from James P. Daly. A discussion of the entanglement brought out by the skillful questioning of his worship easily showed that the whole fabric was founded upon misunderstanding and the charge was dismissed.

M. E. Wheeler, a citizen of Grand Forks, was arraigned before Justice Harper on Friday charged with dispensing to the thirsty passers-by a liquid concoction possessing intoxicating properties while not vested with authority so to do by the license commissioners of the territory. The gentleman was in no mood to dispute the evidence of the prosecution and pleaded guilty to the charge. The justice gave him his choice of paying \$50 into the government exchequer or going to jail for a period of sixty days, and he lost no time in choosing the former.

Moss in Oblivion.

Billy Moss, whose conviction on five different charges of theft occurred in the territorial court this week, was arraigned before Judge Dugas Friday afternoon to receive sentence. He was given five years penal servitude for the stealing of Mr. Biber's goods from Stauff & Zilly's cache, and two years for stealing from Isaac N. Newton one of the sleds upon which he was taking away the other property. There were yet three convictions remaining, and the judge told Moss he would hold sentence for them in abeyance, but that if, after serving the seven years imposed, he was again found on Canadian soil, he would be again arrested and given another sentence, which could be at least twenty eight years. In delivering the sentence, his lordship took occasion to remark: "I thank God that most of the people here are honest, energetic and intelligent, and must be protected against the thieves who infest the place, of whom all are known."

So far as is now known, Moss will serve his sentence at New Westminster, B. C., but his departure from Dawson will be deferred until the reopening of navigation.

Claims Bought and Sold.

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