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NOME CLAIMS VALID.

Power of Attorney Titles Will Hold Good.

IMPORTANT DECISION IS RENDERED AT CAPE NOME.

Judge Johnson Decides the All Important Question--
Hundreds of Claims Affected.

General Kitchener Wins a Battle From the Dervishes--Aguinaldo Gives
Up All Hope--Nearly All His Forces Have Surrendered and the End
Will Soon Be Reached.

SPECIAL TO THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

Seattle, via Skagway, Dec 1--Information has just reached here of an important decision rendered at Cape Nome by Judge Johnson, district judge for the territory of Alaska, embracing all the American Yukon country.

In an action brought before Judge Johnson to determine the validity of titles to ground staked under power of attorney, it is held that such staking is legal where the requirements of the law have been complied with governing the making of powers of attorney.

The above important information will interest hundreds of men in Dawson and on the adjacent creeks, nearly everyone of whom is represented by power of attorney in the lower country. It was known last summer that a strong effort would be made to have the law set aside in so far as Nome is concerned, for the reason that the claim was set up that wholesale frauds had been resorted to in the manufacture of powers of attorney. It will be noted that the decision specifically states that all the requirements of the law must be complied with, else the power of attorney will not hold.

Aguinaldo Losing Ground.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.
Manila, via Skagway, No. 26.--The backbone of Aguinaldo's army is broken and the rebel chief with the remnants of his scattered forces has fled to the mountains. Numerous small detachments of Aguinaldo's forces are surrendering every day. It is expected that envoys from the chief will arrive at headquarters in a few days seeking terms of surrender.

Kitchener Wins.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.
London, via Skagway, Nov. 26.--A special to the Times gives the details of an important victory won by Lord Kitchener over the Dervishes. The battle was waged with fierceness on both sides, but ended in the rout of the Dervish forces.

A Wholesale House.

That Dawson is gradually assuming metropolitan airs is evidenced by the inception of a concern which is devoted exclusively to the wholesale trade.

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This marks an era in the progress of the country and every effort should be made by our merchants to encourage the enterprise. We refer to the house of Bayliss & Co., wholesale dealers in cigars and tobaccos. Mr. Fred Bayliss has inaugurated this departure and has brought in an immense quantity of the finest brands of imported goods as well as a sufficient quantity of staples to supply the trade.

The origin of the case was, in the court's estimation, the too lively interest taken by Semple in a matter which grew out of a game of blackjack in the Aurora club rooms, and which resulted in the arrest of a man named Forest, who was connected with the game, and whom one of the players, one Cunningham, of the Northwest mounted police force, accused of dealing marked cards. Semple, who at that time was editor and publisher of the Weekly Gleaner, manifested deep interest in the matter, and in his two succeeding issues proceeded to "roast" Policeman Cunningham in no uncertain language.

The attention of My Lord Judge Dugas having been called to the article in question, a warrant was caused to be issued for the arrest of Semple, which arrest was made last Friday afternoon, from which time the alleged offender was allowed to go on his own recognizance until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the case was called, but again continued until 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. The case being called in the afternoon, Semple was granted leave by the judge to make a statement in his own behalf, and to answer such questions as were propounded by his own attorney, Frank J. McDougal, and Crown Prosecutor Wade. The purport of Semple's statement was

in the case against Forest, the alleged blackjack "artist." Further, Semple stated that at the time the articles were written any and all intentions or thoughts of reflecting on the integrity and honor of the court or crown were wholly foreign to his mind, and that personally he entertained none other than the highest regard and profound respect for the officials, who represent the crown in the Yukon district. At the conclusion of Semple's statement the case was again continued until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

When court opened Tuesday morning the case was at once taken up without any preliminaries. Mr. Semple was asked to rise. He "riz" and my lord at once began aloud the perusal of the articles from which the trouble emanated. With but little comment by the court the articles were read almost in their entirety, after which the rulings and the findings in the case were slowly but distinctly and emphatically delivered. This document consisted of several pages of typewritten legal cap, and showed marked care and study in its preparation. After a full review of the case in its various features, and a vigorous denunciation of the practice of many newspapers in delegating to themselves powers which belong wholly and exclusively to the judiciary and, after making due allowance for the fact that the offender is an alien and not, therefore, conversant with the laws of the land in which the offense was committed, the rulings closed by imposing upon David William Semple a fine of \$1000, and, in default of payment of that amount, imprisonment in the district jail for a period of three months, and in addition to the latter alternative to pay all the costs of the trial.

The offending editor took his sentence without a murmur.

Attorney McDougal immediately arose and requested of the court that his client be allowed one day in which to raise the amount of the fine, but the request was peremptorily denied, as was also the request that an hour or two be granted. The prisoner was at once remanded to the custody of attending officers and marched directly from the court room to the jail.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Semple's friends, having been active during his upwards of one hour's confinement in the bastille, paid the fine and costs, amounting in all to \$1160, into the court, when the creaking of the heavy jail door was heard, it opened

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Shindler, the hardware man has recently received 1600 feet of steam hose.

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BOER FORTRESS NEAR PRETORIA.

FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

D.W. Semple Sentenced to Three Months in Jail.

Or to Pay a Fine of \$1000--Undue
Comment Upon a Case in Court
the Cause.

Thus far this has been a highly interesting week in Judge Dugas' court, the cases eliciting the most attention being that of the Crown vs. David William Semple for contempt, and the Crown vs. Selix, on the charge of having knowingly received and profited from stolen goods.

The Semple case was of special interest

that when he wrote the alleged offensive articles he did so for the purpose of defending himself against certain insinuations made against him in the columns of other papers and made, as he supposed, at the instigation of policemen Cunningham and Booth, they having in the meantime become identified

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