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### "MENE! MENE!! TEKEL UPHARSIN."

The Nugger is in receipt of a communication from the Yukon commissioner which is in no way of a private nature and neither is it marked "private," so that we feel at liberty to publish it, as was probably intended by the writer. We very much fear that in his zeal to be diplomatic, as befits the representative of a great people, Mr. William Ogilvie has been positively untruthful. There is no modification of terms by which we can expect to describe without offense the contradictory statements, deliberately made with the intention to deceive by the present incumbent of the highest office in the Yukon territory:

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. DAWSON, March, 23, 1899. EDITOR NUGGET:

Sir. - Learning that you were making enquiries of Mr. Gosselin yesterday as to what amount of coal-lands I had pur- he really disposed of his coal on the 17th. A recent decision of the gold commis- one refuses utterly to call it home. mit for your information the following

seres of coal land, situated on Coalthe Dominion Lands' Act. The survey

passed approving of the purchase; but as soon as I was informed be commissioner of the Yukon territory, I informed the minister I would get rid of my share as soon as I could,

I arrived in Dawson on the 5th of September and disposed of it for a very little consideration on the 17th,

This coal vein had been fully reported on by myself in 1887, so that its existence was not secret between 1887 and 1895.

I beg further to submit for your information, that I am quite willing at any time to give you or anyone here you might name an assignment in full of any and every right I may have of any interest in any company directly or indirectly.

While I was acting as an officer of the Dominion Government in connection with the survey of claims, I absolutely refused to dabble in any way in gold mining claims or any other,

That policy I intend to pursue while Premain an official of the government in any capacity whatsoever.

Believing that you wish to arrive at

Your obedient servant.

WILLIAM OGILVIE,

Commissioneri P. S. I never in any way concealed the facts re the coal. WM\_OGILVIE.

of equivocation, for every word in it never had eyes. And when to this is proven, the grant would be given unless OPERATING BETWEEN might be true and yet Mr. Ogilvie be the coupled an irresponsible government, the claim owner's cognizance of the fraud biggest holder of mining properties such as that of the Yukon territory, with was also proven. amongst the officials of the Yukon. the real government located 4,000 miles Indeed, there is nothing in it to even away; and when on top of it all is added deny the amusing story that when (by secret records to which only government The breaking off of negotiations by his instructions some little time ago) lists employees have access, and those same the commissioners to the Anglo-Amer-

come and a statement of grievances. must be given as to the meaning of our easy to foresee that there will be mor Mr. Ogilvie met the committee in the lawmakers. parlors of the Worden and a long talk The "continuous representation" day than at any time during the sitting took place during which the new gover- clause, without more than 72 hours of the commission, and none can say nor made the positive statement that he absence from the claim, has been so positively what will be the outcome. held no interest of any kind in the terri- modified by a succession of rulings that It is no disparagement at all to either tory. What probably led up to the con- its original features can searely be recog. Great Britain or her colonies to point versation was the fact that Mr. Ogilvie nized. A case came up the other day on out that no considerable body of Amer was known to have tried to dispose of which, of course, new rulings must be leans would ever consent to cast the coal lands in London some time previ- made. Under old rulings any nine lot under any other than their own flag ously. It is needless to remark that the months of the year chosen by the miner Thus we have in Skaguay a population committee was gratified to find that on has been exempted from the necessity of at least 8,000 loyal Americans with September 8 Mr. Ogilvie, by his own of representation. Another ruling was their homes and their multitudings statement had gotten rid of his coal that the work of three men for one month businesses, and it is an open question lands. On the morning of the 9th Mr. was equal to the work of one man for whether America has even a moral Ogilvie was waited upon by a representathree months, so that renewals have right to hand them over bodily to a tive of the Nuccer and in the interview been granted upon those terms. Now strange people and strange laws against again stated positively and emphatically comes a claim holder who lets his claim their expressed wishes. Great Britain that he possessed nothing in the terri- lie idle for over eleven months and herself took the same position in the tory. In the letter above given, Mr. twenty-four days, and then rushes fifteen Venezuelan imbroglio. On a tract of Ogilvie admits that he held his coal men over there to do the required ninety, land which had long been tacitly aclands until the 17th. Which is true and days work in the six remaining days of knowledged to be under British do which is false? His statements to the the year. That this disposesses men who minion and where British laws had precommittee and to the Nooser were pub- had staked the ground, relying upon the vailed for an indefinite period, there lished September 10, still seven days be-ruling that after nine months and three had settled a goodly British population. fore he says he disposed of his coal, and days without work a claim was open to Great Britain urged that even to pre-

the wind blows. Such people are not, regulations. To follow out the thing to rights of property. It is even a further in our estimation, to be trusted with the its reductio ad absurdum, would be to question, if citizens were wilfully deaffairs of state, for there is no telling allow the claim to go to the last day of serted by their own governments on how much further their zeal, prejudice the year, and then march ninety men land which was really and indisputably or enthusiasm may carry them in a mis- onto the claim for just one day, and then theirs, whether the described ones statement of facts. It leaves us in the obtain a renewal. ticklish predicament of not being certain

even after his written statement-that In December, 1895, Charles Constant ruler, as he would have us believe from were really two questions involved in. Owing to the excessive royalty and tine, C. H. Hamilton and myself made his letter. This equivocation is a seri- the decision, the first being the priority to the insecurity of titles to property on creek, a tributary of the Yukon river, plorable in men who by a turn of for-renewal in the manner prescribed in the ing with discouragement. The Seattle joining it at about four miles below tune's wheel have temporarily been regulations, so that much of the case Times says: fee was paid \$50 and the price imtheir reports to the home government so in awarding the claim to Wilson there mining kings who came out out the last utterly unreliable that incalculable harm was a precedent established which may steamers and who amount diately to London in larger numbers and In 1898 an Order in Council was may result to the helpless people of the work uncalculable harm to honest prossection over which they rule. The habit pecting. Between the time Wilson claims. Mr. We Done of speaking the strict truth should be staked and renewed, a grant of the dis- don expecting to imparted by parents in childhood, for puted ground was made to Jacoby. Even \$5,000,000, and \$6,000,000 veracity is one of the safest precautions the irregularity of this proceeding does and been able to dispose of a single by of adults. A man speaking the exact not enter into the decision nor interest, property. The other big mine owners truth from habit is not always being our readers. However, before the gold are in the same boat. They will go to forced to the necessity of one prevarica- commissioner was produced an incontro- Klondike and work their claims for what there is in them tion to bolster up another. Oftentimes vertable mass of testimony showing that "London does not the the truth will hurt either one's self or the required amount of work was not output was large enough last year, and

# THOSE REGULATIONS.

territory are fearfully and wonderfully ling he did not lose his claim. The decimade, and copies should be preserved sion says: for reference in future years as an illustra- "As to whether the work done by By Falcon Joslin, Broker, 111 2nd 5tthe facts of the matter I submitthis for a paystreak and the streaks in a side of the renewal grant had been obtained by absurdity; and yet this is exactly the will not be set aside." case with the men who framed the ridicu- This carried to a logical conclusion lous regulations which cannot and do not should mean that if no representation were prepared of all the properties held employees are given the privilege of ican commission was directly traceable by officials, his own name, headed the recording of of having recorded every to the absolute refusal of the American

that is that this coal land was reported to. One natural result of all this is a more than amicable in the plans for by him in '87, taken up by himself and surfeit of contests requiring the personal settlement of the fisheries, sealing, a friends in 35 and his interest disposed of attention of the gold commissioner, Mr. even the boundary question; but i September 17, 1898. This latter date is E. C. Senkler, who finds himself beset desire for a port in Lynn canal evident. the more important for either it is a di-day and night by disposessed or dispo- had much to do toward bringing about rect falsehood or are other statements sessing miners. Every minute of the good feeling, and when the American made by him some 10 days prior. It is no day his decision is called for on this case commissioners gave a positive dis use mincing matters; it puts the gover- or another until the head whirls, and to even a discussion, then a six-month nor in a decidedly bad light. On Men- rights and limits are liable to become vacation or adjournment was seen day, September 5, Mr. Ogilvie arrived in more or less mixed. The regulations once to be the proper thing. The pa Dawson. On Thursday evening, Septem- are so vague and indefinite that miners history of diplomacy between nation ber 8, a committee of miners waited can settle nothing amongst: themselves, suggests that this six months' is not upon Mr. Ogilvie with an address of wel- and a ruling of the gold commissioner be spent as a holiday. Indeed, it

went unchallenged and uncontradicted relocation, is only one of the many evils serve the peace she could not hand growing out of the indefiniteness and those people over to the tender mercies The prevarieation is really not of seri- "new-rulability" (to coin a new phrase) of aliens, or, at least, people foreign to ous moment except as showing the way of those outrageous and non-regulating British ideas of law, order and the

or M any other time, or that his interests sioner in the case of Jacoby vs. Wilson In the community are solely those of a leaves a had taste in the mouth. Thereons mental and moral defect in men of of ownership. The defendant proved to the Klondike the many would be sellers even humble station and is simply de- be the original staket and obtained a of Klondike claims in London are meetplaced in responsible positions. It makes may be left out of the consideration; but "Alexander McDonald and the other others, but not nearly so severely as a performed by the man whom Wilson had if will take this year's output to conprevarication when it crops out as it in- hired for that purpose, and Mr. Senkler vince them. It is only a question of, time, however, until London is as crazy held that that was a matter strictly over Klondike as she has been about between Wilson and the crown, and as South Africa, The mining regulations of the Yukon of the falsity of the affidavit of the hire Choice Mining Property Wilson was not proved to be cognizant

at the latter end of the 19th century, justify the granting of a renewal, is a To let those men legislate for miners, matter between the defendant and the Hillsides L. L. 50's below Hunker..... \$1000 work who don't know the difference between erown, and unless it can be shown that breakfast bacon is the very acme of the defendant through fraud, the grant SIII

regulate anything, "The blind leading work was done at all, and a convenient the blind is not a comparison, for this perjurer could be secured to make the The foregoing letter is a masterpiece compelled to follow the lead of those who though the frand should be amply is a case where those who can see are necessary affidavit of work done, even

There is but one tangible fact in the tion for the breeding of all the infamous ment the cession of Skaguay. The buter which one cam take hold of, and diseases which the body politic is heir British representatives proved to be

wire-pulling and negotiations ever

would not be perfectly justified in taking up arms in self-defense. Skaguay is not like this territory where every.



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Mining News.

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on Hunker

A report has snowslide whi Crater lake, a chilkoot pass. the following ! ling of Lake Bert Jones of J. nav. Contrary realized that th view of the rewith light butfi in reaching Cr forced them to seven miles to camped there to rocks and timbe without warnin

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alter his original esti Jack McAllister wi and Colsky; is interes 41, 42 and 43 above-o tary of Indian river, and reported that he found on the creek. It five feet to bedrock. Dervishes London, Feb. 22.—Di received from the Eas that the Dervishes ha vigorous campaign ag oree under Kitchener their fortunes. Khali

laughed at then, bu

time since when he

20,000 men, is known to durman, and that a I numbers has retired Kitchener has 9,000 r they will be reinforce available men and office Hunter, the lately a prominent British offi from furloughs tends t that the situation is Khalifa is said to be im the Arab tribes along I Juried as being Danie's

Nice, Feb. 25, -Baron Big News Julius de Reuter, baron Cobourg and Cetha, d Reuter's telegreph corn Hesse-Nassau, on July the various telegraph li de Reuter worked the agency. In 1851, whe between England and