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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



THAT "THREATENED STRIKE."

A telegram in this morning's Sun states that Minister Tarte has instructed Mr. J. B. Charlson to consult with the Yukon telegraph operators who have "threatened to strike." The expression "threatened to strike" used in this connection is very suggestive. The men as a matter of fact have been out for the past three weeks, during which time the telegraph service has been just about as bad as none at all.

Evidently the minister by permitting such a dispatch to be sent out hopes to create the impression throughout Canada that no strike has actually taken place and that the men have thus far confined their protests to threats of going out.

In order that such an impression may not be left uncontradicted it may be well to review the facts in the case. The strike occurred on July 25 when all the men employed in the Dawson office and several at stations along the line between this city and Whitehorse quit work in a body. Since that date none of the men have returned to work and the Dawson office has been in charge of Division Superintendent Clegg who has practically done all the work.

The reasons for the action taken by the men are first that their salaries have not been paid, in some instances for nearly a year and in every case for more than six months. Secondly, the wages have been reduced below the rate usually paid to day laborers in the Yukon. Since the strike went into effect the men have been paid their accrued salaries but have not returned to their posts and state that they will not do so until their salaries are restored.

This is the situation in a nutshell, notwithstanding any statements to the contrary. It is not a threatened strike with which the minister has to deal but a strike which is at this moment in progress and which for three weeks past has crippled the telegraph service and seriously interfered with business.

The people of eastern Canada should be informed of all the circumstances and not be misled through the agency of "inspired" telegrams.

The city council is making a proper move in endeavoring to secure the revenues from the waterfront for local purposes. The amount derived from that source totals a good round sum in the course of a year, and would aid materially in preventing a deficit in the city treasury. The federal government does not need the waterfront revenues of Dawson and the city does need them, and need them badly. It is to be hoped that the matter will be pressed to a successful issue.

The decision of the council to submit the matter of accepting Mr. Carnegie's offer in connection with the

proposed public library is certainly the proper course to pursue under the circumstances. In the meanwhile, however, an effort should be made to secure a modification of the terms of Mr. Carnegie's proposition to the end that some portion of the money may be applied in the purchase of books and other equipment. Twenty-five thousand dollars is easily twice as much money as is required for a library building.

It is now understood that Governor Ross is improving so rapidly that his return to Dawson will be only a matter of a short time. The people of the Yukon will join in expressing the hope that such will prove to be the case. Mr. Ross' permanent retirement from the field in which he has labored so earnestly would be a distinct misfortune.

It is cause for general congratulation that last night's baseball game resulted in no fatalities.

Coronation Compliment

Dawson, Aug. 12.

Editor Nugget: Dear Sir,—I would ask the favor of a little space in your correspondence columns that I may offer my most hearty thanks to those gentlemen, owners of the decorated and illuminated canoes and launches who so materially assisted in making of this novel feature in Dawson's fetes the success which I am assured it proved to be, to the surprise of many and as I am perfectly well aware to the chagrin and disappointment of a few.

Considering the haste with which the whole thing was gotten up and the heavy rain which fell between 6 and 8 p.m. it was not surprising to me that of the expected twenty canoes but six or seven decorated ones joined in the fete.

Of those which did arrive I would compliment the city engineer (Mr. Rendell) especially on the particularly elegant, indeed ornate, manner in which his canoe was decorated and illuminated. I have seen few more artistic arrangements even at the great Henley regatta where on the royal Thames for a week in June the nobility and wealthiest members of English society as also many foreigners vie with each other in making the scene on the river in the evening like some gorgeous fairyland, with exquisite music to charm the ear as only music on the water and amidst such surroundings can charm. I venture to think that when next Dawson celebrates, if it be at a suitable season, a Venetian fete will again figure on the program and that gaily decorated and illuminated boats with fancily costumed occupants will be counted not as six or seven but by the score.

Mr. Kershaw's canoe from West Dawson was noticeable by its elegant trophy of flags which took the place of masts in her bow. Dr. Richardson I noticed with a fair companion in a pretty canoe. Mr. Gaston Honore and friends of West Dawson had two or three canoes, I believe, whilst Mr. Emil Staudt's torpedo-like flyer with its canopy, lantern-bedecked, its burning of colored fires and the small pyrotechnic materials he used contributed not a little to such measure of success as was secured by this first attempt at a Venetian fete in Dawson.

I would take this opportunity also to thank Messrs. Kalenborn, Kirk and Norquay for so kindly making at my request the colored fire used so effectively by the canoeists in the general illumination effects.

Lastly I would thank all those gentlemen members of the general committee who so kindly volunteered their assistance thus ensuring the punctuality and greater or less success of the whole undertaking.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter, I am, sir,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. STANSFIELD.

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Gold Commissioner Makes an Important Ruling re Representation of Claims.

In a decision made yesterday by Gold Commissioner Senkler in the case of E. Francis Lewis vs. A. J. Irvine and J. H. Cotter, the action involving a bench in the fifth tier opposite the upper half, right limit, of 258 below lower on Dominion, a new precedent is established which mine owners would do well to bear in mind when arranging for their representation work. It is held by the gold commissioner that in computing the value of work done the basis afforded by the regulations of an allowance of so much a foot can only be taken in a general way. The regulations require that the work performed be of the actual value of \$200, and for convenience sake a computation of the value of such work may be made. So much is allowed for the first ten feet of a shaft, so much for the succeeding ten feet and so much for every foot of drifting, but the drifts so driven and the shafts so sunk must be bona fide and not makeshifts. A drift that is a mere hole large enough to crawl through is not a drift in the sense required by the regulations. The work done must be of the actual value of \$200 before the certificate will be issued. It need not have cost that much but it must be of that worth. The commissioner's decision in full is as follows:

"The plaintiff staked bench 5th tier upper half right limit of No. 253 below lower discovery on Dominion creek on May 28th last. The defendants' location was due for renewal on April 19th, 1902, and was renewed on that date.

"The plaintiff claims that the defendants did not do their representation work as required under the regulations. Under the judgment in the Risser vs. Pinkert, the plaintiff has no right of action, as the ground was held by the defendants under a grant issued to them at the time the plaintiff staked. The gold commissioner must first find that the defendants have not done the representation work required, and cancel the grant issued to them, before the plaintiff can enter upon the ground in question and stake.

"The plaintiff's contention is that the work set out in the affidavit of representation was not done. After hearing the evidence, however, I am of opinion that it was, although no reliance can be placed upon the evidence of a man who will come to this office and make an affidavit that there was a drift in a shaft 31 feet long, when he afterwards admits that he was never down the shaft, but made the affidavit on the strength of statements made by others.

"The representative for the defendants for the purpose of having the representation work done, after making the affidavit required, admits that he only paid \$175 for the work. He explains it by stating that the actual work done was of the value of \$200 according to the basis of computation fixed in the office. This explanation is not satisfactory. In the affidavits he states \$200 worth of work was done. This means that \$200 worth of work was done irrespective of any basis of computation that may be made in this office.

"I think there was, however, a bona fide intention of doing the work and I do not think under the circumstances that the defendants' grant should be set aside.

A Defy.

To the doctors who style themselves baseball players, greeting: Gentlemen,—At some of your private meetings you have evidently accused one another of being ball players and this micromistic idea has grown, developed and enlarged to such an extent that now as you strut up and down this particular part of the western hemisphere you really imagine in your feeble minds that you are exponents of the great American game that made Anson one of the famous men of this century. We have noticed with sincere pity the trend of all this and in order to not only bring you back to earth, but also to demonstrate to the citizens of Dawson that we, the business men, can play the game in a manner that Spaulding never had the nerve to attempt even in his palmiest days, we defy you to meet us on the barracks grounds at 7 o'clock sharp Friday evening, August 15, 1902 A.D.

TWO DRUNKS IN ONE DAY

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BUSINESS MEN.

Use Oil Burners.

Seattle, Aug. 4.—They are now beginning to talk of equipping the little sound steamers with oil burning apparatus. At least, one local shipping concern that controls a small fleet of Puget Sound steamers has the project under consideration.

Aside from the cheapness of the new steam producing commodity the question of doing away with the soot and dirt that accompanies the coal consumers is largely responsible for the proposed change.

In the summer season, when sound steamers are crowded with pleasure seekers of both sexes, ruined and soiled dresses, the result of coal dust and smut is the rule among the attires of female passengers, and it is to obviate this nuisance that the change is most desired.

Portland seems to be taking the initiative along this line. On the Willamette and Columbia rivers they have already commenced changing the old style coal burner for oil. Within a year two-thirds of the steamboats on the Willamette and Columbia rivers will be using oil for fuel instead of wood, it is said.

Within three weeks the steamer Vulcan there will be equipped with oil-burners. This boat consumes about 350 cords of wood in a month. She will be the first in these waters to use fuel oil. The experiment will be watched with interest by other river transportation companies. All of them have been considering a change of fuel for some time. The White Collar, Regulator, Shaver, Kellogg, Vancouver and Oregon City transportation companies have been estimating the economy of such a change.

Kaiser Gets Hot.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—The Kaiser is said to be much displeased with Mayor Low's rejection of a red eagle of the third class which His Majesty proposed to bestow on the mayor of New York.

There is not a burgo-master in Germany who would not jump at the Red Eagle even of the fifth class, if dangled before him, and the Kaiser cannot understand why an American mayor looks at things so differently.

The fact is that the Kaiser, with all his learning and his really large abilities, does not understand America. He cannot comprehend why the American people receive so coldly his offer of a statue of Frederick the Great, apparently forgetting, if he knew, that the statues of kings are out of place in America.

The cordial reception of Prince Henry as representative of Germany by the American people has been mistaken by the Kaiser for an American tribute to royalty.

"Well," asked the scaller, "have you cleaned up everything since the Fourth?"

"Almost," said the mother of the large family of boys, putting her apron to her eye. "There's one of Dickey's fingers we haven't found yet."

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ING drunk, but whether it was a separate and distinct jag or a continuation of the one of yesterday morning did not come out. He was assessed \$5 and costs on ten days at hard labor and, not having the wherewithal to liquidate, having spent it in liquorating, he will reduce fuel or claw bark from buildings preparatory to their receiving a coat of terra cotta colored paint.

Word was brought to Dawson yesterday of a rather serious accident which occurred at Minto a few days ago by which Thos. McCabe had one of his arms broken in two places and was nearly crushed to death besides. McCabe was assisting Captain Fussell in tearing down his roadhouse buildings for the purpose of moving the logs across the river where the buildings will be re-erected on the new road. While at work a number of logs fell on McCabe injuring him as above stated.

In the action of Chovig vs. Cameron and Tisdall, a suit for wages alleged to have been earned on 54 below, Hunker, judgment was given Tuesday for the full amount claimed, \$1400, against Cameron. The suit was dismissed as to Tisdall. The latter is a member of parliament from East Simcoe.

This morning the same identical William was again in the prisoner's box. He had been found by an officer lying asleep on a back street about 11:30 last night. When found he was sweltering in blood from wounds on his face but was too drunk to tell whether he received them from falls, had come in contact with a pile driver or whether some fellow had exercised on him with bare fists. He pleaded guilty to be-

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