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## MR. OGILVIE ON INTERESTING MATTERS

### Assures the "Nugget" That Wrongs Will Be Righted.

#### Charges of Corruption Will Be Investigated—The Records Are to Be Open for Public Inspection—Titles Are Good.

A better day is dawning for the miners of the Yukon Territory. For weeks and months the men who have risked their all in coming to this northern country have waited in suspense for changes that must come to save them from absolute ruin. Week after week has gone by and no redress has come. The gold commissioner's office has been practically closed to the public and a general feeling of discouragement and lack of confidence in everything pertaining to official life has prevailed.

Throughout this period of gloom, the one ray of hope that has served to cheer the heart of the discouraged prospector has been furnished by the conviction that when Mr. Ogilvie, the new commissioner of the Yukon arrived, things would be changed for the better.

Mr. Ogilvie has been in Dawson some thing less than a week, but already the influence of his presence is being felt.

On September 3 the miners' association at a general meeting, directed the standing committee to prepare an address of welcome and statement of miners' grievances to be presented to Mr. Ogilvie at the earliest possible moment. In compliance with the association's direction the committee met and prepared the address. On Thursday evening, Sept. 8, the committee held an interview with Mr. Ogilvie in the parlors of the Hotel Worden. The address was presented and an extended interview ensued. The committee has not yet made public the proceedings of the interview, but its members are unanimous in saying that its results were most satisfactory.

On Friday morning Mr. Ogilvie was interviewed by a **NUGGET** representative. Questioned in regard to his attitude toward public matters, Mr. Ogilvie spoke frankly and without restraint.

He did not think that all the complaints of which he heard so much could be remedied in a day. It had taken time for the evils, if evils there were, to grow and it would also take time to eradicate them. He was not yet in possession of any specific charges against any official but assured the **NUGGET** man that where specific charges of bribery or other corruption are made and proven, that such officials will be suspended or dismissed. And if criminally guilty will be properly punished.

In regard to the status of the water front Mr. Ogilvie smiled and said that he did not consider it advisable for any one to build on the water front.

Continuing the conversation, Mr. Ogilvie stated that he holds no interests in the territory and does not intend holding any. He does not consider the holding of mining property consistent with his position as a government official.

The matter of public records was touched upon. Mr. Ogilvie said that in accordance with the law bearing upon the question, all records would be open to the public just so soon as the proper books and papers in which the records are to be kept arrive.

Documents left for record are to be opened for public inspection and copies of them can be taken by paying the legal fee. It must be understood, however, that it will require some time to bring these changes about.

One of the most important matters touched upon was in reference to the Harper & Ladue townsite grant. A clear title from Harper & Ladue is equivalent to a government patent. All holders of such papers are to receive title direct from the government.

This information having been elicited the **NUGGET** man took his leave, after thanking the commissioner for his cour-

tesy in granting the interview, and his frankness in dealing with questions of such vital public import.

### The Monarch's Second Arrival.

The Columbia Navigation Co.'s elegant passenger steamer **Monarch** arrived in Dawson on Friday afternoon, this being her second trip from St. Michaels this summer. It will be remembered she was the first boat either of the old or new companies to reach here this summer from outside the river, showing commendable enterprise on the part of the company as well as a disposition to do what is right with the passengers, be the cost what it may. She carried more passengers on her down trip than ever patronized a single boat before, and they were met at St. Michaels with prompt ocean connection. The company makes a specialty of the passenger traffic and is handsomely fitted up and equipped for their every comfort. The personnel of the company, from local manager to steward of the boat, has in one short season rendered themselves deservedly popular with the public, and it has become a common saying that "when you go on a Columbia Navigation Company's boat they will get you there in good shape."

As she pulled in to the wharf complimentary expressions were heard on all sides. "Why that's the chee chaco boat that beat 'em all" and "she's the boss of the chee chacos." She laid up at St. Michaels for 17 days before starting on this trip, and yet besides making two complete round trips this summer she will have ample time to get back into the river and hunt suitable winter quarters, probably well this side of Rampart City. So many boats have been coming in that have been "hogged," that it is refreshing to see one arrive with her lines so tight.

### A General Bath Day.

Wednesday night the 22 prisoners in the barracks guard house were all treated to a thorough bath and then stepped into clean clothes. The occasion was their removal to the new clean jail just completed. Blankets were all washed and bedding burned up. It was a great relief to everyone when the light and airy new quarters were pronounced ready for occupancy. The close stuffy quarters which have been in use made guard duty doubly objectionable besides being a menace to the health of the prisoners and guards alike. Of course the new jail is cleaner just now than it ever will be again, but there is so much more room and light that cleanliness will be much more easy to maintain.

The intention is said to be to tear the cages out of the old guard house and use it after a thorough clearing for storehouse purposes.

### The Property Qualification.

The property qualification of a municipal voter in the North West Territories is based upon "the last revised assessment roll. Dawson has no assessment roll so that it is expected that the Yukon commissioner will name a property qualification in the ordinance he will be asked to pass incorporating the town. It is within his province to name whatever sum he pleases. The \$200 of the territorial laws will probably be considered too small an amount in this section.

### Not at the Postoffice.

At the incorporation meeting in Planet hall Wednesday evening when the clerk was accepting suggestions as to the public places at which should be left copies of the petition to be signed there was enjoyed a hearty laugh when someone suggested the recorder's office. The sarcasm of suggesting a place which, though supposedly public, takes individuals days and weeks to get into was so apparent that the clerk at once ruled the suggestion out of order. Some one then suggested the postoffice as a good public place. That was also out of order for the same reason.

### Across the River.

There is a movement afoot—and it may prove a salutary one—to remove Dawson's sick across the Yukon river to the delightful rolling flat known as West Dawson. It has been practically uninhabited until this summer and the ground is quite dry and well underdrained, being a gradual slope to the sun from the river's brink to the hills. There is good spring water there in abundance and altogether there is no reason in the world why a sanitarium during this trying season would not be the saving of many human lives.

### Died in the River.

The steamer **Aquila**, belonging to the late Captain Barrington, arrived a few days ago, bringing the news of the death of Harry Derry, of Seattle, at Port Moller, Alaska, June 26th.

Mr. Derry was working on the boat which ran into Port Moller for fuel. While there the crew went hunting for caribou and killed several. Derry was helping float them down a swift stream and while wading had his feet swept from under him and was carried below under some overhanging brush.

The body was recovered and buried at Port Moller.

The deceased was well known in Seattle, being a feeding member of the Y. M. C. A., and was particularly well known in athletic circles.

### More Timber Fires.

Complaints have been coming in again of clearing fires being carelessly set and left unwatched and spreading into the adjoining timber, to the danger and oftentimes loss of miners

caches and cabins. The last complaint is from Henderson creek and the careless person brought about the complete destruction of at least two cabins and their contents. The man was known and formal complaint was entered against him, with the result that he will be shortly overhauled and put on trial. The evil has become so great that Timber Agent Williamson has strained a point and is offering \$50 for information similar to the above.

### An Athlete Dead.

James Ryan, a big athletic young man from Astoria, Oregon, died of typhoid fever on the steamer **Monarch** and will be buried Sunday by his friends. Ryan came in down the river in June. His sickness lasted 14 days and those in care of him desire to express their appreciation of the many kindnesses shown the dead man by his many friends.

### Steamboat News.

The **Clara** came in Wednesday from St. Michaels with about 60 passengers. She is a small boat and is the property of the California and North West Mining company.

The **Monarch** is showing up bravely. The boats were built by Moran Bros. of Seattle, and the fleet of thirty-two of them, and built more for freighters than for passenger service, but they were built for the Yukon. They are now being used for passenger service. They are now being used for passenger service. They are now being used for passenger service.

The **Seattle** brings up passengers and freight for the Empire Transportation line. Dr. Yennans being the local representative of this company. The similarity of names with the S. T. Co. boats led to many people mistaking the boat for one of theirs.

The **Standard Oil Co.**'s boat, the **Oil City**, is the third of the **Storin** boats to arrive in one day. She had some passengers and 1,800 cases of coal oil and 3,000 boxes of candles. The company also had 3,000 cases of coal oil on the **Standard No. 3**. Mr. M. D. Rainbow is resident manager of the company.

The **Bella** and barge arrived in Dawson Thursday night.

Some boilers and tanks for **Fort Selkirk** came upon the **D. R. Campbell**.

The **Alaska Exploration Co.**'s docks and warehouses present a busy appearance these days. Three river steamers, **D. R. Campbell**, **Seattle** and **Clara** are discharging there. The company has so far received some 1,200 tons of freight, and their steamer **Herman** is making good progress up the river with some 900 tons of freight. The company has true stations above the Arctic Circle, and is one of the strongest trading and commercial institutions operating in Alaska.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. W. Wright, late of the Northern Pacific, was in town on Thursday. He occupies the position of engineer on the steamer **Gold Star**.

French Pete, the proprietor of the Central Market and the French Restaurant, is spending his sleepless nights with a cold on the left hand.

Mr. Geo. Cerna, a short telegrapher for the outside, still retains his interest in the Mining Exchange and will return to his interests early in the spring.

Mr. H. F. Wilkins, who started down the river for a round trip to St. Michaels and back, returned to Dawson Friday, having decided it was too late in the season to undertake it.

A. C. Fitzsimmons, agent for the Standard Oil Co.'s steamer **Oil City** in the city. Mr. Fitzsimmons has supervision of the business of the company on the steamer on the lower Yukon.

A co-partnership has been formed between Philip Sheridan, crown prosecutor, and J. E. Girouard, registrar and member of the council, with new and commodious offices in the Globe Building, corner First Avenue and Second streets.

Mr. Jack Smith left for his home in Williamsport, Pa., on the steamer **Fleur de Mar**. Mr. Smith is well known in and about Dawson, being interested in several good mining properties and also in city real estate. He has recently sold out his half interest in the Monte Carlo building and business.

Mr. J. A. Acklen has given another proof of his faith in this country as a producer of garden truck. He recently planted a \$2,000 order with outside time for seeds and implements. He expects next summer to have ten acres of ground under cultivation. A portion of this will be put in oats and barley.

Mr. Richard Spencer, a Fellow of the Chemical Society of London, England, and a mining expert, will leave Dawson on the 16th inst. on the **Orla** for Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., Montreal, New York, Liverpool and London, England. Mr. Spencer is prepared to transact business of a private or confidential character in any of these cities. Address care Public Library building.

Among the recent arrivals in Dawson is a party of Northern Pacific engineers and machinists, Messrs. Pohlman, Matherson, Keywood and Robinson. The gentlemen have spent the summer on Big Salmon and Stewart rivers, and think highly of Black Hill creek. Mr. James Matherson spent last winter on Henderson creek, the left fork of which stream is showing up well. The gentlemen are energetic and persevering and well of necessity, do well by the end.

Joseph McGilvray, arrived last Tuesday on the **Tyrrol** and is stopping with his son, John D. McGilvray, the **New York Herald's** special correspondent. Mr. McGilvray, Sr., was a pioneer in California, and was until the hydraulic mines were closed by the drought, one of the largest operators. Since then he has acted as consulting engineer for London capitalists operating in Spain, Carthage and other countries. It was his intention to return to London this fall but will probably remain here through the winter.

### Hot for Seattle.

Don't forget that the **Monarch** has an ocean steamer waiting right here at St. Michaels to transfer passengers immediately upon arrival. Be sure you go down the river with a company which can, will and does give you immediate ocean connections. A wait at St. Michaels at this time of year might mean a great deal. With an ocean steamer awaiting you you are sure of getting to Seattle O. K.

## IT WAS NOT ANDRE'S BALLOON.

### Neither Was it That Aeronaut's Parachute.

#### But it Was Mysterious and Gave Birth to that Rumor Just the Same—Captured Floating Down the Klondike River.

Some of the cabin dwellers along the Klondike river thought they had discovered the long-lost Andre balloon on Thursday. A large, loose roll of black cloth was seen to be moving along under the water, near the right bank about a mile and a half from the mouth of the river. Thinking it was a human body a boat was hurriedly made ready and the "float" secured. It was spread out on the bank to dry and its peculiar appearance at once started the rumor that Andre's long-lost balloon had been found. It was balloon-shaped and consisted of a hundred or more yards of four kinds of cloth—a black duck covering, a yellow calico lining and an inner lining of black alpaca and blue serge. Folded within was a large umbrella-like frame of steel and rattan. Then the story was started that it was Andre's parachute, and in that form the rumor reached the **NUGGET** office. A representative was soon on the ground and the form and mysterious apparatus was quickly reconstructed. Around the top of the center standard was the imprint of the manufacturer: "Sprague's Giant Frame, manufactured by the Sprague Umbrella Co., Pat. June 9, 1890."

In its reconstructed form it appeared to be more of an Arctic sleeping tent than anything else. It is circular and about 6 feet across and four or five feet high with a draw string opening at the bottom. Being of several thicknesses of fine cloth and simply adapted within, similar to a Nansen tent. There have been hundreds of outfits of all kinds taken up the Klondike river this season and many of them were wrecked. The balloon-like tent, being lighter than the balance of the outfit, probably floated down to where it was captured.

Had a newspaper not been published here the story would have grown until the outside world would have eventually been assured of the bona fide capture of Andre's balloon floating down from the Rocky mountains.

### Typhoid on the Creeks.

During the severity of last winter the miners of Eldorado and Bonanza felt the necessity of local hospital accommodation for their sick. The outbreak of fever this fall brought the dormant desire to life again, the hospital being now an accomplished fact. The work of organizing and running it has been taken up with energy and enterprise by J. A. Stirling, M. D., formerly demonstrator of anatomy in the Royal College, Kingston, having eleven years general practice and two years in his own private hospital, at Hamilton, Ontario.

One feature we are pleased to note, namely, that the hospital is to be made to pay its own way as a commercial enterprise, the only exception being that the management reserves one cot for free patients. Hence this new venture does not interfere with either of the excellent hospitals in Dawson that have so nobly met the emergencies of last winter and this fall, treating with skill and care rich and poor alike. Three patients were admitted on September 3d, and three since, so that the hospital is well under way and already doing work in alleviating human suffering.

### The Oldest Boy.

The fond mother of three children was obliged to remonstrate with her oldest boy, because in the child's game he would always take the lead and assign subordinate positions to his little brother and sister. The boy promised not to be selfish in the future. A few days later the mother happening into the nursery, saw the two younger children engaged in amateur theatricals. The older boy stood aside with arms folded, moodily watching them. "We are playing Adam and Eve," said the youngsters. The mother was much gratified, as she supposed that in this instance, at least, the boy had allowed the brother the principal role. She turned to the silent figure in the corner, about to praise him, "Who are you?" she asked "God," was the answer.

### Last His Life.

The steamer **Ogdah** arrived in Dawson on Wednesday morning, having made a round trip to St. Michaels since August 11th. She, of course, still carries the broom dashed to her masthead, for her speed is unquestioned.

Just before sighting Dawson on Wednesday morning, about 5 o'clock, J. Irwin, an employe of the boat, stepped out of the gangway on to the guardrail to hand in some cordwood lying there. He tumbled and fell into the river, and was not seen again, notwithstanding a small boat was immediately lowered and put to his rescue.

Irwin was an Australian jockey, and was making himself acquainted with the antipodes. This was his second trip up the river, and was to have been his last as he purposed returning to his home on its completion.

### Canadian Doctors Held Over.

The case against Dr. Hurdman and Dr. Hepworth, the two Canadian doctors charged with practicing medicine in Dawson, without first being duly qualified and registered, came up in the police court on Thursday afternoon and was continued over until Monday next.

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