

RUMORS OF BIG STRIKE

South Fork of White River the Scene.

Telegram From Selkirk Saturday Evening Arouses All the Old Stampedeers.

Through a wire received by Charles Hill, of the Klondike hotel, Saturday afternoon at 5.45 from John Enlund, dated at Selkirk, the town was thrown into a fever of excitement which for a time threatened to depopulate the city of the old-time stampedeers. The wire was very brief and merely said "Big placer strike here," but it was sufficient to set the nerves tingling of everyone who had passed through the experiences of '97 and '98. Dog teams were hurriedly gotten together, bikes were put in condition for a hard ride and several announced their intention of leaving for Selkirk at once. Those on the inside who could not leave secured others to go in their stead and stake on shares. Before morning, however, the excitement had died down somewhat on account of the vagueness of the report and there were only four or five outfits that took the up river trail, the majority preferring to wait for further information before proceeding at a killing pace on a 200-mile run. George Butler wired Enlund at Selkirk for further particulars and the latter replied that he would telegraph him the desired information today, from Selwyn, but up to 1 o'clock this afternoon no message had been received. Why Enlund could not just as well have replied from Selkirk instead of waiting until he had reached Selwyn is another thing that adds mystery to the whole affair.

Where the alleged strike has been made is unknown, but a gentleman who is quite familiar with the country back of Selkirk has ventured the opinion that it would be on the south fork of the White river. The latter stream about 75 miles from its confluence with the Yukon forks, the left hand fork bearing well to the south and heading in a range of mountains which are highly mineralized. The south fork possesses many tributaries is about 70 miles from Selkirk via an old Indian trail and it is thought the scene of the discovery is somewhere in that vicinity. The old Dalton trail which strikes the Yukon at Selkirk crosses this branch of the White river within a few miles of the presumed new find.

Among those who left yesterday morning was John Bonfield. Another person whose name could not be learned left on a bicycle and two left on foot. Jack Smith and "Casey" sent out representatives and Jack Marchbank is preparing to do the same as soon as the news assumes a little more tangible shape. Frank Slavin has his dogs in harness and sled packed ready to mush when the word comes. Enlund's connection with the affair gives it an additional air of mystery. He was supposed to have left here with Lou Tomerlin for the outside. When the stage arrived at Selkirk she was arrested under a capias warrant, but upon settling was allowed to proceed. Several days later Enlund appeared at Selkirk headed this way, and the question now naturally arises, if he was with the Tomerlin woman how did he get by Selkirk unobserved and where was he during the interim. It is reported about town that Andy Nelson and Dick Butler are in on the deal, having had men prospecting in that section for the past two years. Butler is on his way back from Selkirk and is expected in tonight, when the truth or falsity of the report can be definitely ascertained.

Dudley Departs.

Auditor Dudley, of the White Pass Company, who has been in charge here during the winter, turned over the command to Mr. Rogers on Saturday, and yesterday morning returned to Skagway. On the stage his fellow passengers were A. M. Kilgore of the firm of Kilgore & Landahl, who is going to New York on a business trip; Mrs. Addie Butler of the Forks, who hopes to return on the first boat; J. H. Faulkner, the government sleuth who goes to Stewart; F. T. Conrad, the well-known sourdough of Dominion; and A. J. Bates and E. J. Morris, two drummers from Vancouver.

St. Andrew's Dance Postponed.
The members of the St. Andrew's Society met at the Empire hotel Saturday evening and decided to postpone the ball it was proposed to give Friday evening to some future date. The ball if given at all will be by subscription and several of the members are now seeing how many can be depended upon to subscribe. The purpose of the dance primarily is to raise funds for the liquidation of an indebtedness of some \$230, a legacy of the last St. Andrew's ball, and it is not thought that in view of the royal entertainments provided by the society in the past any difficulty will be experienced in pledging enough tickets to meet the expenses and leave enough of a surplus to wipe off the indebtedness. Another meeting will be held this week when the date of the dance will doubtless be definitely fixed.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel.—John A. Moe, Bonanza; H. Wilson, city; H. Williams, city; Ray G. Farrington, Gold Run.

Hotel Flannery.—Albert Heyman, Grand Forks; Geo. W. Billings, Fortymile; Carlton F. Krueger, 19 Hunker; J. J. Brady, Dominion; J. C. Boyce, Dawson; J. Keho, Grand Forks; Dr. A. C. Clendenan, Gold Bottom; C. Schaltenback, Gold Bottom; W. M. Woodburn, Grand Forks; Paul Haloorson, Hunker; T. J. Kearney, Grand Forks; Wm. Lennox, Gold Bottom; Louis Couture, Gold Bottom; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Black and family, Eldorado; W. J. Devlin, Hunker; J. C. Boyson, Gold Bottom; A. H. Price, Gold Bottom.

Empire Hotel.—J. C. Wilson, Bonanza; J. D. Foley, Hunker; J. H. Hall, Dawson; John McKenzie, American Gulch; Harry Moore, Bonanza.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

Consul Saylor Presents His Credentials.

Received By Acting Commissioner Newlands and Congratulations Exchanged.

Last Saturday shortly after noon United States Consul Saylor, accompanied by Mr. T. A. McGowan, made an official call upon Acting Commissioner Newlands and presented his credentials accrediting him as the duly appointed representative of the United States at Dawson. The call was not of the ceremonious nature sometimes employed, the gentlemen having previously met. The exequator and likewise that from President Roosevelt were examined by the acting commissioner and after their receipt being duly noted they were returned to the consul, congratulations were exchanged and the ceremony was at an end.

The credentials are formidable looking documents. The exequator, as it is called, is an order from King Edward to receive in his dominions this certified representative of the United States and is on an old form, the name of King Edward having been substituted in the engraving for that of Queen Victoria. But in the list of the king's official titles the words "and of the British dominions" over the seas are interlined with a pen, and the seal bears the words "Victoria, D.G." instead of Edward, and is placed on a diamond-shaped piece of parchment bearing a deep black border. The signature on behalf of the king can be made out by those with some knowledge of English government officials as "Landsdowne." The exequator of Col. McCook, which still hangs on the walls of the consulate, bears no seal at all.

Mr. Saylor's credentials from Washington is also a large document on parchment, bearing a large seal, but it is signed in a round schoolboy hand that a child could decipher, "Theodore Roosevelt." In most of the other republics of the world the presidents ape the usages of monarchical governments by signing the last name only. The document also bears the signature of John Hay, Secretary of State.

Mr. Saylor is having the consulate offices in the N. C. office building thoroughly renovated and refurbished. Another room has been taken which will be used as a private office. In the main office a handsome counter is being made of California redwood and oak.

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On Saturday afternoon Andy McKenzie invited ten of his friends to visit a quartz mine, and they accepted on his assurance that they could be back in an hour. To have a quartz mine within three miles of town is something of a novelty. Andy piloted the teams three miles down the river to a point opposite Dog Island on the left limit. There he showed them what Quartz King Foster declared to be a true fissure vein, easily traced by the naked eye on the face of the bluff.

Upon this lead fourteen claims have already been staked. The first locators were Tom Keenan and Andy McKenzie, and among the other locators are Tom Chisholm, John Connors, T. D. Greene, M. Connelly, Martin Gately and M. Conlon.

The width of the vein is sixteen feet and rock from it a few feet in is said to have assayed from \$14 to \$500 to the ton. The hanging wall is of birdseye porphyry, which also carries gold, and is said to have assayed \$2.50 to the ton.

A tunnel has been begun in the face of the vein, which will give a depth of 250 feet. When this tunnel has been run in 20 feet, if the results are sufficiently promising, a company will be formed of the men named and the mine will be developed, a mill being one of the first things the capital will be applied to. Tom Keenan and M. Conlon are now at work on the tunnel.

MEETING AT FORKS

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Committee Appointed and General Ratification Meeting Will Be Called.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon a meeting of miners occurred at Grand Forks at the Gold Hill hotel. The meeting was presided over by Victor McMullen and between 50 and 100 miners were present. The object for which the meeting was called was a general desire to hear what had been done in Dawson in connection with the matter of sending delegates to Ottawa and to discuss the petition which the miners of Gold Hill had prepared in connection with the Treadgold affair.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided to issue a call for another general mass meeting, which will be held tomorrow evening, at which time further reports will be read and the selection of delegates ratified.

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WHILE AT DEVOTIONS

Overcome By the Heat and Fatigue

Rev. Dr. Warren Succumbs to a Sudden Attack of Faintness During Evening.

A distressing incident occurred last night at the Church of England during the evening services. Rev. Dr. Warren, the rector, fainted while at prayers and the congregation had to be dismissed. The services had proceeded to after the reading of the second lesson and the reverend gentleman was at prayers when he was seen to suddenly clasp his head in his hands and fall forward on his prayer desk. The pause was of but a moment's duration when with a strong effort he recovered himself, announced a hymn and immediately retired to the rectory. A vestryman ascertained the nature of the trouble and upon the conclusion of the singing of the hymn requested that another be sung. The request was complied with and then it was learned the rector would be unable to proceed with the services and the congregation was dismissed.

Rev. Warren has not been in good health for several weeks and it is thought the warmth and closeness of the church combined with the fatigue of attending the funeral at the A. B. hall in the afternoon was the cause of his sudden faintness.

Will Pay in Full.

In the police court this morning, before Captain Staines, the case of Ball against Hicks & Thompson, for wages, Mr. Robertson for the defendants said he had no defence to offer and the firm was willing to pay the whole amount if it could be paid in instalments. Mr. Thompson was in court and this being agreed by the plaintiff, the court made that decision.

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