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GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, commander in chief of the American revolutionary forces and first president of the United States.

The farther away we get from the actual time and events which have made our great men famous the more easy it becomes ordinarily to attribute to them the possession of all the virtues and a corresponding lack of undesirable qualities. The scope of our view is broadened with the lapse of time and we lose sight of the narrow details of our hero's life. Just as in reaching a proper conception of a painter's master piece, the observer must not approach too near the work, so in judging the character and achievements of men a just conclusion can be reached only when they have passed to their graves and ceased to effect the movements of the world about them.

A little more than a century has passed since Washington died. At the time of his death men were divided in opinion as to his ability as a general and qualities as a statesman. Today in the hearts of 70,000,000 people his memory is enshrined as the memory of the man whose faith in his God, his people and himself enabled him to weld a poorly organized confederation of 13 small colonies into a nation destined in the course of a single century to be numbered among the great powers of the earth.

Washington is distinctly the American hero. But he is still more. He did no less for the mother country than he did for his own. Great Britain is a greater Britain today than she would be had the lesson of the American revolution never been learned. The loyalty and patriotism manifest in British dependencies the world over during the present crisis is sufficient evidence of the manner in which the principles contained in that lesson have been given practical application. American and Briton may well join in celebrating the birthday of Washington. His life typifies the best there is in the Anglo-Saxon and the results of his work are as broad as the influence of the race. Whether or not the dreams of an Anglo-American alliance will ever be realized, British and Americans can always join with propriety in doing honor to the fame of the man "First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

AN ELECTION BREWING.

A most important item of news is that relating to the determination upon the part of the Liberal leaders to go before the country for a new election at the termination of the present parliamentary session. It is not difficult to see that the astute Liberal politicians hope to receive the benefit of the present war

spirit now rampant through Canada. Parliament has already made heavy contributions toward the war now in progress in South Africa and before the session adjourns will in all probability be called upon for further appropriations for the same purpose.

The newspapers throughout the Dominion, without regard to political affiliations, have pretty generally approved the attitude which parliament has taken upon the war question and the Liberal leaders are determined to take advantage of the situation in the expectation of riding again into power on the crest of the patriotic wave.

There is still some time to elapse, however, before the adjournment of parliament, and meanwhile radical changes in the complexion of affairs may take place.

What interests us in the Yukon territory is the means which can be taken to insure recognition of what is unanimously agreed throughout the length and breadth of the territory to be essential to its general welfare and progress.

The ordinary political issues are not of particular interest to us. What we should strive to secure is a guarantee, or as near to that as possible, from both political parties that the Yukon territory will in the future be treated with some measure of justice. Political parties are far more susceptible to being influenced prior to an election than they are after the votes are cast.

From now on until the election occurs every man in the territory who possesses any influence with the leaders on either side should exert that influence, if through no other means than personal letters setting forth the conditions which prevail here. Such a campaign of education could not do other wise than result in lasting good to the territory.

Should Alaska be divided and a new territory formed no more appropriate name than "Seward" could be found. The United States owes to the masterful mind of that great statesman the fact that Alaska, an empire in point of area, is a portion of the great Union. The original idea was that Seward's name should be applied to the territory, when the original purchase was made. The point was overlooked, however, and the honor which properly belonged to Seward was withheld. A fitting tribute to his memory would be paid in naming for him any new territory which may be organized from the limits of Alaska as at present constituted.

Washington's Birthday.

Today is the anniversary of Washington's birthday. It will be celebrated this evening at the Palace Grand opera house by an entertainment for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Boer war.

An excellent program has been arranged. The hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," will be the initial number. Mrs. Leroy Tozier will render two vocal selections, "The Star Spangled Banner," and "The Maple Leaf of Canada." Miss Ross, the elocutionist, will recite "The Absent Minded Beggar." Members of the Yukon Field Force will give an exhibition drill. The O'Brien family will appear in some of their original comical sketches. Commissioner Ogilvie and Mr. Leroy Tozier will deliver appropriate addresses.

Tickets are now on sale at Reid's drug store.

Beware of Robb.

Mr. E. La Porte has written a letter to the Daily Nugget in reference to the criminal operations of one William

B. Robb, who recently departed for Cape Nome. The communication is too long for publication, but evidently Robb, as Mr. La Porte states, "possesses a name completely in harmony with his character." Before leaving he borrowed money from several acquaintances without informing them of his intended trip. He also sold to Mr. Erhardt an undivided half interest in a cabin and its contents, which are the property of Mr. La Porte. He helped himself to wearing apparel, which is owned by Charles P. Bonsal. Mr. La Porte desires that the stamperders to Nome be informed of Robb's inclinations, so that he may be able to practice his confidence tricks on the trail.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Anyone knowing anything of George Rowan formerly of Los Angeles, who is being anxiously inquired for by his father, will please report such information to Sergeant Wilson at the town police station.

F. S. McFarlane, who has been left in charge of the business of W. H. Parsons & Co., reports the arrival of W. H. Parsons and party at Five Fingers. Mr. McFarlane has assumed the entire management of the business, and is doing a thriving trade.

R. E. West, who arrived from the outside with papers, will leave again for the outside on Saturday. He came in with dogs, but will sell the dogs and take a horse on his return, as he says the trail is in fine condition for horses. The horse West will take left here in December, went to Bennett and brought back nearly a ton of freight.

J. A. Elwell reached Dawson over the ice Monday, after a trip of 15 days from Bennett. Mr. Elwell and wife went on one of the late boats last fall and enjoyed an extended trip through the middle states. Mrs. Elwell is in Seattle, where she will remain until joined by her husband in July. Mr. Elwell says that the trail is covered with people en route to Dawson and Nome. On the day after the trains began running, after the big snow blockade, 320 passengers were carried by the White Pass and Yukon railroad to Bennett, most of whom were en route down the river.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. E. Thompson is in town on business.

Joseph Sala started on a trip to Nome this morning.

William Duncan of Fox gulch is registered at the Regina.

W. Thompson arrived from Skagway yesterday. He is stopping at the Regina.

Alex Marlowe, a miner, is receiving medical treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mr. C. J. Ryrie, of Sa below, Sulphur, is convalescent, after a short but severe illness.

George Gresback is suffering with pneumonia, and is an inmate of the Good Samaritan hospital.

Patrick Fitzgerald and John Shields left for Cape Nome this morning. They are provided with five dogs.

Joseph A. Magill who was reported to be very sick at Bennett, reached Dawson over the ice yesterday. He was confined to his bed in Bennett for three weeks, but is now fully recovered.

Modern Ideas.

Progressive methods in business, practically employed, are bound to win. The Parsons Produce Co. has demonstrated this forcibly and are doing a lucrative business where others are complaining of commercial stagnation. This is as it should be and follows not only in Dawson but the world over. The Parsons Produce Co. is to be congratulated, and if the same spirit was observed by Canadian firms in general the prosperity of Canada would be assured. This success has been largely due to the broad minded policy of Milne, the Dawson representative of the company.

First Boat for Nome.

The steamer W. K. Merwin has been chartered by a Dawson company to make the trip down the river immediately upon the opening of navigation. It is the intention to have this boat not only the first to get away but the first to arrive at Nome, making the trip down the river and across Behring sea. This boat has been specially built for ocean travel and successfully made the trip from Seattle to Dawson under her own steam.

She will carry 400 first and second class passengers and has 280 tons of freight space. All meals are to be first class, the only difference in passage being the location of berths.

Captain R. A. Talbot, a skilled navi-

gator on the lower river has been engaged to take the boat to its destination. Many tickets have been sold already and freight space secured guaranteeing the success of the enterprise.

Tickets can be secured of F. C. Thompson at the Criterion hotel, or from F. S. McFarlane, manager of W. H. Parsons & Co's store, Hotel McDonald.

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