

WHO OWNS THE DUST?

The Police Have Wealth Awaiting Owner

Sluicelox Robbery on Skookum Jim's Claim is Not Yet Cleared up.

The matter of the recent sluicelox robbery on Skookum Jim's claim, No. 1 above discovery on Bonanza, has not yet been cleared up. Presumably the loot has been found but until it is identified it will not be turned over to the supposed owners, but revert to the person who found it, Mrs. Nelson. The lady was picking berries and found two sacks of sand and gold on the hillside about 150 yards from the claim.

While there is little doubt but the contents of the bags found the day following the robbery constitutes the loot in question, those interested are adverse to claiming it lest they be suspected of the theft.

In the meantime, the force employed on the claim by the laymen, with one or two exceptions, have quit work without their pay, save in time checks which the holders have little hope of ever being cashed.

The contents of the sacks found by the woman are in the hands of the police awaiting identification.

Breach of Faith.

Panama, Colombia, Aug. 19.—Inquiries made by the Associated Press show that serious international complications may arise at Buenaventura, where the Colombian government assembled 2,000 troops under Gen. Velasco and threatened to compel the British steamer Ecuador, owned by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, of Liverpool, to transport reinforcements to Panama. The agents of the line refused to embark the troops, and appealed to the company's representatives here, who in turn placed the matter before the British consul, with the result that the cruiser Phaeton was sent to Buenaventura to protect British interests.

The action of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company in refusing to transport the troops has caused indignation in Colombian government circles. A high official, who was interviewed on the subject, said that a contract was made by the government in 1897 with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company by which the government granted many liberal concessions to the company. The Colombian government, it was added, has since the contract was signed, paid the Pacific Steam Navigation Company over \$20,000 in subsidies, in consideration of which the company agreed to transport Colombian civil and military employes, prisoners, mails and soldiers at special rates.

In conclusion, the high official of the Colombian government referred to said that the refusal of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company to transport Colombian troops here may be sustained by the presence of a British warship at Buenaventura, but nevertheless it is a clear violation of the contract between the Colombian government and the steamship company, made in good faith by the government, which has faithfully adhered to its agreement. In government circles it is claimed that the nonarrival of the reinforcements of troops from Buenaventura will prolong the revolution on the isthmus and cause unnecessary bloodshed, and that consequently the government of Colombia has ground to claim damages from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. There is no doubt that the government will bring suit against the company.

Kaiser and Son at Odds

New York, Aug. 11.—A special cable to the Sun from Paris says that the Matin declares that the Crown Prince of Germany, after an escapade at Bonn, where he is attending the university, had a violent interview with Emperor William.

It is said he expressed to his father his desire to renounce his rank and claim to the throne. He is 29 years old. A woman is supposed to be concerned in the affair.

\$10,000.00 For Loss of Love.

Such was the verdict of the jury in a case recently tried in which one man sued another for the alienation of his wife's affections. In a case that has been tried here in Dawson the verdict is that Dunham carries the best of everything in the grocery line.

DENIES THE STATEMENT

Deputy Minister Smart Misquoted

Did Not Say Concession Had Been Granted on Account of Misrepresentations.

Deputy Minister of the Interior Smart returned yesterday evening after having spent the day viewing the beauties of Hunker creek and enjoying the hospitality of C. George Johanssen at 6 below. To a representative of the Nugget Mr. Smart expressed himself as being amazed at the work being done on Hunker and laughs at the pessimistic idea held by a few people that the country is worked out and as fast going to the everlasting demitition how-wows. As already stated in these columns Mr. Smart is in the territory for the purpose of personally learning the needs and desires of the residents, the miners and others who have made of the country what it is, and he disclaims political matters entirely, but he does object to being misquoted upon questions of such vital importance as concessions in general and the Treadgold concession in particular. In the News of yesterday evening Mr. Smart is made to say through an interview alleged to have been taken from the Whitehorse Star, that he "thought the reason for the government granting the Treadgold and other concessions had been because of misrepresentations that had been made by parties interested."

"With reference to that article in the News," said Mr. Smart, "I never made any such statement and it is therefore entirely incorrect. If the editor of the Whitehorse Star quoted me as saying that he certainly misunderstood me."

From the indifferent manner in which Mr. Smart spoke of the misstatements it is easy to infer that they worried him but very little. He again left this morning for a trip up Bonanza and may not return until tomorrow. He will visit the big dredge on 12 Bonanza, will watch Billy Leek make one of his famous cleanups on 3 below and will view the workings of Phiscator's steam shovel on Eldorado. The deputy minister is enjoying his excursions up the creeks hugely and before his departure will have visited probably every producer of any consequence in the entire district.

Work of the Pythians.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Several important questions were before the supreme lodge of Pythians today at their session in the Palace hotel. The statute reducing the supreme tribunal from five members to three was adopted, and the present members were deposed. A new board will be supported by the supreme lodge before the close of the present session.

Another proposition, which was suggested by the Hinsey and Kennedy cases, that the supreme statutes be so amended that members of the order be tried for offenses only in their own subordinate lodges from whose decision there should be no appeal, was voted down after a long debate.

The following were elected members of the supreme tribunal: John A. Alexander, Leesburg, Va.; Tully Scott, Cripple Creek, Col.; John A. Helcher, St. Paul, Minn.

Asks Fair Play for Alaska.

Seattle, Aug. 19.—Hon. Dudley G. Wooten, of Dallas, Texas, member of congress from the "Lone Star" state who has just arrived from a tour of Alaska, today sent the following telegram to the Texas delegation to the Trans-Mississippi congress which convened today at St. Paul:

"Do and say all you can for Alaska. The great southwest should help the great northwest. All Alaska wants is fair play."

The Texas delegation to congress is one of the most representative and the greatest in point of numbers in the body.

Wants no New Convent

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 19.—The federal council has decreed the active enforcement of an article of the constitution forbidding the establishment of new convents by religious orders, or the re-establishment of suppressed congregations. Three months' grace is allowed the orders who have infringed the constitution in which to comply with the decree by closing their establishments.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

Given Reception

The Hague, Aug. 19.—A public reception was accorded to the Boer generals on their arrival here today from Rotterdam. Gen. Eyster, in a speech, paid a tribute to their heroic deeds. Gen. Botha replied, expressing the appreciation of the Boer officers at the warmth of their reception and referring to the consolation which it had been to them to know that while they fought their women and children were being supported by Dutch generosity. The time, added Gen. Botha, had not yet arrived to make public all they knew, but probably at no distant date they would publish their accounts of the war. The visitors were escorted in procession through the town in open carriages and were everywhere loudly cheered by the crowds assembled. A number of Boers who served during the war formed a guard of honor for the generals.

The space in front of the hotel where apartments had been secured for the generals was closely packed with people. Shouts of "Long live the Boers" greeted the South African commanders when they appeared, and then the crowd sang the Transvaal national anthem, whereupon the generals bared their heads and waved their hats in acknowledgement of the enthusiastic welcome accorded them. Subsequently a reception was held in the drawing room, former State Secretary Reitz, of the Transvaal, and Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Boers, introducing the local celebrities to the visitors.

In the course of a speech General Botha declared that he and his colleagues had not come here to hold festivities, but the cordiality of their reception was some recompense for the great sorrow they had experienced.

"We are deputies," said the Boer commandant general, "of one of the most ruined people—ruined only because we have done our duty and surrendered our liberty and independence, for which no sacrifice could be too great."

The Boer generals are expected to visit former President Kruger at Utrecht tomorrow, and will probably remain there until August 31.

The generals have requested the members of Boer associations to refrain from making anti-British speeches, which, the Boer commanders say, may possibly impair the success of their mission to Great Britain.

During the day the Boer generals visited former President Steyn.

The generals also attended the pro-Boer exhibition which is being held here. Responding to the welcome they received at the exhibition building, Gen. De Wet, in a voice broken with emotion, said:

"All those who organized this exhibition of art and industry have contributed to the growth of nations. We South Africans were on the road to the development of art and industry, but our legs were cut from under us; consequently we next need help and support to rise again. It is for that very purpose that we have come to Europe, and we are grateful for the honors shown and the help given us by the Dutch."

Enjoyed the Ballet

London, Aug. 19.—The shah of Persia, who reached London yesterday as the guest of King Edward, was entertained tonight at the Empire Music hall. He went to the hall in a carriage, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, and escorted by a detachment of the household cavalry. The shah was received with loud cheers when he entered the building, and he apparently enjoyed the ballet, the animated pictures and the other attractions offered.

Today the shah gave a reception to the members of the cabinet and the foreign diplomats in London and this afternoon he took a long drive.

Galloped into a River

London, Aug. 20.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg the correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"During the maneuvers near here a squadron of cavalry was ordered suddenly to charge. It galloped into a river and fifty men are reported to have been drowned. Details of the affair are difficult to obtain."

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Signed Protocol

London, Aug. 18.—In a dispatch from Shanghai, the correspondent of the Times says the protocol of the tariff treaty was signed yesterday by the British, American, German and Japanese representatives, without reservation, and by the Austrian, Belgian and Dutch representatives by adopted referendum.

This action, continues the Times correspondent, was principally due to the American commissioner, T. S. Sharretts, desiring to conclude the business before returning to the United States. The Chinese commissioner, lacking imperial sanction, did not sign the protocol, therefore, if China rejects it, the signatures affixed yesterday will be void. The document provides that the new tariff becomes operative November 1.

Portugal, adds the correspondent, complicates the situation by claiming a concession of two small islands near Macao, and the right to build a railroad from Macao to Canton, as a quid pro quo for her acceptance of the new tariff. This incident, says the representative of the Times, illustrates the difficulty underlying this whole question.

New Seal Rookeries.

Washington, Aug. 19.—New seal rookeries have been discovered in Alaskan waters. Lieut. Bertholf has reported that he had seen two immense herds of seals in rookeries never before discovered on Bonedvier island, at the extreme west of the Aleutian

islands. None of the seals were branded and there was no evidence that white men had ever been in the locality before. It is believed that there are many more herds in the little western islands. Lieut. Bertholf is the executive officer of the U. S. revenue cutter Daniel Manning, and he made the report quietly to the department some time ago, but it has just been given out.

Cable a Failure

Skagway, Aug. 20.—It is now apparent that the United States government has been balked in the matter of the Skagway-Juneau cable. Al-

though the cable was not broken at all, the Henry Finch and the crew of experts working upon it have ceased operations and given the proposition up in despair.

The line refuses to work and those who are in position to know what they are talking about, do not believe it will ever be useful again unless the work of laying it is done over, for the whole blame for the condition of the wire is laid at the door of the contractors and the faulty manner in which the cable was laid in the beginning.

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