

## CAPTAIN SCARTH MAY GO

To Fight Boers on the Sun-Scorched Veldt.

Telegram Received Yesterday Brings News of His Acceptance—Will Hold Commission.

Capt. William H. Scarth was agreeably surprised yesterday evening when sent for by Major Wood and informed by him of the receipt of a telegram from Ottawa accepting the offer of the intrepid captain to go to South Africa. After the wire from Ottawa declining the services of the 50 or 75 non-commissioned men of the police force who had offered their services, and stating that the Canadian contingent would sail from Halifax on the 15th instant, it was about the last news the captain expected to receive. Only the day previous he had talked with a Nugget representative when he gave it as his understanding that all commissioned positions had been filled by the 31st of December and that consequently there were no vacancies now.

The telegram offering his services was not sent by Capt. Scarth for two days after the one forwarded by the privates, but the answer to it was more prompt which indicates that his offer is not only accepted but that he is wanted for the South African service and arrangements for forwarding him after the sailing of the transport would be made. The telegram did not state the rank of the position to which he would be assigned, but it would certainly be a commissioned office.

Owing to his knowledge of the Geo. O'Brien case in which the latter is charged with the Minto triple murder of Christmas a year ago, Captain Scarth will not be able to leave immediately, but as there are prospects of O'Brien being brought to trial in the near future, he may yet be on his way to fight Boers before the ice leaves the Yukon; and as such is more adapted to his temperament than the prosaic life to which he is now assigned, his host of friends congratulate him on his acceptance at Ottawa.

## THE LOWER COURT.

Magistrate McDonell Now Home-Ports at the Forks.

Magistrate McDonell returned to the city yesterday after an extended portable session of court held at various points on the separate creeks, the last stand being on Gold Run, where the conduct of several roadhouses were investigated, a number of gamblers fined for playing in saloons on Sunday and a plain drunk or two checked in their mad careers by fines of sufficient magnitude to remind them that moderation is a good thing to practice, especially in the consumption of Gold Run hooch. Magistrate McDonell will return tomorrow to Grand Forks which will be his headquarters during the busy season and from which place he will make excursions on the various creeks as occasion may demand his presence.

No cases were up for hearing in the local police court this morning, only one arrest having been made within the previous 24 hours, that of Mrs. Day for drunkenness and disorder. She was taken to the barracks at a late hour last night and was still too much under the influence of the spring brand to appear in court this morning, but would have a hearing this afternoon. This is the second time within a month that Mrs. Day has been under arrest for imbibing too freely of the oil of joy.

Madame Renio was notified to appear in police court this afternoon and explain why she violates the statute which forbids alleged fortune telling.

A Fourth avenue resident was also billed to appear this afternoon to answer to the charge of soliciting men to enter her house.

### Snow Slide.

Yesterday afternoon the snow and ice on the Bank of British North America building became loosened by the warmth of the sun and a large chunk broke loose and fell on the porch which surrounds the building on the east side, breaking part of it into splinters. Luckily there was no one underneath at the time so that there was no damage done other than the wrecking of that part of the porch.

Lined meal, 20c at Mecker's.

## AUTOPSY WAS HELD

Over the Remains of John Gschwindt.

An autopsy was held on the body of John Gschwindt, the man who was found dead in his cabin yesterday afternoon near the Klondike bridge, and traces of poison were found on his stomach. The coroner's jury will bring in a verdict this evening.

Dr. Thompson, who, with Dr. Hurdman, conducted the postmortem examination, is of the opinion that the man's death was caused from what is known as ptomaine poisoning. This form of poisoning results from certain vegetable life which appears in canned meats when the latter are exposed to the atmosphere while still in the can.

Tests were made of the contents of the man's stomach and clear traces of the presence of ptomaines were found therein.

## EVERYBODY CASH IN.

No Upstairs Games Will Run After the 10th.

The straw at which many of the sporting fraternity were, preparing to grasp, namely, that games would be permitted to be operated in unmoletted quietude in upstairs rooms after the order closing open gambling goes into effect, has been proven to be a delusion, as there is not even the picture of a straw at which to grasp. The order from Ottawa does not stipulate that gambling of certain kinds must cease, or that down-stairs gambling must cease, but simply that gambling must cease, and that embraces all kinds and varieties.

Such so-called clubs as may now be in existence here or as might afterwards be organized are not recognized by the Dominion government which recognizes no clubs except those having charters granted by parliament and of these there are but four or five in the Dominion and only one west of Winnipeg.

Capt. Starnes, to whom the order from Ottawa has been referred for enforcement, informed a Nugget representative this morning that, barring no interference from the federal government which, by the way, is not in the least expected, the order as received by him will be rigidly enforced and that after the night of the 10th open gambling will be unknown in the Yukon.

## BLANKET CHALLENGE

From a Pug Who Now Eats Three Meals Daily.

A certain young man who has pugilistic aspirations and who appeared in a few glove exhibitions here early in the winter, sends down from where he is at work on a claim a sort of blanket challenge to any and all pugs, to meet anyone of them some time in May for the gate receipts and a side bet of \$784, which latter amount the fellow says will be due and payable to him the first of May provided he does not lose any time between now and that date. He says: "None of dem guys could put me out when I was there early in the winter, and all that time I was only eatin' once a day. Now I am gettin' three squares every day and am willin' ter bet all my winter's wages dat I can lick any 150 pound man in Dawson after I git my money."

If any one entertains an idea of accepting the challenge he will do well to get in shape to eat regularly, as three square meals a day is an innovation among fourth-rate pugilists.

### More Spring Harbingers.

The drinking of the decoction that causes people to slumber on the sidewalks is not the only evidence that spring is here. Yesterday and today a number of storm doors that have for the past several months loomed up like Egyptian pyramids were taken down, front doors were propped open and the God-given zephyrs have for the first time since last fall been permitted to circulate in many public resorts.

At the present rate of consumption, the white fish the Pacific Cold Storage Co. brought in for the Lenten season will all be gone long before Easter.

Mrs. Thompson has received new ladies' furnishings over the ice.

Plenty choice fresh vegetables at Mecker's.

## COUNTER REQUESTS.

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nes could be expected in the way of franchises and liquor licenses."

He then recited the same figures used before in support of his theory of the benefits to be derived from incorporation and leaving the city with a snug balance in its favor at the end of the year. He recited instances from other cities where they had received their license revenues and stated that ex-Mayor Grant, of Victoria, could tell them how they run things there.

Mr. Justice Dugas made a side remark which brought down the house, that he understood Mr. Grant had already been appointed mayor of Dawson.

Commissioner Ogilvie stated that the council had received all the money from those sources of revenue, very little of which had been expended outside of the city of Dawson and that the council was now in debt. That he did not see how the city, left to itself with a limited revenue, was going to exist.

Justice Dugas, speaking on the question, said: "The territory is large and the revenue is small. The revenues accruing from licenses do not belong to the city, but belong to the territorial government and should be used in the development of the territory. I am opposed to giving any proportionately large amount of the license revenue to the city. If the city incorporates all the money spent by the council in improvements, including the fire brigade, will have to be paid back to the territorial fund."

Mr. Woodworth, in reply to that, thought that the city had paid in fines more than enough to cover those items. To which the justice replied that all fines as well belong to the territorial government.

The committee asked the council to prepare a statement of what revenues could be expected and were told to draw up their own statement of what they wanted and then the council would see whether they would grant them or not, but in no case was the committee to forget that there was a petition already before the council against incorporation. The committee then took their departure and will present their petition next week.

A regulation regarding furious driving on the street was passed prohibiting either horses or dogs being driven at a speed exceeding six miles an hour and imposing a fine not to exceed \$50 in violation thereof.

Owing to several clauses in the Bar Association ordinance, which Justice Dugas thought might be looked upon unfavorably at Ottawa it was decided to defer sending it for the time being and allow Justice Dugas a chance to confer with the Bar Association with a view of modifying or amending them.

The last appropriation of \$30,000 being nearly exhausted and as more money is needed to complete the Klondike bridge and other improvements under construction an over-draft on the bank was ordered for \$20,000. An appropriation of \$250 was asked for the Yukon Public Museum which was voted. The council then adjourned to meet in one week.

## FAMILY NIGHT

An Established Institution at the Standard.

Every seat was occupied last night, "family night," at the Standard, the entertainment presented being the four-act comedy drama, "Struck Gas," in which the various members of the cast were afforded ample opportunity for playing their long suit, and the occasion was improved, especially Wm. Mullen as Gabriel Rasdebaum, Alf Layne as Job Jenkins, Vivian as Wild cat Morley and Julia Wolfcott as Martha Jane Boggs, the latter fully sustaining her reputation as the leading actress of Dawson.

The show last night was the best yet presented in the "family night" series and the manner in which it was received and enjoyed speaks volumes not only for the successful efforts of the Standard management but also for the merited appreciation by the best people of Dawson for legitimate entertainment. Family nights at the Standard are now awaited with delightful anticipation.

### Last Night's Fire.

At 8:30 o'clock last night the fire department was called to extinguish a blaze over John Gillespie's Yukon Trading Company's store near the Klondike hotel. The fire was in a garret but was extinguished by the chemical engine before any damage was done.

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## SLOW PROGRESS

Is Being Made in Development of Moosehide Claims.

Work is still progressing on Moosehide although under the most discouraging circumstances. The hillside claim opposite No. 8 on discovery is the solitary scene of activity and while a distance of over 140 feet is sunk bed rock has not yet been reached. When but ten feet from the surface it is said the prospectors found colors but as the shaft was sunk no trace of gold could be found.

Considerable activity is noticed from that locality in the wood business, there being fully 5000 cords of dead wood taken from there this winter. The A. C. Co., having a timber grant there, are cutting and hauling logs for their saw mill.

Contractor Stewart is supplying the barracks with firewood from Moosehide. The amount paid, delivered, is \$12 per cord.

Fresh turkeys at the Denver Market. When in want of laundry work call up 'phone 52. Cascade Laundry.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

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## ARCTIC SAWMILL

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## THE BIG ENGINE

Sent to Dawson by Ex-Mayor Garden.

Dawson would now be without the big fire engine which has done such valiant service during the winter had it not been for the persistent work of Commissioner Ogilvie, and the willingness of ex-Mayor Garden, of Vancouver, to do the Klondike a favor.

Mr. Ogilvie had wired for an engine of the required size, but received a reply from the manufacturers long toward the close of navigation that it would be impossible to construct the engine in time to forward it to Dawson before the freeze up.

Mr. Ogilvie was aware of the fact that a new engine had just been completed for Vancouver, so the circumstances were wired to Mayor Garden with a request that he should let Dawson have the Vancouver engine and Vancouver take the one ordered for this city.

This request was complied with and no time lost in rushing the big engine into Dawson.

Mr. Garden has something coming if he ever pays a visit to this city.

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