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### FOR PUBLICATION.

And now we come again to Colonel McCook, the illustrious and resplendent minister plenipotentiary, consulting financier, deliverer of obituaries or farewells, kicker of Irishmen, objector to the latest Canadian postage stamp, keeper of records and seals, extemporaneous orator to removed officials, and writer of letters destined to live for years as models of diction and gems of literature. The letter is long, and we must protest against this "expansion idea," which requires three pages to express a single thought. The Colonel is a gentleman and a judge of whiskey, but some kind friend ought to whisper in his ear that writing letters for publication is not his forte but his weakness.

Epistle 3 for Pub in full  
Dawson, March 27, 1899  
Editor KLONDIKE NUGGET  
Dear Sir

Your Communication of the 25 inst is before me, in which you state "We (the NUGGET) recognise the right of no one outside this office to dictate what we shall or shall not publish" part of your statement is evidently borne out by your actions viz "you recognise the right of no one" You, Sir, want to take away those very rights from a Citizen "of no mean Country" by a scurrilous abuse of a United States Citizen for his attending a Sociable, and good bye meeting, given to an exofficial of this Dominion. Can you not make it convenient to spend an hour or so with me each day as an adviser as to what I shall or shall not do.

I am consulted daily by Citizens of all Countries as to the proper course to pursue in certain affairs, at this writing I have had to stop and give advice to one "Anton Wildhaber" of Switzerland as to his disposing of the property in Switzerland, recently an Irishman who never swore allegiance to any Foreign Prince or Potentate but his own "Auld Sod" called Stating he was the original discover of the Russian Boundary lines, and requested of me to be sent to relocate those mounds, and because I refused, he threateningly said "I will report you to Washington" and made insulting remarks, the Alacrity with which that Son of Erin flew down one flight of stairs after he had felt my felt shoe was a Caution, Now Mr. Editor I have attended Services in Dawson at the Catholic, the Presbyterian, the Church of England, and in the Salvation Army places of worship. If I ally myself too closely to One you may object, what shall I do Sir.

There is to be a Sociable, Concert, dance &c at the Dawson club on the 29 inst. as it is more than probable that a number of Government Officials will be present, had I better stay away? as by going I would have to fraternise with those officials (who as a lot are a body of fine Gentlemen) which would be a horrible offence in your estimation. You mention the rights of American citizens I presume you mean United States Citizens, the same U. S. according to the latest Canadian postage stamps is but a speck on the North American Continent, let me assure you Sir that there is no Nation under the Sun that protects the rights of its Citizens better than Uncle Sam, and can back its protection up with More Men, but what's the use expatiating on this subject, every School child from Spain to California knows that, Not wishing to trespass on your valuable space too much this time

I am yours &c

J. C. McCook  
or as you have it Justice of the Peace  
McCook

We have to thank the American con-

sul for the heartiest laugh we have enjoyed these many months. The colonel has missed his calling in the consulate, for as a buffoon and all round fun maker he would have made a national reputation for himself. We rather expect that this letter of his will be reprinted throughout the States for its grammatical and etymological eccentricities as well as for its hidden and revealed humor. A good title for this monstrous humorosity or humorous monstrosity would be "The Wail of the Postage-Stamp," or "A Feather From the Eagle's Tail." Another suggestion would be a moist application of about a square foot of those stamps to the facial aperture which the sage says "Is a closed door unto the wise man." Owls have long been mistaken for the sagest of birds from the habit they have of saying nothing and looking wise; and the consul would do well to ponder over these things, perchance to imitate and reap the reward of the sacrifice.

### SUGGESTED LEGISLATION.

As has already been announced there is some talk of measures to compel the use of Canadian pilots upon the river. It is a recognized law among nations which compels boats plying between two given points in one country to take out naturalization papers, so to speak, for their boats. In the Yukon territory this involves considerable expense, as every bolt and nail in the boat has to pay duty, as well as the timber and cordage. The stationing of a troop of pilots at Forty-Mile, and compelling their use on all boats between that point and Dawson, can in no way be excused as a protective measure for the public. The simple fact is that it is being attempted in the same spirit which prompted the anti-alien law of British Columbia.

There is also a move on foot for the exclusion of American dentists and American druggists, just as American lawyers and American doctors have been debarred.

To carry the thing to a logical conclusion we suggest a law prohibiting the practicing of American cooks. Cooks are of such vital importance to the gastronomic welfare of the people, that a measure should be secured at once for the elevation of the profession and the debarring of incompetent aliens. Then these American bar-tenders should be regulated out of existence. Their jolps, cobbles and cocktails are derogatory to the peace and dignity of an empire of consumers of brandy-sodas, and anyhow "Canada for Canadians" is a bully electioneering war cry to rally the stalwarts all to one standard. Again, there are going to be large numbers of engineers and firemen required in the steam-thriving developments which this frozen land is about to witness. The important function of generating steam should not be left to those ignorant fellows who have merely a life-time of experience in that line to guide them. None but graduates of the Ontario Technical School of Steamology should be allowed to handle so dangerous an agent as teakettle steam. Unless a man can compute the tension strain to each quarter inch of a given crown sheet hanger (which usually breaks at about a half of the technically computed strain), and unless he can show a parchment headed with the Lion and Unicorn, certifying that the bearer has memorized the formula which purports to explain the expansive differences of superheated and latently heated steam, he should not be allowed to endanger the airiferous gravels with his efforts at steam handling. But more than all we wish to call attention to an opportunity for this species of legislation which must not be overlooked. Under the health ordinance we are about to see spring up an army of night-soil men. Now this profession cannot be left to choice. How can a man clean up a back yard who never peered through the eyepiece of a microscope nor mounted a bacteriological specimen of tuberculosis, and who was never examined by bespectacled professors upon the structural differences between a typhoid germ and a specimen secured from a three

times removed monkey culture of rabies? Mr. Ogilvie should see that here is an opportunity of a lifetime.

### THAT ARMED PEACE.

The great game of checkmate in progress between the leading nations of the earth is a most engrossing spectacle. The czar's famous pronouncement is being apparently taken by the nations to whom it is addressed in the gravest good faith, yet every shipyard in the world has all at once had its working forces increased and in many cases more than doubled. The following are some of the British vessels completing or on train: Battleships—Canopus, 12,900 tons; Goliath, 12,900 tons; Ocean, same; Devonport, same; Formidable, 16,700 tons; Irresistible, same; Glory, 12,000 tons; Yengeance, 12,000 tons; Implacable, 14,700 tons; London, same; Bulwark, same; Venerable, same, and four others unnamed of 14,000 tonnage. First-class cruisers—Andromeda, 11,000 tons; Ariadne, same; Argonaut, same; Amphitrite, same; Spartiate, same; Aboukir, 12,000 tons; Cressy, same; Hogue, same; Sutfey, same; Kuraylus, same; Barchante, same; Six others of 14,100. Second class cruisers—Gladiator, 5,750 tons; Hyacinth, 5,600; Hermes, same; High Flyer, same. Third-class cruisers—Psyche, Penelope, Prometheus, Perseus, all of 2,135 tons, and Pandora and Pioneer, of 2,200 tons. Nor is this all for an order has been placed for torpedo boat destroyers on the Turbinia principle which will go at a maintained speed for several hours of 40 miles per hour. Nor is Great Britain alone in her shipbuilding, for dispatches from Toulon, where is the French navy yard, shows that the message of peace from the czar to the emperor has been productive of nothing at present but the greatest activity imaginable in preparation for war.

The two last wars, the Japanese and American wars, have decided the military authorities of the earth that all war in future will resolve itself into a contest between the floating batteries of the warring nations. Land fighting between empires or great nations is already a thing of the past, and peace comes with the destruction of the fleet as surely as night follows day. And so it happens that with only a small standing army, Great Britain is spending untold wealth upon the extending of her navy. It is also doubtful if ever again the United States will be found so unprepared for war as was the case upon the blowing up of the Maine.

### REJECT AMERICAN FLOUR.

Chicago millers are not at all moved by the action of their Turkish brethren-in-business who resorted to intrigue to protect their flour interests. Last month the Record published a cable dispatch from its staff correspondent in Constantinople to the effect that through the misuse of governmental inspection regulations the Turkish millers had succeeded in having rejected 1000 bags of Minnesota flour. The customs officers held that the product was unhealthful. Fifteen thousand bags that accompanied the unfortunate 1000, however, passed the customs officers and got into the markets without trouble.

### SPAIN AND SPANISH.

Of all deceit self-deception is the most excusable and yet the most profusely excused. Here is a whole Spanish of Spaniards pretending to believe that they have been simply tricked out of the Philippines by the dishonorable double-dealing Americans. America and Great Britain publish occasional "blue books" giving particulars of matters not hitherto of general public knowledge. Spain has done the same with "red books" and the contents deal—or profess to deal—with the Spanish-American war. The good people of Spain are told by their government that until "very late in the Paris negotiations the Spanish commissioners did not dream of the Americans laying claim to the Philippine group." That notwithstanding the terms of the protocol "Spain never even suspected the ulterior designs of the Americans." That the educated and polished representatives of Spain can lay claim to such

density at a time when the civilized press of the entire world was discussing the proposition of American ownership for the Philippines, almost surpasses belief. It is not known positively that the Spanish authors of the book take themselves seriously, but that the inhabitants of that sunny peninsula have swallowed the stupendous deceit like a savory morsel is a surprising fact. And so in time to come the rising generation of Spaniards will have absorbed by tradition how the Philippines were wrested from Spain—not by honorable war but by the deceitful broken promises and representations of the Americans?

Capt. Walter S. Milnor, who recently returned to Seattle after investigating the spreading of leprosy in the Hawaiian islands, has reached the conclusion that in 10 or 15 years there will be an epidemic of the dread disease in the United States. He says it will be brought there by United States troops who stopped over at Honolulu on their way to Manila. He says: "With leprosy already introduced upon the islands it is not difficult to imagine how it succeeded in spreading so frightfully under the conditions existing. Into this vitiated atmosphere a lot of reckless, rollicking American soldiers were dumped for awhile, and it is through the carelessness of some in seeking dissipation that an outbreak of leprosy can be expected in the United States."

The Toulon correspondent of the Daily Mail, remarking upon the extraordinary activity at the arsenal there, and generally in French naval works, says: "It is believed that M. Lockroy, minister of marine, expects war with Great Britain within two years, and it is notorious that a war with England is being preached in official circles in Paris. Troops are being poured into Tunis, Caucasia and Algeria, and war material is being dispatched to all the colonies. French officers openly boast they will sweep the British fleet out of the Mediterranean."

### To the Public.

The Fire Department respectfully say to the citizens in general that they have among its members men of all trades who are out of employment, and appreciation of this institution may be shown by the employment of its members in any capacity—firemen work after a fire, the removal of debris, watchmen during and after a fire, etc., is work which should be given preference to members of the department.

Acknowledgment is made to Messrs. Wright & Fisher and Mr. G. L. Fish, who gave employment to firemen after their recent fires. By the citizens doing this they will render a great service to the department.  
THOMAS J. FLETCHER, Chief.  
B. H. MORAN, Secretary.

### The Day We Celebrate.

All parties or organizations, who contemplate the proper celebration of the Queen's Birthday, May 23rd, please confer with the fire department committee, consisting of Messrs. A. E. George, D. Marks and I. Schwartz, who have preparations under way.  
The committee may be found any evening at the headquarters of the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Department. B. H. MORAN, Secretary.

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