

Stage Due Tonight.
There is a stage due tonight from Whitehorse but whether or not it contains mail is not known. No mail is reported this side of Selkirk, although there may be two or more consignments on the way.
Mail for the outside will leave early tomorrow morning, but should be at the post office not later than 12 o'clock tonight to insure its departure.

Recent Arrivals.
A stage belonging to the Myers arrived last night from Whitehorse after a more or less exciting run with two others belonging to the same team was employed until a change became necessary yesterday. The time of eight days made may be considered a record. The passengers brought were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick McAndrews, Josie Lemar, Frankie Lemar, May Olson and R. Brown.

New York, Jan. 30.—Andrew Carnegie has been proposed for membership in the Reform Club of London by George Armistead of Dundee and Sir Francis Mowatt, says the London correspondent of The Tribune.

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INNOCENTS ABROAD

Dawsonites Are Robbed of Their Wealth in Seattle and San Francisco.

DICK McANDREWS WAS VISITED

Tommy McDonald Brutally Beaten By Footpads

WHO TOOK ALL OF HIS MONEY

Apartments of Henry Bray's Family Robbed in Seattle—Klondikers Used For Spending Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McAndrews were among the passengers returning to Dawson on the stage which arrived last night. They traveled extensively through the states, spending several weeks in balmy California. In speaking of the outside cities Mr. McAndrews, or "Dick" as he is known to his many Dawson friends, says that Seattle is the only city on the coast where there is any life and where an old sour dough can feel at home. Gambling is running extensively in Seattle but it is "on the square," no crooked or "short card" work being tolerated. In all other respects Seattle is far ahead of all other western cities, the business being more active and the citizens being on better terms with themselves and the world at large.

While at a hotel in San Francisco the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McAndrews was entered by a thief by means of a window and a fire escape. Mr. McAndrews awoke but by the time he became aware of the presence of the thief the fellow was going through the window, having been frightened away before he succeeded in completing his search of their clothing. However, he managed to



THE NEW KLONDIKE KING.

CITIZENS' AROUSED

Entire Country Indignant at the Monstrous Treadgold Concession Robbery.

MASS MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING

Protest to Be Wired to Commissioner Ross.

BLIGHT ON THE TERRITORY

Every Effort Will Be Made to Have the Outrageous Order-in-Council Revoked.

Never before in the history of the Klondike and Yukon territory has there such a wave of righteous indignation swept over the country as that which is now stirring up the souls of one might say every man, woman and child amid the infamous order-in-council which gives to A. N. C. Treadgold and his fellow concessionaires the right to all vacant and unoccupied land on three of the richest creeks in this the richest spot on earth. Two days ago when the order was first made public the full significance of the gift was scarcely comprehensible, it being of such magnitude and so far reaching. By many it was still thought that the individual miner would still be able to stake within the concession in open competition with the concessionaires themselves, it having previously been held that they, too, in order to acquire title to any claim must stake and apply for record the same as any free miner. According to the gold commissioner's interpretation of the order, however, the three creeks named together with all their tributaries are closed entirely and everything to which a grant was not issued prior to January 1, 1902, clear from summit to summit, is turned over to Treadgold and his associates. They may, if they so choose, not spend a dollar in the development of their monstrous gift for two years, during which time the public domain which has been presented to them lies idle, for they are prohibited from working any of their claims until certain conditions have been previously fulfilled. And what is required of them? A paltry nothing in comparison with the vast storehouse of riches that becomes theirs. Within three years' time they are required to put 2,000 inches of water on Bonanza and expend a sum not less than \$250,000. The Yukon territory in the past four years has suffered untold iniquities at the hands of the federal government, but this last affair which robs the miner, the man who has made the country what it is today, out of five of the best creeks in the territory, Bonanza, Eldorado, Bear, Hunker, and Last Chance, to say nothing of the numerous side streams of lesser value and the countless thousands of bench and hillside claims, is so enormous, such a monstrous injustice, that if allowed to remain as it is it may well be considered in the light of a territorial calamity and a blight on the city of Dawson the effect of which will be difficult to contemplate. Among those conversant with affairs in Ottawa the opinion is freely ventured that money in no small amount was used and the palm of more than one hand was lined with gold in order to accomplish the results obtained. Those responsible for the giving away of such a vast tract of territory

can scarcely attribute their actions to an ignorance of the true value of that so beneficently bestowed, and the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that bribery on the wholesale order was indulged in.

About town during the past 24 hours little else has been talked of. In the clubs, saloons, theatres, and on the street corners one hears of nothing except the Treadgold concession and what its ultimate effect will be. Merchants both large and small view with alarm the wholesale closing of such an extensive tract, and ask themselves what will come next. If Ottawa can with impunity and at pleasure give away half the gold-bearing creeks to a plutocratic favorite when will the other half be similarly bestowed? How soon will Dominion, Sulphur, Quartz and other tributaries of Indian river fall under the covetous eyes of a syndicate wealthy enough to buy from those who have the power to sell or give the right to everything both above and beneath the surface on those creeks? What encouragement has the prospector to locate and prospect new ground, when he has no assurance that it will not be taken from him? There never in the history of the civilized world was a greater, more malignant or more unpardonable outrage heaped upon the heads of a long-suffering public than this same Treadgold concession and it may be safely stated that the people of Dawson and the Yukon territory at large are a unit in denouncing it as the blackest act of infamy that ever blotted the history of the country. So thoroughly aroused are the people that a mass meeting will be held Monday evening next in the A. B. hall when steps will be taken to have the order revoked if such is within the range of possibilities. It is perhaps fortunate that Commissioner Ross is or will be in Ottawa in a few days. Ever since his residence here he has shown himself fully in sympathy with the needs and wants of the territory and has not hesitated in using his best endeavors for any measure beneficial to the country and it is not thought an appeal will at this time be made to him in vain. He will be wired a protest of the most vigorous character which will doubtless be followed up by a monster petition begging that in justice to a new territory that has yielded in revenue to the federal government the riches of Pandora, this monstrous blight, this worse than a pestilence be not allowed to longer exist.

Reception to Mr. Saylor
Mr. Henry D. Saylor, new U. S. consul for Dawson, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be given by the Zero Club in its apartments tomorrow night. Suitable addresses will be delivered, after which a regular entertainment will follow, concluding with a general social session. The committee on the entertainment consist of E. B. Condon, E. J. Fitzpatrick, "Barney" Sugrue, J. Newton Storry and Fred Alley. That the occasion will be an auspicious one for Mr. Saylor to meet and become acquainted with the people of Dawson goes without saying.

Fresh Meat For Troops.
London, Jan. 27.—It is learned that Cecil Rhodes has secured contracts amounting to several million pounds for supplying South Africa, especially the British troops in that part of the world, with fresh meat, which will be taken to South Africa in refrigerator vessels from the British colonies and elsewhere. Mr. Rhodes' friends admit that one of his motives for engaging in this business is the result of long-standing differences between himself and the head of one of the South African cold-storage concerns, which at present practically controls the fresh meat trade of South Africa. All kinds of game at Bonanza Market, next Post Office. Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

get away with a nugget bracelet worth \$100 and belonging to Mrs. McAndrews, which was taken from a pocket of her husband's clothes. In his haste to get out the thief overlooked a roll of bills and a well-filled poke in "Dick's" pants pockets.

Tommy McDonald, another well-known Dawsonite, also had in San Francisco experience similar to that of the man who fell among thieves on his way to Jericho. Tommy was out one night in the "wee sma" when two foot-pads assaulted and brutally beat him, robbing him of all the money he had, \$200. After robbing they again set upon and beat him almost into insensibility, presumably for being from Dawson and not having more money.

At Seattle the rooms occupied by Henry Bray and his family, lately of Dawson, were also entered by a thief one night whose efforts were rewarded by his securing about \$25.

"Dick" McAndrews says that Dawsonites are considered "ready money" on the outside and for that reason he is pleased to be back in Dawson where people are all honest.

Recept on to U. S. Consul.
Members of the Zero Club are notified that a reception will be tendered United States Consul H. D. Saylor at the club rooms tomorrow night commencing at 10 o'clock.
E. J. Fitzpatrick,
Honorary Secretary.

Lost Ship.
Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 30.—The government wire to Cape Hatteras went down in last night's storm and it is not known whether the Norwegian steamship Daggers, laden with dynamite, and which was reported pounding on the coast, has been released. Wreckers from Portsmouth have gone to the ship.

For Sale.
THREE-QUARTER interest on lower half left limit hillside, 27 Gold Run, at a bargain. Apply R. N. Robertson, Log Cabin Hotel, South Dawson.

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Today is St. Valentine's day, though it is probable that in the hurry and bustle of excitement incidental to life in the far north few people are aware of it. In days gone by one remembers vividly the St. Valentines of the past, the sending and receiving of missives both comic and amatory, the former generally to the school teacher against whom there was a perpetual boyish grudge and the latter to the sweetheart of one's youth.

Valentinus, the saint in whose honor the day is named, was a presbyter and martyr, who, according to the authorized Roman legend, was arrested and thrown into chains at the instance of the Emperor Claudius, and after long imprisonment was beaten with clubs and finally beheaded on the day which now corresponds with February 14. The day, which is regarded as a festival, was first celebrated in England, Scotland, and France about the fifteenth century and was introduced in America at an early date.

Public Meeting Called.
A public meeting has been called at the A. B. hall Monday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of taking action necessary to controvert the late government order closing various creeks in the district to re-location. It is important that all business interests in the country be represented at the meeting.

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