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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium—Alabama. New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

FEES TOO HIGH.

The paramount duty of the government in administering the affairs of this territory is the protection of the rights and privileges of the individual miner. The future of the country rests entirely upon the ability of the miner to prosecute his work upon a profitable basis.

The above facts have been given recognition by the government to some extent in the legislation passed for the regulation of the mining industry but there still remain in force numerous objectionable enactments which should not be permitted to escape public attention.

Among these may be mentioned in particular the schedule of fees charged the miner for securing and renewing his ground and which he pays for the privilege of seeking employment.

The fee of ten dollars charged for a miner's license and the entry and renewal fee of fifteen dollars are certainly too high. Like other relics of the early boom days they still remain—a feature of the restrictive legislation set in force at the time when the Ottawa government was under the belief that every pan of dirt in the Klondike carried not less than one hundred dollars.

The charge made for issuing a miner's license is particularly susceptible to criticism. If the facts were known it is altogether probable that not to exceed one third of the license holders in the country are owners of property. The balance consist of laborers who cannot secure employment without the license, and others who make a practice of keeping their fees paid up in order to be ready for possible stampedes.

We submit to the candid judgment of unbiased minds that a tax of ten dollars per year for the privilege of seeking employment on a mining claim is altogether too high. Hundreds of men are employed only a few months in the season, yet they are compelled to provide themselves with a license for the entire year.

Five dollars for a license would be sufficient to more than cover all expense to the government and the government should be satisfied without making a tremendous profit therefrom.

The renewal fee is open to similar objections and should be proportionately reduced. To the comparatively

few mine owners whose claims are rich these charges are of little moment, but to the great mass of miners they form no small item in reckoning the year's expenses, and it is the masses and not the few who should be considered in such matters.

Public opinion brought forcibly to bear upon the fee question could effect the desired changes, which would accrue wonderfully to the benefit of the men who have borne the burden of establishing this northern territory as one of Canada's most valuable districts.

Modern millionaires are giving practical demonstration of the fact that the acquisition of great wealth is by no means the highest thing to be sought by human endeavor. The distribution of their wealth seems now to engage their attention just as strongly as the desire for accumulation. Charities and benefactions of a public nature, unparalleled in respect to the amount of money involved, are now the order of the day. Men who have made fabulous fortunes through the wrecking of railroads and other questionable means are now scattering hundreds of thousands of money in founding libraries, schools, hospitals, and other institutions of a similar nature.

Evidently, happiness is not a necessary resultant of the possession of great wealth.

High rentals must come down. The strain is altogether too heavy and it is only a question of time when the pressure can no longer be borne. Landlords should be satisfied with a reasonable return from their investments and not seek to secure the whole amount within a couple of years. Business conditions are entirely different from what they were three years ago—a fact which many holders of property seem unwilling to recognize.

Some sort of memorial service for the Canadian boys who have fallen in South Africa would seem to be in order. Time and again their gallantry on the field has been commended by the war office, and no small number of them are now lying in unmarked graves on the African veldt. Some recognition of their services to the empire would certainly be only what is right and proper.

Several consignments of spring poems are still held at this office awaiting the arrival of a trifle more sunshine. The sentiments expressed by the poets are all right, but they do not exactly coincide with the views of the weather man.

One of the smaller London newspapers reports a profit of \$215,000 for last year's business. That is almost as good as a Dawson dance hall in '98.

It is now time for the oldest inhabitant to come forward and explain how it happens that we are enjoying such an exceptional spring.

Something is certainly due from "Barney."

To Row at Henley. New York, March 24.—C. S. Titus, the winner of the rowing association single championship at the national regatta last July, who will represent this country at the Henley regatta on July 8, 9 and 10, will sail for London on June 15 and go from there to Putney where he will continue training until about a week before the regatta.

Titus' entry was forwarded to the Henley Rowing Association last week.

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WIDELY PUBLISHED

Was Statement of U. S. Consul Saylor

Contradicting Report Sent out of Ruin Worked by Treadgold Grant.

A short time ago the publisher of the Nugget, with the object of counteracting the evil effects of false and sensational stories wired to the outside and published far and wide regarding the effects of the Treadgold concession on Dawson and the Klondike, secured from United States Consul Henry D. Saylor a statement or interview which he wired to the Nugget's special correspondent at Vancouver with the request that it be, through the various press agencies, disseminated throughout the reading world. The Nugget's representative at Vancouver well and faithfully performed his duty as attested by the following letter received by the mail of last night: Vancouver, B. C., March 24th, 1902.

The Nugget, Dawson, Y. T.— In re Consul Saylor interview.— Immediately upon receipt of your wire in connection herewith, with interview accompanying, I made copies for the following and either mailed them, with appropriate covering letter, or conveyed them through the accredited correspondents with a request for immediate and prominent publication: Chicago Record-Herald, San Francisco Call, Vancouver Province, Vancouver News-Advertiser, Vancouver World, Victoria Colonist, Victoria Times, Nanaimo Free Press, Nanaimo Herald, Kamloops Sentinel, Rossland Miner, New Westminster Columbian, Seattle Times, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma Ledger, Spokane Spokesman-Review, Spokane Chronicle, Portland Telegram, Portland Oregonian, San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Toronto Globe, Toronto Mail-Empire, Toronto News, Toronto World, Toronto Star, Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg Telegram, Winnipeg Tribune, Brandon Times, Montreal Star, Montreal Witness, Montreal Herald, Montreal La Patrie, Ottawa Citizen, Ottawa Journal, Ottawa Free Press, Halifax Chronicle, St. John (N.B.) Globe, Chicago News, Chicago American, Cincinnati Enquirer, Boston Journal, New York Sun, New York World, New York Journal, New York Herald, Buffalo Courier, Buffalo News, Baltimore American.

Through the agency of the Associated Press and Canadian Press services, and Reuter's agent, the statement of Consul Saylor of Dawson has also been sent in full to every other daily paper in the United States and Canada, and in condensed form to every paper of Europe receiving Reuter's service. Trusting that service herein has been as you wished, believe me, Yours very truly,

Editorial Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa seems bound to make a farmer of us. Every few days we receive a circular telling us the best way to set hens, plant turnips, mow grass, saw wood, or some other agricultural pointer. The last one was on "The cow that pays best." We have come to the conclusion, after reading the advice from Ottawa, and from our observations around town, that the best kind of a cow to have is one that can live on colored posters, beer bottles, clothes on the line, soft coal, barbed wire, water barrels, etc. We would not care to have any other kind of a cow. She would ruin us in this climate eating hay.—Whitehorse Star.

He Made no Charges.

New York, March 29.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in Copenhagen has had a talk with Capt. Christmas who is not the least astonished by the American scandal, says the London correspondent of the Herald. "The Danish 'no sale' party," he said, "hopes to break off the sale by the help of a scandal. For that purpose somebody stole my confidential report to the government and engaged a certain person, an American citizen, to go to Washington to start the scandal by delivering the report to Representative Richardson and to the newspapers." Capt. Christmas gave out here on February 19 a declaration, under pressure of an oath, that no member of the American congress was either

directly or indirectly interested in the sale of the Danish islands. He says he sent this declaration to the foreign office, with a demand that it be forwarded to the Danish ambassador, M. Brun, in Washington. It was also published in all the Danish newspapers without a denial.

"I never had any arrangement about a provision with any American authority," he said. "I have no claim whatever on America, but only on the Danish government for my work and expenses. The present government has nothing to do with any possible scandal, as all the arrangements regarding me and my work were made with Premier Hoerring, three years ago, when I, by an order from the American state department, had brought Secretary Henry White into communication with the Danish foreign minister, M. Ryan.

"The existing government has accepted the present situation from their predecessors, M. Ahsted and M. Hoerring, and have never blamed me with a word for anything I have done.

"It seems to me that the 'no sale' party is not acting for the benefit of their country in trying to disturb the entente cordiale between America and Denmark, an understanding which our premier, M. Dountzer, officially stated the other day has been remarkably good."

Victim of Conspiracy.

St. Paul, Minn., March 29.—A St. Cloud, Minn., special says: Developments in the Magnus Johnson murder case make it appear that the old man was the victim of a conspiracy. Gustav Larson, a Finlander, who was arrested at Barnesville, is said to have confessed to the Alexandria authorities. According to this confession several prominent farmers, neighbors of Johnson, are implicated. Andrew Johnson, a well-to-do farmer, was arrested as an accessory.

It is said that several other arrests will be made. The motive for killing Johnson is not made clear in Larson's statement. He alleges that he was forced to commit the crime by the men who were anxious to get rid

CLANCYS WILL WIN

Gambling Houses Are Coming to Time

Will Allow Clancys 20 per Cent Interest in Bank Rolls and Profits.

Seattle, March 30.—Rumors were current among the gamblers all day yesterday that on Tuesday next representatives of two big houses composing the faction which has heretofore refused to accede to the demands of the Clancys would make a move which it is believed will have the effect of forcing the other houses to terms within a comparatively short time. It was ascertained that the Totem and California clubs have intimated that unless the proprietors of the remaining houses immediately agree to the terms demanded by the Clancys they would break away from further concerted action and open their doors, conceding the 20 per cent interest demanded as a privilege for running. For more than a week the faction opposed to the Clancys has had no attorney to represent their interests. John F. Dore, who has heretofore conducted negotiations for them, has withdrawn from the field. This move is construed to mean that there no longer exists any hope in the minds of the owners of closed houses that further parley will result in a settlement except by the terms first proposed. Detectives Barbee, Phillips and Byrnes last night raided a faro game secretly conducted in the Metropole hotel and seized the paraphernalia. Dealer F. E. Laken was arrested and subsequently released on \$50 cash bail.

Has Not Decided.

Berlin, March 29.—Andrew D. White, United States ambassador to Germany, has not yet resigned and is quite undecided as to whether he will do so at some future time or serve out his term. His health, though not robust, is better than it has been for several years; he never misses his office hours, and has been uncommonly active in a social way. The ambassador is now in the Riv-

era, simply on regular leave of absence. President Roosevelt, after assuming the chief magistracy, asked Mr. White, as he did the other ambassador during his term, and Mr. White gave his general assurance that he would. This assurance, however, is not regarded as a bar to the ambassador's offering his resignation at any time. Mr. White, after his active life, is rather weary of the ambassadorship.

Germany's dispute with Venezuela is not yet wholly closed, although as the Associated Press announced a fortnight ago, broad bases of settlement have been agreed upon. The German squadron at La Guayra has been dispersed, thus withdrawing the implied threats against Venezuela. Germany wishes to allow President Castro ample time to yield to the conditions laid down in January last, which have been modified in accordance with President Castro's request.

It is already apparent that the Boers' experience with modern rifles will have a permanent influence upon German military tactics. Emperor William and high military authorities have been closely studying the authentic accounts of Boer battles, which describe whole companies rising and rushing forward to new firing positions, as has hitherto been customary. The emperor has instituted the practice of only eight or ten men rising at once and advancing, and has decided also that all topographical features of the field must be fully utilized for the protection of the attackers. As illustrating the importance which the authorities here attach to the military lessons of the Boer war, it may be mentioned the returning officers in all cases get appointments to the general staff.

Semi-official statements made here represent the German government as fully satisfied with the result of the interviews at Vienna between Count Von Buelow and Signor Prinetti, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, in which all questions between Germany and Italy were fully discussed. While the negotiations were not finished, it is now regarded here as assured that through the influence of the renewal of the dreibund will soon be concluded.

Glory of Humiliation. London, March 29.—The industrial war here has created a degree of national interest far greater than that usually associated with trade disputes. Academic organs like the Spectator devote many columns to serious discussion of the results of such a wholesale disintegration of the British system by American capital. The Spectator draws a curious comparison of the rival methods. "English capitalists," says the Spectator, "will risk millions to trade war with the greatest pleasure, but American capitalists will actually sacrifice them rather than be beaten. Such wars are the outgrowth of their otherwise rather dull and unworked life. They will feel disgraced if they do not win, and will stake their last dollar on exchanges which to them are fields of glory in the militia. What else have they in life for? Politics offers no scope. They cannot found families, in the English sense, and as for love they enjoy it like the Roman who while they have it, or do what it is in serenity content."

Chance for Quartz Miners.

In answer to an article in Dawson Weekly News of April 1st, signed "Australian Miner," If any quartz miner, owning quartz mine in the Klondike, will bring quartz to the mine which will run \$5.00 to the ton, will be milled FREE of charge. Notice—The miner MUST be present in the mill during the entire time of milling his quartz. EDWARD SPENCER, Manager Magma Mill.

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