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THE GROUND CLOSED.

An Unexpected and Important Action of the Dominion Government.

BONANZA AND ELDORADO HELD FROM MINERS.

Order Applies to the Hillside and Bench Claims.

But That is all There Was Left Anyhow—Local Interpretation Makes it Apply to Relocations and Possibly to Pups on the Two Creeks.

One of the most important, and also unexplainable, acts of the Dominion government in relation to the Yukon Territory since the discovery of gold here took place Tuesday, when Gold Commissioner Senkler, acting under instructions from Commissioner Ogilvie, and he in turn representing the department at Ottawa, posted a notice to the public that Bonanza and Eldorado creeks are forthwith closed against further entry!

The order was received direct from Ottawa, under the hand of the secretary of the minister of the interior, and is as follows:

"I am to instruct you to reserve, for the present and until further notice, from entry the hill claims and bench claims on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks which are not entered for, when this communication reaches you. Please notify the gold commissioner of the instructions you have received."

That was all—no explanation and no apology. Simply to take from the free miners any unoccupied ground on two of the three principal creeks of the district, and hold it to suit the pleasure and whims of the masters at the seat of government.

Absolutely no reason is advanced for the action by local officials. They are as much in the dark as the miners themselves. It came upon them without notice and, so far as can be learned, without consultation.

Simultaneous with the arrival of the notice came a story that a concession had been granted to an outside corporation, which was designed to put into their hands all the properties taken from the miners, but no confirmation of it could be secured from local sources.

Mr. Senkler interprets the new rule as also forbidding relocation, and is inclined to think it also applies to all pups on the two creeks; but he will probably hold his decision on that point in abeyance until he can hear from Ottawa on the subject.

One effect of the order, it is expected, will be to enhance the value of present holdings on the two creeks.

THAT OTHER ORDER.
Commissioner Ogilvie also gave notice by official publication yesterday that on Thursday, June 8, the new regulation forbidding officials and employes of the government from thereafter acquiring mining properties in the Yukon territory, would go into effect.

Notice of this new regulation was first given exclusively by the Nugget some weeks ago, and the effect has been such, that before the announcement of the commissioner yesterday, the resignations of many employes were at ready in the hands of their superiors, while many more quietly announced their determination of quitting the government service at an early date.

The Arnold sails on or about June 10.

Gunning Accident.
Mark Alcock met with a very painful accident one day last week. He had borrowed a rifle from Captain Frank Harper, of the N. W. M. P., to engage in hunting, and while firing it the weapon exploded at the right side of the muzzle, blowing off the end of the second finger of the left hand, and badly injuring the tips of the two others. An inspection showed that the explosion was caused by a flaw in the barrel. The rifle was a beautiful weapon and cost the captain 25 guineas.

Thrilling Adventure.
New Orleans, La., April 19.—Dr. Chapman, of Conitland, Miss., twice reported dead, has arrived here by the steamer Franklin from Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Dr. Chapman, who was surgeon in the insurgent army, tells a thrilling story of his escape from President Zelaya's forces. He was captured on February 24th near Rama in com-

pany with Stephen Powers, an English subject, who was also a member of the revolutionary army. The men were tried as spies and condemned to death. A strange feature of the affair was that the sentence was actually carried out. Stephen Powers fell dead at the first fire. Chapman, wounded in the left arm, fell on the ground, and, believing him killed, the soldiers walked off. Chapman made his way to Bluefields.

Jack Martin, an American gunner, captured by Zelaya's soldiers, was tried and convicted, but the sentence was not finally pronounced when Chapman left. Martin will undoubtedly be shot.

Increase in Trade.

Ottawa, April 25.—The customs department has made up the trade figures for nine months of the fiscal year ending March 31 last. They show an increase in the aggregate trade of the Dominion over the same time of last year of \$12,165,270. There was an increase in the duty of \$2,165,000. The increase in trade is entirely due to imports, there being about \$4,500,000 decrease in exports. For the month of March, however, there was an increase in exports of nearly half a million compared with March, 1898.

Serious Mine Accident.

Donald McDonald, a miner at 74 below lower discovery on Dominion, met with an accident

last week which will likely result in his death. While down in his shaft he discovered the presence of gas, and notified his partner of the fact. The latter called back to him to fasten the rope tightly to his body. Instead, however, he attempted to climb out by the ladder, and when about seventeen feet from the ground he was apparently overcome by the fumes, for he fell back and, striking the bottom of the shaft, sustained a fracture of the spinal column. He was brought to Dawson all the way from the claim by boat, the route being by way of Dominion, Indian and Yukon rivers, and now lies at the Good Samaritan hospital, but he is not expected to recover.

Uncle Andy in Uniform.
"Uncle Andy" Young made his appearance Monday in a regulation uniform of the Nugget Express, looking like a fashion-plate from his jaunty cap to the bottom of his striped trousers. The effect was to make him the observed of all observers, but he carried his new distinction with the sang froid of a veteran and never lost an opportunity to put in a good word for his two pets—the KLONDIKE NUGGET and the Nugget Express. Li Hung Chang with his yellow jacket and peacock feathers was never so proud as he—and justly so.

Filipinos Want Peace.

New York, April 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: In an interview Gen. Lagarda said a committee of twenty-two Filipinos had been appointed to confer with the



MILLIONS FOR ROYALTY, BUT NOT ONE DOLLAR FOR ROADS.

Hunger and Exposure.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The steamer City of Peru, from Central American ports, brings details of an ocean tragedy. While the vessel was at Corinto an open boat containing the remains of nine men who perished months ago drifted ashore there. The bodies were horribly emaciated, and the manner in which the limbs were contracted showed they must have died in terrible agony. There was not a drop of water nor a particle of food in the boat.

In December last Louis W. Maslen of the El Triunfo Pierro, three port officers and five boatmen went to the mail company's steamer lying in the offing at El Triunfo, boarded the mail boat and stayed until signs of an approaching storm warned them to return. The prosching storm warned them to return. The boat came up quickly and overtook the mail boat soon after it got away from the steamer, and it was never seen again until it floated into Corinto harbor.

Maslen was the son of E. W. Maslen, deputy naval officer of this port. The other victims' names are not given.

Wireless Telegraphy.
CHICAGO, April 21.—Tomorrow, what is regarded as the supreme test of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, is to be made in this city under the auspices of the Tribune.

Advocates of the system have never tried it where large masses of steel are present to exert an influence upon the electric current, and if signals can be made to pass over high buildings in large cities it will be a success. The first attempt will be made from the top of the Masonic Temple to the Auditorium, a distance of one-third of a mile. If successful, a line between the temple and one of the water cranes on the lake will be made.

Has No Time for Them.
Six members of the crew of the Robert Kerr appeared before Magistrate Harper on Monday and asked him to assist them in collecting a bill against the boat. They claimed that they signed a contract with its owners last fall to stay with the boat during the winter and land it only at Circle City this spring, for which they were to receive extra compensation; but they were to receive nothing but regular wages upon the arrival of the boat at Circle City. The regularers declined to pay them anything but regular wages. They were advised there to come to

peace commission for the following purposes: First—To obtain as large autonomous rights for the Filipino people as possible.

Second—To bring about peaceful relations between the insurgents and the American authorities.

Third—To insist that Americans and Filipinos only shall occupy public offices.

Arveluo, a former aide to Aguinaldo, is now at Manila. He said in an interview if the Americans would send emissaries to Aguinaldo now he thought a peaceful solution of the present trouble probable.

Insidental Americans think this commission of rich Filipinos is eager to protect property and has little influence with the insurgents.

A Dominion Wash Up.

A very laughable episode occurred on Dominion creek last week in which several persons were treated to an impromptu bath.

Mrs. Casper Ellinger in good natured rivalry dared her husband to put her in the creek, calling on Will James to protect her. James, like a knight of old, charging to rescue "his lady" came on at a gallop. Mr. Ellinger immediately mixed himself up and while the three men were scuffling Mrs. Ellinger determined to execute a grand coup de bat and gathering herself for a mighty charge smote the struggling mass like a football team, all three lost their balance and went head first into the muddy water. Alas for the lady she could not stop but continued her gallant charge and landed over the heads of the conspirators in the water. Four mud-bearded persons emerged from Dominion creek sadder and wiser but each assured that the other presented a more laughable sight.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Louis Alenborg was a passenger on the Canadian yesterday for the United States. He will go on for work at Boston.

Philip Hamilton left on the Eldorado today for the Klondike rapids and expects to return on the Bonanza King next Friday.

Frank Smith, son-in-law of Dr. Caldwell, and who has his home with that gentleman in Seattle, left on the Eldorado Saturday for the Klondike.

Young, formerly ticket agent at Seattle for the Great Northern railroad, came in on the Rideout from the lower country, where he spent the winter in prospecting.

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THOMASSON IS SENT TO JAIL.

He Received no Sympathy From the Territorial Court.

Judge Dugas Scores the Men Who Are Engaged in the Same Business as Thomasson—Hespler Also Convicted.

The territorial court was enlivened on Monday by the trial of the appeal of Emil Thomasson, charged with vagrancy. Thomasson is not in the usual sense a "rag." He wears fine linen, has the jingle of gold in his pockets, and comes of good parentage. He belongs to that class of men who live off the proceeds of women of easy virtue, and it was that offense which induced the police, some weeks ago, to cause his arrest and prosecution. At the trial in the lower court, it will be remembered, it was shown that Thomasson kept a "floating" grocery store on Second avenue; that is, he had a few provisions in a cabin and a sign outside, but he always kept the front door locked and the witnesses were informed that the place was maintained merely as a "bit." Thomasson and his partner, fearing that the police would be after them on account of their connection with the scarlet women. His thrift did not end there. He testified himself that he built two cabins which he rented to some girls, and he also kept boarders among the same class. But his defense was of no avail, the prosecution easily proving that he was a partner in the business with the girls, and he was found guilty.

In the territorial court the evidence was the same as before. Crown Prosecutor Wade appearing for the prosecution, and at its conclusion Judge Dugas affirmed the decision of Magistrate Harper, adding that he regretted his inability to add to the sentence imposed by the lower court. The defendant, he said, had convicted himself out of his own mouth; he had built his cabins for the occupancy of scarlet women, furnished them for the purpose, and had wrung from the occupants an enormous rental. "I want three people [Thomasson's kind], said the judge, to understand that they will get no sympathy here. There is too much of this thing in the territory, and I hope the police will root out the evil from the community."

Then, addressing himself to the prisoner, his lordship said rather emphatically:

"Don't long for sympathy, you are not a victim, you are a criminal. I know from letters I have sent that you come from a good family, and if they knew of your position today they would be ashamed of you."

Thomasson's sentence is a month's imprisonment at hard labor and a fine of \$50, together with the costs of the appeal.

Hespler Convicted.

Alfred Hespler, charged with the theft of 300 pounds of vegetables belonging to Max Gannon, took place on Tuesday and resulted in conviction. Judge Dugas roared the prisoner for his many misdeeds and intimated that he would give him the extreme penalty of the law, though he finally reserved sentence. Hespler comes of a fine Canadian family, and is looked upon as a moral degenerate.

The Monte Carlo.

The Monte Carlo opens this week with one of the best programs that has ever been presented in Dawson. The laughable farce "A Trip to Forty-mile," a take-off on the late extravaganza, is a feature. "Uncle" Andy Young is one of the stars, and to say his acting will be placing it mildly. The cast includes such favorites as the Drummond sisters, Ed Wilson, Hanchie, Mont, Mullock and Lillian, Lillian Milton, Frank, Annie, and Nellie de Mora. Most of these are well known to patrons of our amusement houses. The program is a very interesting round of jollity from the big business to the natural result.

The Novelty.

The Novelty theatre is doing business in a crowded house every night. New scenery and new acts take with the public and Manager & Brown are giving nothing but the best. Daisy Paves is on with her usual quota of songs and dances. The Newman sisters are doing some new turns with their invincible songs. Dora George keeps the gallery along with her old songs. Her sisters, Brown and Brown, are up to the mark and altogether the show is more than in many of the other popular cities.

Notice.

Swathford Court of the Yukon Territory.

Notice is hereby given that the

Swathford Court of the Yukon Territory

will sit on the 27th day of May, 1899.

Any person indebted to said court for

claims against the same may file the same

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