

FROM THE HANDLING OF MILLIONS

To the Dispensing of Mixed Drinks at Cut Rates.

Healy Tries to Create Havoc By Reducing the Prices in His Eating and Drinking Department.

It is not a secret but a matter of common and general report that with the advent of Healy into power as the manager of the former giant octopus in the North West Territory and American Alaska, that whenever an opportunity presented itself, the miners and "old timers" were "enchanted" in their necessities. It began away back, years ago, and was specially evidenced at Forty-Mile. It culminated in Dawson last winter, when food and grub was scarce, and men up the gulches and those engaged in business here unable to procure their proper needs, the persons of easy virtue—members of the demi-monde and satellites who revolve in their particular sphere, and the ear of the N. A. T. & T. Co. at any moment for what they required. The N. A. T. & T. Co. does not occupy the position of a private corporation but one of public concern, therefore its acts are open to public criticism. For years it has been a power in this Territory, and, while ostensibly a competitor of the Hudson Bay Company, it has been so grasping and greedy as was ever that institution in its painful days. Reports, if not wholly authorized, have been silently approved when sent broadcast over the world, to the effect, that this company owned the only boats navigating the Yukon that all the pilots familiar with its channels were in their employ; that all the wood on both sides of the river, from St. Michaels to Dawson, was owned by this great octopus whose tentacles encircled in murderous grasp everything movable and immovable in the Yukon valley, and finally, that no freight would be carried on their boats for passengers, all the supplies to be had must necessarily come from or through the auspices of the Chicago capitalists of which Captain Healy stands as manager. All of these things have been sworn to be utterly false. Competition straightforward and honest has come into the field. The people are released from the biting grasp of its self-made monopoly and consequent unpopularity. The Yukon is navigated today by innumerable boats inferior in size to those of the old company, manned by skillful and courteous officers, and controlled by gentlemen of wide experience in the transportation business. The day of reaction has come, and it is a singular retribution in this particular instance that biblical language comes into play here "that the sins of the father shall come unto the children, even to the third and fourth generation."

Men are here who have expended large sums of money in fitting up business places and saloons, carry large pay rolls, are foremost in public enterprises and enthusiastic in public spirit. These men have been heavy supporters of Capt. Healy's company in the past, have been his patrons and for heavy sums of money, with attendant heavy profits. The management of the N. A. T. & T. Co. has, however, become so unpopular under the regime of Capt. Healy that former active stock is now a drug on the market; as, being supplied from other sources these patrons refuse to longer patronize the concern which had so avariciously handled them in the past.

The saloon keepers must be punished, as was done recently in cutting prices on the fares to Seattle by the N. A. T. & T. Co., now it is a cut on the prices of drinks. There is an eating and drinking department connected with the establishment. It occupies one of the company's corrugated iron buildings, and has a cafe, buffet bar attachment, and through this medium, is to be made the outlet for the surplus stock of the Healy warehouses.

Refusing to pay \$100 per barrel for bottled beer to the company, the cafe retails the tables for \$2.00 per bottle, and mixed drinks, whiskies, brandies, etc., are retained at 25 cents, while the general price everywhere is 50 cents. It seems to be a move to either rule or ruin. All can see the effect of such a movement. It means the making of Dawson a cheap town, the breaking down of prices and as every workingman must plainly see the hopeless destruction of wages and salaries. Do the people of Dawson want that?

The present manager leaves shortly for the outside, his successor now being on the way here, and probably this is his last move in the direction of doing what harm he can to the people of Dawson, but this story shows the fearful downfall of a man from the handling of millions down to the little business of selling mixed drinks at cut rates.

Credit to Whom Credit is Due.

Mr. J. A. Acklen, of California, who came to Dawson over the ice last winter, has spent his whole time during the past summer experimenting on both sides of the Yukon River as well as the Klondike in the raising of vegetables and has so far proven to his entire satisfaction that true radishes, onions, turnips, rutabagas, beets, green peas, carrots, parsnips, and even potatoes can be raised in favorable localities along the foot hills of the Klondike, that he is preparing to put in a large garden the coming season. During the past summer Mr. Acklen has sold quite a large quantity of nice fresh vegetables. He has also donated to the hospital for the use of the patients many a dollars worth at Dawson city prices. His experiment has not proven a success in all the localities in which he has tried, but so far he has proven that the south side of

the hill along the north bank of the Klondike is the best for gardening purposes, and it is there he has concluded to locate and expand his future energies in that direction. Besides his own labors he has expended over \$2000 in cash over and above what he has realized from his gardens this summer in preparing the ground in the various localities, planting the seed and caring for the crop as it grew. Among the various seeds which he brought here with him he found a few grains of barley and oats which he also planted, and they are to be seen today in his garden fully matured. This is very significant, considering the fact that they are selling at \$300 per ton in Dawson. Mr. Acklen is a practical gardener and his venture should not only receive encouragement from the people and administration here but also from the Government at Ottawa.

"We've Got 'Em Now."

A very excited gentleman was looking for some friends some few days ago and when questioned by an acquaintance as to the cause of his excitement, he answered:

"We've got 'em now, by Jinks! We've got 'em. You know the United States has passed a law giving Canadians exactly the same rights in regard to mining in Alaska that is enjoyed by Americans in the Northwest Territory. Don't you see, we've got 'em? They only allow us 250 feet of ground here, but one claim in the district and down on the other side the allowance is 20 acres of ground, and as many of them as they can represent. We've got 'em all right for they are only entitled to 250 feet down on the American side," and the gentleman rushed off to advise some other friend of his new idea.

Coroner's Inquest.

An inquest was held over the body of J. B. Smith on Monday before Coroner Harper to inquire into the cause of death. Evidence was taken, and the verdict of the jury was as follows:

We find the deceased, J. B. Smith, came to his death by typhoid fever, while in charge of Miss Lucilla Day, and from the evidence given the deceased did not have the medical attention which he should have had, which shows a gross neglect. This jury recommends that all hospitals be placed under the superintendence of the N. W. M. P.

Major Steele being now on the ground and representing the head of the police department, the verdict will be placed before him in due time.

PERSONALS.

Mr. H. Davis has left for his home in London, Col. Domville has left for his Canadian home. Mr. Barney Sagrue left for the outside on the Columbian.

Broker Collins was among the Columbian's outgoing passengers.

Mr. Goldschmidt, of the wood dealing firm, left on the Columbian.

Corporal Reed and Corporal Belcher are both down with fever. Reed has passed the crisis.

Dr. Good has received his cases of costly surgical instruments from Beaufort, where he left them behind.

Mr. A. W. Fairchild, the well-known American attorney, went out on the Columbian to earn some very important mining cases on appeal to Ottawa.

Drs. Hurman and Hepworth were summoned on Tuesday to answer a charge of practicing without registration. The case comes up next Wednesday.

Mr. H. Willis Carr, of Seattle, came in on the steamer Columbian on Monday. Mr. Carr left Seattle August 15th and came right through with few delays. He reports a pleasant trip.

Mr. Geo. Corsa is going to the outside on one of the first boats. He has disposed of his interests in the Mining Exchange business with which he has been intimately connected, to his partner, E. Leroy Pelletier. Mr. Corsa takes out with him some very good Dominion and other property to sell.

Col. Davis, the chairman of all the secret societies in Dawson, has been for several days decidedly under the weather. The colonel has visited so many hundreds of sick brothers himself that it goes down real sick there with have to be a committee appointed to keep inquiring friends out of his room.

Mr. Joseph Ladue, president and Mr. E. F. Botsford, secretary and treasurer of the Ladue Company, left on the Columbian for the outside to spend the winter. They have been several changes made in the local offices of the company. Mr. W. H. Lyons is superintendent of the various departments; Mr. Thomas Whyte manager of the mill; Mr. T. B. Cook, manager of the store and Mr. W. J. Torrey, manager of the company warehouse.

OUTSIDE BREVITIES.

Admiral Cervera has been ordered to report immediately at Madrid.

Seventy-five thousand of the American volunteers will be mustered out of the service immediately. The others will be retained until the peace terms are finally arranged.

Judge Day, Secretary of State, will resign his position in a short time, to accept an appointment on the U. S. Bench. His successor will be the present ambassador to England, Mr. Day.

In a number of the surrendered Cuban towns, notices were found by the American officers proclaiming great victories to the Spanish arms in the Philippines, and assuring the people of the inevitable triumph of the Spanish forces.

Admiral Dewey has sent word to the authorities asking for instructions relative to the treatment of the Philippine insurgents. He has been directed to govern Manila impartially, and treat all alike, including both insurgents and Spaniards.

The navy department of the United States government is already outlining elaborate plans for increasing the government's naval strength. Congress will be asked to authorize the construction of three first-class battleships, three first-class cruisers and a number of partly armed cruisers of 2,500 tons burden. The battle ships are intended to be the most formidable ships of their class afloat.

Saw-Mill for Sale.

The owners of a complete saw-mill plant, in operation at Dawson, will sell the same together with stock of lumber, saw logs, cedar wood, etc., and a best-rate timber-lorch. This plant has been doing a good business, but it must be sold immediately, and is offered at a rare bargain.

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