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### THAT CONSUL.

Consul McCook possesses in a large degree the happy faculty of worming himself out of unpleasant tasks by claiming it to be beyond his powers or something beyond his duty which must be paid for in good hard cash or yellow dust if performed at all. The regular formula is: "I'll tell you how it is. My duties are purely relative to commerce and shipping and if I use my influence in this thing for you, you will have to pay me for it."

Mr. McCook has an exalted opinion of the extent of this "influence" which must be paid for in advance. It is just as well to let our American friends know at once that this "influence" can be best represented by a large zero mark, and it is little less than obtaining money under false pretenses for him to extract a fee for exercising it. He evidently desires it to be understood by the gentlemen whose fees he accepts, that this "influence" is with the Canadian officials or the courts of this place. The assumption is simply monstrous in view of the facts. We have his own word for it that to date not a Canadian official has returned the twice repeated calls he has made upon them as the accredited consul of the United States. We have his own word for it that he can scarcely secure from them the usual courtesy extended to private Americans. Since he knows these things himself how can he conscientiously sell his "influence" with these people, who for reasons of their own hold him so cheaply. In our humble opinion, backed by 20,000 Americans, James Church McCook is an entirely unfit person to represent the United States at so important a point as Dawson. He endeavors to pose as a cosmopolitan when he is in his right mind, and remembers his nationality at a time when every American in the land earnestly wishes he would bury it. The attitude of the Canadians is one of supercilious scorn for him and pity for their American cousins that they should be so misrepresented.

Consul McCook has got to go. No matter what his "influence" may be at home, in Dawson it is nil and is not negotiable. With few exceptions his countrymen disacknowledge him while Canadians turn up their noses. Even as a "grafter" he is a failure and cannot inspire the respect which even a successful puller of wires always secures.

### TO ABOLISH THE SENATE.

Advices from Ottawa prognosticate that the party in power will make the abolition of the senate, or at least its extreme modification, the issue which they expect will secure them the continued support of the country. It consists, when full, of 78 members appointed by the crown. Its construction is open to much criticism but it must not be forgotten that it was this same crown-appointed senate which stepped in and prevented the consummation of the Yukon railroad steal which would have handed over to McKenzie and Mann every inch of unoccupied gold land on the Klondike. The house of commons had already passed the bill, and even the senate knew of no particular reason why it should interpose a veto, when the first miners' committee came along headed by Mr. Livernash and pointed out the iniquities of the scheme. The senate listened to the arguments against the bill both in committee and in committee of the whole with a result that though the "gang" had already commenced building the railroad, the stupendous grant was disallowed, and in spite of Mr. Sifton's most urgent endeavors to the contrary, the country hereabouts is still open to the honest miner—excepting of course the fractions and alternate blocks which reserve over half the country to afterwards be disposed of to the stay-at-homes. Mr. Sifton's pet scheme having been thwarted just on the eve of success by our own forethought in having a committee of Yukoners on the ground just at the right moment, his lack of love for us has been shown ever since by his supercilious disregard of any suggestions from here for the amelioration of the existing unjust conditions. A day of reckoning is dawning for Mr. Sifton.

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### WHY NOT REPRESENTATION.

The British empire presents a varied panorama of governments from the rule of a chartered company to the highest form of responsible and representative government, but nowhere else than in the Yukon territory is the spectacle presented of 40,000 intelligent white men ruled by a government which is neither representative of it nor responsible to it for its acts. Even the North West territory, from which we have but recently been torn apart, has a legislative body of 26 members chosen by the people themselves. There are numerous crown colonies where the population is badly mixed or of a low order of aboriginal intelligence where the government, as here, is in the hands of a lieutenant governor or commissioner, aided by a council of from three to six men, each appointment being made by the home government, and each appointee being solely responsible for his acts to that home government. But it remains for the highly civilized people of the Yukon to be given a practical example of how to govern "niggers." The population is composed of Canadians, from self-governing Canada; Australians, from self-governing Australia; Africans, from the self-governing Cape, and last, but not least, of Americans, from the self-governing United States. Nine out of ten of our population are travelled and more or less learned men, with many of them showing an ability which proves to our minds that in a representative form of government we should not lack for material. We have yet to hear the first objection raised to representation by any of our people. It is natural to suppose that since a representative from the Yukon to parliament would have a finger in framing a Dominion policy, the election of such a representative would be in the hands solely of the British people of this country; but we see no valid argument for maintaining this exclusiveness in the local government, supposing we secured representation there. Canada has ever shown a broad policy, in this respect, and it is hardly to be supposed that an exception would be made especially for the Yukon. Aliens on the Klondike are just as vitally interested in the prosperity and future success of this country as Canadians, for most of the Americans have thrown in their lot with the Canadians, and they must rise or fall with them.

Parliament is now in session, and the NUGGET'S two representatives are there. One of the important objects of the trip was to properly lay this matter before the leaders of the house. We believe that this section of Canada is incapable of its best development under a form of government only forced upon "niggers" outside of this particular instance. We believe that the country is already proven to contain the germ of permanence to at least a point beyond the view of her present inhabitants. With John Muir, the celebrated Alaskan geologist, we believe that boys are yet going to the infant schools of the provinces and the states who will grow up and be in plenty of time to participate in the exploitation of the Yukon gold fields and mineral beds. In view of this probable permanence of the territory, we believe it not only our privilege but our duty to object to a "nigger" government—or more properly speaking, a government elsewhere only forced upon undeveloped races which have given unmistakable evidence of the lack of those qualities of self-government which have made our own race famous.

We would call the attention of our Canadian friends to the fact that delicacy forbids that Americans should take the initiative in this matter. Canadians and Britishers must themselves make the demand. A Canadian representative to parliament from the Yukon can be depended upon to promote the best interests of the country, since the interests of a Canadian miner and an American miner in just regulations and their administration are identical. A movement of this kind can already be seen to be growing, and we would urge our friends to continue the agitation until proper representation shall have become an accomplished fact.

When evening has set in, the town and industry is still, and recreation is a king a leisure hour to kill. A dainty little figure's seen come tripping down the hill, Little Margie Newman. When tired of gold and search for gold we think of place to go, To break the mind of disappointment for an hour or so, Who'll make us all forget our ills or other people's woes, Little Margie Newman. A theatre is scarce the place for impulses of good, To thrill with sudden warmth the heart—as heart of good men should, Then whence this gentleness of mind not by us understood? O Little Margie Newman. As fading picture by art restored brings back familiar face, And recollection thus refreshed familiar features trace, So turns our mind through mimic art to dear one's of our race, O Little Margie Newman. As in mother's face an angel's shone, so Margie dear in you, Our sweet ones far across the sea are sudden brought to view, And gazing on your own sweet face—a face so pure and true, O Little Margie Newman. We see our own dear children by the magic of your art, And affection's fire's rekindled with a fierce and sudden start, And you help us bridge both time and space 'twixt we and those apart, O Little Margie Newman. God bless you little Margie, for you make us better men, God bless you little Margie for you take us home again, To Nona, Otto, Ruth or Bert or darling little Ben, O Little Margie Newman. And we love you for your own sweet self and for the good you do, To the best that's in our natures we cannot but be true, When we find our hearts a softening with a love inspired by you, By Little Margie Newman. —A. F. G.

**Schemes in Parliament.**  
The Mail and Empire gives the following as some of the Yukon schemes which are now before parliament:  
The British Yukon Railway company, which has already constructed a line of railway over the White Pass, and operates the same under authority from both the United States and Canada, seeks power to continue to Fort Selkirk, and on to the international boundary, also to build from Cariboo crossing or Tagish house to Testin lake or river, and branches anywhere in the Yukon not exceeding 50 miles in length.  
Three applications are in for charters over the Dalton trail. One project is known as the Alaska and Northern; another is the Pacific and Yukon Railway and Navigation company. The last-named company proposes building through the Chilkoot pass to Dalton's post, on the Alsek river, and thence by the most feasible route to a point on the Lewis river below Finger rapids.

Another concern proposes locating a line the Stikkeen river route, and southernly to Columbia. They also propose the alternate route by way of the Lynn Canal to Dawson, way along or near any creek or watercourse in the Yukon district. In the Yukon district general charters are sought. One is for a line from Dawson City along Klondike river and back to the Yukon, from which line would lead back to Dawson. Another is Klondike City along Bonanza, and another branches along Hunker, Dominion, and Sulphur creeks, and along any other creek and course, or to any other place in the Yukon district. A third proposes operating a road Dawson to the forks of the Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, and from Dawson to the forks of Dominion and Sulphur creeks, with a view to build branch lines of 30 miles.

It is not true that the Cafe Royal took advantage of the fire by raising prices. We believe it to be a fact that this popular resort strictly adhered to its scheduled prices from its first opening on the 5th of October up to the present time, and neither scarce goods, or an over rush of business can give any inclination to run up prices.  
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**THE REBELS RECEIVED**  
Aguinaldo's Army idly Melting  
Americans Believe the Near-Spaniards' Loss With Pessimistic Eye  
MANILA, March 4.—Theing that the reign of Ag... calling the Filipinos is a... with the evacuation of h... leader and the steady, de... the Americans day after... have fled from the rebels... them falling away fr... in alarming num... warriors are deserting th... according to their homes... lines. Gen. Otis and... consider that the backbo... broken, and that an earl... and, indeed, the earl... rest the assumption.  
The Spaniards, reasonin... with the natives, ro... the rebellion is anywh... they declare that the F... their defeat at Malolos... and the removal of L... against it. It must b... Spaniards, in all the... as much as possible, an... have dissolve, only to ree... This sort of tactics, the S... followed until the wet sea... seems to be hoisted in... the Filipinos will return... norms as the United State... With the next dry s... the present operations wi... will show how much the... the Spaniards, in all the... Philippines, never gave... construction of power con... to that given them by... spirit and two mem... congress, who h... poss during the height... of Malolos, return... and declared that 2... were anxious to give up... to sit for their officers, w... the whole country be... is now full of... and old people... their homes, carrying wh... are trying to gain... by proving to... actually, no harm will b... New York, April 3, A... A dispatch to the... efforts to locate... of Malolos have be... return and attend t... the attack of the forces... suggests that t... in that direction... Col. Denby's arrival mak... explanation of the P... possible. The commissio... of peace.  
**OUTSIDE NEWS.**  
Generals Otis and Merritt... States from the Phi... Admiral C. C. Carpa... while insane at... the bodies of 886 Americ... Cuba during the Span... on March 30... Root, of Chicago, an... matched for a twenty... on April 17.  
A Irish strike is reported... of the Porcupine... been a big rush of pros... The German steamer P... which steamed out of New... April 1st, and sank. The... armed collision betwe... guards in the Balk... precipitation of a state... Russian intrigue is... Mampels, an El Pa... Dunham, a nephew... of it, and an Americ... with the Mexican was kil... The British government... engineering corps of 1,400... and other points on t... gunboat Beagle, whic... to England, and be... The Stella, a British boat... struck on the Cas... British channel, and found... boilers exploded, as sh... the passengers and crew... were thought to num... President McKinley has a... to visit the Isthmus of... the merits of the sever... government canal. He... with which to commen... list James J. Corbett... having a bit of trouble... the latter broke... and throwing her arm... and his protection... other in a... ential advice throw I... size I-Chou, Shanghai... to a letter receive... Germany's real pur... government to gra... his commercial conce... the United States Supp... decision was handed do... confirming the validit... imposing taxes on trans... and similar institutio...