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NOW SANTIAGO WILL BE GOVERNED.

McKinley Instructs Shafter to Deal Mildly With the Conquered.

Pursuits of the People Will Not Be Interfered With—Officials Who Acknowledge Uncle Sam's Supremacy Will Be Retained.

WASHINGTON CITY, July 19.—President McKinley has called to Gen. Shafter, instructions under which he will establish a provisional government for the surrendered territory. He is instructed to make public proclamations informing the people as to the intentions of the United States.

The substance of the communication is contained in the following:

It will be the duty of the commander of the army of occupation to announce and proclaim that we come not to make war upon the inhabitants of Cuba nor upon any party or faction, but to protect them in their homes, in their employments and in their personal and religious rights. We persons who either by active or by honest submission co-operate with the United States in its efforts to give effect to this beneficent purpose will receive the reward of its support and protection. Our occupation should be as free from severity as possible.

The judges and the other officials connected with the administration of justice may, if they accept the supremacy of the United States, continue to administer the ordinary law of the land, as between man and man, under the supervision of the American commander in chief. The native constabulary will, so far as practicable, be preserved.

While the rule of conduct of the American commander in chief will be such as has just been defined, it will be his duty to adopt measures of a different kind, if, unfortunately, the course of the people should render such measures indispensable to the maintenance of law and order. He will then possess the power to replace or expel the native officials in part or altogether, to substitute new courts of his own construction for those that now exist, or to create such new or supplementary tribunals as may be necessary. In the exercise of these high powers the commander must be guided by his judgment and his experience and a high sense of justice.

While it is held to be the right of the conqueror to levy contributions upon the enemy in their ports, towns or provinces which may be in his military possession by conquest, and to apply the proceeds to defray the expense of the war, this right is to be exercised within such limitations that it may not savor of expropriation. As the result of military occupation, the taxes and duties payable by the inhabitants to the former government become payable to the military occupant, unless he sees fit to substitute for them other rates or modes of contribution to the expense of the government.

Private property taken for the use of the army is to be paid for, when possible, in cash, at a fair valuation, and when payment in cash is not possible, receipts are to be given.

All ports and places in Cuba which may be in the actual possession of our land and naval forces will be opened to the commerce of all neutral nations, as well as our own, in articles not contraband of war, upon payment of the prescribed rates of duty which may be in force at the time of the importation.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY
By order of the Secretary of War,
M. C. CORBIN, Adjutant.

The Miners' Committee.

The committee appointed by the mass meeting of miners are beginning to reap results of a tangible nature. At a recent meeting a letter was addressed to the gold commissioner asking him if he could not revert back to the old laws which left all unrepresented claims open for relocation. The present ruling is that these claims go to the crown. Mr. Fayett has reported in a roundabout way that this is shortly to be done.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. K. Smith, W. Galpin and Col. D. W. McGregor waited upon Major Walsh on Thursday last. They were courteously received. Their request for a site for a Miner's Institute building was granted at once. The major stated that he was in favor of anything which would help the miners as was intended by the institute. The committee want ground about 60x60 and will cover it with a building. One large room is intended for the general public and the balance for the committees, and for members of the proposed organization only.

We commend the committee for the practical form their cogitations are taking.

The committee has added the following gentlemen to their number: W. F. Courtney, Neil Peterson, Garron Reid, Mr. Robertson and Charles Wargen.

Guilty of Bucksawing.

The way things are done in Dawson is well illustrated by the case of W. Campbell. He was quietly bucksawing wood on the beach on Monday, when he was boating down to the restaurant along the water front, when he was confronted by Inspector Dearty and advised that he had no right to be equipped in such an occupation without a permit. He was ordered to a once report at the office of the timber agent or take the consequences. The guilty

man declared he was only cutting up slabs and poles which he could prove were his own—they having been bought and paid for in good, hard cash. The inspector told him that only men with permits—the monthly—were allowed to cut wood for sale in Dawson. The guilty, trembling wretch, caught by the law right in the act of trying to earn an honest living, had to desist from his unlawful labors at once.

Mr. Campbell's case is but one of many unfortunately. He has been here a year and has lately returned from No. 3 on Meadow, a tributary of Sulphur. He was engaged by the owner L. G. Crosby, to represent on the claim and was to get \$1,000. Crosby saw his claim represented and then skipped. Mr. Campbell finds it will cost him from \$200 to \$300 to put his claim on the claim. Not having that much the gentleman decided to go to work at whatever honest employment first turned up. Disastrous mistake. He forgot to get a permit first. It is a wonder he didn't find himself indicted to the tune of about \$20.

In honesty to the timber claim it must be confessed that he was allowed to go back to his bucksaw, but in purchasing wood he must demand a clean bill of health from the seller. Unless they have an abstract of title he becomes equally guilty and will be made to suffer accordingly.

In the Tails.

Andrew Adams will trouble the good people of Dawson no more for three long years. A hanged will watch him with a gun, and Monday's friends will no more be subject to the petty larceny and thefts of their cowritten. Bill Messer did not want to stay here for three years. Indeed he had his ticket purchased and in a few hours would have been aboard the Monarch bound for freedom and Seattle.

W. H. Morrow has been here a year and had a seek when he came down from the mines a month ago. He was delighted to meet three old timers in the persons of Barney Capowin, Ted Smolick and the prisoner. He accepted an invitation and stayed at their camp with them. With Barney he came in one morning and went to bed, throwing his trousers carelessly upon the floor. The prisoner, Messer, rose and left the tent. Getting up from his sleep Morrow missed the weight of the four and a half pounds of gold and immediately reported the loss of his \$800 to the police. Constable Piper was detained, and with commendable alacrity soon located the culprit. Finding that Messer was about to go away on the first boat the constable arrested him on the eve of his departure. Examination of his person failed to reveal the lost gold. At last it was found that the prisoner had another friend named Townsend and had left with him for safe keeping two sacks partly filled with gold. Piper took charge and Morrow immediately identified one of the sacks as his own. The gold had simply been divided and put into two sacks instead of one. Before Justice of the Peace Starnes the prisoner refused to plead guilty and called for a jury. Tuesday, before Judge McGuire and a jury of six the damning evidence of the man's robbery of his friend was again produced. The jury did not hesitate to find him guilty. The judge, in sentencing the man, took occasion to remark on the villainy which would rob a friend. Three years at hard labor was the sentence, but a dose of the "real" he thought would fit his case.

There has been more or less thieving going on in the camp of the Wisconsin boys for some time, and they are very glad to have at last detected the rascal who came all the way from River Falls with them just to rob them.

Do not Believe it.

The Klondike country has suffered much from overstatement at the hands of Seattle and other newspapers. Thousands of disappointed men regard the newspapers as their everlasting enemies for the misleading misinformation they have published to the world as facts from Klondike lands. The following well illustrates how deliberate are the lies told in order to boom Seattle. Mr. William Abbott is prospecting the Stewart river and has been on the Pelly and the best he has seen there yet would not pay to work. He was shown the following from the Seattle Times of June 25th, by a Nugget representative, and declares it to be all right except about the values of the pans.

He found nothing worth having and swears he never said he had. As many of our readers may have seen the article we give it herewith and brand it as a falsehood that none be deceived thereby:

William Abbott a passenger on the Tarras has a startling story to tell, which is calculated to make more men brave the dangers of the terrible northern trails. He says, Messel and nine other Klondikers from Michigan struck pay dirt up at the new diggings averaging \$37 to the pan. I went as far as the Klondike two years ago, but was too late to make any big stake. I was returning home and got as late as Skagway when I met the King gold prospectors mentioned coming into the country. I joined them and we penetrated the country via the Skagway trail as far as Pelly river, prospecting along the Pelly and Hootaniqua. For two months we had no success, and were returning in disgust when we sighted a likely-looking gulch on the Hootaniqua. Before we were down two feet we washed the frozen dirt, which went from \$4 to \$5 to the pan. We found then we had struck it rich, and piled our contents and went to work in earnest. The richness of the pans increased until hardpan was reached, when they averaged \$37 to the pan. They are summer diggings. In the short season I worked I struck up \$1,000 but most of my money went for grub. I have been here three months and am still at it. The prospecting ground cleared up will add about \$200,000. The locality, of course, I can only speak of generally, as be-

tween fifty and 100 miles north of Teslin lake. I am now home to secure two years' supplies for the party, and as I am only allowed to take one claim, I take three friends back with me. To prevent trouble I have not told a soul about the prospecting, at least till now, the eve of my return.

This is the Newest.

Two prominent gentlemen, both of Canadian extraction, were sitting on one of Dawson's busy corners when the omnipresent Nugget man happened along. "Say, have you heard the newest?" said Mr. Canadian No. 1.

"No, what's that?" said the Nugget man, mentally calculating that Lawert's successor had been appointed.

"Well, the newest is that hereafter a stamp is to be collected on all moss used in chinking up paths.

"Yes," chimed in Canadian No. 2, "a man up here had to pay a dollar for moss the other day and I understand that all moss hereafter will be sealed and a royalty collected on the stampage. I am told also that stamps will be issued for every cubic foot of air consumed in Dawson. Reductions will be made, however, on air used in the vicinity of certain water front resorts and other places where the purity of the atmosphere is questionable. Then much even for the Klondiker representative's strong constitution and he fastened on his way wondering where, when, who and what we were at anyway.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

The Week's Lawbreakers are P6t to the Right about by Messrs. Starnes and Harper.

P. Burke contributed \$20 and costs to the treasury for assault.

The charge of fraud against P. Garishmid by H. C. Stait was dismissed.

The past week found both justices of the peace quite busy and also a full docket in the superior court.

John Rosine, charged with non-payment of wages by Fred Shinning, gave a good account of himself and the case was dismissed.

The number of drunks grows continually less, either the quality of the whiskey is getting better or the users thereof are becoming more accustomed to its effects, and can carry their heads better. Anyhow but three cases were found deserving of police notice.

The sensational report of impure gold being circulated by A. Bonoville was dismissed. Justice of the Peace Harper and the supposed gold assayer and found it worth only \$1 per ounce. Instead of being mixed with base metal, the base metal was found to be simply mixed with amalgamated gold which gave it a suspiciously black and base appearance.

In Judge McGuire's court Smith was sentenced to six months of hard labor for assaulting an officer in the performance of his duty. The judge explained that the prisoner had been sentenced to the penitentiary for a year and a half for a robbery. The judge explained that the prisoner had been sentenced to the penitentiary for a year and a half for a robbery. The judge explained that the prisoner had been sentenced to the penitentiary for a year and a half for a robbery.

S. G. Morford, Curley Munroe and Thos. Kirk (patrol) were fined \$5, 23 below on Hunker from Harry Olson. The claim was presented to be free from all encumbrances and the purchase price was paid. Then the buyers of the purchase royalty on the past winter's output had not been paid, and the claim was held to be good on owners' behalf who were down river.

The staid Richardson who was down river as a correspondent to the last shipment of Klondike gold, was instructed to overhauled the George Olson. Richardson overtook him at St. Michaels where he was awaiting the arrival of an Alaskan steamer. The constable returned on the J. C. Bar and accompanied with the court \$500 of the recovered gold.

The man that cures dog's sick with mange or dumper lives at the Pioneer drug store.

Farewell to Dr. Young.

On Thursday night the Presbyterians will tender a farewell social to Dr. Young, who has acted as pastor during the past winter and during the summer. Dr. Young has been very successful in his work here and his departure is the occasion for regret among all who knew him. He will probably winter at his home in Michigan and will establish a mission. The funds derived from the social will be used to liquidate the debt from the church incurred as a result of last winter's disastrous fire.

Five line of Domestic and Imported Cigars, Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

Under New Management.

The Monte Carlo has changed hands. Messrs. McConnell and Parker in connection with W. J. Berry have acquired this valuable piece of property and are now rapidly making it the best resort in Dawson. Mr. Berry is the father of the celebrated Clarence Berry and brothers who have made the Klondike famous by their Klondike claims, which have been producers of the yellow metal to the astonishment of the entire world. He is an indefatigable worker, active in business, honest and heartily in accord with the spirit which is bound to make Dawson a city famous over the entire world. None wish the new firm more success in their enterprise than the Nugget.

In the Hands of a Receiver.

Late arrivals down river report that financial disaster has overtaken the Skagway railroad. They say that it is now in the hands of a receiver, and all work has been stopped, with no prospect at all of its being resumed this year. A year ago everything heading toward the Klondike was a success, but it is a different story now.

A Masquerade Ball.

The Outley Sisters' Concert Hall continues a favorite place of resort for Dawson's population. On Friday night the program will be varied by a masquerade ball, which promises to be the event of the season. Beautiful costumes, the best of music, a spacious hall and fine refreshments are the accompaniments of a good time for everybody.

HOW HE GOT THE CLAIM.

An Old Timer Posts a New Comer on Peculiarities of the Recorder.

A Held-Out Claim Comes to the Knowledge of a Friend and is Utilized to His Personal Advantage.

The interesting conversation between Messrs. Chee Chako and Sour Dough, in which the old timer enlightens the new comer on local conditions, was continued last week in a trip over the trail. Chee was carrying a large pack of a camping outfit while Sour was getting along with the bare necessities; purchasing meals at "half way" houses and sleeping over night at the cabins of his friends. Chee was compelled to rest his pack quite often which gave an opportunity for conversation. "Say, Sour, old boy," said Chee, "What is a blue paper?"

Sour grinned and looked suspiciously over his shoulder in the direction of the nearest cabin. Finding no one in sight he asked, "Where have you heard of a 'blue paper'?"

"Well I'll tell you, Sour, old fellow. I was in Dawson last week and wanted to build me a cabin. I found my friend's house said in plain print that I was entitled as a 'free miner' to hunt, fish, prospect, stake claims and to cut whatever logs I needed for my own use. I cut a raft of house logs outside the berths which had been granted to mills and speculators by the government officials, and when I got to Dawson I was jumped by the police under instructions from the timber agent. I was informed that I would have to pay for the house logs or they would be confiscated. I went and saw Mr. Wilfson and on payment of \$15 my raft was released. I was 'kinder' hot under the collar and was talking around town about it when some fellow took me to one side and begged me for my own good not to talk so loud or I would get a 'blue paper.' Now, what the devil is a 'blue paper'?"

"Now, what the devil is a 'blue paper'?" and Chee vehemently pounded a clump of moss with his stick, making the water fly in every direction. Mr. Dough gave a big jump as he received a great splash of dirty water in his eye. Wiping it gingerly away with his coat sleeve he replied:

"Don't get mad and spit things out so loud. I never saw a blue paper but we all believed there were such things. Whenever anyone has become obnoxious to the administration he has signed up to get one of these mysterious documents that get out of the country. I never saw one, but then you see I am very careful not to offend the powers that be." Sour almost wiped the words, meanwhile glancing from just at this moment and after passing the time of day disappeared in the distance.

"He seemed to know you," said Chee Chako.

"Well he might to," said Sour Dough with a grin. "I put him onto a good thing this spring."

"I suppose you found a good piece of ground and told him of it?"

"If you'll swear never to tell," replied Sour, "I'll put you on. You see I'm a fellow that doesn't say much and I'm always ready with dust for the man who can give me valuable information. Well I'm not going to tell even you that I found one, but it is sufficient to tell you that I found one that in the lists of unrecorded claims given out by the gold commissioner and his staff there were several which were being persistently omitted. By and by from discovery being made one of these held out claims became quite valuable. I didn't do a thing but trot it up to the gold commissioner's office to record." Here Mr. Dough commenced to chuckle and swell, meanwhile looking meanly around.

"I suppose," said Chee "they saw the game was up and recorded the claim without a whimper."

Sour's silent mirth increased until it seemed as if he were to fall off the log on which he was seated. With much enjoyment of the picture called up in his mind's eye by the reminiscences Sour Dough rolled around and held himself from exploding with his folded arms and then continued: "No, they didn't know what he was and tried to bluff him out."

"They didn't insist that the claim was recorded?"

"Didn't they? Well, I just guess they did though."

"Well, what did Charley do about it?" asked Chee with wide open wondering eyes.

"Why, he told them he knew the claim was not recorded and it was no good for them to try and deceive him. He was going to have him pulled out of the office at first, but after a short consultation behind the wooden screen Lawert came forward with a pleasant smile and tried to square himself," and Sour fell over backward at the recollection of the good man trying to square himself.

Chee Chako helped his friend out of the water hole into which he had fallen head first, and while helping him mop the black moss water from his hair asked "Did he make a good case out of it?"

Sour spat out the last of the water he had swallowed and informed his friend that the commissioner said he was very, very sorry but they had been looking at the wrong line, and helping Chee on with his pack he led the way to the nearest "half-way" house to get rid of that horrid moss taste in his mouth.

(To be continued in our next.)

California Restaurant for first-class meals. Reasonable prices. Try it.

The Combination Music Hall.

The Combination Music Hall was opened Monday night to a house packed to suffocation. Jammed clear to the doors, through the saloon and out into the street exactly describes the situation. And the show was a good one too. The well known public favorites, Mauretus, Lucile Elliott, Emma Hull and Nellie La Moore are run a close race for popularity by the newcomers John and Carrie Linton and John Mulligan. John Mulligan is mentioned last but he is by no means least. His impersonations are apt and his comedy infectious. Dick Mauretus is too well known to need description, though other it is in the black face work in which he appears this week. For the good of the public it is hoped the theatre will not always be packed as it was Monday night.

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