

# The Klondike Nugget

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### "WHERE WE ARE AT"

When our chief executive first landed in Dawson he was approached by a committee of miners on the matter of the corruption known to be in existence in Dawson's public offices. He asked for time and anything that was wrong would be righted. The exposures of this and previous issues bear out the NUGGET in stating that today things are as rotten where they should be sound as at any time in the history of Dawson. While we are not disputing the honesty of our highest officials they appear to adverbs to be helplessly incapable of curbing the voracious appetites of their subordinates. Men are being ruthlessly dragged to jail on unsupported charges not brought up in court the following day. Men are being dispossessed of claims and the same ground awarded to a favorite. Men supposed to have influence with our governing council sell it for a paltry thousand and fifty dollars. Records in the gold commissioner's office are still secret, and concealed by that very secrecy, fractions are being recorded without any figures giving their suspicious sizes and angles. From excess of riches or other causes clerks have grown insolent as French nobles before the time of the guillotine. The whole machinery for the government of the mines appears to be in the hands of men supposedly tried and true yet found wanting in the supreme hour of temptation. Flexible mining regulations, capable of any interpretation you may happen to need, increase the feeling of utter insecurity until no man feels himself safe in possession, and outside of the ring, all feel that their miners' rights are a simple fiction, and the equal chance promised to all a mere chimera of the imagination. The utmost distrust is prevalent on every hand and the commonest street reply from friends to a disappointed candidate for recording, is "Oh, well, your price was not high enough!" Undoubtedly we are sold into bondage to a group of ringsters like a lot of Russian serfs who went with the land. Undoubtedly, also, at this distance, a gang of ringsters in political circles are laughing in their sleeves at our futile struggles with their agents and expect, by the time we can reach them, to have grown rich with their friends from railroad grants, timber grants, whiskey grants, and the thousand-and-one dishonorable measures at their disposal.

The Nugget is making a good fight in Dawson against dishonesty in office, but

has decided that for quick and effective results the war must be carried right to the fountain head. Sifton has thoroughly made up his mind to stand or fall with those iniquitous royalty and reservation regulations. Only by meeting lawmakers on their own ground can we expect to call a halt at once to the wrong doing in high places. That oppressive royalty should be removed before the spring washup has robbed our hard working miners. The opposition to Sifton has grown so great that an emissary from Dawson, backed by the affidavits which are pouring into our office, and the inside knowledge of Klondike affairs which we are proving we possess, will be welcomed as never before and to the immediate benefit of every man, woman or child of the Klondike. We propose to go to Ottawa at once through our representative or representatives and lay the case of the people before the house. If Parliament cannot be reached, the lobby shall know us until we are heard. If that shall prove ineffective the newspapers from Vancouver to New Foundland shall ring with Klondike misrule and oppression until our demands are acceded to. The good sense and integrity of the Canadian people as a whole can be depended upon to enforce our demands.

The foregoing is part of the work the NUGGET lays out for itself for the immediate future. We are sending out at once a man capable anywhere of pleading the cause of The People vs. An oppressive and Weakly Government. He has been with the NUGGET since its inception and is personally cognizant of the details of the government offices. His work on the creeks has familiarized him with the peculiar wants of the miners of this section and he will present the proposed amendments of the mining regulations as approved by the miners themselves to the persons who alone can make them the laws of the land. Canadian politics hardly concern the Klondike miners, but as a means to an end it may be necessary to take a hand in order to enforce the demands of this section. The abolition of the royalty alone would mean a saving to our miners of from four to six hundred thousand dollars next spring. Is it not worth your while to chance a few paltry dollars in aiding our emissary to attempt it? Would it not be worth something to every one in the district outside of the ring if honesty in public places replaced deceit and security of rights was procured for all? The NUGGET will proceed single handed to Ottawa, but if our readers so will, they can double the strength of those hands; can furnish more sinews of war; can protract the fight; can enable us to so represent this community that ten per cent of the spring washup will not go to fatten plethoric government accounts; so that unclean public servants may be replaced with honest ones; so that unworkable regulations may have good common sense regulations substituted for them; so that security in our rights may be given us in place of the cruel uncertainty existing today for all outside the ring.

### COMPARED WITH RUSSIA.

North Russia reaches within 24 miles of Alaska at Behring Straits and extends across Asia to the European boundary line. The climate is so much like this that the Russians in our midst are forced to remark upon it. We have thousands of miles of territory level and elevated far above the great river basins, and which resemble the steppes of Russia a great deal. Russia has therefore solved the problem for us to whether this land is capable of maintaining a large population. Russia has evolved a species of wheat capable of reaching a thrifty maturity in the short, hot and all daylight regions of that country. A particular species of oats and

other grains is also raised successfully, while hay, the great stock staple, never was raised anywhere in greater abundance. Some \$5 millions of people live and thrive and perpetuate their kind in those gloomy regions, though it must be admitted they exist in a state of semi-barbarism and semi-civilization. The Alaskan gold belt crosses Behring sea and shows up in Russia as in Alaska; but it is not by digging gold that the people live, for only about \$20,000,000 is produced each year from that entire territory. Siberia the most desolate part of the whole of Russia and equal in barrenness and frigidty of climate to anything which can be shown by Alaska or the Yukon Territory, has large settlements at intervals through the country. Distances in that land are gauged as we would gauge them; not as they would be regarded in the United States. We have with us plenty of gentlemen—aye and ladies too—who now regard a six hundred mile trip over the ice with less horror than they ever before regarded a twenty mile jaunt; many of them never before walked ten miles at one time in their lives. And so it happens that Russia is today the ideal country for travelling other than by the steam cars. The population being much denser than here the roads in the winter months are like glass from the amount of travel over them. Relays of horses carry the traveler thousands of miles at a delirious speed and in comparative comfort. The cold is about the same as here and the absence of wind just as noticeable. To sum up, that country is not only self-supporting but produces a revenue for the government besides the gold which all belongs to the crown. The possibilities of Alaska and Yukon are not exhausted when its gold is gone.

The thorough going efficiency of Dawson's volunteer fire department is one of Dawson's best features. The report of the secretary at the last meeting shows that since its inception the department has answered 31 alarms and of that number 21 have been incipient fires. To the majority of non-thinkers it would appear that the absence of large fires has prevented a thorough test of our department; but the opposite is really the case and the absence of large fires is demonstrating their efficiency. In at least six cases out of the total of 21 there would in all probability have been a serious conflagration had it not been for the prompt measures taken by our boys. However there will be a larger fire come along some day and even the skeptical ones will be proud of the fire laddies who are giving such disinterested service.

### OUTSIDE OPINION.

Flora Shaw in the London Times: Apart from the graver charges, there is much dissatisfaction with imperfections of organization, which are ascribed to ineptitude and inattention to business on the part of the responsible officers. That there are, as yet, no roads, no trustworthy mail arrangements, no sanitary organization of any kind, and no clear distribution of streets and town lots in a town of nearly 20,000 inhabitants are conditions which are held to be wholly unnecessary in view of the amount of revenue derived from the mines and the fact that the town is now two years old. \* \* \* The insanitary condition of Dawson, situated as the town is upon a swamp and devoid of the most elementary provisions for cleanliness and health, is a standing menace to the community. Typhoid is permanently high; and there are as yet no signs of any measures to be taken to avert the danger of a serious outbreak of epidemic. That mining districts cannot be surveyed, that claims in many instances cannot be recorded, that necessary information with regard to districts already staked is not open to the public are facts which have come to be regarded by the public as so many purposely designed channels for individual bribery. A half or a quarter interest is frequently quoted as the price at which good claims can be recorded, and scarcely a day passes in which some fresh story does not become current of the number of dollars which it has cost to obtain letters from a nominally unsorted mail or to make good an entrance on business into one of the public offices. In so far as the evil may be attributed to these causes, the remedy will no doubt be found in the removal of guilty individuals

and the opening of communication with the world. These two laws, the timber concessions which have closed the woods near Dawson for felling purposes, thus raising the price of timber to an extravagant figure and threatening a fuel famine for the winter; the latitude allowed for local rulings in other matters of material interest, and the abuses prevalent under the whole system suffice to produce a condition of affairs in which the Yukon district feels itself to be corruptly administered and badly governed. To pass in silence over this element in the situation would be a neglect of duty on the part of any one professing to give a general report of the conditions of the country.

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## KNOCKED OUT

A Skillful Man Together

Pat Rooney, Clever Carr Takes a Lash to the East

The sparring of Curley Carr and Monte Carlo on Tuesday resulted in a draw and the sponge was weighed about 168 lbs. The most particular apparently down round, but pluck of falls left him a 12th, while the second.

While Carr had fate, he showed as to make no use. So self-confident referee a sack of he wanted to be nuzzled this to Rooney was Charley Gleason Sam Barber and aldson was referee timekeeper. The Mumford for R

1. Carr sprang Rooney came Carr was the showed at once clever. Carr strolled the left on the jaw. One a left on the fa again his left. ever, and had. for when Carr a left in the hall. Before h Rooney follow neck, then to b landed again grass as clean a moment and floored again v third time Carr went down. It was an inte Rooney's.

2. Both spar then Carr rush followed by Another rush to connect and land a stiff le found Carr's b right swing with Carr hi round. Nothing Carr rush as to make t clinched. At his left while ponent's body work with his jaw and again reached his Carr's left m found Carr's received a ha started the bl finished with in favor of R downfall. A weaker Carr but his bro evaded and Rooney.

4. This ro ing his oppo that left, rec also an occas sulted before coming deci that Rooney just smiled a tirdly Rooney

5. Carr ca Sam Barber puffed up at ters. The ri continued to of the exclam 6. Carr ca landing his Rooney stop bis opponen made the on Carr receive on the grou round first over the be Rooney's an will take t down.

7. This ro number of but without severe jabs round was his receiv him.

8. Carr w and took was eviden and several for h Rooc