

### WHY THEY WALKED OUT

### Telegraph Operators are Scapegoats for Tarte

### Whose Chief Desire is to Make a Good Showing for Line at Ottawa.

In the strike of the Dominion telegraphers which took place at 6 o'clock last night nothing new has developed save the receipt of a wire from General Superintendent Crean at Vancouver saying that the pay checks for the back salary had already been mailed at that point. Division Superintendent Clegg, who has been here a week trying to avert the inevitable, has taken charge of the local office and so far has been able to keep up with the rush of business, which has not been very great, so that there has been no interruption in the communication with the outside. Mr. Clegg received press matter last night up to 1 o'clock and was again at his desk at 8 this morning. What the outcome of the affair will be no one seems to know, at least those who are in a position to be informed do not care to express an opinion, but it is not at all improbable that the strike will result in the digging up and thorough probing of the scandal that has been connected with the telegraph line ever since its completion and even during its construction. But little has been said of the matter here, but in Ottawa it has been the subject of more than one heated argument in the house. Charges of corruption, gross mismanagement in the construction of the line and colossal expenditures that were uncalled for have been flung right and left by the opposition and it is said they have not been successfully refuted. The main reason why salaries are so far in arrears is claimed to be on account of a desire on the part of Minister Tarte to make a good showing for the line as possible in order to prove that it is self supporting. Meanwhile, the men who have been working for a mere pittance have been compelled to borrow trifling sums from their friends in order to meet little incidental expenses so that the minister of public works may submit a report showing a surplus instead of a deficit.

As to the efficiency of the service and the original cost of construction, no comment has ever been made in Dawson, as the residents of the territory so long accustomed to total neglect were only too thankful to get any sort of an old line to the outside without stopping to question whether or not the service was going to be good or bad or whether there had been jobbery in its construction. The fact remains, however, that considering its cost the line is about as poor as it well could be and the telegraphers all along have to work against such odds that any where else under the sun the line would have been cast aside as worthless long ago. It has only been under the most favorable conditions that it has worked at all as it should, it more frequently requiring from two to six relays between here and Ashcroft.

The grievances of the men are not confined solely to the fact that their salary is so far in arrears, that is the smallest part of their troubles. Always miserably paid and often 18 hours on duty, during the latter part of the winter they were seriously thinking of asking for an increase, particularly in offices such as Dawson and Whitehorse, but much to their surprise they suddenly one day received a notification that the measly pittance they were supposed to get was to be reduced 33 1-3 per cent. That was like adding insult to injury and the men would have walked out then had it not been for the earnest solicitation of Governor Ross who prevailed upon them to remain for the time being. At the time the notification of the reduction was received a committee waited upon the commissioner and stated their grievances to him. He was astounded at the state of affairs existing and used language both vigorous and emphatic in his denunciation of such methods, promising his callers to do all in his power to rectify the wrongs that were being inflicted upon them. That the commissioner did do all that he could in the matter is positively known and his failure to meet with success can only be attributed to the well known anti-union Mr. Tarte has for the chief executive of the Yukon. Then, again,

three weeks ago a strike was only averted through the friendship of the operators for Mr. A. B. Clegg, division superintendent of the Dawson end of the line and who was formerly in charge of the city office at this point. Mr. Clegg has the friendship of every man on the line and was in hopes that he could do something toward straightening out the tangle, but his efforts have also been of no avail. On the question of salary the minister simply says so much has been appropriated for salaries in the Yukon and no more will be paid. The cut reduced the \$100 men to \$75 a month and the \$150 men to \$100, not as much as a dishwasher or a waiter is paid or a Swede with a pick and shovel. Another matter which the Dawson force complains of is the quality of the board which the government has been furnishing them and which is said to be scarcely on a par with the days of '97. All the mess house supplies are forwarded from the outside and consist wholly of bacon, beans and canned goods. Nothing whatever is purchased here, nor is the mess allowed to exchange anything from the stores for fresh supplies. Fresh meat and vegetables are unheard of luxuries. The same condition exists in the stations up the river. Not long ago a new man was dispatched to one of the stations between here and Selkirk and upon his arrival at his destination he did not find enough grub in the cache to keep a sparrow alive a day, yet he was compelled to get along as best he could until a little bunch of stuff was sent up from Dawson. The fare in the mess house of the Dominion board of public works is the poorest of any habitation in the city of Dawson.

The strike so far as is known affects only the Dawson division extending from the boundary to Telegraph creek. How many of the men have gone out can not be told as no business has been received today for any of the way points and there has been no opportunity for any of the operators to refuse to take a message. The men are still at their stations as there has been no chance for them to get away. Stewart and Selkirk were both spoken with this morning. The back salaries are not confined alone to the operators but also extends to the linemen, repairmen and even the messengers. The Dawson messenger has not received a cent of salary in eight months. Not a man in the entire service has less than six months due him and some have drawn scarcely nothing since the line first went into operation, nearly two years ago. The sympathy of the entire community is with the men. Mr. Brownlow, who has been in charge of the city office, and all his assistants have the highest esteem of everyone who has ever had any dealings with the telegraph line. Affable and courteous to a rare degree, it is a matter of sincere regret that circumstances have forced them to take the stand they have.

### WATER FRONT NOTES.

The Dawson which left yesterday afternoon carried the following passengers: C. A. Renouf, Mrs. Renouf, Mr. F. Renouf, Sister Mary Evariste, Sister Mary Jane, Lulu Johnson, W. L. B. Young, Ben Levy, Mrs. Levy, Sam Duck, Frank E. Sims, Mrs. D. A. Shindler and child, Dr. P. D. Carper, D. E. Mulligan, Robt. Cahill, R. P. McLennan, Cassie Carter, Myrtle McKee, J. T. Shaw, E. Payment, Dominic Burns, Mrs. B. S. Goss, G. C. Mellott, Mrs. Mellott, Mrs. J. H. Rogers and daughter and Frank Ahite.

The Victorian arrived yesterday at 4 o'clock with 30 sacks of mail and the following on her passenger list: Mrs. Maud Bishop, Miss Smart, L. Dodsan, Phil Abraham, C. W. Russell, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. C. J. Brown, R. Dooley, A. J. Baudette, Mrs. A. C. Fossil, D. J. Givint, C. W. Hackett, W. Little, J. E. French.

The Prospector leaves Tuesday next on her regular trip to Stewart river points.

The Zealandian returned last night from Fortymile.

The Sifton leaves this evening at 8 o'clock for Whitehorse.

The Yukoner is expected tomorrow morning.

**For Cameron Boy.**  
The Yukon and Commercial baseball teams will play a game this evening on the barracks ground when a collection will be taken up for the benefit of Richfield Cameron, the unfortunate boy who recently lost his right leg.

"They seem to be happy in their married life, with such perfect confidence in each other."

"Yes, they live in a flat and there isn't room for doubt."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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### UNCLE SAM'S LATE MOVE

### Large Military Post at Haines Mission

### Presumably to Protect International Boundary Line From Invasion.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Seattle, July 26.—A Washington special says the deepest significance is attached to the action of the war department in designating Haines Mission, Alaska, as the site of a new army post accommodating a one-third regiment of infantry. Carrying out of the plan makes Haines Mission by far the most important military post in Alaska. The importance of this step lies in the fact that the designated site is within a few miles of Skagway and in the very center of the territory in dispute between the United States and Great Britain. It is in the immediate vicinity of where all friction between Americans and Canadians on account of the disputed international boundary has occurred. Also that in the event of war between the United States and England, an attempt would naturally be made by the British to seize the territory, especially since proprietorship of that territory has been for many years the subject of controversy between these two governments. Loyalty of Canada to the mother country during the war in South Africa leads easily to the presumption that in case of hostilities with that country, English and Canadian troops would join in armed contest against the United States, and the Dominion contingent might naturally be expected in that event to strike at our interests in the far northwest. It requires no extraordinary foresight to perceive that with the establishment of settled conditions in northwestern Alaska, large garrisons of United States troops will not be needed among the American people and the largest permanent force will be needed, not in the interior of the territory, but along the international boundary, that is in the Skagway district and on the upper Yukon adjacent to British Columbia and the Northwest territory. Authority for the statement that military experts of the government which represented Secretary Root and a special board of officers on army posts have deliberated and intend to provide in a permanent and adequate way defense of the international boundary of Alaska. The order for the establishment of a large post at Haines Mission is part of a carefully studied plan. The present coast artillery post at Skagway will also be maintained.

### Overheated.

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
Victoria, July 25.—Allen, caretaker of Ross Bay cemetery, died of heart disease while fighting a grass fire. But for the timely arrival of some ladies he would have been incinerated.

### Much Cholera.

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Cairo, July 26.—There have been three hundred and seven cases of cholera at Cairo and Moucha, Egypt, since July 15th, of which two hundred and twenty-two were fatal.

### For the Cameron Family

Several efforts are on foot having for their object the relief of the Cameron family. A subscription list is being circulated among the business men of the town and it is expected that a sum approximating \$1,000 will be raised in that manner.

On Monday evening the stock company now playing at the Auditorium will present "Kathleen Mavourneen" at the A. B. hall. The players have all volunteered their services and the performance promises to be an excellent one.

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### McMILLAN EXPLORED

### La France Returns From Voyage of Discovery

### Ascends the Pelly Twelve Miles Above Ross River—Strawberries in Abundance.

The intrepid explorer, La France, returned this morning from her first trip up the McMillan river and the second up the Pelly. The ascent of the McMillan was made for a distance of 170 miles to Slate creek where an outfit and five men were taken for the Alcyon concession. It was Captain Martineau's first experience on the McMillan and he describes it as a splendid stream to navigate, though one requiring considerable care. An excellent stage of water was found on the lower end of the river but in the upper reaches it was quite shallow. Since the trip of the Prospector to the head of the McMillan last season there have been a number of slides that have fallen into the river choking up the channel to a considerable extent in several places. In one instance it was necessary for the La France to hitch on to a snag and pull it out before she could proceed. On their way up a party was overtaken in a poling boat who had spent the previous winter on the McMillan, had come to Dawson for another year's supply of provisions and were on their way back. They were taken aboard and carried on to their destination and will spend another winter there. While tied up at Slate creek a couple of ladies aboard went ashore and found an abundance of the most luscious wild strawberries. Plenty of wild game was seen and countless numbers of young geese. Captain Martineau describes the head of the McMillan as being very hilly but of low altitude. After discharging the freight at Slate creek the steamer returned to the confluence of the Pelly and went up the latter to a point twelve miles above Ross river where fifteen passengers and their outfits were left. Fifty miles up the Pelly Captain Martineau shot a bear from the pilot house as it was swimming the river. On the return trip a raft 265 feet long for the N. C. Co. was picked up at the mouth of the river and towed to the city. Manager Calderhead announces another trip to the McMillan and Pelly rivers about the middle of August. The La France leaves this evening with a load of freight for the N. C. Co. for Fortymile.

### Daughter of Pharo Sold

J. C. Stevens sold recently at his auction rooms in London a large number of curiosities, including an Egyptian mummy, said to be that of the daughter of Rameses II., about 1333 B.C., in the original sarcophagus, together with Röntgen ray photographs showing the perfect preservation of the remains. The outfit fetched 9 guineas. There was also sold the pair of breeches worn by George II. at the battle of Dettingen, which realized 15 guineas.

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### JEFFRIES IS YET CHAMPION

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left to nose and just missed Fitz's chin with a right swing at the close of the round. Fitz keeps Jeff bleeding freely. Jeff has landed some hard blows on Fitz's body. Round 6—They spar. Fitz breaks ground. Jeff landed left under Bob's guard. Fitz sent a stiff right to Jeff's good eye. Fitz put a hard left to the wind and right to the mouth. Jeff got out of Fitz's way of another. Fitz sent two lefts to the face. Fitz narrowly escapes a savage left swing for the jaw. Fitz jabbed mouth with left. Jeff puts right on the body. Fitz swings a left to the mouth and again uppercut Jeff with his left. Jeff's eyes both seem to be in trouble. Jeff seems as strong as when he stepped into the ring. As the bell rang Jeff lands right on the chin. Round 7—Jeff puts a left to Fitz's neck. Jeff then forced matters, and lands another in the same place. Fitz jabbed Jeff's face with his left and right. Fitz straightened Jeff up with a left on the mouth. Jeff put a hard left on the stomach. Jeff blocked a right swing. Jeff rushed and drives Fitz to the ropes with a left and right on the face. Fitz put another light one on the mouth. They clinch.

Jeff ducks Fitz's right and his shoulder into Fitz. Fitz right on the jaw. They clinch. Round 8—Jeff follows Bob to the ring. Is short with a left. Fitz sent a straight left to the mouth. Jeff puts a left on then a left on the chest. change lefts on the body. Fitz left to the face. Bob missed upper, that would have done had he landed. They exchange rights on the body. Fitz jab each other in the face. Jeff sends Fitz down. The clinch at the ropes. Fitz jabbed away Jeff swung a right to stomach. Fitz swung a left not able to come out.

### His Location

Wheeling, W. Va., July 26.—View of several hundred men Theodore McGrane, a manager has jumped from the bridge over the Ohio River. A distance of 150 feet, for a party of professional high divers had appear, whereupon young McGrane who was one of the spectators, quietly announced he would take the leap, mounted on a dropped off. He distanced that hurried to him and was fifty yards to shore, landing a bruise.

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