

MUCH HEAP BIG INJURY

Pelly Braves Said to be on the Warpath

Woodchopper Arrives at Tantalus With a Tale Worthy of Border Drama Setting.

Quite a wave of excitement swept over the city last night arising from the report of an alleged Indian uprising that had taken place in that section lying between the head of the Pelly and Little Salmon rivers, in which a trading post had been looted and burned, the trader killed and another white man wounded. The incidents relating to the affair are very strange and viewed from a reasonable standpoint are worthy of but little consideration, much less a spread such as the public was afforded with this morning. The facts upon which is based this latest effort at yellow journalism are as follows:

Yesterday Major Cuthbert received a message from the detachment at Tantalus announcing the arrival there of a woodchopper named Wood who stated that he some days previous in the back country had met a Hootanag Indian named Begundy who told him that he (Begundy) had met two Selkirk Indians who informed him that they had been chased out of the country in the vicinity of the Pelly by the Indians there, who were on the warpath to the number of 30. They told Begundy a story that another white man injured and the had was on the way to Selkirk when the job of exterminating the whites in the Yukon would begin. It was also stated that all the river Indians hunting in that country, together with the squaws and children, were being driven to Selkirk and the slaughter would be awful once it began. The burning of the trading post and killing of the trader was alleged to have occurred either November 30 or December 1. The Indians who were the bearers of the tidings were seen but two days travel from Selkirk.

Immediately upon receipt of the message Major Cuthbert placed himself in communication with all the upper detachments in order if possible to verify the story, but nothing further has been learned and the official commanding is of the opinion that the report is nothing more than a rumour on the part of the upper Pelly Indians who keep the Yukon Indians of their hunting grounds. The operator at Big Salmon was spoken with and he knew nothing and had heard nothing of the affair. Sergeant Beys of Selkirk was wired to see if the two Indians who first made the tale known had arrived at Selkirk. The reply was received last night that no message Indians had been around Selkirk for some time and he knew nothing whatever of the report. A day or two ago two Indians had arrived at Selkirk from the head waters of the McMillan, which has its source in close proximity to the Little Salmon and the Pelly, the scene of the alleged uprising. They were closely questioned, but claimed to know absolutely nothing of the occurrence or any threatened trouble.

What makes the story look particularly fishy is that the looting and burning was said to have taken place two weeks ago and yet this is the first to be heard of it. "It is not unreasonable to suppose," said Major Cuthbert this morning to a Nugget reporter, "that had such an affair really occurred, or even the Indians on the warpath we should have heard of it long before this. The news would have reached the outskirts of civilization in some manner."

It is well known that the upper Pelly, Little Salmon and McMillan rivers are fairly alive this winter with prospectors, hunters and trappers and a serious outbreak could not occur without some one learning of it. Many of the white men living so far remote from civilization are square men—men living with Indian women and in case of trouble they would be the first to be warned. Another reason why the tale does not look good is on account of the number reported to be looking for gold. There is not a band or a tribe of Indians in the entire territory numbering 250.

In order to be prepared for any possible emergency, as soon as the news was received at the barracks all plans were cancelled and the entire "troop" of police has been in motion ever since ready to march to the front at a moment's notice. In case there should be anything in the

rumor a squad of 50 men will at once be hurried to the scene, but no such steps will be taken until something more definite is learned. A detail left Tantalus this morning to make an investigation and it may be two weeks before they return. Until then nothing will be done unless something unexpected should happen in the meantime. Major Cuthbert and other officers about the barracks do not believe there is anything whatever in the rumor.

SAYS 'FRISCO WON OUT

In Hard Fought Contest With Hill and Seattle

Senator Perkins Claims That the Golden Gate Got the Better of Queen City.

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Senator Perkins in behalf of San Francisco claims that the Golden Gate won out in the fight with Hill and Seattle for the government transport business to the Philippines.

HAVE NO MORE COAL

New York Prisoners Will Suffer Severely

Supply Exhausted and no More in Sight—Great Many Prisoners.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 15.—A cold Christmas confronts the prisoners confined in jail in this city. The last shovel full of coal was placed in the furnace this morning and there is no more in sight. There are fifty-seven prisoners in the jail.

INVESTS IN CANADA

United States Steel Corporation Buys Out Copper Co.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 15.—The United States Steel Corporation has purchased the old Canadian Copper Co. of this place.

Ed. Orr Recovered. Edward Orr, who had a dangerous attack of typhoid a short time ago, was sufficiently recovered to be out driving yesterday.

Races Arranged. Seattle, Dec. 15.—International yacht races are being arranged between Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria.

Three Lost. New York, Dec. 15.—Fire in a New York tenement house caused three people to lose their lives.

Proposed as Bishop. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Bishop Quigley of Buffalo is proposed as Archbishop of Chicago.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The postal department has issued official notice that the frequency of winter mail service between Dawson and Whitehorse has been increased to three times a week and the limit of weight increased to 1700 pounds per week. In addition to the regular letter mail this provides for the carriage of a large quantity of newspapers, preference being given to those addressed to regular subscribers.

Present your wife or husband with some calling cards for Christmas. Our styles of type and cards are the very latest. Cannot be distinguished from engraved work. The Nugget Printery. Grant and Miners' License.—Apply this office.



WAITING TO BE PICKED.

VENEZUELA IS WEAKENING

Sends Communication to Great Britain Asking for Peaceful Settlement of Difficulty — Castro Is Despondent Because Uncle Sam Will Not Intervene — Argentine Is Reported to Be Willing to Give Aid. Ships Sunk by Germany Were Old Worthless Hulks.

London, Dec. 15.—Latest reports from Venezuela indicate that Castro is giving in. Today the British foreign office received a communication from Venezuela asking for peaceful settlement.

ARE DOWNHEARTED. Caracas, Dec. 15.—What with the fall of Puerto Cabello, the blockade of La Guaira and the non-intervention of the United States, Venezuelans appear downhearted. Government officials do not know how to act and therefore are doing nothing.

BITTNER'S BENEFIT

The Big Man Will Have a Night of His Own

Final Performance of Bohemian Girl a Pronounced Success.

The final performance of the opera Bohemian Girl given at the Auditorium theatre on Saturday was quite the best of the three nights. A packed house greeted the singers and it may be added that the audience was remarkably enthusiastic. Every one entered into the spirit of the thing and the movement of the piece went forward with a vim and snap which added immensely to the success of the opera.

The choruses and dances were particularly fine, some of the latter being demanded over and over. The orchestra was in better tune than during the preceding nights and helped out greatly to make the last presentation of Bohemian Girl a splendid success. Between the second and third acts Mr. Montgomery of the Bittner com-

pany made a brief speech in which he announced that a benefit will be given on Thursday evening of this week for Mr. Bittner. The whole company which has so long been playing at the Auditorium will take part in the benefit and a fine program is promised.

The third act of "Sowing the Wind" will be presented and a number of good specialties introduced. The announcement was also made that Prof. Freimuth will be added to the "orchestra," which statement was received with no little applause.

The Bittner company will reopen the Auditorium next week with the "White Squadron," which promises to be a great success. Seats in all parts of the house have been reduced and the house should be given a better patronage on that account than ever before.

WRECKAGE FOUND

Great Lakes Carrier is a Total Loss.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 15.—Wreckage from the great lakes carrier Hancock has been picked up near Sault Ste. Marie.

MRS. SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY. Fancy and Ballroom Dancing taught. Class lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Socials twice a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.

Prominent merchants think of asking Castro to resign as the best way out of Venezuela's difficulties and suggest that Vice-President Ayala head a peace cabinet. It is believed that a majority of people favor settlement of all European claims and an immediate end of the conflict. Great Britain has re-opened navigation on the Orinoco but has warships patrolling it.

ARGENTINA'S ATTITUDE. New York, Dec. 15.—Sensational dispatches in New York newspapers credit the Argentine republic with being disgusted at the attitude of the United States and state that the former is prepared to take a hand and

assist Castro if Washington fails. Not much credence is given the statement. Argentina is not anxious to declare her attitude or take any stand. She has troubles of her own. Chili feels likewise and is just as complacent as the United States. The general feeling is that Castro brought Venezuela to the present crisis and the republic deserves all it is getting.

VISITED TOMB OF BOLIVAR.

NEW HOME READY.

London, Dec. 15.—A message from Berlin states that the Venezuelan ships sunk were old worthless hulks unfit to go to sea. Their destruction was necessary to prevent them getting back into the hands of Castro while Germany could not be bothered with such worn-out prizes.

Deny Responsibility. London, Dec. 15.—British officials deny any responsibility for the sinking of Venezuelan warships.

Minister Bowen has taken charge of Dutch interests. Lagaira is being abandoned and leading merchants have fled to Caracas.

WORTHLESS HULKS. London, Dec. 15.—A message from Berlin states that the Venezuelan ships sunk were old worthless hulks unfit to go to sea. Their destruction was necessary to prevent them getting back into the hands of Castro while Germany could not be bothered with such worn-out prizes.

CRITICISES CANADIANS

Dawson Man Interviewed in Toronto

Says That the American Business Houses Are Hustling for the Klondike Trade.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Dec. 15.—John R. McGovern of Dawson in an interview given to a Toronto paper declared that Dawson business conditions bring but reflections on Canadians as being slow and allowing Americans to get all the business. He says that hustling American firms have representatives all over the district while drummers for Canadian houses are few and far between.

The opera of "The Bohemian Girl" which was produced by the Dawson Amateur Operatic Society at the Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, was not only a success artistically and socially, but the gross receipts will amount to something like \$3500.

Strictly Wet. Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Dec. 15.—The final figures of Ontario referendum show that the temperance men fell about one hundred thousand short.

False Report. Special to the Daily Nugget. Brussels, Dec. 15.—There is no truth in a published report that King Leopold was shot at yesterday in Leopold.

INQUIRIES ARE MADE

Concerning the Cuban Treaty

Wishes to Find Out How British Interests Are to be Affected.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Dec. 15.—Great Britain has made representations to the United States concerning the Cuban treaty with the object of finding out how British interests may be affected.

HAVE MORE GRIEVANCES

Another Strike May Soon be Declared

Over Four Thousand Miners Are Preparing to Quit Their Work.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 15.—Times are still troublesome in the anthracite fields. Over four thousand miners employed in a drift near Hazleton declare they will strike on Wednesday unless certain grievances are disposed of. If that happens shipments to New York will decrease by ten thousand tons daily.

OIL COMPANY

With Big Capital Formed in Ontario.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 15.—An Oil Company has been formed at Chatham with a capital of nearly one million for investigating recent finds.

Swayne at Berbera. Aden, Arabia, Oct. 31. H. Colonel Swayne, the British commissioner in Somaliland, has reached Berbera in safety. His wounded are doing well. No further movement of the British troops against the Mad Mullah will be made until a large force is collected, which will be about two months hence. There is no doubt that the Somali levies showed the white feather in the recent fighting with the Mullah's followers.

Col. Cobbe is in command at Be-hotel, Somaliland, where the gurus have arrived. The garrison there is not threatened.

The Mounted Police brass band will play at the rink tonight, and the ice is said to be in splendid condition. The lighting is also reported to be in good order now.

TO DIG FOR A GUSHER

Mr. Hayden Wants one on Henry Gulch

Has Now a Second Bedrock Shaft Down to a Depth of 170 Feet.

Another gusher may be expected shortly, for there is another big shaft being sunk in search of second bedrock which has recently received no mention from the fact that public attention has been entirely absorbed by the developments of the big shaft on Eldorado. This other shaft is on No. 1 Henry gulch, and is being sunk by the owners of the upper half, left limit, Mining Engineer A. T. Hayden and his partner C. M. Donaldson. They have gone down in search of second bedrock to a depth of 170 feet.

Mr. Hayden said this morning that he has stopped work at present in order to study the capping which the government is putting in to control the slightest doubt that water will be struck in his shaft, and he wants to have his pipe in and appliances ready for capping the flow before he taps it. He says that all the valleys around the neighborhood have been much deeper than they are now, and have been filled in. He estimates that the true bedrock where he is sinking is probably 100 feet beyond the present level, and that to reach it it will be necessary to carry his shaft down another 70 to 75 feet to tap the water. He has the idea of putting in a steel pipe of three feet in diameter, so that when it got low enough excavation could be carried on from inside and also outside the pipe. But before he begins this work he is desirous of securing more gravel to work with the flow.

Effort Then Failed. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—Shortly before midnight a telegram was received at Independence, Mo., a suburb, from E. S. Nichols, conductor of an east-bound Chicago and Alton passenger train, number 12, dated at Blue Springs, saying that two men had boarded the train and tried to overpower the trainmen. In the scuffle one man had been hit over the head with a lantern and may be marked. Flagman Nelson had been shot in the thigh. The telegram contains no further information.

Local police and county marshals immediately began investigation. Blue Springs is just beyond the notorious Henry Cut in the Cracker Neck district of Jackson county, where numerous successful hold-ups have been perpetrated. A police officer said: "It may have been only a couple of drunken hobos trying to get a ride. Train robbers don't begin work on the flagman."

To All Union Men. A full attendance of all union men of Dawson is requested at Union hall, Princess street, Tuesday at 8 p.m., to consider the advisability of nominating or supporting a representative for the Yukon council in the coming election.

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