

NO MORE BLOW BACK

From British Columbia Assay Office

Reduction of Royalty Rescinds an Order in Council of Last Year.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, July 2.—Under order in council last September a provision was made that when a miner in person produced to the manager of the provincial government assay office in Vancouver or Victoria a certificate from the gold commissioner at Dawson that the royalty had been paid on gold which accompanied such certificate a refund would be made of one per cent of the value of the gold when assayed. In view of the fact that royalty on gold mined in the Yukon has been reduced from five to two and a half per cent, the refund is abolished.

CHINAMEN UNWELCOME

Five Turned Back From Whitehorse

Citizens Hold a Meeting and Decide the Yukon is Not Healthy for Them.

Only for the determined attitude assumed by the citizens of Whitehorse last Saturday morning Dawson might now be harboring a population that she has every reason to fear. Friday evening there alighted from the Skagway train at Whitehorse five Chinamen bound for Dawson. As far as can be learned they were not coming inside under contract to work for anyone, but were merely miners from either the Fraser river or Caribou country who had been attracted hither by the tales of gold. As soon as they landed in Whitehorse there was considerable of a commotion stirred up which became all the more pronounced when it was ascertained they were headed this way and more would follow in the event of these not being molested. During the night the heathens were huddled together in a cheap lodging house and from the fact that they did not once show themselves on the street it is surmised that they were aware their presence was not welcome. The following morning the citizens assembled together and discussed the advisability of taking a strong stand upon the matter right at the beginning. Speeches were made and the allowing of cheap Chinese labor to come into the Yukon and compete with the white man was denounced most vigorously. The "chinks" did not have a friend in the town and when a few moments after the meeting adjourned a committee waited upon them and informed them they could proceed no farther but would have to return to Victoria from whence they came they protested only mildly. The leader of the party said they had no money and could not return unless they were assisted. Within an hour a collection of \$300 was taken up and tickets for the entire outfit were purchased for Victoria. They were put aboard a freight train at noon and sent on their way with a warning to never again attempt to return to the Yukon. They were also instructed to warn all their countrymen that Chinese would not be tolerated in the territory.

The meeting at which it was decided to take such drastic measures and the events which followed were most orderly and free from any violence or rowdiness. The determination was simply arrived at that Chinese could not gain a foothold in this part of the Dominion and that was the end of it. What Dawson and the territory has been saved can only be appreciated by those who have resided in cities where their presence has been made manifest by their constantly increasing numbers.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price \$2.50

Immune From Heat

There is one class of people in Dawson for which the warm weather has no terrors and while others swelter and complain they are comfortable and contented.

"Give me your receipt for keeping cool and pleasant looking," said one man to another on First avenue this afternoon.

"Am most happy to be able to oblige you," said the comfortable looking individual and, taking from his pocket a card he wrote on it as follows:

"To keep cool, comfortable and at peace with yourself and all mankind make semi-occasional trips to Butler's Pioneer and there revel in the delights incident to cool draught beer."

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YANKEE'S HOP DREAM

Makes Fool of St. Louis Globe Democrat

Valdez Prospector Replies and Tells Some Plain Truths of Alaska.

"When the snow and ice of northern Alaska give up their dead it will be seen at what an awful sacrifice of human life the treasures of that frozen land are being obtained."

It was with such a remark as this that M. C. D. Bristol, the senior member of the commercial firm of Bristol & Lindard, of Nome City, Alaska, who is spending the winter with his wife and family at No. 3961 Windson place, prefaces any of his remarks about the country where he has been located since the spring of 1898. Mr. Bristol spent a year in mining along the Gougarock river after leaving St. Louis, and during the three years he has been located at Nome dealing in mining outfits he has established an acquaintanceship with miners and Indians extending all over the Summer Peninsula, and has a fund of information from this source alone that makes him well qualified to speak of the condition prevailing throughout the country.

"Over a third of those who leave the camps and towns of the coast in splendid physical condition are never heard of again, and 40 per cent. of those who get back to the point of their departure die while seeking recovery from the hardships they have endured." Mr. Bristol continued in the course of an interview. "The horrors of the Summer Peninsula, in which is located Nome City, are almost unbelievable in the United States. Of every two men who leave this country to prospect up there it is safe to say that only one will return alive, and it is safe to say that even the dead body of the other may never be found unless he has died on the coast."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Such rot as the above is a slander on Alaska, and a fabrication that no sane man should believe. It sounds like the story of a grub-staked man who came to Alaska, sat down in his tent, ate up his provisions, and then went home and had to invent some awful story of hardships and misfortune in order to pacify the party who put up for the expenses of the trip.

Many persons in Alaska, especially the prospector, have no permanent residence or near friends here, and often when they leave a camp, there is no reason for their writing back to any one, of their whereabouts, and consequently they are not heard of again in the camp they left. That is no indication that they have met with a fatal accident or lost their life on the trail.

The statement that "of every two men who leave this country (the States) to prospect up there it is safe to say that only one will return alive," is a most ridiculous and false statement, and shows a lamentable lack of knowledge of prevailing conditions here.

There are hardships here, as there are in all new countries, but it is doubtful if ten per cent. of those who come here to prospect lose their lives on account of these hardships. There is no healthier country than Alaska and the death rate is very small. Nearly all the accidental deaths or the loss of life from the supposed hardships of this country are caused from the lack of judgment, recklessness, or a lack of knowledge of the prevalent conditions by those who loose their lives.

—Valdez Prospector.

RAILROAD A SURE THING

John H. Hughes Who is Associated in the Enterprise With E. C. Hawkins Talks in Seattle—Must be Circumspect in Dealing With Canadians.

Seattle, July 2.—From twelve to twenty miles of the Klondike Mines Railway will be built this year according to John H. Hughes, who with E. C. Hawkins is interested in the enterprise. Hughes has been in New York and Ottawa the last six months with Hawkins financing the company and securing the approval of the Canadian government as to rates, routes, etc. He is now in Seattle completing final arrangements.

"More delay has been encountered than we expected," said Hughes yesterday. "Dealing with the Canadian government is far different from methods employed in this country. Bonds must be approved by the government and parliament must give assent to each detail of the plan before any work can be done. We thought we had all things satisfactorily arranged, but when we opened negotiations with another set of eastern capitalists, all forms had to

be gone through again. Somewhat vexatious delay resulted, but I am expecting to hear from Hawkins any day that this work is completed."

The schedule of transportation rates as approved by the Dominion government is about one-third that now paid for hauling over roads from Dawson to the mines. Hughes says it is not the intention of the company to extend the road farther than Stewart river.

"Assurances which we have from men of highest authority on the country are to the effect that the road projected is one of the most practical undertakings which could be suggested."

Hughes added, "Dominion officials and American capitalists are one in their approval. Our line is not antagonistic to any in operation or proposed, and will serve as a connecting link of a long system. As has been said, business awaits the road, and not the road the business."

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Manager Te Roller Has Resigned His Position

Private Interests Require His Attention—Mr. J. J. Delaney Temporary Successor.

An important change takes place today in local commercial circles by the resignation of Mr. H. Te Roller, who for the past year has been manager of the North American Transportation & Trading Co.

Mr. Te Roller tendered his resignation to the company some months ago and today it goes into effect.

During the past four years he has been closely identified with the business interests of the city, having been associated with the S.-Y. T. Co. when that concern made its entry into the local field.

As manager of the S.-Y. T. Co. Mr. Te Roller made a splendid record and when that company was absorbed in the N. C. Co. he was tendered the post of local manager of the N. A. T. & T.

It will be pleasing intelligence to the public to know that Mr. Te Roller has no intention of leaving Dawson.

"I have been engaged in commercial work for four years," said he to a Nugget representative this morning, "and I feel that the time has arrived when I should take a rest from the somewhat arduous duties imposed thereby and devote myself to certain private interests that I have acquired. In the first place, however, I shall enjoy a little vacation, probably taking a short trip into the Fortymile country. My confidence in the future of this city and the mining interests behind it is greater than ever and I look to see continually increased activity in all lines of business."

Mr. Te Roller has taken a prominent part in all matters of public importance during his residence in Dawson and has invariably given assistance to every enterprise for the promotion of the general welfare.

Until the arrival of General Manager Isom, Mr. J. J. Delaney will act in the capacity of manager for the company.

Prominent Arrivals.

The Whitehorse which arrived this morning had aboard an unusual quota of prominent people. Among the number were Mr. Justice Craig and his family consisting of Mrs. Craig and Miss Craig; Rev. Barraclough; Mrs. J. H. Rogers and child; Mrs. Lester, wife of Chief Lester of the fire department; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Macfarlane and child and a number of others.

HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED

Capt. McDonnell Leaves for Porcupine

Will Relieve Inspector Walk Who Returns to Whitehorse—Been Here Two Years.

Captain and Mrs. McDonnell leave this evening on the Columbian for the outside, the former to take up his new command at Pleasant Camp, the headquarters of the E. W. M. P. in the Porcupine creek country. They will be accompanied by Miss Hanwell as far as Skagway. The post which Captain McDonnell assumes charge of is what is known as a three detachment post with the main force stationed at Pleasant Camp, six miles above the Porcupine creek mines which are on the American side of the line. In addition to the inspector in charge there is an assistant surgeon and twelve constables. The post is 56 miles inland from Pyramid harbor. Two men are stationed at Dalton house on the Dalton trail and one man with a special at Wells, the international boundary line. The Porcupine detachment is a portion of "H" division under command of Major Snyder with headquarters at Whitehorse, that division taking in all that portion of the territory above Five Fingers, including Tagish and the Atlin country. Captain McDonnell relieves Inspector Walk who returns to Whitehorse.

Pleasant Camp first sprang into existence with the discovery of gold on Porcupine creek. The post was established in '98 and being on the line of the Dalton trail has always been considered a point of considerable importance. Six miles below the post are the mines where about 300 men are employed.

Captain McDonnell has been on the force 21 years, first coming north in '88 when he was sent up the Stikine river for the purpose of establishing a post at that point. In '89 he was transferred to Dawson and almost immediately afterward was promoted from sergeant-major to inspector. He and his estimable wife during their residence here have made many friends who sincerely regret their departure and will wish them all possible success in their new home.

Capt. Wilde Court Martialed.

Manila, June 22.—Capt. Frederick Wilde, of the Thirtieth United States Infantry, has been sentenced by a court-martial to be reprimanded for the burning of a native cockpit at Lingayen, province of Pangasinan, Luzon. Approving the findings of the court martial which sentenced Capt. Wilde, Gen. Chaffee says the captain violated a general order and did not show a proper respect to the civil authorities.

Was Not Guilty.

The case of the king against Zenon Bertrand, charged with having committed an unnatural and unmentionable crime against nature on Dominion creek the 14th of last May, was on trial before Mr. Justice Dugas today, the hearing resulting in the acquittal of the accused. The evidence of the crown was entirely circumstantial and of but little consequence as far as connecting Bertrand with the commission of the act was concerned. At the time of his alleged misplaced affection it was clearly shown that he was drunk, almost on the verge of helplessness, which rendered his guilt all the more improbable. The case was tried before his lordship alone without a jury, the accused having so elected. J. H. Falconer, of the N.W.M.P. secret service was the complainant.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES

King's Condition Better in All Respects

Queen Alexandra Reviewed and Snap-Shot Indian Troops This Morning.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
London, July 2.—The king's condition is improved in all respects, says the bulletin of today. The queen was present this morning to review Indian troops which outdied in picturesqueness the royal review of yesterday. The same scenes were repeated when the Duke of Connaught called for cheers for the king. The Indians wildly waved swords and turbans. Scenes of intense loyalty followed. The queen took snapshots of her queerly clad dark-skinned subjects.

Assumes New Duties

Yesterday Major Wood entered upon his new duties as assistant commissioner of the N. W. M. P. for the Yukon territory. Word of the establishment of an additional assistant commissioner by an order in council was received some time ago, though Major Wood has so far not received any official confirmation of the appointment beyond the information contained in a telegram saying the appointment was to be made to take effect July 1. He considers that further information will probably arrive on the next mail. The promotion of Major Wood makes him second in command of the entire N. W. M. P. force in Canada, his only superior officer being Major Perry, the commissioner who is located at Regina. Since the passage of the order in council referred to creating another assistant commissioner there are two such officers, Colonel McLitree who has charge of the Northwest Territories and Major Wood who occupies the same position relative to the Yukon territory.

An Awful Weapon

Quite a crowd was attracted toward the water front this morning opposite the barracks by the sound of rifle shots being rapidly discharged, some thinking there had been a jail delivery and a battle was ensuing. The sensation was being created by Sergeant-major Tucker who had the Maxim gun out limbering it up and seeing that no rust was accumulating upon the delicate mechanisms. The chamber around the barrels was filled with water so that they would not become overheated, a belt full of cartridges was placed in the magazine and with the muzzle pointed toward the bluff opposite the river the fearful engine of death was turned loose. The rattle of the shots sounded as though an army was at work instead of one man calmly seated behind the machine, turning it now this way and then that way the shots falling in the water, the gun being pointed low, like a veritable hail storm. The calibre of the machine is small, only .305, but it will kill at 2500 yards. Smokeless powder is used in the shells.

The committee on the revision of the articles of faith had recommended the adoption of a declaration to the effect that all infants are saved.

The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

"Now, Mr. Moderator," said the delegate from Nowhere-in-Particular, with preternatural solemnity, "I move that this be declared retroactive."

BEN TILLMAN OUTDONE

By Senator Bailey of Lone Star State

Who Makes Physical Attack on Senator Beverage of Indiana.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Washington, July 2.—Bailey of Texas assaulted Beveridge of Indiana just as the senate adjourned today. The Texas senator was dragged away from his opponent by some of those about the senate. He was angry and threatened severe harm to the Indiana senator. The episode was the result of a heated controversy which the senators had during the forenoon when Beveridge said that Bailey had made "an unwarranted attack" on Solicitor Penfield of the state department.

PLATINUM DISCOVERY

Claim Staked in Stewart River District

Location of New Creek on Right Limit of Stewart, Six Miles Above Clear Creek.

News was received this morning of a discovery having recently been made in the Stewart river country that is attracting considerable attention. Last week Charles Sturgeon appeared at the mining recorder's office at Clear creek and made application to record a claim upon which platinum had been discovered, he alleging in his affidavit that he had three feet of pay that averaged five cents to the pan in platinum value and also carried a very little gold. The location of the find was given as being on an unnamed creek entering the Stewart on the left limit about six or seven miles above Clear creek. Four others recorded claims beside the discoverer.

Platinum though nearly always mined as a placer deposit strangely enough in this country is held to come within the quartz regulations and claims when located are staked 1500 feet square the same as a quartz claim. The value of the find, of course, can only be determined by the exploitation and development of the claim. For many years the principal source of the world's supply of platinum has been the Ural mountains in Russia and the metal today is worth several dollars more an ounce than gold. A number of years ago when the miners were mining the bars of Fortymile creek their rifles frequently became clogged with small exceedingly heavy shot-like globules which the miners threw away as worthless and swore at because the particles interfered with their sluicing operations. Had the tiny pebbles so objectionable been saved they would have made a material increase in the result of some of their clean-ups. In other sections, too, of both Alaska and the Yukon have platinum prospects been found but gold and gold alone has heretofore been the only thing sought and the possibilities of the much more valuable metal have been entirely overlooked.

Mr. Sturgeon intends at once to return to his claim and will endeavor to learn something more as to its value before he again comes back to the city.

Lord Milner Takes Oath

Pretoria, June 22.—Lord Milner, who was British high commissioner in South Africa, took the oath of governor of the Transvaal here today in the presence of a large assemblage of people. He was heartily cheered by those present, and a salute was fired from the fort.

In the police court this morning the case of Louis Pond, charged by James S. Hammond with unlawfully removing 118 cords of wood from a claim on Bonanza creek, was on trial until noon when it was continued until 10 o'clock tomorrow. W. M. McKay is appearing for the defence.