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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1901.

## FAR REACHING EFFECTS.

One of the most important stampedes that has ever taken place in the Klondike district is in progress today. All mining claims in the district with a few exceptions, excluding of course, all claims already held according to law, will be open tomorrow for location. In consequence of this fact, as is told in detail on another page of this paper, hundreds of people have left Dawson during the past forty-eight hours for the different localities where there is known to be vacant ground.

It is difficult to forecast the effect which the order throwing open such a large extent of new ground will have upon the future of the district. Many of the claims will not be worked at all. Others will be prospected and found to be lacking a pay streak. But there will be a certain proportion which will be found at no distant date contributing a share toward the general output of gold. There is now left practically no ground in the territory contiguous to the Klondike and Indian rivers which is not open to the prospector. The regulation reserving alternate groups of ten claims was repealed some months ago as was also the order closing certain of the more important creeks against location. With this latest order in effect a large number of valuable fractions as well as other claims have been thrown open and it is but fair to suppose, as suggested above, that many of them will soon be numbered among the best of producing claims. This supposition is particularly reasonable in view of the fact that many of the claims to be thrown open tomorrow are known to be by virtue of the fact that they are in the immediate vicinity of ground upon which pay has already been located. In such instances and they will be by no means few, it is to be anticipated that immediate preparations for development work will be made. It is safe to assume, therefore, that added prosperity will come to the district. The opening of new ground means the employment of more men, the moving of more freight and the consumption of an increased quantity of commodities. The new order could not have been placed in effect at a more favorable time. Opportunity will be given to those who secure good properties to make preparations for work before the approach of warm weather and it may be expected that much of the ground which will be recorded within the next few days will be opened on a large scale during the approaching summer season.

The effects of this latest stampede will certainly be far reaching.

## RAILROAD PLANS.

It is stated upon the authority of General Manager Hawkins that the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. has purchased all the interests of the Canadian Development Co., and during the coming season will operate all the boats previously owned by the latter company. It is also announced that a number of new boats will be brought to Skagway and transported by rail to the head of river navigation.

Two things are apparent from the announcement as contained in our tele-

graphic columns today. In the first place it is not likely that there will be any immediate extension of the railroad beyond Whitehorse, and in the second place it is clearly the intention of the railway company to control both the steamboat and railway business of the Yukon river between Dawson and Skagway.

Manager Hawkins makes a very fair statement respecting the plans of the company which, if carried out, will work rather to the benefit than to the detriment of the territory. As is suggested in his announcement, it will be possible to operate more economically under the new system, it being feasible to do away with many expenses involved where the railroad and steamboats were under separate management.

It remains now to be seen whether the shipper will be given the benefit of this decrease in the cost of operation or whether the same will be turned entirely into the coffers of the railway company. The surest means the railroad can take for preventing competition is to follow a liberal policy in dealing with the Yukon.

Last fall Dawson experienced an extraordinary building boom. It seems quite likely now that the opening of spring will see a renewal of activity along similar lines. From time to time announcements have been made through the Nugget of the intention of various local business houses to increase the capacity of warehouses, storerooms, etc., and in addition to the building contemplated by established houses it is authoritatively stated that several new enterprises will be inaugurated at an early date. When spring fairly opens Dawson will reflect the activity which it is generally agreed will prevail upon the creeks.

About the only people left in Dawson today are of the sour dough variety. When it comes to a matter of stampedes the sour dough is essentially a Mis-sourian. He has been there before.

## Attacked by Blacks.

Blacks in South Australia continue to give trouble and to threaten the lives of prospectors and others traveling through the unsettled parts of the country. A recent occurrence of their barbaric outrages was reported before the R. M. S. Aorangi, which arrived from the South last evening, left the South, when a prospecting party in charge of George Albert was compelled to return to Todmorden Station, on the Alberga, Oodnadatta. The party could not reach its destination, and had to return. An Afghan was attacked by the blacks in the Mann ranges. He was speared by them and died next day. A white man named Cockrum was also speared, but he is reported to be recovering. The party is said to have had a very narrow escape.

The greatest excitement prevailed throughout all Australia over the federation of the colonies. Sir William Lyne had been called upon by the new governor general, the Earl of Hopetoun, to form a cabinet, and his success has already been announced by telegraph. At Sydney a most elaborate program for parliamentary entertainments was to be carried out. On January 3rd there was to be a procession of ancient and modern fire fighting appliances round the exhibition building; a display of appliances in use 200 years ago, with costumes of the period; manual fire engine used in the 18th century, with costumes worn by the firemen of the present period; manual fire engine used in the 19th century in Sydney, with costumes worn at the present day; hose carriage of the present day, showing the method of utilizing the pressure of water from the street mains; three small steam fire engines of the latest type; rescue work; method of dealing with unconscious persons; use of fire escapes in rescuing persons from buildings; medium sized fire engines used in the city of Sydney; use of smoke protectors; the smallest and largest jets of water used for extinguishing fires; chimney hand pumps, 3-16ths of an inch jet; Tozer pump, 1/2-inch jet; large steamer's jet, 1 1/2-inch and 1 3/8-inch size; water tower in use, with jets of water thrown from various heights, trot past of engines; gallop past.

In an interview, the new premier said the postoffices could be taken over and worked under the present laws in the various states and under regulations made by the federal government. It is that case the postmaster general would

have to administer six different acts, and it is safe for the cabinet to consider whether it will prefer to proceed by submitting a bill to parliament.

Asked as to the defenses, he said: "My view of the matter, subject to the opinion of my colleagues, is that while there is no constitutional necessity for taking over the various defence departments at once, the cabinet may wisely consider at an early date whether it should not take over the various defence departments, even anterior legislation. I don't say that that is necessary, but it may be advisable. A good deal will depend upon the course of events in other parts of the world."

The premier was also asked when he expected his colleagues, who are premiers, would resign their state positions. He replied: "With regard to Sir George Turner, Sir William Lyne and Sir John Forrest, a number of important matters have to be wound up in their various colonies, and they cannot be asked to relinquish their offices at once; but their resignations are only a question of a short time—a few weeks at the most. All I can add is that we shall get to work at once, as we shall have a great many important matters to deal with."—Victoria Times.

## Empress and Prince Tuan.

The dowager empress of China ascended her throne with a weary air, like one returning from a club picnic, and, striking her hand bell, she said: "Let Prince Tuan come hither at once."

"Empress, I am here," said the prince as he appeared.

"Tis well. How goes our affairs?"

"Beautifully. O goddess of the east!"

"What about the negotiations with Russia?"

"They are progressing finely. While the papers wait to be signed we are permitting the Russians to kill off a few thousand subjects as a blind. Out of 600,000,000 population we won't miss 10,000."

"True for you, prince. And how do we get along with Germany?"

"Germany demands my head, O empress, and likewise all the cash we can raise in the next 10,000 years, but I am fixing up a surprise party for her. Not only did the German minister commit suicide because he was tired of life and would go hence, but I have discovered that Germany borrowed money of Confucius and still owes it. We shall wiggle out of that business in good shape."

"And what say the French?"

"They are content with their but-lion."

"And the English?"

"I'm not quite so sure of them, O empress; but, as they practically owned the country before the trouble began, they will have to stand by us to get what's owing them. I am using liberal quantities of soft soap and hoping for the best."

"Thou has done well, prince. How about our native Christians?"

"We are picking them up by dozens still and sending them to their reward, but not making any fuss over it in the newspapers."

"And the missionaries?"

"One gets away occasionally, your majesty, but it is only by accident. I think the number killed this week is about 60, but we are not talking about it. My instructions are to kill them as gently and quietly as possible and do no bragging."

"And the other foreign devils?"

"Well, we can't do much in Peking just now, but in all other localities we are pushing business along. When the bimonthly report comes in, I think you will be perfectly satisfied. We've had rare old times hunting them out, and game is getting scarce."

"And the Boxer movement?" asked the empress in languid tones.

"According to official reports, your majesty, there are no Boxers left in China. Excuse my smile, but you know what an official report is worth. While our friends the Boxers are not throwing up their hats any more, they are doing a big fall trade."

"Tis well. There is one thing more. Isn't there a country somewhere called America?"

"Indeed there is, your highness."

"And it mixed into this trouble?"

"It did, but as our friend. It wants nothing of us except an apology, and it won't let any other nation get anything if possible to prevent it."

"I see. Make an order that no more American missionaries be slaughtered."

"But they have all been killed already."

"Then make an order that their property be restored."

"But it has been looted and divided up."

"Then see to it that Minister Conger is provided with turnips from my own table."

"But, your majesty, he is no longer besieged and in need of raw turnips."

"Then send the president one of my photographs, a letter of thanks and an

invitation to make our house his home whenever he happens to be in China. That's all, prince, except to admit nothing, deny everything and keep the world on the anxious seat for the next ten years."

M. QUAD.

## He Paid the Freight.

"Boss," said an old negro, looking in through the postoffice stamp window, "how much does hit tek ter sen' fo' letters?"

"Eight cents," said the gentleman within.

"Hush!"

"Fact!"

The old man studied awhile, got out his leather book, vintage of 1855, and worried eight coppers out of the lining. Laying these on the counter, he drew a long breath and said:

"Well, you c'n let 'em go long!"

"But where are the letters?"

"Whar is dey? Why, I done draht 'em in de hole roun' yonder!"

The letters were fished out, stamped and allowed to "go 'long"—Ex.

## Found a Sympathizer.

"Yes; I went to New York to see if I could get word of my brother," said the Pittsburg man in the smoking compartment. "He went on a voyage to Japan on a sailing ship, and I heard that the ship was wrecked and all hands lost."

"And did it turn out to be true?" was asked.

"Not altogether. The ship was lost, but three or four men were saved."

"And your brother?"

"He was saved at first, but after the boat had drifted about for weeks some one had to die to save the others. They cast lots, and it fell upon my brother. Poor Ben!"

"But the survivors apologized to you, of course. They said they were sorry to be obliged to eat your brother."

"Oh, of course. Yes; they excused themselves and seemed to feel for me. These tears! Please excuse me."

"Certainly," replied the other. "I had a grandfather scamped by Indians, a father carried off by a cyclone, a mother eaten by an alligator, a sister lost in a quicksand and two brothers baked, seasoned and devoured in the Fiji islands, and I know how you feel and can excuse you. I'll leave you alone, and you can give your emotions full play."

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