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CONSUL MCCOOK IS PETULANT.

And Makes an Amusing Display of Himself.

He Tells Americans That if They Don't Like the Way Things Are Run Here They Should Go Home—Says He Never Indorsed Fawcett.

The following amusing letter from Consul McCook is a perfect gem in its way, concluding as it does with the very sage suggestion that Americans have no right to be heard on any matter in a foreign land—that if they don't like things as they find them here they had better go home:

(Dawson City, March 20, 1899.)

"My attention has been called to a statement in your paper of the 18th inst."

(Colonel, you evidently wish to convey the impression that you don't read the Nugget.

Why not be perfectly honest in the matter and acknowledge, as you have so frequently assured us, that you read it before the ink is dry, and cannot get along without each issue as it comes out. You know full well you looked anxiously for that particular issue to see how you would be handled after your first speech in Dawson—or anywhere else, so far as we know.

Be honest, colonel, and own up.)

"You met me the day after the social farewell meeting, given to Mr. Thos. Fawcett, on which occasion I was pleased to be asked to preside. You remarked to me, 'I am sorry you went to that meeting; you should have kept away.' Part of my reply was that consuls are supposed to promote friendly feelings and cordial relationships with government officials. You remarked that consuls were not sent to sanction fraud. Now, sir, were I to leave your remarks unchallenged I would most assuredly be sanctioning fraud on your part."

(Consul McCook, you are not sincere. This letter of yours is written on blank paper instead of the regular consular letterheads, on which you have always addressed your former communications to us, showing that you intend us and the public to understand that this letter—

and, indeed, this whole affair—is a personal matter of J. P. McCook (instead of Consul McCook). The subject matter of the foregoing conversation clearly shows you were present in your official capacity as representing the great American republic. It was in your official capacity you were wanted at that meeting by your presence to endorse what the whole Yukon territory condemns. If your salary had been contributed to each month during the past year by the deposed gold commissioner, as was the case with the ex-culogist of the evening, you might have pleaded a lapse of judgment. However, your recollection of the conversation is somewhat meagre, so we will refresh you by still contending that it is no part of a consul's duty "to lend official sanction by his presence to what the whole world condemns." You continue):

"Number one (falseness of yours. I did not and do not apologize for doing a good and friendly action. I am only too pleased to know that I was thought highly enough of in my private capacity to be asked to preside on this occasion."

(Colonel, you are ridiculously self-contradictory again. You are urging "your private capacity" when no one cares what J. P. McCook does or does not do, and knowing full well what you said in the preceding paragraph about attending as "consul" being part of your duty. That you hastened to us in the morning after the farewell and yourself led up to the matter in hand by an urgent and laughing excuse for your actions and words the preceding night we still affirm most positively, and it is simply our veracity against yours.)

"Falseness No. 2. I have never condemned, have always spoken in the kindest way and in the most friendly manner of Mr. Fawcett, your remarks to the contrary notwithstanding, as personally I know of no reason why I should do otherwise. I offer to deposit in any bank the sum of \$1,000, to be given to any hospital, if you can prove your statement as above, you depositing similar amount, to be forfeited as above on your failure to prove. Falseness No. 3. I never indorsed Mr. Fawcett as gold commissioner, he did not require my approval to keep him in office as long as he wished to remain. Now, sir, there is not in the records of the United States or Great Britain any one of the name of McCook that ever did a dishonorable act. I am too proud of the name of American history to do anything dishonorable, such as "sanctioning fraud."

(Whether or not the name of McCook can be borne by a dishonorable man is a question we refuse to debate, but this we know, that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. You say you have never condemned Mr. Fawcett, and that you never indorsed Mr. Fawcett. In your speech on Friday night did you not say: "I notice in looking over the list of names that a great many ladies are upon it, and any man who has the ladies on his side is all right."? Again you said: "We are sorry to lose you, Mr. Fawcett; I know that I am myself, because I got to know you and appreciate you." A great number of people have come to me and asked me if I had any influence in the recording office, and especially with the gold commissioner, and I have said "Yes, I have an influence with Mr. Fawcett." I wish you God speed, Mr. Fawcett.

"I was in the Dominion parliament I couldn't bestow upon him honor sufficient for the services he has rendered his country, etc., etc." Colonel McCook, your statement that you never condemned Mr. Fawcett is just as untrue as the statement that you never indorsed him. Your letter continues):

"Allow me to state in conclusion that we as

aliens here are the guests of this government. If I am invited to a friend's home, no matter what the conditions, and I accept, it appears to me too ridiculous that I should quarrel with him as to how he chooses to govern his household, that is his affair, if I speak insultingly of him and he kicked me out for interfering, wouldn't it serve me right. I write this in all good feeling and friendliness, but when you criticize my acts as a private individual or officially, don't lie. *Veritas sans peur*, speak the truth without fear.

"I am, sir, very truly yours,
"J. P. McCook."

[Colonel McCook, if you were a permitted "guest" at a friend's house and he stole your pants, do you wish to be understood as saying you would walk home philosophically in your nether garments, and contend that it was solely his business and none of your affair? Your arguments are as superficial as your emotions.

"Once more you bring in yourself as a "private individual" and for the last time we assure you that we don't care what the individual J. P. McCook does. Your private affairs of gallantry are nothing to us, but we still contend that as the representative of a great and glorious nation your duties are far more than to stand in with government officials with a view to possible favors.]

PERSONAL MENTION.

Marie Riedeselle has removed to Grand Forks. Mr. R. Beatty, one of Skookum's rich holders, is a guest at the Fairview.

Sydney Barrington leaves this [Wednesday] morning on a business trip to the outside.

Henry Isaacs has arrived from the outside, where he went last fall to procure a stock of goods.

Messrs. Lynn and Condola, two well known "sour doughs" arrived in from a trip to the outside on Tuesday.

C. G. Sanford and two assistants arrived on Tuesday from the outside with a consignment of merchandise.

Mr. Sisson, proprietor of the Northwest meat market, has sold out his establishment preparatory to leaving for the outside over the ice.

It is learned from outside papers that Nigger Jim reached the outside from Dawson in just 15 days, which is swift enough to entitle him to a seat in the front row.

Messrs. Daniel Leach and James Fay arrived on Monday from the outside and are quartered at the Yukon hotel. The second named will continue to Circle City in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager entertained a company of twenty friends one night this week and the hours were most agreeably spent in music, song and dancing, interspersed with refreshments.

Messrs. A. Wyman and Fred Rekatte, old timers in Dawson arrived from a trip to the States on Saturday, bringing 500 copies of a Seattle newspaper. Mr. Rekatte has fine interests on Gold Run and Dominion.

Tom O'Brien arrived home this week from a visit to Forty-Mile. He confirms the report brought in by George McDougall of a strike on Jack Wade creek. According to reports heard by him, the find is a rich one.

Jack Klein, who took out a Nugget Express team during the winter, arrived back on Saturday night, looking happy and hearty though sunburned and bewildered to a degree that made him quite unrecognizable by some.

Pluto, the colored Australian, who could "get none but Kid Williams to meet him in Dawson and the fight was then so farce the police interfered in the second round, has met the redoubtable George Dixon and was defeated after 10 rounds of fierce fighting.

H. Y. Grosberg is up from Fourth of July creek, which is a stream flowing into the Yukon about 110 miles this side of Circle City. He says the diggings there afford but a mere living for the prospectors and not more than twenty persons will summer there.

Boats Are Doomed.

Purser Sprague, of the steamer Monarch, in a letter to Capt. Richard Chilcoat, confirms the report that numerous steamboats now frozen in the ice at points in the Koyukuk, Alphon pass and lower Yukon, are doomed to destruction. He also reports a shortage of sugar, butter and other supplies at Rampart.

Stampede Near Eagle.

Reliable reports from Eagle city are to the effect that a stampede from that place to Siate creek, a tributary of Eureka, has been on for a fortnight, the trail being from Mission creek over the divide. Everybody with sufficient grub or energy are in it. The pay is said to be 35 miles long.

Excitement was high at Forty-mile on Thursday night over a report that two pans taken out of Jack Wade creek on Forty-mile had washed an ounce each. The creek comes into Forty-mile, sixty miles up from the Yukon.

Klondike's Estimated Output.

M. Marks, a well-known Dawsonite who lately went outside, has furnished Seattle papers with an estimate of the Klondike's output for this season, as follows: Eldorado, \$2,500,000; Bonanza, \$2,500,000; French Hill, \$1,500,000; Gold Hill, \$1,500,000; Big Skukum, \$1,000,000; Little Skookum, \$1,000,000; Dominion, \$4,000,000; Hunker and Quartz, \$5,000,000. Total, \$29,000,000.

Steamboat Men Arrive.

Messrs. H. P. Bush and Robert Prior, the former a purser on the steamer Tacoma, of the Empire line, arrived from the outside on Monday, having left Bennett on February 27. They report a pleasant trip in, and say that comparatively few people will come to Dawson this spring. Mr. Bush says that the Altn country is now seldom heard referred to; that, besides the passage of the alien-exclusion law by the

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British Columbia parliament, it is cropping out that the country has been boomed out of all proportion to its richness. Indeed, it is charged that one of the alleged discoverers was actually hired by a steamship company to perpetrate a fraud, and that the gold he took out with him was no less than a supply of dust he carried into the country with him. One of the worst features of the muddle is the fact that the new gold commissioner has so construed the new law as to issue an order prohibiting aliens from even working for wages in the province.

Mr. Bush says that the prosecution of Capt. Danaher, of the steamer Sovereign, is due to maliciousness; that his accounts had been carefully audited and found to be correct, notwithstanding the report brought to Dawson that the captain is \$10,000 short in his accounts. Mr. Bush himself audited the accounts. The whole thing seems to have grown out of the fact that Capt. Chilcoat appointed a man named Story to relieve Capt. Danaher, and that the latter declined to recognize the power of attorney shown him until he completed the trip. Possession of the boat was fought for strenuously by both parties, and as a result of the animosities growing out of it a lawyer named Reed sent out from Circle City, where the boat was, a story that Danaher was short \$10,000 in his accounts with his company. It was on this mere representation that Mate Triton, who lately passed through Dawson, was armed with a warrant for Capt. Danaher's arrest. Mr. Bush leaves for Circle City and down river points this week.

CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. J. M. Pichel, of No. 30 above on Sulphur, made his family in Dawson a short visit last week.

St. Patrick's day was generally celebrated at Eldorado City, Thursday evening a large number of the residents assembled at the Butler and spent the evening in dancing.

J. D. Barnes, of 38 Eldorado, returned last week from a six weeks' trip to Forty-Mile where he has extensive interests. Mr. Barnes has great hopes for the future of Forty-Mile and expects to develop his property there next summer.

At the Eldorado City Social Club's regular meeting on Saturday evening a number of Dawson artists delighted the members and guests with musical and literary selections. The club is growing very rapidly and great interest is taken in all its meetings.

Signs of spring and the coming "wash up" are apparent everywhere on Eldorado and Bonanza, and the claim owners are busy preparing their sluice boxes and flumes. No. 42 is putting in an extensive flume and others are rapidly completing their arrangements.

Messrs. Albin and Davidson entertained a number of their friends at dinner at the Nugget cabin Sunday last. After dinner Mrs. Jeff Davison entertained the company by her charming singing and the evening was enjoyably spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davison, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lowden, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes, Mrs. G. Gaisford, Miss Vera Barnes, Mr. Sanders, E. C. Allen, T. G. Albin and J. N. Davidson.

OUTSIDE BRIEVITIES.

The Bennett Lake and Klondike Navigation Co. has declared a dividend of 30 per cent.

The Solomon Islanders lately captured the ship Manbare and ate the captured crew of 32.

The Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads in the United States are to be amalgamated.

The American house has appropriated \$20,000 for payment to Spain under the treaty stipulations.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Co. is about to establish a regular service between Seattle and Hongkong.

Australia has been in the grip of an unprecedented drought. Farms have been completely covered by sand storms.

The steamer William Lawrence went to pieces off Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and 14 sailors were lost.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation setting aside military reservations at Haines Mission and Dyea.

The Filipinos are showing their inherent savage instincts by firing upon the Red Cross and hospital corps from the American lines.

The Valdes glacier is again reaping a harvest of victims from among the daring gold hunters. A number of dead have lately been identified.

The North German Gazette semi-officially denies the charges that the Germans had in any way lent assistance to the Filipinos before the battle of Manila.

The first load of merchandise was hauled to the summit of White Pass by the new railroad on February 15. Much celebrating attended the event at Skaguay.

The American Steel and Wire Co. has made a voluntary advance in the wages of their 30,000 employees, aggregating nearly \$1,000,000 a year, owing to the advance in the prices of their products.

Kid McCoy and George Green, the latter an amateur middle-weight of San Francisco, have signed articles for a ten round go in April. McCoy agrees to knock off his adversary or forfeit the stakes.

Friends of the Nicaragua canal bill in the U. S. congress believe they have insured its passage by making it a rider of the river and harbor bill. The same course was taken in connection with the project to lay a cable to Manila.

"Coin" Harvey is working a gigantic scheme for securing a silver campaign fund for use at the next United States elections, and money is pouring in at the rate of \$300 per day. It is expected the total amount to be raised will be \$2,000,000.

The Duke of Abruzzi has left Turin for Paris, whence he will go to Copenhagen and Christiania, to wait till all preparations for his Arctic journey are completed. In March he will sail for Spitzbergen, and in summer go on to Franz Josef Land and the far north. Dogs are being trained in Siberia for the land service of the duke, who hopes to reach the North Pole in August, 1900. He is accompanied by the two Italian lieutenants, Frigerio and Cecchi.

The late arrival, Miss Laura Hastings, just from New York, will appear at the Tivoli Theatre on Monday, March 25th, with all the late imitations of La Loi Fuller, in her great Serpentine Dance. The greatest artist of the age.

TWO FIGHTS IN ONLY EIGHT ROUNDS.

Pat Rooney Gets a Decision in Only Four Rounds.

The "Preliminary" as interesting as the Main Event—Stopped to Prevent Punishment—Austal's Second Throws Up the Sponge.

On Monday night at the Monte Carlo the stage was roped off after the performance and two fistic events were put on for the edification of sporting patrons. The first affair was between Pat Rooney and Jack Nedwons, which was to be a contest of four rounds for a decision as to which should meet Billy Cooper at some future time. Both were about 140 pounds, Nedwons tall and slim and Maloy short and broad. Both were very confident and both met with unpleasant surprises.

The men went at it hammer and tongs from the first. In the first round Maloy showed how to duck a taller man and Nedwons fanned the air. In the second round which was a succession of rushes with a disposition to strike in the clinch, Maloy landed several times on the point of the jaw and Nedwons was dizzy for the rest of the round and almost at Maloy's mercy. The call of time saved Nedwons. In the third Nedwons came up surprisingly fresh and strong and Maloy ran up against a good sized snar. Nedwons landed a left hook on the right eye which caused a commingling of the blood of both in the clinches. Repeatedly Nedwons landed on that eye while Maloy's right on the bloody nose served but to irritate the former. Slap bang they went and Nedwons the growing favorite.

In round four the will was there but both men had visibly weakened and Referee Donaldson stopped the contest on the grounds of the men not being in condition. No decision was given as the relative standing of the two men was as it was before.

The main event between Pat Rooney and Tom Austal was equally short. Tom, notwithstanding his very powerful right, proved no match for the shifty and scientific Pat, and the sponge was thrown up for Austal in the fourth to save him further punishment.

Round 1. Both spar vigorously and size up their man. Pat feints and Austal lands a right swing under Rooney's left while Pat counters on the face. Again Pat feints and in the exchange Austal uppercuts and makes Rooney's jaw rattle like castles, Austal receiving in return a left swing on the neck and a right on the temple. The pace was fast and Austal jumps around and side steps considerable.

Round 2. Pat has gauged his man and now goes to work. Lands and lands a left on the neck while Austal misses a vicious right swing. Again Pat lands and lands a left on the side of the head and Austal fans the air. It was Rooney's round though nothing serious happens in spite of the pace.

Round 3. Pat plays with Austal for a while, and receives two right handed swings under the left arm that makes him content to spar for a while. Then he feints, lands light left and lands a hard right on the jaw, and follows up his man until he went to the ground. At the count of eight Austal rose and tried to protect himself until the end of the round, but Pat's task was evidently distasteful and he failed to deliver the knock-out, though he had everything in his own hands.

Round 4 and last. Pat drove his blinded and helpless opponent to the ropes and to the ground, but though helpless for harm Austal protected his jaw with his arms and took his punishment gamely. His seconds saw the contest was hopeless and threw up the sponge.

President of France Dead.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Felix Faure, president of the French republic, died tonight from the effects of apoplexy. The illness came upon him unexpectedly and his death following a few hours later, the public were shocked beyond measure. The members of his family were with him at the end. The dead statesman was born at Paris Jan. 30, 1841. He was first a merchant at Havre and became prominent in mercantile circles. During the Franco-Prussian war he commanded a battalion, was several times elected to the chamber of deputies, served as under secretary of state in several cabinets, was minister of the marine in the cabinet of Dupuy when Cassini-Perier resigned the presidency, and two days later—on Jan. 17, 1895—was himself elected president. He was a peace-loving man, and his strong hand did much to hold the turbulent and rebellious elements in check. Messages of condolence are arriving from all quarters of the world.

The election of a successor tomorrow will be from among M. Dupuy, M. Henri Brisson and M. Loubet.

Leaves Two Babies.

F. B. Hetherington a man who lived on the hill back of Dawson with his wife and two little children, died last week from the effects of heart disease, aged 47 years. He was a Grand Army man and a member of the Masonic fraternity. The funeral was held under the auspices of the latter, W. T. Perkins officiating.

Ell George died at St. Mary's hospital from general debility, aged fifty years. Rev. Turner officiated at the funeral, which was from Jenkins & Barker's undertaking establishment.

Patrick Heffrin also died at the hospital after an illness of six months. The funeral was from the same place.

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