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How Fawcett Violated the Law in Hunker Concession.

HE HELD OFF THE MINERS UNTIL A LAW WAS MADE

To Fit the Case of Anderson and His Grasping Gang of Concessionaires.

No Hydraulicing Being Done—Being Mined Just as Other Claims on the Creek—Sixteen Ounces a Day—Ground Worth Millions—Canadians Dispossessed—Autograph Letters From Fawcett and Sifton.

If there is any one thing by which we all remember the absent Thomas Fawcett more than anything else it is by reason of his absolute lawlessness. In his estimation, laws were made for base mortals and not for such as he. Fawcett has occupied an altogether disproportionate share of the public's

of existing laws on the subject. There is a beautiful irony in Fawcett's letter upon this matter, now in the possession of this paper, the letter being to a free miner who had applied for one single claim of 250 feet.

Dawson, 5th Dec. '97.
Sir: The ground you are applying for was staked by Mr. Anderson in Aug. last—he having first obtained my per-

The only points made by Mr. Fawcett's letter are:

1. On the word of advisers the ground is unfit for mining in the regular way—gumboot mining.
2. Only machinery could work it.
3. There was no law by which Anderson could acquire the ground, but
4. He (Fawcett) was determined against all law and right, to hold miners off that worthless ground until the minister of the interior, on Fawcett's advice, could amend the regulations to fit the case.

Now, as to the present facts in the matter. Anderson, by a liberal "divvy," was enabled to get the regulations amended to "fit his case," and came into possession of the ground, notwithstanding the numerous daily protests of miners who "knew the country to be rich," and were willing and anxious to back their judgment by sacrificing their rights to stake in the country, besides spending their time and money, and all upon 250 feet of the three miles so liberally held by the generous Fawcett for Anderson.

That is first. The second fact is that though going on three years have transpired since Anderson's staking, the "machinery" which made so sweet a morsel on Fawcett's tongue has not put in an appearance. The third fact is that the concessionaires themselves have proven the ground suitable for the "gumboot" mining which Fawcett deplores so much, by working the ground in that fashion the past summer. A point in the creek was cleared of its moss, and in one day's shoveling into the sluice boxes by the despised "gumboot" miners—working for Anderson—some 16 ounces of high grade gold dust was left behind the riffles to confound the man who, as gold commissioner of

NOT DROWNED AT STEWART.

But Comfortably in Camp at Tulare on the 6th.

Mrs. Dumbolton Not Drowned, as Given Out by Our Contemporary—No Truth in the Story.

Reports from up the river utterly disprove the story of the drowning of Mesdames Rumball and Dumbolton, and Messrs. Kelly and McNamara brothers, as reported in a sensational extra by a contemporary.

From Ogilvie come dispatches that nothing has been heard of the supposed drowning at Stewart on the third.

Wm. Barbazon deposes that he was at Stewart, the alleged scene of the disaster, from the 3rd to the 7th. The ice closed there on the 3rd and neither then nor later was any accident either seen or heard of.

The party has not yet arrived in Dawson, but is hourly and confidently expected.

A. M. Kilgore has arrived in Dawson and alleges that he saw several of the party at a date later by several days than the date given for the accident. On the 6th he passed a camp at Tulare. Mrs. Dumbolton came out and spoke to him concerning her husband, who had gone further up the river looking for some delayed meat scows. The husband had been seen by two of the crew on the evening of the 4th and stated that his men were building stables at Tulare, which is the very camp at which Mrs. Dumbolton was seen on the 6th.

Major Perry, in command of the mounted police, does not believe the report.

The Nugget telegraphed to Ogilvie for a confirmation or denial of the report and received the following:

Sixtymile, Nov. 14.—Special to the Klondike Nugget.—The reported drowning of Mrs. Dumbolton, Mrs. Rumball, Mr. Kelly and the McNamara brothers is absolutely unconfirmed. The detachment at Stewart river is investigating the case, but places no confidence in the rumor.

The Bank.

The Bank Cafe, Dawson's popular lunch and dining parlors, has reopened under the sole management of Mrs. Wm. Huson. The cuisine of the Bank is unexcelled by any restaurant or hotel in Dawson, no expense being spared in securing the most skilled service and the very best of everything afforded by the market. The lunch served at the Bank from 12 to 2 o'clock is becoming talked of all over town, and for a comfortable little dinner with a friend or two the Bank has no equal. The host of friends whom Mrs. Huson possesses insures success to her enterprise.



BOTH HAVE THEIR TROUBLES.

attentions in the past, and we would like to let him drop for ever. But the evil a man does lives after him; to harass and confound, to anger and discourage; to make men curse and declare there is none good, not one. And so it happens that a matter which at present engages public attention is so directly traceable to the lawlessness of the deposed Thomas Fawcett that his name has to be dragged up whether we will or whether we won't. The Hunker concession, whereby three miles of one of our most valuable creeks was given to one applicant, was withdrawn from the right of entry in 1897, by the then gold commissioner, and in direct violation

mission, which permission was not granted until I had talked the matter over with miners who knew the country and assured me it was not a locality suitable for mining by the ordinary methods of drifting and could only be worked to advantage by the aid of machinery. His application was taken to Ottawa by himself, together with my recommendation to the Minister of the Interior—also of my intention to hold the ground until such time as a decision had been arrived at in regard to the problem at issue—which is—as to whether the Mining Regulations will be amended so as to admit of claims being acquired direct from the gov't or whether it will remain as at present—& capitalists * * * will have to gather a number of loafers take them to the ground—practically useless for gumboot mining * * * and acquire the ground in that irregular manner. The ground Mr. Anderson has staked is not open for staking by anybody else etc. etc.

this territory, connived at this, the biggest fraud ever perpetrated in one scheme.

The next important present fact is that right at this moment some 25 employes of this bonanza concessionaire company are busily engaged in the very "drifting" which Fawcett, for reasons of his own, declared impossible. The

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