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WAR IN ALASKA

Three Canadians and One American Said to Have Been Shot at the Porcupine Diggings.

CANADIAN BOUNDARY WAS THE CAUSE.

A Sensational Story if it Should Prove to Be True.

The Associated Press Dispatches of March 18 Give Every Detail Even to the Names of the Killed—Americans Said to Have Resisted the Encroachments of the Mounted Police.

The following, clipped from the Associated Press dispatches of the United States and Canada, has remained uncorroborated up to the time of going to press. The accounts of the strained relations over the British boundary in the Klondike color to the report, but the Nugget points out to its readers that the same couriers who brought in this paper of March 18, passed through Bennett and could learn nothing contrary to the printed story they held in their hands. The growing feeling over the boundary is probably responsible for the story which we give for what it is worth.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Associated Press Dispatch.—A special dispatch to the World from Vancouver, B. C., says:

Carl Slummerfelt, a passenger on board the steamer Tees, which has arrived here fromynn Canal, brought the news that a battle had been fought between American and Canadian miners a few miles off the Dalton trail. Four men are reported to have been killed outright and a number of others are reported to have been seriously wounded.

When the alien mining law of British Columbia was enforced a few months ago the American miners left Athabasca, a new Canadian district, and struck north. They found a hot district off the Dalton trail, on the Porcupine river, a district rich in placer gold. It was generally conceded that the new placers were in American territory, and the miners made no Canadian claims. Some Canadian mounted policemen, however, had stake claims on the American territory and justified their act by moving the Canadian flag from Mount Pleasant, on the trail, so as to make the line take in a rich part of the district. They were followed by at least 40 Canadian miners, who all located good claims. A fight ago about 100 American miners held a meeting and decided to send notice to the Canadians to leave the country within four days. The notices were sent out, but no heed was paid to them. Slummerfelt, who left the Porcupine river two weeks ago, says:

"Early on the morning of the sixth day the American miners met and proceeded to the Canadian camp. 'I don't believe they intended bloodshed, although they were fully armed. Before they could even state the object of their visit some one—'I don't know from which party—fired a shot and then everyone seemed to be shooting. Several rounds were fired, and four men, I was told, were killed outright—one American and three Canadians."

"The battle was very brief and resulted in the Canadians, about 50 in number, flying across the border. The Americans then returned to their own camp. I was informed that the following Americans were leaders in the battle, but cannot say for certain: C. G. Lewis and Charles Leith, of Los Angeles; W. S. Hayes, Minnesota; A. McCougarty, Chicago; and F. Willborough, of Denver."

"I did not ascertain the names of the killed. From my location, about 15 miles north of the Porcupine river, I heard that a squad of Canadian mounted police had left Lake English for the Porcupine, the news of the fight having reached them. The Americans are determined, and I fear there will be another conflict."

"There is no doubt in my mind that the new district is in American territory." Slummerfelt's story is uncorroborated, but reports received here about two weeks ago from the district predicted a clash if the Canadians did not leave the territory."

banks held \$157,771,800; today it is \$321,915,795, an increase of \$164,000,000 in the banks, and \$114,000,000 in the treasury."

CECIL RHODES' LATEST.
LONDON, March 18.—Cecil Rhodes is in Berlin in the interests of his project to construct a railroad from Capetown to Cairo, through the heart of Africa. He was received most graciously by Emperor William. It is believed the German government will ask the reichstag for a guarantee of three per cent. interest on that portion of the proposed line which will cross German territory. This portion will be built, worked and manned exclusively by Germans. Rhodes is meeting with the most flattering success, and is very hopeful as to the final result.

Strike at Tulare.
Ronald Morrison, who arrived on Saturday, reports a strike on Tulare creek, a stream flowing into the Yukon about 116 miles south of Dawson. He was in time, he said, to join a stampede up the creek, where he staked a claim and later recorded it. He says he saw a 300 nugget which came off of discovery claim.

New Method of Mining.
This summer will see the introduction of a new, ingenious and promising method for extracting the precious gold dust from the frozen

feelings between his government and the country he is accredited to, leaving the inference that the endorsement of an incompetent and removed gold commissioner was a service to the United States instead of himself."

The next article objected to, is the running comments made upon his first letter for publication which was printed under the head "Consul McCook is Petulant," all of which, says the complaint, has resulted in an injury to plaintiff's character and reputation.

No mention is made in the complaint of the last letter published and commented upon. Clement, Pattullo & Ridley will appear as attorneys for the defense.

ANOTHER SUIT FOR \$20,000.
On Monday, April 10th, the following was served on Messrs. E. C. Allen and A. F. George:

Between James Church McCook, Plaintiff, and E. C. Allen, George M. Allen and A. F. George, Defendants.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.
1. The plaintiff is one of the Consuls of the Government of the United States of America to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and is stationed at Dawson.
2. The defendant E. C. Allen is the manager, and the defendant Geo. M. Allen is the editor, and the defendant A. F. George is the city



hills of the Klondike. It consists merely of first blasting the frozen earth with dynamite or powder and then running the chunks into a stamp mill where it will be crushed fine and made ready for the sluice box, thus doing away with the slow process of "hurling down" and picking or the expensive method of hydraulic lifting.

Credit for the introduction of the idea here belongs to Mr. A. B. Williams, who owns a two mile concession on the hills back of discovery of Hunker. The gentleman, accompanied by his wife and children, is now on his way over the ice with a 20-stamp mill, a 30 horse power engine and equipment, the whole weighing between 25 and 30 tons, and will place it on his Hunker property for operation.

Mr. Williams' scheme is to place the stamp mill and outfit in the gulch and the frozen chunks of earth will be carried to it on trolleys. He thinks the Hunker ground will run \$1,000 to the ton, and that the mill will turn out twenty tons a day.

McCook vs. The Nugget.
James Church McCook has brought suit against the NUGGET for the recovery of \$5,000 for damages sustained through the publication of certain comments concerning him on the 18th and 22nd days of March.

The first article to which exception is taken reads as follows: "There is something odd in the spectacle of a prominent citizen deliberately doing or saying something in public over night which he hastens to his friends in the early morning to apologize for. Yet, such is really the predicament of Col. McCook, the American consul at this place. On the evening before Fawcett's departure a gathering of friends met up town to bid him farewell. Col. McCook thereupon broke into public speech for the first time on record, in his efforts to endorse a man he has condemned oftentimes. Next morning the colonel was found lustily explaining his motives to his friends as 'You see, a consul's first duty is to promote the friendly

editor of a newspaper called the Nugget, which is published in Dawson, in the Yukon Territory, and all the defendants are proprietors of the said paper."

3. The defendants on the 8th day of April, 1899, printed and published in the newspaper called the NUGGET a cartoon of the plaintiff with the following words: "First Lessons in English Composition." "English Grammar." "Ed. NUGGET."

4. The defendants so printed and published the said cartoon with the words hereinbefore mentioned, falsely and maliciously, with the meaning and with the intention of conveying the idea to the readers of the newspaper that the plaintiff is an illiterate man and with the idea of bringing the plaintiff into contempt and ridicule.

5. The plaintiff has sustained damage by the defendants so falsely and maliciously printing and publishing in the said newspaper the cartoon and the words hereinbefore mentioned.

6. In consequence of the acts of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff's character and reputation have been injured.

The plaintiff claims from the defendants twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars damages.

Dated at Dawson this 10th day of April, 1899.

The Ditch Contract.
The contract for digging the series of ditches to constitute Dawson's drainage system was finally let on Saturday to Davidson & Matthews, whose bid was \$3.30 per cubic yard. Engineer Buck estimated the whole work at 1,517 cubic yards, which will bring the cost of the improvements to about \$5,000, which is surprisingly low. There were 25 bids for the contract one of them being for something like \$60,000. Work will be commenced forthwith and must be completed by May 15th, the forfeit being \$100 for each additional day.

There were 22 bidders for the contract to put in the bridge over the slough on First avenue. This was also let to Davidson & Matthews. Work was commenced Monday, and the bridge is to be up in two weeks.

Inquiries.
The N. W. M. P. town station is desirous to learn the whereabouts of the following: Francis William Fletcher from Rochester, N. Y.; Martin McNeely, from Fault St. Marie; Lancelot Alexander Chadwell, Suffolk, Eng.

BOLD CRACKSMEN AT EAGLE CITY.

Carried Off the A. C. Co.'s Safe on a Sled and Rifled it.

Two Men Fell Under Suspicion and One of Them Fell Into the Hands of a Pursuing Party—A Shooting Affray.

Mr. J. F. Waddington and T. J. Kelson arrived in Dawson from Circle City on Monday evening and brought the particulars of the robbery of the A. C. store at Eagle City on the evening of Tuesday, April 4. It appears that the store was left locked during the night and was broken into by parties unknown and the small steel safe was hauled onto a handsled and hauled some four miles up the river. With a hammer or the back of an axe the hinges were knocked off and the contents abstracted to the value of about \$2500. Of this amount there were eight one-hundred-dollar bills of which the numbers are known, and some \$1400 in gold dust. Word was dispatched at once up and down the river and next day two particularly wanted suspects were seen crossing the Canadian boundary line headed this way. At the A. C. woodcamp, some 20 miles below Forty-mile, an ambush was laid for them but only one came on, the other being believed to be hidden in the brush. The man was placed under arrest and escorted back to the boundary line by the police. He was hauled over to a body of searchers and is probably being taken care of at Eagle at this time.

Among other information brought up by our travellers is the formation of a miners' union at Circle City to maintain wages which were exhibiting an alarming tendency to drop. The meeting in Circle was unanimous and decided upon \$1 per hour as the minimum wages which should be paid on the creeks or in town. Loading or unloading boats is also included. This took place on March 27.

Sullivan and Thompson, the first one shot and the second one shot through the breast, are on a fair road to recovery. It will be remembered that Thompson came in unexpectedly from the creeks and found his girl's cabin occupied by Sullivan whom he proceeded to stab. Then Sullivan grabbed a gun and shot his opponent who closed with him. In the melee the other barrel was discharged and left Sullivan minus a great toe. Both men will get well.

Circle City is very quiet with no news to date from the stampede over to Koyukuk.

Nothing but discouraging reports from Munook and Rampart with wages down very low.

Back From "Lunnon."

Ronald Morrison, one of the looseses of the water front and a widely known Klondiker, returned on Sunday from the outside world. He left Dawson on September 20 last, in company with Alex. McDonald. The gentlemen arrived in England November 12, and were well received by the capitalists of London. On February 9, as is already known, Alex. laid aside the cares of wealth temporarily and took time to wed Miss Margaret Chisholm. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents at Brixton Hill, London, and a reception which followed was attended by many notables and plates were laid for 200 persons. Mr. Morrison says the bride is about 19 years of age, was educated in France and speaks several languages fluently.

Speaking of the mining deal that took them across the water, Mr. Morrison confirmed the report that Alex. was able to float \$25,000, \$7,500, and No. 20 Bonanza, having another important sale pending, as also has Mr. Morrison himself. "London is a great big, wonderful city," said Mr. Morrison to the Nugget man, "and there is plenty of capital here seeking investment in any proposition of merit. There will be lots of it come into the Klondike next summer." After a tour of Scotland, during which he visited all the prominent cities, castles, battle fields, etc., and acquired an exalted opinion of the Highland Scotch people, Mr. Morrison started for Dawson, stopping at Salt Lake, Utah, to visit his relatives, leaving Mr. and Mrs. McDonald to follow. Referring to the water front, Mr. Morrison said the lease expires on May 1, and he is glad to know the ground is to be again thrown open as a public highway.

Pleasant Dinner Party.

Miss Mulrooney gave a dinner party on Friday evening in honor of the arrival of the outside of a distinguished party of gentlemen. At the table were seated Miss Mulrooney, the elegant and popular hostess, Crown Prosecutor Fred C. Wade, Captain Norwood, Captain Blase, Mr. McGregor, Bill McPherson, Skiff Mitchell, Jim McNamee and E. C. Allen. The menu included all the toothsome delicacies of the season, and the service, from soup to champagne and cigars, was of a character which won the encomium of all present. The company proved highly congenial, constituting a compliment to the judgment of the hostess, and several hours were most agreeably passed.

Notice.
Take notice that the firm doing business at Grand Forks as Thomas, Deyo & Butler have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. THOMAS, DEYO & BUTLER, Grand Forks, April 7, 1899.

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