

COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

His Powers Defined by Acting U. S. Consul TeRoller.

Has the Right to Place His Own Valuation Upon Goods—Protest Will be Filed at Washington.

A communication was published in the Nugget a few days ago respecting the treatment received by miners from Dawson at the hands of the U. S. customs collector at the boundary. This communication has served to bring forth additional complaints, which it appears very evident, are well grounded.

There is no reason to believe that the American government is at fault in the matter, it being merely a case of arbitrary ruling on the part of the collector who possesses considerable discretionary authority.

Acting U. S. Consul TeRoller was approached by a Nugget representative this morning and asked the question, "Are goods, the product of the United States, which have been imported into Canada, Canadian duty paid and sold in Canada for return to the United States, subject to duty by U. S. collectors of customs?"

Mr. TeRoller went into the question somewhat at length, the following containing the important features of the information elicited: Goods the product of the United States having been exported therefrom into a foreign country may be returned into the U. S. free of duty under certain regulations prescribed by law and set forth in articles 483, 484 and 485 of the customs regulations of 1899. Most of the provisions of articles 483 and 484 are extremely difficult to comply with by the private individual or consumer who purchases directly from the exporter, but article 485 provides as follows:

"To guard against fraud and insure identity, the collector shall require, in addition to proof of clearance, the production of a declaration made by the exporter of the goods before the United States consul of the fact that the merchandise was imported from the United States, and that it has not been advanced in value nor improved in condition by any process of manufacture or other means. But if it be impracticable to produce such declaration at the time of making entry, bond may be given for the production thereof."

The intent and spirit of the law, it would seem, is only to prevent fraudulent free entry of goods not entitled thereto. It rests with the collector entirely to decide whether goods offered for free entry are entitled to same, and it is within his province to reject any or all documentary proofs submitted tending to show goods so offered are entitled.

Mr. TeRoller was also asked: "Can a collector decline to accept consular invoice, or refuse to accept the prices quoted on invoices and put his own valuation upon the goods?"

"Yes, he can," said the consul. "Parties offering goods for free entry and which is denied by the collector and payment of duty demanded, or when called upon to pay any duties which are deemed excessive or unjust, and having paid such duty, desiring recourse can appeal to the department, but must first file within ten days with the collector exacting such payments a protest in writing."

It appears that the collector at the boundary, while acting within the letter of the law, is not in any way conforming to its spirit, being unjust and arbitrary in his exactions. The consular service and the customs department are entirely separate and hence there is no immediate appeal from the collector's ruling. A movement is on foot among the miners at Fortymile and those who have had occasion to go from Dawson to the diggings in that district to protest to the treasury department against the actions of the collector.

COSTLY BLAZE.

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somewhat retarded the work, and led to more than one ducking from the hose lines, because no one could see well enough to keep out of their way. While the fire was being gradually brought under control the people who had property on the ground floors, assisted by their friends, were working like beavers to save what they could from fire and water.

Rudy Kalenborn's friends rallied to his assistance with the result that he will be a comparatively slight loser, except by reason of breakage and damage resulting from hasty handling

of goods, and from loss sustained from interrupted business. He will probably get off with not to exceed a \$500 loss.

The barber shop next door was also moved out with but slight damage, but the Antler's restaurant suffered more severely. Jennie Sweitzer and Mary Gillespie were the proprietors of this place, and their loss will not be less than \$1000, and quite likely more, as it is altogether impossible to say till further investigation is made how much of their stock and furniture left in the building will be a total loss. So far all they have succeeded in saving are the chairs and gold scales. Dishes, provisions, cooking utensils, everything had to be left because there was no time to get it out.

The stock from Murphy Bros.' butcher shop was carried out, so that the loss there will probably be small.

With Cribbs & Rogers it is different, as the loss will be heavy, nearly the entire stock being destroyed.

The loss sustained by the lodging houses above the place mentioned is estimated at about \$2500, and that of Cribbs & Rogers is set down at \$4000, although no accurate estimate can be made at this time.

The building where the fire started was owned by Charles Bossuyt, and lacks but little of being a total loss, as even the walls which are standing are badly charred, and the rest of it is gone. The loss will be all of \$5000. The other building, what there is left of it, is the property of Murphy Bros., and was probably damaged to the extent of \$4000.

It was not so cold this morning as it was a year ago lacking three days, when the big fire occurred, and it was largely due to this fact that the fire companies were able to do such good work, although some of the lines of hose froze before the firemen were through using them.

Considerable comment was heard on the work of the firemen, and it was not all commendation, although when it is known that the fire had such a start before an alarm was sounded, it is believed that anyone capable of judging of such matters must concede that the work was well and quickly done, both by the A. C. brigade and by the city department.

It was just an hour and a half from the time the alarm was turned in till the last blaze was dead, and when it is remembered that this is the dead of winter, when water freezes almost instantly; that everything is cold and slippery; and that when the firemen reached the fire, two light frame buildings were little more than blazing shells, it becomes pretty evident that some good work was done.

Later in the day it is learned for a certainty that the fire originated not in Miss Hartman's rooms but in one adjoining her's and vacated early this morning by Mrs. Moore, who, on taking out her stove left the hole in the flue pipe open. Miss Hartman, not knowing of the opening in the flue, started a fire in her stove as usual and as the pipe from her stove entered the flue almost directly opposite the opening, sparks fell down in the vacated room and ignited a lot of old paper and rubbish left behind by the late tenant. Miss Hartman is in no way blamable for the disaster. She is a heavy loser, as she was owner of the lodging house furniture in that building, all of which was destroyed.

Still in the Ring.

It is never pleasant to be burned out of business, but Murphy Bros. did not allow their misfortune of this morning, the destruction of the Bonanza market, to long interfere with their supplying their many customers as usual. They are now in the City Market, opposite the S.-Y. T. store on Second avenue where they will do business until their former shop is repaired which will be before the end of the week.

Odd Fellows Buried.

Under the direction of the Odd Fellows, the funerals of D. C. Saddlemeyer and C. E. Gustavson, both members of the order, were held yesterday from the Methodist church after appropriate services conducted by Rev. A. E. Heatherington. There was a good turnout of Odd Fellows. A number of ladies, members of the degree of Rebecca, were also present.

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

Sargent & Piska have the finest assortment of American neckwear for the holidays in Dawson.

Have your watch cleaned, repaired and adjusted by an expert. E. A. Cochran, Second st.

Goods sold on commission at Meeker's.

Men's fur lined gloves and mitts. Sargent & Piska.

Silk hose and silk underwear at Sargent & Piska's.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The name "White Swan" is indicative of gracefulness, neatness and refinement. That is probably why Mrs. Morrison calls her laundry the White Swan. This morning Magistrate Rutledge was the Solomon who settled a difference between two women, one of them being Mrs. Morrison and the other Sophia Salinas, who had been employed in the "suddery" above mentioned. A bill of \$41.30 was claimed to be due for labor performed and, after hearing the evidence the court ordered payment within a week of the amount claimed.

In the case heard Friday in which Albert A. Nortrup was charged with assaulting Geo. E. Ames, the defendant gave bond in the sum of \$250 for his appearance before the territorial court.

Mrs. Carmack's Divorce Suit.

Hollister, Nov. 28. In the superior court this morning the divorce suit brought against George Carmack, who acquired millions in the north through the discovery of the Klondike gold fields, by his Indian wife was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff's attorney. In moving for the dismissal it was announced by counsel that the squaw wife of the Klondiker did not know what she was doing when she instituted the proceedings. It is believed that some settlement has been reached out of court.

The story of Carmack's discovery of the land of gold in the frozen north is romantic in the extreme. He was led to the Klondike by the Indian woman who afterward became his wife. Today his holdings in the gold fields net him a profit of \$500,000 a year.

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Cribbs & Rogers, Palmer Bros., Murphy Bros., E. Cardinal, G. C. Zimpel, J. Oliver, T. W. Kirkpatrick, R. Buck, L. Hoffman, W. C. Squire, W. R. Ridley, L. H. Pay, Geo. M. Allen, F. W. Clayton, Sam Bonfield, B. M. Volkman, F. M. Nilly, Jas. Morse T. Thomas, C. J. Leviné, W. A. Warrick, H. O. Twedt, H. Hobson, French & Carroll, Morgan & McLane, R. C. Diehl, F. Finnegan, Thos. O'Brien, Alaska Exploration Co., L. R. Fulda; F. E. Maltby, G. H. Ward, H. T. Perkins, T. J. Werschkiel, P. H. Harkins, J. F. Sillar, E. J. Switzer, G. J. Smith, F. E. Graham, Wm. Robinson, H. Gould, F. R. Gee, Mrs. C. Webber, A. Higgins, A. M. Salyor, J. A. Dawson, W. P. Brayton, Jos. P. McNamee, Chas. Wentzel, C. F. Sengley, Frank T. Way.

A. C. Co., E. Mizner; O'Brien & Jackson, H. E. A. Robertson, R. Howard, H. A. Mills, Binet & Brother, Dr. Norquay, H. Beeker, J. P. McLennan, S. O'Brien, W. A. Beddoe, Z. A. Morgan, T. W. Arnold, S. W. Binet, H. Heath, Joe Barrett.

A Musician Dead.

Frank Bailey, whose recent death in New York City, was in the Nugget of Saturday, was well known in local musical circles, where he had many warm friends who are deeply grieved at the news of his death, which occurred under very touching circumstances.

The young man left here last summer for Nome, where it is stated he got some fairly good mining property, after which he went to Toronto to see his family, and especially his mother, who was getting on in years, and whom he had not seen during 12 years.

Arriving in Toronto he learned that the mother he had come so far to see had shortly before gone on a visit to England, and that she was in poor health. Fearing that if he returned to the Klondike or Nome districts without seeing her, that he might never again have the chance, he decided to follow her across the ocean, and went to New York with this end in view.

Fate, however, ordained that he was never to see her. Before a steamer sailed he was taken sick and died almost immediately of typhoid fever.

Among his most intimate friends here are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stahl.

Missing Persons.

Inquiries are made for the following persons by relatives through the N. W. M. P. town station:

Joseph Gibson, of Wingham, Ontario; Capt. Jaa. Davey, Wakeford, Ontario; Henry Shoemaker, Grass Valley, Woods county, California.

The Glass of Fashion.

Some of the strapped evening slippers have plaited lace fans set in under the straps and pulled out in fan fashion over the instep.

White chiffon tucked with gold thread and laid over gold tissue is one of the latest and prettiest fancies for vests, collars and the like.

Red hats grow more and more audacious. Red felts or velvet turbans trimmed in scarlet velvet geraniums or sprawling velvet poppies flame in almost all of the millinery windows on Fifth avenue.

Panne velvet, embroidered or stamped

in gold dots or other designs, are the latest developments of the gold craze, and a blue pique with gold dots has admirable possibilities in millinery and dress trimmings.

The ajlon capes, shown in red, blue and white cloths, are effective for autumn wear at the seashore or in the mountains. They are full length, made of fine, heavy cloth and have the traditional shoulder capes, reverse and light turnover collars braided in gold.

White corduroy skirts are replacing the white pique skirts now that cool days have come and are more practical than they seem, for the white corduroy can be laundered as easily as pique. It must, however, be washed carefully and pressed upon the wrong side with an iron not too hot.

Plumes made of cock's feathers or gleaming iridescent breast feathers are

greatly used on the low, broad hats instead of ostrich plumes and form the rim of many of the soft turbans. The narrow buckle of exaggerated length is a conspicuous feature of winter millinery.

The Weather.

The official thermometer showed that the mercury went down to 35.5 below zero last night. At 10:30 this forenoon it had risen to 29 below, since which time there has been little variation.

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Just as good housekeeping requires a general clean-up every season, so does good store-keeping demand that no goods be carried over from one season to another—Hence this clearance sale.

Dawson's Mammoth Department Store

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Men's \$3.50 Fancy Wool Sweaters for \$2.00
Men's \$3.00 Fancy Wool Sweaters for \$1.50

UNDERWEAR At Clearance Sale Prices

Men's heavy all wool Scotch knit Shirts and Drawers, Each \$ 2.00
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