

## WILL THE MAJOR BE CONVINCED?

Interesting Questions Put to the Yukon Commissioner.

Rumors and Reports Traced to Chicago—Soldiers Probably to do Police Duty Won't Delegate Any Powers.

The following questions were put to Major Walsh last Thursday, by a representative of the Nugget:

"Is Mr. Fawcett to be retired from his position as gold commissioner?"

"I don't know." (The major did not say the rumored retirement of Mr. Fawcett was untrue.)

"Was Mining Inspector McGregor summoned to Ottawa to enlighten the government on Klondike matters?"

"That would be hard to say. I understand he was to have had a position in Ontario before he came here, and he may be just called back for that purpose. The only orders I got were to send him to Ottawa at once."

"When are you going away?"

"I think I shall get off the first of the week. Intended to have gone before, but the arrival of the soldiers has changed my plans."

"Have you appointed, or will you appoint some one here to represent you until your successor can arrive?"

"No; I shall not delegate any powers. I shall continue in control until I reach Ottawa."

"Major, is there any reason why the Nugget representative should be debarred from visiting incoming boats by government officials before the passengers became scattered? In any port in the world an accredited or known representative of a newspaper is allowed on or off a boat at anytime."

The major answered that he knew of no reason why Dawson should be made an exception to this rule. He would see that the matter was at once straightened out and the usual courtesies extended to the local paper which were given to newspapers the world over.

Regarding the somewhat unwelcome presence of the soldiers, he was asked, "Are the soldiers coming here by your request?"

"In a measure, yes. Before I started in last year I recommended that the soldiers should be sent in, as more police could not be spared. We wanted a good, open trail with frequent posts from Dawson to the coast, and policemen or soldiers were necessary to carry out that idea. We have only 125 policemen to this entire district and you will readily see how inadequate must be so small a number of men no matter how efficient. Take the city of Dawson alone. When the long, dark nights of winter arrive the patrol must at least be doubled. No more mounted police were available, so the next best thing was to get the soldiers."

Regarding the rumored cause of the necessity of more troops the major was asked: "Do you know the man connected with Canadian newspapers who is spreading the iniquitous stories of an impending uprising of Americans in Dawson?"

"No; I know that such stories are afoot and we have traced them once to Chicago."

"Will your successor bring with him the members of his council or will the council be appointed or chosen from among men already here who are familiar with our needs?"

Mr. Walsh replied that he could not tell; yet, if his advice were taken the council would be of men already here and familiar with the wants of the district.

Regarding the report that Major Walsh had refused to receive the committee who were in charge of the monster petition to the government for the removal of royalty and the other obnoxious mining regulations, the newspaper man was informed that there had been no refusal. There had at first been some hitch caused by the committee not properly presenting their credentials, but as soon as this was straightened out he had received them and their petition, and would carry the petition personally to Ottawa and turn it over to the proper authorities.

Major Walsh, the Nugget is voicing the sentiment of ninety-nine hundredths of the district when it expresses the most profound regret that you are leaving the district unconvinced that royalty of any kind or extent is wrong for the people and the country. Your personal report will naturally carry much weight, and if you were leaving us as an avowed champion of no royalty, we should rest assured of the speedy abolishing of this unpopular measure."

Major Walsh's answer was somewhat non-committal. He assured the Nugget that his arguments against the tax had been deemed worthy of consideration; but explained that what he would advise in his report, or what he would not advise, he could not make known until after the report had been made to the government. "You may tell your readers this, that when my report is made and published I trust they will all be pleased and well satisfied."

While the Yukon commissioner was particularly careful not to pledge or bind himself to anything, the impression gleaned by the newsman from the entire interview was that the major was not nearly so firmly wedded to the royalty law as had been the case in interviews a month ago. We hope this may be so. Meanwhile, the Nugget will never cease its efforts until no royalty is an accomplished fact.

## Death of J. K. Evers.

James K. Evers of the Kalamazoo Mining &amp; Prospecting Co. died Wednesday morning, July 28, at St. Mary's Hospital. He was taken sick on Indian River July 13 and went to the hospital July 20. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock July 29. The pall bearers were W. A. Doyle, James Doyle, John Ensing, Fred M. Langwell, S. H. Pierson and Harry Van Blyker. Cameron

Burns, George Earl and Luther E. Campbell, all from Kalamazoo, Mich., were present. The members of the K. O. T. M. were also present. Dr. Young of the Presbyterian church officiated. Everything that could be done for the sick man was done by the company and members of the hospital staff. The deceased was 52 years of age. He leaves a wife and two sons.

## PERSONALS.

We are pleased to note the arrival on the steamer Anglican, of Mrs. Capt. Starnes.

Mr. Louis Coste, chief engineer of the department of public works at Ottawa, was one of the arrivals on the steamer Anglican.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ferguson have left for their Canadian home, but will probably return in the spring. Mr. Ferguson is a half owner on No. 1 Skookum.

Mr. W. A. Olmstead of Hunker creek has been taken by business to his home in Telluride, Colo. He has already spent five summers here and may have to return.

H. J. Miller, or "Cow" Miller, as his friends prefer to call him, has gone to the Sound for more meat for Dawson. Miller always tries to keep abreast of the times and will bring in this time a drove of "porkers."

Judge Davis is as happy a man as there is in Dawson. Among the passengers on the steamer Barr were Mrs. Davis and two daughters. Two sons arrived this spring from up the river and the entire family reunited is a pleasure shared with the judge by all our citizens.

J. H. and R. E. Treasure of San Francisco left on the Leah. They were unexpectedly joined in Dawson by the brother-in-law, Mr. Silas Peters who arrived direct from Frisco on the same boat. Mr. Peters will represent some of the Treasure boys' interests during their absence.

Mr. C. C. Gainford was in town this week. He has been engaged on his bench claim opposite No. 7 Bonanza and has a month's more work yet. The supply of water continues good, and the clean-up has encouraged himself and partner to buy over on French gulch abreast of their present claim.

Mrs. Harper has arrived in Dawson to look after her extensive interests here. She has the Harper interests in the Harper &amp; Ladue townsite company beside other properties. The lady is accompanied by her two sons, Fred and Alfred, and expects to make her home at Selkirk.

Timber Agent Willison has returned from a trip up the Klondike river. He went up 125 miles and found the timber improved as he proceeded. He says there are patches of timber the best he ever saw in his life. The time will come when every stick of that timber will be needed over the divide on the gold bearing creeks.

A Bonanza miner reports to the Nugget a circumstance that has caused considerable annoyance up the creek. He states that a government pack train was passing up Bonanza when one of the horses became snagged and was shot. The officer in charge instead of removing or otherwise disposing of the carcass, left it lying on the trail. The officer was told that the sheep would soon become very offensive but he excused himself on the ground that the animal belonged to the pack train company and not to the government. The miners were quite indignant and think the officer deserves severe censure.

## More Steamboats.

Word has been received from Joseph Ladue that he is now at St. Michaels superintending the putting together of his steamboats. The first of them to arrive should be here within a few weeks.

The steamer Anglican, in charge of Capt. McDonald, arrived from Teslin lake on Wednesday evening. The captain superintended the building of the boat and saw the work through from start to finish in three months. The boat is 85 feet long and draws 33 inches of water and is fitted up with powerful engines and good passenger accommodations.

The steamer Leah, Captain McInley, arrived on Wednesday and left again on Friday. She is a large boat and towed a barge nearly as large as herself. The barge and boat are both fitted up with excellent accommodations for passengers. She brought 100 passengers and about 600 tons of freight for the A. G. Co., to which company she belongs.

## To Be Hanged By the Neck.

Just before going to press the sentence of death was imposed on Jim, Joe, Frank and Dawson Nantuck, the four Indians who slaughtered Billy Meehan and attempted to kill C. A. Fox, two white miners, last spring. The time set by the judge for the execution is September 1. The particulars of the trial and impressive scenes in the court-room will be given in our next issue.

## A New Commissioner.

An unofficial and unconfirmed report was brought from the outside to the effect that Surveyor General Ogilvie has been appointed Commissioner of the Yukon and that his council will consist of Judge McGuire, Attorney Wade, Major Steel and Mr. Gibson.

You'll get it at the Regina Cafe.

## Fare You Well.

There is to be a farewell social at the new hospital building on August 4, at 7:30. The occasion is the departure of the popular minister, Mr. Young. There will be a musical and literary program and refreshments will be served during the evening. Admission will be by ticket.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly &amp; Co. Druggists, Front street.

## A Dawson Enterprise.

One of the foremost enterprises of Dawson is the Dawson City Brewery. Using the best of hops and materials in their manufacture of beer, it is rapidly gaining a prestige for their product which certainly equals that of any Eastern beers. Every modern improvement is being incorporated in the plant of this firm which, when fully completed, will make it one of the most complete engaged in making Gambrinus' favorite beverage. Distribution is made through dealers in kegs or bottles.

Finest line of soaps and perfumes, Kelly &amp; Co., Druggists, Front street.

Epicureans' palates pleasurable treated by dining at the Regina Cafe.

## The Fairview is Open.

The opening of the Fairview Hotel on Wednesday evening was an immense affair. A very large crowd had gathered by 9 o'clock, when Captain Norwood, mining-inspector, stationed at the forks of Bonanza and Eldorado, through the telephone, declared the hotel open. Seven receivers had been arranged at the hotel and each individual at a receiver tried to repeat the captain's neat little speech. Then, when the ice was well broken, all proceeded to the dining hall. The spread would make your mouth water to give an account of it in detail. Suffice to say that the menu was equal to anything produced in the center of a more pretentious civilization while the wine list was an

eye-opener to those who suppose the principal convivial drink of Dawson to be "hoochitoo." Mumma's extra dry flowed freely, to the harm of conversation, and Col. Bonville's speech of welcome was declared to be the very best thing of its kind in India.

The Fairview hotel is a large building, but its capacity was strained on this occasion. The orchestra, which had furnished sweet strains of music for the banquet, now quickened their pace and for several hours the convivial gathering indulged in dancing to their heart's content.

Miss B. A. Mulrooney, proprietress, and Manager, I. K. Leaming, are to be congratulated on the success of the affair!

## The Only One.

The only Missense in the entire territory of Alaska (American or Canadian districts) is Mlle Marie Riedeselle, whose card appears in another column.

This bright and interesting little lady has just removed to her spacious new building on Second avenue, where the demands upon her time may more properly receive the attention it deserves.

The building just completed by Mlle Riedeselle was built especially for her business, is handsomely furnished, and equipped with every modern appliance and convenience with which the lover of Turkish, Russian, or other baths in the East is familiar.

## Dancing at the Aurora.

Tuesday evening August 2 will be an event in Dawson. The large building addition to Tom Chisholm's place just completed will be opened to the public with a first class entertainment of best of music, dancing and a fine supper. Everybody is cordially invited and a genuine good time assured. Corner First and Second streets.

Regina Cafe for a model menu.

Harry Parker and W. B. McConnell, the well known firm of Parker &amp; McConnell and W. Berry, father of the Berry boys who are widely known as owners of one of the highest Eldorado claims, have purchased the Monte Carlo. The transfer was made Friday and already the popularity of the owners is in evidence. The future success of the Monte Carlo is assured.

Cuisine unexcelled at the Regina Cafe.

## The Klondike Hotel.

When you come to Dawson you want comfortable sleeping accommodations and good eating. You can obtain both at the Klondike Hotel, of which mine host, Nelson Smith is the popular proprietor. Every room has good spring beds, is modern and comfortably furnished, neat, clean and attractive. The bar is furnished with the best of viands and cigars. The Klondike is a good place to stop.

Delmonico's of the Northwest is the Regina Cafe.

## A Census of Dawson.

The police have taken a complete census of Dawson. Dividing it into sections, and one constable taking a particular section and another taking another section, the ground was completely taken in one day past week. The population of the city is found to be 16,000 actual residents at the moment of taking the census.

Visit the Regina Cafe.

## The Pioneer.

From San Francisco, we were about to say to the north pole, The Pioneer house of Dawson has an established reputation to old Yukoners and visitors to the Klondike which grows with each succeeding year. Not because of being long established wholly, but by always having the finest grades of Scotch, Canadian and American whiskies and the finest liquors and cigars. Its proprietors, Messrs. Dinsmore, Spencer and McPhee are gentlemen knowing well how to entertain the public, and a visit to The Pioneer will result in pleasant memories of courteous treatment.

The swell Cafe of Dawson is the Regina.

## Where to Buy the "Nugget."

The Nugget is on sale at the following places: A. Bienski, newsstand at wharf; Chas. W. H. Schultz, opposite Monte Carlo; R. J. Gondolfo, next to Monte Carlo; Jake Kline, cigar store; Hoffman House; The B. B. &amp; M. Newsstand, near 2nd St.; Wilcox &amp; Strat, opp. Mining Exchange; Grand Forks Hotel at junction of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks; Grode &amp; Craire, road house on Hunker

and

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WADE, CLARK &amp; WILSON (Members of the Canadian Bar). Advocates, Solicitors, Attorneys, Notaries, Conveyancers; Offices, Rutledge Block, First street, Dawson.

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MRS. NELSON, Expert Typewriter and Stenographer, For Sale.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Positively one of the best mines on Hunker creek. Full claim, well developed and compassed. Plenty wood and water. Royalty paid on this year's output. Small percentage of the ground to be taken. In excellent shape to begin operations. Have urgent business which demands my presence outside, so rather than remain and work my ground will sell it for cash at a sacrifice. Also have claim in the twenties below on Bonanza. In negotiation.

Address Sol Ditch, this office.

## LOST AND FOUND

FOUND.—Bunch of keys near Harper and LaDue mth. Owner can secure same by paying for this ad. at the Nugget office.

FOUND.—A pocketbook marked Alex. W. Knight. Owner can have same by paying cost of advertisement.

FOUND.—Shipping certificate and letter of introduction attached. Owner can secure same by proving property and paying for this ad.

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