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From Saturday's Daily.
A PALPABLE FAKE.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article relative to a special issue of the Daily News, published on May 24, the Queen's birthday. In setting forth to the public the flagrant misrepresentations and exaggerations of our contemporary, the Nugget is animated by no other motive than a desire to give the facts with reference to the matter, to the end that the injuries which will necessarily ensue from the News' wholly unreliable publication may be counterbalanced.

For the past two years the Nugget, in conjunction with the great masses of the people of the Yukon territory, has been striving to secure from the Canadian government recognition of the crying necessities of this country, and relief from the offensive and ruinous regulations with which the territory has been cursed almost since the day of the original discovery of gold on Bonanza creek. These regulations were placed in effect as a direct result of just such highly drawn and imaginative reports as were contained in the special issue of the News. The government at Ottawa, basing its action upon statements of men who claimed to be possessed of the facts, fastened upon this devoted country a set of laws, framed upon the theory that every square foot of ground in the country was fabulously rich in gold. The absolute falsity of this theory is now so well and universally known that extended reference thereto is absolutely unnecessary. It is a matter of common information with everyone in this country, with the possible exception of the News.

But the laws, which have proven the ruin of many a good man, and which have driven hundreds out of the country with a parting curse upon their lips, still remain in force, with a few exceptions, and will continue so to remain as long as such vicious and misleading reports as those published in the News are sent broadcast.

The Nugget has asked the claim operators, who are the ones most vitally interested in this matter, to speak for themselves, and reference to the article published on another page will demonstrate conclusively that they were quite willing to avail themselves of the opportunity. The News has played off on the public as facts a tabulated series of conjectures, which are so palpably false and misleading as to call for nothing but ridicule, were it not for the fact, as indicated above, that serious consequences may ensue.

So far as the resources of this country and the output for the present season are concerned, there is absolutely no occasion for exaggeration. The wealth of the country speaks for itself, and no other than injurious results

can attain from such ridiculous and wholly imaginative statements as appeared in the News. We believe that the government at Ottawa and the people of Canada should be informed as to the exact conditions which prevail in the Yukon territory. We want them to understand that the placer ground in this camp, rich as it is, cannot be developed successfully until the blight of legislative oppression is taken off. We want them to know that the business of mining has come down to a question of careful management and close margins, and that profits, over and above expenses, do not in one case out of a hundred warrant the payment of the unjust and excessive royalty tax.

The News, apparently without any effort to ascertain the actual facts in the case, has been guilty of the old folly of exaggeration and misrepresentation, which was the original cause of all the monumental injustice from which we have suffered.

No wonder the miners of the Klondike are indignant. No wonder they repudiate and disavow the statements in the News. The egregious blundering and stupidity of which our contemporary has been guilty cannot be defended or explained. In the history of "fake" journalism, it stands without parallel.

SOME THINGS OVERLOOKED.

As published in yesterday's issue of the Nugget, the government has placed several peculiar conditions upon the contractors who desire to submit bids for the construction of the new public buildings. Among others, is what may be termed a "rider" to the specifications for the post-office building. This "rider" requires that the successful bidder shall pay for the transportation of eight men, now in the employ of the government at Bennett, from that town to Dawson.

Here is certainly a novel idea, which must command the admiration of everyone who is interested in things original and ingenious.

Common, ordinary words are entirely insufficient to do justice to the masterly mind which has thus conceived how two birds, figuratively speaking, may thus be slaughtered with one and the same stone.

The eight men are at Bennett, and, doubtless, desire to come to Dawson. The government may be under some obligation to land them here, and a very easy method of accomplishing the desired result is simply to have the contractors for the postoffice building provide them with tickets.

It occurs to us, however, to wonder why, the principle having thus been established, the opportunity was not embraced to place other and equally advantageous "riders" upon the specifications.

For instance, it will be only a matter of a short time until the Yukon Field Force is to be withdrawn from Dawson. A provision whereby the contractors for the postoffice building should also furnish the soldiers with transportation, would be quite in order, and relieve the government of considerable trouble.

It would also have been equally in order that the successful bidder be required to construct a public bridge across the Klondike and complete the system of trails to the creeks which was begun last summer. A system of sewers for the town ought by rights to have been added. A public baseball park and athletic field might have been inserted as

a side issue, and a race track certainly should not have been overlooked. It would have been an act of courtesy, which would have been much appreciated by the local federal contingent, had the government required the contractor to furnish cigars to our Dawson officials for the next six months. In fact, a great many such matters might have been taken care of in letting the postoffice contract, and we confess our surprise that they were overlooked.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

While the banks of Dawson are fairly well provided with accommodations for their customers, there is one adjunct which has not been provided and which would greatly oblige many of its patrons of the fair sex.

For example, a gentleman of unquestionable veracity had business at one of the banks a few days ago. When he entered, a good looking lady had just stepped up to the paying teller's window for the purpose of having a check cashed. The money was counted out to her, a large roll of bills. What could a poor lone woman do? She had not four big pockets in her p— (but tut) plaid dress in which to store the bills away as a man would have had, and for her to go out on the street with that big roll in her hand would have been to tempt some "grab" thief to make way with it and at the same time frighten the poor woman until she would probably faint on the street and impede traffic.

What did she do? She did the only thing that could have been done under the circumstances. She turned her back to the paying teller, leaned forward, made a hasty move with her hands in the locality of the bottom of her dress which was somewhat elevated, and the money was safely deposited within her stocking.

Now, the suggestion the Stroller would have the banks act on is this: Prepare a small room, something like a telephone box, and put over the door: Ladies' desiring to put money in their stockings, enter here."

Such a convenience would be appreciated by the ladies, and probably prevent blushes from mantling the cheeks of youthful bank clerks and patrons of the bank, some of whom may be far away from home and mother.

Variety is the allspice of life; and such being the case, a public meeting in Dawson at which some one who has toyed with the cup until his tongue becomes as big as a ship rudder, was not present would be, indeed, a passe meeting. These fellows do no harm, for the reason that no attention is given to what they say. On the contrary, the moral effect of their presence and condition is good, in that the average citizen who might otherwise stop and buy a drink on his way home instead, carries a box of chocolate creams to the bosom of his family; thus causing the whitewinged dove of peace to hover over his cabin at least until the candy is eaten.

"You could rake the earth with a finetoothed comb and you would not find another such a constitutional and inveterate kicker as is to be found right here in Dawson," said a rounder to the Stroller a few nights since. Continuing the informant said:

"The fellow to whom I refer is a faro dealer, and he kicks on every occasion and at everything. For instance: He has kicked himself out of every barber chair in Dawson and now none of the boys will shave him. The razor pulled; the water was too hot or too cold; the bayrum smelled like turpentine; the barber's breath smelled of hootch and so on ad infinitum, until the tonsorial knights combined to pass him up, with the result that the kicker will soon have the appearance of a Populist.

"It is the same way at the restaurants, where he has kicked until there is not a hashhouse-slinger in town will wait on him any more. The meat was too tough; the bread was mouldy; the coffee was made from beans; the hot-cakes were fried in rancid grease; the milk was soured; the pie crust was made from old boot legs; the dessert tasted like it had been tied behind a scow and towed down from Bennett, and the check for his meal was made out on a poor quality of paper. He is now looking for a cabin where he will have to do his own cooking.

"Now, mind you, this fellow don't kick because he really means it. He is stuck on his job, which he would not change for that of the presidency of the New York Central road or Standard Oil Company, and he thinks it is smart to kick. Spect if he was traced back it would be found that he was raised in a log cabin and ate mush from a trough."

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