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PETITION TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON D. C. BY U. S. RESIDENTS

For the Purpose of Obtaining an Improvement in Mail Service.

The facts as set forth in the Nugget of yesterday relative to the delay in the delivery of the mail in Dawson have aroused the United States citizens in Dawson to a point where concerted action will be taken to see if the condition cannot be corrected.

The mail should be subjected to such delay as is being experienced with the present one is considered to be altogether unnecessary and could be easily avoided if the proper authorities were given the postal authorities. Complaints are being made daily to the United States consul not only on the delay in the delivery of the mail but also because of the fact that only old, old papers are being sent through and no magazines.

Mr. Saylor, the United States consul, in speaking of the matter with a Nugget representative this morning stated that he was eager to help to his utmost in bringing about an improvement in the mail service, but that material would have to be put into his hands for forwarding to the authorities setting out the nature of the grievances and the remedies that should be applied.

"All the complaints," said Mr. Saylor, "that have yet been registered with me have been in verbal communications and as such I can do nothing with them. What is necessary is to bring the matter properly before the department is to have a petition prepared or individual complaints set forth in writing."

"I have told complainants this time and again and am ready and more than willing to do what I can, but the people must do their part," he added. "It seems that the fault lies either with the Seattle or Skagway office or perhaps both."

The Seattle office has recently improved its mail facilities and increased its force of employees and there appears to be no reason why the better mail should not be put into separate pouches at that place.

If the mail is pouted at Seattle for hours why it should be opened and carried at Skagway or held at that office for any length of time is a question which naturally arises and to which an explanation should be given. The matter having once been properly brought to the attention of the authorities there is no question but what it would be adjusted.

The petition will be ready for signature within a few days.

Crystal Laundry UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Crystal Laundry, together with all book-keeping and claims due the old management, has been sold to the new management. The new management will be under the direct supervision of J. C. Smith, an experienced laundry man, well known to the public for their past services. Telephone 164.

New Lawns, Laces and Embroideries

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A. J. PRUDHOMME
211 Harper St., N. Free Library
Phone 214-A

GETS HARD FALL

Mrs. Rainey Sustains Compound Fracture of Arm

Mrs. Rainey, proprietress of the Lone Star laundry, situated at the corner of Turner street and Seventh avenue, met with a very serious accident last evening.

She was returning to her home, which is in the southern end of the city, about 8 o'clock and was passing the free library when she slipped, falling heavily on her left side. She was picked up by parties passing and carried to the Good Samaritan hospital, where an examination showed that she had sustained a compound fracture of her left arm about half way between the elbow and shoulder.

The bone was set back in its place and this morning Mrs. Rainey was resting comfortably.

Dance Postponed

The Amaranth dancing club has postponed its dance which was to have occurred tomorrow (Saturday) night for one week on account of the A. B. sheet and pillow case ball which is to occur this evening.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Miner From 55 Below on Bonanza

Has one of His Fingers Pulled From Its Socket by Getting it Caught in Machinery

One of the most painful accidents that could be imagined was sustained by Mr. J. S. Brown, a miner of 55 below on Bonanza, on Wednesday morning. While at work on the steam hoist his left hand became caught in the machinery, ripping the flesh all off the middle finger from the knuckle of the hand to the first joint, tearing off the tip and leaving the bone exposed on the balance of the finger. The tendon was pulled from the muscle of the forearm. The index finger was likewise pulled off at the first joint.

Mr. Brown was brought to Dawson and taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where the middle finger was taken off and his other wounds dressed. He is considerably better today but it will be some time before he can return to his work.

JUSTICE DUGAS RESIGNS

Mr. Justice Dugas who in addition to his judicial position has also been a member of the Yukon council has tendered his resignation as a member of that body. The particular reason which led the judge to this action has not been learned but the fact remains that his honor is no longer a member of the territorial legislative body. The facts have been known in Dawson for some time but did not develop until the meeting today in Major Wood's office which is detailed elsewhere. In the course of the discussion mention was made of the fact that the judge intended giving up his seat in the council and Major Wood confirmed the report by stating that his lordship had already sent his resignation to the minister.

Stage Arrives

A White Pass stage arrived at 11 o'clock this morning with the following passengers: Mrs. J. M. Lynch, C. A. Benson, R. C. Holland, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Z. J. Jewell, Agnes Kelly, Miss Peterson, M. Auguste Gissen and S. Anderson.

Another White Pass stage is due to arrive this afternoon with nine passengers. After of the stages have mail.

Swedish Famine Fund

The Vice Consul for Sweden and Norway wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscription for the relief of the famine stricken people of Sweden:

John H. Henderson & Co., \$1.00
Sulphur creek, \$75

All contributions should be forwarded to T. D. Pattullo, Vice Consul for Sweden and Norway, who will forward same to the home authorities.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

BOARD OF TRADE TO ACT

Telegram Will be Forwarded to Ottawa Opposing Any Attempt to Confirm Treadgold Grant—Monster Petition to be Circulated Throughout the District Calling for Government Aid in Supplying Water to the Placer Mining Districts.

"Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada; Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of Interior; Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General; Hon. Jas. H. Ross, Member for Yukon Territory."

"Oppose any attempt to pass order-in-council or act in parliament that will in any way confirm Treadgold concession. Are having monster petition signed and reliable data prepared to forward Ottawa asking government to aid in furnishing water for mining purposes. People are a unit in making demands and will insist on government protection from monopoly of Treadgold octopus."

"Dawson Board of Trade."

Aggressive measures are being instituted by the board of trade for the double purpose of dealing a final deathblow to the Treadgold octopus and of securing government aid in furnishing a supply of water for the mining district.

A meeting of the council board and of the committee on mines and mining was held last evening in the office of Thos. Adair at which time it was decided to send the foregoing telegram to Ottawa.

It developed at the meeting that an attempt will be made during the present session to secure confirmation of the modified Treadgold grant and the board of trade will take every means possible to defeat the effort. In furtherance of this purpose the above telegram will be sent immediately and the work of circulating the petition spoken of will at once be put under way.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of drafting the petition and the work is already in progress. The document when completed will not only denounce the Treadgold grant in forcible terms but will also urge in the strongest language possible—the necessity of government aid in furnishing the district with a supply of water for mining purposes.

As soon as the petition is prepared it will be given widespread circulation throughout the territory. It is hoped to place at least ten thousand signatures on the document and the committee are of the opinion that the number may exceed that amount.

Copies of the petition will be prepared and circulated simultaneously over the entire district and it is hoped to complete the work within a few days after the document is prepared.

In the meantime a circular letter is in process of preparation embodying the telegram and all the circumstances bearing upon the situation and copies of the letter will be forwarded to all boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations in Canada, as also to every member of parliament.

The board of trade has taken the question up with the utmost earnestness and proposes to enlist every possible influence in securing desired results.

At the meeting last night there were present Messrs. Thos. Adair, J. L. Timmins, M. Des Brisay, R. P. McLennan, T. G. Wilson, M. Ryan, H. Henschberg, Jos. McGilvray, R. H. S. Cresswell, vice-president of the board, and Jno. McCormack, secretary.

An adjourned meeting is called for Monday night at which time final action will be taken and the full draft of the proposed petition will be ready for circulation.

The A. B. dances are always enjoyable. The sheet and pillow case ball Friday night will be no exception.

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WILL WIRE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Unless Meeting of the Yukon Council Is Called—Elective Members Have Presented Their Ultimatum to Acting Commissioner Wood.

A meeting of the recently formed Miners' Association was held in the Presbyterian church at the Forks yesterday evening which was attended by about one hundred members of the organization and resulted in the appointment of the elective members of the council as a committee to wait upon Acting Commissioner Wood today and present certain demands relative to the calling of a meeting of the Yukon council. The Miners' Association has several grievances that they wish to see rectified at the earliest opportunity and it is considered the duty of the governing body of the territory to memorialize parliament in regard to the changes that are deemed imperative for the welfare of the country. First and foremost is the Treadgold concession, that being considered the greatest menace to the mining prosperity of the Yukon. The order in council bestowing upon Treadgold the immense benefits he is now enjoying will expire unless such is ratified by parliament or a renewal is granted and that is to be protested against most vigorously. There is the question of an assay office for Dawson and a gold purchasing bureau, a wholly elective council, and many other things that are to be proposed. All of which it is considered should be suggested and receive the approbation of the Yukon council, but such can not be until a meeting of the council is held which the acting commissioner acting upon the advice of the acting legal adviser insists he has no power to call. At the meeting of the association last night a resolution was passed which the committee was requested to present to the acting commissioner together with an ultimatum to the effect that if their wishes were not acceded to, a wire would be sent to the governor-general in which would be embodied the complaint that the wishes of the people expressed by their representatives to the council duly elected were not being treated with the consideration to which they were entitled.

The gentlemen comprising the committee consisting of Councilmen Thompson, Pringle, Landreville and Clarke were ushered into the office of the acting commissioner shortly after 12 o'clock and the conference lasted about 20 minutes. Mr. Senkler, the acting legal adviser, was sent for and upon his arrival the business of the committee was stated by Mr. Pringle who said:

"At a meeting of the Miners' Association held at the Forks last night a resolution was passed asking that the elective members of the council call upon you, Mr. Commissioner, and demand that a meeting of the Yukon council be called at once. Though it may be admitted that you may have no power to call such a meeting at which legislation might be passed which would be legal, yet it is felt that in view of the urgency of several matters that require immediate attention in the way of memorials that should be sent to Ottawa during the present session of parliament, such a meeting could be called with propriety so that the resolutions that we desire to send to Ottawa will receive the sanction of the governing body of the territory."

The commissioner—"I much regret that I can not comply with your wishes as I have just this morning received a letter from the acting legal adviser to the effect and informing me that I have not the authority to call such a meeting. Under the circumstances it seems to me that the best thing for the elective members to do is to wire the minister notifying him of the contents of the resolution and asking that I be given power to call the meeting such as you desire."

The suggestion at first did not meet with the approbation of the committee which seemed to doubt the decision of the acting legal adviser that the commissioner had not the power to call the meeting. In speaking of the session being called for the specific purpose of passing upon the resolutions it was desired to send to Ottawa, Mr. Pringle considered that if the commissioner had the power to call the meeting at all for any purpose whatever he could do so as well with the idea of enacting legislation.

"I do not wish to be considered discourteous," he continued, "but this matter was pretty thoroughly discussed at the meeting at the Forks last night and it was suggested that the present acting commissioner had the same authority to call a meeting, if he so desired that Mr. Newlands had upon another similar occasion last year."

The commissioner—"He never called that meeting. I did so myself at the request of Mr. Ross who was still commissioner and was yet in the territory and also upon the request of the deputy minister of the interior who was in Dawson at the time."

Mr. Senkler—"Why not wait until the arrival of Mr. Congdon who will be here in a very short time. Parliament will still be in session after his arrival and it will not be too late to forward your resolutions."

Several of the Miners' Association said "It is something of an uncertainty."

The commissioner—"I have but a short time ago had a personal wire from Mr. Congdon and he assures me he will leave for Dawson within a very few days."

Mr. Pringle insisted that it was the opinion of the committee that a session should be called at once in order to get their resolutions to parliament at its convening. Mr. Clarke said it seemed as though the elective members who had been duly elected were being deprived of their rights because they were unable to get down to business.

Mr. Pringle—"We should get together and get these resolutions passed and forwarded to Ottawa. The council could meet in a week or ten days and pass them and they would then be on their way to their destination. In fact, I might add that we were instructed last night to inform you that if we did not get what we wanted we should wire the governor-general of the course that is being pursued in the matter. We realize, of course, that we should gain nothing by wiring to the minister of the interior."

"We thought, however," interposed Mr. Clarke, "that perhaps it would be better if you should wire the minister of the interior and tell him what we propose to do unless our demands are acceded to. We do not desire to pass over the head of the minister of the interior to the governor-general unless compelled to."

In reply to the ultimatum the commissioner said that he could wire the minister that the four elective members had called and demanded that a meeting of the Yukon council be called at once. That he (the commissioner) had been instructed by the acting legal adviser that he had no power to call such a meeting and consequently was not inclined to do so, and in view of that fact the elective members were inclined to wire the governor-general. The members stated they were a unit in their demands. Dr. Thompson to this time had not spoken, but he soon let himself be heard and in no uncertain terms:

"The Treadgold concession is the first business we propose to tackle. On the 21st of April Treadgold's order in council will expire unless it is ratified by parliament or special legislation is enacted, and this we propose to protest most vigorously."

The commissioner, said it was all nonsense to talk about the failure to call a meeting being due to a desire of the government to wait until it had a majority, and then he sprang a mild sensation that was not looked for. "The elective members have a majority now even with all the members present as Mr. Justice Dugas has resigned his seat in the council."

Dr. Thompson—"Parliament will convene on the 13th and it is a certainty that Treadgold will lose no time in securing such legislation as he desires and getting his grant ratified by parliament. That is the greatest octopus we have to deal

McARTHUR DISMISSED

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty

Find That Gambling Was Not Being Carried on at the Monte Carlo Club

Contrary to expectations the case against Frank McArthur, charge with keeping a common gaming house, reached a conclusion yesterday afternoon, the case being given to the jury at 3:30 in the afternoon. Their deliberations lasted less than a half hour and a verdict of not guilty was reached on the first ballot. A. A. Jones was the foreman and upon the delivering of the verdict the jury was discharged and the accused dismissed.

As to whether the charge was proven or not much seemed to hinge upon the question of the rake-off, how much it was and whether it was more than sufficient to pay for the refreshments that were ordered from time to time. In that respect the testimony of the defense was the reverse of that of Constable Graham who was the principal witness for the crown. The latter had sworn that at the time he had sat in the games the product of the "kitty" was much more than enough to pay for the drinks and cigars that had been ordered by the players, in fact, upon one occasion he had seen the drawer removed and taken to the cigar stand, the bottom of which at the time was quite covered with checks.

That evidence was denied in toto both by McArthur and Stephen Barrett, the bookkeeper of the club and who also managed the institution on the night shift. McArthur proved an excellent witness nor was his testimony shaken in the least on cross examination. He has been in Dawson since June, '98, and has been engaged in various pursuits since his arrival, among them being in the commission business, as a restaurant keeper, a capitalist who had money to loan and at present the proprietor of the White House business block on Third avenue which he avowed had cost him \$24,000 to erect last summer. He admitted having dealt traps in the old Northern shortly after his first arrival in the country, but he had paid dearly for the privilege. Concerning the rake-off and the "kitty" McArthur asserted that such was intended only as payment for the refreshments ordered by the players and that the game was frequently mortgaged before there was sufficient in the drawer to pay for what was ordered. The club was a strictly legitimate place of amusement deriving its support from the members and not from gambling games.

Stephen Barrett also made a good witness for the defense. While giving testimony the books of the club were offered in evidence as to the character of the business that was being conducted and also the constitution of the club.

His lordship's charge to the jury was a model of fairness and justice and he stated clearly that it was for them to decide whether the rake-off exceeded the cost of the refreshments or not, whether the evidence of Constable Graham was correct or that of Stephen Barrett. When the jury retired they were given the books of the club and also the constitution in order that they might refer to them if they so desired. An announcement that they had agreed upon a verdict was received in just twenty-five minutes after they left the court room. McArthur is receiving the congratulations of his friends today on having won out in the case.

IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY

Victims of Yesterday Morning Holocaust

Blackedened and Charred Trunks, Sans Head, Arms and Legs, All That Remain

James H. Bell, connected with the department of public works, who was sent to the scene of the terrible fire on Hunker yesterday morning to attend to the remains of Baird who was in charge of the road gang on Hunker and was a victim of the fire, returned to the city yesterday evening bringing a tale so gruesome that it is horrible to relate. After the fire had subsided so that the rescuers could scrape about the burning embers the bodies of Bernise and Baird were found together in the bar room near the outer door. Both were burned beyond all possibility of recognition; there being nothing left but the blackened and charred trunks shriveled up almost to the size of an infant. The heads, arms and legs were entirely missing there being not even a bone left of those members and of the sickening portion that was recovered there was nothing to indicate that it had ever been a portion of a human body full of life and hope. It was thought that if the head or teeth could be found there might be some way of establishing the identity by means of the filling in the teeth, but as there is no trace of such both will be consigned to the grave without knowing which is Baird and which Bernise.

The coroner's inquest was held this morning at which it developed that a man named Epper had been present in the road house at 11 o'clock the night of the fire. He gave evidence to show that the children went to bed at 9 o'clock, the wife at 10 and the men at 11. He was the sixth party known to have been in the house that night and therefore the theory that there was another victim was incorrect. The fire started in the kitchen as near as could be learned and caught in some paper lining and paper that had been torn from the wall and spread rapidly into the bar room shutting off all exit from the sleeping apartments. The little boy was found protected by his mother's body, she evidently having shielded him to the last. All the other bodies were burned beyond recognition.

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In Court Today

In the territorial court today Oscar Benner was charged with stealing house logs from David Lowery of Deimos creek.

The evidence of the crown went to show that the logs in question owned by Lowery and marked by him had disappeared and were afterwards identified as a part of Benner's cabin. The case is continued this afternoon.

Many Mushing

The stamped to the Tanana is assuming larger proportions as the days go by.

This morning over thirty dog teams and six horse teams were counted passing the Lador Co. on First avenue. The average number of men was about 3 to every two teams, making more than fifty who started prior to eleven o'clock.

Quite a number have been seen leaving this afternoon, so that the total number who have left today will probably reach in the neighborhood of 75 people.

One of the largest outfits to leave started from the Log Cabin hotel, South Dawson. It was composed of five horse teams and was attended by six men, two of whose names were Forrest and Nelson, the balance not leaving their names at the hostelry.

Further news is expected from the district by the arrival of down river mail which is expected Sunday night.

Irate Customer—Look here, you said this gun would shoot 100 yards, I've tried it and it only carries fifty.

Isaac—Vell, but mine friend, there are two barrels.—Glasgow Times.