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A WHITE ELEPHANT.

Yukon stands in need of capital for the development of its resources but it is altogether unnecessary to deliver the territory hand and foot, to a set of men simply because they propose to invest a few hundred thousand dollars in a water system.

We venture to say that if these tracts are thrown open, and the Treadgold bug, bear removed, the people of this territory will manage not only to survive, but actually to flourish.

According to the point of view from which the case is regarded by the Sun, the government in committing itself to the Treadgold scheme had only in view the betterment of conditions in the territory.

The government's generosity in saddling Treadgold upon the country reminds one of the white elephant story. Undoubtedly the miners need a water system but they do not want one which will put them all out of business, and that is exactly what the Treadgold concession is calculated to do.

A polite acknowledgement of the unsought gift and a regret that the same be taken back without delay seems to be the proper procedure.

POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

The opposition are already making strenuous moves in the direction of organization throughout Ontario and other eastern provinces, which is taken to indicate their belief that a general election will occur this fall.

Mr. Borden does not propose, however, to be caught napping and is now urging an early adjournment preparatory to a political junket throughout Ontario, which will be the great storm center in case an election should occur.

The movements of the opposition leaders are, therefore, not to be accepted as a reliable indication of what is to occur.

SINEWS OF WAR.

The board of trade has selected a committee to solicit funds to be used in preparing material for the consideration of the concession investigating commission.

Contributions for the purpose named should come forward generously from the public as it is in the

public's behalf that the fight is being waged. The legitimate expenses which the board must meet will run up to a considerable figure, as the collection of data and preparation of evidence will require no little expenditure.

If the fight is to be prosecuted vigorously and with the attention to detail which is essential to success, the sinews of war must be provided. The amount asked by the committee is comparatively small and in view of the purpose for which it is to be expended, the full sum should be forthcoming in a few days.

WOULD STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT.

Alaska and this territory would both be greatly benefited by the adoption of a reciprocal agreement under which the present heavy tariff charges which prevail on both sides of the line would be suspended for a term of years.

Both districts offer a splendid market to Canadian and American manufacturers and dealers alike—a market which with proper nurturing and encouragement will continue to enlarge for years to come.

The point has been overlooked, very largely by the government of both territories, that during the years of their infancy special care may be necessary to insure a continuance of development. Alaska and Yukon have both been exploited for purposes of revenue in years gone by and though late in the day, a counter policy even now would prove of vast benefit.

If during the next decade all duties were removed and the industrial populations of both territories were permitted to reap the benefit of free machinery and supplies, an impetus would be given to each that would repay the respective governments many times over in the long run.

Take London by Storm.

London, May 23.—The two Deacon sisters, Gladys and Audrey, have taken London society by storm with their beauty and accomplishments. Mrs. Deacon has come over from Paris and taken No. 3 John street, Mayfair, for the season. Gladys went to Mrs. Adair's great ball at a Pompeian flute player and was greatly admired. She presented a striking contrast to her younger sister, Audrey, who appeared as a Greek flower girl, the draperies swathed tightly across her body displaying her magnificent figure to perfection.

Gladys Deacon, who looks startlingly thin, is very popular here and will go out a little more than her sister, who has not yet been presented at court.

Mrs. Deacon is a most beautiful woman, looks astonishingly youthful, dresses exquisitely and has a reserved, dignified manner, more like a Parisian "haute dame" than the very modern mother of two very modern daughters.

Police Kept Busy.

London, May 23.—What a London surgeon has characterized as the "mystery mania" is increasing at an alarming rate in this city. At the present time 200 people are wanted by the police in connection with criminal proceedings, and of that number thirty are known to have escaped abroad. Fifty murderers are still at large. Throughout the country boards of guardians are energetically looking for 1,500 husbands, and rewards amounting to nearly \$15,000 have been offered for information likely to lead to arrests.

About three hundred mothers have disappeared, leaving children chargeable to the ratepayers of the country. The official searches for missing people, however, by no means represent the extent of the "mystery mania." Private inquiry agents are now hunting for 5,000 people who

have mysteriously vanished from various parts of the country. Sums ranging from \$125 to \$30,000 are waiting to be paid to many of them when found.

Ninety per cent. of the missing people are described as of dark complexion. So far this year fifty married women have disappeared, compared with twenty during the corresponding period of last year.

The police have been informed that a gang of foreigners is at work deceiving children, and it is significant that during the first quarter of the year fifty-five boys and girls were reported as lost.

Several members of well known families have disappeared within the last few months. An officer of the British army has been missing since last June. Special detectives were sent, regardless of cost, to all parts of the world, but as the relatives, to maintain secrecy, would only supply initials and no name, the search has been pursued under great difficulty.

The Sheffield police are investigating two mysterious affairs, and the Cardiff police three. A young woman told the Cardiff magistrates that her child had been taken from her by force in the street, and she could find no trace of the infant or of the man who secured it. There are four cases of persons missing from Belfast, and the same number is reported from Portsmouth. Two mysterious disappearances are recorded at Norwich.

The Dover police have under their charge a dumb boy who was found wandering on the platform of Dover Priory railway station, and is believed to have arrived by a London train. He cannot read, and does not understand the great and dumb alphabet.

COMPANY INSPECTION.

Drill Night of the Dawson Rifles Has Been Changed.

Hereafter the drill night of the Dawson Rifles will be on Thursday instead of Friday evenings. The change has been made by Captain Hulme in order to accommodate a number of the members who are also connected with one of the other ball teams in the league. The games are scheduled to be played on Tuesday and Friday evenings which makes it very awkward for the gentlemen who are connected with both organizations. The change takes place at once and the drill this week will be tonight instead of tomorrow night, June 20 at 8 o'clock in the evening has been named as the date and hour of the annual inspection of the company. It will take place at the barracks square and be made by Major Wood who has been commissioned to act in that capacity.

Stopping the Paper. "I've stopped my paper, yes I hev, I didn't like to do it, But the editor he got too smart And I allow he'll rue it. I am a man as pays his debts, And I won't be insulted, So when an editor gets smart, I want to be consulted. I took his paper 'leven years An' I helped him all I could, sir, An' when it comes to dunnin' me, I didn't think he would, sir.

By-Ghostly Aid. Paris, May 23.—Ziem, the Bohemian artist-painter, is about to publish reminiscences of Chopin, his lifelong friend. One of the most striking chapters in the forthcoming book bears the title "How Chopin Wrote His Great Funeral March."

"We were in his study," says the artist, "in one corner stood a piano and in another a human skeleton, covered with a white cloth. Chopin had been acting queerly all day. He always did when he was composing, and I held my peace."

"Evidently he was working out some vast musical problem, for his eyes were searching now, staring then, but of me he took no notice whatever. Suddenly he arose, went over to the skeleton and tore down the cloth, throwing it on the floor."

"He took the skeleton on his arm, walked over to the piano and sat down on the chair, placing the skeleton on his knee."

"Next he put his left hand on the keys and over it the corresponding hand of the skeleton. The same with his right hand and that of the dead. Then he began to play, slowly, searchingly, but without a quiver, without even once correcting himself. The work was finished, it needed but to be recorded."

"The music grew louder and now and again I could hear the bones of the skeleton crack as the hands and arms of the composer moved more quickly. I was so frightened by the ghastly business, I closed my eyes. The living and the dead were playing and I felt that the music they made would live forever."

COMMITTEE SOLICITING

Funds to Defray Cost of Preparing

Report That is to be Presented to Commission re the Treadgold Matter

That the board of trade in its most desperate earnest in its endeavors to secure the cancellation of the Treadgold concession is evidenced by the manner in which the members are seeking to bring about the desired condition. In a most comprehensive, business like manner the body is going about the matter, there being an unanimity that is refreshing to see, all working harmoniously with but one object in view.

A meeting of the finance committee was held yesterday opening in the office of T. G. Wilsch. The committee had previously been appointed at a general meeting of the board for the express purpose of attending to the financial end of preparing a report to be laid before the commission that has been appointed by the government for the investigation of concessions in general and that of Treadgold in particular. John R. Grey acted as chairman and J. L. Timmins as secretary. The matter for which the meeting was called was the only subject up for discussion and the best manner in which to raise the required funds was talked of at considerable length. It was finally decided that subscription lists should be opened and placed in the office of the chairman of the board of trade, Mr. H. C. Macaulay, the secretary, Mr. John Cormack, at the office of the McDonald Trading Company, the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. J. R. Grey, and also at the office of the secretary of the finance committee, Mr. J. L. Timmins.

All interested in the cancellation or modification of the Treadgold concession are invited to call as promptly as possible. It has been estimated that the sum necessary to make a full and exhaustive report will aggregate approximately \$8000 and a liberal response is expected from everyone. There is not a business man nor a miner who should not be concerned most vitally in this question and if anything is accomplished looking toward the revocation of the exclusive privileges now enjoyed by Treadgold it must be done by a concerted effort and in order to make that successful the report that is to be prepared for the commission must be of a most thorough and exhaustive nature, not a matter of guess work and unsubstantiated figures, but hard, cold facts which are susceptible of proof. To collect such and all other data that will prove of benefit to the people of the territory will require time and the expenditure of money and it is to secure the funds for that purpose that the lists are now being posted. The report handed to the commission must be irrefutable, so strong in its array of facts that respect and objection must be given it.

Will Go On Strike.

Berlin, May 23.—Medical periodicals announce that all physicians throughout Germany who are employed by sick fund societies, will strike on July 1. This means that from that day until the difference between the doctors and the sick funds are settled patients belonging to the poorer classes will be practically without any medical attendance.

The doctors complain, as has already been announced, that under the German invalids' insurance law, which is controlled by the government, they only receive about 10 cents per visit from the managers of the sick funds, which are provided by compulsory contributions from employers and employed alike.

The medical profession is overcrowded, and the middle and upper classes only are reserved for independent physicians, the great majority of German practitioners being under contract to the sick fund societies.

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The government measure dealing with these questions now before the Reichstag is unsatisfactory to the physicians as well as to the other side, and is strongly opposed by the Social Democrats. Most likely it will not pass, which all concerned would prefer. Then, unless a modus vivendi is reached, the strike will certainly take place.

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was steeped in darkness and lit the candle. Chopin lay on the floor by the piano, unconscious, half under his and strewn over him the cracked bones of the skeleton, which he had dragged down with him. The skeleton was in a hundred pieces.

"Never mind," said Copin, next day. "I've got the music in my head."

Deficit Increasing. London, May 23.—A statement of the income and expenditures of the telegraph system since the postoffice department took it over in 1870 shows that for the first two years the revenue paid the interest on the purchase money "in no single year since has it been sufficient to cover the interest charge. The deficiency in the year 1872 was \$395,000. This has steadily increased until last year it was \$4,753,700. The major portion of the deficiency was the heavy charge for salaries, which is yearly growing more rapidly than the increase in the revenue."

A few years ago a committee was appointed to investigate the position of the postoffice employees. They made liberal recommendations in regard to an increase in the wages of the employees. These were carried out at an immediate cost of \$2,500,000 annually. Fresh demands are now being put forward and will be a matter of debate in the house of commons. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the postmaster general, wants to submit the demands to a committee of business men. The employees object, as they are anxious to have the matter go before the committee of the house of commons. They know that they can by their votes bring pressure to bear on members of parliament in their favor. This is one of the very grounds on which John Burns, the Socialist leader in the house of commons, recently advocated the disfranchisement of all government employees.

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"O," said Broderick, "you Americans are such clever financiers, turn it into a \$5 note." Malini crumpled the bill in his hand, then grasped the hand of Broderick, and pressed into it a piece of paper. The latter unfolded it and found it a new Bank of England five.

OFF IN CANOE

Major Cuthbert Left for Fortymile This Morning

Major Ross Cuthbert, commander of Dawson division, N.W.M.P., left in a canoe to visit the post at Fortymile. He will probably return on the Sybil tomorrow.

During Major Cuthbert's absence Captain Howard is officer in command.

Has Place at St. Louis

J. H. Weiter, for five years a prominent Dawsonite, has a big saloon near the world's fair grounds at St. Louis. Mr. Weiter was proprietor of the Criterion at Dawson, from 1897 till last year. At St. Louis he has a great pavilion and beer garden, and is 1,000 feet nearer the entrance to the fair grounds than any other saloon, being 300 feet from the main entrance. R. H. Robertson, Mr. Weiter's manager, arrived on the Dolphin yesterday. He is going to Dawson where he will attend to the re-

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Low Temperature

The official thermometer at the barracks registered as low as 38 above, only four degrees from the freezing point, last night. People who came down from the sidewalk to see the fire declare there was ice on the sidewalks at 1 o'clock.

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Philetus A. everybody called him his old comrades in arms... Guards Post 23, G... was made up of 150... Philetus first joined... the old guard was... strong... since the last Memorial... Philetus... with more zeal... Fourth of July... little year... march... place the flags... comrades... carry and five less... Philetus was not as spry... went heavier in trying... to the music this year... Philetus had done it... Philetus was still strong... the old members... "I am the only five-year... on the rolls," and the old... "he's right"... Philetus was six... last camp ground... Philetus had joined on the... Washington... of the Potomac was... the leader's brain. An... stayed right through to... six months after Appon... were discharged a... transportation home... Philetus didn't go home at... married and had no... the transportation... another way, and... a whaling voyage, and... it, and it was eight-year... Apponau, and the... on spinning when... of the boys at the army... soldier talk mixed with... with hundreds of advent... from made Philetus pop... This he settled down as... wife and later the wife... Philetus had only t... in care for and a grave... fairly there was nothing... a man with only a baby... he should have a lot of... in the old army, and... was a most unusual... members to meet on winter... catch Philetus giving... another chance to be... the week during the winter... Philetus didn't come near the... of sight, but the members... Philetus' baby that... Philetus was home... because the landlady... and as she told the... she wasn't a trained... "The boy was 10, then... he was earning his own... three years ago he marr... away when carpenter... better wages Philetus... around until the mail w... of every afternoon, waiting... the boy, and then... back to the dingy hotel... cover it on the hotel paper... would tell the neighbors... after was stopping at the... He never told them that he... the office at the hotel, and... covered \$7 a month from... room, and his board and... room in the hotel... wasn't necessary to tell... that, and they thought... Mrs. Arnold would proba... bit of money when Mr... Philetus used to write... in the boy, and the... didn't know that he... had been laid up pretty much... with the rheumatism, ... was out again, that he... he could pay a dollar a... and would be all g... "It wasn't for this... he said, using an... language, "I wouldn... better than to rat... Philetus," but as he... speaking for himself, it w... The boys allowed Philet... the bag into the second... at Corporal Williams... the old ladies whisp... themselves as they saw... and stick the bag in... "Philetus won't be... next year," said the... but Philetus was the... and the second... his ears were so full... shouting that he didn... women... And the blaring stayed... he didn't hear the com... "Well, no. I just want... as he heard it the... Philetus had his left foot... and Philetus had t... right to find out if the U...