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CITY OF PEKIN

Fittingly Characterized as One of Dust, Stench and Dogs.

ENCLOSED BY 21 MILES OF WALL.

In the Centre Dwell the Emperor and Dignitaries.

IS WHOLLY WITHOUT SEWERS

And Is the Most Filthy and Sickly Place on Earth—Streets and Lanes are Unknown.

London, June 21.—Peking has been characterized as a city of "dust, stench and dogs." That is not literally true, for Peking is really three cities rather than one. Inclosed in great circling walls, 21 miles around, lies the Chinese city of Peking. Inside that, with walls of its own, is the Manchu city, the city of the Tartars, rulers of China, and inside that, protected by walls of its own, is the third city, "the purple forbidden city," where dwell the emperor and the members of the court, together with the European ministers and other foreigners.

The central city is a place of parks, of great open spaces and broad lanes. There is the temple in which the em-

peror prays for rain and calls down the blessings of the gods. Its houses are huge, those of the greater dignitaries being large enough if all the space were utilized, it is said, to hold comfortably thousands of people.

Outside of that central city Peking is a very different place. There are no streets that are worth the name. Through little lanes between low, closely built houses that men and the dogs wander around, and if they are not covered with dirt when they start out they are before they reach their destination. No pavements are found anywhere, and the mud is often three feet deep. Besides that, the streets are so uneven that when they are dry walking is a pain to every stranger.

The worst of it all is, however, that there is no sewerage in the city. Down through little gutters on the sides of the street runs all the filth and refuse cast out by a million people. Sometimes there is water to carry it away, and sometimes it piles up in heaps. When there is water with the black slime is often used to sprinkle the dusty street, and then the tramp, tramp of donkeys and Chinamen pulverizes the sediment into more dust of the most offensive kind.

Peking is the third capital that the Celestial Empire has had in the course of its history. Once upon a time Sigan-fu, the present capital of the province of Shen-si, was the imperial city. The Min dynasty evacuated it for Nankin, which offered greater opportunities of personal safety, and until the fifteenth century that place was the "Capital of the South." Then risings of the people drove the rulers to Peking, the "Capital of the North." The history of Peking can be traced back 3000 years.

It is a striking fact that the walls between the Chinese and Manchu cities are even heavier and stronger than those outside of the Chinese city. They bear striking testimony to the presence of the foreigner in the land. In the Manchu city there are a few animated streets, with gayly decked buildings, but all of the public structures are ruins—as well as filthy. The European portion of the capital, with the consulates and legations in the inner city, has its buildings ranged on an ill made roadway running along the banks of a canal.

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FOURTH OF JULY.

It Promises To Be the Greatest Event Ever Witnessed in Dawson.

A SPLENDID PROGRAM ARRANGED.

The Public Manifesting the Greatest Interest.

LARGE PURSES ARE OFFERED.

Sporting Interest is Very Keen—A Dark Horse in the Wheel Race—The Order of Parade.

As the time of the Fourth of July celebration draws nearer public interest grows more pronounced, and at present there is little doubt that it will be the event of the year.

The committee having subscriptions in charge has not, for some reason, completed its canvass, although it has met with marked liberality so far, and enough money has been subscribed to insure and warrant the very liberal purses offered, which exceed greatly all prizes hitherto put up to tempt competition in sports. This policy has borne a very noticeable result in many ways, principally the chief one sought, namely sharp competition in the events booked. Sporting interest seems quite naturally to center in the horse races, and wheel events. As there are some very likely looking horses in town whose owners are not averse to possessing the very tempting things offered for the speedy ones, these events promise to be well worth the interest already manifested. The course will be wired to keep the crowd off the track so that the horses will not be interfered with and no one's life or limbs endangered.

There is one point that should be well looked to in connection with both the horse and wheel races. That is in the matter of dogs on the track. It is the natural instinct of the canine nuisance at such times, to consider himself called upon to run before the flying horses at the finish and bark. A horse when he is being driven to his best, can neither stop or swerve from his course in time to avoid what in most cases proves the inevitable. The dog suddenly finds himself under the forefeet of a horse with no time to escape. The rider is powerless to do more than await what follows with what nerve he can muster. The horse trips over the bundle of cur, and the result, as has been shown in a thousand cases, is serious disaster to rider and horse.

The surest preventative is to tie the dogs up and leave them at home. The wheel races will either be hotly contested and filled with interest or else there will be a walk over. The reason of this lies in the presence of a dark horse who is said to be a wonder. If he can get speed out of a wheel as well as he can do other things the local riders have some hard work on hand.

Among other things which promise to attract more genuine notice, is an entirely new feature in Dawson celebrations. This is the Indian canoe race, for the prize to the winner of which many ambitious aborigines have signified their intention to compete.

The potato race, if it had been pulled off some weeks ago, when cheechako potatoes tasted of dust after their boiling, and before the weather got so warm, would have found almost the entire population scrambling for the succulent Murphys, as to the victor belong the spuds as well as the purse.

Some three or four teams are known to be ready for entry in the tug of war. Dawson owns many citizens who are strong and the contest for this purse promises to be filled with ardor.

The purses as so far arranged will amount to upwards of \$900.

The order of parade will be as follows: Police, band, guests of honor, the council, veterans, fire department, industrial parade, citizens in carriages and on foot.

Following are the appointments of Marshal Te Koller: Deputy marshal, Leroy Tozier; lieutenants, Sergeant Wilson, Wilcoxon and Fletcher; general staff, Isom, Herron, Fulda, Jansen, Botsford, Major Wood, Orr, Cook, Gibson, Honnen, Lyon, Clayton, Lynen, Thos. W. O'Brien, Alex McDonald, Thos. Chisholm, Kirkpatrick, Coffey, Fred Barnes, Watrous.

A more complete program will appear in tomorrow's Nugget.

A Verdict Rendered.

The coroner's jury empannelled by Magistrate Scarth to investigate and inquire into the cause of death in the matter of the body supposed to be that of either Olsen or Graves, which body was found in the river a few miles above Selwyn and brought to this city early last week, reported a verdict Saturday evening to the effect that the body is that of some person unknown who came to his death from bullet wounds inflicted at the hands of some person or persons unknown.

The general belief that the body was that of Olsen was weakened by the testimony of one of Olsen's former associates at Five Fingers, who, when he arrived, failed to identify the clothing taken from the body as that worn by Olsen when he was last at Five Fingers and when he departed on his fatal journey from which he never returned. On the other hand, the witness was positive that the clothes in evidence were not those worn by Olsen. But as the wounds in the body are similar in size to those in the bodies identified as those of Clayton and Relfe, there is no doubt but that they were inflicted with the same weapon; and if the body is not that of Olsen it is highly probable that it is Graves.

The body has been turned over to an undertaker and will be buried here.

The Eagles Excursion.

The Eagles were principally noticeable at the excursion yesterday by their absence, and the few who got off the steamer on her return were a very dejected and weary looking set of birds, with apparently little scream in them. This may have been due to an over feeding of ice cream, or perhaps the water they drank was not well filtered. Any way, about the only noise that was made on the landing of the boat proceeded from a Hogan who had stowed away, and yelled himself hoarse with triumph when the steamer came to dock.

The excursion, though small, was select, and those who went enjoyed themselves. A two-hours' stop was made at Ainsley, where the only excitement of the day occurred. This was due to the hitherto unknown, though guessed at, talents of Humboldt Gates. This was the spot chosen by the bold though not ancient mariner to witness a great act of a man in a boat. Mr. Gates gave a thrilling and realistic exhibition, using as his stage properties only the Yukon river, a Peterboro canoe and a suit of clothes adapted to picnicking. He illustrated the possibility of upsetting a canoe in the river without either drowning himself or losing the canoe.

After this the excursion continued on to Indian river, where a pleasant picnic took place among the trees and wild flowers.

The home run was made in an hour and a half, during which no bars were encountered, not even a sand bar. The steamer discharged her passengers shortly before midnight.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

Shindler has bicycle sundries; wood rims, inner tubes, ball bearings, spokes, bells, cyclometers, toe clips, graphite, etc. Wheels to rent by the hour. cr

CLEMENT'S POSITION.

The Yukon Council Powerless to Meet Without His Attendance

AND HE SAYS HE WON'T APPEAR.

The Legal Advisor Has the Top Hand and Likes It.

HE IS HOLDING THE FORT.

No More Meetings Can Be Held Till After the Coming Elections.

The Yukon council did not meet Thursday according to program, and until something is done by Ottawa the Yukon territory, while it has a council in name, has nothing else, as there is a very robust deadlock—one which refuses to be broken.

The head and front of the present state of affairs is contained in the person of Public Administrator and Legal Adviser W. H. P. Clement. This is principally due to Mr. Clement's well-known and unconcealed antipathy to the open meetings of the council, which feeling he finds the opportunity of turning to account in the absence of Justice Dugas, and the so far unrevoked commission of the absent councilman, Major Perry. The council at present consists of six members, of which two are absent. The rules governing the holding of meetings are that it takes two-thirds of the whole to constitute a quorum. There is just where the legal adviser gets in his deadly work and puts the council, as a legal body, for the present, out of business. He refuses to attend any of the meetings until he has received positive orders from Ottawa to do so, and as it would be impossible for the council to muster a quorum without him, he holds the best hand and is disposed to make the most of it.

When called upon by a Nugget representative in regard to the matter Mr. Clement said:

"I have never concealed the fact of my antagonism to these meetings being held as they are without direct authority from Ottawa, and at the time the order was passed I said I would not attend the meetings unless ordered to do so by Ottawa. I see no reason for changing my resolution concerning the matter.

"Yes, it is quite true that the council can hold no meetings without me, and I hold the fort." Then Public Administrator and Legal Adviser W. H. P. Clement smiled a knowing smile.

The Industrial Parade.

The great industrial parade on the Fourth of July promises to be the most interesting feature ever witnessed on a similar occasion north of Seattle. On that day and for this particular feature, nearly every team and wagon in the city has been engaged and the parade will be a veritable gorgeous pageant.

David Harum, Richard Carvel, The Gad-Fly, Janice Meredith, To Have and to Hold, Red Pottage, etc., at the Standard Circulating Library. cr

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