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THE NUGGET AND THE PEOPLE HAVE WON THE DAY

The Great Contest Waged by This Paper for Justice and Fair Dealing From the White Pass Railroad Ends in Complete Victory.

U. S. CONSUL M'COOK DEAD

Succumbs to Pneumonia at His Old Home in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20.—James C. McCook, United States Consul at Dawson, Y. T., is dead from pneumonia. His successor has not yet been named.

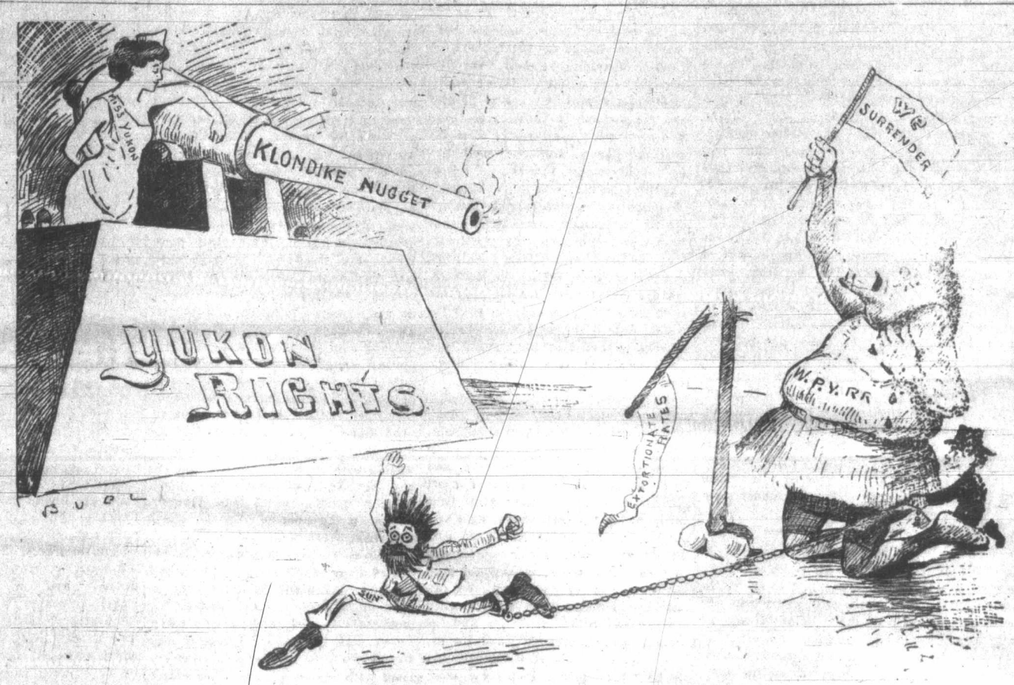
(The above brief message received this morning does not give the exact date of Consul McCook's death, which was probably on the 19th. The news is not a surprise, as the deceased has been in poor health for the past year, being sick nearly all the time when last in Dawson. One of his sons died in the Cuban war and another is in business in Philadelphia, the home of the family. A widow survives, but the husband and wife had not lived together for a number of years. Mr. McCook, through the influence of Senator Matt Quay of Pennsylvania, was appointed to the U. S. consulate of Dawson early in '98, arriving to take charge of the position soon after receiving his commission. He remained here until near the close of navigation in '99, when he went outside for the winter, leaving Mr. Ronald Morrison as vice-consul. He returned early in 1900, spending the summer here and again going out in the fall, Mr. H. Te Roller being left as vice-consul, the same appointment being made the last time the consul returned to the States. The appointment of a U. S. consul, like all ministerial appointments, is one of political preferment. It is likely that a temporary appointment will be made soon, but it is possible that the position will not be permanently filled for some months.)

The Government of Canada Comes Nobly to the Rescue and Notifies the Great Railroad Octopus That Its Rates Must Be Reduced or It Must Cease Operation.

From Thursday's Daily.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—The Canadian government announces that it will permit no more extortionate charges to be made by the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company. The government has notified that company that material reductions in charges must be made by it, otherwise the government in the public interest will intervene and stop the operation of the road.

(The foregoing heralds one of the greatest victories scored by a newspaper in the annals of modern journalism. Early last July the Nugget, being firmly convinced that the White Pass & Yukon Company was actually robbing its patrons, sucking the life-blood from the country whence it derived its support, British Columbia to Ottawa. In turned loose its dogs of war and, so far as assistance from other papers either in the Yukon or at Skagway was concerned, has since kept up the fight single-handed and alone, the remainder of the Dawson press in its feeble way apologizing for the greed of the road at the same time, even going so far as to employ fake telegrams in an assinine attempt to discourage shippers from having goods sent to Dawson vis St. Michael. However, the Nugget was ably supported in its fight for the people's rights by the press on the outside both in Canada and the States, but especially of that in the Dominion all the way from fact all over Canada where a correct knowledge of the wrong that was being worked to the people of the Yukon was had, the position of the Nugget in its fight with the blood-sucking vampire was vigorously upheld and assisted. Every high official at Ottawa has been informed by the Nugget of the millstone that has been suspended to the neck of the Yukon pulling it down lower and lower until wholesale bankruptcy was inevitable had the government not interfered. The case is without parallel in Dominion history, this being the first record of where the government's strong arm has been reached forth to drag a relentless octopus from its exhausted victims. A great victory has been won for the people and the W. P. & Y. R. Co. has received a blow such as has never before been delivered to any corporation in the Dominion. As an evidence that the work of the Nugget in bringing about this scathing rebuke to the railroad company is appreciated by the people, the Nugget's telephone has been ringing almost unceasingly all of today and compliments have been pouring in from all over the city. The honor is ours and we are proud of it—proud that our unceasing and fearless efforts in behalf of the people of the Yukon have been crowned with such overwhelming success.)



VICTORY CROWNS THE WORK OF MANY MONTHS.

KLONDIKE CREEKS R.R.

McLean Bros. Will Begin Construction Work In Early Spring.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—McLean Bros. announce that all arrangements have been completed and that they will commence work early in the spring on the construction of the Klondike Creeks Railroad under the charter granted to Thomas W. O'Brien and associates, the line leading from Dawson to the various creeks.

The main line will lead up Bonanza and Eldorado and on across the divide to Indian river.

The object is to subsequently extend the road to Stewart river and on to the mouth of the Pelly opposite Fort Selkirk. The construction is so planned that the road will form a link in an all-Canadian line which parties with whom McLean Bros. are identified, presumably McKenzie & Mann, promise soon to undertake.

YUKON'S CENSUS.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Census Commissioner Woodside gives the population of the Yukon territory at 22,000, that of Dawson being between 7,500 and 8,000.

A FAKE SENSATION

San Francisco Call Invents a Yukon Conspiracy.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—The Call in a recent issue devoted a page and a half to the exploitation of a sensational story alleging that a conspiracy has been hatched in Dawson with a branch organization in San Francisco, Victoria, Skagway and Seattle, to overthrow the Yukon administration by force. The article declares that 5,000 miners stood ready to try force to overpower the mounted police. All officials were to be imprisoned and a republic proclaimed.

All other coast papers have denounced the story as a fake and the Call throws the entire blame upon its Skagway correspondent.

IN THE TOILS.

Spokane, Nov. 20.—W. Abbott Lewis, the absconding city attorney, has been brought back from Denver, where he was apprehended and arrested. On his arrival here not a friend or member of his family called at the jail to see him.

SULLIVAN BUSY.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—E. M. Sullivan of Dawson is here making arrangements for the inauguration of a new steamship service for freight from British Columbia and Sound points via St. Michael and lower Yukon stations to Dawson.

R. C. STEVENS.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—R. C. Stevens a prominent official in the Great Northern Ry. Co. is dead, the result of a cold contracted while attending the vice-regal reception at Vancouver a few weeks ago.

GO S TO JURY.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—The Considine case has gone to the jury and general opinion is that a verdict of not guilty will be returned.

SMA L- OX.

Quebec, Nov. 20.—There are sixty cases of small-pox in this city and the plague is still spreading.

BIG ROBBERY.

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 20.—H. Leventhal, a traveling man, claims to have been robbed here last night of diamonds to the value of $10,000.

REBELLION THREATENED

Redmond Irish Nationalist Talks Plainly at Toronto.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—John Redmond the Irish member of parliament and Irish Nationalist, is here today. He declares that if Ireland was only stronger financially and numerically she would at once rise up in armed rebellion against British domination. He says Ireland wants a republic and, failing in that, equal rights with Canada.

MATTERS POLITICAL

Are About to Reach a Crisis in British Columbia.

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—Matters political are approaching a crisis in British Columbia. Lieut.-Governor Jolli has notified Premier Dunsmuir that he must complete his cabinet and that the house must meet not later than January. A portfolio will be offered R. L. Drury or Colonel Prior of Victoria to be senior member of the house of commons. Colonel Prior announced that he will not enter provincial politics except as premier, but this announcement was made subsequent to E. V. Bodwell accepting the opposition nomination with the ultimate intention of assuming the leadership of the Liberal party on the lines of the division now prevailing. Prior thereupon accepted the portfolio, Pooley of Esquimalt, retiring to permit him to contest an easy seat. Bodwell will have a walkover in Victoria where ex-governor Dewdney will be the government candidate.

THE MESSAGE.

Wasgington, Nov. 20.—The president's message now in preparation is said to vigorously urge anti-trust legislation and re-enactment, the strengthening of anti-Mongolian legislation and for a reclamation of arid lands in western America

ASTRONOMICAL.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—The greatest discovery of a century has been made here at the Yerkes observatory by Professor Ritchry through the powerful camera which is being used to furnish positive proof of the correctness of the nebular theory.

OPINIONS OF LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ON THE GREAT VICTORY.

There is great rejoicing among the business men of Dawson today and many are the expressions of congratulations tendered to the Nugget for the stand it has taken in reference to the extortionate freight charges of the octopus and the outcome as evidenced by the action of Commissioner of Railways Blair, who has notified the White Pass Railway that unless a material reduction is made in freight charges the government will intervene and stop the operation of the road. Interviews from different merchants were obtained this morning and they upon learning the news as published in another column of this paper expressed themselves as follows :—

J. P. McLennan : "That's good news for the country and it shows what constant hammering will accomplish. I congratulate the Nugget. There is no reason why the freight rates should not be cut in two. If that can be done on the long lower river haul, there is no reason why it should not follow on the upper river. On the down river the boats return practically empty, while the up-river boats operate profitably returning from Dawson with passengers and considerable freight for way points When I brought my first shipment into the country in '98 I paid 40 per cent. more for hauling the same from Bennet to Whitehorse, a distance of 40 miles, than I did from Montreal to Vancouver, a distance of nearly 4000 miles. The same rate is charged today as in '98. I believe the government has made up its mind to do as is stated in your telegram. The White Pass people will find Railway Commissioner Blair a hard one when he makes up his mind to fight.

Rose, of Townsend & Rose :—"The Nugget has made a great fight and I give them credit for it. That's fine. Freight can be landed in Dawson for $50 a ton. We will handle freight (Dome Commission Co.) for $25 a ton from Whitehorse. There is no reason why the W. P. R. cannot operate profitably from Skagway to that point for 1c a pound. If that corporation don't do so they should be stopped and other means found to help the people."

Milne :—"Bully for the Nugget. Your paper certainly deserves great credit. People cannot stand high prices. The rates are ridiculous. They should be cut right in two. It can be done and a legitimate profit made. Another thing, all should be treated alike. When Leo was here I know special favorites were offered rates far lower than that given on the company's tariff sheet."

R. P. McLennan : — "The merchants, miners and everyone interested are indebted to the Nugget for the stand it has taken. I think an average rate of $40 a ton would be a reasonable basis to operate on. The method now employed of rebating at the end of the season is an outrage. Last year's business has not been settled for and the railroad hold $10,000 of my money at present for this year's rebates, and have done so for several months. I don't know when I will get it. The railroad and for that matter the Northern Navigation Co. are extortionists. They entered into an agreement among themselves to allow the freight of the N. C. Co. and N. A. T. & T. Co. to land at a rate via lower river of $80 a ton. All other shippers were compelled to pay the W. P. R. schedule rate less 10 per cent. preferential.

Shindler :—"The people are under great obligations to the Nugget for the manly and honorable stand it has taken and to it can largely be ascribed the credit of the government's action. The rate should be not less than one-half of present changes. The average rate paid by me on all goods imported this season is 12c a pound. If the rates were cut in two the company would still get 6c and make a handsome profit. They have a ridiculous system of charges, for instances: Bicycle sundries (steel fittings) are charged $290 a ton. Hardware, $135 a ton. The only difference between the two classes is that one class costs more than the other. Glassware is another, $240 a ton; ammunition, $160 a ton. All these goods are heavy and bulky merchandise, but nevertheless the price of hauling is based not on weight and bulk but on what the traffic will bear."

All other merchants spoken to expressed themselves in the same manner as those quoted, but lack of space compels their interviews to be crowded out.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store

MUSICIANS ON A STRIKE

The Auditorium Was Without an Orchestra Last Night.

Visitors to the Auditorium last night were somewhat surprised to find no orchestra in attendance, the overtures and entr'acte music as well as the cues being played simply by a piano manipulated by a very indifferent performer. The reason for the absence of an orchestra was due to a strike on the part of the musicians, not for more money or less hours, but for back money said to be due. It is claimed that there is owing each of the musicians in both the Auditorium and Standard all the way from $125 to $175 and yesterday evening at 7:30 a body o them waited on the management bearing the information that if the arrears were not liquidated they would no longer work. Manager Fads informed them that it was impossible for him to pay them at once, so there was no orchestra present at the performance. An endeavor was made to procure other men, but those now idle refused to take the positions of those striking for wages already earned. Annie Merrill, a variety singer, was pressed into service, appearing at the piano as an apology for an orchestra. At the Standard the orchestra walked out at midnight with the exception of Zabst, a cornetist. A German fiddler by name of Krausmeyer was rustled up and he with Zabst and Annie Merrill filled out the night. The action of the orchestra was precipitated by their failure to receive any back salary out of the benefit tendered Manager Eads Monday evening, which, they claim, netted him a large sum.

Were Out for Practice.

A number of the Police hockey team were out yestetday for practice, getting limbered up and their ice legs in condition. The rink was in very fair shape but it is the intention to flood it once more before any play is indulged in.

NOTHING SMALL ABOUT HER

Philadelphia Woman Forges C. P. R. Certificates.

London, Nov. 20.—Marie Josephine Eclhwicke is the name of the mysterious woman from Philadelphia who was arrested here for forging Canadian Pacific Railway certificates for $100,000. She has been sentenced to six months imprisonment. It is maintained that she is insane and on that ground may be based efforts to secure her release.

HE ROLLED HIGH BALLS

Andy Does Some Plunging During Closing of Gambling.

Although he has never made a practice of saying "hit me," Andy McKenzie, the day manager at the Aurora, last night stepped into the back room where the games were in the throes of death about half an hour before the grand finale and decided to cheer the last moments of the life of a blackjack game by doing some plunging. Dame Fortune smiled on the rotund-faced gentleman and in a few minutes —not over eight or ten—he returned to the front room just $1560 better off than when he felt the "hunch" to plunge.

Then it was that Andy's heart, which normally is larger than a Chicago ham, assumed even greater proportions and in stentorian tones he said: "Come up, boys!" The boys stood not upon the order of their coming up and during the next hour Colin McDonald, the night manager of the Aurora, came within 13 bottles of reaching the championship record of the Yukon for opening wine, that record being held by Andy himself, having been made by him several months ago. When all present had said "No more for me, thanks!" Andy settled the bill which was $550.

The Aurora was one place in Dawson where the closing of the games was celebrated in a manner in which disappointment, dull care or thought for the future did not participate.

The strange part of it is that everybody, including Tom Chisholm, felt good this morning.

Driving Club.

The Dawson Driving Club will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:30, at the residence of Mr. H. C. Macaulay on Princess street and Seventh avenue. Members of the club are requested to be at the place above mentioned promptly at the time specified.

Kelly & Co., Leading Druggists.

REMANDED FOR 20 DAYS

George E. Daniel Up Against the Real Thing in Seattle.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—George E. Daniel who is wanted in Dawson for embezzling $20,000 from the agent of Carsten Bros., has been remanded to jail for 20 days to enable the British government to complete its extradition proceedings. The defense claims that due diligence has not been exercised in presenting evidence from Dawson to justify the detention of an American citizen.

ROGER'S KICK.

Olympia, Nov. 20. — Governor Rogers will call an extra session of the state legislature to oppose the control of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroad Companies passing into the hands of the National Securities Company.

MONEY MUDDLE.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—It has been discovered that Chicago city officials have improperly diverted $2,100,000 from the civic sinking funds to meet current expenses.

BURGLAR SHOT.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—F. D. Bush was shot dead last night by a policeman while in the act of robbing a safe in the Northern Pacific office.

LADY SMUGGLARS.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—Upwards of a dozen society ladies of this city have been prosecuted for smuggling. Their offense consists chiefly of bringing silks from Victoria.

POPE LEO VERY ILL

Despatches From Rome Give the Information.

New York, Nov. 20.—Pope Leo is said to be on the point of death. Despatches from Rome are very meagre further than the simple announcement that his holiness is very ill.

GRAVE CHARGE.

London, Nov. 20.—Dr. Krause is on trial here for treason and conspiracy in inciting De. Cornelius Brocthman, formerly public prosecutor at Johannesburg to murder Douglas Foster, an English barrister.