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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

NOT JUSTIFIED.

Our morning contemporary is after the scalp of Superintendent Charlson, of the public works department. Mr. Charlson has under his immediate supervision the construction of the line which is to give Dawson through communication with Vancouver. Mr. Charlson is the same man who constructed the line from Lake Bennett to Dawson in such a remarkably short time two years ago. The accomplishment of that enterprise was considered a remarkable achiev ment, and justly so, for the difficulties which had to be overcome made the task which Mr. Charlson had undertaken an exceedingly difficult one. The work of building the main line involves much more serious problems than were met by Mr. Charleson in constructing the Skagway-Dawson line. The country through which the line is being constructed is exceedingly rugged, and in the winter time there is invariably an exceedingly heavy snow fall. Added to this have been the difficulties incident to the transportation of supplies, the establishment of posts and other equally serious problems which must of necessity be overcome in an enterprise such as the construction of a telegraph li e through a new country.

It is quite true that Mr. Charlson has been disappointed in not completing the work as early as he had hoped to do. It was fully anticipated that the wire would be in working order by the middle of the present summer but several weeks have gone by and another postponement of the date of completion is announced.

These facts do not, however, justify the somewhat rabid language used by our contemporary this morning. Other men have undertaken equally as important public enterprises and failed to complete them on time, but in very few instances have they been driven from public life in consequence. Enough facts have not yet been brought out in Mr. Charlson's case to warrant an opinion, such as the Sun has given, being expressed. All that is known is the mere fact that Mr. Charleson's expectations have not been realized. He hoped to finish the line on a certain date and failed to do so. In consequence the Sun would have him discharged at once from the public service. When the full situation is known we are of the opinion that Mr. Charlson will be able to show very good reasons for the delays which have attended the completion of the work.

Meanwhile we suggest to our contemporary to calm its troubled spirit, and not allow its angry passions to rise in such a manner. It is altogether too undignified.

According to the predictions of various wiseacres Dawson ought by rights to be entirely off the map by this time. When the gambling order went into effect on June 1 a howl went up that the town was going to the dogs and that nothing would be left inside of six months. The facts of the case are that Dawson is still a lively bustling town with prospects for the future which are very bright indeed. Dawson will always remain a good town as long as the Klondike remains a heavy gold producer. If the diggings should give out, all the gamblers in the world couldn't make the town a profitable place for business, nor on the other hand can the closing of the games interfere seriously with the progress of Dawson as long as the mines remain good. The cry raised last spring was entirely uncalled for.

When Charles I as ended Cromwell's scaffold he felt the edge of the headsman's ax and is said to have remarked, "This is sharp medicine but a sure cure for all diseases." Probably Lord Kitchener had the same idea in mind when he issued his recent proclamation. At any rate the troubles in Boerland seem to be coming to an end. Under the circumstances almost any policy which will put a stop to un necessary devastation and loss of life is justifiable.

Turkey has yielded to France and made arrangements for the payment of the indemnity claimed by the latter. The sultan will bluff as long as there is any hope of making a bluff good, but when it comes down to a question of sending a minister home he usually prefers to settle. It is this peculiarity that has kept the sick man of Europe alive so long. If it were not for the possession of a certain diplomatic finesse he would have been a dead man long ago.

If all the wild berries which grow in the marshes and on the hills near Dawson could be secured and preserved there would be no necessity of importing a single can of fruit for the winter. Hundreds of bushels of currants, blueberries, cranberries and other finely flavored fruits will spoil on the bushes for want of being picked. It seems to us that an opening is presented here for an industry which would be very profitable.

Mark Hanna is talked of as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. If the Republican leaders want to place Bryan in the White House they could not lay plans for that purpose any more effectually than by nominating Hanna. Hanna would make more votes for Bryan in a month that the latter could make for himself in five years.

It may take more than one frost to make a winter, but there is no mistaking the fact that cold weather is within hailing distance.

Gold Bar Lost.

A bar of bullion valued at about $20,000 and the product of the Apollo mine of Unga, Alaska, is missing. It is now several days overdue in San Francisco, where it was consigned on board the steamer Newport.

Late in July the gold was shipped from Unga, arriving at Juneau the last day of the month. From that point it was the intention to reship the treasure via the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers to Seattle and on to San Francisco. Advices of the consignment were duly made by the mine management to the San Francisco office.

A telegram received by Capt. James Carroll from the Apollo Consolidated Mining Company, of San Francisco, which is operating the property, states that the bar has not arrived. Capt. Carroll was instructed to ascertain if possible the whereabouts of the bullion shipment. So far as he knows the bar has not reached Seattle.

Meanwhile the Newport has sailed for the westward from Juneau, and unless the missing brick turns up no definite trace can be found of it until the Newport returns to Juneau, which will not be until toward the close of the month.—Skagway News.

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AGAIN THE TORONTO GLOBE

Has Something to Say of White Pass Route.

It Quotes From the Sun Before That Paper Changed Color on the Railroad Question.

The Toronto Globe has been reading what our morning contemporary had to say about the White Pass octopus before it (our morning contemporary) had the sudden change of heart which came over it some time ago. The following is taken from the Globe of Aug. 16:

"The White Pass & Yukon officials, according to the Yukon Sun of July 27, are worse than the bears. They have refused to reduce the freight rates. The Dawson business men who met the officials said that the profits of merchants would not allow them to pay the high charges for transportation. The increased facilities for handling goods and the great saving in time over two or three years ago, it was argued, enabled the transportation companies to bring in consignments much cheaper than formerly, yet the rates charged today are considerably higher on some lines than when the business man depended on more uncertain means of delivery. While prices in every department have been falling, in conformity to well known rules of trade, the high cost of freight over the White Pass has not been abated one jot or tittle. As a result, the committee showed that on a general average three-fifths of the total trade of Dawson and the Klondike finds its way into the pockets of the transportation companies, one-fifth goes outside to pay for the goods, and one-fifth defrays expenses at this end, and leaves such meagre profits as current prices may afford.

"President Graves seems to have replied in a somewhat cavalier way, declaring that he was sorry the merchants were not making more profit, but that was not the fault of his company. The Sun, with western bluntness, remarks that the company is not a producer, but a parasite.

"'It is responsible for a lack of prosperity, only for the reason that from its inception the road has been a highway robber, standing squarely in the center of the road of prosperity and progress. It holds the pass at both the point of ingress and egress of the Klondike, and its sole purpose is to tax prosperity to the limit of endurance whenever and wherever prosperity shows itself. It is no more and no less than a legalized highway robber, for the contributions it demands from all travelers along that highway are fixed solely by the limits of the traveler's purse. Being in that line of business, Mr. Graves and his company have bent all their efforts to perfect their system of extortion. All their mental and financial energies have been expended in perfecting their system of robbery with economy. The world about them has moved onward at the command of Policeman Fate, and conditions have changed day by day, but President Graves has noticed the change not at all, engrossed, as he has been, in perfecting his snide little monopoly.'

"It concludes that the company will kill the country unless the merchants kill the monopoly, 'which will be an easy thing to do.' There are further reports of merchants running boats for themselves rather than submit to the extortion, and parliament will be asked to take action on the matter. There is every probability of a hot fight."

Conan Dople's Hero.

Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle's hero, was drawn from life. Dr. Doyle's original still lives in the flesh in the person of an Edinburgh professor of medicine. Dr. Doyle studied under him. "Gentlemen," this wonderful professor would say to the students, "I am not quite sure whether this man is a corkcutter or a slater. I observe a slight hardening one one side of his forefinger and a little thickening on one side of his thumb, and that is a sure sign that he is one or the other." "Ah!" he would say to another patient, "you are a soldier and you have served in Bermuda as a non-commissioned officer," and then, turning to the students, he would point out that the man came into the room without taking off his hat, as he would enter the orderly room; that his air showed that he was a non-commissioned officer, and that a rash he had on his forehead was known only in Bermuda. It was from this man that Dr. Conan Doyle evolved Sherlock Holmes, the man who saw a clew to a murder in a broken twig and scented a criminal from a tear in a piece of paper.

The killing of Sherlock Holmes is now considered by Dr. Doyle's friends to be one of the greatest mistakes ever made by an author. "It must have been like blowing up a gold mine," says one of them. There were undeveloped sources of untold wealth in Sherlock living, but with his death all his intrinsic value passed away. It was in Switzerland that Dr. Doyle decided that Sherlock must die, and a novelist friend with him at the time, Silas Hocking, suggested that since Doyle insisted on killing the goose that laid the golden egg he might take the detective out Zermatt way and drop him over a precipice. That is exactly what the author did, and Sherlock Holmes had hardly fallen down that fearful crag before Dr. Doyle began receiving letters from ladies beginning, "You beast!" But he has never regretted his disposal of his famous character, it is said, and has himself the poorest opinion of the stories in which Sherlock Holmes was the central figure.

Boer Convoy Captured.

New York, Aug. 24.—The capture of a large Boer convoy of provisions and ammunition, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, is the chief fact in the budget of war news. The weakness of the military guard protecting the convoy when supplies are scarce and cannot be easily replaced is a fresh sign of exhaustion. The pro-Boer journals are still asserting that the black men will be armed and stationed in block houses after the close of the war, but there is no authority for the rumor. This is only another way of saying that the Boers never can be subdued, for block houses will not be needed when the last band of guerrillas has been disposed of and peace been restored.

From a detailed complaint which, it is alleged, has been made by Lord Kitchener to the war office, it would appear that the last batches of imperial yeomanry sent out to South Africa actually included cripples and men afflicted with heart disease. There has been shocking carelessness in many instances in medical examinations and general testing of the imperial yeomanry. No one asserts that there are any thoroughly suitable men among the later reinforcements, but it is evident that there are many utterly hopeless cases, and if parliament were sitting attention would surely be drawn in the house of commons to the serious waste entailed by the cost of sending out, attempting to train and returning home again such impossible material as the war office dispatched in a hurry to General Kitchener.

Last Night's Concert.

The sacred concert given at the Savoy theater last evening was very excellent in every respect. The Savoy orchestra was enlarged by three pieces from the Standard orchestra, making the best aggregation of musicians which has ever played together in Dawson.

The players are all experts on their respective instruments and played in perfect harmony. The tones of their instruments are all rich and full, making the air resonant with the most beautiful and harmonious sound. During the program several vocal selections were sung by ladies of the Savoy Company in a pleasing manner and received hearty applause. The program was as follows:

"Baltimore," march, Burton; "Militair" overture, Puerner; vocal selections, Miss D'Espia; gems of Offenbach's operas, arranged by Moses; vocal selections, Miss Krieg; "Echoes" (by special request), arranged by Moses; "The Bridal Tour", Enhes; illustrated songs, Miss Howard; Scotch medly, Ringleben; vocal selections, Miss Jewell; "Nid A'Mour," waltz, Waldtenfel; vocal duet, Misses D'Espia and Miss Krieg; "God Save the King."

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A POLITICAL SUGGESTION.

Why is it we hear nothing these days about incorporation? Surely the city of Dawson has now reached the point, where with advantage to her citizens she can govern her own affairs without calling upon the Yukon Council for administrative action. That body has enough on its hands to look after the welfare of the territory without dabbling in local matters. There is plenty of good material here for our purpose and leaving out the great good possible to be attained by wise legislation, a city election would give us an interest in our own affairs which is viewed at present with indifference and apathy. Here's to the first mayor of Dawson! May he be honest, efficient and prone to stylish dress.

HERSHBERG, CLOTHIER

WENT DOWN ON ISLANDER

Census Returns of Atlin and the Cassiar Country.

Owing to the wrecking of the steamer Islander the Dominion government will be necessarily put to the expense of retaking the census of the Atlin and Cassiar districts, the returns from which went down on the unfortunate craft. A late issue of the Skagway Alaskan says:

A great complication as the result of the wreck of the steamer Islander now confronts the Canadian government.

For the past two months census takers have been in the field at Atlin and in the Cassiar district ascertaining the population. The process was completed about two weeks ago, the report arrived at Skagway and was sent down to Ottawa on the Islander.

These are now lost. The Hating brought the news, having had it corroborated from Vancouver. Word was sent to the census commissioner at Ottawa and it is understood an order was issued for the retaking of the census immediately.

NIMRODS ARE HAPPY

Season for Shooting Ducks and Geese Opened Yesterday.

Yesterday, September 1st, began the season when ducks, geese and brandt may be legally hunted in the Yukon although in the immediate vicinity of Dawson there is little necessity for a law protecting this class of game. Ducks and geese are not numerous in this locality and what few there are appear to be well able to protect themselves from the onslaughts of the gunner. At points only a few miles both down and up the Yukon and on the Klondike, Stewart and other rivers ducks are found in large numbers and it is to these points that local sportsmen will now repair with all their modern hunting outfits, hammerless guns, smokeless cartridges, décoys, moleskin shooting jackets and a large amount of liquid refreshment. The air will be resonant with reports of guns and an aroma of burned powder will permeate the frost-laden zephyrs. But the old hunter with his muzzle-loading shot gun from his place of ambush in the willows will kill the ducks and sell them at high figures to the man who hunts according to the directions printed in Rod and Gun, Orting and other unreliable sporting magazines

Ministerial Party.

Father Rene, prefect apostolic of Alaska and the Yukon, arrived on the Powers yesterday from a tour of inspection of the lower river stations. The reverend gentleman was accompanied by Father Parodi, who has seen ten years' continuous service at the Holy Cross mission, and Father Jas. Post, of St. Michael.

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