

THEY WERE AT NOME IN '99

When the Camp Was Young, but Very Warm.

Several U. S. Soldiers Boys Now Visiting Dawson Were With Lieutenant Craigie Two Years Ago.

A number of the U. S. soldiers now in the city from Eagle were with Lieutenant Craigie in Nome in the days of '99 when military law prevailed and the beach was overrun with thousands of wild-eyed staupeaders, each bent on securing a fortune in the least possible time. Those were times when clear judgment, a cool head and often a bit of strategy was necessary in order to preserve peace among the discordant elements, and many were the happenings which will always remain a part of the unwritten history of the far north.

Yesterday afternoon a group of friends surrounded one of the boys in blue who related how Lieutenant Craigie and two privates arrested 1000 angry miners who were rocking on the beach and the peculiar termination of the case. At the time of the occurrence the beach was lined with miners, some of whom were taking out good money every day. A man named Springer who represented the Cape Nome Development and Mining Company owned a tundra claim adjacent to the beach and claimed ownership of everything clear out into deep water, the beach included. Springer made complaint against the miners who were working "his beach" and swore out a warrant charging them all with trespass. Lieutenant Craigie with two men went out to execute the warrant, leaving all their arms in camp. Upon their arrival at the scene work was dispatched along the beach calling for a meeting and soon a howling mob had congregated. The lieutenant addressed them saying if they did not submit to arrest he would have to compel them to do so until the matter had been adjudicated in the courts and advised them all as a friend to walk down to the barracks and see the thing out. The crowd was disposed to follow the lieutenant's advice and would have done so immediately had it not been for E. D. Caspell, the mayor of Nome and a sort of a professional agitator, who betrayed them on the "infringement of their rights," etc. He, however, was soon hustled out of the way, and an hour later a thousand men were lined up at the barracks under guard of one soldier. Lieutenant Craigie informed Springer he had executed the warrants and had the men under arrest.

"These men," said the wily West Pointer, "are now under charge of the government and will have to be cared for until their cases come up for a hearing, which may not be for a week or possibly a month. Their maintenance during that time will cost considerable, Mr. Springer, and I must ask you to indemnify the government in some manner against loss in case you prove unsuccessful in your suit. Let me see; the best meal in the camp is now about 60, which would amount to \$6000 per meal for the 1000 men now under arrest or \$15,000 per day. Yes, I think that will do, Mr. Springer; you pay me \$15,000 every day before breakfast until the cases come up for trial and I think I may safely hold the prisoners."

Springer, it is said, fell dead at the proposition, and a moment later the men were released and told they could go back to work. And there was a hot time in Nome that night.

When the Argonauts let out at the mile

the other Canadian crew held the spurt and the Vespers dropped several inches in the wake. The Argonauts finished in 7 minutes and 43 seconds, with the Quakers four lengths behind. At a reception given the oarsmen in Toronto, Alderman Cox of Toronto announced that a prominent Toronto citizen had offered the Argonaut eight its expenses to England for next year's Henley Regatta.

ASK FOR BLOW BACK

Steps Being Taken to Recover Illegally Collected Royalty.

Falcon Joslyn expressed surprise last night at the publication in the Nome and Seattle newspapers of his letter in regard to the action taken to recover the royalty on gold mined in 1898. In his opinion it was a matter entirely between the claimants and the Dominion government and otherwise of no public interest. Since, however, his letter had been published he would now say that in 1898 when the royalty was paid he was and is now agent for Mr. Chappelle, one of the largest payers of royalty.

"I thought at that time that the royalty claimed was illegal," says Mr. Joslyn, "and I advised Mr. Chappelle to pay it under protest rather than to take the risk of having his claim cancelled, and later on to bring suit in the regular way to recover the money."

"Then others joined in the matter and a local firm of well-known barristers, was retained. Opinions were taken from prominent lawyers in Eastern Canada, and as these were favorable, proceedings were begun. Actions in about 40 cases have been filed in the exchequer court of Canada and are now pending. Of these the cases of Wm. Chappelle, George Carmack and James Tweed are at issue and will probably come on for hearing sometime next spring. The amount involved in these three cases is about \$23,000.

"Action is only taken for the royalty paid in 1898, the contention being that the claims were granted before the royalty came into force. Several hundred thousand dollars were thus paid in royalties, and the actions for recovery already filed will amount to between \$200,000 and \$300,000."

STORIES REVIVED

Since Mr. Heney's Arrival of All Canadian Railroad.

The visit of Contractor Heney during last week, and the consequent speculation as to an all-American route of railroad, which is now generally believed to be an assured fact, has given a hystis to railroad projects generally. Not only have all the local projects been re-thrashed but they have been laid before Mr. Heney and there is much whispering as to the probable result.

Among the Canadians the latest all-Canadian route has been resuscitated. This time it follows the telegraph line from Ahecroft to Atlin, taking in a part of the McKenzie-Mann grade, and from Atlin it comes to the mouth of the Hootalinqua, tapping the new strikes in that district. Negotiations are said to have been started for the beginning of construction work this season. Also the White Pass is said to be in a position to continue its line to the mouth of Hootalinqua as soon as any possible rival makes a start.

In short, Mr. Heney's brief visit has been productive of many rumors of railroads in addition to the excited gossip about the exact route of the Valdes road.

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SIBERIAN GOLIATH

Visits Dawson and Attracts Considerable Curiosity.

The picture produced herewith is that of Demetrius Feurin a native Siberian who arrived in Dawson from San Francisco last Friday. Notwithstanding the fact that he is not quite 22 years of age he is a giant in physique—6 feet 4 inches in height and weighs nearly 275 pounds. His extraordinary size alone would

was compelled to leave secretly and during his trip had many narrow escapes from capture and encountered many adventures. He traveled on the railroad as far as it went—the railroad employees helping him along. Leaving the railroad at its terminus which at that time was about 740 miles from Vladivostok he made the balance of the distance on foot, working his way to the coast. Talking a steamer from Vladivostok he went to Turkey and from there to San Francisco. Learning from his countrymen at Frisco of the golden Klondike he again packed his grip and started for Skagway determined to try his fortunes here. From Skagway he walked to Whitehorse and

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cause everyone whom he met to turn around for a second look at him and coupling with that his picturesque appearance in his native dress, makes him the center of attraction wherever he goes. He cannot speak or understand a word of the English language but by means of an interpreter a Nugget representative learned his story. His home is in Viatco, a town in the province of Guber, Siberia, in which place he was born and raised. For two years in a half prior to his leaving his country he was at work on the new railroad which is to connect Vladivostok with St. Petersburg. It was an attempt on the part of the authorities to force him into the army which caused him to leave his country. He

from that place he worked his way down on one of the steamers. He left his home two and a half months ago during which time he has been traveling continuously. From St. Petersburg to Vladivostok he says is a distance of 10,000 miles and the fare over the line when it is completed will be \$35 for a third-class passage. He did not state what the first and second-class would be.

Demetrius, notwithstanding his great size is a very pleasant appearing young man and is a ready talker when in conversation with one who understands his language. He expects to remain in this country until his fortune is made and is now looking for employment. His muscular ability should make him a valuable assistant to any mine operator in the country.

straight over. He fell 35 feet and landed on high weeds and grasses, which broke the force of the fall.

By the time the officers reached the top of the cliff the man had disappeared, and close search failed to reveal more than a wide trail plowed down the side of the bluff. The man evidently miraculously escaped with his life, but his leap was the most daring attempt at escape ever made by a criminal in Tacoma.

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Leap of a Fiend. Tacoma, July 23.—An opium fiend, whose name the police have not learned, made a flying leap from the east end of Seventh street to the railroad yards below, at noon today. At the spot where the leap was taken the bluff is 150 feet high, part of which is sheer precipice. The man had just been brought to the police station in the patrol wagon.

He feigned sleep, but the instant the wagon stopped, leaped to the ground with cat-like agility, and before anyone was aware of what was happening, was racing down Seventh street. Sergeant McCoy followed, but the man reached the brow of the bluff, and to the amazement of the officer, leaped

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