

The Klondike Nugget

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From Wed's and Thursday's Daily. FRANCHISE DENIED.

Commissioner Ross has declared himself in opposition to the idea of permitting aliens to vote at the approaching municipal election. Briefly stated, the Commissioner is of the opinion that aliens who desire to vote should take out naturalization papers and become Canadian citizens.

Many of the old timers have left Dawson and their places have been filled by others who, while heavily interested in various business enterprises, are not qualified under the law for citizenship.

More than one-third of all the taxes called for by the recent assessment will be paid by less than ten business concerns and individuals, all of whom may be classed as aliens.

Mr. Ross is too astute a politician to make a public declaration such as appeared in this paper yesterday in connection with the franchise matter without knowing exactly where he stands.

The Nugget believes that the best interests of the community would have been subserved had a different line of action been determined upon, but as has been said before in these columns, the alien population of Dawson, notwithstanding their extensive interests, are in no position to make demands for the privilege of voting.

NOW IS THE TIME.

The threat of the White Pass Company to raise the rates from Skagway to the Summit, sufficiently to offset any reductions made by the Canadian government, will prove of no avail if proper representations are made to the United States government.

That rate has never been changed as yet and in order to make any increase it will be necessary for the railroad company to secure a special ruling from the Interior department.

The time to compel the company to change its attitude toward this territory is right now, when the matter is being prominently discussed in the outside newspapers, and while the officers of the railroad are making desperate efforts to perpetuate their present aggressive policy.

Every American citizen in Dawson and in the surrounding mining district should make it an immediate duty to forward a personal letter to the Interior department, protesting against any increase in the rate now

allowed the White Pass line from Skagway to the Summit, and requesting that a new rate be established in conformity with the action taken by the Canadian Minister of Railways.

An appeal of such a nature must certainly bring the desired results. It rests with the people of the community themselves to settle the railroad question—once and for all, and if every individual will interest himself in the matter, along the lines noted, the desired end will be accomplished.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The longest telegram ever transmitted over the Dominion telegraph line was received at the Nugget office yesterday. It consisted of almost 7,000 words and included a practically verbatim report of President Roosevelt's first message to congress.

The message was of such length that it was impossible for the efficient telegraph operators to handle it entirely before the Nugget went to press yesterday, but the remainder is published today, and we have no doubt it will prove as acceptable as though we had been able to give the entire report in our issue of last evening.

A careful review of the message must bring the conviction that President Roosevelt, although called by chance to the duties of his great office, has demonstrated his fitness for his exalted position in an unmistakable manner.

The N. W. M. P., I am glad to say, would still have complete control over any infractions of the criminal code, and the gamblers and those interested in gambling and other kindred offenses would have no better chances of pursuing their avocations under incorporation than they have today.

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could result from no other influence. This great victory has been won wholly and entirely through the pressure exerted by outraged public opinion. The Nugget has borne the brunt of the struggle in arousing the community to action, and we point now to what has been accomplished as complete justification of the course which we have pursued.

The railroad company has yielded, and by the published statement of its own officers, will frame its tariff sheets for the coming season in conformity with the requirements of the government.

The Nugget rejoices in the great victory which has been accomplished, and more particularly because the fight has been conducted in the face of odds which have seemed at times almost insurmountable.

We congratulate the government for the magnificent part it has borne in the struggle, and we congratulate the people of Yukon to whose benefit the fruits of the victory will inure.

An Englishman's Views.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 4, 1901. Editor Nugget.—The subject of the incorporation of Dawson seems today to be the chief topic of discussion on the streets and in view of the extraordinary ideas held by some people on the subject, perhaps these few lines may be of some value to the public.

Apparently a great many people hold the opinion that under incorporation the mayor and aldermen will have the complete control of the policing of the town. This, to anyone who has lived in the N. W. T. of Canada is the height of absurdity.

The thoughtful dance at the Central hotel proved a very enjoyable affair. The merry-makers danced with the music's sweet measure until the early hours. Messrs. Benson and Lowrey deserve great credit for the efficient manner in which the program was managed and the turkey feast tendered those participating.

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OVER THE DIVIDE.

By ED. HERING.

Gold Run creek during the past week seemed to take on its old time form and activity, each and every layman with but few exceptions, has encountered pay dirt and considering the number of laymen this winter on the creek there certainly can be but very little cause for complaint, at least not from a financial point of view, which, coupled with the large wood contracts let to private individuals for cutting and hauling timber, lends a light of encouragement to the creek people in general.

Mrs. E. C. Beckenridge, of No. 26a has everything in readiness to work her property this winter. The ground in this particular locality is considered very rich. Mrs. Beckenridge is also owner of 12a Gold Run, and cleaned up a large-sized dump this summer. She will employ a force of ten or twelve men.

William Abbot and partners have commenced work on their lay, No. 12. They are hoisting and thawing by steam. This property is worked by C. E. Carboneau and is being worked on three lays.

John Warner is working a lay on 32. He has eight men employed, and has a large dump, working the property with windlads.

Gold Run creek, like her sister creeks, Eldorado and Bonanza, refuses to yield the yellow metal past No. 43, therefore there is but little doing at that end with the exception of No. 77, which property is being developed by Linden and Nelson.

Miss Lulu Casey has leased the Whitman hotel, No. 28, Mrs. Sloggie and opened the same for the winter.

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He had been over the divide several times himself, and according to his own arguing and point of view it would never do to tip his hand in the presence of the gang and any cheaps who might be present, therefore a case of good stuff looked like a secondary consideration to Dick and he called Joe's wager was left to Alex Hadden, the night mixologist, in turn being passed up by the congregation as warm vapor. Not so with the old Circle sour dough; he took his night cap with a knowing smile and retired for the night. Next evening Joe happened to meet "Windy Bill." Bill is one of the fellows which handles the dough for the firm. They struck up an acquaintance. That settled the cat-hop. Joe was invited over to size up a bird that Dick had found on the Pike between Happy Hoolligan's and the Katzenjammer's headquarters which was introduced to Bill as a rare specimen of the Australian something or another, and brought over by the first Australian delegation to the Klondike, at least that was what Dick's friend Charlie

HIS STAFF COMPLETE

Col. Evans Is Recruiting Men and Buying Horses.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Col. Evans, having chosen his officers for the new Canadian contingent, has already begun the work of recruiting men and buying horses. A complete list of the staff appointments are as follows: In command, Col. Evans, C. B.; second in command, Major Merritt, of Toronto; adjutant, Sergeant Major Church, mounted police, Regina; quartermaster, Sergeant J. Graham, mounted infantry, Winnipeg; veterinary surgeon, R. Riddle, Calgary.

Col. Evans had a free hand in the selection of his staff. All on the list have seen active service in South Africa and have good fighting records. With the exception of Major Merritt, all are from the West.

ALARM SYSTEM WORKS WELL

Location of Boxes as They Have Been Distributed.

The new fire alarm system was tested this afternoon from every box and was found to be in complete working order in every detail. An alarm is rung as follows: Open the box, pull down the switch and "leggo."

A telephone is in every box for use if needed. The locations of the boxes are as follows: No. 2, corner Judge street and First avenue.

No. 3, corner Edward street and Second avenue.

No. 4, corner Albert street and Second avenue.

No. 5, corner Albert st. and Fifth avenue.

No. 6, corner Duke street and First avenue.

No. 7, corner Duke street and Sixth avenue.

No. 12, corner York street and Third avenue.

No. 13, corner King street and Second avenue.

No. 14, corner King street and Sixth avenue.

No. 15, corner Queen street and First avenue.

No. 21, corner Queen street and Third avenue.

No. 22, corner Queen street and Fifth avenue.

No. 23, corner Princess street and Second avenue.

No. 24, corner Harper street and First avenue.

No. 31, corner Harper street and Seventh avenue.

No. 32, Administration building.

No. 33, Barracks, N. W. M. P.

No. 41, corner Dugas street and Fifth avenue.

No. 42, corner Craig street and Seventh avenue.

TO ROOT OUT ANARCHISM

Bill Introduced at Washington Which Will Discourage Anarchists From Visiting Uncle Sam's Shores—Commissioners Will Be Appointed to Investigate Suspected Individuals.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Burrows has introduced a bill which provides for the exclusion and deportation of alien anarchists. The first section reads as follows: "That no alien anarchist shall hereafter be permitted to land at any port of the United States to, the country whence he came; and if he returns to the United States may be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a period not exceeding five years and afterwards deported."

The second section directs that a special board of inquiry be authorized under the immigration laws to make diligent investigation concerning the antecedents of any alien seeking admission, authorizing the board even to go to the extent of examining any person suspected of being an alien for marks indicative of membership in an anarchistic society.

Section three provides for the return of persons to their native country who have secured admission to the United States contrary to the law and afterwards found to be anarchists.

The fourth section provides that when any alien is convicted of crime in the United States and it appears that he is an anarchist, the presiding judge may direct a further hearing, and if satisfied that the convicted alien is an anarchist or that his re-

maining in the country will be a menace to government or society in general, may direct that in addition to other punishment the convicted alien after undergoing such punishment shall be deported at the expense of the United States to, the country whence he came; and if he returns to the United States may be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a period not exceeding five years and afterwards deported.

Provision is made for the appointment of twelve immigration agents at a salary of \$2,500 each to make investigations in foreign countries concerning intended immigrants.

The last section of the bill provides that the fact that an alien has declared his intention to become a citizen shall constitute no bar to proceedings under the act.

Senator Hoar has introduced a bill for the protection of the President. It provides that any one who shall kill the President, or attempt the life of the President, shall be punished by death. Any person who shall counsel or advise killing the President shall be imprisoned for twenty years; any person who shall aid in the escape of any person concerned in the killing or counselling the killing of the President, shall be punished equally as an accomplice.

CARRIES HEAVY INSURANCE

Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir Wife of Late Coal Magnate and Mother of British Columbia's Present Premier, Carries Largest Individual Insurance Policy Ever Written—Is Sued by Agent for His Commission.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 5.—A writ was issued yesterday afternoon in a suit against Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, widow of the late coal king Robert Dunsmuir and mother of the present premier of British Columbia. The plaintiff is J. B. Carlisle, an insurance agent, who recently insured the

millionaire for \$1,000,000 at her request, the largest individual policy ever written. Carlisle was offered \$5,000 as a cash commission but she refused five per cent, the amount to which is entitled under the insurance law. Frederick Peters, K. C., who acts as counsel for Mrs. Dunsmuir, is named as co-defendant in the suit.

ALL SKAGWAY WAS ALARMED

Feared Misfortune Had Overtaken Steamer Dolphin.

Skagway, Dec. 5.—Agent Frank Burns today received a wire from Seattle stating that the steamer Dolphin had been held for repairs and did not sail for the north until the 3rd. As the company had failed to notify Skagway of the delay and when no dispatch came yesterday when it was known the through wire was up, anxiety increased to alarm. The town is full of people waiting to go south and everybody is wild at the negligence of the company in not sooner notifying Skagway of the delay. It is evident from the dispatch that the Dolphin had a rough trip south, necessitating her going into the drydock when she arrived.

No mail has yet reached here from the Yukon. Snow is falling here today but the weather is very mild.

DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

Lord Hobhouse Has a Grievance Against Officials.

London, Dec. 5.—Interesting sequel on the return of the South African deputation are expected. Miss Hobhouse is the first to protest against the British system of concentration camps. Her mediator, Lord Hobhouse, has instituted suit in England against Kitchener, Milner and others in charge in South Africa on a charge of false arrest and imprisonment. The suit will raise the constitutional question of how a British subject may be deprived of his liberty of speech. Action is being taken under martial law.

HE FIT AND FOUT.

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 5.—Chas. Holly who was hanged here yesterday for murder came nearly escaping in the morning when he knocked the jail warden insensible, donned his clothes and was in the act of scaling the prison wall when recaptured. He fought like a demon but was overpowered and two hours later was hanged.

TRAIN TIED UP.

Choctaw, Oklahoma, Dec. 5.—The westbound express train was attached here yesterday by the county sheriff for a debt of \$78 owed to a discharged employe. The train was tied by a chain to the station. After half an hour's delay the judgment was paid and the train proceeded.

SOSA REWARDED.

London, Dec. 5.—Sousa's band from America played before their majesties and the royal family Tuesday. The famous bandmaster was rewarded by being presented with the Royal Victoria medal.

THREE DROWNED.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Through a collision of the ferry boats Sausalito and San Rafael in the fog in San Francisco bay, the San Rafael sunk and three lives were lost.

AWFUL WARNING.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—J. D. Hurley, a Vermont man, committed suicide here last night for the reason that he could not overcome his appetite for strong drink.

HI-YU MONEY.

Washington, Dec. 4.—At the opening of the United States congress 200 bills were introduced, the total appropriations asked for amounting to \$810,827,000.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Glen Carbon, Ill., Dec. 5.—All the top works of No. 3 mine of the Madison Coal Co. were destroyed by fire last night.

GOOD FOR CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The Imperial Government will expend \$10,000,000 in Canada for forage and other war supplies.

UNCLE SAM'S BUY.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The United States Government has purchased the Danish West Indies for \$4,685,000.

FIRE IN DENVER.

Denver, Dec. 5.—Fire last night destroyed the city hall and many valuable state records.

DEAD AT QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 5.—Barrister Malouin of this city, is dead.

DATE NOW IS FIXED

First Annual Ball of the N. W. M. P. Friday, Dec. 27.

The N. W. M. P. have decided upon Friday, December 27, as the date upon which they will hold their first annual ball. The original intention of having the dance in No. 1 barracks is proving unsatisfactory to a number of the committee on account of the extensive number of invitations which will be issued and the consequent fear that the hall will be so crowded as to make dancing a matter of labor rather than pleasure.

Several have proposed procuring the A. B. hall for the purpose, a suggestion that meets with very strong approval. In the territories the annual ball of the N. W. M. P. is made the most swag event of the year and the Dawson division states positively that in this their first attempt they will fully uphold all the glories and traditions established by the force in the past.

Mrs. Bittner Ill.

W. W. Bittner the popular actor and theatrical manager, yesterday received a telegram stating that his wife is quite sick in Spokane and that owing to her illness the Bittner Theatre Co., of which she was manager, has cancelled all future engagements.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel Flannery.—John McCorminn, Gold Bottom; Malcom Campbell, Gold Bottom; O. Malia, 18 Eldorado; Gus Peterson, French Gulch; Albert Ridley, Duncan; G. Cunningham, Albert.

Job Printing at Nugget office.