

AN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY

V. Y. T. Company Interested in the New Project.

Mike King Represents Big Canadian Syndicate—Will Create Competition—Boon for Dawson.

The present indications are that the cost of transportation to and from Dawson by way of the upper river will be materially reduced before the closing of navigation next season. Several weeks ago the work of cutting a tunnel through Chilkoot mountain was commenced, but it was thought to be only a bluff to force the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. to buy off the promoters. Later news, however, is that the promoters mean business and that they are backed by Canadian companies,

does not require the securing of a franchise before construction is begun.

"As to the holding of the route this side of the tunnel, there need be no fear. We are on the ground and are there to stay. I am not so closely identified with the company that is to build the approach to the tunnel company proper, but I can say that the work is to be pushed on both propositions.

"We are not going to sell out. We have not started in business for that purpose, but it may be said that we have been approached by people of no backing who would like to buy us out.

"The road is to be built on the north side of the Chilkoot tunnel and will not be more than one and one-half per cent maximum grade, but will be over a route very easy to prepare for the rails.

There will be but little rock work. The grade on the south side of the tunnel will be little heavier than the maximum grade on the other side.

"I should not be surprised that if with constant work after we are enabled to use all modern appliances for tunneling that we will have pierced the snow-crowned storm-swept, historical hump-back of old Chilkoot by the middle of next July.

GOVERNED BY M'KINLEY.

Civil Government Not for the Filipinos.

Senator Davis Outlines the Policy of the United States Toward New Foreign Possessions.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Davis of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, is of the opinion that congress at its coming session will not attempt to establish civil government for the Philippines, but will leave the islands under the control of President McKinley, who will thus be enabled to continue military control for an indefinite period.

Senator Davis thinks President McKinley will also be permitted to continue the government of Cuba indefinitely, for he believes it will be several years before the Cubans can be trusted

thing that could have happened. The material development of Hawaii has been greatly assisted and accelerated by annexation. Coming under our flag has been of enormous benefit. It has given confidence to the people, and the guaranty of a stable government brightens their whole nature."

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An Objection.

St. Mary's Hospital, Dec. 21, 1899.

Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—If your valuable paper is not too full I hope you will be pleased to grant me a hearing by publishing the following:

By chance I happened to take a chance shot at the Yukon Sun of the 19th inst., a paper which I seldom see, for it appears to be a rara avis. In it I saw several articles deeply colored with yellow which seems to be the writer's



THE MALAMUTE'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

among which the V. Y. T. concern is prominent.

A late issue of the Skagway Daily Alaskan quotes L. D. Kinney, financial agent for the Chilkoot Tunnel Company, as saying:

"Mr. Mike King and associates are among the heaviest backers of the Chilkoot enterprise. They are interested because they wish to create traffic for boats that ply on the Upper Yukon, and wish to lower the general cost of delivering freight at Dawson.

"Application has already been made by Mr. King and associates for a charter from the British Columbia government for the construction of the proposed road from the shores of Lake Bennett to the northern or interior approach to the proposed tunnel. The application has been given due official publication in lower British Columbia.

"The road which Mr. King and his associates are to build will be ten miles long, and they will be entitled to a bounty of \$10,000 a mile for its construction. They will have just that much advantage over those who are to build the seventeen miles on the American side of the tunnel. The American government gives no bounty, but it

"The promoters of this concern as a whole are men who are interested in the shipping of freight to Dawson, and they are working largely to place the country beyond the fate of having to remain a one road town, as has been the fate of San Francisco for years. With more than one road to the interior and a number of steamboat companies running vessels on the waters of the Yukon, the country will have the great advantage of competitive rates, and will prosper therefrom. The men who are backing the Chilkoot proposition are just such men as will need the benefit of such a service, and they are not slow in seeking it through their own efforts.

"The transportation companies on the Canadian side plan to give a thorough service in connection with electric rail-road right to Dawson. As to the name of the steamer companies interested on this side I am not at liberty to say. Of course the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company is interested, because it was the first to take traffic at Bennett for its scows that go down the lakes and rivers to Dawson."

Mining machinery—Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., office A. C. Co.'s office building, room 15. C. E. Severance, agent.

to manage their own affairs and maintain a stable government. He is confident congress will take up Porto Rico early in the session and provide it with a civil government.

Hawaii, Davis thinks, will also receive the promised consideration and he suggests the enacting of the Hawaiian constitution, with some modifications, into an organic law.

Senator Clark of Wyoming has arrived in Washington after spending two months in Hawaii to study its needs. He predicts a bright future for the islands. In speaking of legislation in their interests he says: "The people wish congress to bestow upon Hawaii a regular territorial system of government, such as is in force in Arizona and New Mexico. In my opinion, that is the most desirable policy to pursue when congress comes to legislate for the islands. At present the government is very awkward and cumbersome. There is no municipal or county government and the people residing at a distance from Honolulu are put to great inconvenience for public record are kept at no other place. Honolulu itself is making rapid strides in the march of progress. Even the most ardent royalists are forced to admit that American supremacy in the islands is the best

favorite color, highly suggestive of the "Fox and the Grapes," a well known Aesopian fable, which is easily accounted for. The lavish manner in which the irresponsible writer bestows his epithets and insinuations on his contemporaries, who, I believe, are gentlemen in every sense of the word, is remarkable to a degree, as if striving to extract the mote from his brother's eye, but which to a sensible and far seeing public is a sensible obstruction, too plainly discernable and too deeply rooted in his own to admit of any such operation. Not less wonderful are the premature and erratic statements made with regard to the "Edmonton Route," of which I am the author. If my literary talent is limited it is nevertheless impervious to such attacks. The ambiguous and erroneous nature of such statements, bordering on the nebulous, precludes me from making a final disposition of the same. The public at large has long since become tired of hearing these yellow statements, hence hasty acts, retrograde movements and bitter remorse make themselves manifest. We are obliged to look upon such ungentlemanly remarks with contempt and generally to treat such bigoted literature as a misconstrued hyperbole.

ALHPONSE WATERER.