

The Klondike Nugget

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From Wednesday and Thursday's Daily. WILL BE AN ALLIANCE.

A delegation of prominent American citizens is now being entertained in the city of London. According to telegraphic reports received, the British capital has given the American guests a most lavish reception. Very significant in this connection is the fact that throughout the demonstration, which have occurred, the idea of an ultimate Anglo-American alliance has been kept constantly in the foreground. The hand of destiny seems to be drawing the two branches of the race toward each other.

This has become apparent in various ways of late. During the Spanish war Great Britain was in no respect backward in displaying her sympathy for the American cause. In every possible way consistent with due observation of the neutrality laws, the people of the British empire, gave evidence of the fact that they were heart and soul desirous of seeing the Stars and Stripes victorious. They rejoiced at every American victory and greeted the termination of the war with generous showers of praise for the valor of American sailors and soldiers.

When the representatives of the great powers of the earth meet in conference it has come to be accepted almost without question that Great Britain and the United States will stand side by side when policies are outlined or plans of action defined.

Thus in the recent Chinese difficulties it was generally known that a cordial understanding existed between the American and British governments, and that no matter what happened, the two would in all probability act in harmony. The reception which is being tendered to American citizens in London at the present time, furnishes another evidence of the general trend of affairs. The two nations are being drawn toward each other by ties almost imperceptible but which apparently will prove indissoluble. When the proper occasion arises it will be found that an alliance between the two branches of the race will be cemented which no power or combination of powers will be able to deny.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

There are a number of men who have become wealthy through good fortune in securing valuable Klondike mining claims. Most of them were comparatively poor before, as this country did not offer inducements to men of any considerable means, prior to the discovery of gold in 1896.

It would be a fitting mark of appreciation of what the country has done for them if some of our millionaires would establish in Dawson a well equipped public library or some other public institution of which the mining population of the surrounding country might secure the benefit.

A public library would be particularly suitable to the purpose, as it could be placed within the reach of everyone. Efforts which have been made upon a comparatively small scale to supply the community with inexpensive reading matter, have clearly proven the demand which exists for such an institution.

This is peculiarly true in the winter time when a great many people are dependent almost entirely upon books for their recreation and entertainment.

It would be an easy matter by the establishment of branch stations at various central points on the creeks to supply the entire district with reading matter at a nominal expense, after the first cost had been defrayed.

Of the millions of money annually taken from the Klondike for investment and expenditure on the outside, it would appear that a few thousands might be set aside for the purpose named in this article.

We are living in an age, marked by acts of philanthropy never before equalled. Our Klondike millionaires have now an opportunity of distinguishing themselves along the same line—an opportunity of which the Nugget and undoubtedly the public generally would like to see advantage taken.

PROPHESIES NOT FULFILLED.

Open gambling in Dawson has been a thing of the past for 12 entire days and still the world seems to move along in about the same old channels.

The threatened shrinkage in values has failed to materialize, and the general financial disruption which we were so often and so solemnly assured was absolutely bound to occur, has not put in an appearance.

As a matter of fact, the theory that the gambler produces good times is entirely erroneous. It is true, that gamblers are usually found in a town where affairs are in a flourishing condition, but it is prosperity which attracts the gambler and not the gambler who occasions prosperity.

Dawson is dependent for existence upon the successful operation of the placer mines of the district. When the diggings fail to yield any longer, it may be truthfully said that Dawson's race has been run, unless in the meanwhile—as we all hope will be the case—big quartz operations are begun. In any event so long as the mines produce as they are doing at the present time and as they give promise of doing for the next five years, Dawson will be a prosperous commercial center—gamblers or no gamblers.

An illustration of the risks which men will take in this country was furnished by the drowning which occurred in the Klondike on Sunday last. The victim, with his partner, undertook to come down the river on a small raft composed of four logs tied together with rope. In its present condition the Klondike is a veritable torrent and it is no occasion for surprise that the frail craft on which the men embarked was upset. The case should prove a warning to others who may be tempted to try a similar experiment.

Clear creek as will be noticed by reference to an article in our local columns is to receive substantial recognition during the present summer. Men who have located claims on that creek are willing to back their faith in the same in a manner that deserves commendation. They have reason for believing that the creek is good and propose to determine the question for themselves. It has always been the opinion of this paper that the Stewart district would sooner or later develop good diggings, and this belief we feel certain will shortly be borne out by facts.

The O'Brien trial will go down in the history of the Yukon territory as the most celebrated criminal case ever brought before the local courts. The peculiarly cold blooded nature of the crime with which the accused man is charged has awakened a degree of public interest which if anything is heightened as the trial progresses. The crown has been placed at tremendous expense in preparing for the case, but if the mystery surrounding the affair is satisfactorily cleared up it will be the general verdict that the money has been well expended.

Laborers have the same right to combine for the protection of their interests that the capitalist enjoys. Both are entitled to certain rights under the law, and as long as no infringement upon the law is made, neither will be interfered with. When the capitalist or laborer either attempts to take the law into his own hands he becomes a menace to public safety and as such must be dealt with accordingly.

The banquet to be tendered ex-Commissioner Ogilvie promises to be a splendid success. Mr. Ogilvie will leave Dawson carrying with him the very best wishes of the people. The coming banquet will be a graceful compliment which the efforts expended by the late commissioner on behalf of the Yukon territory will entitle him to receive.

The outing given the children of Dawson yesterday afternoon by the Northern Navigation company was a treat which the youngsters will long remember. The decks of the steamer, crowded as they were presented the prettiest picture that Dawson has witnessed in many a long day.

There has been a great deal of discussion relative to the alleged intention of the Great Northern Railway Company to secure control of the famous Crow's Nest line. Jim Hill denies the story in toto and Jim certainly ought to know.

Kitchener has won another victory over the guerrilla Boers. It seems that Kitchener only needs a meeting with the enemy to insure their defeat.

L. SLOSS ARRIVES IN DAWSON

Head of Big Navigation and Commercial Concern Defines Policy

Operating Expenses Will be Reduced—Capt. Hansen Will Go Below—Local Manager to be Selected.

From Thursday's Daily. Louis Sloss, head of the Northern Navigation Co. and the Northern Commercial Co., arrived last night in Dawson on the steamer that name. He was seen by a Nugget representative this morning and gave the following interview in reference to the policy outlined for the future of the big company of which he is the leading factor: "In the two companies, transportation and commercial," said Mr. Sloss, "we have a capitalization of \$10,000,000. Seven millions of this amount is embraced in commercial enterprises principally in Alaska and Yukon territories. It is, as has been already published, our intention to reduce greatly the cost of operation by the consolidation of the interests of the large commercial and transportation companies. You can readily see how that can be accomplished. For instance, when in a limited field of operation, like Rampart, there were formerly four companies, among which the trade was divided, N. A. T. & T. Co., S. Y. T. Co., T. & E. Co. and the A. C. Co. At Eagle and Portymile, in fact at all points from Dawson to Nome the same conditions were existing which made it impossible for any one company to operate successfully. Shortages of certain staples were bound to occur as well as an overstock at different times, for each company would act independently in ordering their inventories for a year and the most disastrous results would follow. I believe that we can materially reduce the price to the consumer of many articles for which formerly extravagant prices were charged, but I do not wish to have it understood that prices will be cut. To put it tersely we wish to prevent discounting the future as has been the case in the past. The consolidation of interests are not alone confined to this city as we are represented in more places than I can barely recall easily, many of them immense distances from here."

When asked as to who would be the local manager of the big concern here, Mr. Sloss said:

"At present I will act in that capacity, but a local man will be appointed to the position. I will probably be able to announce our choice in a week or so."

"No," he answered to a query from the Nugget man, "the N. A. T. & T. Co. has not entered the commercial consolidation, at least not that I am aware of, although looking at it from my point of view, it would be to their interest to do so."

When asked what officers would constitute the management of the two large companies Mr. Sloss said:

"Capt. Hibbard is superintendent of navigation, M. L. Washburne is general superintendent of the commercial company. His office will be in San Francisco. He will leave in a few days for down river points and prepare affairs at the different stations for adjustment. I will follow him as soon as I can arrange affairs here."

"Capt. Hansen will take charge of the commercial company, including all the stations on the other side of the flats." His position is manager of the Western division of the Northern Navigation and Northern Commercial companies. He will have charge not only of our commercial interests in that district but will control the operations of all our fleet of ocean vessels."

This is the sixth year Mr. Sloss has visited this country, he arriving here long before Dawson was ever heard of and before the discovery of gold in the Klondike.

High Water.

After the recent rise and fall of the water in the Yukon it was thought by everyone that the high water had come and gone and that danger from the flood which had been freely predicted had passed. Yesterday and today, however, people are looking with a suspicious eye at the river and shaking their heads as if undecided what to think about the situation. The water in both the Yukon and Klondike rivers started rising last Saturday. The rise at first was very gradual and in fact almost imperceptible. It continued more rapidly until Tuesday when in 24 hours it rose ten inches and is still rising. The water has nearly reached the highest mark it did previously according to the record kept by Sergeant Major Tucker, of the N. W. M. P. Yesterday it reached the 15-inch mark on the measuring post which he has put in front of the barracks, where Saturday morning the water was several inches on the other side of the post. The water is bringing down with it a large amount of driftwood and other debris which is picked up along the shore and on bars.

Tuesday night a large raft of logs which is anchored in front of the La-

due Mill was endangered by a large amount of driftwood which had floated down and became entangled in the logs and the pressure threatened to dislocate the raft from its mooring. A number of men were put to work clearing the drift away from the raft and after an hour's good hard work succeeded in getting the raft clear and saving it from destruction.

During the 24 hours from yesterday morning until this morning the water has risen ten inches. It now reaches the 25-inch mark on the stake in front of the barracks where yesterday it was only 15. There is lots of snow yet on the mountains and should the weather continue warm there is still some possibility of the water rising higher than the river bank.

SHINDLER IS HERE

Returns on Flora From Extended Outside Visit.

Mr. D. A. Shindler the well known hardware man returned to Dawson this morning on the steamer Flora from a three months' trip to the outside world. Mr. Shindler visited all of the principal cities of Canada and the United States going as far east as Nova Scotia and Halifax. On his return he visited New York city, spent a day at the Pan-American exposition, went from there to Washington, D. C., passed through Chicago, St. Paul and all the larger cities in the States. He left his home in Oregon for Dawson bringing his family with him about the 15th of last month. Arriving at Whitehorse they found themselves just 24 hours too late for the steamer Bailey and for more than three weeks they were at Whitehorse waiting for the boats to run.

While at Whitehorse, Mr. Shindler took advantage of his stay to look over the prospects of the country.

Two of the numerous copper mines—the Anaconda's and Rabbit's Foot—which are located in that vicinity, were recently bonded for \$125,000 and a 90 days' option was given on them with the specified understanding that a diamond drill should be put up and in operation within 30 days. Before Mr. Shindler left he says the drill was on the ground and that a large force of men were employed setting it up and getting it ready for prospecting purposes.

It is expected that at least \$50,000 will be expended in prospecting these claims as shafts 200 to 300 feet will be sunk. If the results are found to be satisfactory that will be a rich country.

Mr. Shindler is around shaking hands today with his many friends who are glad to see him back once more.

COUNTED HIM OUT

How a Bar Tender Convinced an Obstreperous Drunk.

The other morning a man very much under the influence of liquor went into George Butler's Pioneer saloon and asked for a "morning's morning." Seeing the condition of the man the bartender refused to sell him any liquor and told him to go home and sober up. The man then became very abusive in language and threatened ire punishment to the bartender. The bartender when he could stand the man's abuse no longer came from behind the bar to eject him from the building. The man still refusing to go and becoming more abusive in his language the bartender raised his arm and gave him a slap on the side of the face which sent the man to the floor, in a sitting position. The bartender then stood over him and taking out his watch counted 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; "Now," he said, "you are knocked out. Don't you try to get up; you are out and out you must stay."

The man turned to him with a surprised and bewildered look, but made no attempt to get up. After waiting for a little time, scarcely knowing how to get out of his difficulty, he began sliding towards the door, first easily and gracefully then faster and faster until his retreat became a rout and he was jumping across the floor like a grasshopper. When he got outside the door he picked himself up and started down the street hurling curses at the bartender and everyone else.

Police Court.

Louis Debege appeared in the police court this morning with a large piece of court-plaster over his right eye, his handkerchief covered with blood and showing other evidences of being subjected to ill treatment. Samuel Hourie was also in the court on a complaint sworn out by Debege charging him with assault. Magistrate Wroughton occupied the bench and when the facts of the case were stated to him by Hourie, who plead guilty to the charge, the magistrate gave Hourie the option of paying \$5 and costs or of remaining a guest of the guardroom for 10 days. Hourie decided to pay instead of staying.

STEAMBOAT NEWS.

The steamer Flora, under the guiding hands of Capt. Martineau landed at her dock this morning at 3 o'clock making the phenomenally fast trip of two days three hours from time of departure. The Flora left Whitehorse 40 hours after the Dawson and beat the sailing time of that boat by 33 hours between both terminals. Her detention at Whitehorse was caused by her being held from Sunday morning until 1 o'clock Tuesday awaiting inspection. The law reads that all boats shall be inspected once a year and as the Flora was inspected last July there was no necessity for holding her and her detention caused an unnecessary and unwarranted hardship not only to her owners but to the passengers. It is said that the latter raised such a howl at Whitehorse that her inspection was completed long before it otherwise would have been done as it was the general impression that the Flora was to be held purposely to allow other competing boats to get down the river a sufficient distance to guarantee their arrival in Dawson before the speedy little Flora.

The Canadian which left at the same time as the Flora was last heard yesterday stuck in Thirtymile river. It is understood that she is now off the bar but will not get in before the Flora leaves on her return trip.

This news will be received with a disappointment by the general public as it was hoped that this year would not witness a repetition of last season's mishaps and that the boats of the big company would be able to sail on a somewhat regular itinerary.

It is feared that the big boats like the Canadian, Columbian, Yukoner, and other deep vessels operated by the big company will find it extremely difficult to navigate the upper waters of the Yukon this season. Some of the best men formerly with the Canadian Development Co. are now engaged by other lines, consequently all manner of unlooked for delays may occur.

Following is the list of passengers carried by the Flora:

- Mrs. C. Murphy, Frank Murphy, Henry Severance, Mr. Hodges, Mrs. M. E. Hodges, C. Hodges, W. T. Carter, W. F. Green, N. Birmerland, P. H. McGrath, Mrs. McGrath, Joseph de la Roerte, Mrs. de la Roerte, E. H. Wood, Fred Kummweller, Mr. Kummweller, J. McKay, R. Marks, H. H. Johnson, H. McGraw, B. Marchise, E. A. Slatter, M. Ryne, A. Loprine, Geo. Ness, Father de la Mollie, Chas. Johnson, W. A. Callaghan, Wm. Figgitt, W. H. Marks, C. Gilles, F. Clement, John Baker, Mrs. C. Zalk and child, Mrs. R. Hotchins, Lizzie Hotchins' Mrs. C. H. Bourley, H. Neuman, J. Pilleskey, D. A. Shindler, Mrs. D. A. Shindler, Geo. Oliver, Mrs. A. Zitowman, Wm. Holden, H. Howard, T. G. Mitchell, Mrs. T. A. Goddard.

The new boat Dawson of the big company arrived last night with but few passengers. She is a handsome and spacious craft, built specially as a heavy carrier of freight and with but few state rooms, the same being all built forward to help equalize the weight of her machinery in the stern.

The following notice is posted in her cabin which has evidently been placed there as a means of amusing the traveling public on the tedious journey down stream. Steamboat men are wondering what it is all about and are wondering if the card is a sample of the erudition of its author:

"The British-Yukon Navigation Co., Ltd. Reward.—Fifty dollars will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the conviction of any person selling the ship's cargo, and also on proof that anyone travels on the steamer or obtains meals or berths without a ticket issued through a ticket office or purser. H. DARLING, "General Manager."

The freight consigned on this boat consisted of 125 tons of U. S. government stores, the first shipment of 2000 tons to be sent to the different posts of Uncle Sam down the river. This consignment is all for Fort Gibbon.

The following passengers came in on her: J. A. McAuley, S. Sutherland, W. Sutherland, T. H. Alice, F. Douglas, T. E. Fell, H. C. Howard, G. C. Chambers, A. Hoover, W. A. Ryan, L. Levy, L. Sloss, Washburne, W. Cook, A. Barker, H. Olsen.

The Ogilvie Banquet.

The committee appointed to arrange the banquet to be tendered ex-Commissioner Ogilvie held a meeting Tuesday night and decided to hold the banquet on Tuesday night of next week at Pioneer hall. The table will have accommodations for 125 plates and tickets have been placed on sale with D. A. Matheson, J. P. McLennan, Chas. Milne, Dawson Hardware Co., H. Te Roller and J. L. Timmins. Another meeting of the committees will be held this afternoon to arrange for the chairman, speakers, toasts, etc.

Decorator Townsend has been engaged to beautify the hall in which the banquet will be held, and has under way a scheme of decoration which will eclipse anything of the kind ever before attempted in Dawson. Messrs. Boyker & Griffin will act as caterers for the occasion which promises to be in every respect a brilliant success.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

BREAK FOR LIBERTY

Robbers Given Pistols by Confederates While Leaving Courthouse.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT MADE TO ESCAPE

One Man Only Is Now Left Out of Three Desperadoes.

ONE MAN WAS KILLED

And Another Commits Suicide—The Third Is Serving a Sentence of 21 Years' Imprisonment.

From Thursday's Daily.

Toronto, June 4, via Skagway, June 13.—Of the three desperadoes—Jones, Rutledge and Rice—extradited from Chicago for the robbery of the Bank of Aurora, Ontario, one only now survives to serve out the sentence of 21 years imprisonment which has been imposed. When the three men were leaving the court house on the 4th inst., confederates by a pre-arranged plan threw three revolvers into the carriage window.

The prisoners seized the weapons and began firing immediately. The fire was returned by the officers, Jones being mortally wounded. Rutledge was knocked insensible and Rice surrendered. Rutledge was taken to jail and this morning threw himself from the jail gallery causing instant death, his skull being fractured. Rice is in close confinement and will begin immediately serving his sentence of 10 years. Jones died in the hospital today.

BOUNDARY TROUBLE

Dispute as to International Line at Mount Baker.

Vancouver, B. C., June 7, via Skagway, June 13.—A dispatch from Chilliwack says that a big row is on at Mount Baker as the result of an American survey of the boundary line which it is claimed has been placed 400 feet too far north. Americans and Canadians are both staking in the disputed ground.

NERVE OF SHERIFF

Saves Negro From Death by Enraged Mob.

Carrollton, N. Y., June 7, via Skagway, June 13.—An angry mob attacked the county jail today for the purpose of rescuing a negro convicted of murdering a white boy. The nerve of the sheriff alone prevented them from succeeding. That officer called his deputies to his support and nine shots were fired into the crowd. One man was killed and two wounded. The military has been called out.

Ryan Gets Back.

Mr. W. A. Ryan, of the firm of Clark & Ryan returned last evening from an extended trip throughout the Western coast states. Mr. Ryan says that the business outlook on the outside is very good and everyone has a prosperous appearance. He has had a fine trip, but is glad to get back to Dawson again. He brought with him a large consignment of goods for his business, besides a large amount of mining machinery.

Wells as He Writes.

H. G. Wells, the novelist, is described by The Saturday Evening Post as working regularly every morning at his writing. "In the afternoon Mrs. Wells transcribes on the typewriter both morning's work, and in the evening both often changed tremendously by the night's criticism. It's no use my protesting to send 'copy' to you by Saturday," said Mr. Wells to an editor. "I must wait and lay it before my wife. She will know whether I can do it. And she will see that I keep my promise." Mr. Wells' marriage is a literary partnership as well.