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HANDS OFF, EUROPE!

The same paper that brings the news of the surrender of Santiago de Cuba contains a telegram purporting to explain the attitude to be assumed by the European powers when terms of peace between the United States and Spain shall be negotiated. Germany seems to be the leading spirit and from that government a statement is said to have issued to the effect that a status quo will have to be arranged under which American sovereignty shall not succeed that of Spain.

It will be a most remarkable and in fact a most unlikely thing if in her settlement with Spain, America permits any interference on the part of Germany or any other foreign power. It is high time that European nations come to realize the fact that the United States has outgrown her swaddling clothes and has become a power among powers. Particularly at this time any hint of outside interference would be most vigorously resented. The spirit of patriotism that has so long lain dormant in the states is now fully awakened. All creeds, sects and parties have been welded into one compact whole, standing with united front for home and country. In short the war spirit is thoroughly aroused and any administration that yields or truckles to foreign influence will be absolutely certain of disgrace and defeat the first opportunity that is presented the people to vote.

Again, the attitude recently assumed by Great Britain must be taken into consideration. Her sympathy with the United States has been openly shown during the entire progress of the war. She refused in the very beginning to enter into a coalition of the powers by which the war was to be stopped, and it is but fair to assume that she will deprecate any attempt on the part of continental Europe to interfere in framing the peace conditions.

The present war is no Graeco-Turkish affair to be undertaken or shut-off at a nod from Europe. The contest will continue until Spain sues for peace on terms satisfactory to the people of the United States. And she will receive far more generous treatment in the final settlement if suggestions from outside sources fail to be forthcoming.

A PREMIUM ON PERJURY.

We fail to recall any law or regulation that has ever been more unanimously condemned by the people affected than the royalty on the gold output of the Yukon district. So entirely bereft of friends is this travesty on justice that even among the men sent to collect the tax it scarcely numbers an apologist. In previous issues we have shown what we know to be some of the effects of this iniquitous piece of legislation. We know that it has driven men out of the country and unless repealed will drive many more in the same manner. We know that it is hindering the development of a district, the resources of which have not and cannot be estimated. It is clogging the wheels of industry, has thrown

a blight upon business, and threatens now to go down in history as a repetition of that act of folly on the part of the old woman who in her greed killed the hen that laid the golden egg.

But in addition to all this the royalty tax is a bid to all claim owners to become perjurers.

The great majority of men now in the Yukon valley are by nature and training law abiding. They render obedience to law almost without thought, because in so doing they are acting up both to their instincts and education. But when a law becomes oppressive and burdensome and in the judgment of the men affected is entirely without justification it is almost certain to be evaded when opportunity offers.

Men, though they may be conscientious naturally, can easily find excuses for themselves in seeking evasion of a regulation they deem unjust. The royalty tax is generally regarded as a most high handed abuse of the governmental prerogative. We doubt very seriously if a single man has paid the royalty who did not do so under the firm conviction that he was contributing to the government's coffers what by every rule of justice and equity was his own personal property.

The Nugget has not stood for will it stand as the champion of the law breaker. This paper believes in rendering strict compliance to law and obedience to constituted authority. But we are firmly convinced that in so far as the royalty is concerned a great many will prefer risking forfeiture of their claims rather than hand over what they consider rightfully their own.

The royalty tax cannot be successfully defended. We believe it was imposed through ignorance of the real conditions or through a short sightedness that will prove a serious blow to the best interests of the country. If the country is to be successfully developed the royalty must be taken off. It is a bugaboo to capital and a standing bid to claim owners to become perjurers.

A CHANGE OF PROCEDURE.

The ideal government and the most nearly perfect is undoubtedly an absolute government by one man. It requires however that this one man should be perfectly honest and capable. Human experience, covering volumes of history, has shown us that this perfection and honesty is seldom attainable, and when succeeded by imperfection and dishonesty there is no limit to the suffering and injustice entailed upon humanity. Therefore the aggregate wisdom of the world has given our courts constitutional limitations and checks which are quite often exasperating in their effects. As a pretty fair illustration of how it works, the attention of the reader can be called to the courts of Dawson. In the good old times all crimes and offenses excepting possibly the taking of human life, were settled summarily by our police. Equity was the law under which most cases were tried. The informal trials of our constabulary became a terror to evil doers, for a defense on technicalities was never allowed. "Did you or did you not do this thing and was it right to do it?" appeared to be the vital principle of such trials, and it is astonishing the rapidity with which cases could be disposed of, and the deep satisfaction it gave to the general public. Appeals were not allowed and a congested docket was unknown.

The uncovering of a billion-dollar wealth and the influx of a large population compelled a change in our courts. The good Judge McGuire is here as a representative of possibly a higher civilization and more perfect administration of justice, yet it is with a feeling of almost regret that the old timer views the cutting down of the powers of our former judges and the substitution of a higher plane. The powers of the police become more and more of the municipal kind—the simple arrest of drunks, the preservation of the peace, the collection of tolls and the patrolling of the streets which must in the end result in the deterioration of the personnel of the force.

Yet after all it cannot be gained that the substitution of formal procedure

for informal administration of justice is wise—in fact is the result of accumulated wisdom of centuries. It throws around the individual certain safeguards, and extends to the accused a form of protection. The only regrettable feature is that the guilty accused is able to avail himself of the protection designed for the protection of the innocent.

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FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

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Lloyd, Harrison & Co., Proprietors.

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FINEST BAR IN DAWSON
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
Mixed Drinks a Specialty
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

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Mixed Drinks a Specialty

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Thos. J. Church, General Manager
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Lost vitality restored
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All classes of Laundry work.
Ladies' Fine Laundry a specialty.
Work called for and delivered.

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McCONNELL & PARKER
Dealers in

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OUR STEAMERS
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CACHES—Cache building apart from Hotel containing 120 separate rooms for storage of outfits.

SOME GEOLOGICAL

The Result of Section Set For

Mr. J. W. Ryder Explains Features of the Rich and Only Station to Insure

DAWSON CITY, N. T., below the particular and continuous resources and geologic. These results will serve to give a clear understanding of the only peculiar feature come under my observation the country in the Yukon Mission to the Klondike and the existence of a bench or ancient channel ranges from present water level is first observed, Dawson, and following streams. In many even entirely obliterated remarkably well preserved. That the old bench rather than a glacial concretion, and is a presence on their length of carefully boulders and sand, a mass of earth. These ancient gravels from them with their strating action, are entire Yukon belt. Geologically they but to exactly what unable to determine the part these old position of gold must meet here intelligently. Only certain sections so far proven the noticeable is, of conanza creek section everywhere in the that with a few local played practically placer deposits—no have I seen any bed-tive glacial scoring, discoveries on Pro where they was out and on Skookum, conclusively that rich as the creek—ness of the deposits entirely dependent ancient channel, is that whenever the distance below, the that nuggets weigh are frequently found lying on a false bed-drift, and entirely wash—thus proving must have come benches above.

Having determined the true primary means behooves the carefully explore a ing it, and by all low ridges or hogbacks across any of the have acted as a natural channel was much ingly greater length what a field this of by no means prof richness of this is gained throughout these old streams, thoroughly explored only be guessed at.

Few people, even ception of what "last year meant." could be termed "all had to be drift least four times t rock in the lode cl Dawson. Prices of fifty per cent., making working of ground worked.

On Stewart River of acres of old bench to \$400 per yard, containing and "stripping" to be that river I took care this feature, with the above res mining regulator