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INVESTIGATE FULLY.

The conviction of the three men concerned in the Struthers case has demonstrated several things very forcibly. First and foremost, it has established beyond a doubt that there has been crooked work in the gold commissioner's office to an extent yet unknown, but presumably covering a considerable length of time. It has shown that the general methods of conducting business at the gold commissioner's office must be extremely lax and unsystematic to admit of such violations of the law being committed. It has also proven a lack of judgment on the part of someone in placing Struthers in the position he occupied, with no adequate check kept upon him; and, finally, as a sort of corollary to the last proposition, it indicates that the heads of the office are woefully ignorant of what transpires in their particular department.

The people of this territory have never had confidence in the administration of the gold commissioner's office at any time since the original induction of Thomas Fawcett into office.

This lack of confidence has been augmented by the persistent and determined effort which has been made to keep the transactions of the office as nearly as possible hidden from public knowledge. A demand was made long ago for a complete reorganization of the office and investigation into the methods of conducting business which have maintained therein.

This demand, though supported by an overwhelming array of facts, has been studiously ignored, and a systematic effort made to divert public attention and interest by impugning the motives and attacking the characters of the men who identified themselves with the movement calling for an investigation.

The Struthers case, however, has finally brought matters to an issue, which cannot be dodged or avoided, if the government desires its administration of Yukon affairs to become in any degree established in the confidence of the people. The gold commissioner's office is the most important branch of the government service in the Yukon. Honest and efficient administration of that office is absolutely essential. In one way or another, every man in the territory comes in contact with the office, which has in its keeping, records of property interests running far into the millions.

It has resulted in serious and lasting injury to the country in general that the workings of the office have not been such as to inspire a feeling of public confidence. Investors have hesitated to place their money in Klondike properties on this account, and a general feeling of mistrust has prevailed.

We submit that the time has arrived when a thorough, searching and impartial investigation should be conducted, to the end that justice may be done all parties and the gold commissioner's office of the Yukon territory be placed upon a level with similar departments of public service in other portions of the Dominion.

Political questions are agitating our brethren in Alaska just as strongly as though they were down in the states and right in the midst of the fray. Preliminary conventions are being held for the election of delegates to the national assemblies of the various political parties, and all the politicians are getting their war paint on. Alaskans seem to be just as vitally interested in the questions of expansion, free silver, trusts, etc., as are the people generally throughout the states, and the matter of party platforms has been most vigorously discussed in all the Alaskan coast towns. They are not overlooking a few demands for federal recognition, of various requests for alterations in the Alaskan code, and the prospects appear to be that Uncle Sam will in the near future give some attention thereto.

The various committees having in charge the celebration to be given on the Fourth of July, report satisfactory progress in perfecting arrangements. It is to be hoped that everyone will enter heartily into the spirit of the occasion and assist in making the celebration a success. Every business house in Dawson should be represented in the street industrial parade, which promises to be a most attractive feature of the day. A great variety of floats can be arranged, which, aside from their value as contributions to the celebration, will be fully worth the expense involved as a means of advertising the local business houses which participate.

The indefatigable labors of Postmaster Hartman and his staff, together with the efforts of the mail contractors, have served to give Dawson a mail service in every way satisfactory, when the disadvantages under which they have been working are taken into consideration. The mail leaves and arrives in Dawson as promptly as anyone could ask, and is handled in the office with a dispatch which is most creditable to the efficiency of the force. The federal postal department has every reason to be proud of the service which it gives the people of this territory.

The Nugget is indebted to the U. S. consulate for a copy of the United States government's "Preliminary Report of the Cape Nome Gold Region," a pamphlet filled with valuable information respecting the new gold discoveries. It contains the latest maps of the adjacent country, together with a series of half-tone illustrations, showing different points of interest in the town of Nome and at the diggings. The report, as a whole, looks very favorable upon the Nome diggings.

The continuance of low water is making shippers uneasy about the arrival of expected goods from above. There has as yet been no through freight arrive from Bennett, and it is not known when the first shipments will get through. According to advices, the railroad should be running into Whitehorse in a very short time, and any blockade which may exist will be soon removed.

Two Nome Railroads.

Articles of incorporation of the Nome Railroad Company were filed in San Francisco on the 18th of May. The company proposes to have a main line four miles long, with a branch line two and a half miles long. The incorporators are C. D. Lane, E. J. Catehen, C. H. Willard, P. J. Miller and F. W. Wynn. The capital stock is \$100,000. The road will run from Nome to Anvil creek in Alaska.

The same persons have incorporated the Wild Goose Railway Company with \$100,000 capital stock, to operate four and a half miles of road from the shore of Bering sea near Nome toward Anvil creek, with a branch line a mile and a half long.

Don't Like Croker.

London, May 15.—The Express today advocates the ostracism of Richard Croker in England, in retaliation for Tammany's attitude on the Boer war. It says:

"It has not escaped notice in this country that in America the welcome to the Boer delegates has been inspired and encouraged by Tammany Hall, which is controlled by the notorious boss, Richard Croker. The records of Tammany are already black enough without the addition of this new infamy. But what makes the action of Tammany peculiarly infamous now is the fact that Croker claims the hospitality of an English domicile, poses as an English country gentleman, and runs horses on the English turf, yet is aiding and encouraging the worst of England's enemies. If Croker finds that the racing air of the United States does not invariably suit his constitution, he should secure the calm seclusion of an Italian villa, within reach of the Duke of Orleans, with whose company he will probably find congenial society."

Famine in India.

London, May 16.—Dealing with the famine in the central provinces of India, which have an area equal to that of Austria and a population of nearly eleven millions and which were formerly prosperous, the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Bilaspur writes:

"The demand for government assistance is unparalleled. In one district 40 per cent are dependent on the Sirdar for their daily bread. In two others the percentage is over 30 in the whole area. There are 1,500,000 people with no other sources of subsistence than government charity."

"Three miles out from Bilaspur, 1500 persons are busy adding to the long list of tanks constructed by famine labor. Further on stone breaking is in progress and peasants, who have never before handled any implements save those of husbandry, wrestle manfully with crowbar and boring tools. When the rock is broken, women and youngsters busily ply little hammers. An able-bodied man earns three cents and women two cents."

"If the price of grain increases the wage is increased, and vice versa, so that a full day's toil secures to every worker a sufficiency of food. No work, no pay."

"The old and feeble are drafted into the weakly gangs and even these wrecks of humanity, save a few pice (quarter of a cent) of their miserable pittance and starve their shrunken body in order to get a morsel of opium or tobacco."

"The type of relief work described at Bilaspur is done by the hundreds in the central provinces and the aid given to the able-bodied people seems sufficient, and kitchens and hospitals are well managed. But, the penny wage for a weekling is insufficient. I am assured, however, that it will be raised."

A. B. Meeting Tonight.

As a number who contemplate leaving for the lower river on the steamer Hannah desire to be initiated into the Arctic Brotherhood tonight, it is imperative that all members be on hand promptly at 9 o'clock in order that the work of the evening may be completed in reasonable time.

Public Notice.

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Notice of Dissolution.

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