

## THE MINERS WOULD NOT HAVE IT SO

Messrs. Galpin and Lisle Run Against a Snag.

A Resolution Decides Mr. Galpin's Status in the Royal Investigation—Whom Does He Now Represent?—A Heated Session.

Recent events caused a larger attendance than usual at the regular monthly meeting of the Miner's association on Monday evening at the institute. The first matter brought up was a consideration of Captain Wm. Galpin's attitude towards the association. At a former meeting it had been moved by Dr. McDougall that as Mr. Galpin was distinctly out of sympathy with the objects of the association, he be removed from the standing committee. This was defeated by a vote of six to three. On motion of Mr. George the question was opened for reconsideration. The debate which followed was participated in quite largely by Mr. Lisle, to whom was read the resolution of a former meeting, suspending from all membership anyone found to have participated in the recent attempt to dispossess Gold-Run and Dominion creek miners upon a legal technicality. As Mr. Lisle acknowledged his participation both personally and professionally, he was ruled out of the debate. However, before this consummation, some very sharp remarks were indulged in by Mr. Lisle, who declined to allow his acts to be dictated by anyone.

The debate upon the removal of Mr. Galpin was led by Mr. Armstrong, who quietly and impersonally as possible reviewed the history of the association and the gradual estrangement from its objects of the gentleman under discussion. He related the origin of the first miners' committee, and its merger into the more permanent Miner's association. How that Mr. Galpin had been one of the signers of the charges made against Mr. Fawcett, and the Yukon administration, and how he had gradually taken the position of apologist and defender of the things he had condemned. How he had persistently opposed the committee in its efforts towards good government. Mr. Armstrong made an eloquent plea for the continuance of the association along the lines for which it had been born, and pointed out the absolute need of a good government organization even to the present moment. He explained the reasons for the withdrawal of the committee represented by Dr. McDougall, Col. McGregor and himself from the prosecution of ruled out charges before the royal commission, and pointed out the attempt at sanctioning the present farcical proceedings by Mr. Galpin in behalf of the miners, whom he did not truly represent. He did not exactly understand in what capacity Mr. Galpin was retained by the Miner-Sun combination, nor what authority he had to represent them, but pointed out that Mr. Galpin's change of base had been simultaneous with that of the newspaper mentioned.

In confirmation he read a long article from an issue of December 16th, in which some very strong charges are made and reiterated against the very men whom that paper is now besetting. Mr. Armstrong's speech is too long for a full report. He was followed by Messrs. George, McDougall, Reed, Crawford, Merryman, Ritchie and others, Mr. Ritchie being the only dissident. The apparently universal belief that Mr. Galpin was a discordant element on the committee. The vote resulted in no dissentients, and the captain was declared removed from the committee.

Next was considered the tendered resignations of Messrs. Armstrong and McDougall. Mr. George explained that the former vote of six to three on Mr. Galpin's case had been construed by the two gentlemen as a vote of want of confidence in themselves and moved that the resignations be peremptorily refused. After some ecologic remarks from some of the members upon the two gentlemen, the motion was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

The next was a motion declaring it the sense of the Miner's Association that Mr. Galpin before the royal commission was in no sense representing the Miner's Association, nor the former miners' committee which had merged into that body. The motion went through with a whoop without dissent, and the absent Mr. Galpin would have felt his ears tingle had he been conscious of the uncomplimentary remarks being made concerning him.

Mr. Armstrong took his seat as president and conducted the further proceedings which consisted in the election of Messrs. Reed, Siler, Welsh, Merryman and one other as members of the committee.

## Preparing for Summer.

The Canadian Development company are preparing already for the summer's transportation business, and have already an agent on the ground, Mr. W. Mead, who acted in a similar capacity for the B. L. & K. N. company last year. The C. D. company, H. Mattland-Kersey, managing director, and Captain J. A. Ritchie, general superintendent, has given a contract to an eastern shipbuilding firm for a large steel boat to ply the lakes and upper rivers between Bennett and White Horse, connecting there with the present fleet of palatial river boats, the Canadian, the Victorian and the Columbian, which boats is to be reinforced by several additional as soon as navigation opens. It is expected that the lake steamer will make a round trip each day.

## A Common Occurrence.

The late mails brought Postmaster Hartman another of those peculiar episodes in which the writer solicits and expects to receive a share in some Klondike lagoon of gold dust. In

this instance, however, Postmaster Hartman is of the opinion that the appeal is thoroughly genuine, and he will turn it over to some of our charitably inclined for their consideration. The letter is as follows:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26th, 1898.  
Postmaster-General, Dear Sir: Would you please give this letter to some kind gold miners. I am nine years old, and am trying to get money to take us to the mountains, just mamma and me is all there is of us. Papa is dead years ago, and mamma is almost too sick to work, and I am not strong to help her much. The doctors say we would both be well and strong if we lived in a dry climate like New Mexico or Arizona. Would you please help us to get there. Mamma says you are more kind than most of people. We have nothing only mamma's wages and no one to help us. We will try to pay you back. If any of you help us, send us your name and address. Good night. I hope you had a happy Christmas.  
ROBIN GLENDALE.

## Outside Brevities.

The German government is favoring a project to lay another cable to America.

Turkey and Bulgaria—it is believed, are preparing for a struggle over Macedonia.

It is said that the Vanderbilts are behind a deal to run the Union Pacific railroad into Seattle and San Francisco, using the Portland Tacoma and Seattle railroad to reach the first named.

The U. S. house of representatives has passed the so-called new army bill, which provides for a standing army of 100,000 men. The vote was 163 to 135, all the republicans but six voting in the affirmative.

Late papers indicate that a strong war feeling still exists between England and France. A high official of the latter is quoted as declaring that war is inevitable, while English papers are calling upon the government to "reply to words with deeds."

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 23d.—Among the passengers who will sail for New York on the Majestic, are Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling.

MANILA, Jan. 23d.—General Otis telegraphed: Construction of hospital at N. Cavite in progress. Health of command good. Diseases successfully treated here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23d.—The secretary of war has completed the organization of a colonial commission who will govern our new possessions from Washington.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23d.—King Oscar is improving from his recent prostration, but the government has been left provisionally in the hands of the crown prince, Prince Gustaf.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23d.—John Daly, the Irish political prisoner, recently released, has been elected mayor of Limerick by a unanimous vote under the new Irish local government act.

TACOMA, Jan. 23d.—P. H. Hoob has arrived from Dawson. Amongst other interesting news he brings from the interior is an estimate of the probable output of the Klondike for this winter which is placed at \$30,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23d.—In the house today Mr. Gardner (rep. N. J.), chairman of the committee on labor, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill to extend the anti-trust contract labor law to the Hawaiian islands.

MADRID, Jan. 23d.—The premier, Senor Sagasta declares that Aguinaldo has made the liberation of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines conditional upon Spain's recognizing the Philippine republic and allying herself thereto.

N. Y., WALL STREET, Jan. 23d.—The stock market trading this morning has scarcely a parallel in the history of the exchange. The crowds were enormous, and the business unprecedented. Enormous purchasing orders have accumulated and money exchanged hands easily.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Adeline Patti, the singer, was married today at Brecon, Wales, to Baron Cederstrom, director of the Health Gymnastic Institute here. Miss Patti took a train from Craig-y-nos, her residence, to Brecon, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. The band of the South Wales Borderers met the party at the station, and with the fire brigade and police, headed by the town banner and the mace-bearers, escorted the wedding party in five landaus to the Roman Catholic church, which had been specially decorated. Sir George Foulkes Phillips, former Lord Mayor of London, gave Patti away. The service was very short.

## Through With Fawcett.

Wednesday forenoon saw the last appearance of ex-Gold Commissioner Thomas Fawcett before the royal commission appointed to enquire into the charges of misdoings on the part of himself and other officials of his regime; and the proceedings of that session were not of a nature to inspire cheerful reflection as he winds his way over the dreary expanse intervening between the land of his misdeeds and "the outside." The testimony elicited was on a charge of Dr. Bourke that the ex-official had wilfully deviated from the mining regulations, in order to show favors of much value to friends and corporations, and when the case was closed he stood convicted in the sight of the few citizens who lent their presence to the proceedings.

Dr. Bourke opened the investigation for the prosecution by asking for certain papers connected with the Klondike Gold Fields Co., Ltd., heretofore referred to. The agent, Mr. McLaren, declined to produce them, on the ground that they were private and not material to the case. Commissioner Ogilvie asked the doctor what point he expected to prove by the documents, and the other replied: "That Mr. Fawcett has allowed the Klondike Gold Fields Co., Ltd., to operate without a license."

"Oh, that has been admitted by Mr. Fawcett," returned the commissioner.

Dr. Bourke expressed himself as satisfied with that, and then took up a charge that Mr. Fawcett had shown undue favors to government officials by exempting them from taxation. He named as such Judge McGuire, Crown Land Agent Wade, Mr. Constantine and others, besides the Pioneer Trading Co. and Mr. Layton, the representative of a fictitious corporation. Mr. Fawcett admitted the charge in so far as it related to the officials, but in the matter of the others he explained that they were representing their claims in accordance with instructions from him, by which the claims were grouped—in one instance there being sixteen—and all represented by a number of men working together on one of them.

Dr. Bourke demanded if Mr. Fawcett did not know that Mr. Layton only represented English capital, and had nothing but options on the claims, and the other gave an evasive reply. Dr. Bourke then had read a letter from Attorney Woolworth to Mr. Fawcett, in which the

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Latter was asked for an extension and exemption from representation until next spring, when Mr. Layton expected to have his company organized. The letter was admitted as proved, but Mr. Fawcett could not remember if he had replied to it. He claimed that he had often laid claims over on account of sickness and departure from the country of claim owners, and also said he believed that representation by the block system was advantageous to the miners and to the development of the country.

It was agreed to call Mr. Woodworth to the witness stand on Saturday, and further sittings were adjourned until that time. Mr. Fawcett was also informed that his presence would not again be required before the investigation, and that he was at liberty to leave for the outside on Saturday, as he had expressed a desire to do.

## Territorial Court.

In Judge Dugas' court Tuesday a trial was had of a case wherein the executors of the estate of the late Father Judge sued the owners of the steamer Aquila, for the cost of caring for one of their seamen while confined in St. Mary's hospital, the amount being something over \$600. Judgment was reserved.

## Inquiries.

The town station of the N. W. M. P. has information for Reginald Louis Ross, of Ottawa, if he can be found.

The police of the town station also have information for Percy B. Reid, of Charlotte, town, P. E. I.

## Call From the Consul.

U. S. CONSULATE, Dawson City, March 4, '99.

The following named persons are requested to call at above office on matters of importance: Fred Krupac, Geo. Martin, Geo. Cota, Peter London, Geo. Featherstone, Fred Kies, J. L. Williams, Jesse L. Edgren, Max Steinberg.

## Inquiries.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of Provincial police, Victoria, desires to learn of one Henry Chiappa, Italian, 22 years old and who left British Columbia for the Klondike about Sept. 1st, '97.

D. L. Corbin, M. D., of Van Wert, Ohio, writes pressing for the whereabouts of his son Clarence J. Corbin, who left for this place some two years ago.

Edison Nugget: Inquiry is made for the following persons. Would you be good enough to publish the list in your paper:

Reginald Louis Ross, last address, N. W. M. P. Stewart river; J. P. Lindenmeyer, of Santa Rosa, Cal.; Pete Carl, Sussex, N. B.; Frank Barry, Chicago; W. C. Wright and W. L. Russell, Chicago; Thomas Clafferty, Boston, Mass.; Ralph D. Haren Fairhaven, Wash.; John Harding, Trail and Rossland, B. C.; Chas. Horusky Smith, London, Eng.; William S. Adams, Boston, Mass.

Information should be addressed to this office.

I am, sir, yours obediently,

S. B. STEELE.

Commanding N. W. M. P. Yukon Territory.

## Official Weather Bureau.

The temperature for the week ending Wednesday, March 4, shows the usual on formality which is beginning to look as though perfectly natural in this season.

	Lowest	Highest	Wind, Miles per hour
Thursday	-35.5	-5.0	0.0
Friday	-25.5	-2.5	0.1
Saturday	-21.2	-2.3	3.0
Sunday	-18.7	-5.6	7.0
Monday	-27.9	-10.2	7.0
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