

Provincial News.

AWSON'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Chat With One of the Fortunate Klondikers.

On Friday next the second anniversary of the discovery of gold at Dawson will be celebrated. It was on the 22nd of August, 1896, that "Sivewick George" and "Chick" reached the first claim on Bonanza creek.

DONALD.

The citizens of Donald are making strenuous efforts to capture the big trout. Twenty-eight men are now employed in rebuilding the old log dam.

GRAND FORKS.

To get relief from the extreme heat of the past few days almost the entire country for three years, and who is now in Victoria together with a party of six.

VERNON.

Harvesting is now in full swing, the fall wheat being ripe in most parts of the district. The coming season is expected to be a very successful one.

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THREE THINGS.

"Three things are hard to follow: The flight of a gull in the mist, And the secret of a woman."

Cross of St. Andrew.

Toward morning the stranger broke the silence that had reigned in our compartment since we left Moscow.

ROSSLAND.

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to a street wrangle. I excused my intrusion and stepped aside to let the Russian and the woman pass.

"They walked on through the Thiergarten, I following at a short distance. After a while the group began to disperse."

"I had had some reason for denying his property. Why did he tremble at the very sight of it, and why were his companions' terror struck?"

"A thousand thanks, Monsieur," cried the Russian, "calculated, and he had to be registered at police headquarters."

"I beg your pardon, Grand," he said. "I forgot that this is our private society."

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brought to book. The cross alone they cannot take away, but to paralyze its inherent character—the sovereign rights it confers upon its possessor—the ribbon is exchanged for one of blood red.

"I went from Berlin to Vienna, from there to Warsaw, an object of interest to Russia's secret service men and the police generally everywhere."

"You are a compromised man, Henry Fischer," said that worthy, "the highest post the imperial service holds out to you is that of everlasting superintendent assessor at some court in the Caucasus, or Siberia."

"I had meanwhile assumed possession of my inherited estates in Poland. In 1892 I accepted a commission from the St. Petersburg government to rehabilitate, if possible, the name of the late Count and letters of recommendation to all the governments and military authorities."

"Of course I saw the trap laid for me. The authorities had been commanded to put the establishments under their charge into a state of readiness."

"I started on my journey. I visited hundreds of fortresses. The count, I concluded, had either overdrawn his pictures of misery and despondism, or else the state of indignation which I had witnessed following his revelations had already caused many noticeable, if superficial, reforms."

"One day we were walking on the ramparts of a small Siberian fortress—a soft, high-keyed voice called me by my Christian name, Sascha."

"The sounds came from above and there, at one of the barred windows, I saw a man who I had seen in London. Like an apparition it vanished in an instant."

"When I lowered my eyes I saw the tower of inspection, fixed upon me. I heard that voice, and was trying to recall my thoughts. I should not be in doubt."

TURNER'S TERRIBLE TUMBLE

In an evil hour Premier Turner, smarting under his stinging but merited censure by the London Press, for the way in which he had handled the Klondike gold, and who was now in London, was suddenly struck by a severe attack of apoplexy.

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