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THOSE CHARGES.

As appeared in the report, published in this paper yesterday, of the proceedings before Judge Dugas, acting in the capacity of a commissioner of investigation, a series of charges, directed against a number of prominent officials, recently appeared in the columns of a local contemporary. Since the publication of the charges, it has developed that they appeared in print through error, and were not intended to leave the sanctity of the attorney's office in which they were prepared.

As a matter of fact, however, they were so taken from the attorney's office, were published broadcast to the world, and, without doubt, numerous copies sent to the outside.

The matter having thus become an affair of general and public knowledge, it becomes pertinent to inquire as to what course of action the parties interested pursue. Viewing the matter from an impartial and purely disinterested standpoint, it appears to us, and will, we believe, so appear to the general public, that the officials concerned in the matter should themselves insist upon an immediate and thorough investigation of the charges as published.

The facts which are patent to the public are these: Certain charges have been prepared in regular form, setting forth serious breaches of trust on the part of a number of officials of the government. These charges, while they have not been preferred before any tribunal, have been made public, through a blunder on the part of someone, thus giving them a moral effect, which certainly must work a hardship upon the officials concerned, unless they are given an opportunity to exonerate themselves. Should the matter be left in its present condition, a doubt must remain with the public, which will be unjust to all parties interested.

It seems to us, therefore, that the only logical solution is an examination into the charges by some properly constituted authority, with a view to establishing not only the origin of the accusations, but their truth or falsity as well.

There is one matter which, if neglected any longer by congress, the negligence will be criminal. That is, to make arrangements to supply officers and men for the navy. For some reason men do not like to enlist in the navy. It is probably because of the iron discipline and caste which are insisted upon in that department. Officers can only be supplied by educating them, but, according to the Record of Philadelphia, there are twenty steel ships of the new navy now lying in ordinary at the navy yards, and one-half the vessels of this class of recent construction, have been put out of commission. And this is all wrong. Our experience with Spain shows how quickly sometimes a war is precipitated. Nations are turning a belligerent side to each other all around the horizon.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The conviction of young Struthers should have a salutary effect upon the morale of the gold commissioner's office. It has at last been demonstrated that positions of public trust cannot be turned into sources of personal revenue with impunity, even in the Yukon country. The awkwardness of Struthers' manipulations proves his inexperience in criminal work, and had he not felt the influence of precedent the probabilities are that he would still be in the employ of the government. The case should, and doubtless will, prove an effective lesson to all employes of the government who find themselves confronted by opportunities and temptations such as occasioned the downfall of Struthers.

Evidently, shippers do not intend that their goods shall be ordered so late this season that any risk shall be taken of having heavy shipments of goods stranded in the ice along the river when the freeze-up comes. Reports from above indicate that there is a freight blockade on already, and goods are piling up more rapidly every day. This would indicate that large orders have already gone forward to the outside, and that it is the intention of local merchants to have their goods in at an early date.

The theory that the apparel proclaims the man does not hold good in this country. The man who has to employ a pack horse to bring his poke into town will often be seen rigged up in clothes which do not in any way distinguish him from the average horny-handed son of toil. There is no place on earth where the rich man and poor man bump elbows with such lack of ceremony as in Dawson.

Official announcement of the repeal of the royalty regulations, together with throwing open all reserved and unlocated ground in the district for prospecting, would do more to attract population and encourage industry in this country than all the well-worded and beautifully illuminated descriptive pamphlets that could be issued in five years.

Still Going Down.
The water in the Yukon river at this point has fallen four feet in the past eight days and is still receding. Just when it will again rise, or what there is to raise it, is not known. Thomas Davies, agent for the C. D. Co., has an indicator in the water at that dock, and it shows the condition above mentioned. Until there is more water, it is very evident that the larger boats will not be able to do business on the upper river, as many of them are awaiting sufficient water to float them away from their winter moorings. It is reported that there was a heavy winter's fall of snow on the mountains adjacent to the upper lakes, but until this melts and runs down, there is little prospect for any material rise in the waters of the Yukon.

Soggs Trial Deferred.
Word reached the city yesterday to the effect that Rogers, who was shot some time since on Gold Run by his partner Soggs, is not yet sufficiently recovered to stand the long trip to Dawson, where he is wanted to appear before the territorial court against his assailant. The trial of Soggs will therefore be postponed until such time as Rogers is able to stand the journey in from Gold Run.

The only first-class market in the city is the Denver Market.
Short orders served right. The Holborn.
When in town, stop at the Regina.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

A party of four or five honest-looking sons of toil were standing on Calderhead's dock yesterday evening when one of them after gazing across the river for fully five minutes, slowly read from a sign on the opposite side "Try the Ames Mercantile Co., Semper Primus." "Now," said he, "what in — is semper primus?"

One of his companions said: "It is a new brand of bacon especially prepared for the Klondike trade and is to be fried along with e pluribus onions, with a sprinkling of sals volatile on it." Another man said: "Why, the first six years I was in Ballarat half of our living was semper primus; but we didn't fry it, we rolled it up like tripe and boiled it, and then let it get cold, when it was served with moi soit qui malepropensity."

The fourth and last man said: "If I didn't know anything more about how to cook semper primus than you fellows, I would be ashamed to call myself a miner. I was in South Africa nine years where semper primus came high and we used to eat of it sparingly. But there we never either fried or boiled it; we roasted it. We would lay one piece of semper primus between two pieces of biltong and while it was in the process of cooking we would baste it with horrendum infandum sauce. Talk about delicacies! When it came to a swell dinner in that country, semper primus was 'always first' among the best things to be had."

"The cap sheaf to all the indignities heaped upon me since I came to the country two years ago was laid on up the street a short while ago," said a miner to the Stroller one evening recently. When asked to which and what he referred, the miner said:

"It is rather a long story, but I will give you an outline of my troubles: Two years ago I came to this country from Ontario, hoping to better my condition; the first 14 months I plugged around working and trading and done fairly well. Last fall I had quite a snug little sum, so I decided to take a lay on the 50 per cent racket. That was the beginning of the end. I have paid out every ounce of dust I took out, \$2800 of it going to the government as royalty, and I am still \$6250 in the hole. I owe bills here in town to the merchants, and I can't walk a block on the street without being dunned by some poor devil who worked for me and whom I would pay if I had the money. Every time a boat is advertised to leave for either up or down the river a half dozen or more of my creditors tag around at my heels till she pulls out. They are afraid I am going out, when, to tell you the truth, if first-class tickets to Johannesburg were selling for \$4.50 I could not pay my way to Swede creek steerage."

"But," said the Stroller, "what has all this got to do with the cap sheaf of indignities you spoke of first?"

"It is this," he replied, as a flush of rage overcame the ashen hue of age: "I know that my clothes are not the best, but they are as good as I can afford, and they still cover me. Well, I was coming along the street a little while ago and a merchant called me. I stopped and asked him what he wanted. What do you suppose he said? He laid a slimy hand on me and in a confidential tone said: 'Mine friend, I think you was in need of some new suit of clothings.' So help me John Rogers, if it hadn't been for sawing wood six months, I would have trampled that sheeny through a crack in the sidewalk. The gall of the man! When I was calmly walking along thinking of the bad luck I have had—why I ought to have killed him."

Boer Envoys in America.
A telegram from Washington of May 23rd says: "Mr. Fischer, one of the Boer envoys, spoke freely with a representative of the Associated Press today as to their general plans for the future. He said that it was their purpose to visit ten or twelve principal cities of the United States and explain to the people whatever they might wish to know of their cause. They came to plead with the whole American people for sympathy and support.

The cities which they will visit have not yet been decided upon, and in making their selection they will be guided by their friends. It is probable that they will eventually reach San Francisco, stopping en route at Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati. Other cities have also been mentioned. The envoys hope to complete their tour of the country within two months and be ready to leave for Europe, where they have planned to do important work. Mr. Fischer said they did not contemplate making any set addresses, but would give the people plain talks, the subjects of which would depend entirely upon what particular phase of

the great question at issue the people desired to be informed upon. He wanted distinctly understood that he and his friends particularly wished to avoid any partisan demonstration that might be construed to mean that their sympathies with one political party in the United States were stronger than with another.

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