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WHY IS THIS SO?

On Tuesday of this week a representative of the NUGGET applied at the bureau of public information in the gold commissioner's office, for an abstract of title to a certain claim on gold hill. For this information the sum required by law, \$2.50, was deposited. The representative was told to leave his application, and that the abstracts would be forthcoming the next day.

Within one hour after the application had been made two emissaries from the party who recorded the claim in question appeared at the NUGGET office, and proceeded to set forth all manner of reasons why no publicity should be given to the name of the party concerned, and further, the NUGGET was assured that everything connected with the claim was all right.

Now, as a matter of fact, no charge or insinuation of any wrong-doing in that particular case had, up to that time, been made. The NUGGET had merely applied at a public office for certain information, but immediately, and doubtless in consequence of that application, "friends" began heading for the NUGGET office.

We have no objection whatever to raise to the fact that these parties came to this office. Anyone having business to transact, of whatever nature, is always welcome. The point, however, which we do desire to raise is simply this: Through what means or agency was the information circulated that application for the abstract had been made by the NUGGET at the gold commissioner's office?

Our own idea of a public office is that such information belongs to the office, and to no outside parties whatsoever. We have no absolute knowledge that the owner of the claim in question was communicated with immediately upon the presentation of an application for the abstract. It must be admitted, however, that the circumstances strongly point that way. At least we consider ourselves justified in holding to that belief, for unless such was the case we fail to see how the news could have spread so quickly. We call the attention of the gold commissioner to these facts in an entirely friendly spirit. We believe that Mr. Senkler's ideas of official ethics are so high that he will strongly discountenance anything of the sort the moment it is brought to his notice. There may, perhaps, be nothing criminal in giving out information in the manner stated, but it must be agreed that it is contrary to all right and proper ideas of public policy.

GOVERNMENT FOR REVENUE ONLY.

We have heard of and lived under the operation of tariffs for revenue only but it has remained for the great country of Canada to give to the world an example of a government operated exclusively for that purpose. "Squeeze every cent that the country will stand and give the minimum in return," seems to be the motto which the Canadian federal authorities have assumed toward the Yukon territory.

We have had the argument advanced that the fact that the government was in practical ignorance as to the conditions and requirements of this country furnishes a sufficient reason if not justification for its attitude toward it. To some extent that might be reasonably urged but ignorance certainly cannot be advanced in justification, for instance, of failure to provide adequate mail communication.

The government could not have been in ignorance of the fact that thousands and thousands of men were en route to the Klondike last fall and winter and that each of those men would expect to receive mail from the outside.

With this knowledge it clearly became the duty of the government to provide some method for bringing the mail in. Late arrivals from the coast state that mail is stacked up by the ton at Skaguay, Dyea and Tagish and it must be seen at a glance that the N. W. M. P., efficient as the force is known to be, cannot handle the great quantities of mail which should be brought in.

Here then is the picture of 20,000 men and women buried for eight months of the year in a desolate, ice covered country, looking and longing, and waiting in vain for the letters they had every right to demand the government should forward to them and that government with its coffers bulging from Klondike royalty, bulging from Klondike timber fees, bulging from Klondike customs duties sits supinely by and does practically nothing to relieve the situation. Government for revenue only! Truly it is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

ATLIN ALSO HAS A MUDDLE.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a statement to the effect that the Atlin Lake country is suffering from the same malady that has afflicted the Klondike for the past year, viz., endless confusion in the recorder's office. It appears that a doubt existed as to whether the Atlin district is located in the Northwest territory or in British Columbia. In consequence of this feeling of uncertainty claims were staked and recorded under the laws of both, and hence confusion confused has resulted.

The Klondike district will be able to sympathize heartily with the unfortunate people of Atlin.

Our advice is that prospecting has been discontinued in the entire district until next June. Of course that means, if true, that the development of that country will be set back a matter of a year just as has happened in different sections of this region for similar reasons.

But that is not the gravest evil that must result from such a state of affairs.

The Atlin lake country will require outside capital before it can be successfully developed just as the Klondike requires capital today. But it must not be forgotten that nothing on earth is so timid as capital. When the shadow of a doubt rests upon the validity of a title to ground it is almost impossible to interest moneyed men to the extent of investing in it. There are plenty of opportunities of placing capital without subjecting it to the risk of total loss.

If the Atlin lake district is in the condition as stated in our news columns, it will require more than a year to restore confidence in it even if the reports as to its richness are true. Bungling officials have indeed placed a damper upon the development of more than one of Canada's richest holdings.

WHAT HAS DONE IT.

The policy which the Nugget has pursued unswervingly since the day of its first issue has resulted in bringing to this paper a patronage as far reaching as the limits of the Yukon territory. With the original plant was brought paper stock estimated to be sufficient to last for a period of one year, but within three months from the date when publication was begun it was found necessary to send out for another large shipment. But with the winter months the demand for the paper has exceeded all expectations and our somewhat limited facilities are being taxed to the utmost to satisfy our

constantly increasing list of patrons. Twenty-two hundred and fifty copies each week, sent only to actual subscribers and purchasers; and that list being added to at the rate of more than 100 per week. The NUGGET is proud and justly so of the number of genuine friends it has made. It must be remembered that in a country such as this there are at least six readers for every paper which means that something over 13,000 people are numbered among our readers in this city and on the creeks.

The confidence which the men of the territory have shown in this paper is heartily appreciated. It has been won by a straight forward, clean cut policy, unhampered by strings or "pulls" of any description, and the public may rest assured that no deviation from this policy will be made.

REPUBLICAN VICTORIES.

The returns from the elections in the states prove conclusively that the country at large is perfectly satisfied with the McKinley administration in its method of handling the war. In some states the Democrats fought the Republican idea of territorial expansion with resultant disaster to themselves. In other states the battle was waged along the lines of the Chicago platform of '96, but the general prosperity which now seems to be prevailing in Uncle Sam's domain prevented any considerable enthusiasm being shown in favor of free silver and other issues which were prominent in the last presidential campaign.

From this distance and considering also the meagre details at hand, it is difficult to judge the situation with any degree of accuracy. It appears to us, however, that the Republican party, nationally, has again entrenched itself in power for years, perhaps, to come.

The Pacific coast states have wheeled solidly into the Republican column, and even James Hamilton Lewis, the darling of everything anti-Republican in the state of Washington, could not weather the storm.

It appears therefore that the war was a popular move on the part of the administration. The people are satisfied with the means employed to bring it to a successful conclusion and are enthusiastically supporting President McKinley in his policy of territorial expansion.

To the Pacific coast states, especially this means a great deal. It will not be a great while, before the Philippines will begin to grow and develop under the influence of American laws and business energy and a great commerce will undoubtedly spring up from which the coast cities will receive great and lasting benefit. Under these circumstances it will prove exceedingly difficult to turn the coast states from allegiance to the party which has made it possible for them to reap so rich a harvest.

Some attaches of the Yukon government are inclined to take issue with this paper for its articles on discrimination against Americans. In one instance it was pointed out to us in reiteration that eight employes of the government in Dawson were Americans and six of them ladies. It is unfortunate for the strength of the argument that the ladies in question have since been all notified to quit. Again it was represented to us that we were unjust in claiming that the abortions of laws which govern this territory were the result of Canadian anti-American feeling. It is again unfortunate that Mr. Sifton talks so much and in a recent Winnipeg interview pointed out that Americans preponderated here as justification of his favorite royalty and reservation measures. We must add further that in arguing for those two obnoxious measures not a newspaper in all Canada failed to urge their lawmakers upon the grounds that only in this way could Canada get what she considered a rightful "divvy" of the spoils.

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TWENTY-FOUR

Lieut. Cassler Completed

His Instructions American Details of a

Lieutenant Cassler, Infantry, stationed at the mouth of the Copper River, arrived in the morning of which time he was informed by his government that the United States before the boats to the outside, had explored the Copper River down that stream. Cassler and another expedition last year on the coast of Alaska, if possible, interior. Mr. Lo now safely at home his government a

Lieutenant Cassler's trip. It was the intention of the latter river and of the second of the Matanuska miles a 90-mile trip was held here. enough food for Lieutenant obtain with two men, the balance coast.

It was now the nest. It is proved that trip must be Very fortunately and mighty Alaska headed for it. It miles from end to distance of each flowing into the Alaska and one into the valley the stout-hearted provisions down to miles from an un they had but one been killed and party to cross over to Bl. After a week of passage was found party started down was wrecked and axes, rifles and the board. A few these a pole raft was again went. For berries and rose a stumbled across the most hospitably been without show were very lame from canvas tied on which they had but one party, knowing full been heard from their companions southern coast of A

The trip was a success of course, the interior and maps were aneroid barometer of the passes and. Though wasted to see, the party were are quickly recover obtained of the most valuable to the its plans for the country. The lieutenant feasible route for a coast to a point on and says, further, the provisions which packing it out. of the country was copper and coal are places.

The Ins and Outs It was an excited nie's saloon at Klondike when the news first