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## NO SURPRISE.

When it is considered that claim operators pay a royalty of 10 per cent on the wages of their men, on all the dead work they do, as well as the cost of transporting supplies and machinery to their claims, it is little wonder that they begin to believe they have a legitimate grievance against the government. Just how long the country will be able to withstand the bleeding process to which it has been subjected for the past two years, is a matter of extreme doubt. The territory is rich, but it has been compelled to submit to such treatment at the hands of the government that the wonder is that it has survived as long as it has. With the tremendous expenses involved in working ground in this country, it has been plainly demonstrated that in many cases, even where dirt of unusual richness has been discovered, the royalty represents the entire profit of the winter's work. When the enforcement of the royalty means a choice between perjury and bankruptcy, there is little room for surprise that many men will choose the former.

The mass meeting on Saturday night promises to be productive of interesting developments. The questions of incorporation, of local representation, the royalty and other live matters will be handled, and, apparently, will be handled without gloves. There is no escaping the fact that the Yukon Territory has waited long, anxiously and patiently for needed redress, which has never come. We are of the opinion that the coming meeting will furnish food for earnest reflection for the various representatives of the Dominion government now in Dawson. Ottawa must look to her local agents for advice upon matters affecting the Yukon policy, and if that advice were given in accordance with the light which the officials have, or should have, some changes for the better might be brought about.

A strong effort is being made to sidetrack Gov. Brady from re-appointment as chief executive of Alaska. Brady is a representative of the old-time missionary, having been a resident of Uncle Sam's big northern territory during the past twenty years. The influx of a large population with progressive ideas has brought about considerable dissatisfaction with Brady and his methods of administration, and, in consequence, he is meeting with strong opposition. Alaska needs a young and progressive man, who will be able to realize the importance of interesting congress in the development of the territory, and who can do something to bring action.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Sun, records on one page of

its last issue the statement that Mr. Thomas O'Brien, the owner of the Sun, is at Selkirk, where he will remain until navigation opens. On another page of the same issue, Mr. O'Brien's arrival in Dawson is noted. For the benefit of those persons who, having read both items in the Sun, are left in some doubt in the matter, it may be authoritatively stated that Mr. O'Brien is in Dawson.

The casualties at Mafeking have been greater than has ordinarily been supposed. The total loss in killed and wounded has exceeded 300. The garrison, according to the latest reports, is suffering seriously from a lack of fresh provisions, and the relief column is, apparently, as far away as ever. The little band of valiant defenders have stood the test with wonderful bravery, and their heroism will place them on the honor roll along with the defenders of Ladysmith and Kimberley.

There is just about time enough left to arrange a first-class celebration for the Queen's birthday. Since the publication of the article in yesterday's Nugget, interest has been already awakened, and the movement will soon take definite form. Everyone who can should attend the meeting on Thursday night, when the preliminary steps will be taken for making the necessary arrangements.

Large Canadian commercial houses are beginning to look to Dawson as a market for their wares. The present season promises to see them entering actively as competitors for Dawson trade. The outlook is that a large consignment business will be handled, and several responsible firms are now making preparations for opening commission houses.

Roberts has the Boers in the Orange Free State caught in a trap, from which they will extricate themselves only with the utmost difficulty. As soon as the capture or destruction of the Boers who yet remain in the south is accomplished, nothing will remain to prevent a general advance in the direction of Pretoria.

The fact should not be overlooked by persons whose inclinations turn them toward Nome, that it only requires a few claims on the American side to blanket an entire creek. This works all right for the man who happens to get a claim, but is hard on the majority when several thousand people stampede a five-mile creek.

Dawson's May day has been as bright and sunny as though her majesty, the May day queen, made her headquarters in the Klondike.

## Riflemen's Range Marks.

The killing of Gen. Lawton by the bullet of some unknown-Filipino sharpshooter recalls an interesting little story which was told by one of the officers of the Tennessee regiment when it passed through the city recently on its way home from service in the far east.

"In the first advance which we made north of Manila," he said, "we discovered that the native sharpshooters were exceedingly fond of locating range marks on ground they thought we would be apt to traverse. They would know the exact elevation necessary to drop a bullet at some bush, stump or pile of stones, and if a soldier approached the spot he was pretty certain to get it. Sometimes several men would be killed or wounded before the deadly indicator would be observed, and when any sharpshooting was going on our boys learned eventually to avoid all conspicuous objects that looked as if they might have been selected as range marks. Otherwise the Filipinos are not remarkable as shots." A very similar story was told by sol-

diers who participated in the fighting before Santiago. They say that almost every Spanish rifleman hidden away in a tree top had a scale of distances carefully noted by marks at various points, and some of these range finders acquired sinister fame. Some little distance from the first emergency hospital was the wreck of a heavy two-wheeled native wagon, with a pole sticking straight up into the air. It was on the edge of a path to the nearest creek, which was frequently traversed, and three soldiers were shot near the heap of rubbish before it became evident that a hidden sharpshooter was using it to sight by. A couple of days later there was a systematic raid on the men in the tree tops, and most of them were swept out by the machine guns, but in the meanwhile the old wagon and other objects that appeared to have been located as distance marks were scrupulously shunned. It is very possible that the gallant Lawton chanced to get in line with some such indicator at the moment he received his death wound.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## "Taking" Royalty.

The most photographed person in the world is the Prince of Wales. Some 30,000 photographs of him are sold yearly.

The emperor of Germany enjoys having his photograph taken. There is a yearly demand for 15,000 of his likenesses.

The sultan of Turkey is very diffident about having his pictures taken. When it is over, he acts as if he had been through a very trying ordeal and takes in long breaths, as if the strain had been intense.

Emperor Franz Joseph, of Austria, has an idea that he can pose himself better than any one else can; hence he always chooses his own attitudes. Once the photographer stooped to press a crease into his majesty's trousers. "Oh, never mind," replied the emperor. "It would be far better if you could iron the wrinkles out of my cheeks."

The pope is very peculiar about having his picture taken. He had some photographs taken some 15 years ago which he favors. In most cases he refuses to have others taken. He gives as his reason that his friends who took the pictures have been true to him, and he wishes to be true to them. Every year about 18,000 of them are sold.

## Police Guarding Trail.

For several days nothing has been heard as to the progress being made in the work of searching for the bodies of the victims of the Minto murder. That there has been no cessation in the vigor with which the search is being prosecuted there is authentic information. The police are prosecuting the search with the tenacity which is characteristic of the British and there is no doubt but that, with the skilled aid of Detective McGuire, the bodies will yet be found. A Skagway paper which arrived by the late mail says:

"Recent arrivals from Dawson state that the search for the bodies of the Cluyson party is still being industriously continued. The whole trail from Minto to Hutehiku has been torn up in search for them, but that the scene of the murder has been discovered is now well-known in that vicinity.

"The trail leading from the regular trail up to the hut occupied by O'Brien," said N. Aveling, who arrived last night and is at the Occidental hotel, "has also been all dug up. But the police guard this trail scrupulously and will not permit anyone to enter it. They evidently have other strong evidence in addition to that of knowing exactly where the murders took place."

The paper further quotes Mr. Aveling, in speaking of the man O'Brien, now held in the Dawson jail, on a charge of larceny, but who is suspected of knowing something of the Minto murder, as saying:

"No doubt the idea of the officials is to hold him until such time as the bodies are found, as under the British law it is impossible to hold a man for murder, no matter how strong the circumstantial evidence, unless you can produce the bodies. Circumstantial evidence of death is not sufficient."

## Right You Are.

Indications are that Cape Nome will be worse overdone in the way of unemployed than was even Dawson City. While thousands are preparing to leave from the Sound, all the unemployed of the Klondike are already on the way down the river, and hundreds of others will follow, reaching the new district before the people from here even get started.—Port Townsend Call.

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