

WORKING HARDSHIPS

New Order in Council Takes Effect

Claims Though Work Continuously May Be Jumped if Renewals Are Not Made.

The new order in council concerning the renewal of mining claims which went into effect last Saturday is raising merry cain with many miners who have been dilatory in the matter of their renewals. Under the old regulations if the work required by law had been performed the certificate of such work would have held the claim without renewal being made at once. In fact, but very few people ever took out their renewals at the same time they filed their certificates of work, and the practice to wait until the year had almost expired before doing so. Such practices were not contrary to any regulation, those pertaining to placer mining specifying only that such renewals shall be made within the year. The new regulations provide, however, that the renewal must be made within 90 days after the expiration of the year otherwise the claim will be open to objection. For instance, if a claim expires on January 1, the work must necessarily have been done prior to that date, but instead of the claim owner having all the following year in which to make his renewal he must do so within 90 days of April 1. For several days last week a number of vultures who never acquired a claim other than by jumping them over the homing of the records in the commissioner's office looking for claims that might be jumped, the number of which was probably some ten or twelve who were out on the streets struggling for a livelihood and was unware of the new order in council, the taking advantage of which would deprive him of his property. Saturday morning when the new order was opened the jumpers were on the streets and for several hours the streets were kept busy taking applications for record. Among the jumpers were recorded was the upper half of 75 below on Saturday. They were staked at one o'clock on Saturday according to the affidavit of the jumpers. Not content with such a morning's work the same jumpers went to Gold Bottom creek and staked the upper and lower half of 22 from the mouth. The owners of the latter claims are particularly hard working young men who acquired their interests last winter. They spent all of last winter on their claims opening up the ground for summer work, doing a great amount of dead work, not the least of which was the getting down a year's supply of wood. At the end of their ground was jumped they were in town working for wages in order to get a grubstake that they might return to their claims. They were entirely unware of the new regulations and will probably lose their ground though they have done enough work to represent a half dozen claims. Whether it will be possible to secure any redress or not is not known, no protest having as yet been brought against staking under the new regulation. A valuable placer on Dominion was also re-opened Saturday, 2a above upper half of 22. Other claims were staked yesterday and today upon the same grounds as those already referred to. In several such litigation will result from this late order in council.

Another Family for Dawson

Geo. W. De Succa and daughter Miss Helen, who arrived on the Yukoner on Monday, will take up a residence in Dawson, the son, Chas. E., having preceded them by two weeks. Mr. De Succa was one of the pioneer families of Skagway and as

proprietors of the Daily Alaskan were closely identified with the growth and development of that city. Mrs. De Succa is a thorough business woman and is bound to succeed anywhere.

Mr. De Succa, than whom a better and larger-hearted man never entered a printshop or found a place for a "sub," is now in San Francisco but will join his family in Dawson later.

Case Dismissed

When the case of Mrs. Sharks, charged by Alice Gordon with assault, came on for hearing before Magistrate Wroughton yesterday afternoon the evidence showed a somewhat tangled state of affairs, the stories told by the principals in the "mill" being as far apart as it was possible for two stories to be. The only thing for the magistrate to do was dismiss the case and he did it.

MILLIONS INVOLVED

In Law Suits Now Being Tried in Spokane

Mining Engineers and Lawyers Puzzled—Suit to Quiet Title.

Special to the Daily Klondike. Spokane, July 8.—(ore worth \$17,000,000 to \$50,000,000 is at stake in the fight between the Bunker Hill and Sullivan and the Empire State Idaho Co., in the celebrated Bunker Hill extralateral right case, which is on trial at Spokane. The suit is probably the most important that has ever been brought in a tangled over the ownership of the great silver lead lode of Wardner, Idaho. It affects ownership of claims along the whole length of the ledge and is so strangely involved that the ablest mining engineers of the country are puzzled over the facts, while the questions of law involved will probably take the case up to the supreme court of the United States.

The case is suit in equity brought by Bunker Hill & Sullivan Company against the Empire State of Idaho Company to quit title to ownership of part of the vein.

Three Men Discharged

Olympia, June 27.—Three enlisted men of Company B, national guard of the state of Washington, Colfax, have been discharged for the "good of the service." Capt. Baker, of Company L, who slapped an enlisted man in the face and has been under arrest for several days, is released from custody, and on Monday will resume command. The adjutant general finds, first, that Private Inman plainly disobeyed a lawful order when he refused to pay on his uniform; second, Capt. Baker was clearly within his rights when he ordered Private Inman discharged by means of pack drill; third, that the captain was in citizen's clothes has no bearing upon the case. He was well known to all of the men; fourth, the company was at ease, and no man in the ranks had any right to speak. The men had been warned that they were at ease by Lieut. McCutcheon more than once, and directed to keep silent.

Early Icehouses.

In America icehouses have been known for at least 200 years. They were first very primitive affairs, being nothing more than deep cellars, the flooring made of boards, or stone upon which was placed a layer of straw or sawdust. The sides were lined with boards set about a foot from the wall, and this space was filled in with sawdust, tan bark or straw. A rough, thatched roof completed the structure, which was then filled with ice, between the layers of which tan bark or sawdust was strewed.

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SHORTAGE OF WATER

Rampart District Has Troubles

Similar to the Klondike—Little Minook Carrying Less Than a Sluiceway.

Captain A. D. Williams, who arrived from Rampart a few days ago, brings an interesting gist of information from that section. The captain has been in that vicinity since '99, being one of the earliest stamper to Little Minook, Hoosier and other creeks. The cleanup this year he says was the best in the history of the camp, in value fully three times what it ever was before. Many claims have been opened up for summer work, but the progress has been slow on account of a shortage of water at present being felt similar to that which has so troubled the miners of the Klondike this season until very recently. At the time of his departure there were not over two-thirds of the winter dumps that had been sluiced up. Flume hose has come into very general use this year, particularly on ground that is being worked during the open season.

With two exceptions every claim on Glen gulch reared up better than was expected. Rhode Island creek is receiving a great deal of attention this season, it being a small stream that like Glen gulch drains toward Baker creek and the Tanana but loses itself in a flat before reaching there. The owners of several claims on the lower end of the creek have recently pooled their issues and constructed a bedrock drain 20 feet in depth in places and 700 feet long. It was expected to have been completed last Saturday. Pay has been discovered on several claims on Rhode Island, but the miners have never been able to get to bedrock on account of the water which does not freeze down in the winter. Last winter a fair sized dump was taken out on the rim of one of the claims and the uniform quality of the dirt brought to the surface was the principal thing that determined the construction of the bedrock drain. Pay has recently been struck on Gold Run, a tributary of Rhode Island. As far as located it is not over 25 or 50 feet wide but is quite rich.

"Little Minook, Hoosier and Hunter have all turned out well this season," said the captain, "but about two weeks ago we had to shut down on account of a shortage of water. Since its first discovery Little Minook was never known to carry less than a sluiceway until this summer." Another recent discovery in which Captain Williams is interested and which he regards very highly is a group of benches lying between Glen gulch and Gold Run. Bedrock is but from four to eight feet deep and the entire ground can be worked by open cut. The captain left for the outside day before yesterday but will soon return. During his absence his claims are being worked by his partners.

That Moose Call

There is a story current on the creeks to the effect that a few days ago a moose call was run down by a dog belonging to Ole Peterson and brought to town and taken to the Whitehorse stables, where Mr. C. Eckman of 28 Eldorado saw it, fell in love with it, had to have it and paid \$100 for it.

The story is so absurd and ludicrous it is strange that any one would believe it. Mr. Eckman when coming to town with Mr. Gas Peterson and Mr. Ridley saw the mother moose first, then the calf. It was run down by Mr. Peterson's dog on No. 81 or 82 below Bonanza, caught by the three above named gentlemen and brought to town by them and later taken to 28 Eldorado by Mr. Eckman.

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Organ Recital.

The size of the new organ in St. Andrew's church may be judged when it is stated that its strains may be heard at least five blocks away from the church. The power of the pedal notes is so great, that the neighboring houses are absolutely shaken when they are being used. The recital to be given tomorrow evening will attract a large audience without any doubt, as the instrument is said to be an unusually magnificent one, its voicing in particular being exceptionally excellent. The vox humana stop alone cost \$600 at the organ factory, and Mr. Stahl, the installer, says that it is the finest stop of its kind that he has ever heard. Mr. Ernest Searelle, who is opening the instrument tomorrow evening, and whose ability is well known, will give his hearers a great musical treat.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Hundreds of indigent Americans now in Cuba are petitioning the minister for aid.

The big coal mines in Missouri are to be absorbed by a syndicate controlled by J. P. Morgan.

According to a German crop report just issued, there has been a great general improvement in the month ended June 15.

I. S. Hirschfeld, former president of the suspended Merchants' National Bank, of Helena, has been adjudged bankrupt in the federal court.

Advices received from Adis Abeba, capital of Abyssinia, announce the safe arrival there of Fitzhugh Whitehouse of Newport, R. I., and Lord Hindlip, who started from England on an exploring trip to the upper Nile.

Mgr. R. Sanz de Samper, the member of the pope's household who was sent to Mexico some months ago with instructions to endeavor to re-establish diplomatic relations between that republic and the Vatican, reports that he has been successful in his mission.

A certificate of incorporation was filed at Trenton, N. J., for the American Steel Foundries Company, capital \$40,000,000. The concern is authorized to manufacture iron, steel and manganese and other materials and all articles partially consisting of the same.

News has been received from Venezuela that the government of that country has received a report of the death in Matrin, in the state of Bermudez, from dysentery, of Gen. Domingo Monagas, who was a leading personality in the present Mal's revolution against President Castro.

The report that Count Rudolph Potiecki, an aide de camp of the czar, lost \$500,000 at baccarat in three hours at a club in Warsaw Friday night and afterwards attempted to commit suicide, originated in an obscure and unreliable paper of Cracow, and is generally regarded as being entirely unfounded.

Its Ore is Improving

Fairview, B. C., special to the Rossland Miner says:

Although those in charge of the New Fairview Corporation's Stenwinder mine are reluctant as to the results of recent work in the mine, it has been ascertained from a thoroughly reliable source that a marked improvement has taken place in the grade of ore being mined at the 300-foot level, so that if no financial difficulty arises during the next two or three months the mine will hereafter be in receipt of regular returns that will place it upon a more satisfactory basis, in regard to the value of its product, than it has been in the past.

The Stenwinder has experienced many difficulties, but a shortage of ore has never been one of its troubles, the low grade rather than the quantity having been the chief obstacle to its success. Now, however, that the whole body of ore in the slope at the 300-foot level, having a width of about thirty-three feet, is carrying appreciably higher values, the outlook is distinctly better than at any previous time in the history of the mine.

The stamp mill is now running forty stamps and milling about 100 tons of ore daily, and the work of adding twenty stamps from the Smuggler mill is well forward, foundations being in readiness, mortar blocks in and nearly all of the additional plant on the ground, with only the mortars yet to be hauled from the Smuggler mill site, distant about a mile and a half. The cyanide plant has been installed and is in operation, and mining is in progress at all three levels—100, 200 and 300-foot-of the mine, with some thirty men on the pay roll.

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MARCHBANK DISCHARGED

Jury Declares Him Not Guilty

Deliberation Lasted Forty Minutes—Able Charge is Made by Mr. Justice Craig.

In the hearing of the Marchbank gambling case before Mr. Justice Craig yesterday afternoon about the only thing that developed of more than passing interest was the evidence of Moses McGregor, one of the star witnesses for the crown, labor leader, some time agitator and all around champion of the poor, down-trodden workingman. Moses' testimony was somewhat in the nature of expert evidence. He had often seen gambling in Marchbank's place, knew what gambling was, and confessed to even having taken a long chance several times himself. The different percentages of the various games he had figured out to a nicety, particularly roulette which he estimated to be 6 per cent. in favor of the dealer. Faro he was not so positive about, but on black jack and craps he certainly was an authority. The argument of counsel did not take long and the charge of his lordship to the jury was equally brief and to the point. In conclusion he said:

"Disabuse your minds of moral sentiments. You have got to apply the law. I have tried to give you some idea of how I look at the case and my view of the law. You may find the defendant guilty on one or both counts, or innocent of both." The jury retired to their room and after deliberating but forty minutes returned a verdict of not guilty. The accused was discharged and the clerk of the court was ordered to return the apparatus that had been seized during the raid.

Heated Argument.

Quite a heated argument took place in court this morning when the case of Carbonneau vs. Letourneau was called. Counsel for defense insisted that as the case had been set for today, the 9th, before Mr. Justice Craig, he was there with his witnesses prepared to go on. On account of criminal matters being on and a jury in attendance his lordship refused to excuse them for the day in order to try a civil action. Mr. Justice Dugas has expressed a willingness to hear the case and an effort was made to have the matter transferred to the other court, but this counsel for plaintiff would not agree to. The position of the defendants was explained to the court, they were poor men who had brought their witnesses in from Gold Run and could ill afford to keep them here several days for the purpose of giving their evidence. The court was sorry that such was the case, but he certainly could not be expected to give a civil action preference over a criminal case when the jury and everyone else concerned is in court and ready to proceed. If Mr. Carbonneau would not agree to the case being heard by Mr. Justice Dugas then the matter would have to stand over until the jury was discharged. Defendants also complained bitterly that the order of the court in reference to the receiver and his duties were not being complied with at all, so attention having been paid to the instructions that had been given him by the court.

"If that is the case you have your remedy," said his lordship. "Bring him before me and I will see whether he will obey the orders of the court or not."

Assaulted a Woman

Geo. Barnes was fined \$20 and costs in police court this morning for assaulting Mrs. Annie Larsson. The circumstances were that Mrs. Larsson had purchased a lot of wood from Barnes and later, through a misunderstanding or for some other reason, Barnes attempted to remove a portion of it. Mrs. Larsson sat down on the wood to prevent its removal and Barnes grabbed her by the shoulders and threw her away from it. Attorneys were employed on both sides and hearing of the case occupied nearly all of the forenoon.

Had no Case

Police Magistrate Wroughton rendered a decision this morning in the case of Henry Basted against J. A. Seghers of the Klondike Mill Co., the decision being that the company was not responsible for the account.

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