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North American Trading & Transportation Company Still Considering

QUESTION OF JOINING CONSOLIDATION

With Other Transportation and Commercial Companies.

REFRACTORY STOCKHOLDERS

Are Being Worked on by Management of Chicago Company—Illinois Laws Stand in Way.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

San Francisco, April 17, via Skagway, April 23.—The Call will say tomorrow:

"The Cudahy interests in trade and transportation and in Alaska may yet combine with the other larger trading and transportation companies of the North which recently formed a corporation of their combined Pacific coast interests. At the time of the formation of the new companies it is stated that the principal stockholders in the North American Transportation & Trading Co., were in favor of taking joint action with the other companies, but there were some stockholders who objected and it was found that there are laws in Illinois that seem to stand in the way of the desired consolidation. According to a dispatch from the East the management of the Chicago company is still working on refractory stockholders and it is possible that the deal will be closed within a few weeks."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Calls on Commissioner Ross With Requests.

Col. MacGregor, C. M. Woodworth and Joseph A. Clarke, a special committee delegated by the citizens' committee to call upon Commissioner Ross with a memorial setting forth certain legislative needs, principal among which is a suitable miners' lien law and a cessation of the wholesale granting of hydraulic concessions on flimsy representations, called upon that official yesterday afternoon when they were courteously received and attentively listened to.

Of the many questions discussed at the meeting were the needed reductions of miners' licenses and recording fees, also the matter of urging upon Ottawa the granting to the Yukon of a wholly elective council. Representation in parliament and the question of municipal incorporation also came up, the commissioner expressing himself as being in sympathy with the principles of self-government.

The commissioner thanked the committee for calling upon him, also for the insight their remarks had given him into the needs of the country. He promised at an early date to give their representations due consideration.

HONNEN RETIRES

From the Stage Business—Will do Freight and Expressing

Henry Honnen has retired from the stage business and will discontinue his regular itinerary between Dawson and the Forks. While Honnen has not made any money on his enterprise of last winter, he has gained a host of friends who will learn with regret of his retirement from the field. However, as he will continue in the freight and express business from which he has derived a remunerative income his many friends can still do business with him.

Arrest Follows Opening.

The Dawson gambling house at 119 Occidental avenue, opened its doors to the public today. The police were at once notified and Detective Wapensstein at once arrested the proprietors, Jack Smith and C. C. Kelly.—Seattle Star, April 10.

Both Smith and Kelly are former Dawsonites. The Seattle house is said to be the finest in the city.

MINERS' LIEN LAW

As Proposed Considered by the Council of Board of Trade.

The council of the Board of Trade met last evening for the purpose of considering the miners' lien law from the business men's standpoint and to make recommendations to the Yukon council for amending the ordinance where it conflicts with the business men's interests.

The ordinance has been modified by the new legal adviser, the retroactive phase of it which was the principal ground of contention, being eliminated, so that when the council of the board considered it last night there were only three or four sections which did not meet with the approval of the members.

President Mizner occupied the chair and the following were present: L. R. Folds, Thos. McGowan, J. J. Delaney, H. T. Wills, Falcon Joslin and Secretary F. W. Clayton. The president called the meeting to order and the consideration of the ordinance was at once taken up.

The ordinance was read by Mr. McGowan and was considered by sections.

The first, second and third sections concerning the name, interpretation and allowing the miner a lien for three months' wages unless an agreement in writing to the contrary was signed, were passed as written.

In the fourth section, which gives priority to the miner over all mortgages recorded prior to the commencement of the work, it was thought that the mortgage or lien which should be recorded first should take the preference, and so it was decided to ask that the fourth section be amended to read, "The lien shall not effect or prejudice the rights of any person having a mortgage or other charge upon the mining claim or output made and recorded prior to the recording of such lien."

The fifth section was amended so as to read, "The lien created by this ordinance shall have priority over all judgments, executions, assignments, attachments, garnishments and receiving orders recovered, issued or made after such lien has been registered instead of 'after such lien arises.'"

The recording of liens which the sixth section provides may be made before the gold commissioner or mining recorder of the district in which the mine is situated, was amended so as to make the recording of the liens before the gold commissioner or clerk of the territorial court as it was considered that if the liens were recorded by the mining recorders, which are situated all over the territory that it would scatter the records and the business men would not be given a fair show in recording their mortgages or liens.

The balance of the ordinance with the exception of appeal clause in section 11 which allows an appeal to be taken in any case no matter the amount of the lien, remains as before. While no amendment was proposed to the clause the attention of the council will be called to the clause in the appeal of civil actions which provides that no appeal may be taken in any case where the amount under dispute is less than \$500. This, it is said, will apply to procedure in lien cases as well as other civil actions.

Mr. Thos. McGowan was appointed a committee of one to prepare the amendments to be presented to the Yukon council. A meeting of the entire Board of Trade is called for Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at which meeting the amendments will be presented for approval.

Shot Three Sailors.

San Francisco, April 4.—Two men were fatally shot and one seriously wounded in Joseph Anderson's saloon on Pacific street early this morning. Joseph H. Cordes, of Elmhurst, Alameda county, did the shooting. He was trying to kill Kitty Eisel, who formerly lived with him, but missed her each time and struck three innocent bystanders, all of whom were sailors.

John Carlson was the first of the victims to succumb. He died almost immediately after his arrival at the Harbor Receiving hospital.

Peter Sjogren, of the transport Indiana, was shot through the head. He was hurried to the city receiving hospital. Casual inspection convinced the surgeons that Sjogren would soon die.

A. J. Shanley, of the back Harvester, was shot in the back. At the city receiving hospital the bullet could not be located. His chances of recovery are fair.

Secret of Success Disclosed.

"I," said the gentleman who had fairly prospered, "am humbly proud of the fact that I took 'Get thee behind me, satan,' as my motto when I began business life."

"There is nothing," said the second gentleman, who had measured business wits with the first gentleman, "like having good backing."—Indianapolis News.

Dr. A. E. Clendenau and John J. Brady, of Hunker; L. L. Griesburg, of Bonanza, and Colin McGregor, of Dominion, are registered at the McDonald hotel.

COSTLY BLAZE

This Morning Devastates Second Street and Second Avenue Property

OWNED BY O. FINSTAD AND OTHERS

Whose Losses Run Far Into the Thousands.

DEPARTMENT'S NOBLE WORK

Origin of Fire a Supposition—Was Ordinance Regarding Women in Licensed Premises Violated?

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A very disastrous fire occurred this morning about 7:45 on Second street, between First and Second avenue. The fire started in the Empire lodging house and before it could be controlled had started the building owned by Mrs. Knso on the corner of Second street and Second avenue and from there jumped to the building occupied by Reilly's furnishing store on Second avenue.

The origin of the fire has not been as yet fully determined, but it is thought that it was caused by a spark from the chimney. The only stove in the house in which there was a fire at the time was in the back part of the Olympic saloon which was underneath the lodging house on the ground floor. The pipe from that stove went straight up through the ceilings of the first and second stories and through the roof of the building.

It was in a room occupied by Mr. Davidson through which the pipe extended and from which the spark is supposed to have issued that the fire originated.

The inmates of the house, of whom there were about 18, were all asleep when the fire started and it was some time before it was discovered. It had then gained considerable headway and was breaking through the roof and the sides of the building. When the alarm was sounded in the building the place was full of smoke and there were several of the inmates who had to get out through the windows on the east and north sides and climb over the buildings adjoining in order to make their escape. No opportunity was given anyone to save any of their personal effects or any of the furniture or fittings of the house.

The fire department responded quickly to the call and very soon had six streams of water on the building, but it was not gotten under control until it had spread to the adjoining building. The Empire house is owned by O. Finstad and was erected last year at a cost of \$13,000. The furniture and fixtures were purchased on the outside at a cost of \$4000, bringing his total loss nearly up to \$20,000.

The first floor of the building was occupied by the Olympic saloon and Smith's confectionery store. The Olympic saloon removed all their fixtures and goods out of the building so that their loss will be very inconsiderable. Mr. Smith who owns the confectionery and cigar store next to the saloon lives on Seventh avenue and did not get to the fire until it was under full headway and it was then impossible for him to remove any of his goods from the building. His stock which is valued at about \$2000, is nearly a complete loss more from the water than the fire.

James Biff and E. A. Cochrane the jewelers who occupy part of the adjoining building which is owned by Mrs. Russo who has the corner on Second street and Second avenue removed all their stock and machinery.

The damage to the building occupied and owned by Mrs. Russo will probably amount to about \$1000.

The building occupied by Reilly's gent's furnishing store is a complete wreck, but the stock was all saved, their loss will amount to nearly \$1000.

The Little Yukon Bakery, of which Geo. Lyons was proprietor and which was in the building owned by Mrs. Russo, was nearly a complete loss as there was nothing removed from the building. His loss is estimated at \$600.

The personal loss of the lodgers cannot be estimated but as no one saved any more than they wore out of the building their aggregate loss must have been considerable.

Reports current this afternoon that several persons were badly burned in the fire are without foundation. Mrs. Reilly, wife of the clothier, was slightly burned in her efforts to save some valuables. Marie Newman, known as

"Sweet Marie," was also burned but not seriously. She evidently lost her head in her desire to save her clothes as it was necessary to force her to leave the burning building by passing her out through a window. L. W. Horkan and another man furnishing the motor power. Marie fainted before reaching the ground but soon revived. She sustained slight burns on one side of her face. She, like many other of the inmates of the Empire, lost every stitch of their clothing save their scant robes of night.

S-Y. T. CO. OUT OF BUSINESS

Has Sold Out All Interests to the New Combination.

Manager Te Roller Expresses His Views as to Effect of New Organization—Prices Will Not Advance.

As one result of the big combination of Yukon commercial interests recently effected, the Seattle-Yukon Transportation Co. will shortly discontinue business, its interests having been purchased by the combine.

This announcement was authoritatively made this morning by Local Manager H. Te Roller.

"The S.-Y. T. Co. is entirely out of the transportation and mercantile business," said Mr. Te Roller, "but whether we shall embark in mining ventures or other pursuits I am unable as yet to say."

"Our company has no stock in the new corporation, the transaction so far as we are concerned, being a straight sale."

In answer to a query as to the intentions of the S.-Y. T. Co. in the event the combine had not been made Mr. Te Roller said: "We had decided to discontinue the retail business and confine ourselves to wholesaling exclusively. We have found operating expenses altogether too heavy and these together with shrinkage in gold dust values and cost of outside exchange, have reduced the margin of profit to such an extent that we would not be justified in continuing along our past line of policy. The combine, however, has settled the entire matter. The S.-Y. T. Co. will go out of business." Mr. Te Roller does not believe that the combination of the big companies will have a tendency to increase prices of goods.

"It may," he said, "effect an advance in some lines, but on the whole I think the result will be the opposite. Prices of certain classes of goods will need to be increased as they are now too low, but there are others which will stand a reduction. When the new management is in full swing, I look to see a more equitable division of margins, and on the whole a decrease in cost to the consumer. I am also of the opinion that there need be no further oversupply or shortage in any particular lines. Controlling the situation to the extent it will, the combine will be able to obviate any further difficulties in this respect."

"The reduction of operating expenses will be a great saving to them. It is unfortunate that the investments in transportation and mercantile equipments are so far in excess of the requirements. Statistics, I understand show that there are now facilities for accommodating a population of 60,000, while probably the present population from Bennett to St. Michael does not foot up 25,000. I do not think the new company can afford to, nor will nich the miner or small merchants."

"The miner must prosper in order that commercial and transportation concerns may do a profitable business and I look to see every encouragement extended to the men who are engaged in the actual work of developing the country."

As to his own plans for the future, Mr. Te Roller will be engaged for some time yet in closing out the affairs of the company after which he will be at liberty to give attention to his private interests of which he has acquired a number. He has no intention of leaving Dawson, which he thinks has before it a most promising future. Mr. Te Roller has been identified with the S.-Y. T. Co. almost from its beginning and is largely responsible for the constantly increasing business which the company has transacted during the past three years. The S.-Y. T. Co. has been a popular concern with the miners of the territory as also with the buying public generally, and much regret has been expressed over the fact that the determination was reached to close out the company's business in Dawson.

A Difficult Wife.

An Englishman thus describes his wife in the bosom of his will:

"Heaven seems to have sent her into the world solely to drive me out of it. The strength of Sampson, the genius of Homer, the prudence of Augustine, the skill of Pyrrhus, the patience of Job, the philosophy of Socrates, the subtlety of Hannibal, the vigilance of Hermogenes, would not suffice to subdue the perversity of her character."

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RECEIVED BY WIRE. BOILER EXPLODES

On Fraser River Steamer Ramona, Short Distance From New Westminster.

INSTANTLY KILLING FOUR PERSONS

And Seriously Injuring Five Men, Woman and Baby.

SEVERAL OF INJURED MAY DIE

The Killed Were Two Women and Two Deck Hands—Explosion Caused by Splitting Plate.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Vancouver, B.C., April 17, via Skagway, April 23.—The boiler of the steamer Ramona exploded today shortly after the steamer's leaving Westminster for points up the Fraser river. The result of the explosion was most disastrous, four persons being killed outright and a number severely injured. The dead are Mrs. Mary Morrison of Port Langley, Mrs. James Bailey of Mount Lehman, James Mackey and Andrew Phipps, both deck hands. The injured are Purser A. Power, Mate James Maynard, Fireman Victor Nowell, two Indian men, an Indian woman and her baby. It is thought several of the injured cannot recover. The explosion was due to the splitting of a plate in the rear end of the boiler.

JUDGE DUGAS AWARDED \$1

In Damage Suit Against Victoria Colonist.

Victoria, April 16, via Skagway, April 23.—The jury awarded Judge Dugas one dollar in his damage suit against the Colonist. In regard to the costs the Colonist previously deposited with the court the sum of \$25 to pay any costs Dugas might have been put to when the paper agreed to retract, Dugas demanding that it not only retract but donate \$500 for the St. Joseph hospital. The court rules that any cost incurred by the Colonist after depositing the \$25 must be borne by Dugas.

BIG TRAIN OF STOCK

To Leave Skagway for Whitehorse Tomorrow.

Skagway, April 23.—The largest stock train to ever pass over the White Pass & Yukon Route will start from this place tomorrow morning. The train which will be made up of 17 cars and 3 locomotives will transport to Whitehorse 150 head of cattle and 700 head of sheep, the property of C. Bartsch & Co. From Whitehorse the stock will be driven to Hootalinqua from which place it will be taken to Dawson on barges at the opening of navigation.

FAMINE RELIEVED

Fifty-one Head of Steers Will Arrive Tomorrow.

The beef eaters will be overjoyed to learn that a large consignment of live stock has reached Indian river, 51 head in all, which will arrive in Dawson tomorrow. The cattle are being brought in by J. Lusk who came in to Dawson this morning to report their progress. These cattle will be killed at the slaughter house across the river and placed on the market within a few days. It is said by local dealers that the price of beef will again drop to prices within the reach of the people and that the meat combine has received a body blow. The beefs are reported to be in fine condition. Four horses accompany the cattle with feed. Mr. Lusk says the trail is in good

condition and that he could make the trip from here to Whitehorse without any inconvenience by going around the bad places. It is his opinion that travel can be continued for the next two weeks.

Ohio Bank Looted.

Chardon, O., April 4.—A gang of half a dozen robbers early today blew open the safe of the Citizens' Savings bank here, and after a desperate fight with Night Watchman Pomeroy and a citizen, succeeded in making their escape. It is believed the robbers secured less than \$200. Night Watchman Pomeroy discovered the men at work in the bank. He was seized, bound and gagged, but not until he had shot one of the burglars, Dr. Hadson, who lives near the bank, was aroused by the noise and came to the scene. He was also seized and tied hand and foot. It required three big charges of dynamite to blow the safe door off. After completing their work the robbers left town on a handcar.

Early today two men were arrested at Willoughby upon the charge of being members of the gang which robbed the Chardon bank.

The robbers succeeded in gaining entrance to only one compartment of the big safe. In another part, which was not reached, it is said nearly \$50,000 was stored.

Pomeroy is badly used up. After he shot one of the burglars he was unmercifully clubbed over the head. After being bound and gagged the watchman was dragged into the bank. He lay there a witness to all the operations.

At each explosion the robbers retired to places of safety. Pomeroy lay in an exposed place and no attention was paid to him, except that one of the robbers, whose arm had evidently been broken by the shot from Pomeroy's revolver, occasionally gave him a kick in the ribs as he passed.

The robbers were a long time getting into the vault. They gathered up loose coins lying about, then went at the strong box. They exploded several charges, but could not force it.

After an investigation today Cashier C. L. Smith, of the bank, said:

"The robbers got \$75 in gold, \$50,000 in certificates held against the bank by individuals, and \$25,000 or \$30,000 worth of mortgages and other securities belonging to individuals. None of the paper taken is negotiable. There was \$50,000 in currency in an inner vault which they did not get."

A posse of citizens is scouring the surrounding country for the robbers. It is believed that some coins found in possession of the two men arrested at Willoughby are part of those taken from the bank. The men also had several sticks of dynamite in their possession.

Two of the five men implicated in the bank robbery were arrested at Willoughby this afternoon and taken to jail there. They gave fictitious names, and both were registered as "John Doe." A bundle of the bank's checks, some old coins and other articles were found on the men.

Was Once in Dawson.

Many Dawson people will be greatly interested in reading the following which relates to a young lady who was formerly a most esteemed and popular member of local society:

Two receptions were given yesterday at the executive mansion by Mrs. Gov. Yates, the occasion being Wednesday, her regular "at home" day. A new feature was presented at the afternoon reception, that of gentlemen callers, as well as lady guests. During the afternoon free reception form prevailed, but in the evening the guests, comprising the members of the legislature and their ladies, remained and were entertained by a short impromptu program. Miss Georgia Osborne, of Jacksonville, delighted those in attendance with a thrilling account of her adventures while in the Klondike regions. Miss Osborne, accompanied by Mrs. M. L. D. Keiser, both prominent residents of Jacksonville and intimate friends of Mrs. Yates, were among the first adventurers to penetrate the frigid recesses of Alaska. Mrs. Keiser is at present in Alaska. The account given by Miss Osborne was very interesting and her graphic illustrations of the scenes in the north proved highly entertaining.—Springfield (Ill.) Register.

An Alarming Case.

Sir William Macourt once visited man-of-war lying off the Hampshire coast. After dinner the weather proving rather rough, the captain, a small, dapper man, suggested that Sir William should sleep on board and surrender his own berth for the night to the ex-chancellor of the exchequer.

Next morning the captain's minor servant, who knew nothing of the change of berth, brought a cup of coffee to the cabin door and knocked once or twice without receiving an answer. Somewhat alarmed, he opened the cabin door and asked: "Don't you want your coffee this morning, sir?"

The only reply was a growl, and the frightened sailor saw a gigantic figure turn over under the bedclothes. Dropping the coffee, he rushed to the ship's surgeon, exclaiming:

"For goodness' sake, sir, come to the captain! He's speechless and swollen to ten times his natural size!"—London Tit-Bits.