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KLONDIKE NUGGET.

RIDICULOUS ANTICS.

It is amusing to watch the antics of the News, which didn't know until last evening that congress has no jurisdiction over the affairs of this territory, in dealing with the matter of representation. The News has tackled the question as though it were something entirely new to the people of this territory. As a matter of fact the question has been threshed over a dozen times. It has been the subject of petitions and addresses to the government and has been discussed in parliament a half dozen times.

Every newspaper in Dawson and almost every man of standing in the community has been on record for a year or two in favor of representation.

A specific promise has been made by the premier of Canada that when the census returns are in and he has at hand data upon which he will be justified in acting, representation will be granted. There is no reason as yet to believe that this promise will be broken, for the census returns have not yet been received and parliament does not convene again until next spring.

In spite of this, we find the News grappling with the representation question as though it were a brand new toy, and clamoring to know what "congress" is going to do with the matter.

The thing is so ridiculous as scarcely to warrant attention. Everybody knows that the Yukon territory wants to be represented in parliament and everybody believes that such representation will be given when parliament convenes again.

Meanwhile if the News cannot secure results by appeals to congress, it had better address the reichstag of Germany or the chamber of deputies of France. Or perhaps Li Hung Chang would help out in the matter of the Ahkord of Swat might be called on.

These are only suggestions to our contemporary which it is welcome to accept or reject as it sees fit.

THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK.

The "stick man" of Europe has been a long time on his death bed. He has had ample time to consider his ways and gather wisdom, likewise to repent; but there is no noticeable improvement in his disposition nor in his manner of governing the country which Providence made the grievous mistake of giving into his hands. Now that the world has time to turn from the disturbances in other countries and bestow some attention upon Abdul the Damned and his doings, it appears that the Albanians are being put through their regular course of discipline. Apparently a Turkish governor would lose his hopes of the Mohammedan paradise and the company of many hours if he failed to annually murder a certain number of Christians. Of course there is a possibility that Russia is once more attempting to paint the devil and to work up an agitation for her own purposes. But that is doubtful. There is yet plenty to do in Asia without opening up another Eastern Question. The problem of what to do with the Turks is not ready for solution yet. The three great potentates of the world are personal friends as well as closely related by ties of blood and marriage.

They fully appreciate the responsibilities of their position and there will be no more war if the King of Great Britain, the emperor of Germany and the czar of Russia can prevent it. Of course their powers are limited and there arise crises in the affairs of nations when no power on earth can thwart the clamor of the people to be led against a hated enemy. Many a war has been entered upon in enthusiasm and withdrawn from in humiliation. When the time comes to finally deal with Turkish power in Europe there will be more anxiety than is now apparent in national councils. If Abdul was on his high horse, he dismounted very quickly. What the hopes of France were in deciding to enforce her claims at this time it is hard to say, but it is clear that if she aimed at precipitating a crisis when Britain's hands are thought to be pretty well occupied she is not going to succeed. The sublime porge will give its L. O. U. to the French government and the latter will press for a settlement of its claims, but not for long will they disturb the serenity of Abdul.

The report given exclusively in yesterday's Nugget concerning the quartz leads which have been located on lower Bonanza, gives promise of splendid things for the future. If the indications which have thus far been brought to light may be accepted as foretelling what the claims will ultimately be shown to contain, the future of the district as a quartz producer is assured. The faith which the Nugget has always held in the prospects of the Klondike from a quartz standpoint seems to have been well founded.

REDUCTION ASKED FOR

Commissioner J. H. Ross Informs Ottawa of Needed Changes.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—James Ross, commissioner of the Yukon, has forwarded to the minister of the interior here a number of recommendations for changes in the existing mining regulations. The chief of these is his suggestion that the present system of collecting royalty of 5 per cent on the gold output of the Yukon be abolished. Mr. Ross would replace the royalty by an export duty to be collected at the boundaries of the several mining districts. He recommends that where gold is found upon which the export duty has not been paid it be confiscated. This, he thinks, would effectually check attempts to evade the duty and prevent the smuggling out of gold which is undoubtedly carried on at present under the royalty system.

In support of the suggestion for the establishment of an export duty the commissioner points out that while the duty would be collected in the first instance on all the gold produced, arrangements could be made to grant a rebate upon such proportion of the gold as might be marketed at Canadian points.

It is also the intention of the Yukon administration to throw open about 1,000 acres of wood land on the banks of the Klondike, which was reserved for mining purposes.

This move is necessitated by the growing scarcity of wood for fuel. Indeed, in the opinion of the commissioner it will not be long before electricity and coal oil will of necessity supplant wood as fuel in the mining districts. Another proposal is to encourage the construction of reservoirs built to catch water after it has been used in the sluice boxes so it can be returned and re-used for gold washing. By this means it is hoped to avoid the necessity of closing down operations owing to scarcity of water such as was the experience during the drought this summer.

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THE LATE PRINCESS ROYAL

As Remembered by Mrs. De Touffe Lauder

Was a Most Loving and Affectionate Daughter, Wife and Mother, But Saw Much Sorrow.

Mrs. de Touffe Lauder writes in the Toronto Globe: Our own beloved Princess Royal Victoria of England, the widowed Empress Frederick of Germany, and mother of the present emperor, has passed to the unseen, and I ask a short space in your columns to give utterance to a few of many pleasant memories in connection with her remarkable history. A year or two after the Franco-German war I first saw the Crown Prince Frederick at the Castle of Heidelberg, a most truly regal and imposing personality. In stature over six feet, and with that majestic mien, noble head and radiant countenance, his was an imperial presence, and as consort of our princess we were deeply interested in him. "True, pure, a pearl upon a throne," the broken-hearted empress called him after his death. Victoria and Frederick were a model pair, and their deep love for each other, and their lofty plans for their coming reign, were well known. During later visits to Berlin it was my good fortune to see them, as also the venerable Kaiser Wilhelm of the great war, and his consort Augusta, frequently. I only mention one of these occasions. I was staying with German friends in Potsdam. One morning in June we were visiting some of the royal parks and palaces. I had secured the largest, loveliest rose, thinking we might meet the crown prince and princess. We had just left the palace Sans Souci, when I saw two carriages approaching, and begging my German friends to withdraw a little, that I, as English, might salute them, I stood alone close to the drive, holding up my beautiful rose. The Crown Princess Victoria was in the first carriage with Prince Wilhelm (now the emperor), Prince Henry and the eldest daughter, afterwards Princess of Meiningen, and one of her ladies. In the second carriage sat the Crown Prince Frederick with the rest of the royal children, Princess Victoria, Princess Sophia, now Crown princess of Greece. They recognized this as an English salutation. As I presented that rose the crown princess smiled and smiled and waved her hand—whoever saw her rare smile never forgot it, so full was it of many unspeakable things—and Frederick removed his hat, bowing and smiling so heartily two or three times. My German friends heard the English "Thank you!" they said, and they were so proud and delighted with the honor that I revealed later in a "special treat" in consequence. That is my most precious recollection of the unfortunate pair. When I recall this scene, and all their subsequent history, my heart is filled with a great sorrow. They had just returned from Italy, and were brilliant in perfect health and happiness. I hear the dying emperor of three months saying to an old and faithful servant, whom he had summoned to his presence—no, he wrote the words, for he could not speak: "We are both unfortunate, but I am more unfortunate than thou." The great heart of the Empress Frederick broke. Greatness, honors, hopes and plans burst like air bubbles in her grasp; nothing realized of all she had hoped! We leave her sleeping in the Friedens Kirche—Church of Peace—at Postdam, beside her beloved Frederick. Her violin is silent! She never went anywhere without it. Her chisel is laid down forever, for, like her royal sister, Princess Louise, she was a sculptress of no mean order. There is a wonderfully lifelike bust in white marble of the aged emperor in the Palace of Babelsberg, by her hand. He was ever kind and good to the English princess, and when he died she wept long and passionately. Her tragic history is a mystery we may not fathom. The Divine decrees are inscrutable. The world has not yet learned how great and truly royal a lady has left us all the poorer for her loss. Her biography by some loving hand shall reveal more of her later on. Widely read

in all the poets of many languages, and in great writers in all subjects, who shall excel her? She was regarded as possessed of the most powerful mind of any woman in Europe. Great in her love for her people, and for all women and maidens, she cherished broad plans for the amelioration of their condition. Empress Frederick has reached her true sphere, her true throne, for which her sorrow-years have enriched and refined her noble character.

Farewell, thou grand, pure and noble spirit! True scion of our English race and line.

THE ICY MITT FOR BRADY

Alaska's Governor Repudiated by Klukwan Indians.

Governor Brady has been turned down again, this time by the very Indians whom he claims he wants to protect and allow to vote. After all the missionary work he has done (and the money he has made) amongst their people, the Siwash of Klukwan, through their chief, publicly tell him that they are on to him, and they don't like his style.

When Governor Brady left Skagway on the revenue cutter Rush last week, after an Arctic expedition, he went up the Chitca river to Klukwan to visit the Indians, his chosen people, tell them the great man he was, and look around for another saw-mill site.

At the request of the governor about thirty Indians and their chief gathered to hear the big white chief talk. This was Governor Brady's first visit to Klukwan and the Indians, through courtesy, listened, thinking possibly he might belie his appearance and say something sensible.

With the eloquence with which he is famous when talking to Siwash Governor Brady expatiated on his official position, the future of the Siwash race and incidentally let drop a remark that next winter Shelgame Jackson might drive in on the ice with a team of reindeer and start a school. This reference to schools raised the wrath of the chief, for ever since Brady has been governor of Alaska the chief has communicated with him in regard to school, but each time the matter was overlooked in the excitement of the governor's—the enfranchisement of the red men.

When the governor ceased speaking, the chief rose to answer his address. Through his interpreter he said:

"This is the governor's first visit to Klukwan. We are glad to have him here and see what kind of a man he is. But his speech, especially in regard to schools and what he will do for us reminds me of a story I will now tell.

"A long time ago the Indians of Klukwan secured a large cannon and made arrangements to fire it off on a certain day. All the neighboring Indians were invited to hear the noise. When the time came and all were assembled the fuse was lighted, but the fuse simply spluttered and then went out; the powder was wet; it was a fizzle."

Amidst the wild cries of his tribe the chief of the Klukwan sat down and the governor and his party started to embark down the river for the Rush—Alaskan.

Columbia Led.
 Newport, Sept. 3.—The second official trial race of Columbia and Constitution yesterday had practically no result. The yachts, for lack of wind, were unable to finish within the time limit of 5½ hours. At 6:30 in the evening the contest came to an inglorious conclusion two miles to the eastward of Benton's reef lightship. At the time Columbia led by a quarter of a mile. The course was triangular, ten nautical miles to a leg, the first being a beat to windward. After crossing the line at exactly the same moment with Consti-

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