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CLARKE MEN LOSE HOPE. Clarke's followers no longer hope for success. The handwriting on the wall has been seen, and the fact that Joseph is wanting in every requirement demanded by public sentiment of a parliamentary representative is understood by everyone.

Throughout the length and breadth of the territory wherever the name of Mr. Ross is mentioned their comes an answering echo of enthusiasm which tells in terms unmistakable that Clarke and Clarkism so far as the Yukon is concerned are doomed. Clarke defeated Dr. Thompson for mayor last winter merely through the odium that attached to his support, and at the coming election he will go down himself beneath a storm of ballots so heavy that he never again will be able to extricate himself.

The people of the territory have nothing to gain and everything to lose in allying themselves with a man of Clarke's calibre. That the man has nothing in his favor to commend him to the electorate is admitted even by his own followers. The few who have hoped for his success have based their expectations upon the futile belief that any man opposed to the government could be elected.

The folly of undertaking to elect a man upon such a hope has already been amply demonstrated. Clarke's announcement that the people will send to Ottawa the worst dose possible has had no effect other than to turn support from him.

While there is no disposition on the part of anyone to maintain that the government at all times has pursued a just and equitable course toward this territory, it is certainly within the facts to say that within the past two years enough has been done to warrant the belief that the government is anxious to see the country grow and prosper. The appropriations made for public purposes last year are sufficient evidence of this fact and there is no doubt that a similar policy will be pursued in the future.

Under such circumstances to send to Ottawa a man who avowedly would go for the purpose of insulting and blackguarding the members of the government would be an act of madness, which the high intelligence of the Yukon electors will never permit them to commit.

The material interests of the district are to be considered over and above the petty passion and prejudice handed down from bygone years. There are vast undertakings of a public character in which the aid of the government must be solicited and to accomplish this purpose a man must be sent to Ottawa who not only possesses the ear of the government but who has the ability and the force of character to make himself heard. Clarke would be a failure in every sense of the term. He would accomplish nothing except to make the Yukon an object of derision and the people cannot afford to have anything of that nature occur.

Clarke's waning strength is only the natural outcome of a more perfect understanding on the part of the people of all the facts bearing upon the case. He will continue to grow weaker as time elapses.

CRISIS APPROACHING.

The situation in the coal districts is rapidly approaching a crisis. Winter is coming on and hundreds of thousands of families in the crowded centers of population are already experiencing the keenest kind of suffering owing to the extortionate price charged for coal. The hardships incidental to the strike are not confined to the parties directly concerned but extend to a vast army of non-combatants who have no connection with either of the hostile forces. The fact is recognized throughout the country that the coal mines must be placed in operation. The possible consequences of a continuation of present conditions are frightful to contemplate. Should the prevailing price of coal continue throughout the winter, thousands upon thousands of people are certain to perish of cold.

The seriousness of the situation is recognized by the president, who as told in the dispatches is prepared to go to extreme measures in order to avert the impending calamity. Some-

THE MASK THROWN OFF.

A desperate effort was made by the News last evening to justify before the community the position of Richard Roediger as publisher of both the Sun and News.

For weeks the two sheets in question have resorted to every subterfuge to conceal the facts from the public. The old policy of abusing each other has been continued and Roediger has even allowed himself to be cartooned in a most offensive manner in the Sun, in an abortive attempt to hide the truth. The effort has proven entirely vain and at length the News has thrown off the mask. In last night's issue of the latter paper the truth of the Nugget's accusations was substantially admitted and the astounding defense entered that it is quite common for "MEN TO BE SHAREHOLDERS IN COMPETING RAILROADS OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND YET NOT BE ENGAGED IN SWINDLING OPERATIONS."

We take the words verbatim from the editorial columns of the News because we propose that there shall not be the slightest possibility of any mistake. In making the above statement the News unqualifiedly admits that there is no principle which it would not abandon for the sake of a few paltry dollars. The argument advanced is that it is just as legitimate for Roediger to publish the News and Sun representing diametrically opposed policies as it is for a capitalist to own stock in two different railroads. Such is the position occupied by the News at the present time as defined in its own editorial columns.

In making this declaration the News has outraged and dishonored every principle and time-honored tradition that surround the profession of journalism. A newspaper publisher must make his paper the exponent of a well defined principle. Like any other individual he may demand, change his views as new conditions and the public welfare may demand, but that he may CONSISTENTLY AND HONORABLY PUBLISH TWO PAPERS DIRECTLY OPPOSED IN POLICY, IS THE MOST SUBLIMELY RIDICULOUS CONTENTION EVER BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF AN INTELLIGENT PUBLIC.

The patrons of a newspaper have the right to demand that it shall represent the true convictions of its publisher—just as they have the right to require of a public man seeking political preferment that he shall make a clear and concise declaration of principle. How long would an orator last in Dawson who would take the platform one night for Mr. Ross and on the following evening deliver a speech in favor of Clarke? Such a man would be driven in disgrace from the platform and become an object of contempt and ridicule from the adherents of both candidates. No man with the slightest conception of honor, decency or self-respect would essay such an abortive role.

But now we ask, what is the distinction between the man who talks from a public rostrum and one who talks through the agency of a newspaper? Is there any more honor, decency or self-respect in the man who advocates one candidate in an evening paper and another candidate in a morning paper, than is represented in a man who would make public speeches in behalf of both? We answer the question with an absolute negative. We deny that there is any distinction between the two.

At the conclusion of the convention which nominated Joe Clarke, Mr. Roediger through the columns of the News announced that on grounds of a high public policy and by reason of his deep devotion to the public welfare he would support Clarke for parliament. At the present time while later he would support Clarke for parliament. At the present time while later he would support Clarke for parliament. At the present time while later he would support Clarke for parliament.

We have said before and we repeat again that the annals of journalism do not disclose a duplicate of this disgraceful procedure. The thing must be done and something will be done, very shortly to relieve the tension. The greed of the coal magnates will not be permitted to stand in the way. The people must have fuel at a reasonable cost, and President Roosevelt is the man to see that some immediate remedial action is taken.

There are, however, greater issues involved in the strike and to these public attention will be drawn just as soon as the existing crisis is safely passed. The arrogance of the coal operators may precipitate a contest between labor and capital which will terminate in the nationalization of the coal mines and their future operation by the government.

The people are still the sovereign power and by their votes are able to rectify every grievance which the insolence of wealth may seek to fasten upon them. The coal operators have forfeited every claim to public sympathy and support and are justly entitled to receive any harsh treatment which may be meted out to them.

It is well for the United States that in this industrial crisis the country has at the helm a leader so universally trusted as Theodore Roosevelt. Were the White House occupied by a tool of capital, the anger of the people might take on a most dangerous form.

WORK—THE MOTTO.

A well-nigh perfect organization has been effected by the supporters of Mr. Ross and the campaign on his behalf will be carried into every corner of the territory where voters are located. There is only one danger to success and that danger rests in the possibility that a feeling of over-confidence may manifest itself in the Ross ranks.

As the situation stands today there is every reason to believe that Mr. Ross will be elected by a tremendously sweeping majority, but that every fact in itself calls for the exercise of constant care and watchfulness on the part of the men who are charged with the conduct of the Ross campaign.

Over-confidence sometimes keeps men away from the polls who would make it a special duty to cast their ballots early if they had the slightest idea that any doubt of success existed.

All that is necessary to insure the election of Mr. Ross by the desired vote is constant and uninterrupted work. It is not merely the success of the individual candidate that is at

JURY COULD NOT AGREE

shouldn't suspect me; you know that I would not take your money."

Constable Marshall of the Gold Bottom detachment testified to seeing the pair together on the eventful evening and to having conducted the search which proved fruitless.

Jennie Mack on Trial This Morning

Charged With Stealing \$600 in Bills From C. Blondo at Gold Bottom.

It was rather extraordinary the number of people who had business in court this morning that required their attention during the entire forenoon. They were not engaged in any case that was on or likely to come on for several days, yet they sat around or rubbed in through the doorway leading to the cloak room apparently intently interested in the proceedings being heard. It is true there were a number of salacious features in the Jennie Mack case on trial, but it is impossible that anybody would have any interest in such matters had it been a case which might fall within a professional manner. Strange what an attraction the washing of dirty linen has.

Jennie, fat, fair and under forty sat complacently in the dock while the charge was read and the jury summoned. The latter process required but a short time, the panel consisting of D. W. Davis, F. R. Ally, A. P. Hughes, Peter Vachon, M. D. Campbell and Wm. Gibson. The crown prosecutor spent but little time in making the opening address to the jury, content with merely stating the facts as he expected to be able to prove them. The charge against the accused was that of having robbed one C. Blondo in the Gold Bottom hotel at Gold Bottom on the evening of September 4 of a roll of bills amounting to \$600.

Jennie Mack, the accused, has been inside for about two years and was formerly one of the dispensers of "la main left" at the Standard theatre, later acquiring a working interest in the Warnock hotel at Gold Bottom through the builder thereof falling a victim to her seductive glances, he learning to love her with a passion and a yearning such as Ella Wheeler Wilcox would have gloried in. Things went well for a while and then father and mother quarreled, father sold the old farm and the blow almost killed mother. But that is another story.

The first witness called by the crown was Mr. Blondo, the complainant. He told with great vivacity the incidents that led up to the touching process. On the evening in question he had met Jennie at the Warnock hotel about 8 in the evening. She was then several sheets in the wind but was not satisfied with the load she was carrying and wanted more. Blondo accommodated them and they had several rounds varying from malt extract to straight vodka. Jennie was tending bar at the time and when it came settling time the gold fellow flashed his roll, first tendering a \$100 bill, then a \$50 and lastly a \$10 that being the smallest denomination ever bothered with. The change was made and the pair started down the line visiting the Gold Bottom hotel a few doors above. There a few more rounds were had after which a room was secured and the couple retired. Blondo lay on his back on the floor at the head of the bed. Before falling he heard a knock at the door which was answered by his paramour. She opened the door and spoke to some one, saying "I'll fix that all right."

At the time they retired he locked the door with a night lock so that it could not be opened except from the inside and left the lamp burning. About 2 o'clock in the morning he awakened, found the light out and the door and window partly open. He crossed the hall and saw something suspicious. He grabbed his pants only to find that his wealth had flown. The night bartender was sent for, also a police officer, and when he arrived Blondo complained that he had been robbed and demanded that the woman, room and house be searched which was done with no results. During the searching process it developed that Jennie's stockings had disappeared and according to the witness they never were found.

A vigorous cross-examination was conducted by Counsel Bleeker for the defense, he endeavoring to show, and with some measure of success, that the complainant was quite a lecher. He had had a liaison with a married woman in that vicinity during the absence of the woman's husband and had only desisted upon being warned to keep off forbidden ground. The bed in the room at the Gold Bottom hotel was about a foot or foot and a half from the wall and he (the witness) had occupied the outside. He had not laid the information until a week after the occurrence and would not have done so then had he not been persuaded to take such steps by some of his friends. His paramour came to town a few days after the robbery.

On a re-direct examination the witness said that his companion had shown but little interest in the robbery, remarking only that "you

PROFITABLE OPERATION

Claims Worked Over a Second Time

Margins and Overs Yield Equally as Well as the Main Body of the Pay Streak.

The possibilities to be attained in the working over of old ground on many of the creeks in the Klondike was never so forcibly exemplified as in the case of J. F. Kelly who has just finished up his summer operations on 22 below upper on Dominion after one of the most successful seasons he has ever put in since first opening up the claim. Mr. Kelly was the original staker of 22, selling a half interest in the claim in the winter of '97 to Alex. McDonald which three years later he bought back again. His ground is too deep to work except by drifting, yet he has found it extremely profitable to again work over portions of the claim that were presumed to have been worked out. In '98 he let two 100-foot lays on the lower end of the claim which yielded a total of \$19,000. This year he went over the same identical ground covered by the lays and his total cleanup amounted to \$32,000 with quite a portion of the ground yet to be handled. The principal values lay in the outer edges of the paystreak which the laymen considered of insufficient richness to be worth taking out, pillars left standing indiscriminately and in a foot to a foot and a half of bedrock which this season has been run through the boxes. Pay has been found on both limits of the creek and Mr. Kelly is preparing to again work every foot of his ground from stake to stake an operation that will require from two to three years. In speaking of the matter yesterday he said: "There is a world of money left on the old creeks that is yet to come out before they can be said to be exhausted, and particularly is this true of the ground worked by laymen in '97 to '99. In those days provisions were very high, wages were \$1.50 an hour, and laymen would not go to look at dirt that would not go 50 cents to the pan. They took the cream of the paystreak and left immense values behind them. Some of them did not bother to take up the bedrock wherein is often found the best pay, and it has been my experience this summer that the margins and the overs have turned out fully as well as the main body of the paystreak."

What has been Mr. Kelly's good fortune has also proven true of other many old claims. When Jim Hall sold 17 Eldorado for \$25,000 it was sold 17 Eldorado secured a very good price as the claim was considered to have been virtually worked out, but since the purchase Heinburger has taken out one fortune of no small amount and there still remain several others of equally generous dimensions. The same is proving true of the famous Lippy claim adjoining which has a record of over \$3,000,000 and is now being worked over again. Antonio Stander on 1 and the lower half of 5 Eldorado is also running his dirt through the boxes a second time with profitable results and eventually the same procedure will doubtless be followed on every claim on Eldorado creek.

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London, Sept. 16.—The Daily Mail says it is understood that an association of eight British steel rail manufacturers has been successfully formed for the purpose of controlling prices and regulating the output. The share capital of these eight firms may be taken roughly as £12,000,000 but, in addition, several of them have large debenture issues.

As showing the present activity in the steel world, a representative of a prominent New York engineering firm who has just returned from the continent states that his house since February has placed orders for 500,000 tons of steel rails, etc., for United States, Canadian and Mexican roads. Of these orders 50,000 tons were placed in England, 300,000 tons in Germany and 150,000 tons in Belgium. The greater part of these orders, he said, would have been placed in England, but British mills could not accept any more. Unless England wakes from her present lethargy she will never recover her position, which Germany is rapidly wresting from her.

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Lord Londonderry has caused a flutter in political dovecots by a reference to the possibility of an early general election. Lord Londonderry is not a man of much importance in the political world, but as a cabinet minister he should know something about Mr. Balfour's intentions, and after all he has only said what for weeks has been quietly whispered. Even before the adjournment of the house of commons members of parliament were discussing the chances of a dissolution before Christmas. The autumn session is certain to be a lively one, and Mr. Balfour will have to place special reliance upon the discipline and devotion of his parliamentary supporters. Some unexpected incident may, however, precipitate a crisis, which would surprise only those official optimists who are out of touch with popular feeling.

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FEW TROOPS AT ALDERSHOT. The arrival of Sir John French at Aldershot would be an impressive event if there had been an army corps on the ground instead of a skeleton organization on paper. Only five battalions of infantry are now stationed at Aldershot, and one of these is under orders to embark for Nova Scotia, and the cavalry and artillery supports are equally weak. Eighteen sets of infantry barracks are now vacant, and even when the brigade of Guards arrives, there will be only eight battalions out of the twenty-five required for an army corps. There will hardly be one division out of the three included in the organization of a full corps. Mr. Brodrick's artificial scheme of army reorganization seems essentially unaltered after the manoeuvres in eastern Prussia of two corps complete in every detail, and in full strength on a peace footing.

The real significance of General French's assumption of the command of the first army corps lies in the complete disappearance of the Aldershot garrison, which was tried and found wanting in South Africa. Generals Buller, Methuen, Clery and Gatacre, with all the brigade commanders originally chosen for the promenade to Pretoria, have lost their prestige, and by the survival of the fittest, veterans like Generals French, Paquet and Bruce Hamilton, and Colonels Plumer and Elliott are placed in command of the first army corps. There is no lack of experienced officers whose tactics are not drawn from books nor from the barrack smoking pipe as the claim was considered to have been virtually worked out, but since the purchase Heinburger has taken out one fortune of no small amount and there still remain several others of equally generous dimensions. The same is proving true of the famous Lippy claim adjoining which has a record of over \$3,000,000 and is now being worked over again. Antonio Stander on 1 and the lower half of 5 Eldorado is also running his dirt through the boxes a second time with profitable results and eventually the same procedure will doubtless be followed on every claim on Eldorado creek.

Mr. Kelly expects to leave today for the outside and will spend the winter in Seattle and California, returning to Dawson over the ice in March.

Constable Wood was brought over from the guard room and denied the key incident or that he had ever tried to get in the room occupied by Blondo and his companion. He did not know the couple were together and denied any knowledge of the case. Cross-examined by the defense the witness admitted that he was at present under arrest and doing time. His lordship thinking that it should be fair to the witness to show clearly that his being in custody had nothing to do with the present case, asked him under what charge he was arrested, to which he replied: "For being drunk on the Hunker detachment and associating with dissolute women."

Not over a half hour was consumed by the counsel in their addresses to the jury, after which they retired to consider their verdict. Not being able to agree they went to lunch, returned at 1:30 and again endeavored to come to an understanding, but without success. At 3 o'clock they reported to his lordship that they could not agree upon a verdict and were discharged. A new jury will be empaneled tomorrow and the case will again be heard.

New York, Sept. 20. — Attorney General Knox, who went to France three weeks ago to attend a conference with officials concerning the sale of the Panama canal to the United States, arrived on the steamship St. Paul today. He would say nothing of what passed at the conference, nor would he admit that the title to the canal had been found all

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Lord Londonderry has caused a flutter in political dovecots by a reference to the possibility of an early general election. Lord Londonderry is not a man of much importance in the political world, but as a cabinet minister he should know something about Mr. Balfour's intentions, and after all he has only said what for weeks has been quietly whispered. Even before the adjournment of the house of commons members of parliament were discussing the chances of a dissolution before Christmas. The autumn session is certain to be a lively one, and Mr. Balfour will have to place special reliance upon the discipline and devotion of his parliamentary supporters. Some unexpected incident may, however, precipitate a crisis, which would surprise only those official optimists who are out of touch with popular feeling.

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