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WILL BE FAVORABLY REPRESENTED.

Major Walsh Declares Sympathy for Miners' Grievances.

Thinks a Telegraph Line Will Be Established—Other Important Matters to Receive Attention—The Commissioner Departs.

Major Walsh accompanied by his private secretary left Dawson for Ottawa on last Thursday evening. The major goes to Ottawa to present to the government his report covering the administration of affairs in the Yukon district during the past year.

Therewas that the administrator intended leaving on the Irving, had been circulated pretty generally over the town and when the time arrived for the boat to depart a great crowd had assembled at the dock.

The fact that the boat did not leave until three hours after her scheduled time failed to lessen the public interest in the affair; and when at 10 o'clock the whistle finally announced the departure, fully as many people were at the dock as had been at the time originally announced.

Many of Major Walsh's intimate friends were present to say farewell and wish him a pleasant trip and safe return home.

Before his departure the major was seen by a Nugget representative and his opinion of existing conditions is set forth in the following interview:

"Well major I understand you have finally made up your mind to leave Dawson City this evening, and I thought I would like to hear from you the impressions you have formed with regard to the country and anything else you may have to say."

The major replied that he had enjoyed his stay in Dawson more than he could have expected, then he said:

"During my stay at the Big Salmon river last winter on my way into the district, I spent a great deal of time interviewing people who were on their way out to the coast with regard to the mining interests and all the other necessities and interests of the Yukon country and in that way I was able to come here pretty well informed on these subjects, and since my arrival here, have lost no opportunity to come in contact with miners and the public generally to learn all I could with regard to the country and its prospects.

"I believe that the Klondike has a great future before it, and that the mining industries and other enterprises will be stable here for many years to come."

"There can be no question that the Klondike is one of the greatest gold countries the world has ever seen. The transportation problem, which was the most serious one when I first arrived here, has been to a great extent solved by the successful navigation of the Yukon and Lewis rivers by small steamers. A great deal, however, will still have to be done in the direction of obtaining increased transportation facilities. A telegraph line is one of the crying needs of the country. As to the royalty and other matters which have come so frequently before me for consideration, I may say that I have always sympathized with a number of the complaints made by the mining population and can only repeat my assurance that everything that has come under my notice will be favorably represented to the government at Ottawa, and I am confident that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government only needs to be certain of the existence of a grievance, to take prompt steps to adjust or remove it.

"It is my purpose on my trip up the river to complete my work in the Yukon by examining the posts which have been thrown out at various points under my direction and to obtain information to enable me to make my final report to the government. Like everyone else who has come to this country, I have been greatly impressed by the law-abiding disposition of the people and the comparative absence of crime. This is something to be greatly admired and appreciated.

"I have received nothing but kindness and courtesies from everyone with whom I have been brought in contact, and will always retain pleasant and grateful memories of my stay here as commissioner."

After an informal chat the interview

terminated and the reporter bade good-bye to the commissioner.

A Plain Statement.

For some time past, rumors have been current in town that parties outside of the Nugget office have been responsible for articles that have appeared in the paper, and for the general policy it has pursued. Prominently connected with these rumors has been the name of Mr. Pelletier of the Mining Exchange. In justice to ourselves and to the gentleman in question we desire to say that all such rumors are absolutely without foundation. Mr. Pelletier has no connection whatever with the Nugget, is not and never has been responsible for anything that has ever appeared in its columns and has absolutely nothing to do with framing or directing its policy. When outside assistance is required in publishing the Nugget the same is paid for at the usual rates. The undersigned alone are responsible for its policy.

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How it Works.

The effect of the explosion of the "wood monopoly" bomb in the camp of the enemy can be best illustrated by the relation of an individual instance of the result. Before the publication of the article in question Mr. Ben Levy, of the British American Trading Company, sent his partner to the office of the timber agent to secure a permit to cut their winter's wood. The permit was refused on the grounds that a berth had been issued to Messrs. Smith & Co. and others covering the case in hand, and which would be rendered valueless if all were allowed to cut their own wood, and unless there were some buyers. After the publication of the "monopoly" article in this paper the timber agent was again approached on the same subject. The required permit could not be given too quickly.

The foregoing is simply given to show that it lies with the timber office to nullify the effects of the monopoly grant. If the interested people of Dawson will simply bring enough pressure to bear upon the timber agent he can render the monopoly practically null, and void by granting the same privileges to all.

The Ora Returns.

The trim little steamer Ora of the B. L. & K. N. Co. came into port at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Contrary to general expectation she did not have on board the new officials who are now enroute for Dawson. It is reported that they are at some point on the river waiting transportation to Dawson. From purser H. G. Freese it was learned that twenty-seven sacks of mail which had been brought as far as the White Horse Rapids on the steamer Josie Closset. The Closset was wrecked while being brought through the White Horse. She struck three times on the passage, through and sank just below the rapids. The mail was unharmed, but nearly all the freight was seriously damaged. Her perishable freight which was saved came down on the Ora. All told the Ora brought between fifteen and twenty tons of freight, mostly whisky. There was also a large consignment of fruits, vegetables and other perishable goods.

There were fourteen passengers aboard as follows: Mr. Stoddard, David Kay, Mr. Heilpin, M. A. Cohen, F. M. Bair, L. E. Miller, G. Armstrong, S. W. Crum, J. G. Cornforth, J. F. Murphy, H. A. Smith, Sergeant of Police in charge of mail, Mr. McCulley, J. G. Brackett and Mr. Russell, inspector of steamboats for Yukon district.

Easewell to Dr. Young.

The farwell social given in honor of Dr. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian church was a success in every sense of the term. More than 200 people were in attendance though contrary to the established order of such affairs the masculine sex predominated. This must be attributed, of course, to the comparative scarcity of ladies in Dawson.

A most instructive and enjoyable time was spent by all who attended. It was the unanimous feeling that Dr. Young's departure means a great loss to the city. Nevertheless all who were present joined in wishing him a hearty Godspeed in his new field of labor.

In his address, Dr. Young spoke of the wonderful growth of this city, and of the people he has met here. Adding that he was leaving them with sorrow, but happy in the fact that they were in the good care of Rev. Mr. Grant.

A well arranged program was rendered, each number of which was received with appropriate and well-deserved applause. After the program a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies who spared no pains in making the social a success.

The program was as follows: Instrumental duet, Messrs. Lee and Chisholm; Song, by Mr. Long; Recitation, by Mrs. Alice O'Neil; Song, by Mr. Lee, followed by Goodwin brothers quartette; Song, by Mr. Erhart; "True to Her Majesty," song, by Mrs. Davison; Farewell address, by Dr. Young; Instrumental Trio, by Messrs. Chisholm, Lee and Long; Song, by Mr. Chisholm; Address, on behalf of the non-church going people of Dawson who have known and loved Dr. Young, by Mr. Foster; Duet, by Mr. Fawcett and Mrs. Davison; Song, by Mr. Hayward; Duet, by Lee brothers; Recitation, by Mrs. O'Neil.

The program was ended by the audience singing one verse each of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "God Save the Queen."

Could Not Refund the Passage Money.

Shultz is a very unfortunate man. The birth of a little girl ten months ago in one of Dawson's cabins had left Mrs. Shultz in very poor health and last winter the family had to be assisted by contributions. They named the little one Klondike Dawson Shultz and the child was considered the heroine of the hour and quite a quantity of nuggets were turned over to her benefit. However Mrs. Shultz got no better

and this summer the cabin was sold and \$300 paid to the N. A. T. & T. Co. for transportation for the little one and the mother to Seattle. The balance of the money for the cabin, some \$700, was given to the wife by the husband, he having no doubt of obtaining enough work in Dawson to maintain himself.

Mrs. Shultz died on her way down the river and was buried on the bank. The child and personal effects of the deceased were turned over to the United States commissioner at the mouth of the Yukon. Shultz has just received word and is crazy to go down and mark the grave and take possession of the child. He has asked the manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co. to refund him part of the fare seeing that the company had only carried his wife a part of the distance to Seattle, but it was refused on the grounds that "they didn't want to take her in the first place" and now couldn't return.

LOCAL BREMITIES.

Staff Sergeant Bates has been detailed exclusively to the hospital work of the force for which he has peculiar qualifications and in which line he had considerable experience.

The winter draws on apace. The ever increasing darkness of the midnight hours and the constant chill in the night air should warn those without cabins that the time is short for them to prepare.

Reid, the man who shot "Soapy" Smith in Skagway, is dead. In the exchange of bullets it will be remembered that "Soapy" Smith, the famous confidence man and all round crook, was shot dead and Reid severely wounded. Reid died at Skagway July 20.

Emil Jonson left his home in Wisconsin last December for the Klondike. He arrived in Dawson July 20. June 29 his wife decided to follow and wrote a letter advising him to that effect. She got here Wednesday, ahead of the letter, and now Jonson is the most surprised man in the country.

J. W. Rogers, of Ramahury, California, formerly owner of the Wedge mine, out of which he took \$100,000 in five months and finally disposed of at a round figure, has made several investments on French Hill. It is reported that in three weeks he has taken out of the claim east of and next to discovery, about \$15,000.

The cooler weather of the last week has lessened the number of dysentery cases in town by about half. Men who have spent the last two or three weeks in bed are now to be seen walking the streets. Their appearance is not particularly indicative of robust health, but a man is something like a horse in that if he can be gotten on his feet he is half cured.

The secretary of the miner's committee informs us that he has official sanction for the statement that any person in Dawson is able to obtain at Mr. Willison's office a permit to cut or to have cut 10 double cords of firewood for his own use; also that logs, not to exceed the size necessary for a double cord, all such wood being subject to the crown dues of 50 cents per cord of firewood and 1 cent per foot for the logs.

Lane street has been improved beyond recognition. Slabs and sawdust have made it the best street in Dawson. Its entire length, from the river to the hill it has been transformed into an impassable morass to a complete thoroughfare. Judge Winton wants the slabs and sawdust (slabs are worth 25 cents each) and the teamsters did the rest. The users of the road hope that the shadow of the judge may never grow less.

West Dawson is taking metropolitan strides. From this side of the river can be seen a large number of cabins going up, and within a few days has been erected the largest tent in the district. The West Dawsonites have dubbed it the "circular" from its resemblance to those canvas structures used by an altogether different purpose on Sunday next. The first church services in the town will be conducted there by the Rev. Dickie.

Outside papers are full of interviews with returning Klondikers and some of these interviews are given by men well known in Dawson. They are decidedly uncomplimentary to some of the officials here, and some of the times on a great transcendent railroad in the States some distant point will acquire an unsavory reputation. The result is a visit from what, in railroad circles, is called "a snelling committee." There may be something of this kind in Dawson yet.

What is the timber office going to do about the "fugitive money" in the question of the hour? If we had a miner's association such as is organized in our local columns, such things would not be done. If a body of 12 men good and true stood up and said "we represent the people and will fight for their rights," there would be no Dominion muddles, nor any of the thousand and one unjust impositions upon us. Officials having the decision of important matters would be told "you do such and such a wrong at your peril."

At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a boy named Babeek was playing Indian in a birch bark canoe, at the landing place for steamers, when he fell overboard. Two men in a boat were passing down the river at the time, when one of them immediately jumped overboard and rescued the boy, who was none the worse for his bath. Before the man's name could be learned his partner pulled round and took him on board, proceeding down the river, while the rescuer was busy changing his wet garments, no doubt conscious of having rendered a good service.

Died at the Barracks.

Constable Harry Dundas of the N. W. M. P. died Friday morning. Typhoid fever laid him low and he will be buried on Saturday with military ceremonies. Dundas came in with the first force of police a year ago in June and would have gone out this summer had he lived. He formerly belonged to troop "G" at Fort Saskatchewan and when stricken with his fatal illness was stationed at Stewart post. He was quite popular with his fellows and the boys in uniform will see that his remains are interred with every rite which could be desired even by his own people. During his illness the boys paid him every attention possible, staying up with him night and day.

Judge McGuire Will Leave.

Judge McGuire, who has so ably and satisfactorily administered the affairs of the upper court in Dawson, intends leaving on the first boat which will go down the river. The judge consented to accept the Dawson appointment for one year only, and as the term for which he agreed to act has now expired, he returns to resume his former position in the bench.

As this is the regular time for the long vacation, no court will be held in Dawson after Judge McGuire's departure, until his successor arrives. The best wishes of Dawson's citizens will go with the judge when he leaves us.

A MISADVENTURE ON CUBAN WATERS

How Yankee Sailors Landed Two Prizes of War.

In Spite of a Run of Hard Luck They Brought the Captured Schooners Into Port—A Fortnight of Varied Experiences.

KEY WEST, Fla., July 18.—The schooner Three Bells and the sloop Pilgrim, captured by the gunboat Dixie near Manzanillo on July 6th, have arrived here under prize crews, consisting of Lieut. S. M. Blount and Gunner's mate J. K. Hatton, with four marines each. Marryat never imagined a more grotesque tale of marine misadventure than was experienced by these men in bringing their spoils to port.

Both prizes were under the British flag bound from Kingston, Jamaica, for Manzanillo, with food supplies. On the Three Bells were Capt. E. J. Harding, an Englishman, and a crew of five and three Jamaican negroes. The pilgrim carried a Dutch captain and four seamen of the same class. The captures were effected without difficulty and Blount and Hatton, neither of whom had ever been at Key West, began the journey there. Captain Harding was much depressed over the capture and drank heavily until Lieut. Blount stopped his liquor.

On the evening of July 9th, when about six miles south of Key Romano, Capt. Harding suddenly leaped overboard. The Pilgrim put out a small boat and caught him, but he struggled desperately and capsized the boat. One of the marines held him up on the overturned boat and he was taken on board the Pilgrim but he was dead when they reached the deck. He was buried at sea.

This dismal duty was hardly completed when they sighted two small schooners, near Key Romano. The prizes were evidently recognized by the strangers as expected blockade runners from Jamaica, for one of the schooners put out a small boat to pilot them in. As it approached Lieut. Blount was running up an American flag to the forepeak, but he had some difficulty in breaking it out so that the small boat was within ten yards of the schooner before the two men who were aboard it were aware that they were running near the enemy. Both occupants of the boat plunged into the sea. Whether or not they reached shore is an open question.

Lieut. Blount and his men went on and captured the nearest schooner which proved to be the Conception. The other ran off into shoal water and escaped. The Conception was well loaded with wine, fish and other provisions. They took her in tow and then began a chapter of misfortunes. Violent tropical squalls burst upon them the same day and continued almost incessantly until last night. They had no charts aboard and only a map of the world, torn from a twenty-five cent guidebook, to help them as they floundered about in these three little vessels, none much bigger than a cat boat.

In the course of the day the wind and waves had played havoc with the Conception and the little boats staggered along until Wednesday morning, when a storm of unusual violence fell upon them off Cape Antonio.

Unable to make any progress and expecting almost momentarily to founder, a body of Spanish riflemen on shore opened fire. The only arms on the two prizes were the weapons of the marines, the revolvers, so no attempt was made to return the fire. Just before nightfall fifteen of the Spanish riflemen pushed off in a small boat toward the Three Bells and drew as close as 200 or 400 yards, pouring a violent fire at the schooner's men. The bullets whistled all around, striking the sails and striking the schooner and sloop. One bullet passed through the cabin within two feet of Lieut. Blount. There was a little negro boy at the wheel of the Three Bells, but in spite of the flying rifle balls, he never desisted his post. In fact, all the negroes showed spirit and sided with the Americans. Fortunately for the stranded men, night drove the Spaniards back to the shore and early the next morning the wind changed and carried the two prizes on.

Physicians Must Cease Practicing.

Doctors Chambers, Green, Merryman and Leiser were summoned before Justice Starnes on Wednesday for practicing medicine in the North West Territory contrary to law. The gentlemen are from the United States and regular graduates and practitioners. The territorial law in force at this place provides that it shall be an offense to practice without registration, or even to assume a title, abbreviation, suffix or alias, which might lead one to suppose they were physicians or surgeons. The doctors pleaded not guilty, but made little or no defense, simply desiring to see on what grounds they could be convicted. They soon saw. The case went over until Thursday and the charge was withdrawn against Dr. Chambers, he having withdrawn some time ago, and pulled down his sign. Dr. Green was fined \$25, it having been proved that he had not a sign. The other two gentlemen were fined \$1 and costs.

Mass Meeting of Miners.

There was a mass meeting of the miners called Friday night to hear the report of Messrs. Landerville and Livernash, two of the three commissioners appointed by the miners last fall to go to Ottawa and endeavor to affect a change in the mining laws which even at that early date were decided to be an injury to the country and to the miners. Dr. Wills, the third commissioner, has remained at Ottawa to watch later developments.

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Willersen having mail for C. M. Coc, please leave same at Nugget office.