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## THE PREMIER COMING.

From reports which have come to Dawson from the outside—recently it is quite likely that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will pay a visit to Dawson during the approaching summer. We have no doubt that a visit from the premier would result most advantageously to the interests of the territory.

Beyond question great and lasting good came to the territory from the governor general's trip into Dawson last summer. It will be remembered that almost immediately after Lord Minto's return many of the concessions which had so long been sought from the government were granted. To just what extent these were hastened by the fact of his excellency's personal investigation into affairs in the territory it is impossible to say. But in any case it is certainly true that the changes in the regulations so long asked for began coming in soon after the governor general's visit and undoubtedly that event exerted an influence in our favor.

A visit from the premier will be attended with results of equal importance. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has just been returned to power for another period of five years and in his speeches as well as in his public acts he has demonstrated quite clearly that he is in sympathy with every effort made along the line of developing the splendid resources of the Dominion.

In spite of all that has been written and said of the Yukon territory, this northern country is still largely an unknown quantity to Eastern Canada. For the most part the people of the east are engaged in pursuits entirely different from the occupation which engages our population. They know very little about the Yukon or its needs and as a natural consequence care very little about them.

It is, therefore, highly advantageous that members of the government should be urged to come into Dawson, not only for the direct assistance which they may be able to give in furthering the interests of the territory but also for the indirect good which will result from the information which they carry away with them. It is certainly to be desired that the published intentions of the premier will be carried into effect.

The allied powers now represented by armed forces in China have a splendid opportunity to demonstrate to what extent they possess the virtue of patience. The Chinese potentates have been sending a continuous stream of notes to the powers which have served no purpose other than to keep the latter guessing. The Chinese may not be much for actual fighting but when it comes down to the fine points of diplomacy they can give the Occident cards and spades and a few aces and still come out reasonably well.

A short time ago several arrests were made, the parties concerned having been engaged in a game of whist on Sunday. We believe thoroughly in enforcement of law, but we also believe most intensely in individual freedom of action so long as the rights of others are not interfered with. If it is con-

trary to law to play a social game of cards on Sunday in Dawson, the quicker the said law is relegated to a place with the ancient blue laws of New England the better. There is such a thing as too much zeal in a good cause.

The scene around the Gold Commissioner's office during the last few days recalls the famous summer of '98, when, for weeks at a time, a line of men could always be found in front of the office, night or day. The stampede of Monday will bring a handsome contribution to the government's coffers and it is ardently to be wished that the hopes of those fortunate enough to secure claims will be realized.

The death of the queen has renewed hope among the Boers. What effect they imagine that event will have upon England's war policy is difficult to see. The sovereign has less to do with such matters than would the chief executive of the United States under similar circumstances.

Dawson's legal talent is not feeling any particular amount of regret over the results of the late stampede. There are scores of properties which six to a dozen men claimed to have staked at one second after twelve o'clock on Monday night. No wonder the faces of the legal brethren are wreathed in smiles.

## Took Him for a Lunatic.

On one occasion Lord Chief Justice Russell was at Shrewsbury on circuit duty. The assizes concluded on Saturday, and the lord chief justice, who had brought a horse with him, decided upon riding to Church Stretton, noted in those parts for its big private lunatic asylum, and then proceeding to Hereford, the next assizes town. He stopped, however, at a hamlet outside Stretton, and, dismounting at the door of the only inn, told the landlord to attend to his horse. The landlord's method of performing his task did not please his lordship, who spoke his mind freely to him. Having entered the house, Lord Russell brusquely, as was his wont, asked the host what he could have to eat.

"Some bread and cheese," was the reply.

"I see some ham on the sideboard. Let me have some and some bread," said his lordship.

"Indeed, I won't," replied the landlord. "It is for supper, and you binna goin to 'ave it."

"Do you know who I am?" thundered the judge. "I am the lord chief justice of England."

In the course of this conversation the landlord kept cautiously by the door. Immediately on Lord Russell announcing himself as lord chief justice he bolted out of the room, locked the door and rushed breathless into the police station at Church Stretton, telling the police that a patient had escaped from the asylum and was in a dangerous condition at his house. The police went to the inn. The superintendent cautiously opened the door and was horrified to find that the supposed lunatic was really Lord Russell. Profuse and profound apologies followed, but the lord chief justice rode away in great indignation.—Argonaut.

## Weary Willie's Paradise.

"A good many typical American hoboes drift down to Central America," said an official of a local banana company, "and one good thing about it is that they never get back again. The country seems to suit them up to the hilt. I have been watching the tramp travel for several years, and it has afforded me considerable amusement. Some of them scrape up enough money to pay for a deck passage, but most of them stow away or go down as roustabouts. When they land, they generally drift a little distance into the interior, and that settles it."

"In Nicaragua and Costa Rica especially life is very easy, for an abled-bodied man who has an aversion to working and is not very particular about his surroundings. All he has to do is to marry a native woman and settle down in some little banana or cocoonut grove for the balance of his days. To my certain knowledge that is exactly what has been done by a large number of Weary Willies from the United States. I call to mind one case on the south end of the Mosquito reservation."

"A thoroughbred American tramp, who looked as if he had just stepped out of the pages of some comic weekly, drifted down there about three years ago and is now enjoying life as a landed gentleman. He managed to amass a half breed wife and with her a scrappy

little banana grove. It is not much to look at, but abundant to supply the simple needs of the household. They live in a filthy native hut. The woman does all the work, and the ex-tramp dreams the happy hours away in a homemade cocoonut fibre hammock. He is very solid with all the neighboring Indians, who have an indiscriminate respect for a white skin, and I suppose they contribute to his support. Anyhow, he confided to me last time I saw him that he hadn't done a lick of work since he struck the country. The natives make a kind of rum out of wild cane, and he gets boiling drunk whenever he feels so inclined.

"Altogether it is an idyllic life for a fellow who has ridden brake beams and dodged constables throughout the inhospitable states. By advertising the attractions of the country and supplying transportation we might get rid of the tramp incubus altogether."—Ex.

## Chinese Slave Girls Sold.

Five young girls were sold into thraldom in San Francisco yesterday.

Upon the payment of a stipulated number of dollars five human beings were bartered like so much merchandise and were delivered to their new master, whom they must serve and obey as completely as did slaves in the Southern states before the emancipation proclamation.

It was in Chinatown that these 20th century serfs were auctioned off to the highest bidder and their slave pen was displaced to make room for one of the gambling clubs which Chief of Police Sullivan has encouraged the Chinese to establish. The auction took place at 22 Ross alley. Gong Gow, owner of one of the dens in which the unfortunate slave girls of Chinatown spend their lives, announced that he desired to settle his indebtedness before the opening of the Chinese New Year, which is only a few days off. Besides this house and its inmates he had nothing.

By selling his lease and disposing of the house, furniture and the inmates Gow estimated that all his debts would be wiped out. He offered his place for sale and notified all his creditors to send in their bills.

The Chinese custom in such cases is that the creditors must post their claims on the property on the front door. Prospective buyers look over them, and when bidding for the property know exactly what is owing. In buying the place purchasers become responsible for all claims against the property in the manner the purchaser of the five girls sold yesterday is responsible for all debts contracted on their account as the chattels of Gow. The front of Gong Gow's store was plastered with bills from top to bottom when the hour for the sale approached yesterday morning. The room on the second floor was crowded when the bidding began. The contents of the house were carefully described, and then the five Chinese girls, who were the principal articles of value, were exhibited and their good points extolled.

Then the sale began. The Chinese transact such business without delay. An hour later the house, furniture and inmates had all been sold. The girls were taken to other houses, there to continue lives of shame and turn over their earnings to the man who purchased them.

Immediately after the sale bills of the creditors were settled in full. The Chinese girls sold yesterday brought fancy prices, ranging from \$1700 to \$2500 each. The Chinese thought no more of the occurrence than they would of stepping in to gamble in one of the illegal clubs Chief Sullivan allows to break the law. The girls, bred from infancy with the idea that there is nothing but the vilest slavery in store for them, accepted the transaction stoically and made no protest.

In place of the apartments occupied by these slaves the Canton Merchants' Club, which has eight gambling tables and is the largest club in Chinatown, will shortly open for business. All this is going on, not in some heathen country, but in the American city of San Francisco, experiencing a so-called "reform" administration, conducted under Phelan-Sullivan-Wittman guidance and protection.—Examiner, Jan. 30.

## New B. C. Industry.

Vancouver, B.C. Feb. 11.—A wealthy English company, of which Evans, Coleman & Evans, of Vancouver, are representatives in this province, has just completed a deal for the purchase of a large cement and marble property in Washington state. The deposit of cement and marble is nine miles from Sumas, on the Washington side of the boundary line, and is on the direct route of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railway extension and within easy reach of the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific railways. A large expenditure has already been made in the undertaking, and an extensive body

of suitable material has been fully tested by manufacturers in the United States as well as England and Germany, and the result is that works that will cost in the vicinity of \$500,000 will be commenced almost immediately.

For the last nine months a German specialist has been making thorough tests of several properties in that vicinity, but it was only during the last week that the deal was put through. The deposit is a very large one—over 600 feet high, and shows a uniform bearing of the necessary ingredients for the manufacture of lime and cement. The rock, when quarried and polished, is said to be one of the finest to be found anywhere on the Coast. It consists of 98 1-3 per cent pure lime, and when ground and mixed with other material found close at hand, makes an excellent cement. The lime kilns which will be established at the property itself will have a capacity of 300 barrels per day. It is probable that the cement works will be constructed on this side of the line and somewhere on the Fraser river.

The works will have a capacity for the present of 300 barrels per day, which is larger than any other present works on the Coast, and will be constructed with a view to doubling that capacity within a year. The buildings and plant required for this work alone will cost in the vicinity of \$200,000, while the cost of installing the quarrying and marble polishing plant, lime kilns and other equipment for the operation of the property, will involve the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars more. This latter amount will all be on the American side of the boundary line.

A tender has been entered for supplying 20,000 feet of the polished marble to the new postoffice building at Salem, Or. On Puget sound as well as in Vancouver there is a good market for the product. It is expected that the Hawaiian islands will also be large consumers, and a trade will likewise be worked up in Australia and the Orient. The purchase of the property has caused quite a stir in other property values in the surrounding district.

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