

# The Klondike Nugget

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## FAR REACHING EFFECTS.

One of the most important stampedes that has ever taken place in the Klondike district is in progress today. All mining claims in the district with a few exceptions, excluding of course, all claims already held according to law, will be open tomorrow for location. In consequence of this fact, as is told in detail on another page of this paper, hundreds of people have left Dawson during the past forty-eight hours for the different localities where there is known to be vacant ground.

It is difficult to forecast the effect which the order throwing open such a large extent of new ground will have upon the future of the district. Many of the claims will not be worked at all. Others will be prospected and found to be lacking a pay streak. But there will be a certain proportion which will be found at no distant date contributing a share toward the general output of gold. There is now left practically no ground in the territory contiguous to the Klondike and Indian rivers which is not open to the prospector. The regulation reserving alternate groups of ten claims was repealed some months ago as was also the order closing certain of the more important creeks against location. With this latest order in effect a large number of valuable fractions as well as other claims have been thrown open and it is but fair to suppose, as suggested above, that many of them will soon be numbered among the best of producing claims. This supposition is particularly reasonable in view of the fact that many of the claims to be thrown open tomorrow are known to be by virtue of the fact that they are in the immediate vicinity of ground upon which pay has already been located. In such instances and they will be by no means few, it is to be anticipated that immediate preparations for development work will be made. It is safe to assume, therefore, that added prosperity will come to the district. The opening of new ground means the employment of more men, the moving of more freight and the consumption of an increased quantity of commodities. The new order could not have been placed in effect at a more favorable time. Opportunity will be given to those who secure good properties to make preparations for work before the approach of warm weather and it may be expected that much of the ground which will be recorded within the next few days will be opened on a large scale during the approaching summer season.

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boats were under separate management. It remains now to be seen whether the shipper will be given the benefit of this decrease in the cost of operation or whether the same will be turned entirely into the coffers of the railway company. The surest means the railroad can take for preventing competition is to follow a liberal policy in dealing with the Yukon.

## IT WAS JUSTIFIED.

The P.-I. takes very strong exceptions to the language of the United States circuit court of appeals in the decision handed down by that court in the McKenzie receivership cases.

The P.-I. holds that the attack by the circuit court upon Judge Noyes was unwarranted and inspired by motives of a political nature. In view of the fact that the decision is endorsed almost with unanimity by people who were in Nome at the time the trouble which brought about the suits occurred, it is pretty safe to conclude that the decision of the court of appeals did not fall very wide of the mark.

The language used in the decision was certainly of an extraordinary nature, but those who are familiar with the case are agreed that the circumstances were such as to make the use of extraordinary language not only justifiable but also absolutely necessary.

Nome will be much safer, hereafter, as a place in which to conduct legitimate enterprises than it has ever been before. It has been demonstrated that the law is not to be evaded or violated with impunity which fact in a frontier community cannot be impressed any too strongly.

The decision of the council whereby the provisions of the game ordinance are extended for a period of thirty days will commend itself to the public generally. It is a well established fact that hundreds of carcasses of caribou are now cached at different points up the Klondike waiting transportation to the Dawson market and if the law as recently passed were rigidly enforced, much of this meat would of necessity be left to spoil. It is expected that the local market will be over-crowded, but that condition can be obviated by placing the surplus supply in cold storage, facilities for which will soon be under construction. Meanwhile the consumer is receiving the benefit of close competition and low prices which is by no means the least important feature of the situation.

Winter is the best road builder we have. During the next 30 days the trails to the creeks will be in splendid condition and freighting will be cheap. It has been the experience of former years that after the first of April the trails become soft and the cost of transporting goods to the creeks immediately advances. No matter what large amounts are expended in road building by the government, no highways which can be constructed for use during the warm season will excel the natural boulevards which are formed principally through the agency of cold weather. The present movement of freight toward the creeks indicates very clearly that full advantage is being taken of the existing favorable conditions.

The latest effort of Sir John Tenniel, Punch's famous cartoonist is entitled "Time's Appeal." Old Father Time is represented bearing the infant 20th century in one hand while the other is raised in mute appeal to the spirit of war, a female figure of heroic cast, driving in a war chariot. The angel of peace hovers near and adds her supplications to those of Time. The cartoon represents in a most forcible manner the demand for universal peace and suggests what many optimists fondly hope will be realized during the course of the present century. It must be said, however, that judging by the present plans of the great powers of the earth, there is no particular reason to believe that war will be abolished immediately.

It certainly is an ill wind that blows good to no one. The stampede of yesterday fairly taxed the resources of the road houses between Dawson and Gold Run creek. The stamper who was able to secure a place on the floor to sleep was numbered among fortunate ones. The government fees, together with the expenses of the stampede will aggregate a very handsome sum.

A dog which insists upon biting every other dog he meets may not be mad, but at any rate he may be regarded as legitimate object for suspicion. It is poor policy to allow a dog too many opportunities to prove that he is mad. Such experiments are apt to result disastrously.

We have seen spring days somewhat different from the variety to which we are now being treated. We do not suppose, however, that any objection should be entered as long as the mercury remains above the fifty mark.

As 6 p. m. yesterday it was almost light enough to read without a lamp, candle or other artificial assistance. Nevertheless, there are people who still insist that we have long dark winters in the Klondike.

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## ANCIENT DRIFT

### Discovered in Slide on Bonanza Creek.

The work of sinking shafts through the muck and gravel of the creek beds in this northern country bids fair to result in more than mere contributions to the world's supply of filthy lucre. It is quite plain from events which have recently transpired that the Klondike will contribute liberally not only of its vast wealth to the arteries of trade but will also furnish information of a scientific nature which by many people will be held of even more value than the golden stream which has been pouring forth unceasingly ever since Geo. Carback picked up his first nugget on Bonanza creek.

A short time ago on a tributary of Hunker creek the remains of several mammoths were uncovered and the bones of these animals, long since extinct, are now on exhibition in Dawson. A few days since a discovery of equal importance was made on upper Bonanza. This discovery involves nothing less than proof of the theory long held tenaciously by men who claim deep insight into matters prehistoric, that the placer mines of this country were known and worked in ages long since past.

An ancient drift bearing the unmistakable evidence of human workmanship has been uncovered on hillside claim opposite Nos. 18 and 19 upper Bonanza on the left limit.

Dominion Land Surveyor C. S. W. Barwell who has just returned from the creek is authority for the report which is beyond question accurate and reliable. Workmen on the claim above referred to have been drifting for some time into the face of an immense slide, which, however, bears all the evidence of having remained in its present position for untold centuries.

The tunnel which the men have been driving, runs into the face of the slide which at the point where the ancient drift was discovered is about 150 feet in depth. All the evidences are present in the drift to indicate that at some distant time mining operations had been carried on.

The ancient drift is about five feet in width and thirty feet in length and of sufficient height to enable a man to work in it. A remarkable feature of the matter is the discovery of charred wood in the drift which indicates that the old fashioned method of thawing was understood and practiced by the ancient miners whoever they may have been.

Various theories have been advanced to explain the time and circumstances under which the drift was constructed but all who are familiar with the facts agree that it must have occurred in the long, long ago—just how far they leave it to development and scientific authorities to say.

### The Weather.

So far as the nightly decline in the thermometer indicator is concerned, there seems to be but little change notwithstanding the fact that during the day the temperature becomes very much warmer. During the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 34 below the maximum 4 degrees above zero, a variation of 38 degrees.

## HEIRS TO BRITISH THRONE.

### Upward of Fifty Persons in Direct Line.

### Among Them is Emperor William of Germany—Many Princes and Princesses.

There are more than fifty heirs to the British crown, claiming through the queen. Among these is the emperor of Germany, between whom and the British throne there are about twenty lives. Foreign nationality, or the possession of a foreign crown, does not vitiate his claim, but it is obvious that from motives of public policy he would never be allowed to succeed. Parliament could, and undoubtedly would, bar his claim. Similarly the Prince of Wales was heir to the duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, but renounced his rights in favor of his next brother. Among other heirs to the British crown is the Princess May, as a descendant of King George III, but in her own right she stands seventy-fourth in the list.

The principle upon which the crown descends is that of following one branch of the family until that is exhausted, when the next collateral and so on, until all the descendants of the sovereign are exhausted, when the crown reverts still further back. The descendants of Queen Victoria are so numerous that it is extremely unlikely that any other branch of the family of King George II will inherit it.

The descendants of Queen Victoria, in order in which they stood in succession to the throne on January 1, 1901, were as follows:

- The Prince of Wales, son.
- Duke of York, grandson.
- Prince Edward, son of the Duke of York, great-grandson.
- Lady Alexandra Duff, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria of Wales, granddaughter.
- Princess Maud of Wales, granddaughter.
- Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, son.
- Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, grandson.
- Crown Princess of Roumania, granddaughter.
- Prince of Roumania, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Melita of Edinburgh, granddaughter.
- Princess Beatrice of Edinburgh, granddaughter.
- Duke of Connaught, son.
- Prince Arthur of Connaught, grandson.
- Princess Margaret of Connaught, granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria Patricia of Connaught, granddaughter.
- Duke of Albany, grandson.
- Princess Alice of Albany, granddaughter.
- Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, daughter.
- The emperor of Germany, grandson.
- The Crown Prince of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince William Frederick of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Adelbert of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince August of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Oscar of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Prince Joachim Franz Humbert of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia, great-granddaughter.
- Prince Henry of Prussia, grandson.
- Prince Waldemar of Prussia, great-grandson.
- Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, granddaughter.
- Princess Fedora of Saxe-Meiningen, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Frederika of Prussia, granddaughter.
- The Crown Princess of Greece, granddaughter.
- Prince George of Greece, great-grandson.
- Princess Margareta of Prussia, granddaughter.

- Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse, grandson.
- Princess Louise of Battenberg, granddaughter.
- Prince of Battenberg, great-grandson.
- Princess Victoria Alice of Battenberg, great-granddaughter.
- Princess Louise Alxendra of Battenberg, great-granddaughter.
- The Grand Duchess Sergius of Prussia, granddaughter.
- Princess Henry of Prussia, granddaughter.
- Princess Victoria Alice Helena of Hesse, granddaughter.
- Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, daughter.
- Prince Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson.
- Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson.
- Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, granddaughter.
- Princess Franzika of Schleswig-Holstein, granddaughter.
- Marchioness of Lorne, daughter.
- Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, daughter.
- Prince Alexander Albert of Battenberg, grandson.
- Prince Leopold of Battenberg, grandson.
- Prince Donald of Battenberg, grandson.
- Princess Victoria Engenie of Battenberg, granddaughter.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S

### Report Is Adopted by the Yukon Council.

The following report of the finance committee of the Yukon council was adopted at the meeting last night:

It is recommended that no action be taken in the case of Mrs. Christina McNab for payment of an account for hospital expenses from an accident by falling in a ditch until further inquiry can be made, and that H. E. A. Roberson be asked to send in a report of the matter and that the commissioner be requested to get a report on the condition of the ditch in question.

The following accounts were also recommended for payment:

N. P. Shaw & Co., meat account, \$17.10, milk \$31.68, supplied to patients at smallpox hospital at Whitehorse; Barbara Ross for groceries etc., supplied to the hospital at Whitehorse; account from Whitehorse general hospital for \$143.50.

A communication from the Yukon Sun as to the proposed publication of ordinances of the territory recommended to standover until they could be revised, which should be done as soon as possible.

It was recommended that a \$500 bonus be paid to the medical health officer in consideration of extra services, and that in future all his expenses be allowed when away from Dawson. Account for transportation of Dr. MacDonald from Selkirk to Dawson, \$35.20. Payment was not recommended.

Account of Dr. McLeod, \$20 for treatment of indigent, C. S. Johnstone, at Grand Forks. In view of the exceptional circumstances surrounding this case, this account was recommended for payment and that same be referred to the council to decide on the principle.

Account of News Printing & Publishing Co. payment was not recommended. It was recommended that the papers be asked to state on what terms they will publish or advertise for the council such printing or publishing as the council may see fit to extend to them.

### A Princely Reward.

"Boy," said the wealthy man, beaming with gratitude, "you have done me a great service, and I am going to reward you."

"Oh, thank you, sir," gasped the small boy.

"Here in this small case," continued the millionaire, "is the first dollar I ever made. You may look at it. And here is a recent copy of The Claptrap Magazine, which contains my article telling how I made it. Read it, and may heaven bless you." — Catholic Standard and Times.

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