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FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC.

After all, the destiny of nations and of empires and moulding of history is in the hands of fate. Powerful and brainy men appear upon the world's field of action and are popularly applauded as the makers of history. Yet in the light of past history it is easily seen that they were rather creatures than creators of the momentous events chronicled as their own deeds. Much as war must be and is condemned by men abreast of nineteenth century civilization, it has been the most powerful history-making influence of the past. Epochs are invariably marked at the beginning and ending by war. Men struggle and strive and sacrifice their wealth and even lives in a vain endeavor to bring about certain desirable results and find every effort futile; an unexpected war brings about a revulsion and behold! what man had vainly tried to bring about by campaigns of education and other expensive means becomes an accomplished fact without the expenditure of any great amount of energy on the part of anybody in particular. For centuries the creation of a German empire by the union of independent provinces was the dream of sages, the ambition of statesmen, the wish of kings and a shrine upon which was laid wealth, the lifetime work of bright minds and the individual devotion of patriots. Nothing seemed further away from accomplishment than that confederation when the Franko-Prussian war broke out and then what had been declared hopeless became suddenly an accomplished fact. The Franco-Prussian war marked an epoch in the history of the German nation.

For hundreds of years the crossing of the Isthmus of Panama with ships has been a dream of statesmen, the hope of the Pacific and the prayer of the Great West of American continent. For a generation it has engaged the wealth of nations and engineers, and yet owing to the conflicting interests of nations at the breaking out of the Hispano-American war it was conceded to be a hopeless failure. That war will bring about a Panama canal for it is now an assured fact; and the war will therefore mark the most important epoch in the lives of the present generation. "Westward the star of empire takes its way" and the seat of the highest civilization will in our lifetimes pass through that Panama canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Westward, ever westward, has marked commerce, manufacture and power; and always by a water route. The American continent stood in its way a massive barrier extending from the frozen polar regions of the north to the icy tempestuous regions of the south. The canal tears down that barrier and a kindlier coast and more beneficent and abundant Mother Nature will provide for the coming millions a better and more generous abiding place than that from which they came.

WHY NOT ENFORCE THEM.

When laws and regulations are not enforced and stand simply as so much dead matter upon the statute books, men come to hold them in contempt and actually believe that in evading and openly breaking them, no harm is done. The regulations under which this district is supposed to be governed in so far as its mining interests are concerned are supposed to have been passed with some re-

gard for the public good. Some of them, everyone is perfectly aware, have worked incalculable injury to the country. Others have been of little service simply for the reason that they have not been enforced. It is a matter of general knowledge that creek after creek has been staked and claim after claim recorded without the parties making application for record ever having been on the ground, although the law required an oath to be taken wherein the affiant swears to having located the ground and properly staked it.

A case in point is the recently discovered Kentucky creek. We are assured and have convincing evidence in our possession to substantiate it, that claim after claim on this creek was recorded by men who have never been near the ground. More than that the men who recorded were taken to a room adjoining the office of a prominent Dawson law firm and there made assignments of half interests in their claims in consideration of which they were guaranteed that the claims would be recorded and no questions asked.

It is such matters as these that have shaken public confidence not only in the laws but in public officials as well. Men who ordinarily respect the law and render obedience thereto, find themselves at a disadvantage when forced into competition with others who see that laws can be broken or evaded with impunity, do not hesitate to turn this fact to their own advantage.

So long as this condition remains, just so long will people refuse to have confidence in the laws or in the men sent to enforce them. It is against such evils that the Nugget has unceasingly raised its voice since the date of its first issue. It is such matters as these that we shall continue to ventilate in these columns until justice and fair play shall be dealt out to every man in the Yukon Territory and honesty and capacity shall take the place of rascality and incompetence in the conduct of public business.

A SUGGESTION.

There is a feeling prevalent in Dawson that it will be as much as a man's life is worth to remain in town next summer. On every hand you can hear the expression "I wouldn't stay in Dawson next summer for a Bonanza creek claim." Good, clever physicians are saying the same and no dissenters are noticeable. At the same time it goes without saying that the financial opportunities next year in this city will retain a sufficient population for the ravages of the fever fiend to become sufficiently prevalent to provoke a storm of national wondering indignation. Men whose lives have a recognized value should at once get together and plan for the future. The loss of property by fire has aroused a considerable interest in fire protection, but the loss of life in Dawson the past year has been passed over as much less serious. Sanitation is not a nice subject for discussion in the public prints, yet we must vigorously protest against the digging of another cess-pool upon the Dawson flat this winter. If removable boxes are not substituted and their use peremptorily demanded and enforced then in the spring will this flat be little better than a pool of floating excrement. Upon the freezing over of the river a dumping ground should be provided in the middle where everything will go out with the first ice in the spring. Our people must be educated up to the point of considering the committing of a nuisance upon the townsite of Dawson as a blow at the public, and offenders to be promptly dealt with. Heroic diseases require heroic remedies and the public good require that private convenience be considered in this matter as of secondary importance.

CIVILIZED FOOTWEAR.

To many thousands of the inhabitants of this region the freeze of the past week has presented the first opportunity of their lives to get rid of the footwear of civilization, sanctified by national custom for many hundreds of years. The extreme satisfaction of getting into the aboriginal moccasins is not apparent the first day or two because of the thin-

ness of the soles which causes the new beginner to walk with the gingerly footsteps of a hen among a brood of chicks. The absence of heels also creates a feeling of "goneness" in the back of the legs and creates the impression in the mind of constantly walking up hill. Afterwards the true merits of Arctic footwear appeal strongly to all, both physiologically and mentally and many are the expressions of approval one overhears on all sides. It soon becomes apparent that there is nothing at all strange in the fact that these Arctic regions produce the most famous long-distance travellers in the world, due, in a very large measure to the nature of the footwear worn by our people. Many men who never before traveled a hundred miles afoot and at one stretch here deliberately will set out upon a journey of thousands of miles. Those abominations of civilization—high heeled leather cases for the feet—are never appreciated at their true lack of value until one has sojourned for a period in these northern latitudes.

One disadvantage peculiar to moccasin footwear, but which is really no great loss after all, was called to our attention the other evening. A number of would-be applauders were suddenly very much disconcerted to find themselves unable to lead the applause with their feet, as had been customary.

DIDN'T REALIZE THE FACTS.

Several citizens were placed under arrest at the time of the fire for refusing to fight the fire when ordered to do so by the police. They were afterwards released and did very good work. The refusal to work, largely, had its origin in the custom of the cities from whence the gentleman came. From the time of the introduction of paid and experienced fire departments into the larger cities it has been the policy of the police to prevent any interference in fire fighting by the bystanders. Indeed it is quite customary even in efficient volunteer departments to turn the hose onto any private citizen interfering in the more efficient work of the firemen. Of course, in Dawson the case was entirely different and the safety of the city depended upon the exertions of its inhabitants. Still it proved hard for some to realize that a fire was not a public spectacle, as in the cities from whence they came, but was an occasion on which every citizen was entitled to do his very best for the common weal.

ICE UNDER DAWSON.

The amateur geologists of the Yukon territory are much disconcerted by occasionally finding an undisturbed glacier of pure ice a short distance beneath the surface of what they had considered solid earth. On Monday, in sinking a hole on the Dawson flat 200 feet from the bank of the river a glacier was struck under two feet of moss and "muck." The glacier was of unknown depth for six feet failed to go through it. It took hundreds of years for the slow growth of moss to have covered that glacier in a natural way, and it is suggested that not so very long ago the river rose to an exceptional height and carried most of the dirt and debris over what was then an icy flat.

We are glad to note the public interest that is being manifested in the effort of Dawson's amateur dramatic talent to provide the city with something in the way of high class entertainment. While Dawson is in no way lacking for places of amusement there has in the past been little or no attempt to cater to the taste of those who prefer to witness only a refined show. It is to meet this want that the amateurs of the town have organized and it may be presumed that if sufficient patronage is received, a series of pleasant programs will be given during the winter. Without being in one way or another interested in the matter the Nugget believes it is a movement in the right direction and one that is entitled to every encouragement from the public.

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