

### ATTEMPT TO DEFAUD "UNCLE SAM"

#### New York Speculators Tried to Make Millions Out of the Bond Issue.

#### The Treasury Department Working Up the Details of a Gigantic Scheme—Many People Interested in the Deal.

Washington, Sept. 1.—A wide investigation of specious bids under the last call for subscriptions to government bonds has been completed by Solicitor O'Connell, of the treasury department, and today he submitted to Secretary Gage the mass of testimony on the transactions. Several thousand subscribers were examined. The facts developed show a systematic scheme operated by single parties to secure a large amount of the bonds.

The investigation was the outcome of complaints alleging wrong dealing on the part of many bidders. Secretary Gage promptly instituted the investigation, and Solicitor O'Connell today, after submitting his report, held a conference for two hours with the secretary on the developments.

The report indicates that millions of dollars in bonds were acquired by irregular means and that a number of New York bidders are involved in the case. Many of the bids received from New York are shown to have been either signed by individuals who had no direct interest in them, and simply subscribed their names at the request of or in consideration of compensation by other parties, or the bids bore signatures that were forgeries.

Many of the bidders, it is stated, were hired to sign, and the system was carried so far, the report goes on to show, that virtually agents were employed who were paid so much per subscriber, the last named merely signing his name, and giving the bid with his signature to the agent or directly to the party seeking control of a large amount of bids.

The report and the exact facts are withheld from publication at this time for prudential reasons, but Solicitor O'Connell said today: "There is a large amount of fraudulent bids." It is stated that a further investigation is to be made, and that the facts developed will be followed by the secretary. This may result in a refusal to issue the bonds in all cases found to have been illegal.

Secretary Gage said to-night that the investigations showed that a large amount of the bids offered were not bona fide, but that in none of the cases involved in the investigation had bond been issued to the bidders. He said he had no doubt, however, that in some instances as yet undiscovered the bonds had been issued in a similar way unknowingly to the department had been issued.

### MINERS STRIKE.

#### They Attack and Seize Mine Officials in Illinois.

St. Louis, Sept. 1.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Pana, Ill., says:

Six hundred striking miners this afternoon seized David J. Overholt and Lewis Overholt, officials of the Springside mine, and carried them in the direction of the mines. Their purpose was to demand the surrender of the non-union negroes working in the mines.

Rev. Millard, a minister, made a plea to the miners to release the prisoners, but he was knocked on the head with a revolver.

The miners were overtaken by the state officials of the Miners' Union and halted. The Overholts gave the committee an order to send for a committee of the negro miners. Sheriff Coffey refused and replied, demanding the release of the Overholts. John Mitchell, national vice-president of the union, sent back a note saying the Overholts were not in his keeping. The Overholts were released at 5 o'clock this evening.

The strikers are said to have voted several times to hang the Overholts, but were prevented by their leaders from committing violence. All saloons were closed tonight by order of Mayor Wells.

A conference was held tonight between Secretary Ryan, Vice-President Mitchell, of the Miners' Union, and David Ross and T. D. Keltner, of the State Labor Bureau, and later they conferred with Lewis Overholt, who agreed to meet the committee tomorrow morning and submit the concern's books, looking to a settlement.

Dr. Millard, the minister who interfered on behalf of the Overholts, is badly injured, but will recover.

### NATIONAL GUARD ORDERED OUT.

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 1.—Battery B, of the Illinois National Guard, received orders to-night to leave at once for Pana, Ill. Sixty men, with five Gatling guns, under command of Lieut. Frank Henry, will start immediately on special train. Trouble between the striking coal miners and deputy sheriffs is feared, because of the efforts of the mine operators to impede colored miners.

### Cable Service to Sitka.

New York, Sept. 1.—Important developments in the plans of American cables connecting the new possessions of the United States in the Pacific with San Francisco, and with branches to Japan and Australia, were decided upon at a meeting of the directors of the Pacific Cable Co., in the office of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Plans already have been matured for laying a cable, starting at San Francisco and touching at Honolulu, Malay island, in the Caroline group, from which a spur will run to Australia, the main line continuing to Guam in the Marianas, and then branching again, one spur running to Manila and the other to Yokohama or Tokyo.

It was decided, however, to add to this a duplicate system, starting at San Francisco and running up the Pacific coast to Sitka in Alaska, touching again at the Aleutian islands and connecting with the other line in Japan.

The directors decided to begin work at once on the surveys for this line, and James A. Scribner, president of the Pacific Cable Company, started to-night for Vancouver, whence he will sail on September 22th for Japan. The object of his trip is to make contracts with the Japanese government and obtain from it a subsidy of at least \$100,000, for which in return the government of Japan will have free telegraph privileges for 20 years. The cost of the Sitka and Aleutian islands branch cannot be determined until the surveys are made, but the southern route connecting the new islands in possession of the United States with spurs to Australia and Japan, will cost about \$10,000,000. It will involve the laying of about ten thousand miles of cable.

### "Captain Jack."

Captain Jack Crawford, known on two continents as the "Poet-Scout," arrived in Dawson Wednesday last. "Captain Jack," as he is more familiarly known to his friends, is first vice-president and assistant general manager of a dredging company, which has bought and paid for 70 miles of river-bottom on the Yukon and its tributaries. The company is doing business under the name of the Klondike, Yukon, Copper River Mining Co., and the captain has been very busy since June attending to their affairs on the upper Yukon and on the Hootalinqua, of which river they own 18 miles. Captain Jack has a bottle containing \$350 in gold, caught from dirt shoveled from the company's ground by the captain himself in four hours, with two men dipping water into a sluice box. The machinery for the dredger is in Dawson, and the big scow to contain it at Hootalinqua, the same point at which he has already built a scow 35 x 45 feet and also stocked it with provisions.

The captain has attained considerable literary fame since his advent in London some few years ago; but the Klondike excitement broke up his lecture arrangements. He proposes building a cabin here and staying until toward the end of the ice travelling season, and his voice will undoubtedly be heard in Dawson before he goes out.

### Forty-Mile Doings.

The miners of the Forty-Mile mining district have been holding a series of miners' meetings to draw up resolutions to be used by the U. S. government as a guide in framing some regulations to the mining regulations. There are so many adjoining districts with elected recorders over each that the lines of demarcation are somewhat confused. But that is not the worst of it. The proportion of newcomers is too great for the old timers to handle in a section where one man's vote is as good as another. The result has been some acts in meeting by miners who have no mining property, and directed against the miners who have. It appears to be the prevailing opinion that a U. S. commissioner should be appointed with supervisory powers over the five or six recorders down there, and it might not be a bad idea to have those elected recorders meet and act as an advisory council to the end that there should be no conflict of the claims recorded with each and a uniformity of regulations.

You will want the Nugget during the winter months. Delivered twice a week for \$2.50 per month.

### Forewell Healy.

There is a lesson in the history of the departed Captain Healy. He was a shrewd enough man in many ways, and built up a business for the company in which he was interested which was very gratifying to the shareholders. The lack of competition in the country gave full scope to his genius without advising him by diminishing sales that he was overstepping the bounds of public tolerance. That the company has seen fit to recall him at a time when his company should be doing the most immense business in its history is an indication of what is wrong. Competing companies have opened up their stocks of goods, and the company was suddenly brought to a realizing sense of their manager's imprudence by their immense stock of goods remaining piled up on the sidewalks as high as a house for lack of room in their crowded warehouses. Still the captain had the consolation of leaving here a wealthy man, many of his mining speculations having proved successful. There were no departing cheers for the captain, but it is doubtful if a man of his calibre cared for that as long as his sack was heavy.

### The Houck Concert.

Miss Mertie Houck, assisted by local talent gave a concert in the Pioneer hall Wednesday evening. The program was as follows: Miss Houck, vocal selections, with piano accompaniment; Mr. Emil Erhardt, vocal selections; Messrs. Casley and Buckhart, mandolin and guitar selections; Mr. Eschwege in recitations and Mr. Buckhart in guitar solo.

Miss Houck is a recent arrival in Dawson and may be considered a musical addition. Mr. Erhardt is well-known and as popular as his good voice and excellent training should warrant. Whether in church work of popular concert it is always a pleasure to listen to him. Mr. Eschwege has but recently appeared in public, but his recitations are given with feeling and clever mimicry, which give him much well-earned applause. Messrs. Casley and Buckhart offered pleasant variety with mandolin and guitar.

### Here's a Snap.

For sale a good snug cabin 14 x 16. High and dry location. Price \$700. HENRY, this office.

### HE TOOK ANOTHER MAN'S RAFT.

#### A Government Contractor Attempts an Unrighteous Confiscation.

#### The Owner Just in Time to Find His Raft Being Torn to Pieces and Disposed of—No Prosecution for Theft.

There is something in the official atmosphere of Dawson which leads many a good man wrong. Captain Campbell secured from Timber Agent Willison a permit, by virtue of which one could bring down and sell all abandoned rafts found on sand bars up the Yukon river. It appears that quite often rafts get high and dry on sand bars and become so imbedded that it would cost more to get the logs off and rebuild the raft than to cut and build a new one. At any rate there have been a number reported by the inspectors to be genuinely abandoned, the ropes taken and the logs left to be taken down the river with the first ice. Contracts had been made with men to bring these logs down for the government, but after one attempt to make it pay the men had surrendered their contracts. In view of the impending loss of the logs to Dawson a permit was granted the said Captain Campbell to bring down the abandoned rafts.

N. Burmlin last week tied a raft to the bank above Klondike City, while he came down foot to secure a sale or a landing place. Returning Saturday to where his raft had been tied up, he found it had been stolen Friday. A little quiet investigation revealed the raft tied up at Dawson and being rapidly torn to pieces and hauled away by Campbell's crew of men. To show the moral atmosphere of Dawson, it is but necessary to say that the appropriators of the raft hadn't the slightest hesitancy in accompanying Burmlin to the office of the timber agent, fully expecting that gentleman to support them in wresting the timber from the rightful owner. Mr. Willison did not see it that way, and compelled Campbell to turn the raft over. Many a man has been sent to jail for loss.

### A. C. Extension.

The Alaska Commercial company, with most commendable enterprise, have erected extensive corrugated iron warehouses at the foot of the hill on the creek trail, nearly half a mile from the center of town. The object appears to be to divide their immense stock of the necessities of life so that in case of calamity by fire the winter's supply will not be entirely wiped out. The apathy of the majority of our citizens in the matter of fire protection forbodes such disaster and Captain Hansen is to be congratulated on the wisdom of his move. The distant warehouses are connected with the wharf and the town store and warehouses by a substantial tramway over which horses travel with ease and pull big loads.

### Another Death From Typhoid.

George W. Hogle, of Seattle, died at St. Mary's hospital on Tuesday morning. Mr. Hogle was the son of Police Captain Hogle, who himself left Dawson for the sound about a month ago. Young Hogle was taken down with typhoid fever about two weeks ago, and was taken to the hospital by his friends. Notwithstanding the excellent nursing and attendance given him, he succumbed to the dread disease that has carried off so many of Dawson's inhabitants during the past three months. It was Hogle's intention to remain in Dawson during the winter and look after his own and his father's interests here. The funeral will be held this afternoon at the hospital.

### Woodyard at Moosehide.

The blocking up of Dawson's water front by buildings, camps, reserves and boats has made it necessary to take rafts of wood two miles below town to the flat beach this side of Moosehide. The hauling of that wood back to town over the ice will all have to be paid for by the consumer. With teams uniformly charging \$10 per hour it cannot but enhance prices. The blockade at Dawson is making it dangerous to undertake to land as the raft may be torn to pieces and become an entire loss to the owner.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

### Steamer Tacoma Arrives.

The Empire Line's steamer Tacoma arrived in Dawson Tuesday afternoon. The Tacoma left St. Michael on Aug. 20, making the trip in just 30 days. She is one of the four boats built by the Moran company for the Empire Line. Twenty-three passengers were on board, and her cargo consisted of 170 tons of freight, consigned mostly to North American Trading and Transportation Company.

The steamer Victoria, owned by the same line, left St. Michael on Aug. 29, and will reach Dawson at an early date.

### The Pilgrim Here.

The steamer Pilgrim, belonging to the Blue Star Company, reached Dawson on Tuesday. She brought only two through passengers. Her freight, consisting of general merchandise, is consigned to the Ladue Company. The officers of the boat are: Captain, Thomas Hay; purser, C. S. Waddingham. The Pilgrim will return to St. Michael, Me. R. E. Ryan is the general manager for the Blue Star Company.

The Nugget is published on every Wednesday and Saturday.

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