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VOLUME II, NO. 5

With this issue of the Nugget commences the new year and its Volume No. II at the same time. The remarkable success of our first volume; its circulation rapidly running up from 350 copies to 1992 papers; the words of encouragement, first spoken in whispering applause and now in a triumphant shout from its hosts of readers and friends, has convinced us beyond a questioning doubt that we are filling a niche in the public confidence reserved for us; that our coming was opportune; that it is the unflinching wish of our patrons to which they have and will contribute the liberal support befitting a land of big things as is this—that we continue on in the course which has brought us such unqualified success.

A newspaper does not get its power or its influence from its type-founders. Neither does it come from the paper mill. Its writers might be the brightest in the world, yet if not endorsed by the people, the common people, the great masses of the people, that newspaper would be as harmless for evil and as powerless for good as the exfoliated excrement upon a tree in sawmill length or a snowball thrown upon a lake of melted lava. It is the enthusiastic support of the people from which must come a newspaper's power. This the Nugget has had and we thank you, gentlemen. We have tried to deserve it by a fearless policy of championing the cause of the people against the world.

Whenever and wherever the head of a public enemy has appeared we have struck out and struck strongly. We have neither asked nor received favors or quarter from the possessors of the heads. To the bench, even, we have not conceded the privileges of sanctuary. Every issue of this paper which has pierced through to the outside has been reprinted in Canadian papers. One by one we have seen the members of the old Klondike government, withdrawn by secret orders from their home government until there is not a corporal's guard of them left. Blow after blow we have struck until we have seen those impenetrable doors of the commissioner's office opened wider and wider and the cost of admission getting cheaper and cheaper until today admission is free. We have seen the cost of securing a letter from the general delivery of the postoffice go down from \$2 per letter to nothing. We have struck and struck and watched the private fee for securing information on vacant ground run down from \$15 to zero. Bombshell upon bombshell we have exploded in the camp of the enemy and we have watched monopolies broken up, schemes and schemers demoralized, bold misdoers rush into hiding, and bold and blatant wrong hurriedly seek obscurity. It might be considered a breach of confidence on our part to relate the many instances of pressure brought to bear upon us to "ease from troubling this man" to "let up on that man," to let this and that concern prosecute its unrighteous doings without the light of

publicity. Needless to say our record is today absolutely clean and without a stain of suspicion. But enough of this.

Our initial number of Volume I shows modest promises, the volume shows much good accomplished. And so shall it be in this our first issue of a new year. There is much wrong yet to be righted; there are many public enemies to be routed; there are bad regulations to be removed and good ones to be enforced. Dawson today is fuller of combines against the common people's rights than ever in history. Wrong has become cunning and is harder to expose, newspapers (never the Nugget) have been subsidized to defend evil; the public enemy is growing wiser daily and the work mapped out for us is vast in extent and formidable in its entrenchment. The Nugget will continue in its good work, never flinching, never tiring, pertinacious and always alert, wide awake and watchful, and always espousing the cause of the workers, the producers, the men of brain and muscle as against schemers, leeches, official malfeasance and thousand and one evils and diseases the body politic is heir to.

The Nugget wishes its patrons and friends and the thousands of honest men and women of the Klondike, A Happy New Year, a year of good fortune and freedom from sickness. Twelve months of business and domestic felicity; families reunited after long absence; the safe arrival of loved ones from the distant states and provinces. Honorable and successful success for their efforts upon the creeks and all the good which goes towards filling up the one comprehensive word of our language "happiness."

THE BIG AND PURE FOUR.

The communication from Mr. Franklin Arnold in our last issue cannot be passed over without comment. So many of the Nugget's multitude of readers are unfamiliar with the *Miner-Sun* or its policy that we feel bound to quote largely from the article dealing with the question in hand—an article, by-the-way, which has not had its equal in journalism to our knowledge since the imprisonment of the proprietors and editors of the *Portland Mercury* some five or six years ago. The *Miner-Sun*, in its Friday edition says in a paragraph by itself: "Dawson society is an odoriferous stench." The occasion of the foregoing and much more was a dance at the Pioneer hall to which the proprietor or manager had advertised for weeks "only LADIES" would be admitted. At the dance some of the ladies present started to leave the hall because of the presence of some whom they considered objectionable. The manager was not equal to the situation. Of the merits of the dispute we have already spoken. Of the *Miner-Sun's* comment upon the occurrence we may have a whole lot to say. The article goes on to say:

"In the meantime Miss Blank disappeared, the electric candles burned, the band played on, and Dawson society had a new birth, a rejuvenation; and while historic accuracy compels us to state that it cannot yet be dignified by so numerous a title as the Four Hundred it will be fittingly described as the Big and the Pure Four. And now, as we have enough for one set, swing your partners and balance all."

"What does a lady expect to find in the way of high grade society anywhere, to say nothing of Dawson, when she attends a public dance, advertised as such, given as a financial rejuvenator by an ex-dance hall floor manager? Would she think to find all as caskily pure as a northern glacier and white as a lily, or would she—and especially here in Dawson—not expect to see back of the roses the skull and crossbones, and mingled with the scent of the violet and heliotrope perceive the breath of the charnal house and grave?"

"But we are saying too much of Dawson society and too little of the cur-like individual who advertised in small caps a dance open only to LADIES. This delicious bit of humor, in a paid ad., of a dance intended as a recuperator for debilitated resources and lost financial manhood should make the name of Lawler eternally famous among the pioneers of Dawson society. Think of it! A select dance as a money-making scheme to be attended only by the pure and virtuous! Could one set in a single quadrille be filled if all of our elect who answer the description should attend at once? We believe it could be filled—but with difficulty."

What the *Miner-Sun* may believe is

hard to say and impossible of measurement. What the *Miner-Sun* knows of the good, virtuous, honest women of the Klondike you could put in your eye. There is one way to find out what it knows. Let a dozen or two of our good women call upon the author of those slanderous lines. Compel the writer of the above to pick out the four which alone are pure to his foul imagination and then the balance use their judgment. No jury on earth would ever allow a breach of the peace to cost the ladies one cent.

The Nugget will undertake to fill the largest hall in Dawson with good women—and some of them will be washerwomen—if all will accept the invitations sent them; and if the *Miner-Sun* can produce one tittle against their characters we will forfeit any sum it may name.

One argument suggested by Mr. Arnold and which appeals strongly to our sense of right and reason is that whenever and wherever a lady claims to be good and virtuous, and nothing whatever is known to the contrary, a gentleman must take off his hat and not fill a column of a newspaper with slanderous insinuations of "we don't believe there are four of them but are adding lying to their other infamy."

THE BAR-SINISTER.

The action of the Yukon authorities in regard to sick Americans is most peculiar to say the least. We are unable to quite grasp the force of the reasoning in the case of a miner presenting himself to them absolutely destitute and helpless from scurvy and without a friend with means to advance him sufficient money for a single day's medical attendance. Why that man's nationality should be promptly inquired into and then himself packed off instanter to the American relief committee in case he prove to be an American, we cannot understand. Do the authorities desire the inhabitants of this region at once to mentally assimilate the fact that Americanism in an individual is a bar sinister to any benefits arising from the immense fund collected in taxes last year? Out of two and a half million of dollars contributed in taxes and by reason of extortions last year from the 30,000 people of the territory at least two millions was contributed by Americans. True, gentlemen, you have expended some \$29,000 in relief work, but how insignificant an amount that is when compared with the whole or compared with the needs of the country. The Nugget will put itself on record right here and now as unalterably opposed to hospital or any other kind of discrimination in favor of Canadians; and British Islanders, South Africans, Australasians and many good Canadians will stand with us on that proposition.

Now, this very discrimination against Americans is a thing which we have had occasion to comment upon before because of its very absence. But this was many months ago when Canadian newspapers were boiling over with news of the proposed Klondike uprising of Americans and when the Ottawa government was hurrying in troops of Canadian infantry with rifles and munitions of war. Since then it has been discovered—and we have known it right along—that the Americans in this territory are the most docile and law-abiding people that ever inhabited any quarter of the globe. There is a strange quality of the human mind which always compels respect when there is fear. The fear being gone the respect has vanished in mid air and that very thing—discrimination—over the absence of which we have had occasion to rejoice, now raises its hydra-head and refuses to be rebuked.

We beg to point out to our local government the example set them in this matter by Americans themselves. For a great many years the dream of Canadian youths has been to cross the border and take advantage of the wider opportunities offered them by the United States. Every year a great number of them do this thing and they cross in swarms from Newfoundland to Vancouver and are rapidly assimilated

in the multitudes of Americans. Many of them are here now as American citizens and they will all bear us out in the statement that Canadian citizenship in 50 years has never barred a single one of its possessors from any of the thousands of splendid American hospitals.

Those of us who have struggled for hours with the handle of an ice cream freezer to the occasional query of an anxious housewife who is looking every minute for the arrival of the guests who are to eat the product of our exertions will appreciate the remark of a bright lady the other evening: "This is the most wonderful ice cream country I ever saw. You just mix up your can of milk, set it outdoors and stir it once in a while. Why, I declare that the whole of outdoors up here is a great big ice cream freezer without a handle."

OUTSIDE OPINION.

From the *Winnipeg Tribune*: "It is a fact, and the government has nothing to gain by refusing to see it, that a radical change is urgently demanded in the methods which have hitherto prevailed, and at present prevail, in the administration of the Yukon, and in the appointment of the officials. The great importance of the matter to Canada, both direct and indirect, has not been realized. One thing is very certain, and that is that British travellers and journalists who have been to the Yukon gold fields, have been, without exception, amazed, surprised and saddened by what they have seen and heard there. They have been accustomed to contemplate with justifiable pride the record of British government in other lands for able and entirely honest administration, and to congratulate themselves on the high standards and ideals which are lived up to by British officials at home and abroad. They have experienced and expressed much surprise and some resentment that this record should be sullied so conspicuously as in the case of the Yukon. The episode will not tend to increase the good opinion in which Canada is held in Great Britain, and it will have an effect on our material interests as well as on our reputation. The government cannot move too soon."

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THE "NUGGET"

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Against Helen F. West M.

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