

THE GLOBE'S OPINION

Big Toronto Paper Takes Up the Nugget's Fight for Reduced Freight Rates— Says That Dawson Is Firmly Gripped In the Clutches of a Monopoly.

The Yukon has been obliged to contend against many difficulties in the course of its short history and at present it is suffering under the ever-present freight rates difficulty. A land of extremes it is true to its characteristics in this, for the rates which industry is subject can only be described as extraordinary. Development has been wonderfully rapid, and already the country is in what may be styled its second stage. At first the problem was to get into it at all. At present communication is assured, and the problem is to carry on trade at a cost low enough to enable the industries of the country to be developed upon a paying basis. The position now is that the channels whereby trade can pass into the Yukon are so few that monopoly has succeeded in getting a firm grip upon them, with the result which is to be expected whenever monopoly is in the saddle.

Two routes exist whereby the Yukon can be reached. Goods can be brought into the country by the lower river steamers, which, taking their freight at St. Michael, at the mouth of the Yukon force their way up the thousands of miles of that great river against the current until Dawson is reached. This route is in the hands of the great transportation companies, an independent steamer service devoted entirely to the forwarding business not existing. The second and the generally used route is the shorter one, striking across country from the sea. From Skagway it follows 110 miles long cuts over the mountain range, surmounting the White Pass, and reaching the branch of the upper Yukon on the maps described as the Lewes. At that point transfer is made to the boats which ply on the upper Yukon down to Dawson. The general trading and traveling community is dependent upon this single route. The railway, thanks to the difficulties of the White Pass, has absolute control of this gateway to the Yukon. It will be noted also that this railway is half in Canadian and half in American territory. The water route is, of course, free to all, and last summer a fair competition existed between the various steamers. This year, however, certain changes have taken place with the result that all the steamboat interests, except those of one line of three small steamers have coalesced; and, furthermore, this big company is strongly suspected of bearing the closest relationship to the railway company. Even the one line which is independent is at the mercy of the railway, which alone can supply it with freight or accept freight from it at Whitehorse. Thus the combined rail and river route is firmly gripped by a monopolistic interest.

DETAILS OF BIG STRIKE

Unsuccessful Attempt to Operate With Non-Union Men.

Pittsburg, Aug. 8.—The "Farm" mill of the Lindsay and McCutcheon Co., in Allegheny was started at 7 o'clock this morning by non-union men. No opposition was met from the striking mill men, for almost to a man they are working in other union mills. Guards patrolled the entrance to the mill and it was next to impossible for a stranger to gain admission to the mills while the preparations for starting were being made.

The mill that was put in operation is a finishing mill and manufactures half-inch steel hoops. It is one of the finishing mills in the Lindsay and McCutcheon establishment. There is another mill, which turns out billets, but neither it nor the other two finishing mills were started this morning. It is reported that an attempt will be made to start these just as soon as men can be secured.

Few of the strike breakers were taken into the mill until almost time for the starting whistle to blow and everything was as quiet as a cemetery until that time except for the noise of the few laborers working on repairs. It required the finding of only 20 mill men to start the Farm mill, for all the laborers needed were easily obtainable. The nine-inch mill of the Clark plant, Thirty-fifth street, Lawrenceville, opened this morning with 42 men. It is claimed by the company that this makes the total number of men in the mill 463 and leaves but one mill idle. It is said the 9, 10, 12 and 20-inch mills are now working full turn. All the men employed are non-union. By Monday morning the management claim the plant will be in full operation. But few strikers were seen about the place and everything was quiet.

Capt. Lewis Brown of the mill, said that the report concerning the men sleeping in the mill was unfounded. He said further that the work turned out by the men yesterday was up to the standard and that not a bit of material was lost, something remarkable, he claimed in a mill where men who have not worked together before are employed. Painter's mill, of the American Steel Hoop Company, on the south side, it is said, will start operations today or tomorrow. The furnaces have been lighted for two days. The policeman is standing guard at the entrance to the plant, but a reserve force of six men is being held at No. 8 police station.

The management of the Charliers mill at Carnegie, Pa., will make an effort to start that plant next Monday. General Manager Henry notified the strikers yesterday that work would be resumed on that day and further that it would be run non-union. The strikers are credited with saying that they will guard the mill night and day and prevent strike breakers from taking their places. The Republic Iron Works on the south side was working today, but the Amalgamated people assert that the 900 men employed there will obey the strike order. The strike is virtually over at Wellsville. Thirteen more mill workers were taken there yesterday from Scottsdale and put to work without trouble. Very few strikers will remain in the town. At McKees-

port last night the Woods' company doubled the force and the report that non-union men were being brought to town stirred the strikers to excitement. No men were brought in, however. Reports from Leechburg, Apollo, Saltsburg and Vandergrift, where the Amalgamated Association has but few friends since the Homestead strike, say that there is a feeling of restlessness since the general strike order was issued and that a division of sentiment has been created. The steel officials say they fear no trouble however.

UNCLE SAM IN THE EAST

Gen. MacArthur's Annual Report Tells What Has Been Done.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—The annual report of Major-General MacArthur, dated July 4, 1901, the day that he relinquished command of the division of the Philippines, has been received by the war department. The period covered by the report is from October 1, 1900, when the last report from Gen. MacArthur was dated. He reviews the policy of the Filipinos that were hostile to the Americans, saying that their action since the practical collapse of the insurrection has been a perplexing problem. With the disbandment of the insurgent field armies, the Filipinos organized desperate resistance by banding the people together in support of the guerrillas. This was carried out by means of secret committees, who collected contributions, inflicted punishments carried on a considerable opposition to the Americans.

Gen. MacArthur revived the manner in which operations were carried on against these guerrillas and says he hopes the policy adopted will, in time, conciliate the natives and make them friendly to the United States. The education of the people in times past made them suspicious of any government beneficence and they evidently looked on the lenient attitude of the United States as indicating weakness. Gen. MacArthur says the proclamation issued on December 21, firmly declaring the intention of the United States to hold the islands and to have the laws obeyed had a good effect and

the secret resistance was much abated. A considerable portion of the report is devoted to the field operations of the army, showing that on October 1, 1900, it occupied 413 stations, which was of necessity increased to 502 stations, every command being in contact with some hostile force. He speaks of the good service of the army and says as a result of co-operation between the army and the people who have accepted the invitation to combine for mutual protection, the armed insurrection is almost suppressed.

General MacArthur gives the following statistics from May 5, 1900, to June, 1901 (during which there were 1026 contacts between American troops and insurgents), which show the casualties on both sides:

Americans—Killed, 245; wounded, 490; captured, 118; missing, 20.
Insurgents—Killed, 2854; wounded, 1193; captured, 6572; surrendered, 23,095.

During the same period the following material was captured or surrendered from the insurgents:

Rifles, 15,693; rifle ammunition, 226,355 rounds; revolvers, 868; bolos, 3276; cannon, 122; cannon ammunition, 10,270 rounds.

General MacArthur gives a brief recapitulation of the conditions in different provinces and says that at present the molding forces in the island must be a well organized army and navy.

"Anything," he says, "in the immediate future calculated to impede the activity or reduce the efficiency of these instruments will not only be a menace to the present, but put in jeopardy the entire future of American possibilities in the archipelago."

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