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## M'COOK SPEAKS

### Says the Royalty on Gold Mined in the Klondike Will Be Reduced.

#### HE WAS SO INFORMED IN OTTAWA.

#### Expenses of Local Government Have Been Cut Down.

#### YUKON REVENUE ENORMOUS.

#### U. S. Consul Has Returned From Europe and Is En Route to Dawson.

Consul McCook is coming into Dawson. The Seattle P.-I. of the 7th inst. has the following interview with McCook on the question of royalty:

"Before leaving for Europe I paid a short visit to the Canadian capital at Ottawa. From conversations I had while there with Hon. Charles Tupper and others, I think it is the intention of the government to reduce the royalty on gold taken out of the Alaskan and other Canadian districts. At present the royalty is 10 per cent of the gross output, and I believe this will shortly be reduced to 3 per cent of the gross output. The anti-administration party is in favor of this reduction, of course, and it is being used as an issue. To offset this the administration is advocating the reduction, and it looks probable that it will be made.

"There is no good reason why it should not be. Expenses of the Canadian government in the Klondike have been materially reduced within the last three years. In fact, in this connection, there is no comparison between now and then. The government is, therefore, deriving an enormous revenue from that district.

"As the matter is viewed in Ottawa, the high royalty is but a premium on dishonesty, and false returns of the output of the district are continually being made. With the royalty reduced to 3 per cent this would not be the case as there would be no incentive to take such chances of getting into trouble.

"The political outlook in the East is very bright. I spent only a few days in Washington City, and no matters of any public importance were discussed. We anticipate no new conditions in the north, other than those spoken of.

I do not expect to return to the United States until October."

#### The Queen Shows Herself.

London, March 7.—At no other time since the diamond jubilee has the queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is tonight. This promises to be even more strikingly the case tomorrow.

Her majesty's visit to London for a drive in semi-state from Paddington station to Buckingham palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement this evening that for the first time since the jubilee she will tomorrow drive from Buckingham palace along the embankment to St. Paul's cathedral and back through Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord

Roberts, is bound to make tomorrow a gala day in the annals of London. Beyond all this is the announcement of the queen's intention to visit Ireland for the first time, it is said, since the death of the prince consort. This is regarded as one of the most remarkable acts of the queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable undertaking.

"The trip," said a well informed official this evening, "is the spontaneous suggestion of the queen alone, and the enthusiasm it is bound to create when known in London tomorrow can scarcely be estimated. It is a wonderful proof of her majesty's intense devotion to her people, and her sacrifice in making the trip at such a season of the year is renewed evidence of the keenness of her mind in selecting the proper acts at the proper time."

#### Peace Meeting Broken Up.

Edinburgh, March 7.—A "stop the war" meeting, admission to which was regulated by ticket, was held in this city this evening.

Long before the hour fixed university students secured possession of the hall. It is alleged that several hundred gained entrance by counterfeit tickets, and the audience was so unruly that the doors were barricaded inside and outside.

James Keir Hardie, chairman of the independent labor party and editor of the Labor Leader, endeavored to speak, but all to no purpose. Finally he announced that the principal speaker, Mr. Cronwright-Schreiner, was outside.

The meeting was thereupon abandoned by the promoters, and a rush was made for the platform. The police used their batons and a free fight ensued. Numerous arrests were made.

A gentleman whose identity has not been established, was severely handled outside the hall by the crowd, under the impression that he was Mr. Cronwright-Schreiner. He fainted, fell and was trampled. Ultimately he was rescued insensibly by the police. The students finished the anti-peace demonstrations by parading through the principal streets.

#### Freight Rates to Dawson.

Victoria, March 8.—The S. C. P. N. Co., C. D. Co. and White Pass & Yukon railway officials today adopted a joint tariff for through freight to Dawson during the approaching season, a general rate of \$145 per ton weight being adopted for less than five ton lots or \$125 for large shipments. On stock \$85 per head is the tariff, in 14 head herds or upward.

#### Wages Raised 10 Per Cent.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 7.—Four thousand employees of the National Tube Company, of McKeesport, were today notified of a 10 per cent advance in wages, to date from April 1. This is the second increase and makes the wages of common laborers higher than at any time in the history of the works.

All tube workers employed by the combine in the United States will receive a similar advance. The number of men affected is over 20,000.

#### Water From the Klondike.

Considerable water from the Klondike river is flowing over the Yukon. The ice in the tributary has not broken, but the water is occasioned by the melting of snow on top of the ice and on the adjoining hillsides. Travelers who have been journeying to the Forks during the past few days, report that Bonanza creek is in a similar condition, and that the trail is in very poor condition. If the present temperature continues, it is not unlikely that the ice will leave the Klondike by the first week in April.

#### The Mail Arrives.

At 8 o'clock last evening 22 sacks of mail were received at the local post-office. The consignment left Bennett at 7 o'clock a. m. on the 16th instant. The letters are all sorted, and the office is now open for distribution to the public.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

## UNCLE SAMUEL

### Issues a Most Arbitrary Order Regarding Merchandise in Bond.

#### APPLIES SPECIALLY AT SKAGWAY.

#### Shipper Must Now Put Up Bond in Double Value of Goods.

#### ACT WAS PASSED FEB. 24.

#### Claimed That Order Will Facilitate the Transportation of Merchandise.

Special regulations governing the shipment of merchandise through the port of Skagway to the British possessions have just been issued by the treasury department. They are the first regulations relative to customs business ever issued especially for the government of business through this port.

This order comes under the head of entry and transportation of merchandise arriving in the United States in transit to places in British possessions otherwise than under treaties.

Specifically, these orders are to facilitate the entry and transportation of merchandise through the American strip between Lynn canal and the British Yukon territory.

The most important new feature of the ruling is that the bond on goods shipped shall be double the estimated value of the goods, with duties added. Heretofore the bond has been equal only to the estimated duties.

Duties shall be estimated on the foreign market value of the goods and the consignee or agent shall give bond. The goods must be exported within six months. The railroad company will have to give a larger blanket bond.

The new order has just been received here and is as follows:

"On the arrival of goods at Skagway of merchandise from foreign countries whether dutiable or free, which shall appear by the invoices, bills of lading, manifests, or other satisfactory evidence to have been intended for immediate transportation and exportation to places in British possessions in North America, the consignee, or agent, make entry in triplicate, describing the route by which the merchandise is to be forwarded. An invoice showing the value of the merchandise should be submitted at the time the entry is made but consular certificates will not be required.

"The entry shall be substantially the form prescribed in article 431, customs regulations of 1892. Duties will be estimated on the foreign market value of the goods, and the consignee, or agent, shall give bond in a penal sum equal to double the value of the goods with the duties added, such bond being conditional for the exportation of the merchandise within six months of date of entry.

"After entry has been made and bond given the proceedings indicated in articles 433 to 438, inclusive, of the customs regulations of 1892, will be followed.

"Section 3005, revised statutes, provides that merchandise arriving at ports which may be specially designated by the secretary of the treasury, and destined for places in adjacent British provinces, may be entered at the custom house and conveyed in transit through the territory of the United States without the payment of duties, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe.

Such merchandise should be entered for immediate transportation and exportation in bond without appraisal, and consular certificates will not be required.

"Merchandise exported to any place in the British possessions under the above referred to form of entry, if voluntarily landed or brought into the United States, is liable to forfeiture and every person concerned in such proceeding shall be liable to a penalty of \$400." The foregoing decision was issued February 24, 1900.—Skagway Alaskan.

#### Active Work Has Begun.

With the spring months at hand and winter in the background, transportation men of the Upper Yukon are beginning to prepare for the next open season. The advance guard is coming north and some have already reached Skagway en route to the interior to put vessels in repair for the next season's operations. Coincident with the revival in the steamboat circles of the region is a noticeable activity in anticipation of the barge and bateaux travel down the Yukon. Several of the interior saw mills are getting out of preparing to get out material for the prospective demand by barge builders.

Men who will take freight by barge or steamer from Lower Lebarge are also beginning to arrive in Skagway and to move onto that point with supplies, and word comes of parties now building barges on the shores of Lebarge.

Capt. Cox, of the steamer Sibyl, arrived from Vancouver yesterday en route to Hootalinqua to put the Sibyl in condition for the summer. The captain is accompanied by his mate, two engineers, a cook, a watchman and two deck hands. The skipper expects the river to open about May 15. The Sibyl, he announces, will run between Closeleigh and Dawson.

A contract pointing to the prospective time in the eyes of experienced men as to when the Upper Yukon will open has just been closed by the management of the steamer Florence with White & Adair. The Florence people have agreed to take ten tons of freight from near Hootalinqua, and to have it laid down in Dawson by May 15. They will take it on the Florence.

White & Adair have 30 tons of goods on cars in Skagway which will be moved to Bennett in two or three days. It will be taken from Bennett to Dawson over the ice in 32 sleds, drawn by 31 horses.

J. W. Heffner arrived in the city several days ago en route to Lower Lebarge to build scows in which to take freight to Dawson with the opening of the river.

Otto Patridge, who arrived several days ago from his mill at Mill Haven, on Lake Bennett, reports he has already begun the construction of scows for lake and river use this season. His mill has been cutting lumber all season and is the only one that did not close down.

The Victoria Yukon Trading Company has begun to prepare for a lively season of milling and scow building, and is opening its lumber camp about Bennett.—Skagway Alaskan.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

B. H. Thomas is visiting the city.

James Jorgensen is in town on business.

George L. Hillyer's term of imprisonment expires today.

Mike Bartlett is among the guests at the Fairview.

John W. Jackson is in Dawson on a short visit.

Andrew Johnson came to Dawson yesterday from the creeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden are registered at the Fairview.

J. S. Wetlach, of Grand Forks, is spending a few days in town.

E. W. Parks is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

John Pennick, of Eldorado, is enjoying a few days' vacation in the city.

William Martin, the panner on 17 Eldorado, is in Dawson on matters of business.

George W. Pennington and J. H. Watson started on their return trip to Fort Cudahy this morning.

Daniel Jones, who has spent the past winter in mining on Eldorado, is in town for a short while.

David Lewis, an Eldorado miner, came to town recently, and will remain here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ash, of Bonanza, are visiting friends in the city. They are stopping at the Regina.

George T. Smart had his left eye removed yesterday by Doctor Macdonald at the Good Samaritan hospital.

George W. Ziebler was admitted to the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday evening. He is not dangerously ill.

Capt. Woods, manager of the T. & E. Co., started this morning on a trip up the Yukon river. He will return in a week or ten days.

Tabor & Hulme, the well known advocates, have removed their law offices from the Green Tree building block to the Orpheum building.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Petition Calls Forth Expressions of Congratulation When Read in Council.

#### IT WAS FAVORABLY AGED UPON.

#### And a Liberal Grant Will Be Made For Its Maintenance.

#### NO HOUSE-NUMBERING YET.

#### Advice of Minister of Interior Sought Regarding Individual Responsibility of Council Members.

A meeting of the Yukon council was held at 4 o'clock yesterday, the commissioner presiding.

Present: Messrs. Ogilvie, Clement, Girouard, Perry, Dugas. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition was presented from the Theosophical Society, praying that any schools established in the Yukon territory be nonsectarian. Tabled.

A petition was presented from the Salvation Army, asking for assistance. The matter was laid over for the subsequent meeting.

A report was received from the comptroller calling attention to certain appropriations that had been exceeded, and recommending that before any further payments were made on account of these overdrawn services, an appropriation should be made to carry on the necessary expenditure to the end of the fiscal year.

The municipal committee presented the following report:

In reference to the application of Messrs. Ridley & Pattullo in behalf of Maria L. Ferguson to be allowed to number houses in Dawson and to be paid net cost from the local funds, that the Yukon council has no municipal funds yet raised by local taxation to incur expenditure purely for municipal purposes.

In respect to the petition of the citizens of Dawson for the erection of a public school district, this committee expresses gratification that this movement has been made, and recommend to council that a public school system be immediately established throughout the territory. That in the meantime the council should be prepared to make a liberal grant toward the maintenance of any school which may be established, in which the teaching and general carrying on of such school is made along the lines of the Northwest territories' ordinance.

Adopted on motion of Mr. Perry. Moved by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Perry.

Resolved, That the commissioner be requested to call the attention of the minister of the interior to the motion introduced by Mr. Justice Dugas on the 2nd of November, 1899, upon the question of the responsibility of members of the council in federal matters, and of the opinion of the legal adviser thereon, and to ask for an early direction from the minister on the question.

Mr. Girouard begged leave to introduce an ordinance to amend the liquor ordinance. He accordingly presented the said bill and it was read a first time.

## ARCTIC SAWMILL

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