

OF INTEREST TO STAKERS

Concerning the Lapsing of Claims

When Such Revert on Sunday They Cannot Be Staked Until Midnight Monday.

A phase in the relocation of a claim arose today in the gold commissioner's office which it would be well to bear in mind when about to stake a claim that has reverted to the crown. It refers to the date upon which it lapses when such happens to be on Sunday, it being held by the department that when a claim becomes vacant on Sunday it can not be staked until after midnight on Monday. Such ruling is expressly provided for in the statutes, which in the majority of time takes no cognizance of Sunday being in existence at all. In other words, if a claim falls vacant on Sunday the day is treated as though it doesn't exist and Monday is shoved forward a day, the claim being becoming open to entry Monday morning at midnight, instead of Sunday night at the same hour. The same law applies to commercial parcels when about to be protested. A sale falling due on Sunday can not be offered for protest until after business hours on Monday. This ruling in no way affects the staking of a claim on Sunday. It is just as legal to stake on that day as on any other day in the week.

This matter first came up about three weeks ago," said Acting Assessor Gold Commissioner Pattullo this morning, "and I think if it is given some publicity and the position fully explained it may perhaps save

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FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN

Are Still Open In Eastern and New England States Where Damage Exceeding One Hundred Million Dollars Has Already Been Wrought.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, March 4.—Reports from the New England states and adjacent sections, as well as from down the Atlantic coast, indicate no diminution in the serious character of the floods. In northeastern Massachusetts and all along the Connecticut river the mills are closed and thousands of people are deprived of the means of livelihood. In Vermont bridges over the Winooski river at Montpelier are swept away, to replace which will require from \$25,000 to \$30,000. There are also heavy losses to the railways in that locality. Near Rochester all is flooded. At Genesee it has burst through the Lehigh Valley Railroad embankment, filling the streets of the city to a depth of four feet, necessitating the rescue of residents in boats. At Paterson, N.J., all the silk mills are closed and thousands of operatives are out of work. The East Jersey Water Company's new plant

is a total wreck, the loss represented being upwards of \$1,500,000. It is roughly estimated that the flood will occasion a loss equalling that by the recent fire and there is no insurance against loss by water. Trains on all railways into Albany are being run as they can without regard to schedules. The Hudson and Mohawk rivers are far above the usual high water mark and on the New York Central even the famous Montreal special and Empire State Express have been abandoned for the present. During the past 24 hours a total of 216 tons of water to the acre has fallen over the Hudson watershed. Near Utica the tracks are washed out in many places and it will be days before regular traffic is resumed. The Connecticut river is far above the highest previous mark at Bellows Falls. Happily there is no fatality as yet, although the financial damage will necessarily exceed one hundred million dollars.

day too soon. It necessitated him making the long trip again in order to properly stake, and in the meantime he is compelled to run the risk of some other person getting in ahead of him.

In Control Arabia

Washington, March 4.—By cable it is learned that Abdul Aziz Ben Fey-sul, a descendant of old Wahbi Ameers, with an army of 2000 men, has captured the city of E'Raid, Central Arabia, having entered by stratagem at night with fifty followers who rode to the palace and killed the governor and thirty of his retainers, whereupon the garrison surrendered. The Wahbi dynasty is endeavoring to regain its supremacy and overthrow Iby Rashid, Ameer of Nijd, by capturing the latter's city. Many tribes are flocking to the banner of Abdul Aziz Ben.

PUBLIC SPANKING

Administered to Boys at Kearney

For Breaking Into Freight Cars and Stealing and Destroying Their Contents.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Kearney, N.J., March 4.—Two strong-handed policemen were masters of ceremony at a public spanking today administered to six youthful

delinquents from 10 to 12 years old who were before the police court for opening box cars and stealing and destroying their contents. Recorder Kribs sentenced them to "a good, hard spanking," and they got it.

Disease on Board

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, March 4.—The U. S. transport Meade put back to port, one case of small-pox and one of scarlet fever having developed.

MILITARY DISCIPLINE

Is Not Overlooked By Gen. Kitchener

Even Having Refractory Officers and Men Court-martialed and Shot Down.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, March 4.—Reports have been cabled from South Africa, to the Tribune that Australian officers took matters in their own hands with Boers charged with firing on the wounded by trying them by court martial and shooting them.

London, March 4.—It is reported here that the Australians who took the law in their own hands and court-martialed and shot Boers have themselves been court-martialed and shot by Kitchener's orders.

President Retaliates

Washington, March 4.—In retaliation for the withdrawal of the invitation to him to present a sword of honor at Charleston, Roosevelt has decided not to visit that city. Senator Tillman has indignantly denied that he advised the president it would not be safe for him to do so.

Swimming Record

Special to the Daily Nugget. Boston, March 4.—Harry Lemoyne of Brooklyn made a new world's swimming record here last night when he swam 60 yards in 35 4-5 seconds.

KITCHENER'S LAST REPORT

Tells of Heavy Losses to British Troops

Who Lost 632 Men in-Defending Empty Wagon Train—Admires Boer Tactics.

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, March 4.—Kitchener reports officially that the British lost 632 killed, wounded and prisoners in their defense of an empty wagon train. Commandant Limmes was among the Boer killed. The enemy had a force of about 1200, while the British had 850. Boer tactics were admirable.

Sultans Troubles

Special to the Daily Nugget. Constantinople, March 4.—A formidable force of rebels besieged the seaport of Avionia, Turkey. Twenty-six Albanian towns have resolved to demonstrate their independence of the rule of the Turkish sultan by refusing to pay taxes. Anarchy prevails in the districts of Elbassan and Tirana, where insurgents have compelled a general jail delivery.

Disabled Steamer

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, March 4.—The Cunard liner Etruria was picked up 500 miles west of Azores with a broken shaft by the British steamer William Giff. They should reach Azores tonight.

Missing Purser.

Seattle, March 4.—The mysterious disappearance of Purser Echols of the steamer Skagit Queen is causing much anxiety. Foul play is feared.

BUILDING WRECKED

In New York Yesterday by Explosion

Entire Front Blown Into Street—Woman and Two Men Fatally Hurt.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, March 3.—An explosion today wrecked the five story building at Canal street occupied by the Aste Press Co. Half of the Canal street front of the structure was blown into the street and the interior was instantaneously a mass of flames. Mrs. Kurranto received injuries which subsequently resulted fatally. H. W. Shilliard and Elwood Quimby jumped from a fifth story window and are probably fatally injured. Loss, \$75,000.

New Bill

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, March 4.—A government bill respecting telephones and telegraphs, which is to be laid before parliament this week, contains a clause that after two months notice, the government may assume possession of the property of any company.

No New Contract

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, March 4.—No new mail contract is contemplated for the present with the White Pass road. The Canadian Development Company has been permitted to transfer its contract to the railway company.