

LETTER FROM MR. HAWKINS

He Writes Member of Nugget Staff That He Will Reach Dawson on or About March 20th—Creeks Railroad a Certainty—No Trouble at Ottawa.

From a private letter received by a member of the Nugget force in the last mail, which was distributed yesterday evening, it is understood that Mr. E. C. Hawkins has planned to arrive here on March 20th. His chief concern is now on the way and will be to get to the office as soon as he arrives. This is Mr. Weeks, already well known to a number of Dawson people.

Mr. Hawkins writes that there was no insurmountable obstacle presented to him in regard to the railroad up the creek, but on the contrary he found it was all plain sailing when he arrived at Ottawa. This he modestly discounts all that may have otherwise been said in his praise, in the obtaining of the charter from the government at Ottawa.

To Close Gap

New York, Feb. 18.—The closing of the last gap and the completion of the telephone service between the Atlantic and Pacific is promised in 1903 by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company.

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To Test Right

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Twenty conductors and motormen of the United Traction Co. have been arrested for refusing to recognize passes issued by Mayor Conway to policemen and firemen. The arrests are a sensational development in the controversy between the local authorities and the Traction Company as to the right of civic employees to ride free.

Capt. Cheyne Dead

Halifax, Feb. 17.—Captain Cheyne, R.N., officer of three Arctic expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin, is dead. He was also a prominent officer in the British blockade of the White Sea during the Crimean war.

Trooper Mulloy

Halifax, Feb. 17.—The blind Canadian trooper, Mulloy, who was rewarded for bravery in South Africa, has entered the institute for the education of the blind.

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IT WAS A GRAND MEETING

That Was Held Last Night to Remonstrate Against Wholesale Defrauding of Miners By Terms of Treadgold Concession Grant—Committee to Act.

The meeting held in Arctic Brotherhood hall last evening to protest against the concession granted to the Treadgold people was in every sense a great meeting. It was interesting in every way from the moment when the veteran Colonel McGregor called the meeting to order and stated why he had called it up to midnight, when a committee of twenty-three was being appointed to carry out the conclusions the meeting had arrived at. It was made particularly interesting from the fact that several of the speakers said: "I beg the gentleman's pardon," which is the accepted form of platform oratory in Dawson in which to convey to the audience that the previous speaker lies. Mr. Congdon, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Beddo, and perhaps some others, had to have recourse to this form, and it can therefore be seen at a glance that the proceedings were really interesting.

Mr. Patullo, the assistant gold commissioner, was also present and did not desire to speak until somebody had got up before the undoubtedly important audience and had made a bad break that Mr. Patullo could correct. Later on Mr. Patullo made an excellent speech, and his courage in coming forward as an official of the government and addressing a meeting called to express its indignation against the action of that government was afterwards much commented upon. Some very nice things were said of the courage shown by Mr. Patullo on the occasion, and also if the figures that he produced for the information of the meeting. In this regard it was unfortunate that Mr. Patullo spoke so early in the proceedings. The meeting at the time was simply waiting for a speaker who could give them the ultra superlatives of octopus, monopoly, and so on, and then they would cheer to the echo and pass resolutions.

The popularity of Mr. Macaulay was demonstrated as soon as he showed himself on the platform. It was his first public appearance as the mayor of the city, and the way in which he conducted this first public meeting was afterwards commented upon, and everyone of the comments made was a compliment to the good judgment and wise discretion of Mr. Macaulay.

The first speaker who did not care whether he spoke first or last, because he had facts and figures to offer that had to be taken into consideration anyway, was Mr. A. D. Williams. He gained the ear of the meeting, and was cheered from ever corner of the vast hall, when in his opening phrases he referred to the Treadgold concession as "a gigantic octopus." Hurrah, hurrah. Then Mr. Williams mentioned the catchwords of "monopoly" but he did make an excellent speech, one worth more than the careful attention which was given to it, because he was not making a campaign speech, but was giving absolute figures, carefully prepared, in regard to what the government concession to Mr. Treadgold and his partners actually mean. It was the first real argument presented to the meeting, and it was well presented. It went into the whole subject from an engineering standpoint, and in an entertaining manner that managed to hold the audience gave a mass of figures that absolutely showed why the people of Dawson, in this mass meeting, should oppose this concession to Mr. Treadgold.

George Black was appointed secretary of the meeting, and he proved to be a good secretary in the fact that he never, after his appointment, intruded his personality into the conflict. His position, however, is one of some moment, for if the wishes of the meeting are carried out there will have to be selected a delegation to Ottawa, and upon this subject Mr. Black will undoubtedly have something to say.

Mr. Woodworth followed Mr. Williams and told something of his recent experiences at Ottawa. He also referred to the Boyle, the Milne and other concessions, and in general talked upon the lines presented by Mr. Williams, although he did not add in any way to the figures presented by that gentleman. In fact Mr. Williams in this regard made the notable speech of the evening.

Then Mr. Dufferin Patullo, the assistant gold commissioner, to the great surprise of everybody, came forward. But it was not to make a speech. It was for the simple purpose of saying that he could make a speech, but he understood that Mr. Beddo and Mr. Congdon had prepared themselves and he would like to speak after they had presented their arguments to the meeting.

Mr. F. T. Congdon came forward at once, and was ready in speech as he always is. He answered both Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodworth, and said he would have preferred to hear

After this there were calls for Mr. Beddo, and that gentleman seemed to think that the calls of the audience were not in good faith, but at the suggestion of some political opponent Mr. Beddo came forward, however, and adjusted his eyeglasses, and told the audience that he was going to be caught with that sort of cha. He did not go so far as to

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WIRELESS SYSTEM COMPANY IS FORMED

Throughout the Entire United States To Colonize Island of Mindanao

Is Contemplated By M. J. Moore And Operate Steamship Line Between Philippines and San Francisco.

New York, Feb. 17.—M. J. Moore of this city is contemplating the establishment of a complete system of wireless telegraph throughout the United States. His syndicate is now compiling statistics as to topography. One party is traveling along the Northern Pacific, another along the Union Pacific and a third is coming east over the Santa Fe. The syndicate, which is composed of New York, London and Boston capitalists, is negotiating with Marconi for the lease of his apparatus.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—The Philippine Exploration Company has been formed in this city to colonize the island of Mindanao and inaugurate a steamship line thence, to San Francisco. The company is capitalized for \$20,000,000 and among the stockholders are Stuyvesant Fish and F. P. Watson of Chicago, and ex-Mayor Phelan of this city.

Chief Justice McGuire

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Justice McGuire became chief justice of the Northwest Territories.

To Save His Neck

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—Willis Conner was hurriedly brought to this place from Amity City to save him from being lynched for the dual murder of Wm. Perry and Mrs. Faraba Russell.

Prendergast Elevated

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—County Judge Prendergast of this district has been elevated to the supreme court bench.

International Chess

Brooklyn, Feb. 17.—The British Chess Club of London has accepted the dates, March 14 and 15, for the cable match with the Brooklyn club.

New Mail Contract

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A new mail contract with the White Pass Ry. is in course of preparation.

Grand Masque Ball

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Important Meeting

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16.—Attorney A. W. yesterday sentenced to the penitentiary for a month, Mrs. Nettie

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\$50 Reward.

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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

Auditorium Theatre—"In Old Kentucky." Auditorium Theatre, Friday Night—A. B. Circus. New Savoy—Burlesque and Vaudeville.

THE VICTORY WON.

In our telegraphic columns yesterday the Nugget published exclusively the fact that the long looked for reductions in freight tariffs have been made by the White Pass and Yukon route. The tariff sheets for the delivery of through freight have not been issued as yet, but the rates covering the transportation of freight from Bennett to Whitehorse are at hand and an examination of the figures reveals the fact that the government has obtained reductions from the railroad company of a most important nature. The schedule of rates which will hereafter apply in the territory mentioned above is published herewith:

Reduction Table: Old Rate, New Rate, Reduction. Class No. 1: \$2.85 to \$1.90 (32%); No. 2: 2.84 to 1.66 (42%); No. 3: 2.82 to 1.42 (50%); No. 4: 2.80 to 1.19 (57%); No. 5: 2.75 to .95 (66%); No. 6: 2.74 to .90 (67%); No. 7: 2.73 to .75 (72%); No. 8: 2.72 to .73 (73%); No. 9: 2.70 to .70 (74%).

A little figuring on the above rates will indicate that the reductions which have been made will average well over fifty per cent. Should the same ratio of reduction apply in respect to the balance of the road, shippers who contemplate landing big stocks in Dawson during the coming season may safely count upon cutting down their expense bills by one-half.

An important point to be observed in this connection is the clause which the government has compelled the White Pass route to insert in the agreement covering the tariff sheets. By virtue of the clause in question, the government reserves the right to reduce or if necessary cancel the rates allowed in Canadian territory, should the railroad company place in operation an extortionate schedule on that portion of the line which lies in American territory. It appears, therefore, so far as the facts at hand will serve to justify an expression of opinion, that the long fight for reduced rates, which fight has been so steadfastly prosecuted by this paper during the past year, will end in complete success.

The railroad company has been brought up with a sharp turn and its career as the dictator of conditions in this territory has been brought to a sudden termination.

All the benefits which will accrue to the community cannot be stated exactly until the tariff sheets covering the delivery of through freight

are issued. It may be accepted, however, that the main point in the great battle against corporate exactions has been won.

The railroad company has been forced, at length, to acknowledge a power higher than itself. It has pursued its high-handed career until as a matter of self-preservation the community has been compelled to arise en masse and assert its rights. The railroad company has yielded, as must be the case in time with every enemy of the people.

The arrival of the through tariff sheets will be awaited with much interest, but we are of the opinion that the determination of the rates is now a matter of detail only. The victory has been won, and by that victory the people of this territory should be saved a cool million of dollars within the next 12 months.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The meeting of last evening justified in every particular the opinion expressed by this paper, that it would be an assembly of level-headed men, who could not be carried off their feet by the rantings of a few demagogues. The question which brought the meeting together was discussed in a cool, deliberate manner, which indicated that for the most part the speakers were seeking the solution of a difficult question, and were determined, if possible, to get at the bottom of the actual facts.

It was unfortunate that the political aspirations of one or two men could not have been kept in the background, but at the same time it is well for the public to know what men are espousing a popular cause for the purpose of strengthening their political fences, and what men are following the same course from an unselfish desire to serve the public.

On the whole it may be said that the meeting was as representative as any that has ever been held in Dawson, and the intelligent manner in which it applied itself to the business in hand is proof positive of the fact that a public meeting is competent to deal with and determine the merits of any important question.

Is Found After Years.

New York, Feb. 4.—Chris Kelman left Passaic, N. J., forty years ago, for Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming. He left behind his brother John, who is now over 72 years old. During four years the brothers corresponded with each other, and then letters ceased. A few weeks ago John was taken ill. He daily called for his brother. It was thought he was dying, when a knock was heard at the door, and a stranger announced himself as the missing brother. He had acquired a fortune in the west, he said, and after a long search, had at last located his brother, who had moved during his absence. The sick man swooned, but soon rallied, and the physicians now believe he will recover.

The Value of Sports.

Providence, R.I., Feb. 4.—Dean Mel'lejohn, of Brown University, in his annual report dealing with college registration, differs with President Eliot of Harvard, by attributing the increased registration of Brown's students, in a measure, to athletic prominence, especially when that prominence comes through victories. President Eliot, in his recent report, said that success or failure in sports has had no influence on registration at Harvard or Yale.

Installed as Judge.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Francis E. Barber of Goshen, Ind., was installed as judge of the United States circuit court of appeals of the seventh district here today. The seventh district embraces Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

NEW TIES advertisement for J.P. McLENNAN, 233 FRONT STREET. Includes text: "Just Received the Newest Patterns", "Bow Ties, Spring Ties, Duff Ties, Four-in-Hand Ties."

BLUE GRASS AND JULEPS

"In Old Kentucky" the Best Yet.

Miss Lovell as the Jockey and Ray Southard as "Uncle Neb" the Stars.

A packed house witnessed the initial production of "In Old Kentucky" at the Auditorium last night, the play making one of the most pronounced hits of any yet presented by the Bittner Company. It is in the nature, too, of a relief from the recent steady diet of dress suit productions, which no matter how excellently they may have been played, and they certainly have been, will soon poll upon one's appetite. Then, too, the change enables those cast for the leading roles to show a versatility which would otherwise not be apparent were the society dramas not shelved occasionally for something of a different order. For the first time since his connection with the Bittner Company Ray Southard is seen in a character in which he is thoroughly at home and which fits him like a glove. With Miss Lovell the change from leading lady in the modern dramas to that of a harum-scarum soubrette of the "Miss" order is, ever far greater and much more trying.

When "In Old Kentucky" was first produced in the States it made not only an unprecedented hit but a large fortune as well for the owner of the copyright. As the name would imply, the scenes are laid entirely in Kentucky, redolent with the fragrant smell of blue grass and mint-juleps and the home of the prettiest women and fastest horses on earth. The first act is in the mountain district, the home of the moonshiners who are ever at war with the "revenuers."

Madge Brierly, a flower of the mountains, is an orphan, made so by the usual fatality attending the persistent prosecution of a Kentucky feud. Joe Lowery is a young man who succeeds to his father's still by the same hands that removed Madge's parent, and it is his principal aim in life to find the slayer and avenge the wrong in true Kentucky style. Joe is an admirer of Madge but has a rival in the person of Frank Layson, who is from the Blue Grass district and is up in the mountains on a hunt. The rivals come together near the conclusion of the first act, have a very realistic fight, Layson is worsted, and to finish him completely Joe places a dynamite bomb, which he has stolen from a nearby railway construction camp, near the prostrate form and ignites the fuse, only a moment later to stamp, the spark out. He does not know what to do with the body, but finally decided to leave it where it is to the "pointers and other varmints." The little draw, bridge which spans the chasm across which it is necessary to pass in order to reach Madge's home is up and Joe concludes to cut the rope and destroy the bridge by taking a long shot with his rifle. He does so but it requires a long stretch of the imagination to understand how by the cutting of a rope which pulls up the bridge will utterly destroy it when the natural inference would be that by so doing the bridge would merely fall back into place the same as though properly lowered. Play-right's license, possibly. At any rate the bridge is destroyed and when a moment later Madge discovers the approaching death of her blue grass admirer by means of the bomb, the fuse having again been ignited by Horace Holton, who is really Lem Lindsay in disguise, the slayer of both Madge's and Joe's father, in order to save him she swings across the chasm by means of a rope, rushes down the mountain side and hurls the

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To Study Beer.

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After the Fight.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—According to the Call the reorganized Twentieth Century Club will enter into competition with the Yosemite Club to secure the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. Jack Gleason, manager of the Twentieth Century, is quoted as saying he is authorized to offer the pugilists 80 per cent. of the receipts if they will meet before that club. This is the highest percentage ever offered for a championship battle.

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bomb away just in the nick of time. The finish to the first act is one of the strongest in the play.

The following act shows Woodlawn, Frank Layson's home in the blue grass section with the stable containing Black Prince in the back ground. There is a crowd of black pickannies "rubbering" at the famous race horse through cracks and knot holes in the barn. Uncle Neb appears with his whip and there is a very laughable scene in which some excellent buck dapping is introduced by Harry Cummings and Ralph Forrest, two of the pickannies. Holton's villainous designs again appear, as he sets fire to the stable in an attempt to destroy Black Prince and endeavors to fasten the crime on Joe Lowery. Madge leads the horse from the burning stable and the act ends with her fainting in young Layson's arms.

The third act is in five scenes, one of which shows the paddock with the jockey weighing in, saddling and mounting Black Prince for the great race, another shows the outside of the track with Col. Sandusky Doolittle and Miss Althea Layson both up a tree taking in the race and the final scene where the great race horse has won and comes on the stage covered with foam and bedecked with flowers.

Ray Southard as "Uncle Neb," a before the war darkey, is easily the star of the play. His dialect, make-up and every action is as true to the old southern darkey as can be. Miss Lovell as "Madge," though a part entirely out of her line, is very pleasing. Being a Kentuckian-born the soft dialect of the south comes natural to her and she adds the vim and fire of a rough and tumble mountain girl. Miss Lovell never looked more chic than as the jockey. Mr. Bittner appears as the typical Southern colonel with a fondness for juleps and a high appreciation of a Kentuckian's honah. Mr. Mullen is excellent as "Joe Lowery" and the same may be said of Mr. Thorne. Mr. Layne as "Frank Layson" acts and looks the part true to life. Miss Forrester appears as "Althea Layson" and Miss D'Avara as "Barbara Holton." The play has made a big hit and should draw the biggest week's business of the season. The following is the cast:

Frank Layson, a wealthy son of old Kentucky—Mr. Layne. Col. Sandusky Doolittle, a great speculator and horseman—Mr. Bittner. Lem Linsey, alias Horace Holton, under his silence lies a secret—Mr. Thorne. Joe Lowery, a young moonshiner, in love with Madge—Mr. Mullen. Neb, an old family servant, who dates from "before the war"—Mr. Southard. Caesar, a product of the south—Mr. H. Cummings. Madge Brierly, a flower of the mountains—Miss Lovell. Barbara Holton, who aspires to be mistress of Woodlawn—Miss D'Avara. Althea Layson, to the Col. still the sweetest girl in old Kentucky—Miss Forrester.

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Feb. 16.—Captain Comings has secured three steamers in connection with the trans-Pacific railway between Seattle and Alaska, forming a connecting link between the United States and Asia. Each vessel has a capacity for several hundred tons of freight, several hundred passengers, and ten staterooms, costing approximately \$100,000 each. They are now en route to Seattle via Magellan straits.

The Girl is Pretty

Feb. 16.—Walter S. ... a young commission merchant was found dying in a room of the Island hotel last midnight. He was removed to the hospital, but in the room the gas turned on, evidently with the intention of creating the theory of suicide. Florence Burns, a handsome girl, has been arrested as a suspect.

Daylight Robbery

Feb. 16.—Masked robbers entered the store of Mrs. Bernstein and stole the sum of \$50, using revolvers to intimidate the occupants of the store while it was being ransacked.

Mrs. Soffel's Plea

Feb. 4.—Realizing that she had ruined her husband, Mrs. Soffel does not wish to bring further shame and humiliation upon him. She desires a change of venue to the faces justice. In tears and agonizing pleading she made this plea to Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny county, in the court here today. She said she would go anywhere to have the punishment meted out to her for her crime. She is willing to meet any law that may place upon her, but she does not want the punishment administered in the court house across the street from her old home.

Seattle Mystery

Seattle, Feb. 4.—The body of a woman was found floating in the bay this morning at the intersection of Charles street with the grant street bridge. A long gash across the right side of her face raises the theory of foul play, although Coroner Hoye, who investigated the case, is more inclined to think that the remains are those of a suicide. The woman was apparently about 30 or 35 years of age at the time of her death, and had been in the water a month or more. The clothing is a thin blue and white striped shirt waist, and a cheap, black heavy skirt and heavy buttoned shoes. On the third finger of the left hand was a large imitation diamond. The hair was brown. A workman discovered the floating body at 8:30 this morning, and at once notified the police department. Butterworth's dead wagon was dispatched to the scene and the body conveyed to the morgue. Coroner Hoye was then notified and after an examination, stated that the body would be held for a few days in the hope that it may be identified.

Crew of Lost Condor

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Among the officers and crew of the missing British sloop of war Condor are a number of survivors of the earlier fights of the British-Boer war in South Africa. Sergt. of Marines Edgson, who is the schoolmaster on board, was the only one of his section of the naval brigade to survive the battle of Trepaspan. He was severely wounded and was barely convalescent when ordered to the Condor. He has a wife and family in Scotland.

To Hang For Rape

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 4.—The supreme court today sentenced George Armstrong to hang in Platte county March 14 for rape. This is the first sentence of death for rape passed by the Missouri supreme court.

til the severe accident which rendered her helpless and made necessary many extra expenses incident to such a misfortune. Now Miss Fremont says that the pension is not sufficient for their needs, and is looking hopefully to the time when her mother's claim to a tract of land in the city of San Francisco, valued at \$50,000, shall be recognized.

Supporting the B. I.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate committee on immigration today heard further arguments on the subject of Chinese exclusion, ex-Governor James H. Budd of California appearing in behalf of the Mitchell-Kahn bill, which he said was simply a modification of the statutes in existence. He said there was nothing radical in it.

Andrew Furuseth, on behalf of the seamen, spoke of the unreliability of the Chinese sailors in time of emergencies on ship board. He cited the collision between the City of Chester and the Oceanic in the Golden Gate. The former vessel manned by American seamen, was sunk, but the Oceanic's Chinese crew rendered no assistance, having become terrorized and it remained for some of the American seamen of the Chester to go to the Oceanic, man her boats and enter upon the work of rescue. He also cited the case of the United States transport Lennox, disabled in the Pacific, whose Chinese crew refused to man the boats to bring assistance.

Mr. Furuseth, in answer to Mr. Penrose, held that the ship subsidy bill as it stands now, would not have a tendency to bring more sailors aboard ships or to ameliorate or improve their condition. He declared that he had obtained information from an official in the bureau of navigation of the navy that during the war with Spain we had only six properly manned warships. This led to considerable questioning, and Mr. Fairbanks wanted to know the name of the official who gave this information, but Mr. Furuseth could not recall it, saying, however, it could easily be ascertained. Asked to name the warships he had referred to, he could recall but five and mentioned the Oregon, Iowa, Texas, New York and Brooklyn. In response to questions by Mr. Clay and Mr. Fairbanks, he said his remarks applied to skilled seamen regardless of nationality. On one occasion, he said, he visited a government ship at Washington Navy Yard, and out of 21 men aboard her only one was a native American. After fifteen years of careful study he said it was his firm conviction that the United States lost her seamen because of the treatment she gave them and he concluded—by saying it was not safe to put the merchant marine of the Pacific into the hands of the Chinese.

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Will England Consider Peace Terms.

Says That No Foreign Power Must Interfere, or in Any Way Dictate Terms.

London, Feb. 4.—The British government replied to Dr. Kuyper the Dutch premier, that if the Boers in the field desire to negotiate for peace negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa. The British government adheres to its intention to not accept the intervention of any foreign power.

The text of the reply of Lord Lansdowne, the British foreign secretary, to the communication of Dr. Kuyper, the premier of the Netherlands, is as follows:

"The Foreign Office, January 29. 'Sir: You were good enough to lay before me January 25 a communication in which it was proposed, with the bringing of the war to an end, his majesty's government might grant a safe conduct to the Boer delegates in Holland for the purpose of enabling them to confer with the Boer leaders in South Africa. It is suggested that after a conference the delegates might return to Europe with power to conclude a treaty of peace with this country, and the Netherlands' government intimates that in this event they might at a later stage, be instrumental in placing the Boer plenipotentiaries in relation with plenipotentiaries who might be appointed by His Majesty's government. The Netherlands government intimates that if this project commends itself to His Majesty's government they will inquire of the delegates whether they are prepared to make the suggested visit to South Africa. 'It may, therefore, be inferred that the communication I received was made on the responsibility of the Netherlands government alone and without authority of the Boer delegates or leaders. His Majesty's government has given its best consideration and whilst entirely appreciative of the motives of humanity which led the Netherlands government to make this proposal, they feel that they must adhere to the position adopted and publicly announced by them some months after the commencement of hostilities by the Boers; that it was not their intention to accept the intervention of any foreign power in the South African war. 'Should the Boer delegates themselves desire to lay a request for a safe conduct before His Majesty's government, there is no reason why they should not do so. But His Majesty's government obviously is not in a position to express an opinion on such an application until they have received it and are aware of the precise nature and terms whereon the request is made. 'I may therefore point out that it is not at present clear to His Majesty's government that the delegates retain any influence over the representatives of the Boers in South Africa or have any voice in their councils. They are stated by the Netherlands government to have no such letters of credence or instruction of a later date than March, 1900. His Majesty's government, on the other hand, understood that all the powers of government, including those of negotiation, were now completely vested in Mr. Steyn for the Boers of the Orange River Colony and Mr. Schalkburger for those of the Transvaal. If this is so, it is evident that the quickest and most satisfactory means of arranging a settlement would be by direct communication between the leaders of the Boers in South Africa and the commander-in-chief of His Majesty's forces, who has already been instructed to forward immediately any offers he may receive for the consideration of His Majesty's government. 'In this connection His Majesty's government has decided that if the Boer leaders are to occupy time in visiting South Africa, in consulting with Boer leaders in the field and in returning to Europe for the purpose of making known the results of their errand, a period of at least three months would elapse, during which hostilities would be prolonged and much human suffering, perhaps, needlessly occasioned. 'I have, etc. (Signed) 'LANDSDOWNE'

Interchangeable Mileage Tickets.

New York, Feb. 4.—The trunk line association has, it is understood, virtually decided upon the establishment of an interchangeable mileage bureau, to have charge of the preparation and accounting of 2,000 mile tickets, interchangeable on any road in the association. Final arrangements, however, have not been completed.

Looted the Van.

New York, Feb. 4.—A van loaded with silks, feathers, millinery, furs and general merchandise, said to be worth \$15,000, sent out by the American Express Company for wholesale houses in this city, has been looted. Detectives on the case have found the horses and vehicle in this city but no trace of the goods or driver can be secured. The driver was not one of the company's employes but was furnished by a delivery company.

Street Car Terminal.

New York, Feb. 4.—A great terminal station for New York and New Jersey street railways will be built west of Sixth avenue, on the blocks between Christopher and Leroy streets, according to the World. The purchase of property has already begun.

Montana School of Mines.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 4.—A special from Helena to the Miner says: Gov. Toole has been notified in a communication from Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, of the approval of the secretary of the interior of the lands selected for the state school of mines and the agricultural college. The total amount of land embraced in both tracts is over 12,000 acres.

cusation of larceny and later discharged, yesterday filed charges against her former accuser. She seeks a divorce. Statements in her complaint are supported by affidavits from her son-in-law.

Mrs. Donovan alleges that her husband during the last year not only has been guilty of systematic cruelty, but has threatened her life. She claims that at Atlin he beat her until she had to flee for her life, and continued this course of conduct until she was forced to come to her daughter, Mrs. Vashny, of this city, for safety.

Thither, Mrs. Donovan alleges, her husband followed her. She says he persecuted her daughter and son-in-law in his efforts to reach her at their home, and claims that he haunted the vicinity day and night in his search for her. She further states that he assaulted her in the Northern Pacific depot recently, and she alleges that he has frequently threatened to either shoot her or blow her up with dynamite.—P. I., Feb. 4.

Anxious For a Race.

New York, Feb. 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton is quoted, in a despatch to the Journal from its London correspondent, as saying he has not yet received the letter from C. W. Post, of Michigan, offering to charter the Shamrock to race against the Columbia this year.

"There may be a feeling in the United States that the Shamrock's defeat was due to her crew last year," said Sir Thomas, "and it is very good of Mr. Post to offer to man her with Americans to try conclusions with the Columbia sailed by Britishers; but, not having received his letter making a specific offer, I am unable to say anything definite at the present time. 'However, I am always delighted to benefit of help sport in any possible way and I might lend Shamrock in the interest of sport, but understand I would not charter my yacht at any price. I would, however, agree to lend Shamrock to Mr. Post providing he adequately fitted her out at his own expense for a contest with the Columbia if it is possible to send Britishers to man the Columbia. 'Frankly, I would rather see a role between the two yachts this season with Americans aboard each, which I think would be a better test of the relative merits of the two boats.'

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Schooner Ashore.

Cape Henry, Va., Feb. 4.—The schooner Orland V. Wooten, from Savannah for Baltimore, with pine lumber, is ashore at Cape Hatteras. The crew of eight men were rescued by life savers.

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Dooley on Prince Henry

"It's goin' to be gr-reat times fr us Germans whin Prince Hinnery comes over," said Mr. Dooley.

"By the way," said Mr. Hennessy with an air of polite curiosity, "what relation 's he to th' Impror iv Germany? Is he th' son or th' neevew?"

"He's nayther," said Mr. Dooley. "Th' Impror has no sons that I iver heard iv. If he had a son he'd be a steam injine. No, sir, this man is th' Impror's brother Hinnery or Hans. I don't exactly know what th' usual jooties iv an Impror's brother is. I know what an Impror has to do. His wurruk's cut out fr him. I cud fill th' job meself to me own satisfaction an' th' on'y wan an Impror has to plaze is himself. Th' German Impror frequently mitions another but on'y in th' way iv politeness.

"I know what an Impror's jooties is but I don't know what an Impror's brother has to do ex officio, as Hogan says. But this boy Hinnery or Hans has more wurruk thin a bartender in a prohibition town. He's a kind iv a thravelin' agent fr th' big la-ad. His bag is ready packed ivry night, he sleeps like a freeman with his pants in his boots beside his bed an' they're a thrap dure alongside th' cradle fr him to slide down to th' first flure. He's no more thin got to sleep whin th' three illvns sounds on th' pangoon. In Hinnery leaps to the pantaloons, down th' ladder he goes pullin' up his suspenders with wan hand an' pu'tin' on his hat with th' other an' off he is fr Corea or Chiny or Booloochistan at a gallop. His brother stands at th' dure an' hollers 'Tarewell to him.

"Go, Hinnery," he says. "Go, me dear brother, to th' land iv perpetchoal sunshine an' knock in nails fr to hang up th' German armor," he says. "Knock in th' nails an' if ye happen to hit yeerself on th' thumb, swear on'y be th' German Mike and raymimber ye done it fr me," he says. "I will remain at home an' control th' rest iv th' wurrudd with th' assistance iv that German Providence that has been as kind to us as we deserve an' that we look up to as our akel," he says.

"An' Hinnery goes away. He thravels o'er land an' sea, he fire an' flood an' field. He's th' ginooiyne flyin' Dutchman. His home is in his hat. He hasn't slept all night in a bed fr tin years. 'Tis Hinnery this an' Hinnery that; Hinnery up th' Nile an' Hinnery to Injy; Hinnery here an' Hinnery there. Th' cuffs iv his shirt is made iv th' time cards iv railroads. Ivery time they're a change in schedul he orders new shirts. He knows th' right iv way fr'm Berlin to Ballymachoo; he speaks all known languages an' ivrywhere he goes, he makes a frind or an inimy which is th' same thing to th' Germans. He carries a sample case undher wan arm an' a gun undher th' other an' if ye don't like Rhine wine perhaps ye'll take lead. On second consiherations he won't shoot ye but he'll sell ye th' Krupp. They're more where it come fr'm.

"I tell ye, Hinnissy, this Impror Kaiser iv Germany is a smart man. I used to think 'twas not so. I thought he had things unaisy in his wheel house. I mind whin he got th' job, ivrywan says:

"Look out fr war. This wild man will be in that office fr about a year whin he'll just about declare fight with th' wurrudd."

"An ivrybody framed up fr him. But look ye what happened. 'Tis twenty year since he was sworn in an' n'er a fight has he had. Ivrybody else has been in trouble. A screw-maker iv a sidintory life has plounged England into a war, me frinds th' Greeks that were considered about akel to a flush iv anger over a raid on a push cart has mixed it up with th' Turks, th' Japs has been at war, an' th' Dagoes, our own peace-lovin' nation has been runnin' wan short an' wan seeryal war, an' even th' Chinese has got their dander up, be hivens, but Willum, th' Middleweight Champen, Willum, the Potsdam Game Chicken, Willum, th' Underlinden Cyclone, Willum has been ladin' th' ca'm an' prosperous life iv a delicatessen dealer under a turner hall. He's had no fights. He never will have any fights." He'll go to his grave with th' repytation iv neither winnin' nor losin' a battle but iv takin' down more forefts thin any Impror puglist iv our time.

"What do I make iv him? Well, sir I think he's not a fighter but a fight lover. Did ye iver see wan iv thim young men that always has a front seat at a scrap so near th' ring that whin th' second blows th' wather he gets what's left on his shirt front? Well, that's me frind, Willum. He is a pathron iv spoort an' not a spoort. His ideel is war but he's a practical man. He has a season ticket to the

matches but he niver will put on th' gloves. He's in th' spoortin' goods business an' he us'ly gets a percent-age iv th' gate receipts. If he sees two nations bellowin' at each other th' assurances iv their distinguished consideration, he says:

"Boys, get together. 'Tis a good match. Ye're both afraid. Go in, uncle; go in, Boer. He is all around th' ringside, encouragin' both sides. 'Stand up again him there, Paul; rattle him to th' flure. Good fr ye, uncle. A thrifle low, that wan, but all's fair in war. Defnd ye'r independence, noble sons iv Teutonic blood. Exercise ye'r sov'reign rights me English frinds. If wan or the other begins to weaken, th' first bottle through th' ropes is Willum's. If annywan suggests a draw, he demands his money back. Nawthin' but a fight to th' finish will do him. If ayether iv th' contestants is alive in th' ring at th' end, he congratulates him an' asks him, if he heard that German cheer in th' las' round.

"Oh, he's good. He'll do all right, that German man. In high diplomacy, he's what in low diplomacy would be called a happy jollyer. But he knows that if a man's always slappin' ye on th' back, ye begin to think he's weak; so he first shakes his fist undher ye'er nose an' thim slaps ye on th' back. Sometimes he does both at th' same time. An' he's got th' thure jollier's way iv provin' to ye that he's ye'er frind, alone an' th' deadly inimy iv all others. He's got th' 'Czar iv Rooshya hypnotized, th' King iv England huggid to a standstill, an' th' Impror in Chiny in tears. An' he's made thim all think th' first thing annywan knows, he'll haul off an' swing on wan iv th' others.

"So, havin' fixed ivrything in Europe, he cast his eyes on this country, an' says he: 'I think I'll have to dazzle thim furiners somewhat. They've got a round-headed man fr president that was born with spurs on his feet an' had a cartridge belt fr a rattle, an' some day his goolash won't agree with him an' he'll call th' bluff I've been makin' these many years. What'll I do to make thim me frinds so that 'twud be like settin' fire to their own house to attack me? Be hivins, I've got it. They're a dimmycratic people. I'll send thim a prince. They can't keep him out, an' whin he lands, th' German popylation'll come out and get up schootzenist fr him, an' me' fel-low Impror acrost th' say'll see how many iv thim there ar-re an' he'll think twict before he makes faces at me. Fr, want a German, always a German, be it iver so far,' he says. 'I'll send thim Hinnery. Hinnery turn in th' alarm fr Hinnery,' he says.

"Hinnery slides down th' pole an' th' Impror says: 'Brother, catch th' night boat fr America an' pay a visit to whatever King they have there. Take along annywan ye like an' as many thrunks as ye need, an' stay as long as ye plaze. Don't ring. Back th' dhray again th' front dure an' hurl ye-erself into th' first bed room ye see. Act just as if ye was me,' he says.

"But I'm not invited," says Hinnery.

"Write ye'er own invitation!" says Willum. Here's th' answer: 'Fellow Potyntrate, Ye-ers iv th' second instant askin' me brother Hinnery to spind a year with ye, not received. In reply will say that nawthin' cud give me gr-greater pleasure. He can stay as long as he plazes. Him an' his soot will not need more thin th' whole house, so ye can have th' barn to ye-erself. If ye have a brother, don't neglect to send him over to see me. I know a good hotel at four a day, all included but candles, an' if he stands at th' front window, he can see me go by any day. Ye-ers, Willum, Rex an' a shade more."

"So here comes Hinnery an' we're goin' to give him a gloruous raycption. Th' war vessels will be out to welcome him, th' prisident will meet him at th' dock an' he will be threat-ed to wan continyous round iv schutzenists, turn'yeminds, sangerbunds, katzenjammers, skats, an' other German festivals. Th' aristocracy iv New York & practicin' Dutch an' th' Waldorf-Astoria will be fistooned with dachshunds. He'll see more Germans an' more German Germans thim he iver see in Prooshya. An' I hope he'll have a good time."

"I wonder what Tiddy Rosenfeldt thinks iv it?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"Well, what wud you think if ye'd had to entertain a German prince un-awares? Ye'd give him th' best ye'd got, ye'd dig up a bottle iv Knock-imheimer down th' street an' ye'd see that he got a noodle ivry time he reached. An' whin he wint away, ye'd go as far as the dure with him an' pat him on the back and say:

"Good-bye, good-bye, Hinnery. Good-bye, Hans. Guten nobben, oof veerdeksayin, me boy. Good luck to you. Look out fr that sthep! There ye ar-re. Be careful iv th' gate. D'ye think ye can get home all right? I'd go as far as th' car with ye if I had me coat on. Well, good-bye, lanks-man. Raymimber me to ye'er broth-er. Tell him not to frget that little matter. Oh, of coorse, they're no country in th' wurrudd like Germany an' we're uncivilized an' rapacious an' will get our heads knocked off if we go into a fight. Good-bye, mein frind." An' whin ye'd shut th' dure on him, ye'd say, 'Well, what d'ye think iv that?'"

In New York City.

New York, Feb. 8.—Never before in the history of New York real estate transactions has a price been paid for land to equal that recorded for the northwest corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street to a competitor of the large department store which is building on the adjacent property. The size of this parcel is only a little more than one thousand feet, and the price paid for it was at the rate of \$320 per square foot, enough to cover it with gold dollars, or if the payment was made in silver dollars, to cover the plot with silver several inches deep.

A price of more than \$300 a square foot has been paid for two other pieces of real estate on Manhattan Island, but both of these were smaller, and were bought to round out adjacent property. Each of these other cases was the corner of Wall and Broad streets, which may be regarded as the most valuable property in the world. The property around these corners would sell on a legitimate basis for at least \$200 a square foot. The cases where the price has been exceeded were for exceptional lots. The next highest price, of \$280 a square foot, was paid almost twenty years ago to round out the property on which now stands the office building at 15 Wall street. With the exception of the recent sale at the Thirty-fourth street corner, Broadway values have not been so high as the Wall and Broad street sales. Recent sales on Broadway have been picking up and show a tendency to surpass the banking neighborhood valuations.

Formerly, when all the office buildings were down town, sufficient revenue could not be had from uptown property to warrant paying a price more than \$100 a square foot. The development of the office-building district in the neighborhood of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street has increased values here and the triangle formed by Broadway and Fifth avenues now being improved, is valued at more than \$200 a square foot. No property north of Thirty-fifth street has ever sold for more than \$100 a square foot and no Fifth avenue property has exceeded that price in actual sales, although the values in the neighborhood of the Waldorf are above that price now and it is likely that the syndicate to buy the old Stewart house across from the Waldorf will make the Fifth avenue record price in its sale.

Strike of Students.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 4.—The strike of the students at the state school of mines at Golden, Colo., against what they assert to be unfair treatment by the faculty, bids fair to continue indefinitely and result in the closing down of that well-known institution at least for the present school year.

The board of trustees who have been investigating the trouble have decided not to interfere with the continuance of the rule, adopted in 1897, to the effect that in all matters affecting discipline or standing of the students the decision of the faculty shall be final. A general meeting of the students will be held today, but it is not expected that their previously avowed intention of fighting the faculty to a finish, even to the extent of applying to the courts, will be changed. Telegrams have been received from a number of institutions of similar nature offering to matriculate them as a body, and a number of the Golden men have already entered other schools.

Ran Wholesale Van.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4.—N. D. Parker, a young man who lives at Ottawa, Kan., has been held for the Federal grand jury on a charge of fraudulent use of the mails in obtaining goods under false pretences.

It is said he obtained \$50,000 worth of goods of all descriptions from prominent firms in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. He is alleged to have ordered goods in the name of the Ottawa Brokerage Company and to have sold the goods to retailers near his home.

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ACTOR NEILL IS NO ELK

Objected to Initiation Ceremony.

Says no Gentleman Will Submit to Such Indignities as Were Offered to Him.

Spokane, Feb. 4.—After being fattened for the past ten days, in anticipation of having a glorious frolic with James Neill, the matinee idol of the Pacific coast, the goat belonging to the Spokane Elks was led back to his stall Saturday night with his appetite for a hot time unimpaired, and Neill is still almost as far from being initiated into the mysteries of Elkdom as he was when he reached this city last Saturday morning.

He says that he was asked to suffer indignities to which any self-respecting American could not submit, while on the other hand the Elks say that all that was the matter with Neill was that he lacked nerve.

What really happened behind the closed doors of the lodge room is a closely guarded secret, but it is known that Neill was not initiated and that the sumptuous banquet which had been spread in honor of the taking into the lodge of so distinguished a personage was not eaten the session ending in nearly all of the members going home in disgust, over what they term the weak-kneedness of Neill.

For several days past great preparation had been made for the event, a special session being held at 6 p. m. in order that Neill might be initiated between the afternoon and evening performance. As far as can be learned from those present, who are as secret as though they had taken a special ironclad oath, to reveal nothing that transpired, Neill appeared at the lodge portals at the appointed time, and declared his willingness to tackle the goat.

A short time afterward he emerged from the lodge room, but refused to offer any explanations other than that he could not submit to the initiation which it was proposed to give him.

Members of the lodge, who will say anything at all, declare that when an attempt was made to blindfold Neill, a custom which is carried out with all candidates, he balked and declared that he was an American citizen and defied anybody to touch him. At any rate this is as far as the initiation went, and Neill is still an outsider.

He refused to make any explanation other than that he could not consent to what was proposed to him; and that was all there was to it. Robert Morris, a member of Mr. Neill's company, was initiated, but was not heard to make any complaint of his treatment. After the balk by Mr. Neill, the lodge adjourned, without waiting to partake of the banquet which had been provided, or to hold the expected social session.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—Today a letter was received by a prominent Elk of this city from Mr. Neill, in which the latter, now in Butte, tells his story as to why he refused to be initiated in the Elk lodge last Saturday night.

The letter in part is as follows:

"Butte, Mont., Feb. 3.

"My Dear Friend:

"I have had time to think over and sleep over the events of Saturday and am conscientiously bound to withdraw the authority I gave you to attempt to patch up the difficulty. Reflection convinces me that my protest against personal indignity and coarse buffoonery was timely and entirely justifiable. For the first time in its history a member of my family has received an insulting blow and has been powerless to resent it. I am grateful to the young man who, in discharge of his lofty functions, wielded the stick with which, while blindfolded, I was struck from behind the moment of my entrance into your inner sanctum, for his courtesy in afterwards apologizing to me in the ante-room.

"I congratulate myself that I was not intimidated into customary cowardly submission to indignities, the first and probably the mildest of which was sufficient to make me declare myself and withdraw. I wish you to bear in mind that you and other officers and members of the lodge, immediately prior to my entrance into the chamber of initiation, had assured me that no undue liberties would be attempted and that I would be treated as a serious-minded gentleman. Permit me to say that I am convinced that when they and sober reason have removed the last vestige of the undignified and debasing actions that disgraced the order in its primitive days, and which have

Unfortunately survived in part today, I shall be asked again to present myself before your exalted ruler. Until then I prefer to preserve my personal dignity and American manliness. "The flag that adorns your altar should be a platform upon which men and gentlemen may meet together in bond of fellowship, brotherly love and patriotic enthusiasm, and it ought not to be necessary for a candidate to wear a highwayman's mask and an old woman's night-gown as a fitting garb in which to approach that altar.

"In your heart you know, as does every man who witnessed my foolish humiliation, that I was justified in my anger and in the use of the caustic language that I employed. I am bound to say in all sincerity that I believe that every man who wears an Elk's badge, if that badge was earned with the wages offered me, comes out from the ordeal less of a man than when he went in. No lodge could give enough to any man to make up for what was lost in self respect. Those are my honest views and I should stultify myself if I failed to disclose them.

"In asking for the withdrawal of my application I am keenly alive to the embarrassments of the situation. I have walked open-eyed among the paraphernalia of your work and have taken no oath to maintain secrecy. However, if the matter is dropped and allowed to be forgotten, you may rely upon it that I need not take an oath to bind me to silence as to * * * 2 Elks Initiation.

"What I saw and heard, or I am ready now, or when you will, to take your serious work and obligations and become a member of your lodge, but it must be with my eyes open and under conditions that shall impress upon me the fact that I am being received into an organized secret order.

"For you, my dear old friend of thirty years, I assure you I entertain no other feeling but of profound attachment and deep regard, and not the least of my regrets is that, as my proposer, you should have suffered any embarrassment. With sincere good wishes I am, very cordially yours, (Signed) "JAMES NEILL."

Killed in a Wreck.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 4.—An Illinois Central passenger train collided with a freight at Alworth, about six miles west of Rockford, today, killing one man and injuring two, all trainmen.

The dead: Joseph White of Freeport, fireman passenger train.

The injured: Albert Walker, of Freeport, engineer passenger train; D. F. Mitchell, Freeport, freight fireman.

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