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GREATLY ALARMED

Death of Russian Consul Creates Stir

Complications Are Feared by the Turkish Government—Fifty Are Killed.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Constantinople, April 11.—News of the death of M. St. Chornia, Russian consul at Mitrovitz, European Turkey, who was shot by an Albanian fanatic, has greatly alarmed the authorities at Constantinople who are quoted from the Prilep district during the week 50 Christians were killed by Muslims.

AT HOME AGAIN

Major Wood Resumes His Old Office at the Barracks.

For the first time in eight months, today was a holiday. Major Wood this morning failed to make his appearance at the office of the commissioner at the Administration building, and no one who had seen him busy at work at his office at the barracks could have doubted but that he was happy to be relieved of one of his dual positions he has been occupying so long. The reins of office were turned over to Commissioner Coughlin Thursday afternoon and the major is at liberty once more to devote his time and attention to the duties of his office as assistant commissioner of the police. His duties during the past eight months have been quite arduous and to the general public and the government as well he has given the most excellent satisfaction. Commissioner Coughlin was at his office today transacting public business with the same dispatch that would characterize the last day of a long incarcination instead of the first of a new regime.

Recruits Appointed

Philadelphia, March 20.—Judge Wilkeson, of the United States circuit court, has named D. Stuart Robinson and William S. Furst to act as receivers for the Consolidated Ice Manufacturing, Refrigerating & Fish Company, a West Virginia corporation. The motion was made on behalf of the Reading Iron Company. The Reading Company claims to hold a promissory note for \$5,000 which was protested for non-payment. The bill of complaint names the bill of the company aggregating \$111,500, for the payment of which \$100,000 of the company's first mortgage bonds have been pledged as collateral securities.

Insurance Bill

Albany, N. Y., March 20.—The assembly committee on insurance has passed a bill to report favorably the bill providing that fire insurance companies that combine to regulate rates shall forfeit their charters and be liable to punishment for a misdemeanor. The bill also provides that the state superintendent of insurance shall on or about July 1 of each year, address a letter to each company inquiring if they are interested in any combination and to require an answer under oath on or before September 30, signed by the president and secretary or those acting in their places.

Painless Dentistry

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Spring Skirts, Blouses, Neckwear, etc. JUST IN. SUMMERS & ORRELL, 112 SECOND AVENUE.

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ARCTIC SAWMILL. All Kinds of Dimension Rough and Dressed Lumber. Mining, Stave and Flume Lumber a Specialty. City Office—Boyle's Wharf, Front St., Dawson.

TO GIRDLE THE PACIFIC

Wireless Telegraph Stations From Seattle to China.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, April 11.—The northern half of the shores of the Pacific ocean, from Puget sound to Japan, China and the Philippines, will be girdled by wireless telegraph. The DeForest Company will establish stations from Seattle around the borders of Alaska and the Aleutian islands to Siberia and thence to the countries south. DeForest has arrived in Seattle from New York to prepare plans for establishing the stations.

TO CURTAIL THE PACK

Number of Canneries Shut Down

Season's Pack Will Not Amount More Than One Half That of Last Year.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, April 11.—All plans for the southeastern Alaska salmon packing season have been concluded. Nine plants will close down, twenty remaining in operation. The pack will be curtailed about one-half. Another difference will be that more attention will be paid to reds and less to pinks.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

Situation in Amsterdam Growing Serious.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Amsterdam, April 11.—Disagreement between strikers and the workmen's defence committee has resulted in affairs becoming more threatening in Amsterdam and stronger military precautions are being taken.

Laborers Imported

Pittsburg, March 19.—A determined effort is to be made by the American Bridge Company to break the strike of the Structural Iron Workers in this city by importing non-union men.

Last Monday forty men were brought from Louisville, but the men deserted immediately upon reaching Pittsburg. Last night forty-seven men were brought into the city from Norfolk, Va., and 150 men, it is said, have been engaged and are on their way here.

The men who arrived last night were placed on a large houseboat which is tied up in the Monongahela river at the company's plant. The boat has been filled with bunks, dining-room and kitchen, and it is proposed to house and board the men on the boat until the strike is broken.

The men are to be used in completing the work on the new Wabash Railroad bridge across the Monongahela river. A squad of policemen is guarding the non-union men, but everything is quiet, no move having been made by the strikers to interfere with the newcomers.

ROCHESTER CAFE.

Will be Conducted by Martin Popich

The Rochester cafe, King street, next to Gandolfo's, will be thrown open to the public on Monday, April 13th under the management of Martin Popich who has presided over the destinies of the Standard Cafe during the past two years. The place will be conducted in first class style and is certain to be popular among restaurant patrons.

Popich is an old time restaurant man, knows what the public wants and carefully looks after the wishes of those who frequent his restaurant. The best market affords will always be obtainable at the Rochester at prices suited to the times.

FOR SALE—Good Dog Team—two first-class leaders. Apply 305 Duke street.

LAYING OF THE NEW CABLE

Which Will Give Alaska Direct Telegraphic Communication With Seattle—Intended for Military Use, But Will Also be Open for Commercial Purposes—Completed by Jan. 1.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, April 11.—Definite arrangements will soon be made for landing the new Alaska cable in the vicinity of Seattle. General Greely, chief of the U. S. army signal corps, has left Washington for Seattle for the purpose of consulting with officers of the army stationed here and at Fort Lawton and with representatives of the business interests of the city. Although the cable will be a military line and intended first for the use of the government, it is desired to make

it of commercial value to the country, especially to the business interests of the northwest, so closely associated with Alaska. The first section is expected to be ready about June 15. It will be laid between Sitka and Juneau around the southern end of Baranoff island. As soon as this part is laid; Sitka will be brought into communication with the outside world by the Canadian lines, even before the southern end of the cable between Baranoff island and

Seattle is laid. General Greely expects that the whole cable line, more than 1100 miles in length, will be in operation before the close of the year. If the estimated rate of ten cents per word is adopted it will be possible for a person in Seattle to telegraph to Juneau or Sitka as cheaply as to New York or Washington. It is the policy of the war department to make the rates for cable messages as low as the cost of maintenance will allow, there being no idea of profit.

"HE DID" "I DIDN'T"

Diametrically Opposite Statements

A. M. Bennett Tries to Recover \$111.50 Wages Alleged to be Due From R. Howe.

"They lied all the way through and I could not stop them from it." Such was the statement of A. W. Bennett in the police court this morning after judgment had been given against him.

The case in which the evidence called forth the above remark was one in which Bennett brought suit against Richard Howe for the recovery of \$111.50 alleged to be due plaintiff for wages. The evidence of Bennett was to the effect that he had been employed by Howe, who is the proprietor of the International hotel, to work around the hotel and that at the time of his employment no stipulation of the amount of his wages was made, that he was told that whatever was right would be paid him. He had worked for 37 days and during that time he had received \$7 in cash and had been given credit for \$5, which he owed for lodging and he claimed the balance due as above stated.

Under cross examination the witness stated that he had commenced proceedings in the small debts court but that not being able to get the case brought to trial immediately he had changed the action to the police court.

There were no papers produced to show that the case had been withdrawn from the small debts court but the defendant consented to consider it withdrawn upon the statement of the plaintiff to that effect.

Howe took the stand and stated that in the latter part of February the plaintiff Bennett had come into the hotel and asked that he be given employment by which to earn his meals and lodging. He had not been hired nor had anything ever been said as to his being given "what was right" as remuneration for his services. In fact he was not wanted but had been allowed to stay as a matter of charity. He had sawed some wood and made beds and swept floors but only as it had suited him and had not even been told to do so.

The defendant's statement was supported in so far as the conversation between the two parties at the time when Bennett started to work, by a young man named Conner who was present at the time and heard Bennett ask for work to pay for board and lodging.

The magistrate found the balance of evidence to be in favor of the defendant and dismissed the case with costs. The magistrate remarked that the plaintiff's statement that no stipulation as to the amount of wages had been made was most extraordinary and altogether against business principles, and it was then that Bennett asked to bring other witnesses, saying that the defendant and his witness "lied all the way through and he could not help it." The case was closed, however, and costs were charged against plaintiff.

The Nugget's stock of job printing materials is the best that ever came to Dawson.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

Butter, two-and-a-half pound roll, only \$1.00, at all stores. Job Printing at Nugget office.

NORTH BOUND TRAVEL

The Docket Will Probably Not be Cleaned Off Before Another Two Weeks.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, April 11.—The steamer City of Seattle and Nome City sailed for Alaska carrying a total of nearly 200 passengers. The former left with about 125, including a large number bound for Klondike, notably F. C. Gidner, E. L. Webster, Richard and Victor Butler, Lucille Elliott and J. R. McGovern. Richard Butler is a heavy mine operator. George Cox and John Knapp left for Tanana by way of Dawson. Among the Nome City's passengers, fifteen or twenty are destined for Kayak, notable among them being Norman McCauley and W. B. Thornton. W. H. Spengers took passage for Seward, Resurrection bay, on business connected with the Alaska Central Railway. W. T. Kake and F. D. Steel, booked for Valdez. Both the Nome City and City of Seattle took full cargoes. The latter first-class passengers are—Dr. Lindquist, G. Cox, John Knapp, W. Scouse, Mrs. W. Scouse, J. S. Beemer, F. G. Gidner, Mrs. J. Andrews, E. B. Blich, E. L. Webster, Mrs. E. H. Heppenstall, G. E. Stevens, M. Thomas, O. D. Mann, Mrs. Geo. Ojtersen, C. MacDonald, J. C. Hay, Richard Butler, Victor Butler, J. B. Cavanaugh, W. A. Danforth, J. B. Fraser, G. R. Fraser, S. F. Hoffman, W. H. Jones, Chas. T. Hoffman, I. Kuta, E. P. Wells, T. Adams, V. Peterson, Miss Luhi M. Elliott, J. R. McGovern, Mr. J. Kalem, Mrs. John Kalem, A. J. Degruyter, E. E. Whitcomb, Jas. Murphy, Thomas J. Flynn, Peter Demar, Jas. Robinson, Otto Robinson, W. G. Laephen, J. E. Sharp, E. Hammerly, E. D. Heppenstall, A. T. Rose, A. Davidson, A. B. Lamb, and sixty-one second class.

CUP DEFENDER

Shaped Like Traditional Skimming Dish

Special to the Daily Nugget. Briglot, R. I., April 11.—The Briglot, cup defender, was launched at Briglot, R. I., this morning. She is more like a skimming dish than any of her predecessors.

Serious Riot

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, April 11.—A serious riot occurred in the Hawkesbury lumber Mills at Ottawa, where 259 men are on strike. One policeman was injured.

MAIL DELAYED

Will Not Arrive Until Tomorrow Morning.

It was announced yesterday that the first class mail stage would arrive in Dawson about noon today but later calculations advanced that time about 24 hours so that now the mail is not looked for until tomorrow morning.

A Merchants stage with a large consignment of Canadian paper mail arrived last evening and brought along a full list of passengers.

A White Pass freight stage arrived this morning with about two tons of freight consigned to the following firms: Mrs. Robt. Hutcheon, N. C. Co., Townsend & Rose, W. H. Vaas, O. R. Bremser, M. DesBrisay & Co., and Summers & Orrell.

Eastman Kodaks, \$10 each. Just over the ice—at Goetzman's, 128 Second avenue.

Kodak developing and finishing at Goetzman's—128 Second avenue.

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NEW ORDERS

Fix Royalty on Coal—Dredging Output.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, April 11. Orders in council provide for the payment of royalty on dredging output the same as for placer, and further fix the royalty on coal mined in Yukon at ten cents per ton.

Appoint Commission

Special to the Daily Nugget. Victoria, April 11.—Chief Justice Hunter and Rev. Rowe have been appointed commissioners to enquire into labor troubles in British Columbia.

PETROLEUM COMPANY

Has Paid Off Old Time Indebtedness

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Receiver Has Been Dismissed and Active Work Will Soon be Begun.

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GREATER DEMAND

More Small Miners Buying Lumber Than Heretofore.

Proprietors and managers of a number of the small saw mills on the creeks who make a specialty of supplying the miners with stave lumber assert that this year more small miners are buying their product than ever before, which is taken as an indication that more mines are being worked than any season heretofore though the output this spring may not be as large as in past years. A trip over the creeks will readily convince the traveler of the probable truthfulness of the conjecture as there does not seem to be a half mile on any of the old creeks that does not contain one or more dumps, which is true from the beginning to the mouth of the stream. Lower Sulphur is being much more extensively worked than ever before and the same is true of lower Bonanza, lower Hunker and lower Dominion. Nearly every claim in the sixties and seventies below on Hunker is being worked and lower Dominion has ground that until this year had not produced a dollar and is now doing well.

Chicago, March 20.—An injunction has been granted by Judge Holden against the officers and members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 73, their agents and pickets stationed about the plant of the Sykes Steel Roofing Co. It is claimed in the petition for the injunction that a reign of terror has existed since the sheet metal workers went on strike March 10.

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NOW DOING THE PARK

Roosevelt and Party Are in Yellowstone

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cinnabar, Mont., April 11.—President Roosevelt will be in Yellowstone Park for the next sixteen days and expects to enjoy complete rest and reaction from his arduous duties. For the first time in many a day the nation does not know where to put its hands on the president. The chief executive is lost to the world in the snow-filled mazes of Yellowstone.

Have Left the World Completely Behind—To Remain 16 Days.

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SIX DAYS' RACE.

Krieger and Taylor to Have a Run at the Rink.

Though the ice is still being used at the skating rink and will not have disappeared for several weeks yet, the management has already arranged for an event that will be pulled off as soon as the space now occupied by the ice is in condition for the uses it is proposed to put it to. A six days' race has been arranged between Bob Krieger and George Taylor, the pace to be go as you please four hours each day. When the ice has disappeared the floor of the rink, which is of earth, will be covered with sawdust in order to make it as near tankard as possible and the race will be run there. According to the measurements of several surveyors the rink is fifteen laps to the mile.

The abilities of Krieger are not known here, but those who are acquainted with his record in the east say that he has an even chance with Taylor, a few declaring he even has a shade the best of it. Krieger is young, one advantage, uses neither tobacco nor liquor, his legs and feet are like steel, his wind unexcelled and he is said to have staying power and grit that can not be denied. He has a record of 10 1/2 miles in an hour, 18 1/2 in two hours and 33 in four hours.

Taylor on the other hand is a veteran at the game and the only handicap he has is his age, as he lacks several months of being a spring chicken. He has participated in several long distance races here, one of them being a six days affair, and has taken first money in one instance. There is no question about his staying powers, his speed or the fact that he knows all the fine points of the game, but it is a question if in that respect he has any edge over Krieger. In all the races that Taylor has taken part in here the only contestant who gave him a tight rub at all was Cardinal and he lacked the steam to make him a winner. Krieger is a husky fellow and if his wind and speed is in keeping with his appearance he should give the "Old Home" the hardest run he has ever had since arriving in the Klondike.

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\$50 Reward.

We will pay a reward of \$50 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing copies of the Daily or Semi-Weekly Nugget from business houses or private residences, where same have been left by our carriers.

KLONDIKE NEWS LETTER.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1903.

CONFIDENCE RE-ESTABLISHED.

Klondikers who have returned recently from the outside are almost unanimous in expressing the view that a reawakened feeling of confidence is manifest in the permanent character of the resources of this territory.

Predictions made in 1897 that the district would last but a few years have fallen flat. Some ground it is true has been worked out but new territory to take its place has been opened up. Yukon is today a heavier purchaser of supplies and machinery than ever before in its history and requisitions for the coming season will be larger, if anything, than was the case last year.

The language that speaks most eloquently to the outside merchant or manufacturer is the language of cold hard cash. Year by year the territory has been buying from outside markets in steadily increasing quantities and paying spot cash for what it buys.

At the present time the heaviest commercial concerns, both of the Dominion and of the United States, are reaching out for Klondike orders as they never have done before. It is true, they have ceased to look for speculative returns, and now express their satisfaction with reasonable profits.

Drummers are being sent into the territory looking for trade and finding it profitable to come. Klondike business is good business, for it means no haggling over prices and prompt settlements of accounts. Frontier communities always live well and are liberal spenders and in these particulars Dawson has been no exception to the established rule. Yukon has been on trial during the past two years before the outside financial and commercial world but from that trial has emerged triumphant. Capital long shy is now looking in this direction for profitable investment and will be found coming in the future in steadily enlarging volume.

TANANA SITUATION.

Latest reports from Tanana indicate an almost pitiable state of affairs in that camp. Stampeders by the hundred have arrived almost destitute of supplies and the stocks in the town of Fairbanks were long ago practically exhausted. There is no employment offered and no food available even though there was work to be done.

According to one report, the reliability of which seems to be unquestionable, horses purchased in Dawson at \$200 to \$250 are selling in Fairbanks for \$25. The situation existing at the present time does not indicate that the new district has no possibilities ahead from a mining point of view. The same conditions or even worse, might exist even though the district were a second Klondike. In the excitement of the stampede people rushed off to the scene of the alleged strike almost wholly unprovided with supplies, trusting to luck to see them through. The natural consequence must be that hardships will ensue and there is possibility of actual suffering. It is singularly fortunate that the

season of navigation is near at hand and that with the spring freshets steamers will be able to reach the scene of the strike.

Relief in the form of supplies will be sent on the first boats and the true facts in connection with the camp will then be elicited. Sufficient is known, however, to indicate beyond question that the men who decided to "wait and see" were extremely wise in their day and generation.

Suspension of customs charges on imported mining machinery for a term of years would be an inestimable boon to the Yukon. There are many grades of machinery not to be obtained in Canada at the present time and until manufacturing concerns for their production have been established, a liberal policy on the part of the government in this particular connection would be of distinct advantage.

In former years it was claimed that neither dredging nor hydraulic operations could be conducted successfully in this territory. Practical working has demonstrated the fallacy of this theory. Dredgers have proven themselves to be veritable money coiners while hydraulic mining was well demonstrated last summer to be perfectly feasible and successful.

All-rail communication with the outside would give a wonderful impetus to the whole northern district. It appears now that capital is desirous of taking the work in hand without demanding half the country as a bonus, and if such is the case every encouragement and assistance to so desirable an enterprise should be given.

Our dispatches today announce the fact that two north-bound steamers are bringing with them nearly 200 passengers most of whom are bound for Dawson. Scenes about the Seattle and Vancouver docks must begin to look like old times. From all indications the travel this season will easily be double that of a year ago.

The decision in the case of the United States government vs the Northern Securities Company indicates very plainly that the trusts are not quite the whole thing. The only safety for the people rests in competition and the courts have decided that the roads must compete willy nilly.

The really up-to-date ocean liners are now equipped with newspaper plants and publish daily papers, the world's news being received by the Marconi system. Civilization has made greater progress during the past 100 years than in the 5 preceding centuries.

The radical "antis" do not want the government to provide a public water system because when that greatly to be desired institution is once established, the "antis" will not have a leg upon which to stand.

A free ferry across the Yukon would greatly stimulate trade with the Miller and Glacier country, and would be of no little aid to the agricultural interests of West Dawson.

A newspaper which deals in veiled threats and hints of what it could tell if it chose is very much akin to the average blackmail.

LOST—One Irish Setter bitch, in good condition, answers to name of Bell. Scar on fore foot. White horse Stables.

COURT OF APPEAL

Next Week Will be Devoted to Territorial Appeals.

Argument in the case of Woodworth vs Jensen et al before the court of appeal was completed Wednesday and the action of Chance vs Lusk was taken up and likewise disposed of. In the latter case the plaintiff protests a survey that was made of the defendant's claim and while the action was being heard Lusk allowed his claim to lapse, judgment going for the plaintiff for the amount of the claim. Later Chance filed a survey of his ground and proceeded to advertise it in the regular way when Lusk protested it and an action styled Lusk vs Chance was begun. Judgment again went in favor of Chance and it is said that Lusk now proposes to appeal that case also. In the former case already heard by the bench the decision of their lordships was reserved as it was also in the case of Woodworth vs Jensen et al. The last case to be heard yesterday was that of Ackerman vs Lapar in which judgment was also reserved.

The only case remaining on the docket on appeal from the gold commissioner's court is that of Fraser vs Gandolfo which is to be heard by consent. Next week the time will be entirely occupied in hearing cases appealed from the territorial court in which the anomalous position will be observed of witnessing a judge sitting in judgment on his own decisions.

BANK CHANGES

Lord Cowan Examining His Bear Creek Interests

Dick Cowan, who has been dubbed by his friends as the Placer King of Bear Creek, is missed from his cap at the cashier's desk in the Bank of Commerce this morning having gone on a pilgrimage to the creek upon which he at present holds a first mortgage. While absent, which will be for but a day or two, Mr. Cowan will endeavor to compute the wealth contained in a block of ground of given dimensions and fifteen feet in depth the pass of which will average something less than ten dollars to the choicest of dirt. G. V. W. Howard, "Gat" for short, is acting as paying teller today. Another addition to the staff of the bank who arrived Thursday evening on the same stage that brought the commissioner, is M. Nickerson, formerly with one of the branches in British Columbia. Within another month there will be a number of changes in the positions at present held in the bank due to the opening of the assay office for the summer. In the winter assays are made but once a week, but in the summer when the gold begins to arrive from the creeks the office is kept open continuously, two men being constantly employed.

Send Them to the Hague

It is rarely the president's way to back out of things, and undoubtedly in this instance he will be reluctant to pass on to others a vexatious task which has been put before him as a duty. But neither the yuletide cheer of the world nor the most scrupulous sense of personal obligation need induce Mr. Roosevelt to undertake an arbitration fraught with present perplexities and perilous in its future implications. It must be assumed that Venezuela will accede to any fair proposal which comes from the United States; indeed, President Castro has actually given Minister Bowen plenary power to settle the whole dispute. The Hague tribunal exists for the purpose of arbitrating differences. It has greater dignity and independence than any individual arbiter can enjoy. This country has had the credit of sending the first two cases to that high court. To follow that precedent in the Venezuelan imbroglio, and not to offer ourselves as dubious arbitrators, would be the true way of repeating the first Christmas proclamation of "peace on earth, good will to men."—New York Post.

MISS THURBER'S BURGLAR

How She Distinguished Herself in the Interview and He Was Very Cool, Too.

"Raffles," that most entertaining of "gentlemen burglars," and "Bunty," his amiable and unsophisticated friend, had seemingly taken up quarters in New York, judging from the experiences of Miss Jeannette Thurber with two courteous and affable cracksmen in the home of her father at No. 49 West Twenty-fifth street. Interrupted in his work of going through the room of F. B. Thurber, her father, the head of the gang working in the house engaged in the interchange of airy persiflage with Miss Thurber for a few minutes, adding something of impressiveness to his remarks with a revolver, and then leaving her quietly seated in the room, withdrew, meanwhile calling off his confederates.

Miss Thurber identified yesterday her unannounced caller of the night before after a search through the Rogues' Gallery. Albert Matthews, recently released from Sing Sing, where he served a term for burglary, was at once pointed out by Miss Thurber as the man whom she met so unconventionally in her father's room.

Miss Jeannette Thurber is the daughter of F. B. Thurber, for many years identified with the big wholesale grocery firm of Thurber, Whyland & Co. They live in the large house at No. 48 West Twenty-fifth street. Miss Thurber's room is on the third floor, while her mother sleeps in the rear room and her father in the front room of the second floor.

Soon after 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Miss Thurber went to her father's room to leave on his dress, a note she had written him about some household matter.

As she stepped quietly through the open door she noticed that the light was burning dimly, and then, with a shock that almost startled her out of her ordinary composure, she saw standing in front of the table in the center of the room, a well-dressed, good looking young man, going carefully over the contents of a drawer he had taken from one of Mr. Thurber's desks.

"What in the world are you doing here?" cried Miss Thurber. The intruder turned sharply and faced Miss Thurber without embarrassment. Then he reached down to the table and picked up a heavy revolver.

Catching Miss Thurber by the shoulder, the burglar forced her into a chair and thrust the muzzle of the revolver between her eyes.

"Now, don't say a word or raise a cry," he said rather angrily. "I'd hate to have to shoot you."

Miss Thurber is a tall, statuesque, fair girl, twenty-four years of age, and strikingly beautiful. She is not easily frightened and she accepted the situation as gracefully as possible.

"Sit down," she said, graciously. "Let me talk to you. I'd like to talk this over with you."

"Thank you," said the burglar. "You can easily understand that this is no 5 o'clock tea."

Then, turning to a corner, he said quietly: "Bill, go upstairs and tell Jack to get out. It's all off."

From behind a pair of portieres, a heavy set man, who has not been identified by Miss Thurber, slipped out and stepped quietly into the hall. She heard him go upstairs and soon after heard two men walk quietly down stairs to the first floor.

"Don't you sit down," said Miss Thurber, smiling pleasantly at the burglar. "Father will be home shortly, I hope."

"Thank you again," said the cracksmen, "but I am not a bit tired, and moreover I've never met your father. He might think it extremely unconventional of me to be making free of his room in his absence."

"No more so than I do," said Miss Thurber. "Why do you do it?"

"Oh, largely because it leads to pleasant acquaintances," said the young man affably as he backed to the door, and then, more sternly: "Remain seated right where you are for ten minutes. Don't stir. I'll hear you if you do, and it may cause lots of trouble. I may have to commit a more serious crime than burglary if you cry out."

Then, with the revolver still strongly in evidence, the burglar backed quietly out of the door. A few minutes later Miss Thurber heard a low, but shrill whistle on the lower floor and, disregarding the warning of the burglar, stepped quietly in to the hall. She met her mother coming from the sitting room in the rear of the second floor with Miss Margulies, a friend who had been with her mother. Going down to the lower floor, they found both the front doors open.

The maids in the house were awakened and a telephone message was sent to police headquarters asking that detectives be sent at once to the house. Detectives Duffy and Phillips from the West Thirtieth street station arrived and made a thorough search of the house. They found evidence of the visit of the three burglars.

Nothing was taken from the house except a heavy Colt's revolver, the weapon used to intimidate Miss

RETURNS FROM TRIP.

Mr. J. H. Rogers of the W. P. Co. Visits Stewart Crossing

Mr. J. H. Rogers, general agent of the White Pass Co., returned recently from a drive to Stewart Crossing. Mr. Rogers took the trip as a means of acquainting himself with conditions along the route and also as an outing. He says the trail as far as he went is still in excellent condition with plenty of snow to

last for several days. The large amount of travel this winter has been very brisk and all of them have splendidly stood the strain of the condition and are in much better time last year, although they have perhaps been worked a little harder. Mr. Rogers enjoyed the trip immensely. Butter, two-and-a-half pound only \$1.00, at all stores.

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KLONDIKE RANCHING

Acres is Increasing Every Year

Territory Will Soon be Self Supporting in the Matter of Vegetables.

How long it will be before the Yukon is to a large extent self supporting in the line of eatables is a question that a few years ago would not have been regarded with enough seriousness to have received any consideration at all. Years ago the miners of Forty-mile and Birch creek used to raise a small garden of radishes and perhaps lettuce on the roofs of their cabins, but it was more as a novelty than for the produce the best of earth would bring forth. It was scarcely thought worth while to attempt the raising of vegetables in a regularly established garden, the idea of the basin of the Yukon being but a perpetually frozen stream in which nothing but mosquitoes could be grown having been for years thoroughly ground into the minds of both the old residents and the newcomers who in their pilgrimage to the north had gotten as far north as Japan.

The first three or four years of the existence of the camp men were too busy making money, rushing here and there, prospecting this and that, and to give a care to anything to do beyond that which was sufficient to sustain soul and body. Though there was no one in those days who would not have relished to the full the most abundant of fresh vegetables, yet if they had been told such could be grown alongside their own cabins the majority would either not have believed it or would have taken the trouble to prove the truth or falsity of the assertion.

It may truthfully be said that it is only within the past two years that the possibilities of the Yukon from an agricultural standpoint have begun to be realized. A year ago but half the Nugget took occasion at the time necessary to make a review of the acreage that had been under cultivation that year, the extent of the crops harvested and the diversity of the articles grown and the result of the investigation was simply astounding. The only conclusion the average man of business has of any agricultural pursuits being carried on is through occasionally being in the spring and summer a vegetable man or two peddling in a cart over the city the products of his garden, yet it is a fact that the great majority of table vegetables that were consumed last summer, with the exception of potatoes and onions, were raised in this territory, and what was true last summer will be so this season only in double the extent of the ground cultivated.

Eastern ranchers would be astounded if told two or three acres here had yielded an income of \$1200 to \$1500 an acre, but such is true and quite a few whose inclination is toward farming rather than mining have forsaken the latter profession and become tillers of the soil thinking their chances of a fortune more certain as a rancher rather than a miner.

One of the pioneers in that line is Poichat who with his former partner Shovel had a lease on the island above the Klondike bridge. Poichat sold vegetables about town three years ago and was about the first to put the premier in that line. Their lease of ground did not cover over ten acres and but little over half of that was under cultivation, but it is marvelous the crops they grow. The ground Poichat being at present associated with his son, is a sandy soil lying in the bed of the Klondike and but a few feet above high water mark. Irrigation during the dry season is done by means of a tank which is kept filled by a windmill. But one article which it has been attempted to grow has resulted in a failure and that is green corn. The nights are too chilly and the plants will not attain a growth of over two or three feet, while the suns are so small as to be worthless. Poichat's farm is in many respects a model. It is so situated that it receives every particle of sun as long as that brilliant orb is visible above the hillsides, it is handy to town and has been under cultivation long enough now so that the soil is entirely free from roots which so discourage the rancher during the first year or two of his experience. The extent of the ranch this year will be as large if not greater than it has ever been before and will consist wholly of vegetables.

Along the Klondike are several ranches, the largest of which is probably that of Lee Pate at the mouth of Bonanza creek. He also has a larger acreage under cultivation this year than last. Between the Poichat ranch and the Klondike bridge is another small ranch of about two acres which is in a high state of cultivation and which together with all others along the Klondike will be devoted entirely to raising vegetables. There is a large

garden on the island occupied by the Klondike Mill Company which has been a steady producer for the past three years and the output of which will be more than doubled this year. Across the Yukon and above the slough utilized as a winter berth by many of the steamers are several ranches none of which have over five acres in cultivation. One owned by a gardener known as "Long Shorby" last year produced some cabbages and cauliflower that were astounding as to size and solidity.

The vicinity of West Dawson seems destined to become the centre of the farming community. On the benches a short distance below the village garden crops have been grown for the past two years, Dr. Brown, the dentist, being the owner of one of the tracts that has proven unusually prolific. Farming on a considerably larger scale will be attempted this year by one of the residents of West Dawson. The 110-acre tract along Dawson creek for which a water grant for irrigation purposes was issued a short time ago to Emil Stauff is in the possession of J. A. Morgan who purchased the same from Mr. Stauff last fall. A large portion of the ground has been cleared and will be put in cultivation this year, over sixty tons of fertilizers having been hauled to the tract during the past winter. Henry Riddle, late a teamster with the Salvation Army, has taken up a five acre tract three miles down the river and proposes to devote the entire amount to potatoes this year.

The largest ranch in the territory is that known as the Swinehart farm near Selkirk, which consists of 100 acres though not near the entire amount is under cultivation. Another large farm is the hay ranch of Sonnickson on the Stewart river. The aggregate acreage that will be under cultivation this year it would be almost impossible to state without a personal visit to all those enumerated, but it is a certainty that the Yukon is becoming more and more self supporting in the line of vegetables every year and the time is not far distant when it will be wholly so. Then the cleanup of tin cans at the back of one's residence in the spring representing the winter's consumption of tinned vegetables will become less and less as will also the tin lining to one's stomach, the result of eating so much canned food, become thinner and thinner.

The Boy's Diary

Judge Shute of Exeter, N. H., in rummaging through some old books stowed away in the garret, discovered a yellow diary, which he had written when a lad, because his father promised him a reward of 25 cents a week.

He now offers it to the world in book form, and any one who knows aught of boys cannot doubt its genuineness. These quotations may be of interest to those who love the boys, in spite of their peculiar habits:

"Dec. 7, 186—. Got sent to bed last nite for smoking hayseed cigars, and cant go with Beany enny more. It is funny, my father wont let me go with Beany because he is tuf, and Pews father wont let 'Pewt go with me because im tuf. Beany's father says if he catches me or Pewt in his yard he will lick time out of us. Raly today."

"December 8 Skinny Bruce got licked in school today. Skinny Moses was in the wood box all the morning."

"December 9, brite and fair, speakin' day today, missed in Horatius at the bridge."

"Jan. 12, nobody got licked in school today, gess why, because there wasent enny school. Old Francis was sick, I went skating."

"Jan. 20, father is sick because he et to much salt fish and potato and pork. he is awful cross and hit me a bat today because I left the door open—I gess he will be sorry when I am ded."

"Feb. 25, I have got a new pair of britches at 'erl and Cutis. I gess Beany aint the only one which has good clothes eather."

"Mar. 7.—When my father was a boy, he was the best fiter in this town."

"Mar. 31, April fool day tomorrow. I am laying for Beany. old Francis licked 5 fellers today because they sung rong when he was singing speak kindly it is better far ta rule by luv than feet."

Negroes usually have a ready answer, even for the most unexpected question. The Washington Star tells of a man who visited the scene of the Battle of Antietam, and there met an old colored man, who took pleasure in explaining all "facts" about the engagement.

The negro was asked if he was present when the fight took place, and his answer was, "Sartainly, sah, sure I was right head."

"Then you must have seen the whole thing?"

"Deed I did, sah, an' it wuz right bilious times; sah."

"What position did you occupy?"

"I wuz down in de cellar, sah. I got down dar to keep out de way of de Yankees, 'case I knowed dat I would be 'bleeged ter whoop for dem, an' I knowed dat Mars Bob Lee didn't 'spec' dat me, so I jis got down in de cellar an' les 'em see it out."

MRS. GIDDINGS.

Mr. Giddings is a clever young man. He has made it a point ever since his recent marriage to praise his wife's remarkable common sense on all occasions—and always in her favor.

"Now, my wife," Mr. Giddings has been in the habit of remarking to company when the conversation veered around to the perennial subject of man's occasional absence in the evening from his own fireside, "now my wife has very different views on that. She is entirely free from the usual feminine smallness when it comes to the question of keeping a man in leading strings. She has always said she thought a man ought to spend an evening away from home in a while and keep up his associations with his old friends. She says she's rather glad of the chance to have a quiet evening alone to read and amuse herself as she wishes without me bothering around. I tell you I'm in luck to have found a woman with comprehension of a man's fondness for the boys."

After this glowing eulogium, of course there has been nothing for Mrs. Giddings to do but smile blandly and deprecatingly and tacitly coincide with Mr. Giddings.

The other evening her husband announced quite casually at dinner, though his sane froid might have looked a trifle artificial to a snarled observer, that his old crowd was going to have a reunion at the club that night—a stag-bowling party.

"Of course," he said, heroically, "won't go if you'd rather I'd stay at home."

In the face of the sensible opinions which Mr. Giddings had so frequently ascribed to her, what woman would have had the nerve to disown them?

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Giddings, sweetly. "Go ahead—it's all right."

Giddings departed into the night like a schoolboy. Mrs. Giddings had not told him the maid was going out to spend the night and that she would be alone in the house. Neither did she confess to him that her heart had dropped down into her boots at the idea of being alone.

With the determination to be brave Mrs. Giddings sat down to her quiet evening with her book. At 9.30 o'clock the book fell from her hands and she started up to discover she had been leaning forward, staring intently at the hall window, her ears positively stretched forward in fright.

Then she made a dash and locked the doors leading into the back part of the house. It suddenly dawned on her that at least four windows in the cellar were accessible to marauders and from that time on she sat in agony listening to footsteps creep over the coal bin and up the basement stairs.

Upstairs a ghastly creeping noise made itself heard every few minutes and so the idea of rushing up and locking herself in her bedroom—Jeffrey should return was abandoned. She went and opened the front door and stood there awhile, gathering courage from the people passing by.

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At 1.30 o'clock Mr. Giddings' door key clicked in the lock and he entered, only to stop, paralyzed with

surprise at the woe-begone sleepy figure cowering in the chair before him. "What on earth—" he said. "Why, I supposed you'd be asleep hours ago! Why did you sit up for me?"

"Because I was a-a-fraid to go upstairs!" Mrs. Giddings half wept. She did not look at all as though she had passed a comfortable evening alone with her book, as it had been on the program for her to do. In that instant Mr. Giddings learned a few things about changeable feminine views.

"Well, I'll be hanged!" he murmured. Now he is reading his eulogium of Mrs. Giddings—Chicago News.

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