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UNFORTUNATE INVESTMENT

Leads to Murder in San Francisco

Joseph R. Fritz Kills a Man and Seriously Injures a Woman. Then Suicides.

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, March 2.—Maddened by unfortunates investments, Joseph R. Fritz of San Francisco killed M. J. Morrison and seriously wounded Miss Lee Yarnell, and then committed suicide.

HAD SON ARRESTED

For Rifling U. S. Registered Mail

Father Forces His Boy to Confess and Turns Him Over to the Authorities.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Lolo, Mont., March 2.—J. F. Dunaway, a prominent merchant of Lolo, finding his son had entered the local postoffice and rifled a registered letter pouch, compelled the lad to confess, then turned him over to the authorities, afterwards going his bail.

TANANA LETTER

Speaks Well of the New Strike

Other Reports Are to the Contrary—Idle Men Said to be the Rule.

The mail today from lower river points brought considerable information relative to the Tanana strike. Jack Sale received a letter from J. C. Ross, an old timer who went into the Koyukuk country three years ago last summer he left the latter district and in the fall went up the Tanana. His letter is dated Jan. 31 and while not of a glowing character it is evident that the writer has had in the country. He owns a fraction of a claim on Pedro creek which he states could have been sold several times for \$2,000. He had refused all offers and expects to work the ground. The letter is rather indefinite as regards actual work in progress but states that excellent prospects have been discovered. Another report is to the effect that the country is overrun with idle men, and that while a large number are engaged in holding down town lots comparatively few are as yet working their claims. Tangible facts as to the real conditions prevailing in the district are some too plentiful although the bulk of the evidence goes to indicate that a strike of some importance has been made.

WANTED—Freight for the Tanana. Inquire at Weld's Grocery, Third street.

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New Lawns, Laces and Embroideries SUMMERS & ORRELL, THE SECOND AVENUE

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SUCCEEDS STEVENS.

Frank E. Ward General Manager of G. N. Ry.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, March 2.—Frank E. Ward has succeeded John F. Stevens, who resigned as general manager of the Great Northern.

PROTEST IS ENTERED

Against the Seating of Smoot

Mormon Senator Will Find Difficulties in His Path Way.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Washington, March 2.—Senator Burrows has presented to the senate the protest of the Interdenominational Council of Women for Christian and Patriotic Service against the seating of Senator-elect Reed Smoot of Utah.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

Usual Grist of Police Court News

Louis Brier Has an Agent Arrested Whom He Claims Defrauded Him of \$318.

Mr. Justice Macaulay announced this morning that during the present month police court would begin at 10:30 in the morning instead of at 11 as has been the custom during the winter months. Next month the hour will be again changed to 10 o'clock which will be maintained throughout the summer. There was quite a little grist to be ground by the mills of the gods today, though the regular Saturday night and Sunday drag net did not scoop up as many offenders as is customary. Peter Bergstrom was the first to be called to the box. He wore a shamefaced air and when the charge of drunk and disorderly had been read to him he replied in a low, pianissimo voice that he was guilty. His honor made the usual assessment of \$2 and costs and warned Peter to not again dally with the booth too long and too often. Charles Boyle was up to answer to a charge preferred by H. Doering who alleged that the defendant carried away a certain cabin situated on the Hunker road about a half mile above the Ogilvie bridge. It is said that at the time that Doering swore to the information he claimed to have built the cabin himself in '98 before Boyle acquired title to the timber berth he now owns. At the trial a different phase of the affair developed when the defendant had no difficulty to prove that it had been erected in '99 by his permission, that for some time past it had not been occupied and that the man to whom he gave permission is now out of the country. Doering admitted that he had bought the cabin in '99 and the action was dismissed. William Greenleaf was on hand to answer to the charge of theft in having defrauded Louis Brier out of cigars to the amount of \$318. It is alleged that Brier sold the goods to the defendant in such a manner that required an accounting of the same, but that instead of so doing Greenleaf sold them and converted the proceeds to his own use. At the request of Sergeant Smith the case was enlarged until tomorrow morning as the defendant had only been summoned a short time before and the complaining witness was not in court ready to proceed. Greenleaf is not under arrest and was allowed to go on his own recognizance. The name of Peter Leindecker was called but there was no response. He is accused of being of unsound mind and incapable of taking care of himself, the information being sworn to by Lee Pate. It is understood that friends of the unfortunate man are attending to him, and the case may not be called again unless they tire of the responsibility they have assumed.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

IN THE DARK

Still Working on the Burdick Case

Special to the Daily Nugget. Buffalo, March 2.—The Buffalo police are still working in the dark on the murder case of Edwin I. Burdick.

FAT JOB.

Railroad Man Receives Important Appointment.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, March 2.—Thomas Tait, manager of transportation for the C. P. R., has been appointed chairman of railway commissioners for Victoria, Australia, at a salary of thirty-five hundred pounds per annum.

FATALLY SHOT

Bartender of Butte Meets His Death

Special to the Daily Nugget. Butte, March 2.—William Smith, a Butte bartender, was mortally wounded by Ed. Carney, whom he had ordered out of his saloon.

WEDDING BELLS

W. H. B. Lyons Becomes a Benedict

The marriage of W. H. B. Lyons to Miss Violet Rose Whitney was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Dr. Barraclough in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride was given away by Mrs. Wells and Mr. Nat Lyons officiated as the best man. Mr. Lyons is a son of Dr. Lyons of Plattsburg, New York, and is one of the most popular young men of Dawson where he has resided since '98, being the local manager of the Joseph Ladue Gold Mining and Development Company. The bride is a niece of Mr. William Whitney, a merchant prince of Chicago, is very pretty and accomplished and Mr. Lyons' many friends will envy him the prize he has drawn in the lottery of life.

Marconi's Sea Central

Signor Marconi, who sailed for Europe yesterday by the Cunarder Etruria, has decided to make an effort with the liner's wireless outfit to send a message from mid-ocean to the station at Nantucket. It is probable that Marconi may, when he is midway between Nantucket and Cornwall stations, act as the "central" for messages between them.

Strength Shape

The world is gone mad on strength and shape. Magazines and newspapers are alive with advertisements of methods of acquiring the muscle of Hercules, the arms of Venus, the neck of Juno, the bust of Vestia, the waist of Josephine, the hips of Diana, the legs of Cleopatra. Minerva is for the moment in the background. No hope for wisdom now! Women are displayed in impossible positions and advised to repeat certain poses. Mrs. Cutex asked Mrs. Butex, "How do you keep your front so flat, my dear?" Mrs. Butex replied, "Oh, I am under instructions. Thirty times in the morning and thirty times in the evening I pick up each foot in my hands and touch the toe to the tip of the ear. You can have no idea how much it has reduced my front, certainly several inches, and some pounds." "Do you stand up and do that?" "Necessarily, stand on one foot while the other is in the air." "Merciful heavens!" — New York Press.

Mission Work.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The second meeting of the joint committee of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, appointed some time ago to arrange co-operation between the two churches in the home mission fields, was held yesterday afternoon. Another meeting is to be held at which superintendents of missions of both churches for Ontario and the Northwest territories will be present with a view to further discussion, and to ascertain in what direction co-operation be practicable.

Swedish Famine Fund.

The Vice Consul for Sweden and Norway wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscription for the relief of the famine stricken people of Sweden: John H. Henderson & Co., 31 B. Sulphur creek \$75. All contributions should be forwarded to T. D. Pattullo, Vice Consul for Sweden and Norway, who will forward same to the home authorities.

Tanana

Any one or party desiring to go to the Tanana will do well in seeing A. Cloes, 433 Second avenue. Can take 600 pounds. Rates very low, as party wants to go right away.

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POSSIBLE DISRUPTION

Civil Service Hockey Team Ready to Quit

They Declare They Have Won the Championship and There is Nothing to it.

Lovers of ice sports will be pained to learn that the Civil Service hockey team has probably played its last game of hockey this season, a determination that was reached at the conclusion of the game Saturday evening. There has been for some time a slight difference between the management of the Civil Service team and the Athletic rink and the champions with the puck and stick consider they have a grievance that must be rectified before they can play any more. They argue also that they have defeated all comers during the winter with ease, that they have played of the original schedule of nine games, winning every one, and they can see no reason for continuing the play any further, particularly as long as there is nothing in sight to play for. They say further that at the beginning of the season it was definitely stated that there was to be a trophy put up to be played for, but such has not been forthcoming and they are tired of training and practicing faithfully and playing for the mere love of it and the financial benefit of others.

Cartier Made the Buy.

The fractional bench claims adjoining 242 below on Dominion together with a boiler, engine and a quantity of other machinery that was sold on Friday by the sheriff in satisfaction of an execution secured in the case of Cartier vs Webster et al was purchased by Cartier for the sum of \$1015. It is considered a very cheap buy.

Strike is Spreading

Cadiz, Feb. 10.—The strike which was begun here recently as the result of general dissatisfaction with the existing conditions is rapidly spreading. Riggers today forced the proprietors of all the stores to close, and meetings were held at which violent speeches were delivered, the speakers pledging themselves to continue the fight, even with the use of fire arms, if necessary. An attempt to wreck an express train by the removal of a rail was discovered in time to avert a disaster.

Oxford Won

London, Feb. 14.—The Oxford-Cambridge annual football match was played at the Queen's Club grounds today. During the first half Cambridge did most of the forcing. At the interval the score was a goal to nothing in favor of Oxford. At the change of ends the Cambridge men continued their forcing tactics, but the defence was good, and the game ended with a score of one to nothing in favor of Oxford.

A certain German professor of music

is to be met with in English drawing rooms is an entertaining old gentleman. To him recently a lady said, when one of his compositions had just been rendered by one of the guests: "How did you like the rendering of your 'song,' professor?" "Was not my song?" replied the professor. "I did not know him." — Spare Moments.

See the opera "Pirates of Penzance"

at Auditorium on Thursday, March 5th. Price of admission—Boxes, \$2 per seat; balcony, \$1.50 and \$1; stalls, \$1, general admission, 50 cents. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Sponsors (on his knees to fair maiden)—Will you wait for me, darling?

"Fair Maiden—As long as you wish, my own." "Sophomore—Bully for you! Then we won't need a waitress when we are married.—Harvard Lampoon.

Mr. H. Willis Carr has moved back

to his old residence, vacating apartments he has recently been occupying in the electric light building. The suite vacated by Mr. Carr will be occupied by Manager Williams.

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MISSING.—If there is any one who

knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kaakee, Illinois, U.S.A.

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FOURTEEN YEARS.

Was Given for Robbery in Seattle

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, March 2.—Mike McNamara has been sentenced at Seattle to 14 years for robbery.

GAVE JUDGMENT

Big Amount Involved in Seattle Case

Special to the Daily Nugget. Seattle, March 2.—The Northwestern Improvement Company of Seattle has been awarded judgment for \$192,797.24 on promissory notes of the Seattle and San Francisco Railway Navigation Co.

SEATTLE BOY

Ends His Life by the Suicide Route

Special to the Daily Nugget. Kendrick, Idaho, March 2.—David Tull Kellogg, son of a pioneer Seattle family, committed suicide at Kendrick. He was despondent over inability to secure employment.

ROBBERS ARRESTED

Had Stolen More Than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Hartford, Conn., March 2.—Wm. Rudolph and Geo. Collins were arrested at Hartford for a bank robbery in which two hundred thousand dollars were secured. Detective Schumacher, of Chicago, was killed following Rudolph and another battle occurred when he was arrested.

Thrown Out of Work

As Result of Which 40,000 Men Are Looking for Employment.

Philadelphia, March 2

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Badge for Cu lers.

Postmaster Hartman, president of the local curling club has received a handsome trophy which will be completed for by the curlers of Dawson. It is in the form of a badge with a wreath pendant on which is mounted two brooms of gold and a "stone" of gun metal, making a very handsome trophy. The letter which accompanied the trophy reads as follows: Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 7, 1903.

To the President Dawson Curling Club, Dawson City

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the executive of the above association to forward you the accompanying district medal, to have the curlers of your club play down for it by a point competition—the highest aggregate of three competitors to take the medal.

This is done by the association

to contribute a slight recognition of the curlers having formed a club in distant point from Winnipeg, and trust to have from you an acknowledgment of same. This we have further done at the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Hourke, a warm advocate of the game, and a friend of the Dawson Curling Club.

Yours fraternally, J. P. ROBERTSON, Secretary Manitoba B. R. C. C.

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today to the effect that Justice Dugan will leave Ottawa on the 11th inst. returning immediately to Dawson. His lordship will arrive about the 15th.

FOR SALE.—Four strong dogs, year and a half old. Apply to Dr. Richardson, York street, between 3 and 4 p.m.

NOW AFLOAT

Gun Boat Went Ashore Near Mobile

Special to the Daily Nugget. Mobile, Ala., March 2.—The gunboat Isla de Luzon, which went ashore in a fog near Mobile, has been floated.

CRIMINAL YOUNGSTERS

Escape From Jail in Olympia Wash.

Boys in Their Teens Show the Cleverness of Old Time Crooks.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Olympia, March 2.—Ray McLellan and Chester French, two lads in their teens, escaped from jail at Olympia after removing the bars from their cell window.

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FAVORED BY WEST

Coast Man Wanted for New Department

Eugene Goodwin Boomed for Commerce Secretary—San Francisco Man.

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, March 2.—All western states favor the appointment of Eugene Goodwin of San Francisco, now chief of the bureau of manufactures, to be secretary of the department of commerce.

STRIKE IS DECLARED

C.P.R. Employes Walk Out at Vancouver

Promises to be the Greatest Industrial Struggle of the West.

LEAVING FOR DUNCAN

Mr. Gosselin Will Get Away Tomorrow

Jack McLagan Off This Afternoon in Company With Dan Steere.

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Jack McLagan left this afternoon in company with Dan Steere for Duncan creek where upon his arrival he will assume charge of the mining recorder's office at that point vice Tom Hinton suspended during the investigation that has been ordered by the department. The trip will be made via Gold Bottom where the party will stop this evening, thence tomorrow to 7 below lower on Dominion where they will be joined by Mr. Gosselin who will not leave the city until tomorrow morning. Tomorrow night they will stop at the mouth of Arsaasaw and the following day they expect to make Barlow. The length of Mr. McLagan's stay is indefinite, but he scarcely expects to be able to return before the opening of navigation. Mr. Gosselin will be absent two or three weeks. It will take them nearly a week to reach their destination and several days will doubtless be required in hearing the investigation. The latter will be held on Duncan creek where the alleged irregularities took place.

More Cheechuck Milk

J. H. Miller, buyer for the Klondike dairy, left today for Seattle and eastern Washington where he will purchase 5000 head of fresh milk cows for shipment to Dawson. The animals will be driven over the sea as far as the Hootalinqua and be down on the first trip of Nite Thistle.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

The Klondike Nugget

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MONDAY, MARCH 2.

PROMPT ACTION NECESSARY.

The stampede now in progress to the Tanana country contains a lesson which should not be without a whole-some effect. Many men are leaving Dawson and the surrounding mining districts who under more favorable conditions would not think of relinquishing their interests or the possibility of securing interests in this district.

It is true there are some who, having once succumbed to the stampede fever could not be turned from their purpose by any influence whatsoever, and in such cases argument or inducement is without avail. There is, however, another class of men whose departure from the territory is a distinct loss and who would not leave if they felt assured that conditions in this territory will improve as its natural resources warrant should be the case. There are claim owners in the district who cannot under prevailing conditions develop their ground profitably and, therefore, are obliged to remain inactive. There are men who want employment but who are unable to secure it simply for the reason that there is not work enough for all who apply.

The latter difficulty is a natural corollary of the former and both would be obviated if proper steps were taken. If the claim owner were able to work his ground he would be in a position to employ labor and the situation would thus be relieved from both standpoints.

The whole question hinges upon the possibility of inducing the federal government to take practical measures in aid of the owners of low grade ground.

By common consent of all who are informed upon existing conditions, it is essential that the mining districts be supplied with a cheap and abundant supply of water. It is also agreed that such an undertaking is too important to entrust to private enterprise. It is altogether undesirable that any company of individuals or any corporate institution should be given a hold upon the mining industry such as would be involved by a water monopoly.

With a government system established such as from time to time has been outlined in the columns of this paper there would be made room for twice the number of people now in the territory and the development of its resources would progress upon a marvelously increased scale.

The point should be brought home to the government at this time that delay in the foregoing and kindred matters will necessarily cause a loss of population which the territory can ill afford, and which, in the event that new strikes are made in Alaskan territory, will ultimately prove disastrous.

Prompt steps should be taken to provide against such a contingency and circumstances are favorable to securing the desired action.

All the facts bearing upon the Tanana stampede should be laid before the government without delay and the necessity made plain for such remedial legislation as will prevent any serious loss of Yukon's present population.

THE ONLY FEASIBLE ROUTE: The tide of travel now rushing from various coast points in the direction of Tanana can be and should be brought in the direction of Dawson.

son. There is no other point within 2,000 miles of the new diggings where supplies can be obtained and none can be landed at Fairbanks by the St. Michael route earlier than July 15. Until that date therefore the business of supplying the Tanana should remain in the hands of local merchants.

There is no need of explaining the facts to people in this district, but it is important that all points bearing upon the situation should be given widespread circulation in the cities on the coast. There is certain to be a flood of travel from those points and with full knowledge of the facts in their possession most of the stampedees would come this way.

If they go by Valdez, they are bound to meet hardship and probable disappointment. By coming in this direction they will be enabled to reach their destination without serious difficulty and at a minimum of expense.

A little judicious effort at this time could be made to return many fold.

The month of March is invariably accompanied by a revival of business. There is already noticeable in commercial circles an easier feeling which will become more apparent with the lapse of a few weeks.

Tanana is all right—perhaps. The mining districts in the neighborhood of Dawson are all right beyond question. That is the difference.

The debut of March has been decidedly lamb-like, which fact we are disposed to regard as a most suspicious circumstance.

Dawson has been moralized into a somewhat demoralized condition.

A Challenge

Dawson, Y. T., March 2, 1903. To the Merchants of Dawson:—The surveyors and civil engineers of Dawson, having had the inestimable privilege of witnessing the late hockey match between the lawyers and doctors, and their ambition having been fired to emulate the athletic triumphs of their brother professionals, hereby challenge you to play a game of hockey on the D. A. rink at some future date, the losing team to supply \$20.00 worth of provisions to any of the city hospitals that may be selected.

The said surveyors and civil engineers wish it to be distinctly understood that they have but a vague idea of the game of hockey themselves, and that all hockey players are barred, with the sole exceptions of R. P. McLennan and Rod. Chisholm.

On behalf of the surveyors and civil engineers. C. S. W. BARWELL.

WEATHER REPORT

Warm Spell Prevails Along the River.

The prevailing warm weather is not confined by any means to Dawson, but extends up and down the river as far as there is telegraphic communication. This condition according to some authorities augurs well for a continuation of present conditions.

The following report was received at noon today:

- Atlin, clear, calm—4 above. Tagish, clear, calm—10 below. Lebarge, clear, northwest wind, 4 above. Hootalingua, clear, calm—zero. Big Salmon, clear, calm—5 above. Yukon Crossing, clear, calm—zero. Selkirk, clear, calm—2 below. Setwyn, clear, calm—zero. Stewart, part cloudy, calm—6 above. Ogilvie, clear, calm—2 below. Dawson, cloudy, calm—1 below. Fortymile, clear, calm—10 above.

"What on earth has happened to you?" asked the safety match. "You look as if you didn't have a spark of life left in you."

"I haven't," replied what was left of the parlor match. "Last night I got mixed up in a saloon scuffle. Somebody struck me and that made me hot. I lost my head and flared up and—well, after that it was the same old story."

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

WE LEAD THE SEASON

Others may keep abreast with the season but WE LEAD. We are already showing our first installment of the Newest Lines of Wash Fabrics, India Linen, Lawns, Nainsocks, Swiss Muslins, Embroideries, Laces, Beadings, &c.

More to follow.

J. P. McLENNAN, 233 FRONT ST. Phone 101-B. Agent for Standard Patterns.

SANDY CROSSING OF THE DELAWARE

By LOUISE R. RHODES

The program of songs and essays prepared for Washington's birthday failed to interest the pupils of the Weston school as the new teacher had hoped it would. A spirit of restlessness possessed the older boys. It was not until Sandy Adams described the crossing of the Delaware that the school settled down to real attention.

Sandy was a boy of many enthusiasms. His description was full of vivid details and so completely was he carried away by his own eloquence that he shivered and groaned as if actually sharing the discomforts of the soldiers.

The teacher concluded the exercises abruptly in order that nothing might mar the effect of Sandy's masterpiece. But she was mistaken if she thought Sandy's essay would remain long in the minds of the children, for something quite as startling as the surprise of the Hessians had occurred in their own village the night before and was still the topic uppermost in the minds of the children as well as of the older people.

Some one had stolen forty head of cattle from Simon Douglass' farm on the edge of the village and although all the men in the neighborhood had turned out in searching parties, no trace of the missing animals had been found.

As soon as the pupils of the village school were released they joined the groups of excited farmers scattered about the street discussing the robbery. But the farmers, instead of discussing the probable identity of the thieves, were busy with speculations as to the road over which the cattle had been driven. The boys soon tired of their elders' wise remarks and drifted into groups of their own.

One little party of friends drifted to the ferry landing to discuss the ship-memorial question in greater privacy. Weston lay in a valley of the Missouri at a point where the river was swift and deep. A ferry was run in summer and in winter the ice served as a natural bridge. But at this time of the year the river was impassable because of floating ice. Old John Morris was a cautious ferryman and utterly refused to risk his boat on the river when the ice was going out.

While the other boys sat about the ferry landing, Sandy Adams, not yet wholly recovered from the effect of his essay, wandered about by himself mentally comparing the rude, fretful, shifting Missouri before him to the peaceful Delaware which he had never seen. All at once his attention was arrested by indistinct hoof marks in the sand of the river bank.

"Hi, Larry," he called excitedly to the largest boy in the group, "come a-running!"

Larry sauntered indifferently toward Sandy, but his indifference vanished as Sandy pointed to the hoof marks.

"Come on, fellows," he called, and the rest of the group speedily joined him.

The boys listened eagerly when Sandy proposed that they cross the river and hunt for traces of the thieves.

"Old John would never run the ferry with the ice going out like this," said Fred.

"Of course not," agreed Lee. "So it is no use."

"We could take the row boats and dodge the ice cakes as Washington did on the Delaware," urged Sandy.

"Let's pole ice on the front end."

The others agreed and the boat put off. Sandy was quick to see the big blocks of ice that must be avoided and equally quick to pole off the smaller cakes, so the passage was soon accomplished.

There was a small grove of poplars a quarter of a mile from their landing place and the boys silently made their way toward it. Sandy walked with elaborate caution and pictured a score of drunken Hessians in ramp within the grove. As they drew near the wood, hoof marks were plainly visible and the boys unconsciously slackened their pace.

"There's a camper's shack in there somewhere," whispered Lee. The older boys cut stout saplings for their weapons and Sandy staggered under a club nearly his own height.

"What if they carry guns?" whispered Larry.

"Shut up," said Fred. "It's a long chance they are not here now, but we want to see if there's any likelihood of getting back the cattle."

Circling the shack as carefully as possible the boys drew near to the rear and peered through the

for ancestors and greater interest in scientific discovery it would be better for all these Oriental countries.

The man (or woman) who thinks it wrong to improve upon his mother's ideas or habits is not liable to be of much benefit to unborn generations. If no man has ever gone contrary to his mother's ideas of what was best and right the world would still be peopled with primitive races.

If every American had minded his mother in his creed and its interpretation we would still be burning witches and branding brows with the scarlet letter.

It is all very well to mind one's own mother when she is wise and just, but the mere fact of her motherhood does not insure all the intellectual or moral qualities in America or in India.

There is a curious problem which presents itself to one's mind when studying the attitude of the Oriental man toward woman. Why is all his reverence bestowed upon his mother and none upon the mother of his children? It is useless to deny the fact that he rarely considers his wife in a much higher light than a favorite servant. He gives her no such reverence as he does his mother. This is almost universally the case.

It is a good thing that America and India are becoming acquainted. Each country can aid the other. I do not think India needs our religion but it does need our knowledge of hygiene and its women need a little of our freedom and independence. However charming their lives may seem to the romantic minded tourist with a love for the picturesque, no race of people can develop unless woman walks side by side with man, his mate and companion in all things.

Turkey's Denial. Paris, Feb. 10.—Officials here are not disposed to accept the Porte's assurances that Turkey has no intention of mobilizing a large number of troops. When Turkey's denial was brought to the attention of the officials here who have access to the government source of information, the following reply was made:

"We have received similar pacific assurances from Turkish sources, but our own information is positive and specific that orders for the mobilization have been actually issued. This was three days ago, and we are unable to say whether the execution of the order is withheld in view of the effect they have produced among the powers, who are seeking to reinforce the Balkans. Our advisers further show that the mobilization would affect 240,000 troops."

The French government's policy appears to be shaping on its advice, without reference to the quieting Turkish assurances.

Will Not Open.

Everett, Wash., Feb. 11.—The expected opening of the Chukanut cut-off tomorrow between Fairhaven and Belleville will not occur, as the Great Northern has found it impossible to complete the line by that time. March 1 is the date now set for the opening of the cut-off.

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Thomas A. Edison, in a stain-spot-
 ted suit and an old slouch hat drawn
 well down on his forehead, straight-
 ened up from a dilapidated little table
 over which he had been bending, and
 threw a stub of a pencil down on a
 yellow pad of paper, and settled back
 in an arm chair.

"At last," he said, "I've finished
 work on my storage battery and now
 I'm going to take a rest."
 He gazed thoughtfully out of a win-
 dow of his laboratory office for a mo-
 ment.

"For I'm tired—very tired," he
 added simply. "I'm all worn out."
 Next second his eyes twinkled merrily.

"Yes, I've planned for a great vaca-
 tion. I'm going to Florida, where I'm
 going to stay for a few days. And the best
 part of it all is this—it will last two
 years."

Mr. Edison rubbed his hands in an-
 ticipatory joy.

"I'm going to have a fine time—
 splendid time during these two years.
 I'm just going to rest. Yes, sir,
 that's what I'm going to do, and I'll
 tell you how I'm going to do it. Up
 in my house across the street I've a
 big book of over 400 pages filled with
 notes that I've jotted down from
 time to time during the last fifteen
 or twenty years. They relate to
 things I've observed while working
 out my various inventions, and I've
 simply put them down and done noth-
 ing with them because I've not had
 time to investigate these various in-
 ventive phenomena. Now, however,
 I'm tired—thoroughly tired—and I've
 made up my mind to drop industrial
 science for two whole years and rest
 myself by taking up pure science—
 by investigating the thousand and
 one properties of metals and chemi-
 cals that I've got notes about in my
 book.

"Strenuous vacation? Not a bit of
 it. All I'm going to do is what every
 pure scientist does—the fellow who
 finds out the actions of metals and
 chemicals under different conditions
 and in various combinations by ex-
 perimenting, but who does not apply
 the results, industrially.

"Guided by my notes, I'm going to
 mix things in laboratory mortars
 and chemists' tubes and what not
 and watch for results. That's all
 pure science does. It never thinks
 things out, like industrial science. It
 just blunders, stumbles against dis-
 coveries, while industrial science is
 the result, in greater part, of concen-
 trated and consecutive thought.

"It will be fun and maybe I'll find
 out something worth while—who can
 tell? Anyway, I'm looking forward
 to a real good time, and I believe
 that by hustling a little I'll be able
 to investigate everything that I've
 noted about in my book."

What his notes relate to Mr. Edi-
 son will not disclose, except to say
 that one of his investigations will be
 directed toward finding a wood that
 will be a good substitute for coal,
 when that fuel becomes more scarce
 and a great deal more expensive than
 at present.

"I truly believe," said Mr. Edison
 "that the time will come when we in
 this country will secure most of our
 heat from wood in some form or other.
 The wood that will be used will
 come largely from tropical—South
 America, where sprouts spring into
 full grown trees in three or four
 years. Then the vast Amazonian for-
 ests will be worked and nourished on
 a scientific basis by capitalistic syn-
 dicates and the world's fuel supply
 that conserved for all time. And
 science will find a way to make the
 wood almost, if not as good, for
 heating purposes as coal. Perhaps it
 will be used something after the man-
 ner of charcoal—I believe that char-
 coal will some day be pretty gener-
 ally used in the place of coal."

"Don't think that we'll live to
 see all this. The coal supply in this
 country is far greater than most peo-
 ple imagine. Immense deposits in the
 Hudson Bay region are waiting to be
 opened, and great lignite beds are
 still unworked. Only after these and
 the present mines are worked out
 will people turn to the forests of
 tropical South America for their fuel.
 When that will be, time alone can
 tell—perhaps not before the days of
 our grandchildren's grandchildren.
 But sooner or later it will come, and
 it won't do any harm for me to fol-
 low up certain observations about
 tropical wood as a fuel that I've jotted
 down in my books years ago.

"I'll all be a part of my rest, you
 know, and recreation means pleasure,
 doesn't it?"

Mr. Edison thinks that the growing
 of wood for fuel on land in temperate
 America would not prove remunera-
 tive enough for serious undertaking.

"There are thousands of this country
 now uncultivated land in temperate
 America admirably adapted for such a
 purpose," he said, "but the scheme is
 impracticable for the simple reason
 that our climate is not tropical
 enough to insure quick growth to the
 trees. After an acre was once cleared
 of wood, it would take sprouts six or
 eight or ten years to attain sufficient
 size for fuel purposes. This fact alone
 militates against such a plan to pro-
 vide a substitute for coal.

"Some enterprising fellow, though,
 could make a small fortune by secur-
 ing control of several thousand acres
 of land of this description already
 wooded and harvesting the crop. I
 have about 25,000 acres of stunted
 woodland up in the Orange mountains
 and I've figured out that each acre is
 capable of supplying the fuel equiv-
 alent of a ton of coal. Just now in
 my laboratories I'm burning a lot of
 this wood, thus outwitting the men
 who these days are getting two or
 three times the usual price of coal."

"The scheme to secure heat by bor-
 ing down to the earth's center also
 appeals to me as being impracticable,
 except in volcanic regions. There the
 earth's crust is thin and the molten
 matter comparatively near the sur-
 face; hence, it could be easily reached
 and obtained by means of pipes sunk
 down to it and utilized for manufac-
 turing and heating purposes. In the
 non-volcanic regions the crust is too
 thick and the molten interior so far
 distant that to reach it by boring
 would be a too problematical under-
 taking for invested capital. And that
 part of the world is non-volcanic
 where heat is needed for bodily com-
 fort and fuel consuming industries
 thrive.

"But while many men are busying
 themselves with these and other
 schemes to secure heat, on the other
 hand, if the signs of the times count
 for anything, I believe that the next
 few years will witness a great devel-
 opment of hitherto unworked coal
 fields by big manufacturers. The late
 coal strike has proven to them that
 they must have their own mines and
 in this way be independent of outside
 operators and insure against enforced
 closing down of their mills for lack
 of fuel.

"I happen to know of several own-
 ers of industrial establishments who
 are already seeking to secure and
 work coal lands, and these men as-
 sure me that many of their rivals are
 aiming in the same direction."

Here Mr. Edison reverted to his vaca-
 tion.

"Now that I'm going to take a rest
 and am beginning to get a true per-
 spective of the last twenty years of
 my life, I begin to realize more than
 ever before how very little I know—
 how very little I have accomplished.
 Why, with all my work in electricity
 I don't know what electricity is.
 True I've thought out several inven-
 tions and made my brain and body
 weary thereby, and I've got my name
 noised about, but what have I done—
 what do I know—after all? Why,
 simply this—very little, hardly any-
 thing, when we think of the things
 still to be done and still to be learn-
 ed—of the forces all around us that
 we don't understand in the least,
 that we scarcely dream of.

"Yes, sir, that's the gospel truth.
 But say," Mr. Edison's eyes laughed
 merrily—they are eyes that never lose
 their sparkle and fire, no matter how
 tired the rest of their possessor's
 body may be—"perhaps I'll learn a
 little bit of the unknown during my
 two years' vacation. Anyway, I'm
 going to work hard to do so, and
 I'm going to have a fine rest."

"I say, auntie, uncle said this
 morning that there wasn't another
 woman like you in the world."

"Ah, the dear, good fellow, did he
 really, Freddy?"

"Yes; and he said it was a jolly
 good job, too!"—TH-Bits.

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GAME WAS A STEMWINDER

Athletics Put Up Hottest Hockey This Year

The Civil Service Veterans Win as Usual, But They Had a Stiff Fight.

Hockey was played for old times
 sake Saturday night and the spec-
 tators had the best run for their four
 bits that has been given them this
 winter. The game was a stemwinder
 from start to finish and for the first
 time this season the Civil Service
 realized they were up against the real
 thing. There was no horse play on
 the part of the government employes
 as there often has been in the past
 when playing with one of the inferior
 teams; things were too serious to
 admit of any grand stand effects, and
 besides, the pace set from the very
 touch-off was too fast. "Old Hoss"
 McLennan was a past master in juggling
 with the puck and under ordinary
 conditions and with the average
 knight of the stick he can play with
 him as a cat would with a mouse.
 But he cut that all out Saturday
 night and sawed wood as assiduously
 as though the championship of Can-
 ada had been at stake. There was
 not a man on the Civil Service team
 that did not play the game for all he
 was worth and when it was finished
 they all admitted they had been play-
 ing real hockey.

As for the Athletics, they put up
 the play of their lives. During the
 week previous they put in some hard
 practice and it told in their play
 they were never in better condition,
 were Johnnie on the spot at all
 times, their combination work was
 more effective, their shooting was
 more certain and the way they
 crowded things at critical moments
 warmed the soul of Dick Moreton,
 their manager.

A good crowd was in attendance
 and the yelling and hooting was con-
 tinuous from the time Bennett and
 Albert Forrest faced off until the call
 of time at the conclusion of the last

half. The sympathies of the crowd,
 too, were entirely with the D.A.A.A.,
 just the same as they have been for
 the last four or five games in which
 the Civil Service took part. The lat-
 ter could not get a pleasant smile
 and it would have been disheartening
 to anyone except to such old veter-
 ans. The crowd wanted the Athletics
 to win and they boosted until one
 would have imagined every mother's
 son was possessed of a pair of leath-
 er lungs. If one of the D.A.A.A. ag-
 gregation made a good run, a good
 shot or a clever steal of the puck
 everyone yelled like mad, and if one
 of the Civil Service was heavily
 checked, was tripped and fell, lost his
 stick or went down in a scramble the
 same gentle form of approval was
 turned loose with various verbal
 trimmings. It was not that the
 crowd was antagonistic to the Civil
 Service or that the latter had become
 arrogant on account of their unbroken
 line of victories, but they have won
 so continuously that it would be a
 relief to see the ice mopped up with
 them occasionally. The main strength
 in the Civil Service as everyone will
 admit is in their forward line which
 is superb. Bennett, McLennan, Watt
 and Kennedy work together like parts
 of a machine, they never lose their
 heads, are swift, cracklebacks at
 shooting and can stand all the rough
 play that comes their way. Where
 they excel on their forward line the
 Athletics can beat them to death on
 the defense. Timmins, Wright and
 Gibbons is the best trio that ever
 stepped on the ice in the city of Daw-
 son.

At the beginning of the play Ben-
 nett and Albert Forrest faced off and
 the play became red hot right from
 the very outset. For several minutes
 the puck caromed back and forth in a
 series of long lifts, Hope and Wright
 being fully equal in their skill of
 sending the disc whirling through the
 air. Bennett finally nailed the rubber
 and by some lightning combinations
 with Watt and Kennedy succeeded in
 carrying it forward to a dangerous
 position for the Athletics. There was
 a scramble in which Martin and the
 two Forrest boys were in the thick
 of it and Watt might have scored a
 goal had he not made an off-side play.
 In the touch-off that followed the
 Athletics managed to get their goal
 out of danger and a moment later
 Martin came tearing down the center
 like a steam engine, took a long shot
 and just narrowly missed scoring a

goal. Kennedy shortly afterward
 took the same sort of a chance, send-
 ing a shot into Timmins that had all
 kinds of steam behind it. He caught
 the puck and passing it quickly for-
 ward to Wright (the latter made a
 long lift to directly in front of the
 Service goal. It passed Hope and Al-
 bert Forrest happening on the spot
 at such an opportune moment quickly
 showed it into the net. The goal was
 allowed though it was claimed after
 the game that it had been sht on an
 off-side play and should not have
 been counted. Only five minutes of
 play had lapsed and the crowd went
 wild with delight when the goal um-
 pire's hand went up in the air. It
 looked bad for the Civil Service.

Scoring first blood was to the Ath-
 letics like taking a fresh shot of cour-
 age and they went at it again as
 though the salvation of the world de-
 pended upon their success. Wright
 made a number of fine plays and Tim-
 mins never covered the goal better in
 all his life. The play was becoming
 faster every minute and quite an ele-
 ment of roughness was becoming ap-
 parent. Paul Forrest made a fine
 run and narrowly missed scoring. Mc-
 Lennan tripped young Forrest causing
 the lad to stand on his ear and was
 given a lay-off of five minutes. For
 three minutes the play in front of the
 Service goal was "torrid in the ex-
 treme. Bennett finally relieved the
 tension by getting hold of the puck
 and with Watt and Kennedy started
 down the line. Half way down the
 rink they butted into Strickland and
 Martin, the former taking the rubber
 and making for home. Bennett plo-
 ving up the ice on a healthy check
 from Martin, Gibson and McLennan
 got into a mixup and the ball ended
 with the wildest kind of cheers, the
 puck being in the Service territory.

The play in the second half opened
 up fully as stiff as it had been in the
 first though the killing pace was not
 kept up to the end. Friends of the
 Athletics were sure they had a win
 in sight, but as it turned out they
 had another guess coming. The
 Civil Service did not get rattled nor
 did the cheers for the other side ap-
 pear to discommode them in the
 least, they just went at it and sawed
 wood in the same old way. Sepkler
 made some fine stops in the latter
 half, one of them being from Martin
 and it was so hot it made the air
 sizzle. Paul Forrest made an excel-
 lent run after five minutes of play,
 passing all his opponents in spite of

trips and checks and delivering the
 goods right at the net. Sepkler was
 in the way again, however, and he
 failed to score. Kennedy a moment
 later came down the rink like a
 house on fire, but was checked by
 Strickland and his good run availed
 nothing. At ten minutes a fierce
 scrimmage occurred and Paul For-
 rest was sent to the wall for two
 minutes for rough work.

At the end of fifteen minutes play
 Ellbeck scored the first goal for the
 Service on a shot that he could not
 duplicate in probably a thousand
 tries. There had been a fierce scrim-
 mage around the Athletic goal in
 which Wright had received the worst
 of it, as it developed later he had a
 tendon in one of his arms broken.
 The puck had been sent flying back
 into Service territory and Ellbeck
 securing it had lifted back again to
 the other end. The play had not re-
 quired over a few seconds and when
 the rubber came sailing through the
 air toward the goal Timmins was
 watching Wright who was still lying
 on the ice. The puck landed in front
 of the goal and had just momentum
 enough to slide between the posts
 while Timmins' eyes were in another
 direction. Though entitled to the
 goal, yet the shot was a fluke and it
 was not earned.

Shortly after the puck had again
 been put in play there was a mixup
 for your life around the Athletic goal
 and in their eagerness to score it
 seemed as though the Service chaps
 would crowd players as well as puck
 into the net. Gibson finally emer-
 ged and started down the line only to
 be checked by McLennan. Paul For-
 rest sent a liner through both the
 points of the Service team but failed
 to land in the net. Another scri-
 m occurred around the Athletic goal
 in the midst of which was McLennan,
 who finally broke loose, circled
 around the crowd to a point in front
 of the net and shot as pretty a goal
 as one could wish to see, the time

being nine minutes after the goal by
 Ellbeck. That was the last scored
 by either side though there was but
 little diminution in the fierceness of
 the play until the timekeeper's
 whistle was sounded. The game was
 not only the best of the season but
 was probably the best ever seen in
 Dawson. Every man on both sides
 played for keeps. Some of the rock-
 ey cranks present insist that the
 Athletics put up the best game and
 that they would have won had it not
 been for the fluke made by Ellbeck,
 but whether such is true or not it
 can not be denied that the Civil Ser-
 vice were aware they had been play-
 ing hockey when the game was in-
 aught. The following is the lineup of
 the two teams:

Civil Service—Goal, Senkler, point,
 Hope, coverpoint, Ellbeck, forwards,
 Bennett, McLennan, Watt and Ken-
 nedy.

D. A. A.—Goal, Timmins;
 point, Wright, coverpoint, Gibson,
 forwards, Paul Forrest, Albert For-
 rest, Strickland and Martin.

Score—2 to 1 in favor of the Civil
 Service.

Referee—Tom Watt.
 Timekeeper—W. H. B. Lyons.
 Goal umpires—J. C. McLagan and
 L. M. Bullock.

The following is the standing of
 the clubs to date:

Club	Pld.	Won	Lost	P.C.
Civil Service	2	2	0	1000
City Eagles	3	3	0	967
D. A. A.	11	3	8	297

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COMES BACK TO DAWSON

Captain Donovan Has a Trip Abroad

London and New York Capitalists. Irish People Are Contented. Wonders of Marconi.

Captain John J. Donovan returned from a trip to the "ould sod" on Saturday and is staying at the Regina. He had not visited his old home in County Cork for twenty-two years, and was much surprised at the general change which has taken place there.

"It seemed to me," said the captain this morning, "that Ireland's troubles are practically over. I found the people entirely contented and generally prosperous. I do not believe that there will be as large a migration to Canada and the United States as there has been in the past, or any that will amount to much. This changed condition of affairs, I was told, was largely due to the land bill, which when I was there was believed to be certain to pass. Eighty per cent. of the landlords are now out of the country, and they all favor this land bill. It provides that the government shall purchase these lands from the absentee landlords and sell them to the farmers on long terms. To this nearly all the landlords are agreed. There are also many other things in this land bill which will help the people and, as I tell you, they seemed to be perfectly content and prosperous."

"There is another thing. Probably matters have never been as bad in Ireland as they have been described in the newspapers. There you hear nothing of these strenuous agitations and lashings of authorities we have read so much about. After a couple of weeks spent in his old home the captain says that he went to London, which he found very quiet. The country was suffering from the conclusion of the Boer war at the time. That was in January. Also it was the rainy season there, and that helped to make matters seem worse to the visitor. He met Chief Wills there, and was invited to go with him to Paris but was prevented by indisposition. To the Klondikers the Klondike seemed to be an old story, and anyway, in the circles of capital, London was very quiet at the time.

"But I will tell you what every Canadian I saw took a deep interest in," he observed, "and that was in the election of Ross. I left here on the 12th of October, and was in Canada when the news came of his election. Everybody seemed to be jubilant about it, and the Canadians in London were particularly pleased. I was surprised to find how widely and favorably Mr. Ross was known.

"But they keep up with things taking place here pretty well. While I was in Ireland a friend brought me a morning newspaper with an account in it of the Second Avenue fire. The report said that the thermometer was at 88 below, and that the extreme cold was killing off the Indians but that the whites were standing it pretty well.

"But I did not hear much talk among the capitalists of the old country as to the Klondike. It was, as I said, an old story with them, and their eyes were then turned in the direction of South Africa. In New York city Alaska seemed to be having quite a boom. It looked to me, from all I could hear, as if the Valdes railroad was bound to go through. The company had large offices there, with a big sign 'Valdes & Eagle City Railroad,' and it seemed to be doing business. When I got to Seattle I was told that Captain Healy's Valdes railroad scheme had been thrown down in some way I did not quite understand, but I do not think this had any connection with

the New York enterprise and the chances are that the latter will go through and that the company may begin operations this spring.

"I left New York with Senator Tom Kearnes, of Utah, to pay a visit to Washington, and spent some days with him there seeing the sights. Then I came up to Winnipeg. On the train I met Fred Wade and we talked some about old times in the Yukon. There the bonspiel was on and I met with many old timers of this country who had come in from Brandon and other places. They had twenty-two curlers from Scotland there at the time, and the place seemed to be curling mad.

"Winnipeg is having a great boom. There is a lack of hotel accommodation, and the C.P.R. is building a hotel at the depot that is to cost \$3,000,000. Our old friend Col. Bill Rourke is managing the Granite Curling rink there, and is winning all before him.

"All over Canada there is a great deal of business activity now, and a good deal of interest is taken in the Grand Trunk railway extension and in the projected McKenzie & Mann line from Edmonton to Port Simpson. I was informed that both bills are certain to go through. But whether Port Simpson will be the port for the latter or not there seemed to be some question. They are talking of another port, the name of which I forget, sixty miles inland, which shortens the railway haul that much."

When asked in regard to the Chute & Wills deal the captain said he believed it had gone through but he would prefer to say nothing about it as Chief Wills would be in in a few days.

The captain has been shaking hands with everybody since his arrival, but he leaves for his mines 5 and 6 below lower on Dominion tomorrow or next day.

"By the way," he said at the conclusion of a chat this noon, "I do not think you fellows up here realize what a wonderful thing that Marconi system is. I came back on the Lucania, and when two days out sent a message to my mother in Ireland and received a reply. On the same vessel was a detective named McCarthy who was bringing from England a man who had been extradited for a murder committed at the Chicago World's Fair. In mid-ocean this detective received a message from a firm in New York asking if he had the prisoner. The message came from the steamer Philadelphia, then on its way to England and I don't know how many miles away from us at the time the message was sent, as the outbound and inbound courses of the Atlantic are very wide apart at some places. The detective replied. It is truly a wonderful thing. Messages were coming and going all the time."

The death of Capt. W. J. Doane, one of the early pioneers of this province, is announced from Olympia, where he passed away on Thursday, Dec. 28, 1898. He was born in Bangor, Maine, on January 16th, 1825. In the pioneer days of British Columbia he was a participant in the Fraser river excitement. In Cassiar he enjoyed the distinction of having built the first steamer, packing the material used in her construction over the mountains two hundred miles. At different times he held the command of the steamers Union, Enterprise, Diana and Eliza Anderson. From here he and his family moved to California, where he remained until 1872, when he returned to Puget Sound, locating in Olympia. The captain was married in this city to Elizabeth Prendergast. He leaves two sons—Victoria Times, Feb. 17, 1899.

The Seattle Times says: "The local customs officials are making an effort to find the headquarters of a gang of Indian smugglers who are almost daily landing Chinamen from Victoria in Seattle and points about the Sound. It is stated that the Indians take the Celestials aboard their small boats and dress them in the garb of the squaw. In that way they pass many of the officials unnoticed. The revenue cutter Grant and the launches Guard and Scout are daily making trips about the harbor and in the vicinity of Salmon Bay in an effort to run down the smugglers."

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JUDGMENT AMENDED

Important Decision by Mr. Justice Craig

Accounting is Directed in Case of Bank of Commerce vs. the Syndicat Lyonnaise.

Mr. Justice Craig this morning rendered a supplemental judgment in the case of the Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. the Syndicat Lyonnaise and Joseph Barrett. After rendering the original judgment in the case, counsel for the Syndicat applied to have such added to or varied by directing an account to be taken between the bank and Barrett for the purpose of ascertaining if any surplus remains in the hands of the bank on the payment of the mortgage sued upon over and above the amount of their claim against Barrett, and that upon such balance being ascertained directions should be made to set off the same against the damages recovered in the action against the defendant Barrett.

It was argued that his lordship had no power to alter or vary the judgment once given, but upon that point the court held differently, submitting in the supplementary judgment a number of citations in point with his decision. After clearly defining the position taken, his lordship continues:

"In this case while the particular relief now asked for was not definitely applied for in the pleadings, yet it was indirectly asked for in that the defendant Syndicat asked to have the entire damages set off against the bank, as being the assignee of the defendant Barrett. I held that the bank should recover, and the main ground for so holding was that they took the benefit of the vendor's lien for unpaid purchase money under the assignment which I held was a void assignment, but it gave them that equitable relief. I think this is a case where if the relief can be given at all it should be given. The damages arise out of one transaction. No further evidence could have been given upon the case which would throw any further light upon the relations of the parties than has been given. The plaintiffs will suffer no wrong by the change being made now. They could not have strengthened their case upon this branch of it even if the amendment had been made before the trial."

Mr. Davey on behalf of third persons now creditors of Barrett, claims a right to interpose and be heard on behalf of his clients who he alleges and who it is suggested by the bank have obtained an assignment of the fund now sought to be affected. I do not think that these parties have any status to appear before me on this motion. I have read the cases cited to me by Mr. Davey and I do not think they are at all applicable. He might just as well have asked to be heard on the argument on the original case without being a party to the suit. I do not think he has any equitable ground to be heard, either because if effect is given to his contention, then the creditors of Barrett would be enabled to realize upon an estate which was never an estate of Barrett's but made such in roundabout fashion by the mortgage or vendor's lien, against the defendant Syndicat.

"It was also objected that this is a set-off, which cannot be raised in this action, there being no recovery against the bank by way of counterclaim or set-off, and the counterclaim being recovered in what is practically a cross action for deceit against Barrett it cannot now be set off by any proceeding or account against the plaintiffs, the bank, that they should not be delayed by any such inquiry. The defendant Barrett was not properly made a third party in this case until the trial as he had not been served with notice of the claim. The bank, however, was served with notice of the claim when they were served with the defendant's counterclaim, and at the trial by consent Barrett became a party regularly to the suit. I think the third party pro-

ceedings provide for this very kind of case, and I think the rule in a strict interpretation, provides for set-off against the plaintiffs, just such claims as these which arose against third parties who are parties to the action and of whose claims notice has been duly given under that sub-section 3.

As to the time at which the account shall be taken I do not think that I should grant the request that the account be taken at the date of the transaction of the mortgage. I do not think the position of the bank should be prejudiced in any way by this accounting between the Syndicat and Barrett. They had full notice of the claim, and of all the allegations on which this amended judgment is based when they were served with the defendant's counterclaim, and the account should be at that date and should not affect any dealings between Barrett and the bank prior to that date.

"There will then be direction for an account to be taken as between the plaintiffs and the defendant Barrett at the date mentioned, but upon the terms that the defendant Syndicat pay into court the sum of \$70,000, that is, pay in such additional sum as with the sum now in court will amount to \$70,000, upon the taking out of the order of reference of the acting clerk of the court, Mr. J. S. Mackay, who will take this account, and that the balance, if any, found in the hands of the bank more than enough to satisfy their claim, costs of action and the costs of reference, shall be applied in satisfaction, pro tanto, of the claim for damages of the defendants against the defendant Barrett, and the judgment will be amended accordingly."

Off for the Tanana

Two more outfits left for the Tanana this morning at 11 o'clock consisting of Howard Martin and Malcolm Campbell. They each had a team of three dogs and their sleds were heavily laden for such a long mush and with such a small team. Quite a number of their friends saw them off and there were a number of predictions made that they would never reach their destination with their outfits unless they secured more dogs en route.

Treasure Island May Belong to the United States

I was in the palace in Havana when President Palma accepted for Cuba the temporary guardianship of the Isle of Pines, pending negotiations, and desiring to see this bit of earth which might some day be ours, lying less than a hundred miles to the south, I set out for its shores as soon as the celebration was over.

The island's dim peak came up over our horizon early in the tropical morning, grew to a glowing mountain by noon, but it was not until the sun was going down in the most gorgeous of skies that we entered the mangrove-bordered estuary which lets the boats of modest keel up into the level stretches of what seemed at a distance but a luminous cone. It was nightfall when we reached the wharf of the little pueblo-capital, Nueva Gerona, and I stumbled then through the darkness a mile or two farther across the fields to the hospitality of an American resident who with a Danish cook, an ice-plant, and a swimming pool built across the path of a stream of sweet cool water, was moving the boundaries of civilized and temperate happiness nearer the equator.

It was not till the afternoon of the second day, that, wandering alone about the hacienda, I came upon Stevenson, reembodying in that loved volume, Treasure Island. I was, however, not surprised to find him there, this was the zone of his acclamation, the latitude in which his imagination had often traveled. He had not many companions there, a few recent magazines (from which alas his name had disappeared), an engineer's logarithmic tables, catalogues and farming utensils, a "fotal guide," and an orange-grower's handbook. But he had fumes of the Padre's tobacco upon his clothing so I knew that he was not without human friendship, even there, and that he had probably sat late with the Dominican Father the night before. From "The Isle of Pines," by John Finley, in the February Scribner's.

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Uncontested Districts

The next house of representatives will have 386 members and of these 31 were elected without a contest in their districts. Some 200 others come from districts which though contested were so strongly favorable to one political party or the other as to make a nomination by the majority party about equivalent to an election. Before the election last November the Republican advocates of the plan for reducing the Republican national conventions hereafter the representation of those states in which the Republican presidential electors get only a scattering vote pointed to the large number of congressional districts in the south uncontested by Republicans as proof of the soundness of their project. There were, it is said, forty-five districts in which the Republicans failed to put candidates in the field.

As a result of this agitation in Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee, full tickets were nominated but there was not a single Republican nominated for congress in Florida, Georgia or Mississippi, and in Texas two districts were given over to the Democrats without a struggle. These were the districts uncontested by the Republicans:

- Arkansas 1
Florida 1
Georgia 1
Illinois 1
Kentucky 1
Mississippi 4
South Carolina 1
Texas 2

Total 28. The uncontested Illinois district is within the city of Chicago and so strongly Democratic as to afford a Republican nominee not even a fighting chance.

On the Democratic side nominations were made for congress at last year's election in all the districts of the country except the six which are in the city of Philadelphia. In these six no nominations were made by the Democrats and in all of them Republicans were returned by a practically unanimous vote.

Lightning Trains Planned

Paris, Feb. 14.—Some French and Belgian engineers are working on a scheme to reduce the time of the journey by rail between Paris and Brussels, 191 miles, from six to two hours, by electric trains, so that Parisians may lunch at home, take a train to Brussels, transact business there, and return to Paris for dinner. The cost each way is to be \$4. The system will be double track, with the accumulators of the cars united with each other by cables. All cars are to be first-class. The termini will be in the center of the business in each city. The trip will be made at the rate of ninety-four miles an hour, including stops.

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CLOSING ACCOUNTS

List of Delinquent Tax Payers Prepared

Small Amount of Taxes Yet Remains Unpaid—City Clerk Prepared.

City Assessor E. Ward Smith has been busy the past few days winding up the tax lists and giving receipts for the few delinquencies outstanding. Property on which taxes have not been paid is now subject to seizure and may be sold at any time. As a matter of fact, however, there are few cases where sales will be made. Less than \$2000 still remain uncollected and this for the most part is charged against a number of small shacks and cabins scattered along the hill east of town. Some of them have been abandoned and others are tumble-down affairs which the owners scarcely consider worth the taxes. Occasionally one of them is sold and when such deals are made the arrearages are always paid. In that way a few dollars are found every week or so for the city treasury. This morning the clerk's assistant was busy making out checks for February bills which his worship the mayor will sign this afternoon.

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