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The Gold Commissioner Exonerated in Mass Meeting

WHEN CONFRONTED BY MAJOR WALSH HE EATS HIS OWN WORDS

Shields Himself Behind a Lady for Defence

The "Nugget" Confronts the Unhappy Recorder With the Citizens Committee Reports to the Mass Meeting; Then the Commissioner Retracts and Disappears Like the Vil- lain in the Play.

The lengthy report of the citizens' committee to the mass meeting on Tuesday evening was in the nature of a sensation. Gold Commissioner, Thomas Fawcett, had been shown by the local paper in a very bad light as will be seen in the reprinted article in a late issue. An indignation meeting of miners had appointed a committee to investigate the gold commissioner and they had put to him some very sharp but pertinent questions. His replies to these questions were given out in the meeting and were accepted as gospel. Major Walsh had been shown to the world by Thomas Fawcett, Esq., to have not only deliberately prevaricated, but to have, with cunning duplicity used his subordinate for a shield for his own iniquities and shortcomings.

The crowd had laughed merrily when the gold commissioner deliberately accused the Major of sending a lady to him with an order for a "permit to prospect forbidden ground." What a revelation to know that the Major and his council "were in the habit of signing the poor gold commissioner's name" whenever it suited them to cover their own tracks. What an abuse of a poor, overworked recorder had been perpetrated by his superiors! Over and over again to the questions, "Who has done this?" or "Who did that?" Mr. Fawcett had replied, "Major Walsh! Major Walsh!" "Poor Tom Fawcett" was in everyone's mouth, and as the extent of his woes became more and more apparent, a strong wave of sympathy passed over the meeting and took in even the Nugget. If what the gold commissioner said of Walsh were true then was the Major tramping upon an inferior in an unheard-of fashion. Documents had been signed without his knowledge or consent and foisted upon the public as the doings of Thomas Fawcett.

Changes in dates had been made deliberately and charged to Thomas Fawcett. The Major had pursued a vacillating course and deliberately allowed the adman to fall upon his inferior, who stated to the committee that he was merely as one of his clerks—no more and no less. A lady friend of the Major had pursued the hapless gold commissioner, and with Major Walsh's diabolical orders in her hand had hidden him step aside from the paths of rectitude and issue a permit to prospect ground he was holding closed against 20,000 eager, struggling applicants, and which was widely known as "forbidden ground."

The poor, dispirited gold commissioner was impelled by his sworn respect for the orders of his superiors to issue that positively illegal permit. That is all; he wouldn't dare say "no" when his superior said "YES!"

"Woe! woe! woe!!! is me, when designing men encompass me round about."

Documents of destruction had been designed in darkness, and put forth as his. He had not even been used as a puppet—for a puppet takes part in its own helplessness. No; he was not even the entspaw used by the monkey to draw round chestnuts from the fire.

Such was the substance of Mr. Fawcett's an-

swer to the citizens' committee. The veracity of the committee is undoubted and unshaken. Most of the questions had been carefully written out and the answers just as carefully taken down. That the gold commissioner would deliberately prevaricate on matters which could so easily be verified or proven false, was the last thing anyone thought of. Therefore, the mass meeting of 3000 people swallowed Mr. Fawcett's vindication of himself as readily as a gourmand could swallow an Eastern oyster. "What do you think of Major Walsh now?" was asked a thousand times of the NUGGET representative.

The NUGGET had nothing to say, but early Wednesday morning, a representative found his way to the headquarters building armed with as formidable a pile of papers as ever disconcerted a government official. Some leading questions were in the NUGGET pocketbook and some sharp retaliations for misinformation, taking shape. Mr. Fawcett refused to meet the NUGGET man in Major Walsh's presence—or anywhere else for that matter. The next best thing was to fire some questions at the Yukon commissioner.

"Is it a fact that you or the council sign Mr. Fawcett's name whenever you so desire?"

"No!"

"Have you yourself signed his name?"

"No!!!"

"Has Mr. Fawcett's name ever been signed to documents without his knowledge and consent or against his expressed wishes?"

"No!!!"

"Then how do you account for Mr. Fawcett's reply to the following question put to him by the citizens' committee: 'Why did you issue a mandate saying permits would be issued on July 11 to persons desirous of prospecting bench claims?' Mr. Fawcett's answer was: 'The notice was framed by the council without my being consulted and I had nothing to do with it. It was signed by the council.'"

The major was astounded. He assured the NUGGET that Mr. Fawcett must have been misquoted. He explained that when in council any matters decided upon were signed by his own private secretary who was also secretary of the council, whether the signature was his own, Mr. Fawcett's or Mr. Wade's. The major made an unsuccessful attempt to get Mr. Fawcett to come and substantiate his words, but the gold commissioner was too wise to face the scribe.

The next question was a pointed one. "Major, regarding the last proclamation Mr. Fawcett says: 'Major Walsh also had this proclamation printed and posted upon the 9th,' and gives the committee the idea that his own hands were clean."

The major was using great self-restraint but was evidently warm. Another attempt was made to get Mr. Fawcett upstairs but it was equally unsuccessful. Major Walsh stated that the gold commissioner was the advocate of the measure, drafted the document, and either handed it to the printer himself or saw it handed as could be proved by witnesses. As for the date being two days back instead of two days ahead he (the major) was absolutely in the

dark. He desired the day of opening to be on the eleventh.

"Major, the following question was put to Mr. Fawcett with the following answer: 'Did you not issue one or more permits to prospect forbidden ground; and to whom?' The gold commissioner's answer was: 'I have only issued one permit and that was to a lady * * * * * and I issued it by order of Major Walsh.'"

The major was now clearly angry. He declared emphatically that he had never sent anyone to Fawcett for a permit and at this point he took up the scribe's papers which contained the questions and answers of the committee and Mr. Fawcett, and disappeared into the lower offices. An interval of some twenty minutes and the papers were brought back by the Yukon Commissioner; but what a change in the papers. Fawcett had denied his damaging admissions to the committee and in support of his retraction had scratched out all that was to the point and had added in his own hand-writing what must condemn him eternally in the mind of all honest men. The childish minded recorder insists that the citizens' committee misunderstood him for he now admits himself to be one of the council which drew up the disclaimed proclamations. The fickle headed gold commissioner takes back his statement of his utter lunacy of the second proclamation and says in his own hand-writing "And at the major's suggestion I framed the second notice, etc., etc." This changeable incompetent of a gold commissioner, in his own peculiar hieroglyphics, hastens to condemn the committee's veracity and assure the world that he never said the major sent him an order to issue a permit before the date set by the council. "Was ever such a jumping jack of a turn-out in office before? Did such a rattle-brain official ever have such a chance to vex men's souls? That he asserted to the committee that he did so by the major's orders no one on earth doubts who knows the committee. Yet upon being confronted by his perjury he cannot retract too quick. Like the Irishman's flea—when you put your finger on him he is not there. Nail him to a statement and you find him slipping out of his garments and escaping. Prevarication is followed by retraction and we suppose the retraction will be followed by more prevarication. Has he no respect for truth at all? What object could he have in deliberately falsifying to the committee on a matter which anyone can verify in ten minutes?"

Did Mrs. Emma Koch go to Mr. Fawcett with an order for a permit from Major Walsh? or even did she go from Major Walsh's office to Fawcett's as though backed officially in her request for one? On this issue the NUGGET will take its stand. Here is a copy of the permit issued on June 27th, when Dominion Creek was believed by all honest men, who believed in the gold commissioner's integrity, to be closed to friends and foes alike.

MINING DIVISION OF
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
YUKON.
June 28, 1898.

DISTRICT CANADA:
Permission is hereby granted to Mrs. E. Koch to locate or stake a claim on any unstacked and unoccupied ground on the hillsides, on closed portions of Dominion Creek.

THOS. FAWCETT,
Gold Commissioner.

[SEAL.]

What does this cameleopard-hued official say now? Simply this, "I issued under instructions purporting to come from Major Walsh."

This travesty on manhood simply says that the lady lied—not he. Let us see about that. Mrs. Koch is a highly respectable lady of well-known antecedents, industrious and above reproach, as all agree who know her. Her story is supported in every detail by Dr. Arabelle Merrill, who bears letters of endorsement which stamp her a perfect lady and a Christian woman. Her mission in the North West is that of a missionary nurse—a calling she has followed for years.

Mrs. Koch kept a restaurant on Main street before the present overdone rush. A miner told her of some good ground on Dominion but she must get a permit in order to get it. Mrs. Koch is a German lady and knows as little of mines or mining laws as Fawcett himself. In her innocence of heart she presented herself at the recorder's office and asked for a permit. The recorder, in his lofty superiority, knowing that the creek was closed, replied that a permit was unnecessary.

The lady thought the news was too good to be true but, nevertheless, went home with the matter still on her mind. She decided that a forty-mile tramp through the woods was not to be thought of unless she was sure about the permit so she persuaded her friend, Dr. Merrill to go and ask Major Walsh. She felt sure that the Major would not wilfully send her on a wild goose chase. To the doctor's inquiry about the permit the major said: "Why, yes, certainly; the creek is closed and cannot be prospected or staked without a permit." Mrs. Koch was told and went for the permit. It was handed out to her. The ladies will take oath before their God to the above facts. Mrs. Koch had not seen the major and did not mention him.

Is anything more necessary to prove the utter unreliability of the man calling himself gold commissioner? Have we got to pile proof on proof forever before he will have the decency to step down and out? We feel that if this thing goes on we shall get warm after a while and say something.

FAWCETT EXONERATES HIMSELF.

His Answers to the Committee Show Him to Be a Very Ill-used Individual.

The mass meeting which was called on Tuesday evening to hear the report of the two committees appointed at a former mass-meeting to wait upon the gold commissioner, was a success in every particular. Mr. J. Knight Smith, who was chairman of both committees, presided at the meeting. Mr. Geo. C. Armstrong reported for the committee which was to wait upon Mr. Fawcett and get the clerical force and the office itself extended so that the business of the miners could be despatched without the exasperating delays of the past.

Mr. Armstrong reported that the committee had met Mr. Fawcett by appointment one evening and he stated that he was powerless to remedy the evils complained of. Last winter he had been compelled to reduce his clerical force because the stores would not guarantee to feed them all winter. He had no anticipation at the time of the number of "stampedeers" which afterwards took place, nor of the amount of work it would throw upon his office.

The committee replied by letter setting forth the inadequacy of the gold commissioner's force and the delays in every department, and urging that the proper representative at Ottawa be at once communicated with. Mr. Fawcett replied by letter that he had received the intelligence from Ottawa that "a party of 12 persons had been appointed to assist in his office," and the reason they were not already here was probably due to their coming in over the Steeple route. Mr. Armstrong made a few apt remarks on the report and sat down amid applause.

Mr. Frank Dunleavy, for the committee appointed to investigate the Dominion stampede, made a most interesting and valuable report amid much applause and laughter. The committee had written Mr. Fawcett and he met them by appointment. The gold commissioner had met them cordially and frankly and answered all questions freely. He was evidently much worked up over the intangible charges of corruption floating in the air, from Fortymile to Bennett, and had once last winter cleaned his office out entirely of its clerks and called for specific charges from the public. Some were made.

The following questions were put and answered:

"Why were the Dominion bench claims closed to the public in the first place?"

He "didn't know." (Much laughter.)

"Why did you issue a mandate saying permits would be issued on July 11th to persons desirous of prospecting bench claims?"

"The notice was framed by the council without my being consulted and signed by one of that council." (Laughter.)

"Why was that mandate revoked on July 7th, and another issued on the 8th saying 'Hill and bench claims are now open to free miners,' and do you know how some of the public received information before the posting of that proclamation?"

"I thought permits unnecessary and illegal as a miner's right was the only permit required. On my suggestion the second notice was framed on the 8th of July; but I understood it was not to be published until the 11th. Major Walsh had them printed and posted up on the 9th. People went out prior to the 8th and staked with the dates 11th, 12th and 13th; but whether or not they got their information from this office I have no means of knowing. I am only one of the council." (Cries of "Oh! Oh!")

"When did your supreme power as gold commissioner, with regard to mining matters, cease; and who is now responsible for the edicts issued from the gold commissioner's office and signed by you?"

"On the arrival of Major Walsh I had no absolute power as gold commissioner, except in mining disputes, and even that power was conferred on me by Major Walsh." (Much laughter.)

The next question was a pertinent one and was productive of howls of derision and delight:

"Did you not issue one or more permits to prospect forbidden ground; and to whom?"

"I have issued only one permit and that was to a lady (yells of laughter) prior to the first proclamation being thought of."

"Did you do this by anyone's direction?"

"By order of Major Walsh." (Much laughter and applause.)

"Did anyone go out to Dominion Creek previous to July 9th to stake by your advice?"

"Not two men went out to survey, but not to stake." (Cries of derision.)

Mr. Fawcett further stated that he had requested Major Walsh to appoint Judge Mettraire to investigate the charges which had been brought against him; but that Major Walsh said "he had not the power to do so—that the matter better go to Ottawa." Mr. Fawcett further stated that if he had had his own way about the Dominion benches there would have been no "Dominion middle."

Mr. Dunleavy continued his report and said that Mr. Fawcett claimed it was a usual thing for the council to pass orders and sign his name. (Much laughter) He (Fawcett) had been given to understand by the members of the council that the proclamation opening Dominion Creek without permits was not to be made public until the eleventh. To the question as to who had changed this order Mr. Fawcett replied

"Major Walsh." (laughter)
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THAT KLONDIKE CITY AFFAIR

A number of the inhabitants of Klondike City have called at the Nugget office to rectify their grievances about the recent survey of the Klondike City flat, the prices asked the squatters for their own lots and the summary order that they could either pay up at once or get off the ground. The ground was unsurveyed Crown lands until a couple of weeks ago and the majority of the squatters had first sought the then two highest authorities at this place and had been advised to "go ahead and build, if you want, to your squatter's rights will be respected and in time to come you will be assessed a merely nominal sum to defray the cost of the survey." The survey has now been made and the prices of occupied lots vary from \$100 to \$600. What is more, the discontented cabin dwellers are calmly informed that "they have no squatters' rights" as there is no such thing in the whole land.

The Nugget is in sympathy with its practically dispossessed subscribers of Klondike City and will endeavor to make their true standing plain. Legally there are no squatters' rights in any of the territories; that is to say there is no act of Parliament or constitutional provision which gives the squatter any claim on land which he may even have occupied and improved for a lifetime. Morally and by well established precedent the squatter has been decided to practically own the land he occupies. The history of the North West Territories has been a continual history of the attempted dispossession of squatters by understrappers of the government, the resistance (sometimes aroused) of the settlers, and their final recognition by the government. Not a settlement but has its own history on this matter, and every contest establishing a precedent for our Klondike City friends. What is more, the government has even recognized the purchaser of squatters' rights—that is to say individuals who were not squatters themselves but had bought out some one that was.

Here is the situation in a nutshell. Our squatters have well substantiated the fact that a hardship is being worked upon them. Many of them were on poor "lays" last winter and at the present time have barely enough dust in their possession to pay for the lot they occupy. If they pay for the lot they will not have a cent left to lay in their winter's supply. Some of the squatters are well able to pay the assessment but feel outraged that they are being compelled to buy what they already thought they possessed. The Nugget has been appealed to so often, for advice and encouragement, that it here outlines a course which will undoubtedly result in the end in the squatters getting their rights. Let them organize themselves at once and make an assessment of say \$15 apiece. Twenty men will thus raise \$300. This will secure the services of a good Canadian lawyer, (an American would do as well but he can't practice in Canadian courts) who will immediately stop anything like summary ejectment. The case could then be properly presented at Ottawa with the undoubted result that the squatters would eventually be confirmed in their rights.

The armed resistance made by squatters in other territories we cannot for a

moment countenance in the Yukon district. All such talk must be dropped at once. The whole townsite in question is hardly worth the sacrifice of a single human life. Sixteen thousand dollars buys the whole seven blocks. But every man of British extraction knows that never yet was right so secure that resistance to wrong and oppression was not a crying and ever present need. An intolerance of imposition is an attribute of our race. We have become great because of our keen sense of right and intolerance of wrong. Whether it is a matter of a million-dollar townsite as at Edmonton or a handful of the possessed miners at Klondike City, the principle involved is the same. The famous proverb might easily be transposed to read: "Eternal resistance to wrong is the price of liberty."

THE FIRE SITUATION

The city of Dawson is growing faster probably than any city in the North West Territory ever grew. It must be admitted that the most of the buildings going up are of an exceedingly transitory character, being simply skeleton frames with canvas coverings; yet, nevertheless, with the erection of every one of the new buildings there is an ever increasing danger of disaster by fire. There is now an almost unbroken line of buildings on each side of Front Street for half its length. That a third of the buildings are not destined to become permanent structures, but adds to the danger of the situation. For every tent or wooden building that goes up, there is a stove or else there will be very shortly. Every stove has its stovepipe reaching above and through the roof. It is in these stovepipes that the chief danger to Dawson lays of disaster by fire. No bricks can be obtained for building necessary chimneys and the nearest lime for cement is up the Stewart river. The weather is warm, yet the ordinary fires used in cooking have easily demonstrated the danger. Canvas roofs are to be found perforated in a thousand places from sparks. In dozens of cases the stovepipe is not surrounded even by the usual tin protections and the canvas lies snugly against the stovepipe. Nor is it alone in the canvas buildings that risk is incurred. In the more substantial structures the roofs are all moss covered. The moss becomes dry as tinder and inflammable as punk. Sparks from above, or ignition from contact have already been known to cause mysterious fires.

For a few months in the year we have an ample supply of water near at hand and hope soon to have an abundance of the usual appliances for handling it. For the balance of the year the use of water is forbidden by natural conditions which tie up the water in unavastable chunks, the only fluids being the whiskey, which would add but fuel to the flames, and what little water is kept immediately around the stoves. Still there is much that could be done to lessen the dangers of a clean sweep by fire. Under a municipal form of government there would have been already appointed a body of inspectors who would exercise a rigid censorship of all buildings and stoves. At every point where stovepipes pass near the building, suitable non-combustible material would have to be used, and many of those smoke conveyors which are now emitting a shower of glowing sparks would be muzzled by spark-arrestors of wire netting.

THE HARDER TASK TO COME

The end of the Spanish American war is already in sight. In fact there has been no doubt as to the final result at any time since the war began. Spanish poverty and sluggishness are no match for American wealth and energy and hence the issue of the war has been unquestioned almost from the beginning. It will not be an exceedingly difficult task for America to defeat the Spaniards. Her hardest task will begin when the war is at an end. Whether a home government is organized for Cuba, or the island shall be actually annexed as one of the United States, the latter government will be held morally responsible by the civilized world for the preservation of law and order in Cuba. We do not

suppose that any great effort will be made on the part of the United States to secure possession of the island, rich though she be. The war was entered upon in defence of the highest of ethical principles, and should it result in America taking possession of Cuba, the impression would go abroad that the war instead of being carried on for the sake of principle, had degenerated into a contest for the acquisition of territory. Hence it may be expected that in so far as Cuba is concerned the United States will interest itself only to the extent of establishing a strong and centralized government composed of the Cubans themselves.

But this task will prove an exceedingly onerous one. The population of Cuba is of such a mixed character and the interests of the inhabitants are so diversified that it will be a matter of the utmost difficulty to frame a constitution or code of laws satisfactory to a majority of the people. Again, though the Spanish army will be driven out, the Spanish influence, a growth of centuries, will still remain and it may well be supposed that whatever obstacles the Spaniards who elect to stay in Cuba can secretly throw in the pathway of the new government will be freely and cheerfully thrown. Also, it remains yet to be determined just to what extent the Cubans will be capable of aiding themselves. If they prove no better than the average of the Central Americans it will scarcely be safe to entrust the reins of government entirely in their hands. Altogether, we are inclined to think as stated above that Uncle Sam will find his task only begun when the last Spanish ship has been sunk and the last Spanish battery silenced.

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To the Editor of the Klondike Nugget:—

I would solicit a small space in the columns of your esteemed journal to advertise the establishment of an institution which has been formed by the gold fields, which is entitled the Klondike Mining Association. I must confess, on my arrival here, I felt deeply challenged and astonished to find that under the British flag such a number of opinion prevailed as to the legislative and administrative evils which exist in our midst. I might comment that it is a singular fact upon the representations which are now being made to the British government by the secretary of state for the colonies in the Transvaal government, urging the latter to adopt a more enlightened and liberal policy towards the mining industry of that country, that the same kind of representations are now being made in this remote corner of the Empire. It is a fact which is not generally known, that the mining industry in this remote corner of the Empire is being treated in a manner which is not only unjust but also unwise. It is a fact which is not generally known, that the mining industry in this remote corner of the Empire is being treated in a manner which is not only unjust but also unwise.

Recognizing as we do the element of peace contained in the unity of strength and a well-organized body of men, I would respectfully suggest to the committee, which has been set up with such public spirit, that they should give the advisability of forming a number of mining associations, which should be presided over by an executive committee, who would consist of representative mine-owners and others materially interested in the welfare and prosperity of the industry. Such an institution would be entitled to enjoy financial influence and power, to become the recognized medium of intercourse between the government and the mine-owners, and in safeguarding the people's rights and interests, it would speak with its own voice in vindication thereof; and in all matters pertaining to the mining industry, it would be the authority to which all parties would look for a representative and responsible public body.

It ought, furthermore, to become a bureau of reliable information concerning the Klondike to the outside world. Miners would meet to consult their mutual interests, and be furnished with whatever knowledge they desired to possess in connection with their mining. While an arbitration court might very easily be associated with the constitution of the chamber for the hearing and adjustment of disputes, I confidently believe that the formation of such an institution would be of incalculable benefit to the country, and be capable of fulfilling functions as meritorious and far-reaching as those performed by the Transvaal chamber of mines, which has covered its paternal building containing a museum filled with samples of the mineral resources of the country; here the executive might meet once a week, or more often, to deliberate on subjects and adopt resolutions dealing with the large and important interests which are connected to their care and deliberation. In conclusion, I may mention that I am given to understand by a prominent lawyer in this town that the corporation could obtain corporate powers under a special ordinance, entitled "The Board of Mining."

Yours, etc.,
MONTAGU LEMMON,
Dawson City, July 15, 1906.

Monte Carlo Closed.
The Monte Carlo closed last week by agreement of the business Jack Smith and Bill Gates. The latter gentleman, better known to our readers as "the waterer," had there had been some money distributed to the winners, and \$12,000 of the bank had been attached by Smith. A number of arrangements are under way for reopening the place, which is in a very desirable location and is doing a good business.

Took 'Nuggets' Out With Him.
Mr. Zach P. Hickman, one of the proprietors of the Nugget, has gone to the outside in the interests of the paper. He will visit all the large cities of Canada, including Ottawa, and also many of those in the United States. He carries with him a complete file of the Klondike Nugget, and before returning to Dawson he will see to it that this paper is in the hands of some kind of the hand by the other side of the continent. Mr. Hickman will be in the office on his last trip.

A New Thawing Apparatus.
Mr. W. Allenby is going up to the mines to test a new contrivance for thawing the ground. There have been numerous instances of ground being frozen, and it is necessary to thaw it before dealing with our numerous heavy loads. Heretofore they have been thawed by the use of fire, and this has been a very slow and inefficient method of building a cordwood fire, the shaft of the drift, and after the fire has burned out, the smoke clears, and the ground is found to be thawed. The new apparatus is a simple one, and is being employed on the present time. It is a simple one, and is being employed on the present time. It is a simple one, and is being employed on the present time.

Perhaps It Will Come Today.
Mr. A. H. Churchill, agent for the Columbia Navigation Co., with six or seven men, including a few Indians and a few dogs, are expected to arrive today. They are expected to arrive today. They are expected to arrive today.

The surface for a large work which was started in the winter. It requires a large amount of fuel to operate in this way, and the method has not been generally adopted. Again, in burning by fire, after the fuel has been burned, all heat is lost to the ground, and the depth must slowly pass through that foot of mud.

The apparatus of Mr. Allenby is designed to overcome these difficulties. It consists of a tank or case in which a wood fire is burned. A rotary blower, operated by hand, forces the hot air down the shaft to the point desired to be thawed. The heated air ascending through the center of the shaft. The blast can be shut off at any time and the thawed ground is immediately ready for removal. By blowing but a few inches at a time a great economy in fuel is supposed to be effected, while the saving in time is apparent.

A Quick Trip to White Horse.
The White Horse returned to Dawson on Saturday, having made the trip to White Horse and back very successfully. The actual running time was less than six days, and another forty-seven hours were spent in port. The vessel, the Five Finger, was under the command of the hand, and the trip was a very successful one. The vessel, the Five Finger, was under the command of the hand, and the trip was a very successful one.

Deaths on the River.
Frank W. Ware, a member of the Masonic Fraternity at Dawson, died on Saturday. He was a well-known and respected citizen of Dawson. He was a well-known and respected citizen of Dawson.

WANDOT REMARKS.
The people of Dawson are satisfied with the present unsatisfactory condition of the Klondike. At one dollar per horsepower, how many does it cost Dawson in one week to get her own power?

Overheard. "Chickadee: Have you pocket stove in stock? Storekeeper: No, sir. I heard yesterday of a condensed blanket, but never before now of pocket stove."

The gold commissioner's office can now be reached from the road on an electric trolley. It is a very convenient arrangement, and is being used by many of the miners. It is a very convenient arrangement, and is being used by many of the miners.

Police Court Items.
In another case of disturbance Albert King was let off with the costs. The court found that King had been guilty of a disturbance, and he was let off with the costs.

Baseball at Midnight.
On Monday evening, July 16, the football team of the Klondike played a game with the team of the Yukon. The game was played at midnight, and it was a very exciting one. The Klondike team won the game.

Harper & Ladue Townsite Co.
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EXONERATES HIMSELF.

Who is responsible for edicts now emanating from your office? Major Walsh... Mr. Fawcett claimed that the sole cause of the "Dominion muddle" was this interference in affairs of the office by higher officials.

Mr. Dunleavy was much applauded throughout and the meeting seemed to think the gold commissioner had made out a very good case for himself throwing the responsibility on Major Walsh.

A Mr. Cox next spoke making some very humorous allusions to present affairs. His dry way of telling his own troubles convulsed the audience.

C. M. Woodworth made the next speech and a good solid speech too. He had been pleading law for the past three weeks and had never yet had to plead the law of Major Walsh.

But we were not lost and I say to you that you have a poor appreciation of yourselves or your rights or the laws made for you when you cry 'We are lost' because some official is arraigned against you.

Foreigners also have equal rights with Canadians under the law. All are free and equal under our laws and I want to say that no freer field for you exists than under our flag.

Beware how you trade off Fawcett for some one you don't know. No one here had ever had even a suspicion of his standing with his hand outstretched behind him for fees.

Resolved, That a miner's committee of 11 with power to add to its number, be appointed at this meeting to take whatever action may from time to time be necessary to express the public opinion of the district to the administration to redress, if possible, public wrongs.

and in other ways further the interests of the miners; and that this committee be answerable to mass meetings of the miners to be called from time to time.

In speaking on the resolution Mr. McDougal said he anticipated this committee would become in the end similar in powers and influence to the Miners Institute of other places and would act in the capacity of "A miner's watch dog."

"If we had had such a committee last winter there would not be such a state of things at the recorder's office as did exist. Confidence had been shaken by charges and counter charges, but we do not wish to take up the past but to remedy present ills.

Mr. Armstrong next spoke, interrupted by much enthusiastic cheering. His references to last winter when those with money could obtain information withheld from others was accepted as a true reflection of facts.

He asked for more information on the water front matter. He wanted to know if it was a fact that the crown's land agent had given that public ground, by leasing it, to a party at \$1 per foot, who was very kindly not required to pay a cent until the ground was already re-leased and occupied.

With a few more remarks on bad trails, unjust taxation, and on the remarkable law and order in Dawson, maintained by just a handful of police, and the unnecessary imposition of more taxes to support a body of militia being now sent in, the speaker sat down amid much applause.

W. W. Wiggard, an American, wanted to know by whose authority he and his fellow-tenters on the bench were being ordered every day to "move on."

The chair suggested that as many old miners as possible be appointed on the committee and the following names were suggested and adopted: Chas. J. Hickey, Geo. Armstrong, Dr. McDougal, Col. McGregor, E. Leroy Pelletier, A. M. McQueen, Dan Frazier, John Cameron, J. Knight Smith, Mr. Galvin and Mr. Burke.

The meeting now adjourned feeling that the evening had been well spent, and feeling also that Mr. Thomas Fawcett had well demonstrated to the committee, by his statements, his own utter innocence in the Dominion muddle.

A Wild Goose Stampede. Some few hundred prospectors were sent on a fruitless search for a Frenchman who came out over the ice on Little Salmon, from the headwaters of the Pelly and who brought \$40,000 out.

One party took an Indian guide and went across from the mouth of Little Salmon to the McMillan River and were followed by hundreds of stampedes. Others followed an Indian straight up the Little Salmon for forty-five miles then across Lake Faber thirty miles and again up the salmon twenty miles; here a portage of twelve miles was made to the Pelly river which was struck fifty-two hundred and fifty miles up.

A party of five wintered at the head of Faber Lake and prospected that country thoroughly, but could find nothing promising.

Well-Deserved Success. Capt. C. W. Anderson is one of the lucky ones on Bonanza creek. He got a bench claim opposite No. 27, below the upper discovery, and has just been allowed to record. The claim, while no bonanza, is being his sack to the tune of about 75 cents to the pan.

From The Seat of War. Unconfirmed rumors are being brought in by late arrivals of interesting doings in Cuba by the American army. Seven engagements are reported between the landed Americans and the Spanish troops in each of which the American troops succeeded in driving the Spanish back. This lencys the Americans within three miles of Santiago with a decisive engagement most imminent.

Hard to Find. Some of the Nugget subscribers have been disappointed in not receiving their copies of the paper promptly. To all such we can only offer, as an excuse, the difficulty in locating cabins and places of business which everyone who has attempted to find a particular person has experienced.

the two stove pipes," or "the cabin three doors south of where all the dogs are," he is very apt to travel some little distance before he finds all the people he is looking for.

These Streets. Complaints are still being made as to the condition of Dawson's thoroughfares.

Dawson's Telephone. Dawson City has now telephone connections with the hotel at the junction of Bonanza and Eldorado creek.

Perhaps It Will Come Today. Mr. W. H. Churchill, agent for the Columbia Navigation Co., will give a first class passage ticket, including meals and berth from Dawson to Seattle, free, to the party who first reports to him sighting from Dawson the first steamer of the company from the outside to arrive here.

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LOST.—A black Newfoundland dog, medium sized, and answers to name of Pat. Grins when pleased. Had chain fast to collar when last seen. Finder return to Marie-Hadesselle, Massage and Bath Parlors, Front street, or inquire at this office. Suitable reward.

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