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## P. R. RATES ARE REDUCED

**Tariff Sheet Covering That Portion of the Road Extending From Bennett Has Been Accepted and Approved, Government Reserving Rights.**

Victoria, Feb. 17. — The White Pass & Yukon Route has accepted the tariff sheet prepared by Traffic Manager of the government railways, with a few slight modifications. It contains a clause which provides in effect that when the governor-in-council orders that the railroad company reduce the tariff on the American end of the road, then the government may reduce the rates charged in Canadian territory or cancel them altogether. This means has been taken by the government in order to prevent the company from enforcing a high rate by means of excessive charges on that portion of the road which runs through American territory.

From Bennett to Whitehorse the following tariff has been arranged and accepted by the company:

Class	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.	Reduction
No. 1	\$2.85	\$1.90	\$ .95	
No. 2	2.84	1.66	1.18	
No. 3	2.82	1.42	1.40	
No. 4	2.80	1.19	1.61	
No. 5	2.75	.95	1.80	
No. 6	2.74	.90	1.84	
No. 7	2.73	.75	1.98	
No. 8	2.72	.73	1.99	
No. 9	2.70	.70	2.00	

If any effort is made by the railroad company to equalize these reductions by raising the rates in American territory further reductions will be made by the government or the tariff sheets cancelled altogether if necessary.

**Conspiracy Charged**  
 Newark, N. J., Feb. 16. — Vice Mayor Sterens has temporarily postponed the foreclosure sale of the mortgaged property of the U. S. Flour Milling Company, which was to have taken place tomorrow. The mortgage on the property amounts to \$15,000,000. Conspiracy is charged by the creditors.

**Chamberlain Honored**  
 London, Feb. 16. — Joseph Chamberlain has been presented with the freedom of the city in a golden casket and feted by the London populace with unusual enthusiasm.

**Russian Revenge**  
 London, Feb. 16. — The Austria press says Russia will endeavor to revenge the consummating of the Anglo-Japanese treaty by stirring up disorder in Afghanistan.

**Bishop is Better**  
 Edmonton, Feb. 17. — Bishop Grandin, who has been very sick, is much better.

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**He Favors Traps**  
 Victoria, Feb. 17. — In an interview at Winnipeg Thos. Earle, M.P., declared that if fish traps are not allowed in British Columbia all the canneries on this side of the line will be forced to close.

**Dropped Dead**  
 Watkins, N.Y., Feb. 17. — William H. Wait, president of the Farmers and Merchants bank, dropped dead on the street Saturday from heart disease.

**Young Roosevelt Better**  
 Washington, Feb. 17. — Theodore Roosevelt, jr., continues to improve and it is now thought all danger from his sickness is past.

**Milk Famine**  
 Montreal, Feb. 17. — This city is threatened with a milk famine as the result of the high price of feed.

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT

**Duly Opened on the Afternoon of 13th.**

**U. S. Present Measures Restricting Anarchists to Be Endorsed—His Excellency's Promise.**

Ottawa, Feb. 13. — The Dominion parliament opened this afternoon—a beautiful winter day. It was a very fashionable function. His excellency's speech foreshadows legislation supplementing and endorsing the United States measures restricting Anarchists and protection of the heads of the government from assassins. It also conveys the information that in granting the Canadian Pacific power to increase its stock by twenty millions, the stipulation was made that the government will hereafter control its rates. Arrangements have been made with Marconi by which in event of the anticipated success of his wireless system the government and people of Canada will enjoy exceptional benefits of the invention on most favorable charges. Direct steamer service between South Africa and Canada will be provided for, and inter-colonial conferences are expected to produce great stimulation of Canadian trade.

## ANOTHER RAILROAD

**From Haines Mission to Rainy Hollow**

**Is Proposed For Purpose of Developing Vast Iron and Copper Deposits on the Line.**

Vancouver, Feb. 16. — Back of the project for the railway from Haines Mission to the Rainy Hollow district is a movement for the development of extensive iron deposits in that part of Alaska and the Canadian Northwest. Surveys for the road have been completed by John Harper, D.L.S., and one of the promoters in connection with the company's plans says: "While the road will develop the Rainy Hollow copper mines and Porcupine placers incidentally, larger operations will be directed towards the iron fields along the line, the opening of which is the real purpose of the road's construction."

**McGills Won Debate**  
 Montreal, Feb. 17. — The McGills won the inter-university championship debate with the Queens on the proposition that Latin and Greek should be entirely optional in the curriculum of Canadian universities.

**Canada Ought to Pay**  
 Ottawa, Feb. 17. — Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black advocates that Canada should pay a share of the Imperial war tax, and especially all expenses of her own contingents.

**To Resume Search**  
 Victoria, Feb. 17. — H. M. S. Eggeria is preparing to resume what must be a hopeless search for the missing gunboat Concord.

**Strong Wind**  
 Morristown, N.J., Feb. 16. — Mrs. Edward Fichelon had her neck broken today by being blown over a cliff.

## SOLD AT AUCTION

**Confiscated Hill Claim Under the Hammer.**

**Two-thirds Interest in a Fox Gulch Hillside Brings over \$10,000**

The sale of the first claim ever confiscated by the government for fraud alleged to have been committed in connection with the payment of royalty occurred this afternoon in the gold commissioner's court room before a crowd of interested bidders. The claim in question was a two-thirds interest formerly owned by Henry Kern, a hillside on the left limit of Fox Gulch adjoining discovery and 1 above. The confiscation was made last July when it is said evidence was first procured that Kern had sworn falsely as to his output. The claim has a rich paystreak and is known to be of considerable value. At the sale Mr. O. S. Finnie, acting chief of the staff of the gold commission office, appeared as the auctioneer, announcing that the terms of the sale would be 20 per cent. cash and the balance payable within 30 days, the mortgages against the interest to be paid out of the purchase price. The bidding was very spirited though not at all sensational. The first offer was \$2,000 by P. H. Hebb, which was increased to \$5,000 a moment later by A. J. Bannerman. A Mr. Nicol bid \$5,500 and Mr. Bannerman came back with an offer of \$6,000. Mr. Hebb raised the bid \$500 and it slowly climbed upward \$250 at a time until \$9,000 had been reached by Mr. Bannerman. Mr. Ewen Morrison shortly afterward bid \$9,250 from which time on the bidding was confined to him and Mr. Nicol, the claim finally being knocked down to Mr. Morrison for \$10,000.

The price secured is considered a very fair one, though property in that vicinity has sold for a much higher figure.

**To Improve the Yukon**  
 Ottawa, Feb. 17. — A staff of the Public-Works Department of engineers to carry out an extensive scheme for improvement of navigation on the Yukon left Ottawa Saturday. Paul Mercier, C.E., is in command, his first assistant accountant being Minard. The party will make its headquarters at Whitehorse. It is expected a large sum in the federal estimates for improvements in the Yukon both in trails and waterways will be made.

**Boiler Explodes**  
 Winnipeg, Feb. 17. — A boiler in the pumping house of Angus McLeod yesterday seriously injured Fred Blakeley, an employe, Councillor D. S. McDonald and John Braden, a Popular Point farmer.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

## VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

**Is That Called For Tonight in A. B. Hall—Mayor Macaulay Hurries Home From Creeks to Attend—To De-throne Treadgold.**

The meeting that is called for this evening in the A. B. hall for the discussion of the last order-in-council in regard to the Treadgold concession is going to be one of the largest and most important meetings ever held in the city of Dawson. Mayor Macaulay who was out on the creeks on business, came back purposely to attend this meeting, it being very properly urged that a public meeting presided over by the mayor would have more weight than an ordinary mass meeting of citizens. Mr. Macaulay has carefully thought out the whole of this concession business, but his position this evening will preclude him from more than a few introductory remarks.

This afternoon a meeting was held of the committee of the Liberal association, appointed at the Saturday evening meeting. It was a strong committee and, as will be seen in a report of that meeting, a very representative committee. This committee met this afternoon at the Empire hotel, and the only members of it who were present were: J. R. Grey, M. H. Boulais, D. Matheson, A. D. Williams, Mr. Edwards, T. F. Sinclair, G. Brimston and J. T. Bethune.

No slight is intended upon the committee that only these members were able to be present, for they were certainly representative and worked hard. At the time of going to press they were taking the Treadgold concession section by section, and they had run a blue pencil through the first three sections. To the fourth they were offering an amendment, and the thorough and businesslike way in which they were discussing the question was worthy of high commendation.

It is unfortunate that the result of this committee's work cannot be offered to the meeting in the A. B. hall this evening. But all the members of the committee will be present and some of them may state to the meeting the personal conclusions they arrived at. If this is done, it will enable the meeting to wire Mr. Sifton a few facts upon which the kick against the Treadgold concession is based. Officially, the committee is to report its findings to a special meeting of the Liberal association to be held on Wednesday evening, and upon this report an official telegram will be based to the Premier of Canada. It is now understood that the telegram sent yesterday was merely to call his attention to the matter, and that we had more to say on the subject; and that this second telegram from the association will give specific data in regard to the concession from the standpoint of the people of this territory.

A representative of the Nugget sought out yesterday Mr. Charles S. W. Barwell, one of the most distinguished mining engineers we have in Dawson. Mr. Barwell was immediately interested. He made a number of statements such as any man might make on such a subject, but, when told that they were to be published he said: "Hold on; I feel sure that I am generally correct, but to make sure I must refer to my books." He did so, and the result of several hours of Mr. Barwell's work is here given in the hope that it will be of great use in the deliberations of this evening. Cutting out the questions and answers, and putting it in the briefest possible way, Mr. Barwell says:

"Looking at this thing from an engineering standpoint, I would say this: 3000 cubic feet per minute is approximately equal to 50 sluiceways, about the same amount of water that is running in Bonanza during the spring freshet. This water is to be delivered at Grand Forks at a head of 300 feet above Bonanza creek or roughly speaking, 800 feet above the mouth of Bonanza.

"Two methods could be employed to effect this, either a gravity supply or by pumping. To pump this amount of water the required height and distance would require in the neighborhood of 6,000 horse-power.

"To obtain a gravity supply one must look for a point where one can obtain the requisite amount of water at a level above a point 300 feet above Bonanza at the Forks or say at a level above 800 feet above the mouth of Bonanza. How much higher we may have to go than this level will depend on the distance from Grand Forks that such a supply of water can be found at the requisite level. Supposing the water to be taken from the Klondike such a point could be found, roughly speaking, about 80 miles up the river or somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. The fall of the Klondike averages, as far as Flat creek, 15 feet to the mile, allowing out of that 15 feet 5 feet per mile for the necessary grade of ditches and flumes we have 10 feet per mile as the head obtainable from the Klondike.

"Next take the possibility of a supply from Rock Creek. I understand that the point where the concessionaires intend to take their water is roughly speaking 300 feet higher than the point of delivery, which will give 10 feet to the mile as the fall obtainable to effect the flow of water in the pipes if pipes are used. This flow will necessitate pipe 4 feet in diameter in order to deliver the required amount of water. Thirty miles of such pipe would cost laid down in Dawson rather more than one million dollars, not taking into consideration the extra cost of the enormously heavy pipe that would be needed to siphon the water across the Klondike at about 1000 feet pressure, which would require pipe of at least 2-inch thickness. Such a siphon would cost somewhere about two hundred thousand dollars. In addition to the cost already mentioned there would necessarily be three or four smaller siphons, the cost of freighting and laying the pipe, and altogether the cost of such a system would cost in the neighborhood of two million dollars. Of this amount I see that the grantees are required to spend two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which as you see is a drop in the bucket. I am of the opinion that a pipe system is the only practicable way of conveying this amount of water, as everyone knows this is a country where it is almost impossible to maintain a ditch. Besides these engineering difficulties, one naturally foresees other complications in connection with this wholesale grant.

"In the first place what is a 'reverted claim.' As I understand the regulations when the title to a claim lapses the ground that was formerly a claim becomes vacant Dominion land and is no longer a claim. Now the only description of the ground that Mr. Treadgold gets is 'what ground on the different creeks mentioned that was once known as the claim and is now vacant Dominion land.' Now, how does Mr. Treadgold intend to pick out his land.

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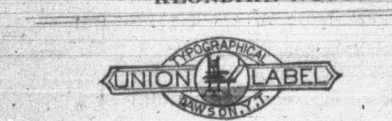
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AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

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

A SUGGESTION TO THE MEETING.

A mass meeting is called for this evening at which it is proposed to take action in reference to the evil effects of the Treadgold concession.

It is by reason of this fact that we have urged in these columns that no rash or inconsiderate action be taken. It is a time when radical speech and hastily prepared resolutions should be deprecated, and the very best thought and judgment of the community concentrated in an effort to accomplish the purpose which all alike should be animated in securing.

We publish elsewhere the resolution adopted by the Liberal club on Saturday night. With the spirit of that resolution, generally speaking, we are in full accord, but we submit that it is not sufficiently specific and definite in its terms.

We sincerely hope that the meeting which is called for this evening will not fall into a similar error. There will be absolutely nothing accomplished by revolutionary or denunciatory utterances, nor will the situation be relieved in any respect by exaggerating the effects which are likely to ensue if the concession remains in effect.

The provisions of the concession should be examined by competent men with the utmost care and deliberation, to the end that the actual facts may be ascertained and the evil effects which are expected to ensue may be fully set forth and explained.

very bottom. Let the concession be taken article by article and section by section and every ray of light that is within reach thrown upon it.

To do this, and do it properly, will require the aid of the best brains and the most expert technical knowledge that the community possesses.

NO ROOM FOR THE DEMAGOGUE. The News has gone entirely mad on the subject of the Treadgold concession. In its feverish haste to espouse a popular cause, it has gone to such extremes that the amount of damage it has caused can scarcely be reckoned.

Among other words of folly which have appeared in the News are the following: "This is no time for calm and deliberate consideration."

"Desolation would result." "It is a death blow to the mining industry and will paralyze the commercial interests of Dawson."

"If thousands of miners driven from the country, thousands of claims remaining idle, thousands of claims tied up and thousands of tons of supplies for which there will be no use, is not sufficient cause for alarm we shall be much surprised."

The above are only a few of the most glaring and absurd statements which the News has made, none of which throw any light on the situation or accomplish any object other than to create an unnecessary and unwarranted feeling of unrest and insecurity.

The News has played the part of a demagogue throughout the entire affair, and in so doing has inflicted every possible injury upon the material interests of Dawson and the territory generally.

The Nugget maintains that the most essential thing at this juncture is "calm and deliberate consideration," which the News despises so heartily.

The News has spread as far abroad as possible the statement that Dawson and the Klondike district are bordering upon ruin and bankruptcy.

ing industry of the district, nor destroy the commercial prosperity of Dawson, and any newspaper which makes such a statement is an enemy of the community.

The concession is undoubtedly an evil which should be removed, but to accomplish that purpose it is necessary that the utmost thought and consideration be given to the subject.

The right way to get at the concession question is to go to the root of the whole matter. If any concessions are to be granted at all, they should be given exclusively upon the recommendation of the Yukon Council.

WIRED TO OTTAWA. Resolutions Passed By Dawson Liberals. At Saturday Night's Meeting Regarding the Nefarious Treadgold Concession.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. T. Bethune, secretary of the Liberal Association of Dawson, sent the following telegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, and also to Commissioner Ross of the Yukon Territory.

"Whereas, the Liberal association of Dawson has summoned this meeting of the association to discuss the Treadgold concession and to make such representations in respect thereto to the government as might be deemed necessary, and has invited all Liberals, whether members of the association or not, to attend this meeting and

"Whereas, This meeting has the greatest confidence in the judgment and ability of the commissioner of the Yukon Territory and in his desire and determination to guard the interests of the people of this territory; and

"Whereas, In the opinion of this meeting their confidence in the commissioner is shared by the people of the territory at large; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this meeting requests the commissioner to undertake the presentation to the government of the representations which it is desired to make in regard to such concession, and that this meeting urges the commissioner to use all his great influence to secure a cancellation of the obnoxious features of the recent order-in-council, and the other order-in-council relating to such concession, and to relieve this territory from the disastrous consequences certain to ensue if such order-in-council is allowed to stand in full; and be it further

"Resolved, That the commissioner's attention be called to the fact and that he be requested to represent to the government that, in the opinion of this meeting, the insertion of such

features in the order-in-council could only have been procured by the grossest misrepresentation and fraudulent concealment; that it never could have been represented to the minister who proposed said orders, or to the governor-in-council that the orders were an interference with and abrogation of vested rights; that it was retroactive in operation and most far-reaching and uncertain in effect; that it was certain to produce distrust and lack of confidence among the mining communities of this territory and prove fatal to the progress of the territory; nor could it have been presented and made apparent that the only consideration promised for the enormous interests granted was a monopoly to supply water at an exorbitant and prohibitive price.

"F. T. CONGDON, Vice-President. J. T. BETHUNE, Secretary"

This was the result of the meeting held in Pioneer hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Liberal association of Dawson. The meeting was called to order punctually at eight o'clock, and F. T. Congdon, vice-president of the association, in the absence of Mr. T. O'Brien, the president, who has gone outside, presided.

Mr. Congdon made a speech explaining the object of the gathering, which was to protest against the last order-in-council as to the Treadgold concession, and the need of an expression of opinion upon the subject being sent to the authorities at Ottawa. He also read a proposed petition upon the subject, which was the document given above.

So altogether at one were the gentlemen present on the subject that at the time there did not seem as if anything more was to be said, but, for the purposes of raising a discussion, a gentleman suggested that a concise statement of the evils complained of should accompany the document, so that the authorities at Ottawa could balance this showing against the arguments upon which in good faith the concession had been granted.

Among those who took part in the discussion were: F. J. Stacpole, J. R. Gray, W. D. Bruce, Arnold George, Alex. I. Macfarlane, W. Coyne, Ed. Port, F. M. Shepard, W. A. Beddoe, J. H. Davison, A. D. Williams, Charles Macdonald, Dr. Catto, T. G. Coffin, J. D. Macdonald and others.

Charged With Murder. Cincinnati, Jan. 26. — August Staggie died today from the effects of a blow administered last night with a wagon wheel spoke by Michael Rieger, a saloon keeper.

Fire in Oklahoma Town. Deer Creek, O. T., Jan. 26. — A block of buildings, including the town hall, was burned here today, entailing a loss of \$60,000, with insurance amounting to \$8,000.

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AMUSEMENTS THE AUDITORIUM ALL THIS WEEK, EXCEPT FRIDAY. "IN OLD KENTUCKY" Mr. Bittner as the "Colonel." Life Motion Pictures.

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# The Runaway Automobile

They were hopelessly stuck when I came along on my wheel. The country was a desolate waste around — the nearest town ten miles as the crow flies. The roads were — well, my probably tires would not recommend them.

"Broke down?" I asked, with that evident concern a man always feels for two helpless ladies stranded by the wayside in an automobile. Of course, I had anticipated my answer before the question was asked, for it was self-evident.

"Yes, the electricity — or something — has given out."

"It was a sweet, girlish voice, which I admired, and the face harmonized with it. The other occupant of the vehicle was the mother, and not quite so attractive.

"I had place to break down," I suggested, dismounting. "See what I can do for you."

"It's very kind of you."

"Would you like to detain you, though?" added the mother, looking at me as if she thought I was a high wayman.

"No particular hurry," I replied. "I was out for a pleasant spin, and got lost on this abominable road."

"And we, too, thought we would have a ride all alone. Papa never likes to have me go alone; but John was away, and I told mamma I knew how to run the machine. And I do!"

"Certainly! But repairing it is another thing."

"Yes, John had no business to let get out of order."

"If you will dismount," I said, "I might make an investigation."

I held out an arm to assist her, but her mother protested.

"Is it necessary? The roads are so rocky?"

"No, not necessary for both," I added, already holding the arm of her daughter.

She stood by my side and watched me open the box, giving advice and directions about the location of the tools, which I appreciated.

"The electricity has not given out," I announced later, "but there is something wrong with the battery. There's power enough in it to carry you fifty miles, or kill a dozen men."

"Merry, Stella! Is there any danger?" queried the woman in the automobile.

"No, mamma!"

"Not any, madam," I added, reassuringly. "However, I must get at the board under your feet. If you will kindly hold them up a moment."

"But I will get out with this!"

"Not at all necessary."

But she climbed down in a hurry and I proceeded to lift the board. It was a common enough battery and motor, but a little kinky in its actions at times. Being somewhat of an electrician, I promised to repair the injury in a short time.

"It's fortunate we met you," said Stella, roughly, "or we might have had to walk back to town."

"Yes! It is very fortunate for me," I replied, without looking up, but through the machinery, I could see looks of disapproval on the mother's face. That provoked me to work in silence for some minutes. Then stepping into the automobile, I said:

"Now I think the thing will go. Which lever do you use?"

"This one."

She sprang lightly into the vehicle and touched the handle, giving it a sudden twist. Then the machinery did up and made a whirring and buzzing and made us turn in alarm. The wheel dug into the mud so fast that it flung a handful directly at the number, who stood directly back of us. The vehicle darted forward like a racehorse.

"Shut off the power!" I said quickly.

Stella looked at me with a peculiar smile and said:

"I can't."

"Why not? Let me try!"

I took the lever from her hand and turned it clear around, but there was no diminution in the speed of the automobile.

"Stop thief! Stop thief! I'll have you arrested!"

But I was helpless. We were running too fast to jump. It was sure death to attempt it. So I tried to collect myself and said:

"This is serious. We must keep our heads."

"Yes, very serious. But I'm not afraid — not yet."

"Nor am I, out here in the country. It's like a cross-country ride."

"Yes, but we can't tell where it will end."

We were making twenty miles an hour then, unless my calculations were wrong, and I had difficulty in holding the machine straight in its course.

"I've been in runaways before," I shouted as the wind nearly blew my hair away, "but never in an automobile."

"Nor have I," she answered, grasping her loosened hair, which streamed behind her; "but I've always wanted to be in one."

"Then you'll have all you want before we get through with this. I think we are increasing our speed."

We passed a team, which shied at our vehicle, and nearly upset the carriage in the gutter.

"We must be creating a sensation," I suggested grimly, trying again to shut off the power.

"Shouldn't wonder," she replied. Then eagerly, "but it's fun!"

"Yes, lots of fun," I assented not wishing to be beaten by a girl.

"I'm glad you're not afraid," she added, "for if you were I think I might be."

"Oh, I'm not a bit afraid," I replied, trying to keep a tremor from spoiling my voice. "So long as we keep the thing going we are all right."

We bumped over a cat that tried to run across our path, and scattered hairs and screeches around that vanished almost as soon as we noticed them.

"Are you going through the village?" she asked a moment later.

"I wouldn't if I could help it. I like the country much better. But there are no forks in the road, and at this speed I'm afraid I could not turn around gracefully on this narrow road."

She laughed softly and musically. "I should think not. We might be spilled out."

"Yes, spilled out," I shivered.

"What's the matter? Are you afraid now?"

"Not a bit," as I narrowly escaped knocking a man over, who shook his cane at us. "I'm just beginning to enjoy it."

"I suppose mamma will be worried about us."

"Yes, about you," I answered with difficulty. "But not about me. I think she would like to see me killed and mangled."

"She thought you were trying to steal the automobile—or me. Now she must be sure of it."

"I wouldn't steal this old—this machine for anything," I gasped. "But you—"

"Well, what were you going to say?" demurely.

"You are quite another story, as somebody has said."

"Kipling, you mean?"

"No; I mean you."

"Oh, I see; I meant the story, or the one who said that—"

"Here we come to the village," I interrupted desperately. "Are you afraid now?"

"No, not unless you are."

"Me afraid? Never! I don't know what fear is!"

"Neither do I—at least not when I'm with you."

"That's kind of you. But I wish that old haycart would get out of our way, and that hearse in front. Say! Can't you toot the horn?"

"Can I? Just listen."

"That's it, make them think Barnum's circus is coming, and they'll give us the right of way. Now again, for there's a whole menagerie of people and horses in front."

It was the main street of the village, and we were dodging and dashing through it at a pace that frightened everything that got in our way.

"See that fool ahead trying to stop us! He's the town officer!"

"Well, he's a brave man if he can stop us."

"Do you wish he would?"

"Yes! No, of course not!" I stammered. "This is too much fun with you—to wish anybody to stop us."

"There he goes now, shaking his stick at us! I'll toot the horn in his face. Isn't he mad now?"

"I suppose so," I replied. "But I can't look behind. This thing requires all of my attention."

"You look tired. Why, you're perspiring. Are you getting a little afraid now?—just a little bit?"

"Well, now, I may. No, no, of course not; not a single bit. It's jolly; it's a regular lark. And there's the country ahead!"

"Another cross-country ride! How many miles did you say the electricity would carry us?"

"Fifty!" I groaned.

"How lovely!"

"Yes! Lovely!"

Outside of the village the road forked. One went down into the lowlands where the roads were good. The other climbed a steep hill. I saw my hope, and towards the hill I steered.

"Why, the roads are better the other way," she said.

"I thought they were smoother up here," I lied.

"No; this road leads up the side of the mountain, and we can never get to the top without stopping. I'm sure of it."

"I thought the other one led up the

mountain. How provoking!"

"Yes; very provoking! It will spoil our ride!"

There was disappointment on the pretty face; but when we climbed the hill, and our vehicle panted and snorted under the exertion, my courage and spirits returned.

"Well, it can't be helped now. We've had a splendid ride together. I shall always remember it."

"Yes; splendid! I hope mamma won't worry!"

"She won't, I'm sure; but I think I'll leave you in the village, and not see her today."

Worn out with its exertions, the vehicle came to a sullen standstill near the summit. Stella dismounted, and I quietly disconnected the machinery.

"It's broken for good now," I said, examining it. "We will have to get a team to drag it back to the village."

"How mean! I thought we should have a good run down the hill! You wouldn't be afraid, would you?"

"Certainly not," I faltered, looking down the steep road; "but it's out of the question now."

"Then we'll have to walk it."

"Yes; but together, and that will be fun."

"Not half as much as if we were riding. That was such a lark! It was the best cross-country ride I ever had."

"Yes, the best I ever had."

Of course I escaped the irate mother's wrath; but I had to make a terrible detour to avoid it, and when I found my wheel I was thankful enough to get home without bodily harm.

—George E. Walsh, in New York Times.

## A STORMY MEETING

### Manitoba Prohibitionists Oppose Referendum

### They Want the Sale of Intoxicants Prohibited Regardless of Peoples Desires.

Winnipeg, Jan. 27. — There were stormy scenes during the big mass meeting that marked the close of the Dominion Alliance Convention here last night. The church was crowded to the doors, and many were standing near the door. The Government, in a letter from Hon. Mr. Roblin, the Premier, definitely reiterated that the policy they would pursue was to submit the liquor act to a referendum and let the people decide the fate of the act. When this letter was read cries of derision resounded through the church; even hisses were heard. Mr. Mullock, the chairman, said that the Government were willing that Attorney-General Campbell and Mr. Aikins should address the meeting and explain further the policy of the Government. From all parts of the church cries of dissent were heard and finally a motion that the Attorney-General be heard was voted down, 600 to 7. Fiery speeches followed from leading delegates and Ministers, who charged the Roblin Government with insincerity and lack of courage to carry out laws they had placed on the statute books. A motion was finally passed as follows: "Whereas this convention has expressed itself already by unanimous resolution against the so-called referendum on the liquor act, and whereas such a referendum has been finally decided on by the Government, therefore be it resolved that the temperance people of this province ignore this referendum and abstain from polling their votes thereon." Another motion carried declared that the Dominion Alliance had lost all confidence in the sincerity of the Government to enforce the liquor act, and therefore declared against the referendum. A number of the delegates today expressed great dissatisfaction with the action of the meeting in deciding to take no part in the referendum. One city clergyman said today: "The result of last night's resolutions will be fatal to the present supremacy of prohibition if not repealed. We should fight to the last to carry the referendum, although we believe it was given to us in bad faith." Another member said: "If the temperance people ignore the referendum it will be defeated by a large majority. If defeated, neither political party will touch the prohibition issue for ten years in this province." Another prominent member of the alliance said that so strong was the feeling that the meeting last night had not altogether been judicious that it was likely that the Executive would consider calling another meeting or revising the former action. It is said to be the intention of the Government to take the referendum early in March next, and that the municipal lists will be used for this purpose, as there will not be time to prepare new voters' lists.

## BENEFIT TO CUMMINGS

### Packed House Greet the Popular Actor.

### Excellent Program Rendered by His Friends in the Theatrical Profession.

The house that greeted Mr. Ralph Cummings at the Auditorium last night must have been extremely gratifying to that gentleman, as there was scarcely a vacant seat to be had anywhere in the building. The occasion was in the nature of a testimonial benefit given him at the conclusion of a lengthy theatrical engagement and just prior to his departure for the outside. Since last fall Mr. Cummings has been seen in many parts of widely varied character and has done not a little toward dispelling the otherwise monotonous existence of a winter in the Yukon. In his particular line he is easily the peer of any actor who has ever appeared in Dawson and his presence here for the past six months or so will always be remembered with pleasure. In his departure the Bittner Company loses a valuable man, one it is feared will not be easily replaced.

The performance last night was one of the best Sunday evening shows ever seen in the city. The program was neither too long nor too short and possessed the one thing so rarely considered in benefit performances, quality. Some of the benefits this winter would make angels weep. The opening number was a scene from the second act of that rollicking comedy "Our Boys," in which Miss Holden, Mr. Southard and Mr. Cummings appeared. Noel followed in female impersonation, and Billy Mullen gave a bright monologue, ending with "Kelly's Drama." Mrs. Leroy Tozier appeared for the first time in many weeks and from the applause with which she was greeted she has evidently lost none of her old time popularity. Mr. R. P. Wilson gave two readings, one being "Fuzzy-Wuzzy," in his own inimitable manner. Rooney & Forrester made things more than merry with a laughable sketch, Ray Southard was heard in several of his excellent songs and the program was ended with an act from "A Gilded Fool," the characters being taken by Miss Lovell, Miss Holden, Mr. Bittner and Mr. Cummings. The beneficiary appeared prior to the final scene and cordially thanked both the participants and patrons, expressing a warm word of approval for the efforts being made by Mr. Bittner to provide good, clean legitimate comedy and drama without the dance hall adjuncts. The orchestra present was under the direction of Al Walcott.

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ing, near Keller, fifteen miles north of Port Worth, W. L. Stillwell was instantly killed and his body burned in the wreck, and J. G. Adkins was fatally injured. They were in the caboose of the first section, which was wrecked.

The dead man and the injured man lived at Rosebud, and were the owners of the stock which they were taking to the St. Louis market. The wreck was caused by a dense fog, which prevented the danger signal from being seen by the second section.

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Thought to Be Insane.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 26. — Thomas Tucker, a colored boy, cut the throat of Mary Beall, a white woman, in front of the negro Methodist church tonight. Finding that she was dead, he went home, told his mother what he had done, and then tried twice to shoot himself, but missed both times. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy.

Tucker was arrested but will not talk. He is thought to be insane. After failing to shoot himself, Tucker cut his own throat with the same knife he had used on the woman. He will probably die.

Rear-End Collision.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 26.—In a rear-end collision between two sections of a stock train at 3 o'clock this morn-



# Battle in the Stump Lot

The wet chill of the early spring, its blackness made tender by the lilac wash of the afterglow, lay upon the high, open stretches of the stump lots. The winter-whitened stumps, the sparse patches of juniper and bay, just budding, the rough-mossed hillocks, the harsh bowlders here and there up-thrusting from the soil, the swampy hollows wherein a coarse grass began to show green—all seemed anointed, as it were, to an ecstasy of peace by the chime of that paradisaical color.

Against the lucid immensity of the April sky the thin tops of five or six soaring rampikees aspired like violet flames. Along the skirts of the stump lots a fir wood reared a ragged, crested wall of black against the horizon.

Late that afternoon, beside a juniper thicket not far from the center of the stump lots, a young black and white cow had mothered her first calf. The little animal had now struggled to its feet and with its disproportionately long, thick legs braced wide apart was beginning to nurse. Its blunt, wet muzzle and thick lips tugged eagerly, but somewhat blunderingly as yet, at the unaccustomed fount; and its tail lifted twitching with delight as the first warm streams of milk went down its throat.

It was a pathetically awkward, unlovely little figure, not yet advanced to that youngling winsomeness which is the heritage to some degree and at some period of the infancy of all the kindreds that breathe upon the earth. But to the young mother's eyes it was the most beautiful of things. With her head twisted far around she nosed and licked its heaving flanks as it nursed, and between deep, ecstatic breathings she uttered in her throat low murmurs, unspeakably tender, of encouragement and caress.

The delicate but pervading flood of sunset color had the effect of blending the ruddy-hued calf into the tones of the landscape; but the cow's insistent blotches of black and white stood out sharply, refusing to harmonize. The drench of violet light was of no avail to soften their staring contrasts. They made her vividly conspicuous across the whole breadth of the stump lots to eyes that watched her from the forest coverts.

The eyes that watched her—long, fixedly, hungrily—were small and red. They belonged to a lank she bear, whose gaunt flanks and rusty coat proclaimed a season of famine in the wilderness. She could not see the calf, which was hidden by a hillock and some juniper scrub; but its presence was very legibly conveyed to her by the mother's solicitous watchfulness.

After a motionless scrutiny from behind the screen of fir branches the lean bear stole noiselessly forth from the shadows into the great wash of violet light. Step by step and very slowly, with the patience that endures because confident of its object, she crept toward that oasis of mothering joy in the vast emptiness of the stump lots. Now crouching, now crawling, turning to this side and to that, taking advantage of every hollow, every thicket, every hillock, every aggressive stump, her craft succeeded in eluding even the wild and menacing watchfulness of the young mother's eyes.

The spring had been a trying one for the lank she bear. Her den in a dry tract of hemlock wood, some furlongs back from the stump lots, was a snug little cave under the uprooted base of a lone pine, which had drawn upon itself at last by its superior height the fury of a passing hurricane. The winter had contributed but scanty snowfall to cover the bear in her sleep and the March thaws, unseasonably early and warm, had called her forth in activity weeks too soon. Then frosts had come with belated severity, stealing away the budding tubers which are the bears' chief dependence for spring diet, and, worst of all, a long stretch of intervale meadow by the neighboring river which had once been rich in ground nuts, had been ploughed up the previous spring and sown to oats and corn. When she was feeling the pinch of meager rations and the fat which a liberal autumn of blueberries had laid about her ribs was getting as shrunken as the last snow in the thickets, she gave birth to two hairless and hungry little cubs. They were very blind and ridiculously small to be born of so big a mother, and having so much growth to make during the next few months their appetites were immeasurable. They tumbled and squealed and tugged at their mother and grew astonishingly, and made haste to cover their bodies with fur of a soft and silken black; and all of this vitality of theirs made a strenuous demand upon their moth-

er for nourishment. There were no more bee trees left in the neighborhood. The long wanderings which she was forced to take in her search for roots and tubers were in themselves a drain upon her nursing powers, and at last, reluctant though she was to attract the hostile notice of the settlement, she found herself forced to hunt on the borders of the sheep pastures.

Before all else in life was it important to her that these two tumbling little ones in the den should not go hungry. Their eyes were open now—small and dark and whimsical; their ears quaintly large and inquiring for their roguish little faces. Had she not been driven by the unkind season to so much hunting and foraging she would have passed near all her time rapturously in the den under the pine root, fondling those two soft miracles of her world.

With the killing of three lambs at widely separate points, so as to mislead retaliation, things grew a little easier for the harassed bear; and presently she grew bolder in tampering with the creatures under man's protection. With one swift secret blow of her mighty paw she struck down a young ewe which had strayed within easy reach of her hiding place. Dragging her prey into the woods, she fared well upon it for some days and was happy with her growing cubs.

It was just when she had begun to feel the fastings which came upon the exhaustion of this store that in a hungry hour she sighted the conspicuous markings of the black and white cow.

It is altogether unusual for the black bear of the Eastern woods to attack any quarry so large as a cow unless under the spur of fierce hunger or fierce rage, but the she bear was powerful beyond her fellows. She had the strongest possible incentive to bold hunting and she had lately grown confident beyond her wont. Nevertheless when she began her careful stalking of this big game which she coveted she had no definite intention of forcing a battle with the cow. She had observed that cows accustomed to the protection of man would at times leave their calves asleep and stray off some distance in their pasturing. She had even seen calves left all by themselves in a field from morning till night and had wondered at such negligence in their mothers. Now she had a confident idea that sooner or later the calf would lie down to sleep, and the young mother would roam a little wide in search of the scant young grass.

Very softly, self-effacingly, she crept nearer step by step, following up the wind, till at last undiscovered she was crouching behind a thick patch of juniper on the slope of a little hollow not ten paces distant from the cow and the calf. By this time the tender violet light was fading to a grayness over hillock and hollow, and with the deepening of the twilight the faint breeze which had been breathing from the northward shifted suddenly and came in slow warm pulsations out of the south. At the same time the calf, having nursed sufficiently and feeling his baby legs tired of the weight they had not yet learned to carry, laid himself down. On this the cow shifted her position. She turned half round and lifted her head high.

As she did so a scent of peril was borne in upon her fine nostrils. She recognized it instantly. With a snort of anger she sniffed again, then stamped a challenge with her fore hoofs and levelled the lance points of her horns toward the menace.

The next moment her eyes, made keen by the fear of love, detected the black outline of the bear's head through the coarse screen of the juniper. Without a second's hesitation she flung up her tail, gave a short bellow and charged. The moment she saw herself detected the bear rose upon her hind quarters. Nevertheless she was in a measure surprised by the sudden blind fury of the attack. Nimbly she swerved to avoid it, aiming at the same time a stroke with her mighty forearm, which, if it had found its mark, would have smashed her adversary's neck. But as she struck out in the act of shifting her position a depression of the ground threw her off her balance. The next instant one sharp horn caught her slantingly in the flank, tipping its way upward and inward, while the mad impact threw her upon her back.

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# ALL RECORDS BROKEN

## By Atlantic Skipper Capt. Pohle.

### Who Has Crossed the Ocean 332 Times—Will Retire and Follow Farming.

Capt. Carl Pohle, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Lahn, which sailed for Bremen from New York Aug. 17, has a record unequalled among transatlantic commanders. Capt. Pohle has crossed the Atlantic 332 times. With this voyage, which is his last one, he completes his 177th round trip. He has tussled with the waves and gales on the water between the United States and Germany for 1,612,819 miles. This is equal in distance to sixty-five voyages around the globe at the equator.

He has been forty-seven years in the service of one company. During that time, in addition to his transatlantic trips, he has made twenty-five voyages to India and China together, and a number of long cruises in South American waters. There is not a port of any importance on the globe in which the captain has not set foot.

There has never been a serious accident to a ship which Capt. Pohle commanded. He never rammed another vessel, never lost his course in a fog and never had a fire aboard ship. Summer and winter, in fair weather and in foul, it has been accepted as a truism at the New York office that "Pohle's ship will be in on time." In length of service and number of voyages made it is said that Capt. Pohle is the dean of all ship commanders. When the Captain guides the Lahn into Bremen harbor at the end of this voyage he will walk down the gangplank an ex-sea captain. He is retiring from service.

The North German Lloyd Company has a rule by which its officers may retire on pension at sixty years. Capt. Pohle is sixty-one, and is going to settle down on a little garden farm near his native city, Bremen. There he expects to raise the finest tomatoes ever grown in Germany, and to astonish the peasant farmers with a variety of New York potatoes which are bigger than those known to Bremen markets. Tomatoes are the captain's hobby, with potatoes and garden flowers a close second and third.

Capt. Pohle does not look like a seaman about to quit work. When the Sunday World reporter visited him aboard the Lahn he was just thinking of an hour's nap, he said, after forty-eight hours continuously on the bridge coming in. His step was as elastic and his eyes were as bright as those of the young first officer who stood beside him. There are some men whom you can describe by saying, "He looks as strong as an ox." This fits Capt. Pohle.

The captain radiates good humor. His tanned face wrinkles up in contented curves around his clear gray eyes when you ask him how it feels to cross the Atlantic 332 times.

"That is nothing," he laughs. "Perhaps I should say how it feels to quit crossing the Atlantic," and he brings his fist down with a bang on the table, still laughing. "I think maybe I shall feel lonesome without the sea," confessed the captain. "That remains to be seen. I have never had a vacation long enough to tell yet how I am going to like this farming business."

In the course of a pleasant talk the captain gave voice to several aphorisms worth remembering:

"To a sailor there are no perilous places on the ocean."

"It isn't how many times you're in danger that counts; it's how many times you get yourself out of it without mishaps."

"Unless a man's a coward he never remembers his worst perils long after they are past. They're disagreeable to think of, and so he simply forgets them."

"I have noticed that passengers sometimes become panicky when they are perfectly safe. In times of very great danger they are invariably smoking and playing cards and having a good time below."

"A great many more persons travel how than formerly, and they know how to do it a great deal better. In one thing only has there been no change. They ask just as many questions as they always did."

in the world. They know how to make themselves comfortable." "The time is coming when almost any old passenger tub will cross the Atlantic in five days." "China has the most interesting ports in the world."

"Thirty years ago when I sailed in to a crowded harbor I sometimes saw a ship flying an American flag. Now I never see one. This is not the way it ought to be, with all the money and enterprise that Americans put into other things. The sea is an immense free empire. It is worth taking."

During his forty-seven years of service the captain has seen a revolution in sea-going craft. He came into New York in 1854 as a cabin boy on the sailing ship Berlin.—New York World.

### Mystery is Unsolved.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 26.—A special to the Miner from Thompson Falls says the mystery of the strange disappearance of E. A. Goodchild, one of Montana's prominent citizens, and a big millman of Thompson, remains unsolved.

W. E. Lindenbaum, his partner in the milling business, has had a regular party of ten men on day wages engaged in the search, but thus far they have met with no success. Goodchild has been missing since last Tuesday, when he left home taking his dog and his gun and going on a hunting trip.

Goodchild was familiar with the country, and it is hardly likely that he could have lost his way, and grave fears are entertained that he has met with an accident and lost his life.

A severe blizzard with intense cold has swept the mountains, and it is feared that if Goodchild did lose his way he could hardly have survived the storm.

### Body of Indian is Found.


Wenatchee, Wash., Jan. 25.—The body of George Washington, an Indian known all over the northwestern portion of the state, was found lying lengthwise in the centre of the railroad track this morning and apparently had been tied there. The back of the head was cut. The coroner says Washington was killed with an ax. Blood spots in the centre of the railroad track lead from town—to where the body was found.

### For Sale.

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# MR. SAYLOR REGALED

## Meets Many Dawsonites At Zero Club.

### Where He Was Distinguished Guest of Honor at Saturday Night's Reception.

The Zero Club apartments were crowded Saturday night with members and their guests, the occasion being a reception to Mr. H. D. Saylor, recently arrived United States Consul for Dawson. As the guests arrived they were presented to Mr. Saylor by Acting President of the club, Thomas McGowan.

It was 11 o'clock and after a full hour had been whiled away in general conversation and in music from the orchestra, that E. B. Gordon called the assembly to order and introduced the acting president, Mr. McGowan, who, in a few words gave a welcome not only to the guest of honor but to other guests of the club. The president appointed Barney Sugrue sergeant-at-arms for the night and then introduced Mr. Alfred Thompson who, in behalf of the city of Dawson and of the British subjects of the Yukon district welcomed Mr. Saylor to Dawson and the Yukon. Dr. Thompson said, among other nice things: "Of all people who may come to our country we welcome to Americans is most warm and sincere and they of all people are most welcome."

Mr. Saylor, when introduced by the president, was most heartily applauded. In slow, measured and distinct tones, for he is a very deliberate speaker, the new consul expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended by the club whose guest he was and by the Canadians to whose country he had come as an ambassador for the very kindly and brotherly manner in which he had been received. Taking from his pocket a small book case and from that a miniature gold pen which bore engraved upon it the invitation from the Zero Club to their guest for the occasion, Mr. Saylor said that, while he had not come to mine literal gold from the country, he hoped it would be his to bring out golden opinion and goodwill from Americans and Canadians alike during his tenure in office as a diplomat in the Yukon.

Following Mr. Saylor's address the orchestra rendered the "Star-Spangled Banner," the audience joining in the chorus.

C. M. Woodworth, Esq., was the next speaker. He advocated matrimony and spoke freely of Mr. Saylor as a gentleman and a fitting man to represent the great republic from whence he came. Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Saylor traveled in the same stage from Whitehorse, consequently saw much of each other and became, as Mr. Woodworth said, like brothers before arriving in Dawson. Mr. Woodworth said that next to Canadians, Americans are the best people on earth and that of all foreign flags he admired and respected the Stars and Stripes most.

And the orchestra played "The Maple Leaf Forever," the crowd joining in the chorus.

Frank Johnson brought down the house with a French dialect story in which he condemned the granting of the Fairgold concession.

At this juncture Mr. Woodworth moved that Mr. Saylor be made an honorary member of the Zero Club, the question being carried unanimously.

Messrs. Clayton and Aske rendered a vocal duet which was followed by an address and several good stories by Allan R. Joy.

Mr. Rudy Kalenborn, acting German consul, was introduced and, after a few remarks, yielded to the popular demand for the rendition of a couple of German songs.

Mr. Dufferin Patullo, consul for Norway and Sweden, was next introduced, and in a few neatly delivered words welcomed Mr. Saylor to Dawson's diplomatic corps.

The club, anthem, "Why do we love you," was sung with as much vigor as the very mild but delicious punch which was copiously served would insure.

Mr. Noel, Mr. Sugrue and Mr. Teasdale followed in the order named with remarks and amusing stories, at the conclusion of which President McGowan invited everybody to repair to the dining room which, on being opened, was found to contain a most delicious supper to which all present did ample justice.

What had taken place previous to the supper was designated as "High

Jinks" and what followed the repast was called "Low Jinks," but why the distinction should have been made was not clear, as among the best speeches and music of the occasion were the after-supper productions. Mr. E. B. Congdon presided as master of "Low Jinks" ceremonies, the speakers of which were Messrs. L. R. Fulda, Leroy Tozier, E. C. Senkler, F. T. Congdon, Hon. Justice Dugas and others. A cake walk by Messrs. Chisholm and McRae was one of the interesting and amusing features of the post repast program.

The entertainment went merrily on until well along in the early morning and at its conclusion the guest of honor could heartily exclaim: "Truly are my lines cast in pleasant places."

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel.—Frank Lawler, Hunker; J. C. Ward, Dominion; W. O. Young, Eldorado; Ed. Smith, Dawson; M. B. Volkman, Gold Bottom.

Hotel Flannery.—A. H. Turnbull, Hunker; Mrs. H. S. Shueman and child, 16 Mile House; Mrs. Ed. Wood, 16 Mile House; J. R. Nixon, 37 Eldorado; Anthony Sweeney, 37 Eldorado; Geo. B. Cockreham, Chechaco Hill; A. Baird, Sulphur; D. McDonald; Discovery, Hunker; C. Eckert, Hunker; F. Eckert, Hunker; L. A. Jackson, Hunker; W. D. Devlin, Gold Bottom; L. Roth, Discovery, Hunker; J. Bungate, Bear Creek; J. A. McDougall, Bear Creek; Miss I. Jenott, Hunker.

### Record Not Broken

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—Claude Crouse, a linotype operator, has broken the record by setting 86,200 ems in seven hours and forty-five minutes.

(This is no record to be sent over the wire. Four years ago J. T. Riley, of Denver, Col., set 107,000 ems in seven hours and fifteen minutes. The man who is setting this up on a Monoline in the Nugget office says he can beat the record telegraphed if somebody will make it a consideration.

### Charge Absurd

Washington, Feb. 15.—The dispute regarding the attitude of the powers to the United States previous to the Spanish war is occupying much space in the American and British press and it is agreed by them that the charges made by Germany that Pauncefote was secretly antagonistic to America are absurd.

### Hors de Combat

New York, Feb. 15.—Kid Lavigne broke both the bones of his forearm while training with his sparring partner, consequently his fight with O'Brien on the 23rd has been postponed.

### To Consolidate

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—It is reported that the Adams, United States, Wells-Fargo and American Express Companies are to be merged into one corporation with E. H. Harriman as president.

### General Vaccination

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Every railway employe from the presidents down to messenger boys, has been ordered vaccinated as a spread of smallpox is feared.

### Shot to Kill

Sandwich, Ont., Feb. 15.—In a quarrel over wages today Farmer John Francis shot Fred Hardis, a Swede employe. Hardis will probably die.

### Want More Tariff

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Promoters of the beet sugar industry are petitioning the Dominion government to temporarily raise the sugar tariff.

### Legislatures Open

Montreal, Feb. 13.—The legislatures of Quebec and Nova Scotia opened today. Thos. Robertson was chosen speaker of the latter.

### Boer Delegates

The Hague, Feb. 15.—Boer delegates have left this place on some secret mission. It is believed they are bound for the United States.

### Hospital Closed

Quebec, Feb. 15.—The Civic Contagious Diseases hospital has been closed for lack of funds. As a result much indignation is expressed.

# FEDERAL BUILDINGS

## Official Residences For Territorial Judges.

### Offices For Mining Inspectors, the Total Estimate of Which Will Aggregate \$50,000.

In the list of estimates which went forward to Ottawa some time ago was an appropriation asked for, aggregating about \$50,000, which it is proposed to expend this summer in the erection of additional federal buildings needed in and about Dawson. Those to be built in the city will include only an official residence for each of the territorial judges, the plans for which have already been drawn ready to begin work as soon as the budget has passed parliament and the weather will permit. Where the residences of the judges will be located has not been decided upon definitely, but they will doubtless be within reasonable distance of the court house. The structures will be commodious and imposing and of a substantial character fully in keeping with the other buildings erected by the federal government. The approximate cost of each will be \$15,000.

In addition to the buildings just referred to there are also four offices for mining inspectors to be erected, one at Grand Forks, one on Hunker probably at Gold Bottom, one on Gold Run and one on the Stewart. That built at the Forks will cost \$6,000, which will be about the cost of the others. The location of the one to be built on the Stewart river has not been decided upon. It will probably be put up at the mouth of the river, the present location of the Stewart mining inspector, as that is the most convenient for such officer when the close proximity of creeks other than tributaries of the Stewart are taken into consideration.

There can be but little doubt that the buildings contemplated will be

built as proposed. Parliament is now in session and one of the first acts of that body generally is the passage of bills containing the annual appropriations asked for. Estimates recommended by the commissioner may be considered practically the same as passed. The appropriation does not become available until July 1, after the completion of the present fiscal year, but upon notification of the passage of the bill work may be begun prior to that date, if it is so desired, payment of bills being deferred until such time as the funds become available. The plans for all the buildings to be put up this year are from the hands of Dominion Architect T. W. Fuller, whose complete mastery of his profession is shown in the federal buildings already gracing the city.

### Ivey Over-ripe

Washington, Feb. 16.—United States Collector Ivey of Alaska exceeded his authority and the law in ordering the closing of Dutch Harbor and Unalaska to Canadian sealers, and in consequence the government forthwith released him from the collectorship. Lieutenant Jarvis, his successor, is now en route from Washington.

### More Claims Filed

Victoria, Feb. 16.—Attorneys Higgins and Elliott yesterday issued a new rite for recovery of freight overcharges amounting to \$40,000 in behalf of J. St. Clair Blackett & Co. of Atlin, this making four hundred thousand dollars in claims now filed. Probably the completed claims will amount to three-quarters of a million. Bodwell & Duff are retained as senior counsel for all claimants. The cases are set for the civil assizes in March.

### Merchant Assigns

Bellechasse, Que., Feb. 15.—John Lavallo, a merchant of this place, has assigned liabilities, \$18,000; assets, \$11,000. The creditors declined to take 35 cents on the dollar.

### Must Be Awake

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—The Pastime Club has offered \$15,000 for the Jeffries and Denver Ed. Martin contest.

# JUDGMENT RENDERED

## Injunction in Famous Case is Denied.

### Clerical Error in Decision of Court of Appeal Causes Much Difficulty.

In the territorial court this morning Mr. Justice Dugas granted a judgment upon the motion for an injunction in the case of Berry et al vs. Campbell et al, which was argued last week. The case is one of the most vexatious ever heard in the Yukon courts and is the outcome of the famous Fleishman-Creese controversy over the boundary lines of a claim on Discovery pup of Last Chance. His lordship's decision is as follows:—

"Plaintiffs and defendants have been before the court of appeal to have the lines defined between their claims which are contiguous, plaintiffs' being hillside claims and defendants' gulch claims, and this is upon the suit of the plaintiffs themselves who alleged that the defendants were encroaching upon their claims. On appeal it was maintained that they were not, and, in giving the reasons for the judgment of the court of appeal, it is clearly shewn that the intention was to apply the regulations as they read, more particularly section 10; of the regulations of 1898, which declare that the lines of gulch or creek claims shall be lines along the bed or rim-rock. It would appear that in signing the judgment after the court of appeal had dissolved, the clerk had omitted the words 'bed or rim-rock,' and that the boundaries of defendants' claims as against the plaintiffs were defined to be lines three feet higher than the lowest general level of the gulch existing on the surface of said claims at the time of plaintiffs' staking. Taking advantage of this definition, plaintiffs have had the boundaries surveyed and have had them fixed, not only as far as the old

boundaries established by Mr. Fawcett, surveyor, which the court of appeal declared to be within the limits of the claims of the defendants, but had the said boundaries fixed even at fifty feet further on the defendants' claims, contrary to the dictum of the court of appeal.

"Under the circumstances I cannot see, for the present, my way to granting the injunction asked for, and the motion is therefore dismissed with costs with permission to renew afterward should circumstances warrant it."

### Graves at Ottawa

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—President Graves of the White Pass has arrived in Ottawa from England and with Newell, Crysler, (Ottawa barrister), and Mitchell, interviewed Premier Laurier yesterday, the premier passing them to Minister of Railways Blair and he to Deputy Minister Shrieber.

### Live Wire

Sydney, C.B., Feb. 15.—Robert Glover was killed by a live wire here today.

### Two Much Gossip

Perth, Ont., Feb. 15.—Gossipers have caused the retirement from the ministry of Rev. Foster McAmmond.

### Big Shortage

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 16.—Lancefield, the absconding librarian, is short \$5,000.

Chipped diamonds, yellow diamonds or flawed diamonds can not be bought at J. L. Sale & Co.'s. They carry only the best.

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The gold found in the creek is the same as that found in the ledge.

The gold is found in slide matter on Seven pup. Where did it come from?

The best pay found in Gay Gulch is at the head of the gulch, below the quartz mines. There are eight gulches heading at the Lone Star mines. They all carry gold. Where did it come from?

Lone Star stock is the best investment ever offered to the public. Buy now. The books will soon be closed and you will be too late. Don't let the man who knows it all tell you that there is no quartz in this country. The fools who make that statement have no bank account, which is the proof of their wisdom.

Every placer camp in the world turned into a quartz camp.

Cripple Creek was a placer camp. The men who knew it all were there. They made the same statement. A carpenter found the quartz after the wise men had left.

Have you ever visited the Lone Star mines? If not, you have no right to even think. Go up and satisfy yourself. Yours for business and a quartz camp, LEW CRADEN.

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CURLERS CONTEST

Championship Games This Evening

Twelve Rinks Entered and Will Compete For the New York Life Trophy.

Tonight on the N. C. curling rink begins the series of games which has for its purpose the question of fixing the championship of the winter among the curlers and the final awarding of the beautiful silver cup presented last winter by the New York Insurance Company and won by Col. Rourke and his rink.

There are 12 rinks entered in the schedule, four of which will play each evening until the victors are decided upon. The following rules have been agreed upon as governing the contest:

1. Games to commence at 8 p. m. sharp. One point for each ten minutes delay to be forfeited by delinquent team until 8:30, at which hour game goes by default unless otherwise agreed upon by opposing skips.

2. Score book to be kept by caretaker and skips will be required to initial the result of each game on termination thereof.

3. Royal Caledonian Curling Club rules to govern these games.

4. No member whose dues are delinquent shall be allowed to take part in any of these games.

5. Fourteen (14) ends shall constitute a game.

The following rinks are scheduled for play this week:

Monday - Crisp vs. Norquay; Hingson vs. Young.

Tuesday - Richardson vs. Stewart; Moncrieff vs. McKinnon.

Wednesday - De Gex vs. Macfarlane; Bruce vs. Noble.

Thursday - Crisp vs. Young; Norquay vs. Richardson.

Friday - Hingson vs. Stewart; Moncrieff vs. Macfarlane.

Saturday - McKinnon vs. Bruce; De Gex vs. Noble.

To Sue R. R. Co.

Mr. Thos. Kirkpatrick is about to start an action here against the White Pass & Yukon Company upon what may be said to be new lines, but it will undoubtedly lead to several actions of a similar character. Mr. Kirkpatrick shipped last summer a large quantity of goods from Victoria to Dawson, paying at Victoria the full freight rates charged for through freight. When the goods arrived here Mr. Kirkpatrick was unable to obtain them from the railroad company until he had paid other and what in his action he will seek to show were exorbitant charges. He will sue to recover the difference between the through rate paid in Victoria and the excessive charges extorted from him here upon the delivery of the goods.

Mail From Down River.

Ben Downing's carriers brought in this morning eight sacks of mail from lower river points, two of which were for Dawson and the remainder for the outside. This will go out this evening. The mail from the south got in about two o'clock this afternoon, altogether ten sacks. Three of these are for the lower river and will also go out this evening. So as postal arrangements are running just at this time there can be no kick coming from anybody.

Excitement at the Forks.

M. B. O'Dell, the young lawyer, was at the Forks on Saturday and Sunday, returning this morning. He says that there is much excitement there in regard to the Treadgold concession, more than there is here judging from the surface. They have been counseled to wait and see what Dawson does, and on Wednesday evening they will hold a mass meeting on the subject. Several gentlemen from Dawson have been invited to speak at this meeting.

Small Fire.

Fire broke out on Saturday afternoon in a cabin at the corner of Albert street and Sixth avenue, occupied by Messrs. McLane and Campbell. The fire boys were quickly on hand and the amount of damage done was very slight.

Russian Like

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Princes Lutfulah and Sabagadid, sons of Damud Mahmud, the Sultan's

brother-in-law, who was recently condemned to death on the charge of inciting rebellion to overthrow the Sultan. The Princes will be sentenced to death by default as was their father.

To Prevent Collisions

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The practical demonstration of a new device to prevent railroad collisions was made here today to the entire satisfaction of all the railroad men.

In Kentucky

Louisville, Feb. 16.—Nine men were killed and many injured in a conflict with the Turner outlaws yesterday. Sixty citizens and police are engaged in attempting to arrest the party.

Horsefly N. G.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—P. Morrison has just returned from the Horsefly diggings which he says are worthless. He says the boomers are using Klondike gold to exhibit as samples.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—Diver McHardy has gone to Fitz Hugh Sound to raise the Steamer Bertha.

Dominion Interfers

Victoria, Feb. 17.—The Dominion government has asked the British Columbia legislature to either amend or repeal its legislation of the last session containing anti-Oriental clauses.

Fitz and Jefferies Sign

New York, Feb. 17.—Fitzsimmons and Jefferies have signed for a 20 round match to take place between the 10th and 20th of May for the world's championship and 60 per cent. of the gate receipts.

Army Reductions

London, Feb. 17.—British army estimates show a reduction in expense of £25,000,000 from last year, although no reduction has been made in the South African forces.

The Prince En Route

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Prince Henry sailed on the Bremen Haven for New York. His ship is convoyed by the United States warships Cincinnati, San Francisco, Illinois and Olympia.

Gets Five Years

Victoria, Feb. 16.—Frank Nichols, the Italian slayer of Tom Westes, pleaded guilty of murder in self-defense. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years.

COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Convening This Afternoon.

Informal Gathering of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at Empire Hotel.

The first meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen will take place at the Empire hotel this afternoon at 5 p. m. By the provisions of the act, the first regular meeting of the board occurs on Monday, March 3, so that this afternoon will be wholly informal and principally for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the future welfare of the city. Mayor Macaulay will preside and all the aldermen will be present with the exception of Mr. Wilson, who is now on his way outside.

The policy that it is proposed to pursue will be outlined and an expression of opinion will be taken upon the questions of interest to the city. The relations of the board are most harmonious and upon the convening of the council in regular session upon March 3 it will be found that but little time will have to be spent in becoming acquainted and arranging preliminaries before getting down to hard work.

Ballot Box Frauds

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—Inquiry has been opened in the alleged ballot-box frauds at this place.

Changes Hands

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Northern Navigation Company has purchased the Beaty line of steamers.

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COURT IN CHAMBERS

Usual Grist of Motions Disposed of.

Sessions Will Begin at an Earlier Hour Until Further Notice.

During the hearing of a number of motions in chambers this morning Mr. Justice Dugas announced that from now on court would sit at 10:30 instead of 11 as has been the case through midwinter. The hour will be again changed to 10 o'clock some weeks later.

Judgment was given on the motion for an injunction in the case of Berry et al vs. Campbell et al, the motion being dismissed with costs.

In Cashman vs. Jones, counsel for plaintiff asks for an early trial, a motion for judgment having been argued and denied last chamber day. His lordship will examine the pleadings before granting the request.

In Maguire vs. Boyle a motion for security for costs was argued. Reserved.

Judgment will be rendered tomorrow in the case of J. H. Duncan vs. F. X. Gowans. The action is for the recovery of a one-half interest in the hillside claim adjoining 20 Gold Run which defendant is alleged to have procured by fraud.

There was a motion for judgment in Froman & Grisman vs. Gustavson, the amount alleged to be due being \$750.

Hegler vs. Bank of British North America stands for two weeks, pending the return of the plaintiff.

Grotschier vs. Morrison came up on a motion for security for costs, affidavits being filed by defendant by which it was sought to be shown that plaintiff was not out of the jurisdiction of the court and had no intention of returning to the Yukon. Stands for a week.

In Hoffman vs. Moe a motion was filed asking for a stay of proceedings pending the decision of the British Columbia court of appeals to which the case was appealed from the judgment of the lower court.

A stay of proceedings was granted in Meadows vs. Cummings until July 1 upon a bond in the sum of \$200 being furnished.

Bank of British North America vs. Hartley for one week.

There is no peremptory list for this week, there apparently being no cases ready for trial.

Enrolled as a Member.

M. B. Odell, who recently was successful in passing the law examination, today signed the certificate and was enrolled as a member of the bar of the Yukon Territory. The several oaths required were taken before clerk of the court Macdonald and the rising young barrister was presented by Mr. F. T. Congdon.

He Overdrew

Detroit, Feb. 16.—The collapse of the City Savings Bank is proven to have been precipitated by President Frank C. Andrews overdrawing his personal account to the amount of \$1,000,000. Andrews has been arrested.

Great Reduction

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—In return for a contribution from the federal government towards the erection of the Marconi telegraph station at Cape

Breton for carrying on the trans-Atlantic wireless system, the Marconi company has agreed to give a rate sixty per cent lower than the present cable rate. Government messages will be handled at a still lower rate and the authorities will be allowed to introduce the wireless system for the protection of shipping along the sea coast and the great lakes. An appropriation will be asked from parliament this session.

Livingstone Not Coming

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 17.—Rev. John Livingstone has reconsidered his decision to go to Dawson to take the Methodist pastorate of that city, preferring to accept a similar call at Petrolia, Ont.

Alverstone Refuses

London, Feb. 17.—Baron Alverstone Lord Chief Justice of England, absolutely refuses to open the famous case of Poulett against Poulett in which Viscount Hinton is endeavoring to recover the Poulett titles and estates.

New C. P. Steamer

Victoria, Feb. 17.—The Canadian Pacific Company has ordered from Swan & Hunter of Newcastle-on-Tyne a new iron hull, twin screw steamer that is guaranteed to make 18 knots an hour, to run on the Victoria-Vancouver route.

Famine in India

London, Feb. 16.—The famine outlook for India is alarming. In addition to lack of grain there is a plague of rats in Gujerat, Rajpootna and Central India that is destroying all crops.

Cost of Telegram.

The cost of sending the telegram to Ottawa denouncing the Treadgold concession, the result of the meeting of the Liberal association Saturday evening, was \$163.68.

Small Debts Court.

The next session of the small debts court has been fixed for Friday, March 14.

Takes Another Residence.

Mr. Justice Dugas today is moving his place of abode to the handsome residence recently completed on Fifth avenue between Mission and Harper streets.

Good Thing

Seattle, Feb. 15.—A four-cornered rate war is imminent between Seattle and San Francisco lines operating steamers to St. Michaels and Nome.

Cloudburst

Dunsmuir, Cal., Feb. 15.—A cloudburst visited this place today, carrying away six buildings.

Row at Church

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A fierce conflict between rival factions took place in a Greek church here today.

KOYUKUK A BAD ONE

According to a Letter From F. C. Whalley

Says Saloon Men and Townsite Owners Have Sent False Reports to Boom Country

Frank C. Whalley, who is now in the Koyukuk, writes to his brother Ernest M. Whalley, the well known newspaper dealer of this city, under date of January 12th, which letter came in with the mail from the lower river this morning:

"Bettles is quiet just now. It will be news to you, perhaps, that its fixed population is only about fifty men. The rest of the Koyukuk population is scattered over hundreds of miles of country, one here and one there, and all at this time practically out of reach. It may be different next summer if the middle fork is good enough to support the crowd that is said to be coming.

"This leads me to say that in my opinion the resources of this section have been overestimated outside, and that it may bring in a crowd who will be disappointed. Our diggings did not come up to what was expected last year, and there has been nothing new found yet.

"I am on Hammond river, on claim No. 7 above discovery. I have a half interest in this. While we may get good pay on this particular creek I do not see anything in the country to justify a stampede in here, and all the reports that have been sent out to encourage this stampede have been made by saloon keepers and townsite boomers. These, of course, are the only ones who would benefit by the creation of a rush to this country.

"It is a good enough country to prospect in, but how is a man going to live? He must be idle for about nine months in the year, and there are but few claims here he could possibly get a chance to work on.

"I have claim No. 7 above discovery on Hammond but have only been here a week, and if you think it is fun living in a tent with the weather we have had, I don't. It takes us all our time to get wood to keep the fire going. I was on Marion creek before I came here and got nothing."

Very Important Meeting

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how does he propose to find the stakes that at one time perhaps closed the so-called reverted claims some of them staked in '97? Mr. Treadgold going to have an array of detectives employed in keeping track of all the claims in the creek and finding out whether the assessment work has been done on them or not?

"Now what does Mr. Treadgold give in return for this extraordinary concession? He supplies the water from the Forks down with 50 heads of water in 1905. The supply of 50 sluice heads of water may be boon to the hillside miners, but they will be required to pay about twice the amount per inch as they have been paying hitherto on the creek claim owners, if they wish to open up their claims would be under the necessity of fluming sluice heads of water over the claims in order to be able to pay their claims at all.

"The whole thing seems to be a same old story—ignorance of conditions and the needs of the area here.

"As to the deplorable effect of blanketing of the country, that is well known and appreciated for a discuss."

Seven Years for Lewis

Spokane, Feb. 16.—Attorney A. Lewis was yesterday sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for defrauding a client, Mrs. Bauer Platt.

Want a Fight

Buffalo, Feb. 16.—The Fort Buffalo International Athletic Club of this city will give 65 per cent. of the proceeds for a fight between Jeffries and Sharkey.

Whist Club.

The meeting of the whist club which was called for this evening has been postponed. The next meeting will be held at the residence of J. U. Nichol.

Cattle Dying

Denaer, Feb. 16.—Many thousands of cattle are dying in this state exposure and starvation.

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