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# SEMI-WEEKLY KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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DAWSON, Y. T., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1900

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## EXTRA!!!

### DESTROYED AGAIN!

Business Portion of the  
City in Ruins.

### THE LONG EXPECTED HAS COME TO PASS

Fire Originated in Room 1 of the  
Monte Carlo.

A Steady North Wind Combats All  
Efforts of the Firemen—The Latter  
Worked Heroically—Entire  
Block Is Swept From Earth

At last the long expected has hap-  
pened. Dawson's long business block  
which represented thousands upon

thousands of dollars to our most pro-  
gressive business men is now a mass of  
smoldering ruins. The handsome edi-  
fices which were built last spring to re-  
place the buildings which fell a victim  
to the all devouring element in April  
last are gone and in their place is a  
long line of smoldering embers and  
broken timbers to tell of the glory that  
once was their's.

The fire originated in the second  
story of the Monte Carlo at 3:15 this  
afternoon. A few minutes later an  
alarm was rung in and the fire depart-  
ment responded promptly. Meanwhile,  
however, the fire had spread being  
easily carried by the lining and paper  
which covered the walls. Running  
back through the building the boxes in  
the balcony were soon aflame and from  
there by leaps and jumps the fire  
spread until the stage was reached and

in a few moments the fire was bursting  
from both ends and sides of the build-  
ing. The alarm was given by Miss  
Secondina Russo who first discovered  
the flames in the front part of the  
building.

Two streams were turned on almost  
immediately and for a short time it  
looked as though the devouring ele-  
ment would yield to the desperate  
efforts of the fire company. But such  
was not to be the case. At 3:30, just  
when it appeared as though control of  
the fire might be gained, a sharp  
northern wind sprang up and in a few  
minutes it was apparent that the entire  
block practically was doomed. At 3:45  
the fire had burst through the walls  
dividing the Monte Carlo from the  
Hoffman house and fanned by the  
steadily increasing blaze that handsome  
building was soon in flames. Five min-  
utes later the Opera house, one of Daw-  
son's finest structures, was in flames  
and its doom sealed. By this time it  
had become apparent that the entire  
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## GEORGE GOES FREE.

Apologizes to Judge Dugas  
for His Open Letter.

DIDN'T KNOW HE  
WAS IN CONTEMPT

Hard Fight Made by Attorney  
Woodworth.

Cited Many Precedents to Show That  
His Client Was Not in Contempt  
—The End of an Interesting  
Case.

The contempt case of A. F. George oc-  
cupied nearly the entire day in Judge  
Dugas' court. Numerous authorities  
were cited by Attorney Woodworth in  
behalf of his client in an endeavor to  
show that his client was within his  
rights in using the language which ap-  
peared in the open letter to Judge  
Dugas in the Sunday Gleaner of  
Dec. 10.

At the end of the argument Judge  
Dugas, while not by any means con-  
doning the offense, ordered a stay of  
proceedings in view of the following  
letter written by Mr. George:

Honorable Justice Dugas:

The comments and reports made by  
me in the Sunday Gleaner of December  
6 and 10, 1899, were written in good  
faith and were not designed to be un-  
fair or show disrespect to the court, or  
influence the judgment in Regina vs.  
Forrest.

I have, however, heard it expressed  
that such a construction can be placed  
upon them, this opinion being ex-  
pressed by persons of legal training.

That such should be the case is a  
matter of extreme regret to myself, and  
I openly avow the regret I feel, that I  
should have written anything which  
could possibly influence either judge or  
jury in the case of Regina vs. Forrest,  
or capable of being misconstrued into a  
disrespect of the court.

ARNOLD F. GEORGE.

Post-Scout Falls In.

Capt. Jack Crawford, the post scout,  
met with quite a mishap Monday.  
Capt. Jack was returning from a trip to  
Hunker creek. He was driving his lit-  
tle jenny and taking matters comfort-  
ably reclining upon his Yukon sled.  
At a point about five miles up the Klon-  
dike the captain took the wrong trail  
and before he was aware of what was  
going on, sled, jenny and captain were  
all precipitated into the chilly waters of  
the Klondike by reason of a break in  
the ice. Captain Jack was supported in  
a measure by the sled, but the poor lit-  
tle jenny was entirely submerged with  
the exception of a portion of her head.

Rescue was at hand, however, in the  
person of Dick Adams, the Nugget's  
Hunker man, and another traveler,  
both of whom proceeded immediately to  
extricate the unfortunate scout from his  
perilous position. In a few minutes  
the captain and his steed were safe on  
solid ice and making tracks for home.  
With the exception of a general chill  
over his body the captain was none the  
worse for his ducking.

Captain Jack yesterday presented his  
rescuer, Dick Adams, son of Acting  
Consul Adams, with a handsome gold  
watch chain. Capt. Crawford says that  
if Mr. Adams had not come to his  
relief when he did, nothing could have  
prevented his freezing to death. We  
congratulate Mr. Adams on his well de-  
served gift, and Capt. Crawford on his  
escape and recovery from the after  
effects of his accident.



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### WHEN?

Some months ago a statement given under official authority appeared in the columns of the local press to the effect that within a very short time the privilege would be extended to the Canadian citizens of Dawson and the Yukon territory of casting their ballots for the election of two members to our territorial legislative body—the Yukon council.

It appears to us that the time for that election is about due. The council as it is at the present time organized, is a sort of combination legislative and administrative body. Its sessions are held behind closed doors and such information as to its proceedings is made public as in the judgment of its members is deemed wise. With the election of members by direct vote of those entitled to the suffrage in the territory the sittings of the council would become public, and the administrative deliberations of that body would be confined to executive sessions.

It is natural to suppose that with a portion of its members responsible directly to the people of this territory, matters which concern and affect the public weal would be given more consideration than is now the case.

More alacrity would be displayed in solving such problems as the lighting of the public streets, the establishment of a thorough system for maintaining the healthfulness of the city or the organization of a system of public instruction.

Some day or other Dawson must become an incorporated town, conducting its own affairs and electing its own municipal officers.

This would probably follow closely in the wake of the election of the new members of the council. For the welfare of the community at large, the sooner this election is announced the better.

### CASUALTIES ARE SMALL.

A remarkable feature of the South African war is the limited number of casualties. Considering the strength of the contending forces and the improved offensive weapons in use there have been very few men killed.

In fact the proportion of fatalities is less than would have occurred three hundred years ago under similar circumstances. Students of modern warfare will have something to ponder over when the war is at an end. There will be a great many theories advanced in explanation of the fact that battles occurred where tons upon tons of shot and shell were hurled by the contending forces at each other, and hardly enough men killed to call the affair a battle. One thing seems to be apparent and that is that improvement in

weapons do not necessarily mean a proportionate increase in slaughter.

### OUR SEMI-WEEKLY.

The Semi-Weekly Nugget will be printed on Wednesdays and Saturdays hereafter, instead of on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore. This arrangement enables us to place in the Semi-Weekly the news of the three preceding days as taken from the Daily, and by that means our creek subscribers and others who prefer subscribing for the Semi-Weekly only, will receive the benefit of practically all the news of the week condensed in the two issues.

The Nugget is looking out with particular care for its creek patrons, where the Semi-Weekly has its largest circulation. The system of delivering which we have established on the various creeks is almost perfect, each creek being covered within 24 hours from the time the paper leaves the press.

Advertising contracts made for the Daily Nugget include insertion in the Semi-Weekly, which gives the advertiser a reading clientele unsurpassed by the circulation of all the other papers in Dawson combined.

Willie Semple, editor and proprietor of the late lamented Sunday Gleaner, is now kicking his heels in high glee upon the soil of Uncle Sam's domain.

Semple will now have plenty of opportunity to air his views in safety. The stories of all the martyrs, the Pilgrim Fathers and everybody else that ever was persecuted for righteousness' sake will pale into insignificance when compared with the tales which Semple will have to relate. It will not be surprising to learn that he has taken the lecture platform, with a view of turning the Dominion of Canada wrong side out. We miss our guess if the festive Willie does not give the Boer war a hard run for space in the newspapers for the next few weeks.

The Yukon territory is a hard country for the evil doer. The natural conditions are such that escape from Dawson up the river is almost impossible. For any man to attempt to leave the territory behind him by any other route than the trail up or down the river would simply be suicide. Added to this is a police service from the vigilance of which few criminals escape. In all probability no new country was ever before settled by a mixed class of people and so few serious crimes recorded as have occurred in this territory since the discovery of gold was first announced.

We understand that the trustees of the Board of Trade will discuss this evening the appointment of a committee on sanitation. This is certainly a wise move. Unless great precautions are taken the health of the city will certainly be endangered when spring opens and putrifying masses of filth and garbage now harmless by reason of being frozen, begins to give forth their noisome stenches. Dawson is not by any means an unhealthy place and a little caution will save it from becoming such.

Our telegrams speak of a crowd of people being at Skagway en route to Nome. While numbers are not mentioned the Nomads must be showing up in very respectable quantities. The advance guard of the pilgrims may be expected to show up very shortly.

### DESTROYED AGAIN.

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block was doomed. The wind steadily increased in strength and the grim crackle of the flames could be heard a distance of several blocks.

When it became apparent that the entire block was doomed an army of willing workers began immediately the work of removing the stocks of goods from the stores and saloons along the block. The police and military did heroic service in saving the goods and hundreds of bystanders gave their services cheerfully and without charge.

As the flames gradually enveloped the Opera house, the front of the building began swaying backwards and forwards, and suddenly with a mighty sound, fell prone into the streets, causing a scatter among the bystanders on all sides.

The following is a list of the buildings burned and the people who occupied them, as nearly as could be ascertained at the time of going to press:

The Monte Carlo, owned by Holden and Smith and used as a saloon and variety theater. In the alley adjoining the Monte Carlo, was a news stand occupied by Phillips & Co.; stock recovered. The Hoffman house, unoccupied at present, had a small stock of groceries stored there. The huge Opera house block, destroyed by fire for the third time, had just been leased to the Actors' Co-operative Co.; stock saved. The Dominion saloon, leased to Sam Bonfield; stock saved. The Bodega saloon. The United States consul's office was up stairs in this building and the Stars and Stripes were the last thing to be seen consumed. Sale & Co., jewelers, occupied part of the front, but saved everything. The Northern Trading Co. occupied the next building, but saved their entire stock. Next came the Palace barber shop, the fixtures being all saved, however.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce down town office was in part of the building occupied by the Palace Barber shop, but precaution was used and the fixtures were saved. The stock of the Merchant's Cafe, a small building on the same lot, was saved. This and the building on both sides were torn down by the soldiers to head off the flames. The next building was occupied by the Northern Trading Co., but everything was saved. The Canadian Bank of Commerce saved their books and will be ready for business at the main office.

While the force all were trying to stop the advance of the fire towards First avenue, the Board of Trade, situated directly north of the Monte Carlo burst into flames and is a total loss.

The building occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce was torn down and the fire stopped at this place. The buildings left standing are the Northern annex, Northern restaurant, Comet barber shop, Pioneer saloon, Palmer Bros., Aurora billiard rooms and the Aurora saloon.

Up until 6 o'clock the fire had been kept away from Second street.

### Fire Notes.

Rev. Hetherington of the Methodist church, announces that the church will be open free of charge for shelter to all persons who may desire same.

The A. C. Co. covered their entire block on the south side with wet blankets to protect it from the intense heat.

The fire originated in room No. 1 of the Monte Carlo, occupied by Florence Broce. A small fire broke out in the same room about a week ago.

Frank Hudson was standing in front of the Monte Carlo when the flames suddenly burst out. He was quite severely burned.

Jaqueline was carried out of the Monte Carlo in a fainting condition. Contact with the fresh air soon revived her.

Annie O'Brien, the little actress, was in a hysterical condition over the loss

of her pet puppies. Annie was taken to the bakery on Second street and soon recovered.

Conchita's little boy disappeared for some time during the excitement, but was found later on.

Mrs. Crowley, the dressmaker, very kindly furnished wearing apparel to several unfortunates.

Estimates of the total loss run from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Offices to rent. M. I. Stevens, A. C. office building.

Geo. Apple is one of the heaviest property losers by the fire. He owned the Hoffman house, Bodega building, the Grotto building and in fact all the property fronting on Third street, from the alley up to Second avenue.

A young woman named Leta who was at the Monte Carlo in the capacity of soubrette, is missing and it is feared she perished in the flames.

The Horseshoe building was owned by Ben Levy.

The Monte Carlo, where the fire originated, was owned by Ed Holden and Jack Smith. C. C. Kelly and Holden owned the entire business including bar, club rooms and theater.

C. C. Kelly was about due to be again burned out, this being the third time he has seen his all go up in smoke and down in ashes in Dawson within 18 months. Kelly lost \$30,000 by last winter's fire.

Every team in the city was engaged in hauling goods away from the doomed block to places of safety. One hundred dollars per load was being freely offered for such services.

Offices to rent. M. I. Stevens, A. C. office building.

One of Monte Carlo box rustlers was heard to say during the time the fire was raging 'I have been threatening for a month to lay off and go to the hospital, and now I'll go.'

The Nugget Express has storage facilities for 400 tons of goods. Nearly the last entire space has already been contracted for.

Offices to rent. M. I. Stevens, A. C. office building.

The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 8 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

**The P. P. Co.**

CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH

**The Best--The Cheapest**

**Branch Store**

Front Street, Opposite S.-Y. T. Dock

Warehouses 2nd St. & 5th Ave.

**Parsons Produce Co.**

**SMOKES...**

And good ones, too, at unheard of low prices. We are making extra low prices to dealers on a fine line of High Grade Domestic Goods. Prices that will force you to buy. Our line embraces

La Sonadora  
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El Grotto  
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# SEMPLER HEARD FROM

**Pursued By Police Over C. D. Cut-Off When Last Seen.**

**WAS TRAVELING WITH THE ROYAL MAIL**

**Was Eight Miles in Advance of the Officers.**

**Major Perry Knows Nothing of Semple or His Movements Further Than That a Warrant for His Arrest Is Out.**

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

When D. W. Semple failed to appear in Judge Dugas' court on December 19th to answer to a charge of contempt, it was reported and believed by an

When seen this afternoon, Major Perry, commanding the N. W. M. P. at this place, said he knew nothing of Semple or of his movements since his disappearance from this city on the 18th of December. He stated that a warrant for Semple's arrest had been issued on December 20th, but has not, to his knowledge, been served, nor did the commanding officer state that any effort had been made to serve it. If Semple is under arrest up the river no official report of such arrest has been made. The party arriving here last night report Jack Carr, Nugget Express messenger, as being well on the way down the river towards Dawson.

### Skating Match.

Percy Stevenson of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Tom Chisholm are arranging a three-mile skating match, which promises to be a very warm go. The articles read that it is to be a "match for fun," but the tip has been given out that it is to be an affair for blood.

Steve has a record as a hockey player and big Tom Chisholm is a skater who

# WHERE IS FRED CLAYSON?

**Left Dawson on a Bicycle for Skagway Dec. 20th.**

**Last Seen Christmas Morning Leaving Minto—Carried Drafts and Money—Police Searching.**

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Where is Fred H. Clayson is a question that the police, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, a host of friends, but most of all, a mother, two sisters and a brother at Skagway would be pleased to have answered.

Mr. Clayson arrived in Dawson about the middle of last October with a scow load of vegetables, principally potatoes and onions, which he sold at good prices, realizing handsomely on his venture. Navigation closed before he got started on his return to Skagway with the result that he remained here

his companions will never be again seen alive.

Major Wood, of the N. W. M. P. who is in charge of the post at Tagish, is having a systematic search of the trail made from Minto southward, but up to today no report of any information regarding the missing men has been made. It is known that Clayson carried a large sum of money on his person, also a draft for \$1500 on the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Skagway, the money and draft being the result of his trip here in October with a cargo of vegetables. The Skagway bank has been asked by wire to lookout for the draft.

Several theories are advanced for Clayson's disappearance, one being that he did not take the C. D. cut off, but continued along the river and was caught by breaking ice or by an air hole and was drowned. Another is that, as there are reported to be some rather rough characters hanging around several of the upper river roadhouses, he may have been foully dealt with for the money which he carried. A third, but rather unpalatable theory which is



THE NUGGET SUGGESTS A METHOD FOR BRINGING THE BOER WAR TO A SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION.

that he had left the city by the down the river route. That he had left the city was true, but he went up instead of down the river. Reports were current here of his progress over the ice until he reached Wilson, the second roadhouse south of Selkirk and the northern terminus of the C. D. cutoff, since which time no news of the fugitive has been received until today. Late last night, Messrs. C. B. Murphy, Dan Nicholson and J. F. Monkman reached the city, having left Bennett on Christmas day, being just two weeks en route. They report having met Semple in company with the carriers of the Royal mail at a point near the southern terminus of the cutoff. At the time the meeting occurred the mail was dashing along at a very rapid rate and Semple was keeping in touch with it. About two hours later and after traveling not over eight miles the Dawson bound party met a member of the N. W. M. P. force who also was traveling at a very rapid rate, but who took time to inquire carefully as to where Semple had been met and as to what "mushing" qualities he was displaying and exercising when seen. The policeman gave the party to understand that he carried a warrant for Semple, and expressed the belief that he would overtake and capture him within 24 hours.

has participated in more than one hard go. Skaters in town are anxiously awaiting for the big event.

### New Year's Party on Dominion.

A most enjoyable New Year's party occurred at Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's on Dominion creek. Nearly 200 people were present and a most pleasant time was spent. The following program was rendered: Instrumental duet, Duggan Brothers; song, Mr. Fitzgerald; Highland fling Duncan McDonald; song, Mrs. Marsden; sword dance, Duncan McDonald; song, William Chisholm; Hawaiian song, Mrs. Simpson; quartette, Messrs. Duncan Bros. Fitzgerald and Connelly; recitation, Mrs. Banks; song, Mr. Hall; recitation, Mr. Brooks; song, Tim Connelly.

An orchestra of four pieces furnished the music. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, Mrs. Card, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Speifcer, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Vose, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Robinson, Miss Julia, Miss Zirbes, Miss Krillingsmith and a large number from Sulphur creek.

Call and see our stock of playing cards, leather pocket case with each pack. Nugget office.

until the ice was in condition for travel. Unaccompanied by any one he left Dawson on Wednesday morning, December 20th. He was heard from at Selkirk on the 24th, where he stopped to have some repairs made to his wheel which had broken. From Selkirk he went to Minto, where he stopped over night at the road house, leaving there next morning, Christmas day, in company with two men, one of whom was named Olsen. Since that time nothing has been heard of him. Being due at Skagway several days ago and not appearing, telegraphic inquiry was made by his brother, with the startling result that it is now announced that Clayson has not been seen since Christmas morning. Neither have the two men who left Minto with him been seen. But the former being on a wheel it is not probable that he would keep in company with the pedestrians any great distance.

C. S. Hubbell, who arrived in this city Sunday night, left a road house near the foot of Lebarge Christmas morning, and, although he came over the trail taken by all travelers this season, he saw nothing of either Clayson or the two men who left Minto with him. Hubbell says that there is a general impression with the telegraph operators along the line that Clayson and

being advanced for Clayson's disappearance is that when the "Soapy" Smith trouble occurred in Skagway in July of 98, Clayson was actively on the side of law and order and was, it is said by several people now in Dawson, largely instrumental in having upwards of a dozen "suspects" driven out of the town, and that the hard characters above referred to as hanging around roadhouses were members of the "Soapy" gang and that Clayson was on their list.

As the writer was in Skagway at that time he knows that Fred Clayson was not there when the forced exodus of undesirable characters took place, he having a short time previously reached Skagway from Dawson, going on to the Sound within two or three days.

This time Clayson was on his way out from his third trip to Dawson, and being a very strong and vigorous man and a most intrepid and fearless traveler, his strange disappearance is indeed a mystery. Fred H. Clayson is the senior partner of the firm of F. H. Clayson & Co., one of Skagway's largest general mercantile establishments.

The Nugget Express is now operating a daily stage and express service between Dawson and the Forks.

# TROOPS CANNOT LEAVE!

## Indian and Egyptian Forces Must Remain at Home.

## CLAMOR RAISED FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF CABINET.

### Waiting for Lord Roberts in South Africa Before Undertaking a Decisive Movement.

**General Buller Destroys Bridges in Order to Prevent Approach of the Boers—Successful Sortie Made From Ladysmith—Panic on Wall Street—Alleged Fenian Movement a Fake.**

(From Monday's Daily.)  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—There is no abatement of the gloomy feeling that has prevailed here during the past two weeks. The lack of authentic information from the seat of war has served only to heighten the general uneasiness which seems to have settled upon all classes of people. To add to the general unpleasantness of the situation, it is now announced that troops which the war department had relied upon to be sent from India and Egypt cannot be spared and dependence for future additions to the forces now engaged in the Transvaal must be placed largely in volunteer contingents from England and the colonies.

Owing to the depressing news from South Africa, public sentiment is veering around against the administration. It is altogether probable that a reconstruction of the cabinet will take place at no distant date unless there is a sudden and decided change in the Transvaal situation.

Eighteen Howitzers have been received at Capetown recently. Six of these were sent forward to supplement Lord Methune's complement and the balance will be sent on to Gen. Buller. A report has been given out to the effect that the delay to the advance of both generals' troops was due to the failure of these guns to arrive.

Nothing that the Boers possess in the way of artillery can equal these guns. They carry a lydite shell weighing 50 pounds and are especially serviceable for long range shooting.

By reason of the delay in the arrival of these guns the Boers have outclassed the British in respect to artillery in every engagement thus far fought. The losses which Methune's forces have sustained would have been greatly reduced had he been in possession of these Howitzers.

### FOR ANOTHER RAILROAD.

Ottawa, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—An application will be made at the next session of parliament for a charter to construct a railroad from the coast to Dawson. Logan, Jenk & Outbit of Amherst, N. S., are backing the enterprise. They propose beginning construction from a point near Pyramid Harbor or from the valley of Kluckwan. The line will follow the general run of the Dalton trail, reaching the Yukon at Fort Selkirk, whence it will follow the river to Dawson.

### DUM-DUMS SEIZED.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—A quantity of rifles and other war supplies have been seized at Queenstown. They include a large number of dum-dums and Martini's belonging to the disloyal Dutch.

### WAITING FOR ROBERTS.

Capetown, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—There is a general disposition among the British commanders to await the arrival of Lord Roberts before undertaking any further decisive move-

ments. Gen. Methune has spent the past 10 days entrenching himself at Modder river and now occupies a very strong position. He has no immediate intention of moving from his present position unless compelled to do so.

### DISSENSION IN BOER CAMP.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—The Boers and Free Staters are engaged in endless disputes. The trouble has arisen principally over the fact that the Transvaal officers insist upon placing Boers in command of Free State troops. The latter are also accused of cowardice.

### BUYING MULES.

St. Louis, Mo., via Skagway, Jan. 6.—One thousand Missouri mules have been purchased in this city for use by the British in the Transvaal war. Negotiations were conducted through Capt. Marshall, an officer of the British army.

### BULLER BREAKING BRIDGES.

Capetown, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—Gen. Buller has made no important move since he succeeded in crossing the Tugela river after his disastrous defeat at the same point three weeks ago. The Boers are preparing to attack Buller in force. To gain time and prevent the enemy's approach, Buller has caused all the bridges within 25 miles of his position to be destroyed.

### WALL STREET PANIC.

New York, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—Wall street has been in a more or less panicky state for a week. On January 1, call money was quoted at 125 and none to be had. The clearing house came to the rescue with a subscription of \$10,000,000 to be loaned on the stock market. The big concern of Dilloway and Stone of Boston, has made an assignment as a result of the panic on the street. Their liabilities will reach into the millions with creditors located in nearly every city of importance in the United States.

### SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH.

Capetown, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—Gen. Hunter with 500 men, made a sortie from Ladysmith, taking the Boers unawares. The Boer gunners abandoned their forts and fled, leaving three guns in the hands of the British. One British soldier was killed. The Boer casualties are unknown.

### THE FENIAN MOVEMENT.

New York, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—The movement said to be on foot among members of the Fenian Society to organize an invasion of Canada is found to be confined to a very few professional agitators. The original report stated that 100,000 men were engaging in the movement. The United States secret service department has uncovered the scheme which at no time has reached alarming proportions.

### MOODY DEAD.

Boston, via Skagway, Jan. 6.—Rev. Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, is dead from overwork. For a period of

nearly 30 years his has been a most active and useful life. Associated with the renowned composer and singer, Ira D. L. Sankey, Rev. Moody toured the principal cities of the United States and Canada during the '70s, later going to Europe. After several years together the two separated, but each continued, the one preaching, the other singing, in the work of evangelization. A Boston paper is authority for the statement that under Moody's ministrations 100,000 people professed religion.

## THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

An old timer admitted to the Stroller that the recent cold weather was nearly, but not quite so severe as that of former winters spent by him here. He said mercury was just as low this time, but that it did not appear nearly so cold as he has experienced. Like the lousy boy, the old timer does not like to be outdone. The boy said, "I have just as many lice this year as last, but last year they were bigger and bit lots better."

Speaking of cold weather experienced by old timers, Billie Strong has seen the Yukon frozen solid and kerosene in warm storage warehouses freeze until it bursted the cans. Ben Everett, the mayor of Klondike City, has seen big coals of fire freeze solid and when they thawed the next summer they would be red hot again. Jim Hall has decorated Christmas trees with candles on which the blaze was frozen and he says the effect was perfectly lovely.

But last Friday caused the oldest pioneer to say, "Yes, it's rather chilly," and the Stroller observed that the old timers hugged the barroom stoves as closely as did many of the newcomers who are "broke" and who saw Salvation Army wood for bean soup.

"This habit in Dawson of using gold dust as a medium of exchange," said a business man to the Stroller one day this week, "is all foolishness when there is sufficient currency stored in safes and inside pockets with which to transact the current business." Besides, it is a hardship on the buyer. Take for instance the man who performs labor to the amount of \$100, which is paid to him in gold dust. If he changes his dust for currency, he receives a fraction less than \$94, therefore he is over \$6 short of the money he earned. If he keeps his dust and goes out shopping, where does he get off? He invests \$20 with the grocer and it is weighed from his sack; he goes to the butcher and weighs out \$5. His wife needs a new dress and \$25 more is weighed out by the dry goods man. He meets the man who furnished and sawed a cord of wood, they step into a joint where the gentlemanly gold weigher in the little box close to the faro table accommodates them by weighing out \$25; he reckons he still has \$25 in his sack; he invests \$10 in "stack of whites" and the stack is again piled up to the right of the dealer in a few minutes; he drops into the drug store to pay for some medicine he bought last week when his wife caught cold while hanging out the clothes; he empties his sack into the pan and the druggist weighs out \$5 in payment for a mustard plaster and a box of bromo quinine. "There," the druggist says as he empties what is left in the scoop back into the bag, "you still have the price of a drink." Let me tell you the man is lucky if, after he has had his sack tapped five or six times and \$90 has been weighed out from it, he has the price of a drink left of his original \$100."

Then the business man who is a grocer, took the poker and stirred a pan of sand which he was drying under the stove and which he confidentially informed the Stroller was to be mixed with his sugar.

### An Interesting Wedding.

A party of four were seen entering the Presbyterian manse on Saturday evening. Upon investigation it was found that this mysterious quartette had particularly requested to see the Rev. M. Wright alone. All element of mystery was dispelled when the object of this nocturnal visit was discovered. It appears that the wedding of Mr. R. L. Burnham and Miss Hanby was to take place at their home surrounded by a crowd of friends.

Miss Hanby, however, arranged that she should be married quietly, so with her husband-elect, Mr. Lindsay and Miss Patton, she repaired to the manse, quickly got over the interesting ceremony and returned to the astonished friends as Mrs. Burnham. We congratulate the happy couple and wish them all happiness.

## A SPLENDID SUCCESS

### Concert at the Palace Grand Attracts a Large Audience.

### An Evening of Classic Music Enjoyed by Everyone Who Attended—A Fine Program Rendered.

On Sunday night, for the first time in the history of the city people of Dawson were given an opportunity of listening to a delightful and high class entertainment at the Palace Grand Opera house. The financial success of the innovation proves conclusively that the best people in the city commend the enterprise. The program was rendered by an orchestra of 20 musicians, who delighted the audience with selections from classical music and the manner in which the different pieces were executed was all that could be desired by the most critical audience.

Miss Beatrice Lorne sang with her usual success, and F. W. Zimmerman, the tenor, made a very favorable impression on the audience.

The house was packed to the doors and the boxes were occupied by some of the best people in the city. The following was the program for Sunday night:

- March.....Souza
- Overture, Bohemian Girl.....Balle
- Travatore.....Verdi
- Prison scene song.....
- Miss Beatrice Lorne, Leonora; F. W. Zimmerman, Maurice.
- Thousand and One Night.....Strauss
- Overture, Medley.....Moses
- Cavalleria Rusticana.....Mascagni
- Selections, Gems of Opera.....Heis
- Song.....Miss Beatrice Lorne
- La Paloma.....Yardley

Among those present were: Mr and Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tozier, Messrs. Emil Mohr, F. H. Ames, E. W. Brown, O. H. Clark, D. Doig, L. R. Fulda, Frank J. McDougal, T. McMullen, E. A. Mizner, C. G. K. Nourse, Capt. D. B. Olson, J. C. Phillip, J. B. Pattulo, W. W. Phillip, T. J. Sparks, P. C. Stevenson, H. G. Wilson, Mrs. Graffe, Misses Adler and Barbier.

## TO ESTABLISH IRON WORKS

A complete iron manufacturing establishment, fully equipped to make or repair any piece or part of mining machinery is to be one of Dawson's institutions.

Since McDonald and McKenzie brought in their machinery last fall and disposed of it with so much ease, it has been proven that the Klondike doubles its riches when worked by modern methods. The demand for mining machinery has now created a ready market and prompts the establishment of the new institution. The new firm bears the name of Alex McDonald & Co, an assurance of its stability. Mr. J. E. Doherty, the purchasing agent left this morning for the outside, but before going gave out the following facts concerning the enterprise: "Last fall McDonald and McKenzie handled about 40 tons of machinery and made such good disposition that we determined upon this enterprise as a result. We have handled about 40 thawers on our interests and have studied closely the needs of the country; have seen where economy is lacking and required, the value of the boilers being based considerably on the consumption of fuel. I leave for Ottawa, Montreal, New York and Pittsburg, and the machinery centers to purchase the equipment. We will put in a complete works, having modern lathes, etc, and everything necessary to make boilers and other mining accessories and to repair any piece of machinery brought here.

"One of the first shipments will be pumps of various sizes and kinds, principally duplex and sump pumps, which will be in demand in the early spring. These will be taken to lower Lebarge and sent down on the first water. In all we expect to open up business with a stock of 100 tons. No, we will not bring in mechanics, possibly with the exception of a superintendent, but will pick our 30 or 40 employees from the mechanics whom we have had application from here and who I am convinced are first-class men. The site will be on the lot next to the McDonald hall and while no building has been drafted you can easily see it will be no small place.

1900 calenders, very swell. Nugget office.

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## COMES BACK AT WILLISON.

Officials Assure Gov. Ogilvie That He Is a Good Fellow.

Willison's Outburst of Wrath Said to Be the Result of a Personal Grievance.

A Nugget reporter called yesterday on Mr. Ogilvie to learn what that gentleman had to remark on the article "Willison Speaks Out," in a recent issue of the Semi-Weekly Nugget. Mr. Ogilvie commenced by saying that on the day after the publication of the above article one of the officials told him that it was intended to draw up a statement repudiating Mr. Willison's statements as being their (the officials') views, and having the same published. To this Mr. Ogilvie objected, saying that he really did not think this course necessary, as it would only further give Mr. Willison the notoriety he seemed to seek. Mr. Ogilvie thanked them for their attitude and good opinion. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Ogilvie received yesterday the following letter given by courtesy to the Nugget:

Dawson, Jan. 6th, 1900.  
To the Hon. Wm. Ogilvie, Commissioner for the Yukon Territory. Dear Sir: We, the undersigned civil servants in the employ of the government have noticed with regret in last night's issue of the Nugget the false and utterly uncalled for attack upon you as the highest official and representative of the government of Canada by one J. W. Willison, ex-timber inspector. We declare this accusation utterly false in so far as this man claims to represent our views, and we had no right whatever to speak in our behalf. We beg to remain, dear sir, respectfully, your obedient servants.

This letter was signed by 42 of the officials of Dawson. Mr. Ogilvie showed the Nugget representative the original of this letter, and we may say that it was signed by the heads of all the official departments. When the letter was presented to Mr. Ogilvie he was asked to give its text to the press. Mr. Ogilvie replied as before, that he did not think that the matter was sufficiently important—that he was sure that the statements of Mr. Willison had altered no one's opinion of him either one way or the other. Upon this point being pressed, he gave the particulars to the Daily Nugget.

Together with the receipt of the above letter was a private letter from Mr. Clement denying any knowledge of Mr. Ogilvie's writing to Ottawa, saying that meals could be obtained in Dawson for 25 cents, etc. In the letter Mr. Clement says: "If you sent such a letter I never knew of it."

The reporter—Did you send such a letter, or any such information to Ottawa?

Mr. Ogilvie—No, I did not.

Q. What then, in your opinion, was Mr. Willison's object in making that and other statements.

A. I can only suggest that it was some form of petty spite. Mind, I am not saying anything against that gentleman, or any other who does not agree with or like the present administration. I, acting in the interests of the taxpayers of Canada did not feel justified in passing any expense which I felt really was unjust. Mr. Willison was, to use the general expression, "sore" at not getting what he thought he ought to get. Hence his remarks. As to my stating that meals could be obtained for 25 cents, that on the face of it is ridiculous, for it is well known that the allowance made for the lowest government servant for meals is \$75 and upwards, according to rank. This rate, which I myself fixed, is conclusive evidence.

Thanking Mr. Ogilvie for his courtesy, the Nugget man withdrew.

### Improvements in the Fire Hall.

The Nugget man went to the uptown fire hall Monday to see the new chemical engine which just arrived over

the ice. This engine is one of the best of its kind and it is said that this pattern of chemical is instrumental in putting out 50 per cent of the fires in the United States. It will throw a stream of from a quarter to half inch 50 to 75 feet. It was purchased through the A. C. Co. The Nugget man was examining the side of the chemical when he received a terrific kick on the back of the head. Turning quickly, he found that he had been under the chute from the floor above. Two pair of legs were visible and the Nugget man had the satisfaction of seeing his assailant receive a swift jog on the neck by the knee of the man above him. Doubtless feeling "shocked," he let go, not remembering the fact that he had not quite completed the journey. Shortly—very shortly—after, he sat down and said something not complimentary to this, Dawson's latest method of rapid transit. The Nugget man borrowed some court plaster and withdrew.

There was a fire scare in a cabin back of the Green Tree saloon on Sunday evening, but before any steps were taken to call the department the excitement and its cause had subsided.

### The Hospitals.

Reports of the received and discharged patients at St. Mary's and Good Samaritan hospitals since Jan. 1st: St. Mary's—Present, 33 patients; received, 10; discharged, 5. Of the patients receiving treatment 27 are male and six females. Good Samaritan—Present, 20 patients; received, 4; discharged, 7.

Dr. Thomson at the Good Samaritan is now rapidly recovering from the typhoid fever and will be out in a few days.

A peculiar case is that of James Clune at St. Mary's. Clune has bulbar paralysis, which effects only the upper portion of the body. Clune can say "no" as well as any one, still it is the only sound he can make.

Tom Wilson, of Bakke & Wilson, will be taken to the St. Mary's today that he may be better treated. Tom has been down for several weeks.

### The Masque Ball.

The grand masque ball to be given on Friday night at the Palace Grand promises to be the swell event of the season. The patronesses of the occasion will be Mesdames Starnes, Mahoney, Hammel and Kelly. Most elaborate preparations for the event are being made. Tickets can be secured at Sale & Co.'s, the jewelers.

### A Narrow Escape.

C. T. Soirs who was formerly connected with the Palace Grand, left here on the morning of the 29th of December for Gold Bottom and but for the timely arrival of other travelers on the trail, would have met death by freezing. Mercury stood, reclined rather, at 58 below in Dawson that morning and when Mr. Soirs reached the Cliff roadhouse it was 60 below. Even then he did not feel cold, but shortly after leaving the Cliff house and continuing his journey he became very cold. A numbness pervaded his limbs, a pleasant sensation possessed him; he sat down feeling perfectly happy and contented. He saw visions in which were paraded before him friends of long ago; all the acts of his past life confronted him, but he was all the time insensible to feeling.

When he came to he was undressed and was being sponged and rubbed in roadhouse 37, Mrs. Lulu Elliott, proprietor, where every care and attention was shown him, and three days later he was sent to town, very little the worse for his experience. Mr. Soirs says that he is certain death by the frost route is without pain or suffering after the first stages are passed.

### Record of Transfers.

Robert Evans to Robert Anderson, all 33 below Sulphur.  
W. Piper to C. J. Milton, et al, 1/2 35 and 35a below, Hunker, bench, third tier.  
S. H. Feline to J. Emerson, 1-6 lower half 42 below, Hunker, hillside, right limit.  
J. W. Morrison to C. J. Robinson, all upper half 31 Gold Run.

C. P. Hale to D. Sparks, all 2 on pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.  
D. Sparks to W. Rowland, 1/2 2 on pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.  
S. W. Stewart to M. Leads, 6-54 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.  
W. F. O'Connor to C. G. Bunker, 8-27 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.  
C. G. Bunker to M. Leads, 8-27 hillside 14 Eldorado, lower half, left limit.  
McDonald Bonanza-Klondike Ltd. to A. McDonald, all 6 below, Bonanza.  
A. McDonald to A. Johnson, 1/2 6 below, Bonanza.  
A. Palmer to W. N. Greenleaf, all hillside upper half, left limit, No. 3 Mint.  
D. Sparks to W. Rowland, 1/2 bench third tier, left limit pup at 4 on 80 pup, Hunker.  
F. J. Watson to T. J. Breen, 1/2 of upper half, left limit, 50 below, Hunker.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. M. Pickle is visiting at the Forks.

Chas. Robinson is in from Gold Run on business.

Park Jewell and Steve Saunders are arrivals from Gold Run.

Sam Parker of American gulch, is in town on business.

Mrs. N. Brundage of Dominion creek is registered at the McDonald.

Dr. Thorne, who was reported as being ill with a severe cold, has quite a serious attack of typhoid fever.

Chas. E. Severance returned to the city today after two weeks spent at his claims, 10 and 11 above on Sulphur.

Edgar Mizner left for Bonanza, Sulphur and Dominion creeks this morning on an inspecting tour of his interests.

J. H. Huson, the commission man who left recently for the outside, telegraphs his son here of his safe arrival in Seattle.

Bob Swanson the wrestler has just won a fall from the typhoid fever, after a three weeks' bout at the Good Samaritan hospital.

W. J. Walther, manager of the Yukon Iron Works, started Sunday for the outside. He expects to return before the river breaks.

John Nelson of the Klondike hotel, after a long seige of sickness, is on the road to rapid recovery and will be out in a few days.

Humboldt Gates is enthusiastic over the way his Sulphur property is showing up, especially Nos. 8 and 18 below. He left today to see if he cannot rush the work now going on on these claims.

Two men named Le Fleur and Simmons arrived here a week ago from Skagway and left Saturday for Nome. They had only three dogs and no outfit other than a few pounds of provisions and a tent.

W. M. Cribbs of Cribbs & Rogers, druggists, left today for the Forks, where his firm conducts a large and flourishing branch store, which demands Mr. Cribbs' attention, and at which place he will spend the remainder of the winter.

Capt. Jack Connolly, who was to have left for the outside last Tuesday, but who was delayed, pending the sale of a valuable mining claim owned by him, will start for Skagway tomorrow. He will carry with him several copies of the first issue of the Daily Klondike Nugget.

### The Last One.

The Nugget Express has one more thawing machine complete, which will be sold at a bargain to close them all out. As an example of what they will do, we refer intending purchasers to Messrs. Bowey & Burns, on Cheenaco hill, who bought one of our 8-horse power thawers. They are running 12 points, and hoisting out of an 80 foot shaft, using 1/2 cord of wood in 24 hours and four sled loads of snow. We challenge any one to show a better record of work done to the horse power and wood and water used. The value of any machine is in the labor it will perform at the minimum cost. Our machines on that basis are worth double any other make, and yet we are selling for less.

Only one more bargain left.

### New Hockey Court.

The A. C. Co.'s employees who are interested in hockey are making a new court on the river in front of the A. C. store. In size it will be 60 by 120 feet and it is the intention of the boys to put it up in first class shape and to maintain it as such.

They have received so many challenges that it was necessary to have a place to practice, hence the new court which will be in charge of the A. C. engineer.

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## Nugget Express Daily Stage

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RECEIVED BY WIRE.

COL. STEELE WILL GO.

Is Raising Force of Rough Riders for Transvaal.

MAJOR PERRY HAS VOLUNTEERED

Willie Semple Tells What He Will Do.

Bank Defaulter Confesses His Guilt—New Pope Nominated—Talk of Alaskan Republic—Gov. Brady Recommends Statehood.

[Special to the Daily Klondike Nugget] Skagway, Jan. 10.—Colonel Steele, late commander of the N. W. M. P., is raising a company of rough riders from the ranks of the N. W. M. P. Among those who have volunteered from this district are Major Perry, Inspector Cartwright, Corporal Seymour, Sergeant Tweedy, Constables Grange, Lee, Harding, Priskick of Tagish and Stewart of Lebarge. Several other volunteers left here last night.

FOR A REPUBLIC. Skagway, Jan. 9.—Much excitement has been created here as the result of a concerted effort being made to stir up public sentiment in favor of the establishment of an Alaskan republic. The Daily Alaskan cites the failure of congress to give recognition to the wants of Alaska and strongly urges that a separate government be formed.

Governor Brady has recommended to congress that Alaska be admitted to the union as a state.

SEMPLER TALKS. Skagway, Jan. 10.—D. W. Semple, late editor and proprietor of the Sunday Gleaner of Dawson, arrived here today.

He came out from Dawson with two dogs, which he left at Cariboo yesterday, completing the journey to Skagway on foot.

Semple says that upon first leaving Dawson he headed for Fortymile, but doubled back, and by traveling at night managed to reach Skagway. He says that he "will damn Fred Wade or die in the attempt."

Semple leaves for Seattle today. He traveled out under the name of D. Williams.

DEFAULTER CONFESSES. Montreal, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—James Herbert, defaulting teller from the Banque Ville Marie, has confessed his guilt. He incriminates James Baxter, a prominent money lender. Baxter has been taken into custody. The bank refuses to pay depositors until matters are adjusted.

DEFEATED FOR MAYOR. Ottawa, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The election for mayor of Ottawa has resulted in the defeat of Campbell by a large majority.

NEW POPE NOMINATED. Rome, via Skagway, Jan. 1.—Pope Leo has nominated as his successor Cardinal Gotte, a famous Genoese monk. The nominating ceremony was conducted amid great pomp. Cardinal Gotte is 84 years of age.

AFTER CLAYSON'S BODY. Fort Selkirk, Jan. 10.—A detail of mounted police from this point are searching for the body of F. H. Clayson, supposed to have been murdered on the trail.

Skagway, Jan. 10.—There is a settled conviction here that F. H. Clayson has been murdered on the trail. It is known that Clayson carried with him a large sum of money. The police have arrested a man named Graves at Whitehorse and Ralsh O'Brien at Tagish on

suspicion. Both men have bad reputations.

Clayson telegraphed to his brother Will at Skagway that he had left Minto with Lineman Olesen. Nothing further has been heard of the unfortunate man.

A man supposed to be a confederate of O'Brien's passed through this place today.

COL. EVANS EN ROUTE. Ottawa, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Col. Evans, late of the Yukon field force, is en route to the Transvaal as second in command of the Second Canadian contingent. The troops were given a royal send off.

POLICE COURT BUSINESS.

"Swiftwater Bill" in the Role of Attorney.

Klondike River Residents in Court—Nuisance Perpetrators and Vagrants—Tomorrow the Gamblers.

The former part of the week witnessed the appearance of a large number of people who reside adjacent to the north bank of the Klondike river in Magistrate Perry's court, on the charge of depositing filth and garbage on the banks of that stream. The nominal fine of \$1 and costs amounting to \$6, was imposed in each case.

On Tuesday, A. J. Swanson, Patrick Walsh and Anton Smith each plead guilty to the charge of committing a nuisance on the public streets and each was fined \$2 and costs or seven days. The former two paid cash, but Anton Smith will supply the motive power necessary to operate a bucksaw for the next seven days.

For getting drunk and painting the town in bright vermilion, L. Canton came up with \$10 and costs.

T. B. Lyon, on the charge of vagrancy, was given until this morning to prove that the charge is not justly preferred. In the meantime Lyon is in jail.

Laborer Lumen was awarded judgment in the sum of \$69.70 against Mine Owners Baltoff & Buxton for labor performed. Five days was given in which to pay the amount.

B. A. Liscom and W. C. (Swiftwater) Gates were in court, the former with an account of \$81.25 for labor performed, which account Gates said was about \$65 too high. Liscom told his story and was supposed to be cross examined by "Swift," and for several minutes Magistrate Perry was kept busy instructing the questioner to refrain from giving his own testimony and confine himself to asking questions. Liscom likewise deviated somewhat from the course prescribed for witnesses and volunteered some information on points not intended to be brought out. Liscom told "Swiftwater" that he ought to be ashamed of himself to treat an old schoolmate as he had—towitz: Leave him a pauper in a land where meals cost from \$1 upwards. The court finally brought them back to earth and after considerable adding and subtracting had been done the order of the court was that Gates pay \$38.75 and the costs. And "de swiftest ting dat ever hit de Klondike" paid the bill like a man.

This morning W. S. Allen and F. M. Jones each paid \$2 and costs for committing nuisances on the streets.

The case of Edward Metcalf vs the Victoria Meat Market, McDougall, prop., for a month's wages where, only nine days' labor were performed, Metcalf being discharged at that time, was dismissed and costs charged to plaintiff. McDougall proved that there were good grounds for his discharge of Metcalf, it being established by two witnesses that he, Metcalf, was in the habit of blowing his nose on his work apron.

Warrants for the arrest of between 30 and 40 gamblers were issued, and fully that number were up yesterday afternoon when the usual fine and costs, \$56, were paid.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Clayson, Relfe and Olsen Undoubtedly Killed.

TWO EX-CONVICTS ARE UNDER ARREST

Search First Instituted on Account of Lineman Olsen.

Both Clayson and Relfe Carried Large Sums of Money—O'Brien and Graves, Parties Under Arrest, Are Tough Characters.

But little can be given today in addition to that contained in the Daily Nugget of yesterday relative to the mysterious disappearance of three men, Fred H. Clayson, Len Relfe and — Olsen, who left Minto on Christmas morning and of whom nothing more has been seen or reliably heard. Of the three men, Olsen was lineman for the telegraph company, his headquarters being at Five Fingers, and it was his failure to return to that place which caused search to be instituted by the police.

The searching party came over the trail to Minto, where it was learned that Clayson and Relfe were in company with Olsen when last seen. As the wire was not working it was several days before Major Perry could be notified, but once notified, no time was lost by that officer in ordering more thorough search, and in notifying all posts between Dawson and Bennett to be vigilant in keeping a lookout for any and all suspicious characters.

Major Perry says that most thorough work is being done and that if the three men have been murdered the perpetrators of the crime will undoubtedly be apprehended. Two men, Tom O'Brien and J. Graves, are already in custody, the former being nabbed at Tagish Saturday evening, the latter at Whitehorse Monday night. Both are ex-convicts, having done time here last year, and both are hard characters. It is known that they left Dawson together several weeks ago, and it is also known that for several days the two occupied a cabin on the trail between Minto and Five Fingers and that they passed on up the river about the time of the disappearance of the three men. The fact that they separated afterwards looks very suspicious. They will be safely held pending further investigation.

The following telegram was received at the Daily Nugget office just previous to going to press:

Tagish, Jan. 10. Daily Nugget, Dawson: Have no news of Clayson party. Z. T. WOOD.

Who'll Be Next?

The question, "Who'll be next?" is one which many persons in Dawson are now putting to themselves without being able to frame a satisfactory answer. The occasion for the asking of the question is that the police have started out on a round up of vagrants and if being out of work and unable to procure it constitutes vagrancy, then does that evil stalk rampant in Dawson at the present time. There is no desire on the part of the law to prefer a charge of vagrancy against a man who is anxious to work, but who cannot secure employment, but just how the officials distinguish between men idle through circumstances and those idle through choice is not apparent. There is a line of demarkation, but to the casual observer and in a place like Dawson where hundreds of men hug barroom stoves six days every week, that line does not stand out in bold relief, and just how it is discerned by the officers is a mystery. Hence the query: "Who'll be next?" Dawson, like every other portion of the habitable globe, has her share of

men who, like the lilies of the field do toil not, neither (pronounced neyther) do they spin—men who would hang around barrooms and card tables and live on one meal a day, if they knew that a job at \$20 per day, but at hard, manual labor, was awaiting them up the creek. It is this class that is intended to be reached by the law, and not those men who are willing, yet anxious to do anything that is honorable in the line of employment, but who are not able, owing to the surplus of labor, to do so at any price. The injury to the feelings of such a man, in case a charge of vagrancy was preferred against him, would be such as to cause him to lose respect for himself for the remainder of his life.

In the meantime, the fiat has gone forth and those who are known to themselves and others as spongers and bums will do well to change their base of operations and thus avoid that exercise required in sawing wood, which exercise is quite violent for a man who has haked his shins all winter at a fire. Besides, in sawing wood it is necessary to take firm hold of the saw, and grasping anything, except an idea, tightly has a tendency to drive the blood from the fingers, and fingers through which the blood does not circulate freely freeze very readily. See!

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