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## LATEST REPORTS FROM THE OUTSIDE

### Peace Commissioners Still Endeavoring to Reach a Settlement.

England Makes Preparations for a Possible Conflict—John Bull Will not be Caught Napping if Arms are Required.

PARIS, Nov. 8th.—The Spanish-American peace commissioners have notified the minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, that the joint session which was to have taken place to-day will not be held, and they will notify the minister when they have determined upon the date of another meeting.

A semi-official note was issued this evening announcing that the peace commissioners had informed the French minister of foreign affairs that their conferences were suspended.

PARIS, Nov. 8th.—Inquiry developed the fact that the failure to hold a meeting of the commission today was only due to the Americans asking for a postponement of the joint session until tomorrow, in order to allow time for the translation of the reply to the United States of the latest Spanish propositions regarding the Philippine islands, which was received this morning.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8th.—So far as the state department knows there has been no break in the peace negotiations in Paris, and if any difficulty has arisen, officials say it would certainly have been reported promptly to the department. It is assumed that there must be some purely internal reason for the postponement, perhaps the convenience of the commission. The advices that have come to hand so far are said to be rather encouraging than the reverse, and there is a disposition here to agree to the statement rather seriously made by the Spanish cabinet yesterday that there will be three or four more meetings of the joint commission. This is taken as an indication that the Spaniards themselves are not looking for a break in the negotiations, but rather expect a peaceful conclusion in a short time.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—The *Echo de Paris* today publishes a dispatch from Toulon, which says the entire French Mediterranean squadron is ready for sea. It adds that Admiral Fournier, its commander, received a cipher dispatch yesterday evening, whereupon he signalled to the fleet to get underway, to back her fires, and the fastest torpedo boat conveyed orders to the admiral commanding the squadron of French cruisers and torpedo boats to assemble immediately at Toulon, where all the vessels are prepared for action, and where the arsenal and ship yards have been worked all night. It later developed that Admiral Fournier had been summoned to Paris.

LONDON, Nov. 9th.—The *Echo*, an afternoon paper of this city, declares that the Marquis de Salisbury, at the lord-mayor's banquet tonight, will certainly announce a formal British protectorate over Egypt.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—French newspapers generally approve of the silence of the chamber of deputies on the subject of Fashoda, and congratulate M. Brunet on his withdrawal of the interpellation which he intended to address to the government on the subject.

The *Siecle* says it regrets that Major Marchand did not observe the same reticence at Cairo.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—Today's session of the peace commission began at 2:13 p. m. and ended at 3 p. m. When the meeting opened, the Americans presented to their Spanish colleagues the answer of the United States to the claims submitted on Friday last on behalf of Spain. The document in which the American answer was set forth consisted of many sheets of typewritten matter. The American presentation of today was a refutation of the Spanish allegation that because the words "possession," "ownership" or "cession," do not occur in the protocol clause touching upon the Philippine islands, the peace commissioners have not the right to discuss them here, and that even if they did so, it must be in the light of the alleged fact of an exterior agreement that Spain's sovereignty should not be impaired.

PARIS, Nov. 9th.—The *Gaulois* today says: "It is certain that the Spanish commissioners will maintain at today's conference the contention that all the clauses of the protocol must be as faithfully observed by the Americans as they have been by the Spaniards regarding Cuba and Porto Rico. The Spanish commissioners hold that no discussion on the Philippines can be tolerated, and that the sovereignty of Spain over those islands will be maintained. The rumors relative to compensation are only simply an hypothesis at present. The attitude of Spain in the matter is quite simple, namely, before admitting the possibility of any agreement in regard to the archipelago, she expects that the United States will recognize that her rights in the Philippines are unassailable."

LONDON, Nov. 7th.—The military authorities at Davenport, the site of the largest naval arsenal in Great Britain, received orders today for the immediate organization of all the troops in the western district. The defence committee will meet tomorrow.

The *Daily Chronicle* this morning professes to have "important military news which it would not be advisable to publish without the sanction of the war office."

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 7th.—The British gov-

ernment telegraphed the colonial minister today, asking the number, tonnage and capacity of steamers available at this port to convey coal from Sydney for the use of British warships. The cruizers *Cordoba* and *Pelican* will be held at Sydney to capture *Serra*, to protect St. Johns in the event of war being declared. The cruizers are also instructed to break the French cable between St. Pierre and Brest, France.

## CONDENSED OUTSIDE DISPATCHES.

General Otis is giving attention to complaints that have reached him, to the effect that the Philippine insurgents are ill-treating and killing such of the friars as fall into their hands. There is difficulty in dealing with such cases, owing to the fact that the United States military and naval forces are not always in possession of the places where the outrages are committed, but they are under instructions to use their good offices with the insurgents to prevent the commission of these outrages.

Several naval constructors have called attention to these facts: Examination of Admiral Cervara's fleet shows that most of the damage was done by 6-inch and 8-inch guns. One 13-inch gun weighs as much as four 8-inch guns. This a great many more 8-inch guns can be carried, and each of these 8-inch guns can be fired much faster than a 13-inch. A 19-inch gun, when it hits, does almost as much damage as a 13-inch gun. Two 10-inch guns weigh no more than one 13-inch gun, and can, in a given time, fire more than twice as many shots.

Therefore, say these naval constructors, is it not unfortunate that the newly-launched *Albatross* is designed to carry 13-inch guns?

The strained relations between Great Britain and France that have existed for some time past over the Egyptian situation have by no means abated. Lord Salisbury has determined to define very clearly England's position, and to do so in such a way as to leave no doubt as to her intention. England, in preparation for a possible conflict, has recently purchased large shipments of American coal and consigned it to her ports in the West Indies. An order for 25,000 gallons of distilled spirits has been placed in Chicago by agents of the British government. This commodity forms an important factor in the manufacture of smokeless powder and it is understood that it was for this purpose the order was placed.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—A mysterious disappearance is puzzling the city detectives. Dr. Ireland of Fort Salisbury, South Africa, arrived here a short time ago, and after staying a couple of days left for Paris, Ont., to meet his wife, who had been staying with her parents there for about a year. They arrived on Friday and registered at the St. Lawrence hall on the afternoon of Saturday, and Dr. Ireland went down to collect a bill from the officer of the ship. As he was some time in returning his wife went to search for him. When she was half a block away from the wharf she saw him and started back. He raised his hat in a responsive manner, but she saw that he was getting pretty dark, but even at that distance Mrs. Ireland says she saw her husband jump into a motor car, and she never saw him since. She found his hat and one of his gloves on the wharf, and there the mystery begins. For nobody seems to know what happened at the St. Lawrence hall on Saturday, and the boat is filled with lead. The criminal end is left empty, and when it strikes the enemy it bursts, opens backward and lodges in the body, penetration being lessened and shock increased. It is spoken of as "the man-killing new bullet," in contradistinction to the man-penetrating bullet. It is propelled with cordite, and has as much energy as the old Martini-Henry bullet of 410 grains had with the best gunpowder; while, as it is half the weight, the soldier is able to carry double the number of rounds of ball cartridges. The new bullet is being manufactured in the Royal laboratory, Woolwich arsenal, by men and boys working overtime, at the rate of 2,000,000 rounds of ball cartridges per week, and, if the test in the Khartoum expedition proves satisfactory, a permanent stock will be kept on hand at the powder magazines at Woolwich.

The case against Schwartz for retailing liquor from his wholesale store without first securing a retail license was dismissed. The evidence was not at all conclusive and it hinged upon Mr. Henry McCauley. Wholesalers are allowed to have an open bottle for friends or to show customers by the sense of taste what they are buying. McCauley went into the store, called for drinks, offered his sack but Schwartz refused to take any pay for them. Next day Mrs. Schwartz got some canned goods and the bill was a little more than the price of the drinks. This balance, 75 cents, Mr. McCauley was paid him. Schwartz said he didn't know what his wife paid for the canned goods nor even if she had got anything of the kind from that store. Gwilliam, for the defense, couldn't see why his client should be held for law-breaking even though it might be proved that Mrs. Schwartz had paid but 75 cents for two cans of fruit instead of \$2.25. The magistrate thought so too and dismissed the case.

Those Fire Boys.—The volunteer fire department of Dawson is decidedly popular and appear very much pleased to know it. A chance gathering of the "fire laddies" at the engine house on Saturday night happened to discuss the subject of a "blow-out" for the boys. Before you could say Jack Robinson the fire boys were out on the streets in twos and threes; all carrying empty sacks from the engine house and full ones back again. To say our citizens responded to

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the boys' appeals but half expresses the situation. A "round-up" of the contents of the sacks decided those in control that the affair had already reached greater proportions than a simple "blow-out" for what members were present. When the midnight alarm was rung to mark the passage of the old year all hands were notified to be on hand the evening of New Year's Day and so it happened that when the time arrived there was a gathering of the "laddies," the lady members and enough more ladies to more than fill two sets. It is doubtful if ever tables in Dawson groaned with the weight of a more varied or more abundant supply of refreshments than in the engine house on New Year's evening. There were 10 kinds of pies for a starter. Cheese by the half-cheese. Cakes, fruits, ham, canned meats of all descriptions by the half dozen, canned fish from every corner of the earth and refreshments of so many kinds and in such quantities that it was like that occasion after the feeding of the multitude when 12 baskets of fragments were taken up after the feast. When everyone was supplied to satisfaction a program was proceeded with, interspersed with dancing, which passed the hours merrily away until morning. Of those who took part, Mr. Menden gave songs and recitations, Mr. Mayne, *dello solo*; songs, J. McCarty, songs and recitation, Mr. George, songs, Alex. Schwartz, violin solo, Wm. Hopkew, songs and recitations, Mr. Marks, and songs and choruses by the entire company. Messrs. McCarty, guitarist; Mayne, cello; Hopkew, violin; and Prof. Hudson, furnished the music for the dancers.

All voted it an evening of great enjoyment and before leaving joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" followed by "God Save the Queen."

A New Year's Dinner.—The prevailing opinion on the outside of a Klondike home is the picture of a cold and cheerless cabin with frost creeping in through unchinked cracks with unpapered or undraped walls adding to the uninviting appearance of the surroundings. The accompaniment to this scene in the mind of the average outsider, to coin a suitable expression, is a pot of beans and a side of bacon.

Could some of Dawson's comfortable residences be transplanted to the coast this idea would soon cease to prevail. A typical Klondike home is that of Mrs. J. M. Picket on Sixth street, where on New Year's a most enjoyable dinner was given to a few intimate friends. The cosy little cabin with its bright draperies and furnishings presents a most homelike and inviting appearance and it is needless to say that a very enjoyable time was spent. The dinner was such as would grace many a pretensions board in our eastern cities and full respect was paid thereto. An evening of pleasant social enjoyment followed the repast. Those present were Mrs. J. M. Picket, Mrs. Harper, Miss Board, Miss Josephine Picket and Mr. C. Baker.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—A farewell dinner was tendered Mr. W. C. Watrous by Mrs. D. W. Sempie on Friday evening last at her residence. The Knights Templar and Shriners banquet announced for Saturday evening next has been postponed until the first Saturday in February. Father Judge wishes public acknowledgment made of the fact that Miss Cad Wilson has contributed to the hospital, of which he is the head, the sum of \$75 for charitable purposes. A party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meadows on Saturday evening to watch for New Years and were hospitably entertained there. Among those present were George Apple and wife, Mr. Barkow and wife, Mrs. Harry Spencer and Mr. Botis. Mr. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Pelletier entertained a few friends at their residence on New Year's eve. The hours of the evening slipped away very pleasantly amid music, dancing, singing and other forms of amusement. An elegant luncheon was served at midnight. Mrs. Pelletier is an accomplished elocutionist and consented to entertain her friends with a few choice gems. Her mastery of the pathetic as well as the tragic is complete and it is needless to say that the selections were thoroughly appreciated. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clear, Mr. and Mrs. Klunkowstein, Mr. A. P. George and Mr. Geo. M. Allen.

CREEK ITEMS.—Frank Brown, of 18 above on Bonanza, died creek ago Saturday and was buried from the Presbyterian church at the Forks. Mr. Erickson, who fell down the shaft 37 feet on a fraction between 12 and 13 Eldorado, some weeks ago, without injury to the anatomy, is recovered and at work again. The managers of 12 Eldorado, upper half, owned by J. J. Henry and Wm. Hedges, gave each employe a \$5.00 dust as a Christmas present, which was a pleasant surprise to the boys. On last Friday morning, as Melford Johnson was passing a cabin on 8 below on Bonanza, a dog tied up leaped into his face and badly lacerated both cheeks. Johnson is the young boy who sells nuggets on upper Bonanza. Last Wednesday O. M. Salsley fractured both bones of the left leg below the knee, by falling on a Bonanza side hill, abreast of his sled-load of wood. He is now lying at the Miners hospital at the Forks and is doing well. A. Anson was out on a hunting expedition over the dome country last week when an accidental explosion of his rifle blew away part of his left hand. He walked to his cabin and was then decided to the Miners hospital at the Forks. Mr. G. A. Wenger, owner and manager of No. 13 Eldorado, assisted by his amiable and accomplished wife, gave a Christmas dinner to the employes of 13 and 10 which all did ample justice, and after spending several hours in social converse, all wished the host and hostess many happy returns for their kindness, and we have no doubt that they will always be held in kind remembrance by these men, ten in number.

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## RICHARDSON BACK FROM TAGISH.

### The Corporal Brings the Latest News From the Lakes and Beyond.

Twelve Days Getting Back to Dawson—River and Lakes Show Fluct Open Water—Anderson Captured at White Horse.

Corporal Richardson arrived Monday night with official mail from Tagish, having made the remarkable time of 12 days from that point to Dawson. As the trip from the coast to Tagish is made in two days this practically makes the time of 14 days from the coast to Dawson. Richardson is the young fellow who started from here with the official mail in November, and lost his entire outfit in an upheaval of the ice just this side of Thirty-Mile. In the break-up even his own diary was lost and himself submerged shoulder deep. But for the assistance of the dog driver he thinks he could never have climbed out of the water onto the sweep which took them ashore.

The corporal started with two dog teams from Tagish, the sleighs being loaded with literature for the posts, rush mail for the military at Selkirk, and Colonel Steele and Commissioner Ogilvie at Dawson. One team was left behind at the foot of Le Barge. On Christmas day he dropped down Thirty-Mile in a boat, the river being wide open. At its mouth the river was floored with ice so the more important mail was packed to the post at Hootalingua. Dog teams were sent after the balance and the journey was continued the same day. From Freeman's point to Tanahulis 46 1/2 miles, distance covered in one day. Five fingers was open, necessitating a climb over the hill to the Dalton trail and thence to Selkirk. From Selkirk to Dawson was made in four days. A proportion of the mail was left at Selkirk, Richardson arriving in Dawson with 150 pounds of rush official mail, registered public mail and the balance in letters from the outside.

This official mail has been a long time on the way and there is nothing very late therein. A communication from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, to the Mayor is dated November 29.

Corporal Richardson met the last outgoing mail at Indian river. Two men got into the water at Five Fingers the day before Richardson arrived but were fortunately saved. In crossing the lakes a terrific snow storm was encountered for three days. It did not stop the travelers though it delayed them. The river is completely open from the island on Lake Marsh to the foot of White Horse rapids necessitating a tortuous and troublesome trip through brush along the shore.

The whole of Lake Bennett is open though for many miles it is possible to make one's way carefully, along the shore ice. Five miles of lower Lake Le Barge is still open, making long detours necessary around the shores, in many places over steep and rugged points of rock. Charley Worden's party was met on December 23 some six miles from the head of Lake Le Barge. It was about 4:30 in the evening and Charley had passed by the last post or Express station some six miles before learning of it. Hearing of his mistake he continued ahead and probably made the next post.

McCormell & Parker were met some eight miles beyond Little Salmon. The Nugget party was met this side of Stewart. From the outside, no late papers have yet arrived in any of the letters in the last mail. The police at Tagish were reading papers of November 26th when the corporal left. The main event chronicled at that date was a joint pleasure jaunt of Kitchener, the successful English general and the general of the French armies, showing, according to the newspapers, a return of cordial relations between the late opposing armies of Great Britain and France. Sir Herbert Kitchener has been created a baron by Queen Victoria in recognition of his lion-like services in Egypt. His home coming and the arrival of his guards in London was the signal for the greatest demonstrations of the populace since the jubilee.

On Chilkoot pass five men have been killed already this winter by snowslides at or near the summit. On White pass one man has been killed along the line of railroad by a similar calamity. The mild weather of the past winter is leaving the snow very soft and unmanageable. John Farrow, of Dawson, who left for the outside on the last boat, succeeded in reaching the summit of White pass on his way out where he was overtaken by a blizzard and frozen to death.

Martin Anderson, wanted in Dawson for making away with a partner's outfit, has been captured at White Horse and will be returned here for trial. As an instance of quick police work it may be mentioned that the warrant was issued here 10 days after Anderson left Dawson on his journey. When the much wanted individual reached White Horse the warrant was at a station 100 miles past that point and Anderson was held until it could be returned.

A Good Flap for 50 Cents.—The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cts.



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### VOLUME II, NO. 5

With this issue of the Nugget commences the new year and its Volume No. II at the same time. The remarkable success of our first volume; its circulation rapidly running up from 350 copies to 1992 papers; the words of encouragement, first spoken in whispering applause and now in a triumphant shout from its hosts of readers and friends, has convinced us beyond a questioning doubt that we are filling a niche in the public confidence reserved for us; that our coming was opportune; that it is the unflinching wish of our patrons to which they have and will contribute the liberal support befitting a land of big things as is this—that we continue on in the course which has brought us such unqualified success.

A newspaper does not get its power or its influence from its type-founders. Neither does it come from the paper mill. Its writers might be the brightest in the world, yet if not endorsed by the people, the common people, the great masses of the people, that newspaper would be as harmless for evil and as powerless for good as the exfoliated excrement upon a tree in sawmill length or a snowball thrown upon a lake of melted lava. It is the enthusiastic support of the people from which must come a newspaper's power. This the Nugget has had and we thank you, gentlemen. We have tried to deserve it by a fearless policy of championing the cause of the people against the world.

Whenever and wherever the head of a public enemy has appeared we have struck out and struck strongly. We have neither asked nor received favors or quarter from the possessors of the heads. To the bench, even, we have not conceded the privileges of sanctuary. Every issue of this paper which has pierced through to the outside has been reprinted in Canadian papers. One by one we have seen the members of the old Klondike government, withdrawn by secret orders from their home government until there is not a corporal's guard of them left. Blow after blow we have struck until we have seen those impenetrable doors of the commissioner's office opened wider and wider and the cost of admission getting cheaper and cheaper until today admission is free. We have seen the cost of securing a letter from the general delivery of the postoffice go down from \$2 per letter to nothing. We have struck and struck and watched the private fee for securing information on vacant ground run down from \$15 to zero. Bombshell upon bombshell we have exploded in the camp of the enemy and we have watched monopolies broken up, schemes and schemers demoralized, bold misdoers rush into hiding, and bold and blatant wrong hurriedly seek obscurity. It might be considered a breach of confidence on our part to relate the many instances of pressure brought to bear upon us to "ease from troubling this man" to "let up on that man," to let this and that concern prosecute its unrighteous doings without the light of

publicity. Needless to say our record is today absolutely clean and without a stain of suspicion. But enough of this.

Our initial number of Volume I shows modest promises, the volume shows much good accomplished. And so shall it be in this our first issue of a new year. There is much wrong yet to be righted; there are many public enemies to be routed; there are bad regulations to be removed and good ones to be enforced. Dawson today is fuller of combines against the common people's rights than ever in history. Wrong has become cunning and is harder to expose, newspapers (never the Nugget) have been subsidized to defend evil; the public enemy is growing wiser daily and the work mapped out for us is vast in extent and formidable in its entrenchment. The Nugget will continue in its good work, never flinching, never tiring, pertinacious and always alert, wide awake and watchful, and always espousing the cause of the workers, the producers, the men of brain and muscle as against schemers, leeches, official malfeasance and thousand and one evils and diseases the body politic is heir to.

The Nugget wishes its patrons and friends and the thousands of honest men and women of the Klondike, A Happy New Year, a year of good fortune and freedom from sickness. Twelve months of business and domestic felicity; families reunited after long absence; the safe arrival of loved ones from the distant states and provinces. Honorable and successful success for their efforts upon the creeks and all the good which goes towards filling up the one comprehensive word of our language "happiness."

### THE BIG AND PURE FOUR.

The communication from Mr. Frank Arnold in our last issue cannot be passed over without comment. So many of the Nugget's multitude of readers are unfamiliar with the *Miner-Sun* or its policy that we feel bound to quote largely from the article dealing with the question in hand—an article, by-the-way, which has not had its equal in journalism to our knowledge since the imprisonment of the proprietors and editors of the *Portland Mercury* some five or six years ago. The *Miner-Sun*, in its Friday edition says in a paragraph by itself: "Dawson society is an odoriferous stench." The occasion of the foregoing and much more was a dance at the Pioneer hall to which the proprietor or manager had advertised for weeks "only LADIES" would be admitted. At the dance some of the ladies present started to leave the hall because of the presence of some whom they considered objectionable. The manager was not equal to the situation. Of the merits of the dispute we have already spoken. Of the *Miner-Sun's* comment upon the occurrence we may have a whole lot to say. The article goes on to say:

"In the meantime Miss Blank disappeared, the electric candles burned, the band played on, and Dawson society had a new birth, a rejuvenation; and while historic accuracy compels us to state that it cannot yet be dignified by so numerous a title as the Four Hundred it will be fittingly described as the Big and the Pure Four. And now, as we have enough for one set, swing your partners and balance all."

"What does a lady expect to find in the way of high grade society anywhere, to say nothing of Dawson, when she attends a public dance, advertised as such, given as a financial rejuvenator by an ex-dance hall floor manager? Would she think to find all as caskily pure as a northern glacier and white as a lily, or would she—and especially here in Dawson—not expect to see back of the roses the skull and crossbones, and mingled with the scent of the violet and heliotrope perceive the breath of the charnal house and grave?"

"But we are saying too much of Dawson society and too little of the cur-like individual who advertised in small caps a dance open only to LADIES. This delicious bit of humor, in a paid ad., of a dance intended as a recuperator for debilitated resources and lost financial manhood should make the name of Lawler eternally famous among the pioneers of Dawson society. Think of it! A select dance as a money-making scheme to be attended only by the pure and virtuous! Could one set in a single quadrille be filled if all of our elect who answer the description should attend at once? We believe it could be filled—but with difficulty."

What the *Miner-Sun* may believe is

hard to say and impossible of measurement. What the *Miner-Sun* knows of the good, virtuous, honest women of the Klondike you could put in your eye. There is one way to find out what it knows. Let a dozen or two of our good women call upon the author of those slanderous lines. Compel the writer of the above to pick out the four which alone are pure to his foul imagination and then the balance use their judgment. No jury on earth would ever allow a breach of the peace to cost the ladies one cent.

The Nugget will undertake to fill the largest hall in Dawson with good women—and some of them will be washerwomen—if all will accept the invitations sent them; and if the *Miner-Sun* can produce one tittle against their characters we will forfeit any sum it may name.

One argument suggested by Mr. Arnold and which appeals strongly to our sense of right and reason is that whenever and wherever a lady claims to be good and virtuous, and nothing whatever is known to the contrary, a gentleman must take off his hat and not fill a column of a newspaper with slanderous insinuations of "we don't believe there are four of them but are adding lying to their other infamy."

### THE BAR-SINISTER.

The action of the Yukon authorities in regard to sick Americans is most peculiar to say the least. We are unable to quite grasp the force of the reasoning in the case of a miner presenting himself to them absolutely destitute and helpless from scurvy and without a friend with means to advance him sufficient money for a single day's medical attendance. Why that man's nationality should be promptly inquired into and then himself packed off instanter to the American relief committee in case he prove to be an American, we cannot understand. Do the authorities desire the inhabitants of this region at once to mentally assimilate the fact that Americanism in an individual is a bar sinister to any benefits arising from the immense fund collected in taxes last year? Out of two and a half million of dollars contributed in taxes and by reason of extortions last year from the 30,000 people of the territory at least two millions was contributed by Americans. True, gentlemen, you have expended some \$29,000 in relief work, but how insignificant an amount that is when compared with the whole or compared with the needs of the country. The Nugget will put itself on record right here and now as unalterably opposed to hospital or any other kind of discrimination in favor of Canadians; and British Islanders, South Africans, Australasians and many good Canadians will stand with us on that proposition.

Now, this very discrimination against Americans is a thing which we have had occasion to comment upon before because of its very absence. But this was many months ago when Canadian newspapers were boiling over with news of the proposed Klondike uprising of Americans and when the Ottawa government was hurrying in troops of Canadian infantry with rifles and munitions of war. Since then it has been discovered—and we have known it right along—that the Americans in this territory are the most docile and law-abiding people that ever inhabited any quarter of the globe. There is a strange quality of the human mind which always compels respect when there is fear. The fear being gone the respect has vanished in mid air and that very thing—discrimination—over the absence of which we have had occasion to rejoice, now raises its hydra-head and refuses to be rebuked.

We beg to point out to our local government the example set them in this matter by Americans themselves. For a great many years the dream of Canadian youths has been to cross the border and take advantage of the wider opportunities offered them by the United States. Every year a great number of them do this thing and they cross in swarms from Newfoundland to Vancouver and are rapidly assimilated

in the multitudes of Americans. Many of them are here now as American citizens and they will all bear us out in the statement that Canadian citizenship in 50 years has never barred a single one of its possessors from any of the thousands of splendid American hospitals.

Those of us who have struggled for hours with the handle of an ice cream freezer to the occasional query of an anxious housewife who is looking every minute for the arrival of the guests who are to eat the product of our exertions will appreciate the remark of a bright lady the other evening: "This is the most wonderful ice cream country I ever saw. You just mix up your can of milk, set it outdoors and stir it once in a while. Why, I declare that the whole of outdoors up here is a great big ice cream freezer without a handle."

### OUTSIDE OPINION.

From the *Winnipeg Tribune*: "It is a fact, and the government has nothing to gain by refusing to see it, that a radical change is urgently demanded in the methods which have hitherto prevailed, and at present prevail, in the administration of the Yukon, and in the appointment of the officials. The great importance of the matter to Canada, both direct and indirect, has not been realized. One thing is very certain, and that is that British travellers and journalists who have been to the Yukon gold fields, have been, without exception, amazed, surprised and saddened by what they have seen and heard there. They have been accustomed to contemplate with justifiable pride the record of British government in other lands for able and entirely honest administration, and to congratulate themselves on the high standards and ideals which are lived up to by British officials at home and abroad. They have experienced and expressed much surprise and some resentment that this record should be sullied so conspicuously as in the case of the Yukon. The episode will not tend to increase the good opinion in which Canada is held in Great Britain, and it will have an effect on our material interests as well as on our reputation. The government cannot move too soon."

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ATTEMPTED SELF-MURDER CHARGED

Against Helen Holden, by the North West Mounted Police.

Out on Large Bonds Until Wednesday—Saturday's Evidence Reproduced—The Nugget's Report of the Case Being Borne Out.

On Saturday last Helen Holden was arraigned before Magistrate Harper, charged with attempted suicide. The first witness called was Arthur J. Chappell. His testimony showed that he went to the room of the woman because of having received a verbal message to come and see her if he came home early. He found her stretched upon the bed with a handkerchief over her mouth. He then removed the handkerchief and hurried to a neighboring room and told them to get cold water and strong coffee that they had better get the woman awake and keep her so. Returned to the room in one or two seconds and found the handkerchief again across the face. Removed it again and found the bottle of chloroform on the bed. Got an idea right then that she was probably shamming. Didn't know if the woman was really conscious or not. Remained in the room until the doctor came. Had seen the woman at 5 or 6 p. m. the same day and she had complained of face-ache. Had never received a written message from her in his life.

Dr. Simpson had been summoned to the Melbourne very hurriedly. On entering the room of Helen Holden, saw her talking to a woman. Spoke to her himself but received no answer. Detected the smell of chloroform in the room. Found her drowsy and proceeded to examine eyes, pulse and respiration. Found she was not suffering from chloroform coma and asked her what narcotic she had been taking. When he asked her whether she had taken the chloroform internally, she replied, "No!" and remarked that they were making a great fuss about nothing. Told those present that she was hysterical and gave her a hypodermic injection of strychnine to stimulate the heart, and before leaving gave her some morphine to quiet her and put her to sleep. Yes, he had seen letter left by the defendant and had read most of it over King's shoulder, but could not remember it verbatim. It was to Chappell and contained instructions as to the disposal of the woman's money, diamonds and jewelry. After funeral expenses were paid the balance was to be sent to a son or sons in Colorado. The address in Colorado was to someone named Straum. Said she was tired of life in Dawson. Witness did not read or had forgotten what she said was the particular cause of the act. King had afterwards told him he had destroyed the letter, but witness had seen no litter as of a torn letter upon the floor. On cross-examination witness said that King had remarked to him: "Here's a letter she has left." Did not know where he found it. There were four or five drachms gone from the bottle of chloroform, which would be about 300 drops. Thirty drops had been known to kill by inhalation.

Dr. Sutherland had been called in and found Dr. Simpson in the room when he got there but had not recognized him. Had not noticed any smell of chloroform, but defendant appeared hysterical and had been crying. She remarked as he came in: "How do you do?"

Murray R. King is the young fellow with whom defendant had had her last conversation so far as is known and who tore up the letter. He proved a most troublesome witness and either could not or would not remember anything. Whatever was drawn out of him was done by questions. He volunteered nothing, and a favorite answer was: "I don't remember." However, the following was secured: Had seen Helen in the morning and made an appointment for dinner at 5 o'clock. Had seen her again at 5 o'clock, but thought she went to dinner alone because he was too full. Didn't remember if he had ever missed other appointments with her. Didn't remember fully when he saw her again. Don't know what she said to him before going to dinner. Remembered that she had been indignant before when he had gone in full. Thought he left the room about 9 o'clock, but admitted she had returned first. Didn't remember where he went when he went out. Yes, he had gone down the streets. Yes, he went into the Tivoli. Yes, he went into Cad Wilson's box. Yes, he went into other boxes and other buildings. Didn't know who sent for him. Didn't know why he went. Thinks someone took him to the Melbourne. Didn't remember what he did or said when he got there. Didn't smell chloroform. Believes he remembered having a letter. Didn't know where he got it. Didn't know what was in it. Didn't know what was in it. Didn't know who it was from. Didn't know who it was to. Didn't remember whether it was printed or written, on one sheet or two, on note paper or pad. Remembered one word—"Chappell." Witness afterward agreed to admit that the letter was written not printed. After contending for a long time that he didn't know he had destroyed a letter nor the motives for the act, admitted he destroyed it to conceal its contents. Sergeant-Major Linderman had been with him at the room all afternoon and had left when he did.

Druggist Schoff remembered the defendant buying the chloroform about 5, 6 or 7 p. m. on the day of the supposed attempt at suicide. She had wanted it to clean a silk waist and had signed the register for it. She had not appeared excited or troubled.

Mrs. Humphreys knew little or nothing about the case, and it was continued until Wednesday, January 4th, at 2 p. m. Helen went her own recognizance for \$1000, Chappell another \$1000, and Chappell and Harry Hamburg another \$1000 between them.

A Brave Girl.

"I've heard that there are microbes in kisses," he said. "Disease-breeding terrible germs which anger their way through the dear kisses' head—Wee, infinitesimal worms." She snuggled up closer against his white vest. He heard her assuringly croon. In voice that set all apprehension at rest: "Fire away, darling, I'm an immune."

Charges Against Canadian Women.

The Winnipeg Tribune says that at Montreal, at the Anglican synod the Rev. Mr. Williams who brought up the matter of the low birth rate of Ontario, said that while the motion provoked laughter, he had brought the matter up in all seriousness. After alluding to the steady decrease of the birth rate in France, Mr. Williams said in Ontario they had reason to pause and ask themselves whether they were drifting. In Ontario, in 1893, the birth-rate per 1,000 was 19.8; in 1894, 19.2; in 1895, 18.8; in 1896, 20.7. In England and Wales the rate per 1,000 was, in 1893, 30.8; in 1895, 30.5, and in much-abused France 21.2. The rate in Quebec in 1894 was 50.5 and in 1896 oscillated between 36 and 40.

During the past year he said he sent a series of letters to about one hundred people throughout Ontario, to superintendents of hospitals, bishops and leading men, asking to what cause they would attribute the condition of affairs in Ontario. Generally speaking they attributed the low birth rate to five or six causes. One was defective registration.

Superintendent of hospitals and medical practitioners were uniform in the causes, stating that the low rate was due to causes over which persons have absolute control, and questions involving grave moral issues—that involved such questions as ultimate murder. Mr. Williams caused quite a sensation by reading a letter from a Toronto gentleman, who stated that there was no town or city in Canada in which there were not women in good standing doing things they ought not to do, and that hundreds of women in Toronto had at one time or another been guilty of something of this kind. Mr. Williams refused to say whom the letter was from.

The superintendent of a city hospital in western Ontario said the practice prevailed to an alarming extent and that the rearing of children was considered too heavy a burden, and the highest function of a woman was sacrificed to personal ease. There were other causes, materialistic views of life, social and economic views of life, such as migration of young men to the northwest and the employment of women in stores and elsewhere, driving men to other fields and thus lessening the marriage rate, which in Ontario was far below that of any country that has kept a record.

Mr. Williams also referred to the death rate in Ontario, and to the fact that nearly half the deaths were of children under five years of age. He also referred to the ravages of consumption. He moved that a committee be appointed to inquire into the subject and report to the next meeting of the synod.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

OUTSIDE BY THE NUGGET EXPRESS. A Splendid Team and Fast Time Will Be Made.

On Sunday morning last the Nugget Express extended its already extensive service on Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Dominion and Sulphur creeks, by sending to Dyea its initial trip. This was contemplated for some time, but owing to the continued reports coming from up the river of the then unsatisfactory condition of the trail, and much open ice, it was deemed best by the proprietors, Messrs. E. C. Allen and Walter C. Watrous, not to inaugurate the system until such time as the system could be continued with some degree of regularity and certainty of landing their passengers on the coast. The first of the year appeared to be a propitious moment, for the extreme cold of the close of December had hardened up the trail, where it had been soft or open and indicated that good speed could be made. Accordingly the first trip was as stated arranged to leave Dawson January 1, and scarcely had the announcement been made that two passengers could be accommodated than immediate application was made, and by two gentlemen who fully understood the responsibility of the Express. These were Dr. H. W. Yeamans, the agent of the Empire Transportation Co. in this city who goes on an extended though hurried trip to the principal cities of the States and Europe, and Mr. J. W. Balbriggan, who returns to his home on a visit and both of whom will return in the spring.

A splendid team of dogs was procured, thoroughly broken to trail work and selected for their exceptional staying qualities and intelligence, and as the hour of leaving approached a large crowd gathered on the water front to see the first basket sled of the Nugget Express depart for the coast, a journey of about 600 miles. Such were the arrangements so nicely perfected that with the exception of about 100 pounds, no provisions were carried and that only for any possible emergency arising en route. Accompanying the party was one of the proprietors, Mr. W. C. Watrous, who has been in this country for the past four years, familiar with the necessities of the traveller on the trail and interested largely in mining interests both here and on the American side.

It is expected that not more than 15 days will be consumed in reaching Dyea, which will put the party in Seattle in 20 days from the time of leaving Dawson. The next team will leave on or about January 15th and for which arrangements will be as ample and thorough as the last. Any desiring to book for this trip should arrange immediately at the Nugget Express office in the Phoenix.

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