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## MINERS TO GO INTO POLITICS.

### The Miners' Association Commits Itself on City Incorporation.

#### And Thinks the Best Interests of the Miners Requires a Liberal Franchise and a City Government in Sympathy With Them.

A Special Meeting of the Miners' Association was held Friday night in the Pioneer hall, which is fraught with much interest and importance to the community. The meeting was called by the standing committee to consider a proposition which had been laid before them by a citizens' committee.

The forms of this issue of the NUGGET were being made up at the time of the meeting, so that the full details of this most interesting meeting must be given in our next issue. Every member present was of the subject of incorporation of the city of Dawson, as proposed by the citizens' committee, and free speech was indulged in all ways.

The following motion by Mr. Geo. M. Allen, and amended by Mr. Walsh by adding the last clause, was unanimously passed: "That the Miners' Association is heartily in favor of incorporation as a general proposition, and that the standing committee take such steps to further the incorporation as it may seem best and as will conserve the interests of the association; and Resolved further, that the Miners' Association now expresses itself as being in favor of the ordinance of incorporation conferring and defining the powers and duties of the local city government, granting the very broadest powers of self-government possible, and also the widest and most liberal suffrage with as few limitations thereon as possible, under the laws of the Dominion of Canada.

The sense of the whole meeting can be put in the words of President Armstrong when he said: "I think we are all convinced that a town the size and importance of this one ought to govern itself. What profit being decided the next question is what steps ought to be taken in the interests of the miners— and when I say miners I use the word in a liberal sense and mean the people. I have always found that when you want a thing well done you had better do it yourself. (Hear! hear!) While I think we are in favor of avoiding small politics it seems advisable to use the weapons we have at hand. (Hear! hear!) The government of Dawson will be a powerful body and it may behoove us to take the utmost interest in overseeing its formation for if it is not in sympathy with us it will be against us. It appears the part of wisdom to take measures to insure that the sympathies of that body shall be known to be with the miners."

#### Trennerman Defeats Evans.

Real, genuine, clean sport was enjoyed by everyone who witnessed the wrestling match at the Monte Carlo on Thursday night. The wrestlers who contested for \$200 a side were Messrs. P. R. Trennerman, of Seattle, and Dave Evans, of Junction.

After repeated calls from the audience, Frank P. Slavin, the well known ex-pugilist consented to referee the bout and Pat Rooney was selected to act as time keeper.

The match was announced by the referee to be a catch as catch can, best two out of three falls. At the call of time the men came forward to the center, each cautiously seeking an opening. It soon came, and Evans went to the canvas but with his shoulders up. By skillful maneuvering Trennerman endeavored to force his opponent over, but owing to the smallness of the ring both were soon outside the ropes and the referee called the men to the center. Again they came together and this time Trennerman by a neat trip and throw landed his man squarely on his shoulders and was awarded the first fall.

Round two was practically a repetition of number one, only in this instance Evans became aggressive, for the contest with such success that in exactly three minutes Trennerman was on his back with both shoulders on the canvas and Evans was given the second fall.

After a rest of five minutes the men came up for the final bout. Trennerman resumed his original tactics, forcing matters at a lively rate. It required but two and one half minutes to bring the match to a finish. Evans worked like a Trojan but Trennerman's superior skill won him the final fall and the match. Three cheers were given for the victor and everyone went away satisfied that Dawson had been given an exhibition of good, clean sport.

The American consulate was moved from Front street on Thursday to the new handsome building on the corner of Second street and second avenue. Fine, even luxurious, quarters have been prepared upstairs with heavy carpets and easy chairs, and on Thursday evening the event was celebrated by an informal "smoker" at which were regaled kindred spirits. The consul, Dr. McKel, makes a generous host, and the vast of reason and law of law, was "acted and accepted" by him in a manner showing much tact and discretion.

## PERSONALS.

W. A. Warwick, of Tacoma, has left for his home. He sold out his stock in the water front but proposes returning with more in the spring.

Mr. James McMartin, Dominion inspector of customs, is now in Dawson. Mr. McMartin has for several years been stationed at New Westminster, B. C.

Faith Fenton, the well-known Canadian writer and newspaper woman, and at present the official correspondent of the Toronto Globe, has arrived in Dawson in the interest of her paper.

Col. Davis was last reported was recovering from his sickness of the past two weeks. It has been noted that his complaint was intermittent fever and chills, for which his many friends feel thankful.

Mr. Jim M. Lawrie, interested with the Brennan brothers in 30 and 325 Broadway on Dominion, left for his home in San Francisco on the Cudahy to spend the winter, and will probably return early in the spring.

Benkowski, the newsstand man is awaiting the arrival of the Wallie Irving to take his departure for the outside. He proposes establishing a permanent newspaper connection and then returning over the ice to Dawson.

Miss Marie Houck, who has earned considerable fame in the states as a singer of unusual quality and strength, has bowed down the river to Dawson and has decided to remain during the winter at all events. The lady is contemplating a solo concert and entertainment this coming week at Mason hall, at which her trained voice will be heard.

Mr. A. Livingston, late of Australia, expects to leave on the next trip of the Columbian for Seattle and from that city will make a business trip to London. He goes out to represent the interests of a large quartz proposition. Mr. Livingston has been in Dawson only a few weeks, but during his stay has impressed all who have made his acquaintance as being a most pleasant and courteous gentleman.

John Baker got full, fell all over himself, kicked the line out of the Regina Cafe people and paid a fine of \$5.

Fifty soldiers are expected down from Seiklek at once. The intention is to assign the soldiers to guard, feed and harness dogs, thus giving relief to the men who have been working day and night to the same end in the possession of the animals.

Mr. Cook was found by Justice Starnes to have been guilty of an assault and to be confined in jail for 30 days.

The following deaths of Pleasant Row were recorded: Nita Leffer, Mrs. G. S. Scott, Blanche Blanchette, Blanch Montgomery, Lucie Vennison, Peck, Davenport, George Leaver, Nellie Laeone, Maggie Parks, Fay Carlson, Little Leticie, Nellie Willington, Ida Leason, Maggie Cero, Ester Duffy, Irene Miller, Alice Amery, Rose LeMarc, Alice Miller, Alice Zenas, Jennie Wilson, Jennie Bonnell, Margaret Williams, Lucy Myers, Anna Pestellers, Ernest LaRocne, Laura Laetoe, Katie Annie, Violet Lee, Nellie Manst, Rose Dubois, Helen Scott, Margaret Edwards, Lanza Thormine, French Camella, Flora Delarogue, Jannette Dubois, Blanche Pelorone, Vera Holman, Marie, Isabelle, Lucy Miller, Jennie Moore, Clara Wilcox, Lucienne Martin, Camille Demyville, Sergio Bopen, Alice LaRocne, B. T. Hakakawa, J. Leander, a (Turkish) (three Japanese) Molly Gray, Jennie Clayton, Juliette Demage, Luella Morris, Pearl Nelson, Ethel Vernon, Eva Baker, Emma Willis, Maggie Clay, Maggie Seizer, Clara Nelson, Irene Smith, Florence Burgess, Della Mitchell, Lora Sage, Lou Lawrence, Helen Gordon, Maud Earle, Mrs. Van Norton, Nellie Gardner, Ellen Berry, Rosa Martin and Flora Seaville. Madeline Evans was left off with \$25 and costs for it was all she had.

## MINING NOTES.

The prettiest nugget of the season was picked up on Cheechak hills, between Little Skookum and Adams gulch, on Friday of last week. It was of pure white quartz thickly dotted throughout with gold.

Messrs. Lancaster and Callwood have become the owners by purchase of No. 3 Victoria gulch, a property in close proximity to some very good ground and which has itself been shown up to be good. The pay streak was uncovered in the latter end of the season and the men were driven out by water.

Preparations are being made for active work on the gulches this coming winter where nothing but prospecting has been done before. What is called the "deal work" consisting of wood-cutting and cabin building, is approaching completion and all are awaiting the arrival of the frost which is to tie up the troublesome surface water. Active work is looked for on Dominion from below lower discovery to above the upper one and all are expected to prove good producers. No. 7 above upper discovery has produced as high as \$750 to the ton.

Mr. Andrew Hunker has about completed his summer's work on the discovery claim of the creek which he gave his name. The ground sluicing operations have proved quite satisfactory except that the last week disclosed a dip in the bedrock filled with frozen ground and which put a stop to sluicing until the arrival of frost will prevent the running in of the water. During the first week Mr. Hunker picked up nugget on his claim which weighed \$38.20 and now he is saying he would give a hundred dollars if it weighed another eighty cents. The nugget is all gold and a yard wide and is about the size of a half pig of F & B brand and has a hole through like a lead dollar which has been made by the counter.

Mr. Harry Hunt, the mining man of the San Francisco Chronicle, has returned to Dawson after an extended summer of research on the American side. Of the Mission creek district he says: "Of American creeks, which is supposed to be the creek of the district, no mining has been done. The creek was first struck in the fall of 1896 and there was some little work done during the summer of 1897. Today the whole of the Mission creek district is staked clear from the summit to the mouth of the river and nothing definitely known as to the working value of any of it has not been known a year ago. This is the best that can be said. On discovery of American creek there are eight claims being worked which to my certain knowledge are yielding from one to three ounces per day to the man. On claim No. 2 above on the plain creek, locally known as the base and has a hole through like a lead dollar which has been made by the counter."

The largest nugget so far weighed \$43 with quite a number weighing \$20 and \$30. There is no bench formation in any of the Klondike country and I do not anticipate any great discoveries in that line. On the lower claims water has prevented any successful summer work. There is a great deal of work to do in framing the down mining laws as to the size of claims and length of representation time, limited only by the United States law which makes the size of the claim not more than 20 acres and the time of representation 100 years over now. The miners have made it their business to see that their claims shall hold for two months longer and have paid fees \$250. They have also made their recording fees \$250.

## A STRIKE ON STEWART RIVER.

### Prospectors Find a Dollar to the Pan in the Creek Bed.

#### The Resultant Stampede Causes the Staking of the Creek From End to End—Recorder Green at Stewart Finding Plenty to Do.

There has been a stampede to the new strike on Scroggie creek which was mentioned in the last issue of the NUGGET. There has been much staking, as every adjacent stream has poured in its population to help swell the throng which has gathered there. Scroggie creek is the third stream from the mouth of Stewart river entering on the left bank. It enters Stewart about 25 miles from the Yukon and was unknown and unnamed until visited a little over two months ago by the two discoverers, Frank B. Scroggie, of Montreal, and J. Griffith Stephens, of Deadwood, North Dakota. The stream of humanity traveling up and down the Stewart river this summer neglected the stream, first because it led away from the Klondike and second because it failed to show a grain of gold at its mouth. However, Stephens was an old miner and the abundance of magnetic black sand encouraged them to abandon their boat, shoulder their packs and with pick, pan and shovel proceed to investigate. At a point 35 miles from the Stewart, they took out \$5 in coarse gold from five pans of dirt on the creek bed. They spent two months in prospecting and only saw one man in all that time and he was a moose hunter, who paid little attention to them. The party brought in by Scroggie consists of nine people who in parties of two and three had scattered along Stewart. They were gathered together and piloted to the new find. The discoverers staked a thousand feet from the creek discovery up stream and then the whole party staked. On September 4th the claims were recorded with Corporal Green at the mouth of Stewart, and then the rush began. Already over 50 cabins have been started and preparations are being made to winter.

The discoverers were in town this week to put in townsite and timber applications, and have returned to the scene of their labors with provisions to last until the freeze-up enables them to use dog teams.

When prospecting up stream, the discoverers were somewhat disappointed that they found no colors for the first 14 miles. On the fifteenth mile they got flat light colors. The colors got larger and not quite so flat until, at the discovery, at 23 miles some of the grains weighed as much as 20 cents. Some gold has been taken from the creek on 44 above discovery. A few claims from discovery the creek folks and has been named LeDuke to the left, and Stephens to the right, after members of the party. The creek bends constantly around toward the Yukon and from discovery the big river is only fifteen miles.

This winter's work will determine whether there is anything in the banks of the creek or not.

#### A Deserved Success.

The Nugget is a deserved success. It is only by much hard work and a courageous standing up for the rights of the people that its success has been established, and to-day its utterances are being quoted from one end of the American continent to the other. That the Nugget is so well known outside and so widely quoted is not due to any measure to our "exchange list" with other journals, for we exchange with none but the local papers, and have no free list.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VICTORIA, B. C., AUG. 8, 1898.

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#### Why One Man Kicks.

The Editor of the Nugget: As an example of the way in which the postoffice has been mismanaged, the following facts may be of interest: I obtained to-day in registered letters of importance that have laid in the office since April last, although I have been many times to enquire for them, and have written to England stating that they had not arrived. I am, sir, yours faithfully, H. B. PULLMAN, Henry.

#### The Epicure's Delight.

What would you think of 300 live, fat, juicy spring chickens running around in Dawson. That's what a Stogger man saw to-day at P. E. DeVille's French Royal Restaurant, and these are fattened and fed daily for the patrons of this leading cafe.

It was a treat to go through his chicken-house and see such delicacies piled upon sherecke and turkey tamales, patte de foie gras, etc. A visit to the restaurant itself disclosed a Bill-of-Fare which would delight the palates of a nobleman in much more metropolitan cities than Dawson. Spring chickens, greens, mallard duck, mast trout, the conchotour, while corn on the cob, fresh asparagus, fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, etc., simply make the mouth water.

French dinners are a specialty at the Royal and are served from noon till 10 p. m. daily. The cuisine can not be excelled, the service excellent, and quantity the highest.

Dead! Obit. Frances died Thursday morning of fever and was buried Friday, the Rev. Dickey officiating.

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#### LET US GROW.

The much looked for abolishing of the royalty of 10 per cent on the gross output of the mines has failed to materialize with the arrival of the new officials last week. The miners' committee sent last year to Ottawa were given to understand that patience would be rewarded at last and the chances were that the royalty would either be entirely removed or reduced to a figure which would practically remove the present discouraging features of the tax. Instead of the relief we have been praying for in petitions to Ottawa we have in our midst a gentleman whose official title is "special commissioner of mines." The popular impression appears to be that this gentleman is here with a view to preparing a report on the mines of the district for the edification of the government. The people of the Klondike ought probably to feel very grateful that after two years of groaning under an unfair tax we have at last awakened a desire in the hearts of our government to hear something about our mines, and they have to that end sent an expert here. At that rate of progress it will take but a generation to obtain relief from the ills we complain of. But how marvelously quick they could change the law when they believed they were not getting their proper proportion of the wealth which is the result of the sacrifice of health and strength and oftentimes the lives of the toilers here.

We know positively of rich claims which will only be worked in a very small way this winter—just enough work to keep someone on the claim to care for it. There will be hordes of unemployed this winter, everyone of whom would be put to work if the royalty was removed. There are thousands of acres of ground in the district which will only pay to work on a large scale; and the capital to work it on a large scale will never be forthcoming in the face of a 10 per cent royalty. What business man in Dawson could conscientiously advise the working of the average ground hereabouts when even the large per cent of the gross earnings, which would go in wages would be subject to the 10 per cent tax on industry and enterprise. That a few of the richer claims can and have paid the tax is no criterion of the country. Does not every practical man in the Klondike know that it costs 50, 60 and even 70 cents to dig a dollar? Then why should the 70 cents be taxed?

With a revenue last year from this country of over two millions, and an output of less than seven millions, the collection of a royalty, which is daily working to the injury of the country, appears even childish. The royalty was only about \$300,000 of the whole amount of taxes collected, so that it takes but a very ordinary mind to grasp the fact that it is the people in the country and its expansion which can yield revenue on a large scale. If the government wants money from the Yukon Territory why not remove restrictive laws and let us grow; we will create a source of revenue which will take the palm from any section of

Canada with a hundred times our population.

That the royalty has been remitted in numerous cases the past year but proves that in the judgment of the administration the tax was in those cases unfair and a hardship; the world at large has no knowledge of the remitting of the tax, and investors for our miles of poor land are deterred by the unreduced royalty.

#### THE WRONG MAN.

The feeling of utter insecurity of property which has become so intense during the last nine months of Thomas Fawcett's incumbency of the gold commissioner's office has been abated somewhat by the arrival of Mr. Ogilvie. The reason of the satisfactory improvement in the condition of public confidence is simply that the public regards Mr. Ogilvie largely in the light of a court of appeal. It is true that Mr. Ogilvie's powers extend to the reviewing of the gold commissioner's decisions; but so they do in each of the many departments excepting of course the judiciary. It is quite certain that notwithstanding his powers, Mr. Ogilvie's ability to overlook and review the decisions of his subordinates is limited by the hours of the day. He cannot possibly find time to give painstaking thought to but few of the details of the affairs over which his subordinates preside. How then can he be expected to correct the many abuses of Mr. Fawcett's office and still retain that gentleman at the head of affairs. The versatility of the gold commissioner's decisions, his kaleidoscopic changes of opinion and his well known irritability at the idiosyncrasies of the many applicants at his shrine of justice, all proclaim him the wrong man in the right place. But there is one way in which the G. C. can avoid a surfeit of appeals to his superior and that way is to render his decisions through the postoffice—that is to say by mail. It has been so convenient in the past that we suggest the continuance of the same in future. The applicant who receives an adverse decision by letter is apt not to get that letter for from one to two weeks after the decision has been made. Meanwhile his more fortunate opponent can have legally disposed of the claim and therefore introduced into the case the further entanglement of "the innocent purchaser." The right of appeal—or better speaking—the privilege of appeal is apt to be of little consequence to the "common miner" in a case as above, but the woe of the "common miner" has ever been the last consideration in the heart of the man who last winter let applicants lie out on the snow all night in front of his office with the thermometer at 40 degrees below zero.

#### SHOULD DAWSON OWN WATER WORKS?

Incorporation of the city of Dawson cannot come too quickly. The dark nights are upon us and lurking criminals find the shadows of lumber piles and cabins fit nooks for deeds of desperation and daring. The individual members and officers of the mounted police are brave and efficient, but what kind of patrol can they be expected to maintain over 600 acres of a city in such a pall of eternal blackness as we are beginning to experience. We must have light, and a scattering of arc lamps at various corners will be found to add to the powers of a policeman a thousand fold. Lights we must have; and it may be the wisdom of the new town government that the city should own its own plant. Therefore it is the opinion of the Nugget that charters for electric lights, water works and kindred corporations should not be granted too hastily by the new government of the Yukon Territory before incorporation. Water works and sanitation go hand in hand as health measures and are municipal functions; the same is true of the police and street lighting.

#### A GROWING POWER.

The Miners' Association is a growing power in this community. Men who at first were inclined to look askance at the organization are now coming forward and promising their moral and in many cases financial support. Even the government

organ which at first could not cast too many slurs upon the association and the men who bore the brunt during its first battles, now comes forward to pat the organization upon the back and tell its members what fine fellows they are.

There is nothing on earth succeeds like success. Men are attracted by it as a needle by a magnet. Many will hold back from aiding a cause they know to be worthy simply because they fear ultimate failure and dread the association of their names with the word. But no one need hesitate allying himself with the Miners' Association on such grounds. The crucial period in the history of the organization is passed. With a paid membership approaching 150, a building soon to be completed and an able and enthusiastic corps of officers pushing the work with might and main the prospects for the Miners' Association are most flattering.

It should be noticed that membership can be secured on payment of five dollars for six months and the remaining five dollars at the end of that time. This special provision was made to enable those who are not in a position to pay the full year's dues at one time; to still be able to secure the benefit of the association's protection. The members of the standing committee and other officers are authorized to issue membership tickets. Intending members may secure certificates from any one of these gentlemen.

#### INCORPORATION.

Dawson will soon be an incorporated city. There is no more doubt of it than there is concerning the freezing of the Yukon this winter. There are so many glaring public evils to be wiped out by local self government that it almost goes without saying the community is unanimously in favor of the move.

We have had taxes enough, so far as that is concerned, but the revenue has gone with monotonous regularity to the outside. When Mr. Bulyea left Dawson he stated that the saloon license money collected by him would be available for local improvements. Such may have been the case but no one thus far has seen the improvements.

We understand that when incorporation takes place the municipal authorities will have all the powers ordinarily conferred upon such officers. That is to say in the matter of raising and expending local revenue, in making improvements in streets, drainage, water supply, public lighting, etc., the city officers will act independently of the representatives of the Dominion government. Again it should be pointed out that no citizenship qualification is required of voters. Every man in Dawson, be his nationality what it may, who is possessed of a minimum of taxable property is entitled to vote for the city officers. For this reason it behooves the entire population to interest themselves in securing incorporation. This step having been successfully taken a long advance will have been made toward securing local representation in Parliament.

The time is not far distant when the question of men will come up. Already in a quiet way suggestions are being made and names considered. This is entirely proper. Too full discussions in such matters cannot be secured. But the first duty confronting Dawson is to take the steps necessary for securing information. When that is done it will not be difficult to find gentlemen, capable and willing to fill the various city offices.

#### Removal.

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HAWAII, Aug. 23rd.—Considerable doubt, but President McKinley's April in the light of the United States gave pledged itself to declare a number of promises received threatening ent, several of these, they are soft that the tree on which they were surgeons have entered, dent heard a well-known was been in the employment invariably with his son, an insurgent, unless at the time, even if the An come.  
Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 23rd.—The insurgent leader, Domingo, now at New York, telling him he had "will not kill you and the shall lie you to a tree may kill you and the Others have letters beaten and afterwards leading merchants at in that district have must leave the island. The planters who have been fearing fear may prove to be more  
SPANIARDS CON White Americans W Approved Announcement  
New York, Aug. 23rd.—editor of La Correspondencia principal journal of the island in San Juan, he said "San Juan," he said the world since the print official bulletin ment, regarding the government issued a leaf. The news of the fleet reached San Juan, and it was not until ten days, issued a bulletin stating vessels had been sunk, included two battleships. "The truth was never but the facts leaked out," he was observed. Early in the Juan, who are extreme the official announcement Santiago fell they rampant Spaniards was not able to fight. "Before the American many citizens of San Juan, who are extreme the island. After the hear stories of the American army, banded. We had little the campaign in Port tell that things were ards. I was permitted the American success, except into San Juan, Spaniards among the "Macias maintained his waning have been expecting the night by shells and bombardment and siege, the city could not defend. "When the news of object. Even the war was hopeless, and an end soon. The situation, but the Spanish to be an American republic. Mr. allow their discom island and become a "Those of the better killed, but if the to be changed, they United States. They commercial prosper "Yesterday the was captured here. He is accused of Colo. He denies he admits having slain "waller" skinning.

### LARGE ADDITIONS TO U. S. NAVY.

#### Uncle Sam Will Build Twenty-Eight New War Vessels.

Citizens of Havana are Afraid that the Insurgents Will Take Summary Vengeance—Threats Being Made.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23rd.—The navy department opened bids to-day for sixteen torpedo boat destroyers and twelve torpedo boats, to cost in the aggregate not to exceed \$16,900,000, as provided in the last naval appropriation act.

The twenty-eight destroyers and torpedo boats constitute the largest single addition ever made to the navy. The destroyers are to be completed within eighteen months, and the torpedo boats within twelve months. According to the requirements of the department, the destroyers are to be about 400 tons, and are to cost not more than \$255,000 each, while the torpedo boats are to be about 150 tons and to cost not more than \$170,000 each.

HAVANA, Aug. 23rd.—The local papers express considerable doubt, based upon a re-reading of President McKinley's message to congress last April, in the light of recent events whether the United States government has definitely pledged itself to declare Cuba's independence.

A number of prominent men have recently received threatening letters signed by insurgents. Several of these letters tell those to whom they are sent that they may choose the sort of tree on which they will be hanged after the insurgents have entered Havana. The correspondent heard a well-known resident who has always been in the employ of Spanish houses and treated invariably with consideration, advise his son, an insurgent leader not to come to Havana unless at the head of a victorious column, even if the Americans ordered him to come.

Paseual Goicoechea, a prominent native planter at Guines, has received a letter from the insurgent leader, Calmejo, a native of Santo Domingo, now at Neuvaspasse, Matanzas province, telling him he hopes to capture him.

"I will not kill you," says Calmejo, "but I shall tie you to a tree so that the mosquitoes may kill you and the aura bird devour you."

Others have letters telling them they will be beaten and afterward drawn and quartered. Leading merchants at Cienfuegos and planters in that district have been warned that they must leave the island.

The planters who have received such threatening letters fear greatly that the threats may prove to be more than Cuban boasting.

### SPANIARDS CONCEALED THE NEWS.

#### While Americans Were Winning, Bulletins Appear Announcing Spanish Success.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23rd.—Senor Roman Lopez, editor of La Correspondencia de Puerto Rico, the principal journal of the island, which is published in San Juan, has arrived in Poque.

"San Juan," he said, "has been cut off from the world since the war began. I could only print official bulletins issued by the government, regarding the progress of the war. It was weeks after the battle of Maniba before the government issued a bulletin admitting defeat. The news of the destruction of Cervera's fleet reached San Juan the day after it happened, but I was not permitted to print even a rumor for ten days. Later Capt.-Gen. Macias issued a bulletin stating that six American vessels had been sunk. He declared the six included two battleships.

The truth was never published in San Juan, but the facts leaked out unofficially. The same secrecy was observed when Santiago surrendered. Early in the war the citizens of San Juan, who are extremely pro-Spanish, credited the official announcements of victory, but after Santiago fell they lost hope. Even the most rampant Spaniards began to admit that Spain was not able to fight the United States.

"Before the Americans landed in Porto Rico many citizens of San Juan organized to defend the island. After the landing they began to hear stories of the strength and efficiency of the American army, and the regiment was disbanded. We had little news of the progress of the campaign in Porto Rico, but could easily tell that things were going against the Spaniards. I was permitted to print nothing about the American success; nevertheless, the fact crept into San Juan, greatly discouraging the Spaniards among the population.

Macias maintained a bold front and maintained his waning authority. For weeks I have been expecting to be awakened during the night by shells bursting. We feared bombardment and siege. Everybody realizes that the city could not have been successfully defended.

When the news of peace came everybody rejoiced. Even the Spanish officers knew the war was hopeless, and had better be brought to an end soon. The terms caused a little mortification, but the Spanish residents now seem to be an American territory rather than a Porto Rican republic. Most of the Spaniards will swallow their discomfiture and remain on the island and become American citizens.

Those of the better class naturally feel humiliated, but if the government of the island is to be changed, they prefer to be a part of the United States. They expect an era of great commercial prosperity from American rule. Yesterday the famous guerrilla, Firrago, was captured near Comano and brought to jail here. He is accused of burning the village of Colo. He denies his guilt emphatically, but admits having slain several Spanish soldiers while skirmishing in the mountains. Gen.

### Macias announces his intention to detect and punish the perpetrators of the Clats massacre.

#### AND STILL ANOTHER.

#### A Robbery of Gold on Little Skookum—Mysterious Visitors Take \$600 of Gold Dust.

In an interview with Major Walsh, just previous to his departure for the outside, that gentleman remarked to the NUGGET: "Through private information I am assured that we have in our midst a large criminal element which only awaits the favorable darkness of winter to commence operations."

Never was a statement borne out more literally than that remark by the major. Robbery and burglary, and burglary and garroting are beginning to fill up our local columns as never before.

Last Friday afternoon Messrs. Tedman and Beckett were at work on their discovery claim on Little Skookum, as usual. As is customary, in this corner of the world their tent was left unsecured, though out of sight. Upon returning to camp for supper it was seen that someone had been rummaging around inside the tent. In alarm Tedman hurriedly looked for his sack containing \$600 in gold. The sack and contents had disappeared and though the police were notified as soon as possible the robber or robbers had vanished. There are a lot of men here, undoubtedly, who have mistaken their sphere in life, and as soon as they can be located they must be presented with a "blue ticket."

You will want the NUGGET during the winter months. Delivered twice a week for \$2.50 per month.

### Large Gold Shipment.

The last considerable shipment of gold from the Klondike took place Wednesday, the boxes being carted from Dawson's two banks to the N. A. T. & C. Co. boat Cudahy, which left in the afternoon. The bank of British North America was the first to get its gold down to the landing. Their shipment of nearly \$750,000 or 50,000 ounces was enclosed in eight strong wooden boxes hauled to the dock in two loads. Later in the forenoon a throng gathered around Lancaster & Calderwood's spanking bay team in front of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to witness the loading of the 40,000 ounces or \$600,000 which makes the fourth shipment of the bank this season—and it is not the largest one either. The eight boxes were of inch lumber reinforced and ironed and the lids screwed on and the screws sealed. They were not averaging more than fifteen inches square but the expressions on the faces of the six men carrying them was indicative of their great weight. 3,333 pounds of gold in bricks, dust and nuggets was the precious load presided over by Mr. Bailey Smith. The load, representing so much luxury and comfort to so many people, was escorted down Front street by policemen, officers of the bank and the curious throng to a point in front of the steamer Cudahy and there a halt was called and photographer Haag got in his fine work. Then the small boxes heavier than solid iron—were loaded onto the track cars and transferred to the steamer.

Each bank sends a representative with their consignment of gold and the whole is accompanied by Constable Dorris, of the Northwest Mounted Police. The Bank of British North America consigns its gold to the mint of San Francisco and the Canadian Bank of Commerce is sending to Seattle. By the time this treasure arrives in Seattle it will be observed that the P-I will be telling the world of the arrival of another ten millions.

### Wife and Child Dead.

Mr. Paul Moran, of Moran Bros., the now famous shipbuilders of Seattle, left Dawson on the Cudahy—a boat of his own building. Mr. Moran has not been home for nearly a year; his duties keeping him at Dutch Harbor, superintending the construction of the boats which have made the Yukon trip this year, the Power, Hamilton, Cudahy and others. The Pilgrim, the eleventh of the twelve Moran boats to leave Seattle for St. Michael's this summer, arrived safely in St. Michael's a few days ago. Of all the boats built by Moran Bros., only one has been lost. News of disaster by storm, rock and sand bar has been assailing the intending purchasers of the boats for months and it appeared to be the prevailing opinion that such terrific losses as the firm was supposed to have suffered must, of necessity, swamp them. The birds of ill-omen are crowing the other way now, for with only one boat lost and the balance sold at Klondike prices Moran Bros. are on the high wave of success.

Mr. Paul Moran might be expected to be looking forward to his return home. Not so, however. In the year of his absence he has received the news of the death of his dearly beloved wife and child, so that his home-coming cannot but be a gloomy one.

The NUGGET tells all the news just as it happened. Twice a week—\$2.50 per month.

### A Long Trip.

Constable Dorris has been chosen for a trip which will probably take him until Christmas to complete. He accompanied the shipment of treasure on the Cudahy which left Dawson Wednesday afternoon. He will stay with it until it reaches terra firma for the last time and in Uncle Sam's territory. While he has received no extended leave of absence, the trip will take him to the principal coast cities and well the fact is he has seen several years of continuous hard service in the gloomy North West, and he has his "snack" with him and his friends wish him a good time before he returns which he expects to do shortly before Christmas.

### Here's a Snap.

For sale a good snug cabin 14 x 16. High and dry location. Price, \$700. HEMEN, this office.

### HOW BILLS ARE SETTLED IN DAWSON.

#### Sour Dough Posts Chee Charko on "Tricks That Are Vain."

A Hurried Settlement of Accounts Brought About by a Departing Steamboat—One Way of Enforcing a Rebate.

"There is one thing I like about this new mining camp," said Chee Charko, to Sour Dough, upon resuming the conversation reported in a recent issue, "and that is the ease with which debts are collected. It appears to be the rule that accounts are due as soon as created."

"Yes," said Sour, thoughtfully, "maybe you don't see the inside workings."

"I guess there is always an appeal to the court, with odds in favor of the man bringing suit," said Chee, with warmth.

"Think so?" said Sour, with relaxing features. "Never heard of a man with a concession who dared not bring suit, did you?"

"I don't quite understand."

"Of course you don't," said Sour, with a patronizing air of superiority. "Guess I'll tell you about Beaton."

"Who's Beaton?"

Sour commenced to smile at his friend's eagerness. "Why, Beaton is a 'sour dough stiff,' and went to work for a government official on the opposite side of the Yukon at ten dollars per day. He put in ten days and was ordered to quit, and—"

"Why, I know, wages can be collected easily enough, and—"

"Yes," said Sour, "You're one of those new fellows that know so much," and Sour proceeded to whistle a plug of "Canadian."

"Well, now, look here; don't get huffy," said Chee, apologetically; "I'm only looking for information. You say he was an official?"

"Yes, a government detective," Sour was thoughtful for fully three minutes, and then commenced smiling serenely, as he conjured up the picture of his friend Beaton, collecting his hundred dollars, at sixteen an ounce, to call the debt square, and told him he'd either take that or nothing. Well, Beaton rushed around and got a lawyer and put the matter in his hands; then he walked the street like a man who felt he had done a wise thing. Opposite the company stores was a crowd awaiting the departure of a steamer, and who do you think was on the deck of the boat?"

"Not the lawyer, surely?" said Chee.

Sour's sides heaved with internal amusement, and he hunted a seat on a pile of dog feed, so that he would not laugh himself off his feet. "No," it was the detective, and Sour commenced to shake alarmingly.

Chee gazed irritably at his friend for a minute with unsmiling face, and then said "I'm sure I can't see anything funny in a fellow running away from his debts."

Sour chuckled and gasped but finally managed to say: "That's not the point, you blooming chump."

"O! that's not the point?" repeated Chee sarcastically. "Maybe you'll be so kind as to enlighten my benighted understanding."

Sour shook himself together with an effort and proceeded seriously: "Well, Beaton rushed over the gang plank to the official man chaser and says 'Why, I don't know you was going away.' You didn't?" says the detective. "You ain't going without paying me my money," says Beaton. "I offered to settle with you once," says the detective. "Well, hurry up and say what's the best you can do," says Beaton. The official haggled and chewed the rag and the departure whistle started to blow and Beaton hastily accepted fifty dollars and a promise of the rest when the claim was sold. Sour had been threatening a seismic disturbance and now broke out in a fit of silent chuckling. He held his sides and swayed from side to side, dislodging a pile of evaporated onions behind him.

Chee's lips curled in derision and he spoke loftily: "So that's the point, is it? It's real funny, too," and Chee sternly repressed a desire to give his friend a shove over into a pile of belated last year's eggs which were lying around in open boxes. "I'm tickled to death to see the point."

Sour brought himself together with a great effort and replied: "Why, you blooming chump, I haven't got to the point yet. Why can't you wait a bit. You see the whistle blew again and they hurriedly settled on the \$50 basis, and then Beaton sprang across the gang plank to the dock, and the detective followed him to shove. 'I thought you was going away,' says Beaton. 'You're off your nut,' says the official. 'I never said I was going.' 'No, but we settled on that basis,' says Beaton, 'and I think you intended to fool me.' 'Well, you damned fool, if I can settle my bills better on the deck of a steamer than on dry land I'm going to do it.'"

"So that's the point?" said Chee.

"Yes, that's the point," and Sour led his friend through the maze of wagons on Front street to Billy Lloyd's.

### Not Included in the Bill.

There is a humorous side to even the joyless life of a Klondiker. The steamer Clats is advertised for a trip up the river to White Horse. A hand-bill from the office of our contemporary sets forth to the world that on that boat greatly reduced rates will prevail; that meals will be extra but births free. The document in question does not advise the public whether or not medical attention or nursing is also included.

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