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VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE

Better Fire Protection Demanded.

FIRE OUT THE GIRLS FROM UPSTAIR ROOMS

Dawson's Prominent Business Men on the Situation.

Government Officials Willing to Do All They Can for Protection—Auxiliary Company From Field Force—Unanimity of Opinion.

Since the disastrous fire of last Wednesday considerable discussion has arisen concerning the efficiency of the fire department, as it is comprised at present, and plans for the improvement of this important branch of the public service are being formulated now.

At this season of the year it is impracticable to attempt to secure additional apparatus; but the number of firemen can be increased, if necessary. It may be possible to induce Major Heming to permit the formation of an auxiliary fire corps from among the Yukon field force, the capabilities of whom in his line of work were most satisfactorily demonstrated a week ago. It may be true that better arrangements can be had to secure a supply of water. In fact, several confidently assert that they can provide a good water system to the people of Dawson within the next 60 days; such a system as will afford the property holders on the principle business streets ample protection from destruction by fire. This system, however, if constructed at this season of the year would be costly; but the expenditure involved, great as it might be, would be only a modicum in comparison to the losses sustained by reason of the conflagration of last Wednesday.

Many business men are of the opinion that strict inspection should be maintained relative to flues and chimneys. In the past, this duty has devolved upon the fire chief, whose time and attention did not permit the exercise of proper care. It is contended that a special officer should be detailed on this inspection service, whose sole occupation should be confined to the examination of stove pipes, chimneys, etc. The recent fire might have been avoided had rigorous inspection been made of the Monte Carlo premises.

With few exceptions the property holders are in favor of a police ordinance forbidding the occupancy of rooms over saloons and places of amusement by variety actresses and dance hall girls. It is coincident that the last two destructive fires which Dawson has experienced, started in rooms occupied at the time by this class of people.

As a precautionary measure, it has been suggested that those owning buildings in the business district be compelled to provide them with brick chimneys. Many are in favor of this idea. It would certainly appear reasonable to enforce this rule as to

those buildings which are now in progress of erection.

The fact that no loss of life has been incurred by reason of former fires is attributed more to good luck than to anything else; and the proposition is being considered to require the proprietors of places of amusement to provide proper exits and fire escapes. Such a regulation would oblige all owners of houses of more than one story to construct exits from the upper stories.

The trustees of the Board of Trade will meet tomorrow night, and all these questions will be given careful consideration. Certainly some measures will be proposed looking to the better securing of property from loss by fire. A representative of the Nugget ascertained the opinion of a number of prominent business men relative to the subject.

Major Perry, when approached, refused to commit himself for the reason that as a member of the Yukon council he may be required to act on these matters in an administrative capacity.

Mr. Heron, of the A. C. Co., is of the opinion that a more powerful engine should be ordered immediately, thus insuring its arrival when navigation opens, and that the number of firemen should be increased now. Continuing he said:

"I consider it a bad scheme to have both engines located in stationary positions as they are now. This method requires the use of too much hose. After the last fire, every inch of hose was rendered useless for 24 hours. If the department would house the engines in the vicinity of the fire halls, they could be taken to any point on the river opposite a fire in the business district with not much greater loss of time than is now required to reach them with hose. I have no criticism to make concerning the management of the last fire; under the circumstances and condition, as they were, I think that the department acquitted itself in the execution of every detail.

"I certainly believe that all buildings should be inspected thoroughly and frequently by a man detailed for that particular purpose, and whose duty should be confined to this special line of work. I do not deem it feasible to require owners of buildings to erect brick chimneys just now; iron stove pipes, with air spaces around them, are practically safe.

"I think that it is impossible to construct a good water system in this country during the winter season. If the council, however, should levy additional tax for fire purposes, my company would willingly pay.

"I am strongly opposed to permitting variety women and dance hall girls to occupy the upper stories of buildings used as theaters and dance halls. Of course, all houses of more than one story should be provided with fire escapes.

"I am interested in any movement or measure which tends to improve the efficiency of the fire department, and will give it my support."

Tom Chisholm expressed the following opinions:

"The stovepipes and flues should be looked at carefully in all buildings and the greatest care taken that there is no break in the pipes.

"I did not notice any mismanagement on the part of the fire department, but there were not enough men to do the work.

"I would be willing to pay a fair tax to promote any proposition which the people would think necessary for the better protection of the town.

"About the women in rooms over business houses, I think all danger

from fire can be obviated by employing watchmen to look after the halls.

"Another suggestion I would make is that an ordinance should be made making it compulsory to place brick flues and chimneys in all large buildings. All places of amusement should have more than one exit and two story houses should have fire escapes. I have ordered one for the Hotel McDonald."

J. L. Macauley, of Macauley Bros., said:

"I think our fire department is adequate; but I think it would be a good idea to prohibit the use of canvas linings in all buildings, as this stuff is as inflammable as lint. I think the firemen worked nobly during the fire but that the force is not sufficient to combat a large fire successfully.

"I cannot see how we could have a better water system than now in use under the circumstances and I would oppose any taxation of property for the purpose of inaugurating any other system. I believe that all variety people should be excluded from rooming in business blocks."

Mr. Doig, manager of the Bank of British North America, when interviewed, answered:

"I don't not think that our fire department is sufficiently adequate to give us the protection that a city of this size should have. I am not well enough acquainted with the fire fighting business to suggest any improvement; but I should say that there are men in town who are qualified in the premises, and whose services should be secured.

"Personally I am willing to do anything which the business men and property owners deem necessary relative to the improvement of the department. I have always understood that a regulation was in force requiring brick chimneys in the business district; and I should say that it would be expedient to have such a measure passed and enforced immediately."

Mr. McMullen, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, said:

"I consider our fire protection inadequate. I would suggest that two additional engines be ordered immediately, and also a large quantity of hose. My idea is that we should have a trained auxiliary fire brigade composed of volunteer firemen to act in conjunction with the paid force and under the control and orders of the department chief. I did not notice any mismanagement during the recent fire; but it is a fact, patent to all, that the number of firemen is insufficient to combat and confine within reasonable limits a large fire.

"If it can be demonstrated that the construction of a good water system at this season of the year is practicable, I am in favor of it, and am willing to pay a fire rate of taxation for that purpose.

"I think that it is a grave error to have the upper stories of places of amusement tenanted by variety women and dance hall girls. Experience has taught us that their careless habits are a menace to property. I deem it advisable to compel business men to construct

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HE WANTS TO KNOW WHY.

Injured Innocence Attended Saturday Night's Show.

Propounds a Few Plain Questions to the Officials—Has Dawson Had a Dose of Class Legislation?

Editor Daily Nugget:

Pardon this intrusion on your valuable space, but I desire to ask of the powers that be in Dawson a few questions. I ask them through the medium of your paper and trust that they may be answered though the same medium. Among other things I wish to know is, first:

Why was the family drama which was on at the Palace Grand Saturday night and attended by the best people in Dawson shut off—snuffed out, so to speak—within not over 20 minutes of the final curtain just because 12 o'clock arrived ahead of the end of the drama?

Was such action justified on the part of the officials? was it fair to those who were in attendance—decent men and their decent wives, who so seldom have the opportunity for attending a high-class theatrical performance in Dawson; and was it fair to the performers, who, having but recently lost their all by relentless fire, were striving to earn a few honest dollars by entertaining a body of respectable people who had given up their honest money?

If the above questions can be answered in a manner which justifies the officials in their arbitrary course, I will propound a few more questions, to wit:

Why did not the same law and the same officers that closed the dramatic entertainment, which would have closed of its own volition before 12:30 o'clock, close the late bazaar which but two short weeks before was kept open until 5 o'clock Sunday morning, during all of the five hours of which Sunday morning gambling was carried on and drinks—intoxicating drinks—were being sold?

Was there any gambling at the dramatic entertainment Saturday night?

Were any intoxicating liquors sold at the dramatic entertainment Saturday night?

Is Dawson subjected to the horrors and inequities of class legislation?

Will the officials answer the above questions?

I am not alone interested in having the above questions answered. There are hundreds of the same opinion as my self. It is not a question of nationality, but a question of vital importance to every resident alike of Dawson.

Officers of the law that is alleged to be just—the law that should denounce class legislation, will you kindly answer the above questions and oblige,

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FIRE PROTECTION.

The interviews which appear on another page of this issue of The Nugget regarding measures for increasing the effectiveness of the fire department and insuring the observance of ordinary precautions on the part of owners and occupants of buildings, are well worth consideration by the authorities and citizens in general.

It is quite evident to us and from the tenor of the interviews it appears equally plain to our business men, that some radical change must take place if Dawson is to be furnished with anything like adequate fire protection. Running through the interviews will be noted a conviction on the part of the speakers that measures for preventing fires are equally important, if not more so, than means for extinguishing a fire when once started.

A most important point is the use to which the upper stories of theaters and saloons have been placed. We believe that buildings located in the business district should be used for business purposes exclusively and that variety and dance house women should be excluded from occupying the upper floors of theater buildings as places of permanent residence. Experience has proven that the presence of these people acts as a continual and unceasing menace to the safety of the town.

Again, as suggested in the interviews, large buildings should be provided with brick chimneys, suitable exits should be placed in buildings used as places of public assembly, and a regular system of fire inspection should be enforced.

These matters are all worthy of close and careful study, and are commended to the Yukon Council for their most earnest consideration.

PERTINENT INQUIRIES.

As will be noted elsewhere in this issue, a correspondent has some very interesting and pertinent queries to present to the public of Dawson, and more particularly to the powers that hold sway in this good metropolis of the Yukon.

The Nugget gives space to the publication of these questions for the simple reason that, while they are placed in somewhat forcible language, we are constrained to the belief that, if the

facts are as stated, they are very well taken.

This paper would not under any consideration be placed in the position of upholding or countenancing anything that savors of violation of law or defiance of properly constituted authority. We believe that laws—good, bad or indifferent—should be obeyed, so long as they are laws. But, at the same time, we are unable to reconcile any theory or construction of law by virtue of which one individual or set of individuals are compelled to comply with certain requirements which others are not asked to observe.

The Nugget is pleased that its correspondent has brought this matter to the attention of the public. Public discussion is the quickest and most effective remedy for public grievances. An explanation of the questions propounded by our correspondent is certainly due. We will as cheerfully give space to the explanation as to the queries.

The recent laws declaring all unrepresented ground forfeited to the crown and closing from the prospector the most important creeks in the district will have a very important effect in decreasing the revenues of the government. Hundreds of men who are not now owners of property will fail to renew their miners' licenses, and for every one of these men the government will lose the sum of \$10.

Our friends up the creeks who were complaining some few weeks ago of the warm weather will have no objections on that particular score now. Last winter no weather so severe as has been experienced in Dawson during the past few days occurred after Dec. 1st. It looks as though the long continued mild weather of the fall will result in a decided prolongation of winter.

Sulphur creek is certainly doing itself proud. According to our advisees, there are more thawing plants in operation on Sulphur than on any other creek in the district. This speaks pretty well for a creek which twelve months ago was being condemned from one end to the other as a failure.

An ordinance compelling the placing of a brick chimney in every building in town would be a long step toward giving Dawson a fair measure of fire protection. The Board of Trade, in taking up this most important matter, is acting most wisely. Some men must be compelled to take care of themselves.

Fun on Dominion.

A very pleasant party was given at McNeil's road house on Dominion last Tuesday evening. The event was to celebrate and partake of the prize cake taken by Geo. Dove as Uncle Sam and Wm. Goss as Queen of Manila at Card's masquerade. The evening was spent in singing and dancing and closed with best wishes to Uncle Sam and the Queen. Among those present

were Mr. and Mrs. Card, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Miss Edith Robinson, Miss Zirbis, Miss Julian, Miss Mina Holmes, M. J. McNeil and the boys of No. 3.

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brick chimneys this winter. Stove pipes should be properly arranged and frequently inspected. An inspector should be detailed for this special duty."

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co. said: "At present I consider our fire department inadequate to afford the required protection; but I have not given the matter enough consideration to warrant me in offering any particular improvements. I am always willing to stand my share of taxation, so long as the levy is made to better the town.

"If buildings are properly constructed and frequently inspected, I see no objection to the occupancy of upper stories by variety actresses and dance hall girls; but all such places should be compelled to erect brick chimneys."

F. H. Ames—Our fire department is adequate except in cases of large fires. I am willing to pay a reasonable tax for a good water system. Of course, my opinion is to exclude actresses and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings in the business district.

Rogers, of Cribbs & Rogers—The number of paid firemen should be increased. I do not believe a good water system can be secured, and am opposed to further taxation. The variety women should not be allowed to tenant houses located on the business streets.

Mr. Gandolfo—I think that the recent fire was mismanaged. The wind was blowing south, and I see no reason why buildings north of the Monte Carlo should have burned. The government has done its duty in providing apparatus, and all that is lacking is good management. I will pay a tax for a good water system. If amusement houses are properly constructed it would not be dangerous to permit variety women to occupy them; but as they have been arranged in the past, such places have proven nothing but veritable fire traps.

Bob Cahill of Cahill & Fazon—Paid force should be increased. We are in favor of a water system, and would pay our share of the tax. Good buildings, if frequently inspected, would not be materially dangerous even if occupied by variety women and dance hall girls.

J. L. Timmins—There are not enough men in the department. I do not think that it is possible to secure a good water system now. The occupancy of the upper stories to amusement buildings by actresses and dance hall girls has been a disgrace in the past and is a menace to the safety of property.

W. H. Parsons—The department needs more men. I will pay my share of a tax for a good water system. Women—I mean a certain class—should not be permitted to tenant buildings in the business district.

A Man Lost.

The Nugget is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Selby, California, requesting information concerning her father, Martin Mackey, who has been in Alaska since 1894. Anyone knowing of the said Mackey is requested to send the information to the Nugget office or to Mrs. Sullivan.

District Court.

In Judge Dugas' court the greater portion of the forenoon of today was consumed in the appointment of dates for the trial of cases now pending. The case of the crown vs. McBeth, charged with theft will come up for hearing March 1st, and will, by request of the prisoner, be tried before a jury.

Young Wynkoop, charged with the theft of money, preferred to take his chances without a jury and the case was being heard today by Judge Dugas.

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FREIGHTING OVER THE ICE.

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Shippers Were Drained of Their Last Dollars When They Left Bennett—Will Await Navigation.

But a very small per cent of the freight which was en route down the river when navigation closed will see Dawson before next spring. Considerable hauling is being done from Scow island and intermediate points, but from there on southward the cargoes are not being molested.

There are two reasons for this inaction on the part of owners of stranded freight, the first being that the trail for heavy teams above Scow island is in very bad condition, and the second is that in many instances, the owners already have as much money invested in their stock as it would sell for in Dawson if here, and cannot therefore afford to expend upon it the additional amount which would be required to freight it down.

Hundreds of tons of freight now lying strewn along the Yukon were purchased and shipped from below in ample time to have been delivered in Dawson in the early fall, when the

serer was on the pumpkin and the yellow on the corn, had the various transportation companies been able to fulfill their contracts. The consignments were dumped on wharves at Skagway where for weeks they awaited the pleasure of a badly managed railroad, and when the stuff did move it was at an enormous expense, and before it moved its owner was, in the majority of cases hanging around Skagway endeavoring to drown his worry at a big outlay of cash. On reaching Bennett the situation was not in any degree illumined. There the steamboat companies by whom the consignments were billed found themselves overwhelmed with business, but in many instances the shipper was led to believe that their part of the contract would yet be fulfilled, and the poor shipper hung around Bennett as he had done at Skagway and again attempted to drown his worry at two bits per stampen. Finally, on realizing that the shipping companies were acting in bad faith with him he had them release his freight, when he set about having a scow built in order that he might bring his goods down himself. There is where another great vacuum was made in his purse. Lumber was higher at Bennett last fall than it is in Dawson today, and the result was in nine cases out of every ten when the owner of the cargo left Bennett after being again robbed by a tow boat he had his every dollar invested in his goods, the season was far spent and all that was left him to do was trust in Providence, stand by his sweep and keep his eye peeled for rocks and sand bars, with the result that when the ice closed upon them they were found forced to accept the inevitable and leave their possessions where winter overtook them until nature permits of their concluding the voyage next spring and early summer. And this condition of affairs accounts for the fact that such a small percentage of stranded freight is being freighted down the river. Every transportation company that the shipper dealt with since the purchase of his goods bilked him and he prefers to take no more chances.

An Encouraging Report.

Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon and Humboldt Gates have just returned from an inspection tour of their Sulphur property and also to have properly repaired the hoisting machinery on No. 18 below.

It is a pleasure to note the bright outlook on this creek which has received so many uncalled for and unjust criticisms. Wilcoxon, in speaking of the creek says: "I find that there is more work being done on Sulphur than on

any other creek. It is being systematically worked from 3 to 96 below, and from 2 to 68 above. Fully 100 thawing plants are piling up on all claims being worked. On our claim, No. 18 below, we are taking out gravel at the rate of a bucket a minute, each bucket containing three cubic feet. I have panned on No. 18 to get an average. In 28 pans I got \$28.95, and the claims above and below us are equal to if not better ground.

"We have panned \$18 on 8 below without picking the pan, so you see that speaks for the ground intervening. We are interested on No. 5 Green gulch, which comes in at 38 above and have excellent pay, in fact Green gulch is good from its head to Sulphur, especially upon the left limit.

"On 46 above it is claimed they have blocked out 75,000 cubic feet of pay dirt. The other tributaries of Sulphur are not showing up well, for the same reason that Sulphur has been held back, they have not been thoroughly prospected or worked. I am indeed well satisfied with Sulphur and everyone who is working his claim, I find the same way."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Roy Stetson, Orin and Otis Rank and seven others left yesterday morning with a horse and sled for the outside.

The new Pavilion grill room has sprung high into popular favor already. The bill of fare contains everything to please the most fastidious, while popular prices are the rule.

F. W. Kreppe, an old Dawsonite, who went to Nome last summer, arrived in from Seattle yesterday. Mr. Kreppe claims that for 12 miles above Nome, where the best beach diggings existed, the beach is pretty well worked.

John Mulligan received a letter from a friend in Nome concerning the richness of that country. In describing the beach he says: "But if you do not get gold out of the ruby sand you will surely get clams."

Jimmy Hales and Jack Galvin are opening a meat market near the Electric light plant and as both have been in the business in Dawson for some time they will soon make the new market a popular one.

Men who are engaged at carpentering on Front street these days devote a large amount of their time to slapping their bodies with their arms, endeavoring to keep warm. No matter what pay they get, they earn all of it and possibly more.

The Yukon Theosophical Club will hold its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in room No. 11, Green Tree building. The planes of existence will be discussed and exemplified by diagram, and the interesting law of Karma clearly elucidated.

C. W. Thebo, manager of the Cattle Syndicate Ltd., left for Seattle and London this morning with a horse and small sleigh. He makes the trip on business connected with his company. During his protracted visit to "Merry England," he intends visiting several of the European capitals on a pleasure tour.

A good story is told on Ed Holden, late of the Monte Carlo. Ed was engaged in a little private game of poker in one of the rooms upstairs. When the fire was discovered, an employee rushed to the room to warn the players. "Fire, fire!" he yelled. And Holden yelled back. "Fire be d— I'm in the hole, and I'll not quit till I finish this deal."

An alarm of fire was turned in from the courthouse at 4:05 yesterday afternoon, the truck and chemical from station 2 responding, but their services were not needed. The fire was merely the wall paper in Judge Dugas' rooms overhead, which had got ablaze from a lamp being placed too close to the wall. The chemical tank in the courthouse was instantly used and again proved its worth.

"Jim" McCauley received a telegram from his brother Henry dated Bennett, Jan. 14th. Henry said he had arrived the day before, had a hard trip on the lake, that the trains were snowed in and advised his brother to use round collars instead of breast straps in coming out. Henry went out with a horse and Yukon sleigh, making the trip in ten and a half days.

Equals a Dawson Nugget.

An immense sensation has been created all over Australia by the discovery in Western Australia of a huge nugget valued at \$32,000. On account of its having been found on a Sunday it has been christened "Sacred Nugget." The

prospectors are three fishermen. Its weight is authentically certified at 115 pounds avoirdupois. The lump is 15 inches long and over five inches wide, and was found on the surface of an alluvial patch near Lake Wynee, or Wind, three miles from Kanowna. This is not the biggest nugget on record, for the "Welcome nugget," found at Bakery Hill, Ballarat weighed 2217 ounces and was worth \$41,000. A huge stampede has followed to the diggings.

POLICE COURT.

It was a full house that greeted Magistrate Perry on his arrival at his court room this morning, and in which court room a new constable, who is acting instead of the regular man, who is in jail, is so ultra officious that when a man steps into the room half an hour before court opens he is peremptorily ordered "Take off your hat" before he has time to remove his mitts. The new court constable is probably stuck on his "job."

The first case was that of L. T. Collins, charged with being drunk and disorderly in the Pavilion last night. Collins admitted being "a little full" and volunteered the information that in coming down street to the guard house with the officer he, Collins, had to almost carry the man who had arrested him, Constable Barren. When asked by Magistrate Perry if he had any witnesses, Collins said "not here, but I could get de whole push down from Nigger Jim's." The presence of "de push" not being deemed necessary a fine of \$20 and costs or 30 days at hard labor was imposed.

John W. Pratt, who ate a \$3 meal at the Northern Cafe last night and wished to settle for \$2, and who was forcibly ejected from that place, paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Edward Wamire, the man who was recently arrested at Selwyn while on a flying trip to Bennett, and brought back to Dawson on the charge of stealing a robe from Burton W. Johnson, had no trouble in proving his innocence to the full satisfaction of the court. Wamire had informed Johnson that he would take the robe and he had kindly provided for Johnson's comfort until his return as he was to be gone only a few weeks. After his departure, however, Johnson wired for his arrest, fearing that he might never again see his beloved robe. Wamire's good and honest intentions were fully established. The silly look Johnson wore in court should have cleared the other man even if the evidence had been much stronger against him.

The case of the Crown vs. Murphy charged by Beckwith with threatening to "let a cat out" if the latter did not do so and so on the 11th of last November, was continued until such time as Crown prosecutor Wade can appear for the prosecution.

Warrants for the arrest of the following named persons charged with gambling were issued. Peter Baslet, Samuel McCowan, Henry McCon, Frye Coleman, Mike O'Donnel, F. P. Gross, Geo. Burnett, Fred Bermuda, Chas. Delone and Chas. Ceaser.

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Some Idea of the big Commissariat Maintained by England in South Africa—Thousands of Tons of Provisions Sent to Feed the Army.

New York, Dec. 31. — England's policy concerning the Transvaal war was announced in Glasgow last night by Gerald Balfour, secretary of state for Ireland, who said: "The British government and people will not move a hair's breadth from their resolve to carry the war to a successful conclusion. No reverse can possibly alter the end of the war, for Britain has power and resources to effect her settled purpose."

UMBRIA CHARTERED.

Liverpool, Dec. 31. — The Cunard steamer Umbria has been chartered by the British government as a transport.

MISREPRESENTATIONS.

Quebec, Dec. 31. — The Chronicle, the English conservative organ here, in an article this morning warns the government, the French-Canadian Conservative organ, and other organs of the same party against what it terms the unfair, unpatriotic and highly unpolitic course which they are pursuing in deliberately misrepresenting Great Britain in connection with the South African trouble. The Chronicle declares it is ready to oppose any political party which adopts these tactics to gain advantage over political opponents.

SEIZED AMERICAN FLOUR.

Washington, Dec. 31. — In the absence of formal complaint the state department officials do not care to express a specific opinion in the case of the reported seizures of American flour by British cruisers off the South African coast. Under the general rule adopted by our government, however, and adhered to by most other civilized governments, merchandise of this description sent by one neutral nation to another, as in the case of the United States and Portugal, is absolutely exempt from seizure.

BIG FIGURES.

London, Dec. 31. — Some idea of the proportions of the British commissariat in South Africa may be gained from learning that no less than 400,000 lbs. of salt is one of the items going to the front. Twelve million pounds of preserved meat and the same amount of biscuit, with 400,000 pounds of coffee and 200,000 pounds of tea; 2,200,000 pounds of sugar, 800,000 pounds of compressed vegetables, 1,450,000 pounds of jam, and 360,000 tins of condensed milk are some of the staples upon which Thomas Atkins will sustain his strength.

Another Concert.

Next Sunday night will witness the second in the series of sacred concerts to be given at the Palace Grand opera house. The concert will be under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society, of which C. M. Pring is the manager and Carl Lueders director. The splendid string orchestra which performed so satisfactorily on the occasion of the last concert will render a still more elaborate program next Sunday. The orchestra numbers 20 pieces and equals any similar organization to be heard in the Coast cities outside.

New Light System.

Public improvements in Dawson continue to come, and when they do arrive are highly appreciated. Recently the

Yukon council let a contract to the Dawson Electric Light Company for installing 70 32 candle power incandescent lights to be placed according to plans furnished by City Engineer Kane.

Manager Donald Olson began the task with the vim and energy characteristic of that gentleman. Following the plans for lighting, he has had a crew of men wiring the district, putting up arms on the poles, preparing to fulfill the contract. This work has been considerably impeded on account of cold weather, the men not being able to "live on a pole" when the weather is so severe, several having had frozen fingers, one quite bad. Nevertheless, Mr. Olson has been able to put in 36 lights, which have been placed in the most advantageous parts of the town. From the Klondike bridge to St. Mary's hospital, and from the A. C. Co. to the foot of the hill, the belated pedestrian may now see his way home. In a few more days he hopes to have the full quota of lights installed and on any street much traveled will be found light enough for the most citified citizen in town.

Mr. Olson has certainly obtained the best of lights, the Thomson-Houston Co.'s latest make, and in showing the Nugget man over the lighted district they proved to be well adapted to the purpose.

To those who live on Chechahko hill the sight at night time is a pretty one, and we are pleased to note that much attention and praise has been bestowed on the light in all parts of the city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Hawkins, a merchant of Grand Forks, is a visitor to Dawson.

B. H. Derrick will start down the river to Cape Nome tomorrow morning. He has five dogs, and expects to make the trip in 40 days.

Mrs. F. W. Clayson has been quite ill for the past few days, the result of poisoning supposed to have been brought about by eating cariboo meat. She is now much improved and is well on the road to recovery.

Funeral of Maud Lloyd.

Maud Lloyd the actress who died Thursday morning after nineteen weeks sickness, was sealed in a metallic coffin Sunday and will be removed to the cemetery today. Before dying Miss Lloyd was converted to Catholicism. The burial service Sunday was most impressive. Father Gendreau spoke most eloquently. Many friends were in attendance and the casket was literally covered with flowers. The casket will remain in the tomb until spring.

Weather Report.

The weather record at the government barracks from 9 o'clock a. m. Monday to 9 o'clock a. m. this morning gives the minimum temperature for the 24 hours as 57 degrees below zero. This noon, thermometer rose nearly eight degrees and registered 49.5 degrees below.

The prognostications are that the present cold spell will not break until a change of moon.

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The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will until further notice, be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire.

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