









TERRORS OF THE FROZEN NORTH

Graphic Description of the Dread Winter March of the Famine-Stricken Army.

How Men Fought the Icy Death-Narrow Escape From a Flood.

(Sam. W. Wall in San Francisco Call.)

Dawson, Feb. 14.—Since my last dispatch I have made a journey with dogs to Fort Yukon, and there secured the story of the miserable army of the famine-stricken army...

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leaving home last summer, their whereabouts even being unknown.

Dodson expected to carry back with him a quantity of mail addressed to them here, but he has not returned without any, as no Canadian mail has reached here since last summer, and hope of its arriving before the opening of the river is almost given up.

The rumor that was current last September to the effect that Major Walsh and Major Walsh were on the great up about Pelly River, coming with 1400 pounds of mail, is still circulated here at intervals, but no mail arrives except stray letters through private individuals.

It is believed that Walsh and Maguire are camped somewhere along the trail with the mail, but are afraid to come here on account of the scarcity of provisions.

The American mail is almost equally at fault. Richard Foster, contractor, is the principal owner of the steamer Seattle No. 2. He promised to meet the carrier of the September mail at Circle City, but he failed to do so.

There is a great and general complaint because of the exodus up the river, and the exodus down the river, the fear on account of scarcity of provisions, and the number of restaurants in all open places, and the number of restaurants in all open places, and the number of restaurants in all open places...

There are no less than four newspaper enterprises about to be sprung here. Two newspapers during the winter have to be patient and tolerant on the trail and and they are so.

There were two of these cabins between Dawson and Fort-Mile on the boundary line, one in an old house, once occupied by Ogilvie and his party of surveyors, and the other in a new building, and the best on the river at Mission creek, and still another eight miles from Circle.

The flats are the same terrible flats summer and winter. For miles above and below Camp Ray the trail led over jagged stacks of ice that kept the sleds constantly turning down and up the mountain, and with six dogs, exceedingly slow.

I returned to Dawson with Harry Davis, the Alaska Commercial Company's agent at Fort Yukon, the man who stood the burnt during the trying times when the provisions were just three days in making Circle, remained there two days, ran to Fort-Mile in nine days, and the rest there one day, and in two days more reached Dawson.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Premier Turner Rejects the Proffered Advice of the Opposition on Financial Matters.

In Offering Such He Says Mr. Sword is Trenching Upon the Government's Privilege.

Kootenay and Northwest Railway Company's Blanket Charter Strikes a Snag.

The Opposition Will Oppose the Measure Which the Government Would Slide Through.

Victoria, March 21, 1898. The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. J. B. Haslam.

Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to amend the Fire Escape Act of 1884. It was read a first time.

Mr. Sword moved the following resolution: "Whereas in 1874 and 1875 the province of British Columbia received from the Dominion government two sums amounting in the aggregate to \$339,150, and the semi-annual payment of interest from the Dominion to the province (on the difference between the debt of the province of British Columbia and the debt of the other provinces) was proportionately reduced, and whereas the 'British North America Act' sections 114, 115, 116, as set forth in section 2 of the 18th act, provides that the Dominion shall pay to the province interest semi-annually on such difference at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and in the act now in force provides both of the Dominion and the provincial legislatures; And whereas the provincial legislature, sanctioning the acceptance of such sums from the Dominion and the Dominion legislation authorizing their being advanced, each specifically agreed to their repayment, the province at any time and the Dominion as may be jointly agreed on; And whereas the inserted stock of the province leaving 3 per cent. interest is quoted in the market above par; And whereas the investments of the trustees for the sinking funds of the various loans in inscribed stock, at present rates, do not yield quite 3 per cent. per annum; And whereas the repayment of the aforesaid advances would result in a saving to the province of between \$200 and \$700 per annum, and to this extent relieve the burthens of the people; Resolved, That the government do not fully request to consider the best way of arranging for the repayment to the Dominion of these advances."

Mr. Sword in moving would be understood as not being in favor of the resolution as drawn could be voted out of order, as was the case with a somewhat similar resolution in the Colonies that it did not involve the expenditure of public money, that the funds in the hands of the trustees for the sinking funds of the various loans were amply sufficient to provide for the repayment of the loan to the Dominion government. He held that the resolution as drawn was not in order.

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and was still open to the same objection taken to the first resolution. Mr. Sword asked for a ruling in writing, with authorities, so that an appeal could be taken.

The speaker accordingly gave the following ruling: "This motion is in effect the same as the motion ruled out of order on the 18th inst. and although it has been re-drawn, is still open to the same objection as the previous motion. It virtually directs the government to repay to the Dominion government certain advances, and only leaves it to the government to consider the best way of doing so. It is a well-known principle that no charge can be imposed on the public revenue without the recommendation of the crown, and such motions, when the crown has recommended the same, must be considered in committee of the whole."

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HUGH WATT, M.D. STEELE, B. C. March, 1898.

PLACE FOR WOMEN. After Advises Against Sending Female Nurses to Yukon.

va, March 17.—James Christie, the pioneer of the Klondike, who first set at the invitation of a number of American capitalists, to whom he has sold some of his claims, takes a keen interest in the proposal of sending a staff of trained nurses into the gold fields. He says, "that a cruel, and probably fatal, will be made if the intention of sending women nurses is carried out."

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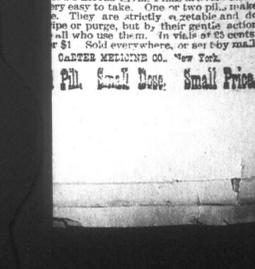
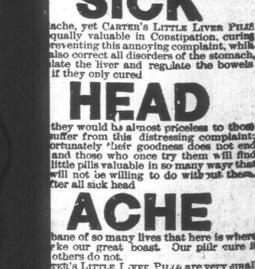
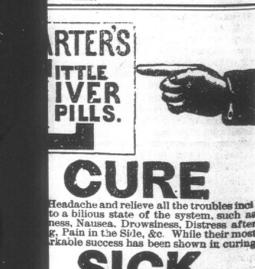
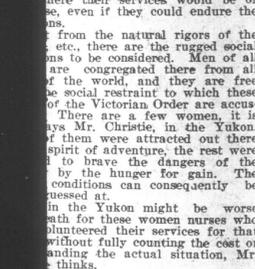
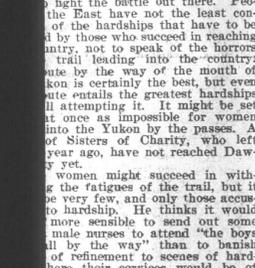
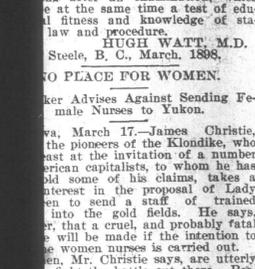
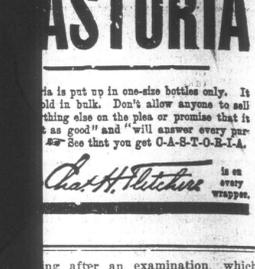
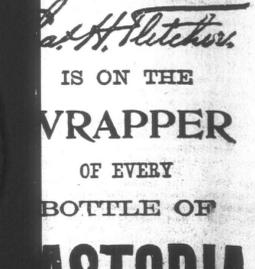
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