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BURNHAM'S OPINIONS.

American Scout Is Inter-viewed in London.

IS WELL PLEASED WITH SITUATION.

Says Siege of Pretoria Will Be Long and Difficult.

Burnham Was With Cecil Rhodes and Knows all About Country—Was in Dawson Last Year—Is Resident of Skagway—Valuable Man.

London, Feb. 5.—The American scout, F. R. Burnham, now on his way back to South Africa, expressed considerable satisfaction at the news of the capture of Spionkop. He said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"It is evident that the Boer position is being shaken and I do not think it will be long business now to drive the Boers out of the Drakensburg. We shall then reach a rolling, open country, where there is a chance to display tactics and undertake flanking movements and cavalry operations. But the Boers are sure to make a most determined stand around Pretoria. It will not take long to reach the Boer capital, but the siege of Pretoria will be long and difficult."

Burnham sails for South Africa Saturday on board the Scot to take up his appointment on Field Marshal Lord Roberts' personal staff. He says Ingraham, another scout, leaves San Francisco forthwith to join him in South Africa.

(F. R. Burnham above referred to as the American scout was in Dawson last year and after leaving here sent for his family to meet him in Skagway where he owns valuable property. He was in South Africa with Cecil Rhodes and for valuable services rendered there was presented by the British government with 36 sections of land in the Transvaal country. He is about 38 years of age, of medium size and very rugged. He is probably the best man England could have secured for the great work he has undertaken.—ED.)

Territorial Court.

No business of importance was transacted in the territorial court this morning.

In the case of Peter Werlins vs. Joseph Vincent, the application for injunction was suspended until the Gold Commissioner rendered his decision in the action which is now pending in the commissioner's court, and in which the same parties and same property are involved.

The bearings on the motions in Robert vs. Frank and Durand vs. Grays were postponed till Friday.

Difficulty About Probst Benefit.

There is some difficulty concerning the entertainment which is to be given for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. About a week ago, Mr. C. W. Tennant and a few others arranged Sunday, February 25th as the

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time at which the concert should take place. Placards advertising the affair for that day have been posted around town, and Mr. Tennant asserts that the concert will be given then. Evidently Mr. Tennant and his friends have acted contrary to the wishes of Chief Stewart of the fire department; for this morning the Daily Nugget is in receipt of the following communication from the chief:

Dawson, Jan. 17th, 1900.
To the Editor of the Klondike Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: In looking over the columns of your paper this evening I noticed that a benefit would be given for Mat Probst on January 25th in the Place Grand opera house. I beg to say that I have not made any arrangements to have the benefit given on that night. The committee of firemen which is properly in charge of this concert, has decided to hold the entertainment on Sunday, March 4th. Yours truly,
H. H. STEWART,
Chief of Dawson Fire Department.

PLUNDERED A SCHOONER.

Captain of Nikamarra Murdered and Ship's Cargo Stolen.

Tale From the South Seas That Revives the Days of Capt. Cook—Will Receive Punishment.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 31.—While the just arrived steamer Mowera was lying at dock in Sydney, December 23d, the inter-island steamer Moresby tied up alongside her with a terrible story of savagery, in which the Captain and crew of the schooner Nikamarra had been the victims. The tragedy occurred at the Admiralty islands, where the schooner had been trading. The Nikamarra was commanded by Captain Dalthe, whose grief stricken widow was among the Moresby's passengers back to Sydney.

The Nikamarra was owned by E. E. Forsythe and had left New Britain early in October on her trading cruise to the Admiraltys. On arrival there she was boarded by a number of the natives, with whom Captain Dalthe was unsuspectingly doing business, when he was set upon by his treacherous customers and killed, his fate being shared by the mate and six New Ireland natives, all of whom were cut and hacked with knives and tomahawks. The natives, of course then plundered the vessel taking, among other things, the ship's boat.

Nothing was known of the killing until some time afterwards, when Mr. Forsythe arrived on the scene with his other schooner, the Nagara. He was accompanied by Messrs Bullock and Doudney, and they, too, were set upon by the natives from ambush as the white men rowed shorewards using the rifles taken from the Nikamarra.

Bullock was badly wounded with a shot through the thighs, but the boat party regained the Nagara, which, with her gas engine, reached open water.

When the Moresby left New Britain the traders were preparing to go on a punitive expedition. The mate of the Nikamarra left a widow in Sydney; it was his first trip in the schooner.

Washington's Birthday.

On the anniversary of Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22d, a number of Americans have arranged to give an entertainment at the Palace Grand opera house of vocal and musical selections, rendered by professional and amateur talent, and of speeches appropriate to the occasion by prominent residents of Dawson. The entertainment is under the management of a

committee composed of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Leroy Tozier, J. L. Green, Edgar Misner, George Layfield, Eddie O'Brien and Mathison.

During the rendition of the program, the bar will be closed; and no smoking will be permitted. The profits derived from the affair will be subscribed to the Kipling fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Boer war.

Charles Olsen Dead.

Charles Olsen died last evening, while being conveyed in the stage from Grand Forks to Dawson. He had been sick for some time with paralysis and doctor at the Forks had advised him to enter one of the Dawson hospitals for treatment. He was unable to survive the journey. His remains were turned over to the N. W. M. P., who have engaged Johnson and Jenkins, the undertakers, to prepare the corpse for burial. Notice of the funeral will be given the public tomorrow.

FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS

Great Britain Has Nothing to Fear From Outside Nations.

Pro-Boer Meetings in the States Are Looked Upon as of Little Importance—Held for Effect.

London, Jan. 30.—From the English point of view, there is not a cloud in the sky of international relations. The war is far too engrossing to permit people to pause and consider the effect on Great Britain of the apparent change of regime in China, while congressional action on the Nicaragua canal or the proposed increase in the armament of the United States scarcely cause a ripple of interest.

The foreign office apparently has not the slightest belief that the Clayton Bulwer treaty is in danger of violation, and so far has taken no steps in the matter. Neither do the pro-Boer or other meetings in the United States any longer attract serious attention or comment, for the majority of the British have made up their minds that the United States is friendly to them, and they put aside any manifestations to the contrary as due to local political causes, which cannot be taken as in any way representing national opinion.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

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THREE INDIANS BURNED

In The Village at the Mouth of Moosehide.

DISASTROUS FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Which Was Occasioned by a Defective Stovepipe.

The Cabin Was Occupied by an Old Indian, His Wife and two Children—The Father and Children Were Burned to Death.

The monotonous routine of life in the Indian village situated where Moosehide creek flows in the Yukon river, was rudely disturbed last night by the occurrence of a very disastrous fire. The misfortune happened while the few inhabitants of the small village were asleep. It is not known exactly how the fire started, but it is supposed that it was occasioned by a defective stovepipe. The cabin in which the fire commenced, was occupied by an old Indian man and woman and two children. The logs were so dry in this structure that the old man and two children were unable to escape the flames. Evidently, they did not awake until it was too late to reach the small door located at one end of the cabin. The old woman was enabled to grope her way out, while her husband and two children were cremated. The flames spread and caught the little log houses situated on either side. Three cabins and their contents were completely destroyed. There is great lamentations in the village today, and the woman whom the fire bereft of husband and children is inconsolable.

Application for Water Right.

Allan R. Joy has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert 200 inches of the water of Bonanza creek. Mr. Joy sets forth that it is his intention to take the water at claim No. 3 below discovery, carry or convey the same by the use of a force pump, to and upon Chechako Hill and then return the said water to Bonanza, after use at the same point, or a few feet higher up the creek than where the same is to be diverted. The grant for which Mr. Joy has applied will cover a period of ten years, and will give him the privilege of using or selling the water for mining purposes.

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A SUGGESTION.

The suggestion has been made that meetings be held at central points on the creeks for the discussion of matters affecting the welfare of the country. We regard the idea as being one from which several advantages might be attained. There never has been any reform of a substantial nature accomplished which was not preceded by earnest and long continued public discussion.

It must be admitted that there is little or no difference of opinion as to the general necessity of radical reform in the legislation governing the territory. There are, however, many minor details as to the best and most equitable lines which such reform should follow and these could be well worked out by frequent public discussion among men who are actually on the ground and from practical experience are acquainted with the peculiar problems involved in placer mining in this country. A series of such meetings held at the Forks and at some central point on Dominion would be conducive of the very best results. In order to secure action such as the best interests of the country require, a united front must be presented. With expressions of opinions being elicited from all parties directly interested in the welfare and advancement of the country, a policy will gradually be outlined which will include all the essential points which should be covered when the long looked for changes are secured.

IN A NEW ROLE.

It was announced at the concert last evening that the program which is to be rendered next Sunday evening will first be submitted to Gov. Ogilvie and such numbers as receive the gubernatorial approval will constitute the evening's entertainment. This will be his excellency's debut, so to speak, in the role of histrionic critic and the result will be awaited with much interest. There are numerous little matters of detail in connection with the local stage upon the propriety and desirability of which we have often wished that some one whose opinion would carry with it the weight of authority might pronounce judgment. For instance, we would suggest from his excellency a decision as to the exact limits which our local queens of the terpsichorean art should hold themselves in performing their bewildering and intoxicating evolutions. We would consider it advisable that a maximum heel and toe elevation should be established (to coin an expression suitable to the emergency) and any attempt made to exceed the limit should be summarily vetoed by virtue of gubernatorial authority. We are of the opinion that any decision which his excellency might render in a matter of so great importance would be

received with acclaim on the part of the public.

While the matter is under discussion we would suggest that a ruling might be made determining the minimum quantity of fabric which it shall be allowable to use in the construction of stage apparel. The most careful consideration should be given to this particular point. Dawson prices on such materials are excessively high and it would certainly work a hardship upon our fair footlight celebrities should they be asked to materially increase the number of square inches of material now considered sufficient for a stage costume. His excellency may be relied upon, we think, to satisfy both the patrons of the theaters and the artists themselves, should he deem it wise to give the matter consideration.

There are numerous other little matters of seeming unimportance, but yet which could very well be given attention and settled, once for all. The seal of executive approval placed upon the program presented at a public entertainment would serve to relieve any little misgivings which might arise in the minds of the ultra particular as to the propriety of giving the affair their patronage, and carping critics would find no further field for their original malignant flings.

On the whole the Nugget congratulates his excellency upon this new and most commendable departure.

The fact that many laborers are practically anchored were by contracts to wait until the cleanup in early summer for wages is the cause of preventing hundreds from starting for Nome who will consequently remain at work here for the coming three or four months. We are inclined to the opinion that in most cases the laborer who has a winter's wages in a promising dump is to be congratulated. He is certainly sure of a good sack when the cleanup comes, while on the other hand, should he be allowed to "cash in" now and undertake the long journey over the ice the chances in four cases in every five would be that by the time he will have lots of money by remaining here, he would be stranded in Nome with no clothes, no money and no prospects of securing either, to say nothing of what he would have to accumulate in order to get himself out of that country next fall. The laborer who has his winter's wages due and payable at the cleanup is sensible to stay where he is and keep his weather eye on the dump.

A number of claim operators are working a simple yet very saving device in removing thawed dirt from the drift.

The plan consists in laying plates of sheet iron on the bottom of the drift and allowing the thawed dirt to fall upon the plates instead of on the bottom of the drift as is the ordinary method. Under these circumstances it is claimed that one man can shovel out as much dirt as two men ordinarily can shovelling off bedrock.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

On Saturday afternoon two decisions were filed for record. The case of Dorn et al. vs. Leroy Tozier, which affected the title to creek claim No. 58 below discovery on Sulphur, was decided. The judgment is as follows:

"The claim in litigation was recorded on September 1st, 1897, and renewed on September 8th, 1898. On August 16th, 1899, a partial affidavit of representation was filed and a renewal

grant erroneously issued on August 21st, 1899. The partial affidavit referred to 16 days' work, namely, from July 28th, 1899 to August 12, 1899. Upon November 13th, one Fred M. Zilly applying under a relocation of the upper half of said claim on the ground that the claim had not be represented, the grant under the original location was cancelled, and a grant issued to Mr. Zilly for said upper half. A grant was issued to Bernard M. Volkman for the lower half on November 18th. The relocators subsequently sold the whole claim to the defendant, Leroy Tozier. This protest is brought by the owners under the original location to set aside the certificates issued to Mr. Tozier on the ground that the representation work was done for the year that expired on September 1st, 1899. I am of the opinion that there was sufficient work done to constitute representation work under the regulations prior to September 1st, 1899. The claim was not, therefore, open for relocation at the time that Zilly and Volkman staked. It is, however, through the plaintiffs' neglect in not seeing that the proper affidavits of representation were filed that the relocations took place, also the subsequent sale to defendant Tozier. The defendant's certificate shall be cancelled, and the plaintiff's title restored upon the plaintiffs paying the defendant the expense he has been put to through the sale of this property up to the time he received certificates of assignment therefor."

The decision in Noble vs. Carper, which affects the title to the hillside claim on the left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 69 below lower discovery on Dominion, is as follows:

"This claim was originally recorded by one Warnock on July 23d, 1898. On April 27th, 1899, the plaintiff relocated the claim. On May 8th, the said Warnock applied through the postoffice by petition for a layover. His property not being described in the petition, he was promised a layover upon a proper description of his ground being filed. If the application for the layover had been made before the ground was open for relocation the owners under the original location would certainly be entitled to hold the ground. But the application being made subsequent to the relocation taking place by some ten days, I cannot interfere with the rights acquired by the plaintiff under the said relocation, unless there is some reason why the application for layover could not possibly have been made before May 8th, 1899. I am therefore compelled to hold that the relocater is entitled to hold the ground under his relocation."

Commissioner Senkler is now on a tour of inspection of the creeks, and no trials in his court will be held until his return. He is expected in Dawson at the latter end of this week.

Victoria Paper's Description.

Dawson's late fire is thus described in the Victoria Times of the 30th:

"The flames burned about 400 feet along the principal street, laying in ashes many of the costliest and most substantial structures in the Klondike metropolis. The fire extended along First street from Sam Bonfield's saloon and gambling house to Thomas Chisholms saloon, wiping out these two well known land marks and all intermediate buildings. These included many saloons, restaurants, opera house, grocery and general stores, and branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"There was no loss of life, but very little of the contents of the buildings were saved. All of the burned buildings faced the Klondike river. On the opposite side of the street and nearer the water front are located the big warehouses of the transportation companies. They escaped.

"Judge Davis, a Montana man, sustained the loss of the best log block in Dawson. Its original cost was \$50,000."

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CALIFORNIANS FOR NOME.

Steamer Excelsior Has Already Sailed From 'Frisco.

Party Expects to Reach the Golden Beach by March 10th—950 Miles Overland.

The following which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of January 26th is an indication of the extent of the Nome excitement and the desire to be early on the ground on the outside:

The steamer Excelsior sailed yesterday afternoon with a party of men which proposes to make the first dash for Nome this year. The Excelsior is the vessel that was the first to leave here two and one-half years ago at the beginning of the Klondike excitement. At that time there were thousands of people on the wharf to see the prospectors depart and to wish them Godspeed. Yesterday there were perhaps fifty on Fremont street when the little steamer pulled out.

The Excelsior goes from here to Seattle where she will take on about 75 passengers bound for various points in Alaska. She took away from here 11 passengers, one of them being a woman, Mrs. P. Nelson, who is going to Unga to join her husband.

The Cape Nome party includes E. O. Lindblom, one of the early settlers in the new diggings, who has large interests there; Frank Sanders, a mail carrier; J. H. Franklyn, E. A. Norman, J. Pierce, Irwin Brown, G. A. Cushing, J. Pierson, P. McGonigal and D. J. Sullivan.

The scheme originated in the brain of Sanders and the trip into Nome will be made overland from Katmaio. Sanders started out to collect mail to be delivered at the rate of \$2 a letter. He secured the backing of Lindblom, and got together the party, each member of which pays him for his services as guide.

The trip will be one of the most hazardous ever made over the snows and ice of that wild portion of Alaska. Sanders has never been over it himself, but he has every confidence in his ability to get through.

The end of the Excelsior's voyage will be at Kodiak island. From there the adventurers will proceed to Katmaio on the mainland. If a steamer is to be had at Kodiak it will be chartered for the voyage, which is about 62 miles. Then the perilous trip will begin. The party is provided with sleds and a few dogs. It is expected that there will be no trouble getting all the animals necessary at Katmaio.

The coast line will be followed as closely as possible, to avoid the mountainous country, and the drive will be a bleak and lonely one. Travel will be made only in the daytime, the party sleeping in tents at night. Sanders has a light sled about 16 feet long, in which is packed his tent, stove, mail, newspapers and provisions. He carries about 400 pounds of provisions. He has files of the Examiner upon which he expects to realize big profits.

The route mapped out by the men is from Katmaio to Fort Alexander, Nushagak river, Kuskokwim river, Holy Cross Mission, on the Yukon; Andreafski, St. Michael, Ungalalik, Norton bay, Golovin bay, Council City, Cape Nome, Cape York, Cape Prince of Wales.

"I expect to reach Nome by March 10th," said Mail Carrier Sanders; "and be ready to start for San Francisco again by April 10th. The distance overland is 950 miles, and we will make all the short cuts possible. I have never been over that part of the country below the Yukon before, but I can get through without a doubt. I know it will be cold, snowing and windy, but we are well prepared for whatever may come."

D. J. Sullivan, backed by a syndicate, is one of the party who has every

confidence in the successful outcome of the trip. He has blazed many a trail through isolated and inhospitable territory and is reputed to be a man who knows no fear. He has prospected from Mexico to the Yukon and west from the Colorado river. He is familiar with all sorts of minerals.

Dawson Harbors a Traitor.

Editor Daily Nugget: While on the street near the postoffice a few days ago I picked up an envelope which I found to contain two letters, one being an answer to the former, which bore the postmark, "Spionkop, South Africa," and was signed, "Yours in the Lord, Oom Paul Kruger."

While I plead guilty to a mean trick, in that I read both letters, yet by doing so I learned that there is in Dawson a traitor to the country whose soil he treads and to the people whose hospitality and leniency he enjoys. I will withhold his name for the reason that I do not desire to be instrumental in having him rended limb from limb as a lion would rend a kid.

The letter from Kruger was of a confidential nature, the writer being desirous of learning if any danger is to be apprehended from this quarter. He said that it has come to his ears that there is in Dawson a modern Goliath of Gath who had never fled but once in his entire life, and that time he had been impelled by a sense of modesty to flee in order that he might escape being a major Oom's letter further said: "It having come to the ears of my people that Cincinnatus, who left his oxen in the furrow where they stood for 12 years, while he, at the head of the Roman army, lead the triumphal march to victory, is not a marker as compared with this warrior of yours, and the result is that their blood is chilled within their veins. Even my Kafir servants have become so chilled at the news that I have been put to the expense of providing clothes for them, a thing formerly unknown in my household. Please answer at once and send all information important and bearing on our cause. If there is imminent danger of Goliath of Dawson starting at once, address me through my secret agent at Victoria in order that he may cable me that I may make my trenches deeper and my bulwarks higher."

The reply was not couched in biblical language like the letter that inspired it, but its writer, unlike Kruger, is not a preacher. It reads:

"Dear Oom: Your's of Dec. 29 just received. In reply will say that it gives me much pleasure to know that you are still holding out with no intentions of receding from the position you hold to be right. The terror of whom you speak and whom you do well to dread is still here, and is impatiently champing the bit, as like the historic warhorse he 'scents the battle from afar.' But oh, Oom! If he ever starts to your country, pray without ceasing that an earthquake may swallow up you and yours, or that you may all die of fever, dog mange—any old thing, so you die before he reaches your diamond strewn shores. In his case the pen and sword are equals, side partners, so to speak, and after tearing all South Africa into shreds with the sword he will draw his pen and make an editorial note that will wither the grass on your grave."

Following this the local Boer sympathizer and traitor to his country mentions that several young and valiant men have already left Dawson intending to go on to the scene of battle, but adds that they are only ordinary men and not of the Sampson variety. He closes with: "Now, Oomie, old boy, take to heart the warning I have given you and on receipt of a cable from me that the 'promotion escaper' has started, get yourself off the map. I enclose a dose of Rough on Rates so that you may have it at hand in case this letter reaches you in advance of the cable which I trust I may never be called upon to send. Yours in fear and trembling,

The above, Mr. Editor, is a portion

of the contents of the two letters in the envelope picked up by me, and I withhold the name of the resident party to the correspondence for the reason that, being an American, my country has decided to maintain a neutral position as to the trouble in which our sister nation is now engaged.

FOND MOTHER.

POLICE COURT.

George Asken closed the past week by loading up with more of "oil of joy" than was conducive to his well being, and at the Palace Grand about ten o'clock Saturday night he became very obstreperous; so much so, in fact, that an officer of the law deemed it best to take him in charge. In Major Perry's court this morning George paid \$10 and costs for his Saturday night's escapade.

Chas. Cunningham and Foy Coleman, who are employed at a faro table in the Dominion were, up on the charge of running their game at ten minutes past 12 o'clock Sunday morning. They plead guilty to the charge but said they thought the officer should have come around and notified them of the arrival of midnight. The court replied: "I will have you distinctly understand that gamblers have no right in Dawson; that the officers have something more to do than go around and notify you when the closing hour arrives; and you are therefore convicted; but this being your first offence sentence will be deferred and if you are again brought before me on a similar charge you will not be given the option of paying a fine. You may go." And Cunningham and Coleman each drawing a breath of relief as long as a rake handle, departed from the temple of justice.

W. A. Sheehan, laborer, was in court with an account of \$245 against Miller & Lee for work performed on claim No. 17 on Gold Reef. The amount claimed was admitted by the defendants. Sheehan's testimony was that it was verbally understood that he was to work until the cleanup at which time he was to receive his pay; but that he had decided to go to Nome and had given his employers two weeks notice of his intentions to quit. His own testimony settled the case which was dismissed, the costs being charged to the plaintiff.

John Johnson also had a claim against Miller & Lee, the amount being \$500, which was admitted. But the circumstances and conditions being similar to those of the Sheehan case, this, too, was dismissed at plaintiff's costs. Sheehan persisted in convering with the court after the rendering of the verdicts, nor would he cease when told to do so, with the result that the son of the Emerald isle had to be lead to a seat by the court constable and even then deep guttural mutterings were heard to emanate from beneath his vest. The plaintiffs had secured their dogs and were in readiness to start at once for Nome, which trip will now probably be postponed until after the cleanup.

Shipment of Beef Stopped.

Upon ascertaining that Mr. Gustavson, who is at Skagway, had started a shipment of beef to Dawson, Fred Geisman, proprietor of the Grand Forks Meat Market, telegraphed to the former gentleman and advised him to stop the beef in transit and sell it at the first opportunity. Mr. Gustavson was informed by his friend here that the local market was overstocked, and that parties who attempt to drive or ship beef on the trail at this season, will lose money by the venture. Messrs. Gustavson and Geisman have been associated in business together, though some time ago they severed their commercial relations.

Saturday Night's Dance.

A social dance was held at the McDonaid hall on Saturday evening. A large number of persons attended and all enjoyed a pleasant time. There were eighteen dances on the program. The affair was under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majny's orchestra.

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Although in many cases both employer and employee were very careless in the matter of explicitness of contract when the latter was last fall engaged by the former to labor on his claim for the working season, yet in the majority of cases it was an unwritten, understood agreement that unless sooner discharged the wage earner was to stay with his work until the end of the season at which time he would be paid for his services.

Major Perry, presiding magistrate, has held, and very justly, too, that even where there is a written contract by which the laborer agrees to wait until the cleanup for his pay, that contract becomes in non effect in case of the laborer's discharge unless it can be conclusively shown that there existed good and sufficient reason for such discharge—that the laborer had ceased to faithfully perform the duties for which he was employed, or had been a disturbing factor in the camp, or for some other very flagrant cause, making his retention on the claim injurious to the interests of the operator. But in cases where the laborer has, of his own free will and accord terminated the period of his employ the court has held, and with equal justice, that for such laborer the pay day will not come until the cleanup.

This latter interpretation and application of the law has undoubtedly been the means of inducing many hundreds of men now employed on the various claims in the Klondike district to continue on as they are instead of quitting their positions and joining in the mad rush over the ice, with Nome as their Mecca. With a more loose and liberal construction on the law as applying to unwritten agreements governing the matter of time for the payment of wages, fully one half the claims now being operated in this district would be shut down for want of labor to work them, the courts would be crowded with litigants—men suing for hire and claim owners and operators protesting against immediate payment, which immediate payment would financially ruin many of them and greatly embarrass three-fourths of the remainder.

A number of claim owners and claim operators, as well as many claim laborers, have lately been interviewed by a representative of the Daily Nugget and a general summing up of the various accounts of conditions as they now exist on fully one-half the claims, justifies the assertion that a general feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction prevails. The relations between employer and employed are in many instances very much strained, and yet each has the other to some extent in his power. The employer knows that if he discharges a man the money must be forthcoming to pay him and in many cases the full limit has been raised on the claim and the next money paid on it must be washed from the dump, and in case the dump is washed to any great extent, the other laborers are apt to think the chances for their pay being in it by cleanup time are waning, and the result will be that new trouble will emanate from that source.

On the other hand, the employee knows that if he voluntarily leaves his position he will not be able to collect the wages due him and without which he will not be able to go to Nome or to keep himself in Dawson until his pay day comes, therefore, no matter how anxious he may be to join the throng on the down river journey he is not able to do so, and he is forced, therefore, to continue where he is although

his work may have become to him nothing more than a treadmill. He has lost interest in his employer's welfare and feels very much as the man feels who is doing a 90 days' sentence on the royal woodpile, anxiously looking forward to and counting the days that must elapse before the arrival of the time when he will be a free man. He is practically anchored and must stay where he is for some months to come, no matter how anxious he may be to sever his connections with his position.

This is the condition in which matters stand today on, it is safe to assert, fully two thirds of the claims being operated in the Klondike, and but for this condition the exodus from this point to Nome would be fully one-half larger than it already is.

Concert at the Grand.

The concert at the Palace Grand last night was enjoyed by a well pleased audience whose numbers, however, were not as large as usual owing to the intensely cold weather prevailing. All the boxes were occupied and the balcony seats were all sold, but the main floor might have accommodated a great many more people than were present.

The orchestra, as a result of repeated performances and rehearsals worked in splendid concert to the satisfaction of all who were present.

Miss Beatrice Lorne captured the audience as she has repeatedly done and was forced to respond to four recalls. Miss Lorne possesses a peculiarly clear and sympathetic voice which has proven on numerous occasions its power over an audience.

Mrs. Leroy Tozier gave two selections and acceded to repeated encores with a third. Mrs. Tozier's efforts met with hearty and continued applause, demonstrating the pleasure which her contribution to the entertainment afforded her hearers. Mr. Erhardt sang "The Lost Chord" in his usual cultivated style. His singing was heartily appreciated and was rewarded with enthusiastic applause. The program was as follows:

March, "Semper Fidelis," Sousa; Potpourri from opera "Martha," Flotow; (a) song, "La Gitana," (b) song, "Dear Heart," by request, Miss Beatrice Lorne; concert waltz, "Wine, Women and Song," J. Strauss; intermezzo symphony from "Cavalliera Rusticana," Mascagni; song, "Lost Chord," Sullivan, E. Erhardt; grand selection from opera "Maritana," Wallace; "Medley" overture, Boettger; (a) song, "In the Shadow of the Pines," (b) song, "Bedouin Love," Pipsuti, Mrs. L. Tozier; Caprice, Rosas.

At the conclusion of the program, Eddie O'Brien announced the Probst benefit for next Sunday night and stated that a splendid entertainment would be given. The program will be submitted to Mr. Ogilvie and that gentleman is to blue pencil anything of an unsuitable nature which may appear thereon.

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