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"FAWCETT EXONERATED."

In the houses of parliament and of congress there is an odd custom which has grown to formidable proportions and is known as "talking to the galleries."

A congressman represents a constituency which is particularly desirous of the passage of a certain measure. He himself knows it to be a hopeless undertaking and yet wishes to impress his constituents with the fact that he is moving heaven and earth for them.

Accordingly he has his private secretary, if he has one, or some literary "hack" to prepare a lengthy and eloquently written appeal for the passage of the measure in hand.

On the first convenient Saturday's session he hands in his roll of manuscript which next reappears in daylight in the printed Congressional Record as the eloquent address of Congressman So-and-so.

Free copies of the Record are "franked" to the afore-mentioned constituents who peruse the famous speech (?) of their representative with many chuckles of satisfaction at his gift of powerful oratory and his most forcible presentation of facts.

In their innocence of heart they little realize that the speech had never been heard, and read by no one but themselves. This is "talking to the gallery" with a vengeance and its local application is apparent. The Miner-Sun's defense of the Yukon administration was not designed for the edification of the miners, neither is it perused or swallowed by them.

recent peremptory removal from office we should undoubtedly have seen him before the end of his term in the character of Nero fiddling to the burning of the city of Rome, while the impotent people looked on amazed but helpless.

Nominally Mr. Fawcett has been retained in the government service as "chief" of surveyors. As an actual fact it is extremely improbable that the government will ever let him return to the land where he has done so much to bring that government into disrepute.

As a dominion land surveyor in Dawson Mr. Fawcett could do quite well among his late clientele—the rich men and companies of the Klondike. But even this is merely supposing that he can demonstrate himself to have the "pull" he had as gold commissioner.

Rich operators and companies want "influence" and are willing always to pay for it, for like "casting bread upon the waters" it will reappear to them "after many days."

The almost hopeless confusion in which the late gold commissioner left his office is rapidly being straightened out. Admission charges to his office have ceased.

His contradictory and unjust rulings which worked such intolerable hardships upon the common people are becoming matters of past history.

His decisions based upon the regulations are in actual practice being reversed, yet the system inaugurated by him of the sale of office information by his clerks has become such an established custom that notwithstanding the emphatic veto of the present incumbent it still goes on, though now in the strictest concealment.

whereas under Mr. Fawcett's regime it was with his approval and consent. Notwithstanding the commissioner's ruling about August 25 being the limit of investigation, the voluntary evidence against Mr. Fawcett, elicited oftentimes without a single person in court being interested in drawing out evidence of a condemnatory character, has been of a most conclusive character so far as it has gone, and when the governor's extension of power arrives to take in official acts subsequent to August 25, or upon the arrival of a parliamentary commission of inquiry, there will be enough uncovered to so blacken the administration that the pages which will deal with it will be cut out of Canadian history by common consent, as too corrupt for the perusal of future generations.

The evidence submitted in our columns anent the extortion case was sufficient to convince the most skeptical, notwithstanding its voluntary nature, and before any trained judge would have been so declared ere this.

Nevertheless, under the administration of Mr. Senkler there is a most distinct improvement in the official atmosphere, and a feeling of growing confidence is becoming daily more and more apparent amongst the masses.

NEW CONDITIONS.

There are now something like 13,000 placer mining claims upon the records of the gold commissioner's office. Each one of those claims has to be "represented" for three months before the expiration of one year from date of filing.

Heretofore the constantly increasing population of the district has proved an inexhaustible source from which to draw men to do the representing. It is easy to see that the coming season will show a great change in these conditions.

Undoubtedly the territory will lose more of its population than it will gain from new arrivals, while the number of recorded claims will all the time be increasing.

It will be no easy thing to pick up Cheechacos to represent "wild cats" for an interest, and the consequence will be a reversal to the government of at least half the staked ground—a consummation devoutly to be wished, as the most of it was taken up in the merest speculation, and without any intention in the world of bona fide prospecting it.

A more substantial mining era is dawning for the Klondike, and already a disposition is noticeable in our people to fight shy of staking ground as heretofore, for the simple reason that it was vacant and eligible to staking. Gradually the time is approaching when it will be distinctly unprofitable to hold great numbers of claims in unknown gulches and upon undug hills.

November 11th, and so on, and let that book be as absolutely free to the public as it can be made, and then the difficulty will be solved from November 10th onwards.

A LIGHTNING CHANGE.

The Miner-Sun is devoting a great deal of space these days to the NUGGET'S charges against Mr. Fawcett. This is done probably at the behest of the masters of that concern. It is astonishing how small an amount of government pay will buy some characterless printing concerns.

A free pass over a hundred-mile division of a railroad has at one time been known to lend a weakly judgment in the interest of a monopoly. Yet it is surprising to witness a newspaper, which came out as "The Miner's Friend," deliberately stultifying itself before it has ended its first six months of existence.

It reminds us of a certain demagogue who for years endeavored to pose as the workingman's friend, and who was insultingly disavowed by every body of workingmen in the country.

They had shrewdly detected the ass beneath the lion-skin, and never put it in his power to betray them. He afterwards came out as a paid hireling of the opposite side, and eked out a miserable existence on the crumbs which fell from the table of the rich men he served, and who despised him as utterly as did the workingmen. His end came "unmourned, unhonored and unsung," neglected by the men he had served at the expense of his honor.

The fate of the Miner-Sun is as easily foreseen as the outcome of a mathematical problem. Refused the trust and patronage of the public, it subsists upon the veriest droppings from the government's table, and bye-and-bye a new Pharaoh will ascend the throne "who knew not Joseph." Disowned on the one side and disacknowledged on the other, but one end awaits this apostle of treachery—an unmourned grave and swift oblivion.

THE occupants of the water front, more than others, have had occasion lately to realize the benefit which they enjoy in the existence of a prompt, willing and intelligent fire department. A vast amount of property has twice been saved by them there within the past two weeks, and that, too, against adverse circumstances.

The facts they will probably consider in their proper light at this time, when the fire boys are soliciting the purchase of tickets to their next ball, which is the only way in which they permit the public to assist them.

YOU PLACE THE ORDER WE DO THE REST... Will make purchases and deliver goods (either express packages, or freight) to any claim on the creeks. HAVE YOU TRIED OUR SERVICE? Nugget Express E. C. ALLEN, Manager. MAIN OFFICE—in the "Phoenix" BRANCH OFFICE—Forks of Eldorado and Bonanza. Orders may be given by agent or driver of team.

SPECIAL The Splendid P. H. What Will Be Done Extra Comp Not There or sixteen miles at the famous F our long tramp accomplished. Th and stopping plac in spots on the r iving way, muc and in two or th take to the shore along, it has bee the expedition o the mails, now b N. W. M. Polloe, tion some credi he informed of by this departm The men weat been singularly regards efficienc when one refer in the territories corporals 85 cent the Yukon to 11 day each, one co human nature w upon that which particularly wh observation the sturdy boys, aw district for two unneeded to sen the territories. As intimated I met three mail Just Monday, Ja investigate the First of all, it ated that the with dispatche been establish landing official Bennett in min understand it, not but the request the boys along t in that spirit wh stated. The lack of m suffering. Dealu sums were hun tainty, optien news from fam obliterated beca The police were put in post or to at Skaguay, but tly in the usual string from the postoffice, or a rapidly congeste miter for the Y Colonel Steele a man of metho realized the stu cility of some him, but the inc With only 190 tide-water to F d nearly 700 mil necessary in D each post and tw attached to each and the service put into effect in and when one 400 to 600 pounds to get the long-l one cannot help for a departmen erment and to force. All Yukon ore at Skaguay d sleds and rushe Cabin and then made out head ice—Yukon Me with a list of al Dawson, hour c A. M. or P. M., n each receipting number of sack dogs, rations, fo sacks, in which causes, etc., and quarters in Daw Surely these m pension for th was let for \$80.00 principal occup tract has been Skaguay rolling shins at a com terrible experie Jured in his ma It must also carrying mail a for this expect dities as police orders in the pr ing of summons. Arriv Messrs. Sidney Belle and Dury on Saturday, and Club hotel. The and made a slow merchandise th in an old-time P general of the

