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DAWSON, Y. T., SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1903.

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AN ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING

Extended To Hon. Joseph Chamberlain---He Warns the People Not To Expect Too Much From His Trip---Time Required to Heal War Wounds.

London, March 14.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain received an enthusiastic reception upon his return from South America today. His arrival at Southampton was marked by the usual public welcome. He looked in a brief address he warns

WANTS BIG DAMAGES

Hearst's Newspaper is Sued for \$250,000

Alleged That N. Y. Journal Labeled Character of Ontario Girl.

THE WORST ON RECORD

Mississippi Flood Causes Great Damage

Thousands of Acres of Land Under Water—Few Fatalities.

New Orleans, March 14.—The Mississippi floods now prevailing are the worst in that river's record. Thousands of acres of lands are covered with water and many homes have been abandoned. There have been few fatalities as yet, but the danger is not over.

Nice Felt Hats

SUMMERS & ORRELL, 10 SECOND AVENUE

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the public not to expect too great results from his trip at present, but expressed himself as hopeful of much benefits later. He believes the Dutch will be as loyal as any other of the colonials in time, but the effects of war could not be wiped out in the twinkling of an eye.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Causes Mayor Humes to Laugh

Says People Wanted a Wide Open Town and They Got Their Wishes.

Seattle, March 14.—Mayor Humes laughs at the grand jury proceedings against him. He was elected to give Seattle a wide open town and says he has followed the popular wishes. Prominent Seattleites take the position that if Hume is prosecuted the grand jury might as well indict every man who voted for him.

YUKON IS THE ROUTE

That Travelers From the Outside

Should Take to Reach the Tanana for a Quick and Safe Trip.

From recent arrivals in Dawson from the outside it is learned that in Seattle and the coast cities the Tanana fever has become quite prevalent and there are now many people in the coast towns with their minds made up to go to the scene of the new strike. It is understood that those who are ready to start and also those who are contemplating going are simply waiting to find which is the quickest and most feasible route to take—via Dawson or Valdez.

At the present time the route via the Yukon is the only practicable one as the trail is mapped out and in excellent condition all the way and the trip can be made in the quickest possible time.

Besides this fact there are roadhouses for the accommodation of travellers nearly the entire distance from Skagway to the diggings, so that travellers do not have to suffer the inconvenience and expense occa-

sioned by traveling an unknown route.

Dawson is well supplied with everything necessary in outfitting and goods can be purchased here cheaper, at the present time, than can be done on the coast with freight and duty added.

The summer route by Dawson is also the only practicable one as the waterways are navigable right to the heart of the diggings and it will not be necessary to pack or haul a pound of freight after it leaves the coast. From the boat at Skagway to the train, and from the train at Whitehorse to the river boat, and then possibly a transfer at Dawson to a lower river boat and no further trouble until the camp is reached.

People attempting to get into the Tanana by Valdez either by the winter or summer route will have to travel over a practically unknown and unbroken trail and will encounter the same difficulties as were met in the early days of the rush to Dawson on the White Pass and Chitina routes. As the route via the Yukon is therefore the cheapest, most feasible and practicable one it rests with the citizen's here of presenting the proper information before those on the outside who are intending to seek their fortunes at the new diggings and turn the tide of travel this way.

Whether the new diggings will prove to be as represented remains to be seen, but the fact that so many have left Dawson en route to the new camp is sufficient evidence to prove that when the people make up their minds they will go whether or not they know to what they are going. It is therefore perfectly proper that the practicability of the two routes should be placed before those on the outside who intend making the Tanana their destination this summer, and there is no doubt but what the tide of travel can be turned this way.

Mail Tonight

A White Pass stage with 160 pounds of Canadian mail which arrived on the last trip of the Princess May is expected in this evening. Another White Pass stage will arrive tomorrow evening. Both stages have a full complement of passengers. A Merchants stage arrived this morning with no mail and the following passengers: Geo. Rumpers, J. F. Fix, A. Fortier, E. Engel, C. L. Hamilton, H. Knox, J. Anderson, S. Doe, A. Anderson, Louis Pound, J. Peterson, J. D. Willis. Cleveland, driving a Merchants stage, passed Yukon Crossing yesterday and will arrive Monday morning. He brings a second class mail and 14 passengers.

CIVIL SERVICE

Have Their Photographs Taken Today.

The Civil Service hockey team, and its officers and members repaired to Larss & Duclos establishment this afternoon for the purpose of being shot. Not in the ordinary fashion but through the agency of a camera. The boys all looked their prettiest and when the photos are completed there will doubtless be a rush for them of the fair sex that would remind one of a bargain sale. The following are in the group: Sheriff, Eilbeck, president, C. V. Shannon, secretary, F. H. Hartman, delegate to league, T. Dufferin Pattullo, vice president, H. C. McDiarmid, manager, Messrs. Senkler, Hope, Povah, Eilbeck, Harrison, Kennedy, McLennan, Bennett, Watt.

NOTICE FOR TENDERS.

Tenders will be received at the office of the North American Transportation & Trading Company until Thursday, March 19, at 12 o'clock noon, for cutting of 1,000,000 feet or more of saw logs, same to be cut on their berth located on Klondike river. For further information apply at Klondike Mill office.

ALASKA BOUNDARY

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, March 14.—Canada will appoint two members of the Alaska boundary commission to act with the chief justice of England. The British government communicated with the governor-general to that effect today, and a cabinet meeting will be held this afternoon to discuss the subject. The names of the two commissioners will probably be cabled to Downing street tonight. The British government has confirmed the appointment of Hon. Clifford Sifton as agent, and Messrs. Blake and Robinson as counsel.

WILL TOUR THE EAST

Civil Service Team of Hockey Players

Pullman Car Junket Beginning in December and Covering Three Months.

The Civil Service hockey team has at last definitely decided to take a junketing trip to the outside next winter and in addition to enjoying a vacation which several have not had in three or four years make the excursion profitable as well. According to the present plans there will be in addition to the seven regular players, three subs and the team manager and the intention is to leave Dawson about the first of December next, remaining away until the latter part of March. It may be considered that the arrangements are being made a long ways ahead of time, that some of the team may drop dead in the meantime, but when it is remembered the correspondence that is necessary in order to secure the rates desired on the railroads, dates with the various teams throughout the east, guarantees in this city and that city the time is none too long. The team has formed itself into an association and before leaving Dawson will put into a pool probably \$500 each which will give them a working capital which can be drawn upon for current expenses until the series of games that have been arranged beforehand are begun. Then it is believed beyond all question that the expenses of the team will not only be met by their pro-rata of the receipts, but that a very handsome surplus will remain to be divided up as dividends at the close of the season. Correspondence will be at once entered into relative to rates with the railroad companies and the boys hope to be able to take a Pullman at Seattle or Vancouver and remain in it over the entire circuit, making it their home instead of being compelled to put up at a hotel. Their itinerary will embrace St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, New York, Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg. They will doubtless play in many other cities, too, though it will be months before the exact route will be known. Every member of the team has been inside two years or more and as most of them had decided upon a vacation to the outside next winter it was a happy inspiration on the part of some one to conceive the idea of combining business with pleasure, having an enjoyable vacation and

tearing off a piece of money at the same time. None of them will have any difficulty in getting away nor will they lose the positions they are now occupying. The government is an easy taskmaster and can always be depended upon to lend a hand whenever there is anything in the nature of an athletic event requiring assistance. The personnel of the team and subs has not been definitely decided upon, but to quote "Randy" McLennan they will embrace the pick of the city. The old Civil Service forward line will remain intact and among the outsiders who will doubtless be included in the list are Billy Gibson, the crack defense man, Vincent Keenan and "Weldy" Young. The members were anxious that "Dad" Eilbeck accompany them as their manager, but as it is impossible that "Dad" and Jack should both be away at the same time, the former will stay at home. T. Dufferin Pattullo has been chosen in his stead, and through his extensive acquaintance in the east he will prove an energetic and valuable man in that position. Many have felt that with the crack teams of the east the Dawson team would stand but little show, but it must be borne in mind that the majority of the players have worked with and against the championship teams themselves. McLennan has played hockey for fifteen years and will rank with the best of them and for two years was on a team that never knew defeat. Bennett is just as good and has a record that will compare with any of them. So has Kennedy and Norman Watt, and of the latter it has been said that he can play more hockey for his inches and weight than any man on earth. He is little, but he is like a whirlwind on skates and as tough as a ten inch drift bolt when it comes to checking. There is not a man on the team who is a quitter and they can stand the gaff with any of them when it comes to rough work. The boys also hope to play Harvard and Yale while in the east. If their present intention of securing a Pullman is carried out there will be room in the car also for ten or a dozen more who may wish to go outside and would care to accompany the team on their tour. Such would be an admirable way with which to put in three months in travelling about, and by joining the team miss the trip would be much less expensive. During the past twenty-four hours the thermometer has at no time been below zero. The coldest it has reached has been 7 above. The mercury stood at 22 above at noon.

GOOD JOKE Which Certainly Will Bear Repeating. "He! He! He! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ha! Ha! Ha! Say, but that was a good joke," exclaimed a well proportioned man to a friend whom he met on the corner of Broadway and 42nd street. "If it was good it will bear repeating," said his friend. "There was a lean, gaudy-looking individual stopped me a while ago and tried to make me believe Horkan's Standard Restaurant is not the best place in town to get Sunday dinners. I tell you the way I made him 'back up' in half a second would start anybody into a fit," and the gentleman burst into another paroxysm of laughter. "I tell you, my friend, there is only one place to get a fine, first class Sunday dinner and that is at Horkan's where everything is strictly first class and plenty of variety of good things to eat."

Paid Their Respects Mr. Justice Craig, Mr. Justice Macaulay, Sheriff Eilbeck and Crown Prosecutor Pattullo called at the Regina this morning to pay their respects to Judge Wickersham only to find to their regret that his honor had left at an early hour for Eagle. Sheriff Eilbeck had met the American jurist upon the occasion of his previous visit to Dawson and was so favorably impressed with his genial personality, that he was desirous that the gentlemen of the Yukon bench should likewise form his acquaintance. They all expressed regret at having been too late in their call, a regret that Judge Wickersham will also feel when he hears of his visit.

Jury Civil Cases. The actions of Ames vs. Heimberger and Wurst vs. Berry, cases wherein a jury trial has been asked for and granted, have been set down for hearing the first week in April. Such are extremely rare in this court, practically all the civil cases being heard by the judge alone. The exceptions will not amount to over two or three a year.

Maud—"I have always thought Mabel would make a good reporter. She has such a good nose for news."

The Other Girls—"Yes, and such a good mouth for putting it in circulation."

MINERS' STRIKE IS CLOSING

Fernie Disputants Have Reached An Amicable Understanding---Ig Future Difficulties Will Be Referred to a Conciliation Committee.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Fernie, B. C., March 14.—The Fernie strike is ending with the probability that peace will reign for years. It is provided that disputes in the future will be referred to a conciliation committee of the newly formed Provincial Mining Association. The sale of tickets for Inshavogue is so brisk as to ensure an audience of Dawson's best people. Job Printing at Nugget office.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

Finally Adjourns After Lengthy Session

Railroad Senators Take a Final Slap at Governor McBride.

Special to the Daily Nugget. Olympia, Wash., March 14.—The Washington state legislature has adjourned. The session was remarkable for continued conflicts between the railroad senators and Governor McBride. In the closing hours the former got a slap at McBride by refusing to pass the tax commission bill unless the governor was removed from the board.

SURVEYORS DEPARTURE

Base Lines on Tributaries of Stewart

Traverse to be From Lepine Creek Across the Country to the Twelvemile.

C. C. Chattaway, head of the department of surveys for the government, is beginning early the work of the coming season. On next Tuesday two different parties will be dispatched, one to be gone six weeks and the other three months. One will be in charge of A. J. McPherson, assisted by Lars Netland, and will be engaged until the middle of June in running base lines and exploration work at the head waters of the Stewart. A base line has already been run on Duncan and the creeks which will likewise need such attention will not be known until the party arrives on the scene and it is observed the amount of work being done here and there and whether such is really needed or not. There are quite a few creeks in that vicinity upon which work is being performed, but upon how many there is enough doing to warrant the running of a base line will not be known until a later date. Barlow and Clear creeks are sure to have their base lines established and possibly one or two others. A great deal of exploration and mapping will also be done of that region far above Duncan creek and the present inhabited portions of the head of the Stewart. Part of the outfit will penetrate a district known only to a few trappers and hunters, and the discovery of other gold bearing creeks may result from the labors of the surveyors. After finishing the work in the district tributary to the Stewart the party will cross the divide from McQueen to the head of the Klondike, a comparatively short distance, and will run a base line on Arizona creek, the scene of the latest discovery in that section, distant about 125 miles from the city. James Gibson will head the other party. His first labor will be the establishment of a base line on Lepine creek from which he will run a traverse cross country to the Twelvemile vicinity of either may be tied. After finishing the survey to the Twelvemile Mr. Gibson will proceed down the latter stream to the Yukon and thence home. He will be absent about six weeks.

BURIAL OF EX-NUN

Was Kept as Secret as Possible

Special Steps Were Taken to Prevent a Popular Demonstration.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, March 14.—Margaret Lisle Sheppard, an ex-nun, whose death was kept secret for several days, has been buried in Woodlawn cemetery, New York. Special steps were taken to prevent a popular demonstration.

PROTESTS ARE FILED

One Concerns a Bench on Eldorado

The Other for the Forfeiture of an Interest in the Penalty for Lapsing of License.

Two new protests were today filed with the clerk of the gold commissioner's court. One is that of Frank Phincator vs. J. J. Doherty et al and is concerning a bench 350 feet square opposite the upper half, left limit, of No. 2 Eldorado.

Phincator claims title to the bench and alleges to have had it surveyed and duly advertised in the official gazette twelve times. It is admitted that the survey was protested by one Howe, which, however, was subsequently withdrawn by an agreement made between the plaintiff and Howe and a judgment was rendered by the gold commissioner varying the survey in accordance with the agreement so made.

Defendants Doherty and Patterson claim a fractional piece of ground in the 100x300 and adjoining the upper half, left limit, of No. 2, which it would appear, conflicts in some manner with the claim owned by Phincator. Others of the defendants have begun prospecting and mining the ground that plaintiff alleges to be within his survey and which belongs to him and though they have been notified to desist they have refused. Plaintiff asks that the claim be declared to be his property, that an injunction issue restraining the defendants from continuing the working of the ground and that they also be restrained from handling the dirt already taken out, costs of the case and such other relief as the court may deem just and proper.

The other protest referred to is one in which George M. Heidman and John C. Felix are the plaintiffs and Glen Gilbert is the defendant. The plaintiffs are the owners of a three-quarters interest in a bench on the left limit opposite No. 5 above on Bonanza. The defendant is the owner of the other quarter. Plaintiff alleges that defendant has not had a miner's license during the past ninety days, and that he left for the United States over a year ago with no intention of returning. They ask that according to the mining regulations his interest has become forfeited to them his co-owners by reason of his license expiring, that such interest be declared vested in them. They also ask for the costs of the action.

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PARLIAMENT WILL LISTEN.

The Yukon territory is now face to face with a condition which by the very logic of circumstances must bring about united action on the part of the people.

The situation has resolved itself into a case of united action on the part of the people or an alternative probability that the district within the next few months will lose a large proportion of its inhabitants.

The movement inaugurated by the board of trade, having in view the establishment of a system of government water supply is a practical step in the proper direction.

If this movement is given the support and endorsement of the entire district whose interests it is supposed to serve, the outcome in our view of the case will not be doubtful.

NEWS' "POLICY."

There are a few people who would be interested in knowing who or what the News represents when it refers to itself as the representative of the opposition.

In the Dominion campaign the News supported in a half-hearted manner the candidacy of Joe Clarke and was openly accused of "throwing down" that worthy in a most cold-blooded manner.

During the subsequent territorial election, the News opposed Clarke tooth and nail, its editor going so far as to state that he was in the field in the interest of the government and announcing publicly that a seat on the Yukon council was his for the asking.

The results of that memorable contest are a matter of history. The editorial acrobat was jeered off from every platform upon which he spoke and was able when the voting day arrived to muster no more than 63 votes, scarcely 15 per cent of the number required to save his deposit.

Since the elections in which the News was so terrifically drubbed, that sheet has swung entirely around the circle, professing one thing one day and something diametrically opposite the next.

Recently it has eaten every word of

condemnation uttered about Joseph Andrew and is again placing that personage forward as the only real champion of popular rights.

This "policy" may continue for a time as there are no elections in sight. But immediately that there appears the slightest indication of things political doing, the knifing operation will be undertaken as assiduously as was the case in the last election.

The opposition "policy" of the News consists entirely in holding a varied assortment of threats over the government's head, in a succession of hints of what might happen if it disclosed what it knows and in sundry intimations of unplayed cards up its sleeve ready to be thrown on the table when the time arrives.

These peculiar tactics have created no little suspicion in the opposition ranks as to the sincerity of the organ and said suspicions are in-point of fact well grounded. The News will not let go of its masked artillery as long as the government yields to the demands of its twin sister the Sun for patronage.

In spite of all denials, the News is more heavily interested in the success of the Sun than any other individual or collection of individuals.

The patronage which is presumed to be given for the purpose of strengthening the government organ is in reality a contribution to the News.

Until such times, therefore, as the government refuses to pay the Sun four or five times the amount that commercial concerns are charged for printing in Dawson the News' "opposition policy" will consist of veiled threats and pointless innuendos.

If the government takes hold of the water question in a practical manner, the Yukon territory within twelve months will become twice the consumer of machinery and supplies it is at the present time.

The announcement that a nugget valued at \$98 was recently picked up on Irish gulch failed to create a ripple of excitement in Dawson.

Good-by to dull old Dawson, A dead one, as I see; But Tanana the golden Looks mighty good to me.

My grub is on the sleigh, And midnight's passing hour will see Me musing down the way.

The Irish drama Inshavogue is a well chosen production for St. Patrick's day.

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Had it not been for the two presentations of "She Stoops to Conquer" and the diversion afforded by the skating rink society would have indeed been in the slough of despair this week.

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# A WYOMING THANKSGIVING

E. K. WOOLEY

"If there's anything I hate," said the First Traveling Man, "it's boneless turkey—and on Thanksgiving!"

"I was brought up on the shank myself," quoth the Second Traveling Man.

"Not even a wishbone to grace the occasion," growled the First Traveling Man, "and my favorite last-part-of-the-fence utterly lost in the chain."

"What's Thanksgiving in a hotel anyway?" disgustedly supplemented the Second Traveling Man. "Say, you watch me get off the road when I have a chance! I'll look like a comet. I'll go so swift!"

"We'll never leave our happy home in the north," chanted the First Traveling Man. Then he sighed.

The Second Traveling Man also sighed, and regarded the boneless turkey with a mournful eye.

"Last Thanksgiving," reminiscenced the First Traveling Man, "I wasn't at home either—but I had the time of my life. I landed in a little town at the end of a railroad line in Wyoming the day before Thanksgiving—some 2,000 miles away and no taking in sight to be thankful for."

"But I must say that I'd rather be up against one of those little raw western towns any old day, for hospitality, than in a big city and a high-priced hotel. Here you turn in your money and they turn you out a dandified dyspeptic stomach, brain and temper. Out west there you can spend your money for much better whisky, and since I got married I don't go in for that sort of thing."

"Anyway, that day I guess I was a pretty fine photograph of home-sick Willy, and when I got done talking business to the man I had to see he sort of tumbled to the circumstances and asked me what I had on for the best day."

"Nothing but hotel," says I.

"Then," says he, with a clap on the back that made me cough, "then you'll come out to the ranch with us tomorrow—just a little party of the fellows and their girls—quiet little time, you know. Want to?"

"Did I? Oh, say, I didn't jump at that invite. I simply fell on it and held it there, so it wouldn't get away."

"We got off the next morning about 10 o'clock—two big springless wagons packed full of the liveliest crowd I ever got mixed up with. We had to sit pretty close, but I can't say I minded."

"Were they good looking?" innocently inquired the Second Traveling Man.

"Oh, yes! Well, they were tolerable—a little hefty when we made a sharp turn, and one of them looked so strenuously against me. I didn't feel much more important than a grass spot by and by—but that was all in the running."

"On our way out some of the boys suggested a race, but one of the wagons packed a keg of beer, and they were afraid it might be lost on the road. I can tell you that beer had more loving attention than any lady—beer's pretty expensive out Wyoming."

"I was pretty glad they decided against the race. The roads out there aren't any boulevards."

"The ranch was fourteen miles from town and we got there just about in time for the grandest dinner that my mouth ever watered over! We snatched that dinner two miles off, and we could actually see the fumes of it coming out of the cracks of the windows while we were unhitching. Say! I've been to twenty-course affairs, with all sorts of foreign languages on the bill of fare, and waiters who were slick at the now-you-see-you-don't-act-in-passing-the-tablets, but I never came across such richness as I saw piled promiscuously on those two tables in the ranchhouse. There was turkey, of course, mallard ducks, venison, fresh and mutton—not one or two ducks, but dozens of 'em, haunches of beef, a side of beef, and it seemed to me there was a turkey for every guest. And pie! Cake! Jam! Did you ever eat chokeberry jelly? Well, you don't know what's good. Gimme chokeberry jelly or gimme death!"

"I always thought I was a pretty good food punisher, but I wouldn't want to get in a race with one of those western cow-punchers. They went through the bill of fare like a Kansas cyclone. Fiercely the battle

raged—and through it all was heard the steady clump of jaws. Each map seemed to consider its bounden duty to surround as much edible material as his capacity would warrant, and they all acted as though the first one done would get a prize. Gass-tank Bill set the pace—to this day I don't see how he could eat so fast, so much, and talk so continually. I consider his abilities in that direction as most remarkable. Windy Charley was a pretty good talker, too. He held forth at the other table. "Not that the rest of us were at all silent—I should relate that we weren't! It sounded like a thrashing machine, a boiler factory and a saw-mill in full swing."

"As for me—I was hungry, and I started in to demolish things with a vim. I began with my coat buttoned, but it wasn't long before the situation grew strained. I had put on my Prince Albert, which is pretty tight anyway. The buttons actually popped open when I started to unfasten them."

"After dinner those never-tired cowmen and sheepmen and substantial western maidens repaired to the barn for a dance. Out there the barn is the chief feature, you know—biggest and best of all the ranch buildings. The loft had been nicely cleared, and while it was rather cool at first, we soon warmed to the work. In fact, the gentlemen discarded their coats, and the ladies perspired grandly in the cause."

"Well, I'd eaten until my eyes stuck out, but I was game. And I had the exercise of my life up in that barn loft. None of your fancy gliding over waxed floes to the undulating waves of a heavenly orchestra. We had an accordion, a harmonica and a two-stringed fiddle manipulated by a man with three fingers. Sometimes they disagreed about the tune, and occasionally the accordion got left on the way and then hurried to catch up, but on the whole they managed to keep things going at a lops."

"I hopped and I skipped and I jumped. I polkaed and I waltzed and I chassed. I grinned and I sweated and I ached, and when the word went around that the auspicious moment for opening the keg of beer was at hand—well, I was ready for the refreshments."

"But where was the beer? It had been carefully stowed in the safest of all places, but not a trace of beer or even keg remained. Man eyed man suspiciously. There was gnashing of teeth and much imprecation. There was some original and picturesque swearing—but no beer! When this fact was at last firmly established in the minds of all present there was sorrow in the camp. Somebody had taken the beer. Nobody knew who. Nobody ever found out that I know. So we went beerless, after all our painstaking care. It was a great trial to the thirsty—and we were all thirsty."

"It was the shady side of midnight when we began to think of home. Considering my aching limbs, as I piled into one of those springless wagons and thought of the road ahead, I prayed the out toward progress might be a slow and solemn one. But not so thought our driver who no sooner struck the open road than he challenged the other wagon to a race."

"Remember, my friend, that was a springless wagon. The Sorrows of Werther were as nothing to mine. Up hill, down hill, over rocks a foot high, through creeks, across d'raped bridges, clinging to the side of a hill on one wheel, bumpety-bump, rattle, clatter, thump-thump! Fortunately I had been placed for safety, possibly between two fat damsels. I religiously and impartially held on to both."

"I didn't know which wagon was gaining, and can't say that I cared. I think I kept up a carelessly pleasant demeanor, and would have continued to do so but that our wagon suddenly upset, and the first thing I knew thereafter I was lying, face down, in a bunch of sage, with one of the fat damsels sitting demurely upon the back of my neck. I can't understand how it wasn't broken. I suppose it's been toughened in anticipation of the ax ever since I've been working for the trust."

The First Traveling Man paused and chewed reflectively.

"Did she get off?" inquired the Second Traveling Man.

"Who?"

"The fat lady. You left her sitting on your neck."

"I suppose you think it's as funny as she did? Let's laugh. Haw, haw. I feel like a funeral procession. That kid of mine is chewing his first drumstick today—and here I am in this beastly hotel eating boneless turkey and store mince pie!"

"Oh, say, let up!" growled the Second Traveling Man. "I've got a kid of my own. Don't make me any homesicker'n I am. What's on at the theaters this afternoon?"—E. K. Wooley in Chicago Record-Herald.

# CONCESSION MUST BE ABOLISHED

## Board of Trade Has Begun Aggressive Measures to Accomplish the Overthrow of Treadgold Octopus

Dawson, Y. T., March 6, 1903.

To the Editor 'The Klondike Nugget':

Dear Sir,—It is the wish of the Dawson Board of Trade that you forward a copy of telegram sent this day to Messrs. the Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada; Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior; William Mulock, Postmaster General, and James Hamilton Ross, Member of Parliament for Yukon, and which reads as follows:

"Oppose any attempt to pass order in council or act in parliament that will in anyway confirm Treadgold concession. Are having monster petition signed and reliable data prepared to forward Ottawa asking government to aid in furnishing water for mining purposes. People are a unit in making demand and will insist upon government protection from monopoly of Treadgold Octopus."

"The Dawson Board of Trade," "If C. Macaulay, Pres."

And it is the further wish of said board that your influence, help and co-operation in assisting the people of this territory to make the necessary recommendations to the parliament of the Dominion of Canada to prevent the passage through parliament of the Treadgold concession and water grant from Klondike river and Rock creek such as is and has been contemplated.

"The Treadgold concession and water grant as granted by an order in council and which when ratified by the parliament at its next session will become law is in the opinion of this board one of the most iniquitous measures that was ever inflicted upon a people, and (in the consideration of the Dawson Board of Trade) will work a great hardship upon the people of this territory since it will mean the virtual bankruptcy of all the property holders of Dawson and surrounding territory, and instead of the Klondike becoming the prosperous country we expect it will virtually become the property of Mr. Treadgold and those who are associated with him in his scheme."

An immense petition to the Dominion parliament to cancel and disallow this measure is being prepared and circulated (a copy of which will be sent you) embodying the objections of the people of the Yukon to the granting of this measure and asking the government to provide water for the miners of this territory.

If this were done it would mean the commencement of a new era of prosperity for this camp, the population

## Will Go Before Parliament With a Petition Asking for the Establishment of a Public Water System—Prosperity of the Country Depends Upon the Securing of Favorable Action.

of which would materially and rapidly increase and an immense avenue for Canadian manufactures and merchandise would be opened up and not only would this territory be benefited but the benefit would extend to the whole of Canada, by a measure of this kind.

It is our belief that the government should be urged to allow the Treadgold concession to become law if it would (in the opinion of the Dawson Board of Trade, and I might say) be a tremendous setback to the prosperity of this country.

Now, in order to convey to you some idea of the magnitude of the grant which Mr. Treadgold and his associates are looking for and which it appears likely they will receive, if the intention of the minister of the interior is allowed to be carried out, it having been recommended by him we believe, that the said Treadgold and his associates receive the sole and prior right to divert and take water from the Klondike river up to 5000 miners inches for distribution and use in the district, said district comprising the beds, benches, valleys, slopes and hills of the Klondike river, of Bonanza, Bear and Hunker creeks and their tributaries; also the right to divert and use the water of Rock creek, which water we are informed by Mr. Joseph McGillivray, a mining engineer of long experience, amounts to 8000 inches, natural flow, and which would give Mr. Treadgold and associates the sole right to divert and sell 13,000 inches of water. Now a miner requires with which to sluice his dirt 50 inches of water, which is the amount considered necessary to make a sluice head, and

should the Treadgold company at the rate which we understand, is the contemplated charge (25 cents per miner's inch per hour) it would cost that miner \$12.50 per hour or \$300 per day of 14 hours, which is the length of the working day here during the summer season. Now this grant of 5,000 inches from the Klondike river and the natural flow of Rock creek, amounting to 8,000 inches, making a total of water at Treadgold's command of 13,000 inches, or 260 sluice heads of 50 inches per sluice head, costing the miner in this country \$78,000 per day, or \$10,140,000 per year of 130 sluicing days, which is the length of the sluicing season here, would mean this: That the holder of the same would practically own the country, all the hill claim owners would have to come to him for water or allow their claim to remain unoperated for lack of same, and Mr. Treadgold and his associates would be receiving all the profits that would accrue from the thousands of hill claims situate on the immense and huge gravel deposits with which this country abounds.

He, Mr. Treadgold, is further allowed this concession. That the property of the grantee shall be exempt from representation. This the Dawson Board of Trade considers would enable the owners of non-working claims to evade the representation law by their turning over into the name of the Treadgold Company their properties.

For an instance of how this would work, we will suppose that 5000 hill claim owners not working their properties and not wishing to expend on their properties the \$200 per year necessary by law in order to hold their claims in his name, thereby exempting them from representation, the government would lose the fees charged in lieu of representation and the country would lose the expenditure of that amount for labor in representation of said claims, amounting in all to \$1,000,000, of which amount Mr. Treadgold will say would receive \$750,000, the claim owners would save \$250,000 and the government and the country would be done out of the expenditure of the \$1,000,000, not to speak of the fees for affidavits of representation and renewal, amounting to \$17 per claim per year, or a total of \$85,000 per year for the 5,000 claims.

But on the other hand if the government will only listen to our plea,

cancel or disallow this infamous Treadgold grant and themselves supply the water to the miners of this territory at a figure that will enable the government to get the cost of the installation of the necessary plant for supplying said water out of the water supplied, we will say in about eight years, it would we know give the miners cheap water and enable them to recover the precious metal from the immense low grade gravel deposits that we have in this country and would mean a greatly increased population and prosperity for this country and would cause and bring about an immense trade with and throughout Canada.

And now in conclusion I might say that this letter being hastily written, as we thought it necessary to act quickly in the matter, does not permit us to go into details of the matter as much as we would like. (These details will come later, a copy of which will be sent you), but I think sufficient has been said to show you the iniquities of this concession and to point out to you the firm and positive objections that the Board of Trade and the people of this territory have to said concession, and which objections will be exemplified in the petition about to be prepared and sent to Ottawa, and that the granting of this concession would be prejudicial and greatly detrimental to the best interests of this country and we ask you for your sincere and earnest co-operation and assistance in helping us to prevent this measure from becoming law. Yours truly,

DAWSON BOARD OF TRADE

### PETITION

To the Honorable the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents of the Yukon Territory humbly sheweth:

1. That by order in council on April the 21st, 1902, certain privileges are granted to Malcolm Orr King, A. N. C. Treadgold and Walter Barwick, in connection with the proposed establishment by them of a system of water supply for washing out gold-bearing gravel in the district therein described, including the Klondike river, Bonanza, Bear and Hunker creeks and their tributaries.
2. That the benefits conferred upon the grantees are of incalculable value and involve an enormous exploitation of the public resources of this territory for the benefit of a few favored concessionaires.
3. That in the opinion of your petitioners the accumulation of extraordinary powers in the hands of a single corporation such as is effected by the above order in council, will lead to the paralysis of the independent commercial and industrial life of the community and will prove in the highest degree oppressive and injurious to the public welfare, since the grantees are thereby enabled to crush out competition and to reduce to a position of practical servitude the individual miners in the extensive

district affected which includes the richest portion of the Klondike.

4. That the need of this territory is not the creation of monopolies but their prevention, and the encouragement of the individual miners by securing equal privileges and opportunities to all as far as the law and the administration can provide them.
5. That for the promotion and development of the mining industry of the Yukon a cheap, abundant and effective water supply, furnished at a minimum of cost by the government at the earliest possible moment, is absolutely essential.

Your petitioners therefore pray—

- (1). That the order in council of April 21st, 1902, may be cancelled completely, and that no special privileges shall hereafter be granted within this territory with respect to wood, mining, water or any other class of rights affecting the general public; but that all persons shall be restricted in such matters to the rights conferred upon every member of the community by the mining regulations.
- (2). That the supply and distribution of water for general mining purposes within this territory shall not be controlled by any private person or corporation, but either that it shall be undertaken by the Dominion government as a public work, or that power shall be given to the commissioner of the Yukon Territory in council to construct such a system and to raise the necessary funds by bonds guaranteed by the Dominion.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

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DELICATE QUESTION

Which Watch Showed Correct Time

Gold Commissioner Senkler Has a Difficult Task in Arriving at a Conclusion.

A case in the gold commissioner's court that has been difficult to arrive at a decision is that of Lina M. Thompson vs Charles A. Scurry, the ground involved in the dispute being creek claim 51a on Eldorado.

The above claim came open for location on the morning of January 14th last. The husband of the plaintiff, Mr. Thompson, on the evening of the 13th, compared his watch with the time kept in the jewelry store of Messrs. Sale & Company, at Grand Forks, when he found it was correct.

After the staking had been finished Mr. Delapole started for his cabin to obtain some string to tie the posts firmly to trees standing beside them, and according to his evidence, on reaching claim 49, he saw two men walking up the creek close to the right limit.

The defendant states in his evidence that he compared his watch with the time at Bill's jewelry store in Dawson on the morning of the 13th, and that on the evening of the

13th he walked up to the claim in question where he saw the plaintiff with her three companions standing. The evidence of the defendant agrees with that of the plaintiff as far as what took place at the claim is concerned, but the defendant entirely disagrees with Mr. Thompson as to the time when he arrived there.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

F. M. Shepard, court reporter in the gold commissioner's court, is the latest to succumb to la grippe.

Mr. Justice Craig has announced that he will probably render his decision in the mandamus proceedings on Monday.

The weather has grown quite a bit warmer today, the thermometer marking 13 above at noon. The coldest last night was 13 below.

A. J. Beaudette, the government mining engineer who has been spending the winter in California investigating the hydraulic methods of that country, will arrive on the stage that is due on Monday.

There is said to be excellent skating on the Klondike extending from the Ogilvie bridge to the mouth of the river. A number were out today and the indications are that the river will be lined tomorrow.

Judge Wickersham, G. A. Jeffrey, Wm. M. Fitzhugh and P. Blackwell left this morning in a private conveyance for Eagle. E. B. Marsh and Samuel Hale, two members of the Fitzhugh party, will leave Tuesday on the Downing stage.

Rev. John Pringle, councilman elect from the creeks district, will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Sunday both morning and evening. Mr. Pringle is eloquent and forcible in his sermons and a large crowd will greet him upon both occasions.

Mr. Justice Craig has decided that two of the three judges comprising the court of appeals though in a sense a quorum yet they can not sit as a tribunal without the presence of the entire bench.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana-Nugget Office.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

GOLD RUN SULPHUR

Both of the Creeks Are Highly Active

The Lower End of Sulphur is Exceeding All Expectations.

Mr. Percy Reid, our popular Gold Run mining inspector, received last week the sad intelligence of the death of his father, John D. Reid, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Lower down Sulphur than has yet been reported considerable work is in progress. This part of the creek, being isolated with respect to the winter trail, is of course unnoticed by travellers.

No. 124 is owned by Muir and partners. On this claim three men with the aid of a boiler have taken out about 10,000 buckets of pay.

Kiesow and "Indian River" Charlie own and operate No. 132. They have out about 5000 buckets of average pay.

C. V. Anthony of the Canadian Yukon Lumber Co. was the guest of Mr. Coffin, the mining inspector of Sulphur, this week.

Mr. Colonel has purchased from Mr. Anthony a pump and engine to be used on his claim, No. 32 below.

Joseph Hunter, one of the owners of No. 12 above on Sulphur, has just arrived from the outside.

Messrs. Kennison, Aitken and partner, owners of 2 above, arrived last week from the outside and are at ready making preparations to work this splendid property on a large scale.

William B. Baptist, assistant mining inspector on Gold Run, has severed his connection with that office and with official life in the Yukon.

Last week while working for Messrs. Demontigny and Roberts on 242 Dominion, Adolphe Lancetot had the little finger of his left hand completely torn off by getting it caught in the machinery.

Martin Seal on Friday sold a team of five fine young dogs to Shaw Bros. of 22 below Sulphur. They will leave on Tuesday next for the Tanana.

Mrs. Clark of No. 13 above has, we

are happy to report, recovered from a severe but short attack of illness. Henry Colonel has purchased Mrs. Auteau's beautiful residence on 32 below. This is a surprise to Henry's friends as the ladies of the creek had long ago consigned him to the basket of eternal bachelorhood.

MARKET REPORTS

Eggs Arriving by the Car Load

Conditions of Trade Rapidly Improving—Excellent Business Predicted.

Another week has gone by and still there is no change in the market situation as far as prices are concerned.

The situation in fresh meats has not changed a iota since the first of the year and probably will not either until after the opening of navigation.

Fresh fruit is a thing of the past. A few apples still remain but for the most part are shriveled with age and fit for little except cooking purposes.

The following are the quotations for the week:

STAPLES. Flour \$3.75, Sugar 6.75, Beans 5.00, Beans Lima 9.00, Rolled Oats 15.00

MEATS. Beef 30¢, Veal 30¢, Pork 35¢, Ham 27¢, Bacon 40¢, Mutton 25¢, Moose 25¢, Cariboo 30¢

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE. Agen's butter 1.00, Elgin butter 1.00, S. & W. 48-lb. 30.00, Hills Bros. 31.00, Eggs fresh 25.00

MILK AND CREAM. Eagle case \$12.50, Reindeer 10.00

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Highland case, Carnation Cream, St. Charles, Chickens, Fish and Game, Broilers, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Ptarmigan, Grouse, Rabbits, Halibut, Salmon.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes MISCELLANEOUS, Potatoes, Onions, Turnips, Cabbage, Carrots, Beets, Lemons, Oranges, Apples, Oats, Hay, Tobacco, Star.

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