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WANTS PEACE.

Chinese Empress Regains Control and Orders Protection for Foreigners.

UNCLE SAM ADDRESSES THE POWERS.

Is Not at War With China, but Will Protect Americans.

REPRESENTATION FOR YUKON

To Be Granted by Extending Jurisdiction of Member From Edmonton—Latest of the Boer War.

London, July 10, via Skagway, July 16.—The dowager empress has resumed control of the Chinese government and has sent out to all viceroys requesting the protection of all foreigners at any cost. There is no longer doubt as to the death of the young emperor.

The legations are known to have held their own up to the sixth, but no news has as yet been received to indicate that the situation has been relieved.

A dispatch has been received from the American consul stationed at Chetoo stating that up to the 9th inst. all Americans at Pientsin are safe.

Uncle Sam to the Powers.

Washington, D.C., July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—The United States government has delivered a note to the powers to the effect that the American government is not at war with China and is merely taking measures for the

protection of the lives and property of American citizens.

Troops are still being sent both by America and the other powers, although it appears that the decisive stand taken by the empress dowager will bring the trouble to a rapid close.

Sifton Back.

Ottawa, July 10, via Skagway, July 16.—Minister of the Interior Department Clifford Sifton has returned from abroad, his hearing much improved by the efforts of eminent Vienna specialists. He states that there will be shortly inaugurated a large flow of immigration into Canada from Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Yukon Representation.

Ottawa, July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—It is given out in government circles that representation for the Yukon territory will be granted by a special order in council extending the jurisdiction of the Edmonton member.

Newspaper Postage.

Ottawa, July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—A spirited discussion occurred today in the house over the matter of reduced newspaper postage. An effort was made to reduce the charges from one-half cent to one-eighth cent per pound within the province of publication. The motion was lost by a party vote of 79 against 27.

End in Sight.

London, July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—The Boers generally are abandoning their positions and surrendering. The end of the war is generally conceded to have been almost reached. There have been several minor skirmishes of late, but no engagement of importance. Kruger has retained a large amount of gold at Machadorp, and by so doing has created great dissension among his followers.

Cholera in India.

London, July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—Lord Curzon has telegraphed from India that the cholera mortality still continues high. The number of persons now receiving assistance from the government is greater than the entire population of Canada. The governor of Bombay wires that over 10,000 deaths from cholera and 6,000 from famine occurred during the last week in June.

Parliament to Adjourn.

Ottawa, July 11, via Skagway, July 16.—A decision has been reached to prorogue parliament not later than July 21st.

IN COLD BLOOD

Alexander King Shot and Killed Herbert Davenport Yesterday

ON THE YUKON NEAR WHITE RIVER

If Two Eye Witnesses to the Tragedy Tell the Truth.

MURDERER IS NOW IN JAIL.

Enraged at Frequent Stops on Sandbars the Aged Employee Kills Scow Captain.

According to Eye-Witnesses Chas. Everett and Lester Knouff, a wholly unprovoked and cold-blooded murder was committed yesterday evening about 6:30 on the Yukon river a short distance above the mouth of the White river. As told by the two witnesses to a Nugget representative this morning, the story of the tragedy is substantially as follows:

Several days ago Herbert Davenport, a river pilot, left Whitehorse for this place on a scow, belonging to Racine, a river freighter, Davenport having made previous trips down for Racine this season. As assistants on the trip Davenport brought with him Chas. Everett, Lester Knouff and Alexander King.

As is usually the case in scow travel, especially when the river is muddy, an occasional sandbar was struck, but while no serious damage nor long delay was occasioned thereby Alexander King seemed to become very much enraged at the frequent accidents, but as he is an old man, fully 65, but little attention was paid to his grumblings.

About the hour above mentioned yesterday evening the scow stopped on another sandbar. Davenport, who was designated as captain, and Everett got into the small boat and rowed out on the river in quest of the regular channel which they soon discovered and returned to the scow. Just as they rowed their boat up to the scow old man King, whom the others called Dad, jumped up on his feet and said:

"Captain, you have bum-fuzzled us fellows long enough." To which Davenport replied:

"What did you say, Dad?" "I said," repeated King, reaching for a .41 calibre Winchester rifle which was lying on the deck of the scow, "that you have bum-fuzzled us fellows long enough." At the same time taking aim at Davenport who was in the bow of the small boat.

"Don't shoot, Dad," yelled the doomed man, but without an audible reply, the old man blazed away, the bullet penetrating Davenport's heart, killing him instantly.

When the shot was fired Everett, who was in the stern of the little boat, jumped out into the shallow water and was endeavoring to climb upon the scow when the old man, having instantly recharged the gun, commanded him to stop. Everett stopped and the old man, standing so as to have Everett and Knouff both in line, kept the gun on them and told them they would have to promise him to swear that Davenport had been shot by accident. Under the circumstances both men gave their word to do as bidden. King then ordered them to throw the body of the murdered man into the river, but they argued with him that it would look more suspicious than if it was left on the scow. King finally saw it in the same light and the body was transferred from the small boat to the scow where it will remain until taken off by the police sent after it.

Everett and Knouff then persuaded King to get into the small boat with them and come on to Dawson for the purpose of reporting the "accident."

He did so and by traveling all night, the trio reached here at 8 o'clock this morning. As soon as King was turned over to the authorities the others told the story as it happened.

Herbert Davenport, the murdered man, hailed from the western part of New York state. He was 36 or 40 years of age and had been in Dawson several times. He was accounted a good river man. It is not known whether or not he leaves a family.

Alexander King, the murderer, is not less than 65 years of age. He is short and thickset; wears a heavy full beard which is nearly white. He claims to be from Sacramento, California, and says he was in this country 13 years ago. In appearance he is a typical old miner.

Chas. Everett one of the witnesses is from Moosenow, near Regina; while the other witness, Lester Knouff, hails from Eastern Pennsylvania.

King was brought into police court this morning and remanded until Friday, when he will be given a preliminary hearing.

The Sheriff Will Sell.

Notices are posted for two sheriff's sales of mining property under writs of execution. The first of these takes place on the 18th, when an undivided half interest in No. 163 below lower discovery on Dominion creek, the property of Wm. A. Boyce, will be sold to satisfy a writ of execution, the result of a recent action entitled Helen Ross vs Wm. A. Boyce.

The second sale will take place on the 23d, when No. 2 above the mouth of Gold Bottom will be sold. This is the property of Geo. Baker, defendant in a suit between C. J. Anderson and Geo. Baker.

BRIEF MENTION.

L. A. Clark and wife are stopping at the Metropole.

Miss M. Borden, of Vancouver, is registered at the Fairview.

William and Sam Stanley, of 24 Eldorado, are registered with their wives at the Regina.

G. P. Sproule, of Sulphur creek, was admitted to the Good Samaritan hospital last evening.

Mrs. Frank Cloes and little daughters, Frankie and Iva, will leave this evening on a visit to their old home, Port Townsend, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Archibald will leave this evening for the outside. They will make a quick trip to Seattle, Mr. Archibald expecting to return to Dawson within six weeks.

Mrs. Fancher has sold her lease on First avenue and secured temporary quarters on Second street opposite the Flannery hotel, where she will be pleased to see her many friends and patrons.

J. A. Acklin, the Klondike gardener, is now reveling in all the delights that accompany the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la, as a fine bouquet of sweet Williams left at the Nugget office by him today will testify.

Charles Claypool, the newly appointed U. S. commissioner from Tacoma, is on his way to Eagle City from Skagway, and will join his colleague, Preston Sawyer here. Neither have yet been assigned to a district, that matter being in the hands of Judge Brown.

Sold His Dairy.

L. H. Heidinger who three weeks ago arrived with a dozen or more mitch cows and as many calves, and who has since been supplying milk in the city from West Dawson, has sold his stock and will start for the outside this week. He realized an average of upwards of \$100 per head on young calves, while the cows since being landed in Dawson have brought in from \$8 to \$12 each daily. Mr. Heidinger expects to make another trip to Dawson before the close of navigation.

Found Dead.

The police received information this morning that Arthur Benepot, owner of claim No. 46, on lower Bonanza, had been found in bed this morning dead.

Dr. McCloud and a constable from the Forks were ordered to the claim and on their report, which has not as yet been received, will depend the matter of holding an inquest.

AFTER REFORM.

Board of Trade to Send a Representative to Ottawa to Lobby.

J. A. CHUTE'S STRONG RESOLUTION.

The Board of Trustees Believe the Time Propitious.

FIFTY THOUSAND THE FIGURE.

A Committee of Three Appointed to Secure Mr. Senkler's Views on the Royalty Question.

Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money, but that is the amount the board of trustees of the Board of Trade propose to raise to send a representative to Ottawa in the hope of securing favorable legislation on the royalty question and other almost equally vital points of law affecting the Yukon territory.

This decision was arrived at Saturday evening when the board of trustees met to organize, which it did by selecting Mr. McMullen as chairman, pro tem.

Mr. McMullen suggested, immediately after taking his seat, that President Fulda should be empowered to appoint a committee to wait upon Gold Commissioner Senkler, before his approaching departure, and obtain from him an expression of his views, either for or against the proposed reforms in the matter of the royalty law as it now stands.

Mr. Schute arose and said that he had a few remarks to make on that subject, but desired to preface them by saying that he had noticed a newspaper reporter present and wanted to be quoted verbatim, if at all, as he meant just what he said, and did not want his utterances misquoted. He then introduced the following resolution which he read:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That this board of trustees do take immediate steps to raise a fund of \$50,000 to be used as the board of trustees shall direct, to place before parliament and the people of Canada the true position of industries, resources and administration of the Yukon territory, and to obtain such necessary reforms in the present regulations, laws and administration as to insure the development and prosperity of the Yukon territory in the highest degree.

After the resolution had been read its introducer said that his firm's check for \$5000 of the proposed amount was ready at any time.

"Gentlemen," said he, "we have been told that the parliament of the Dominion of Canada is willing to do anything it can for us. I have heard such statements for the last three years, and nothing has come of it. The only way we can get representation is to fight for it." Then followed a strong plea for immediate and strong action on the part of the board, as indicated by the resolution, and after some little argument as to the advisability of passing the resolution as it stood, it found a second in Col. Reichenbach, and received the necessary number of ayes in response to the vote called for by Secretary Clayton to pass.

The board also authorized President Fulda to appoint a committee to wait upon Gold Commissioner Senkler for the purpose previously stated. Upon this committee were appointed Messrs. Tozier, Condon and Schute. The latter stated that his resignation was already before the board, but after some persuasion by President Fuhia and others he was persuaded to remain a member and act as a committeeman.

The meeting adjourned till Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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INCORPORATION.

When the new members are elected upon the Yukon council one of the first measures which should be brought forward for consideration is an ordinance for the incorporation of Dawson. The matter of transforming the town into a self-governing municipality has been before the people of Dawson for upwards of two years, during all of which time authority for granting such incorporation has been vested in the Yukon council.

That body has been steadfastly opposed to incorporating the town by reason of fear that revenues now controllable by the council would as a result of incorporation be diverted to the use of the municipality.

It is a notable fact that of a total revenue of about \$300,000 expended by the council last year \$180,000 was derived from the two sources of fines and liquor licenses, which revenue is almost entirely of local origin. In fact the money which the council has received and disbursed during the past 12 months may be said to have come in almost exclusively from Dawson. These funds, however, have been appropriated without regard to the sources from which they are derived. The single item for trails, amounting to \$105,000, covers more than one-third the gross revenues and that sum is entirely outside the amounts spent for the improvement of local streets.

There should be a clear and distinct division between the revenues derived from the town and the revenues derived from the balance of the territory. The enormous sums paid in from royalties and similar sources of revenue should be available to some extent for trail building and like purposes, and moneys derived from the town left for local improvement. These matters will never be properly adjusted as long as the Yukon council continues to act in the dual capacity of territorial and local legislative body.

There can be no argument of strength advanced against the proposition to incorporate. It should be done at the earliest possible moment.

AMERICAN PRODIGALITY.

Anyone who has watched the conduct of the American people during such a season of prosperity as the country is now passing through cannot fail to notice that we enhance our prosperity and also endanger it by prodigality. These days when work is plentiful and well paid are the ones when men refuse to labor.

For several days before the Fourth of July in this state employers of various kinds of labor were unable to fulfill their contracts because their men knocked off work and refuse to return until they had their holiday out; all over the country wheat fields are white to the harvest, and the number of laborers inadequate, not because there are not men enough to do the work, but because most of them have a few dollars which are burning in their pockets. The same thing holds in the field of domestic labor.

The truth appears to be that the American refuses to work when the lash of hunger is not actually upon him. Instead of working he spends. What actually happens during a prosperous season is that the people spend not only what they are earning day by day, but even the stores which they have accumulated painfully during seasons of stringency. In this way prosperity really becomes the advance agent of disaster and our prodigal temperaments make clear the way for more "hard

times," since they encourage us to diminish our reserve stores and thus to put ourselves at the mercy of any slight unfavorable change in conditions. When everybody is spending to the limit, as they are today, it doubtless is difficult to resist the contagion of extravagance; but the hard truth of the matter is that the time to work is when work can be had; the time to save is when money is plenty.—Seattle P. I.

The attacks made by the Boxer organization in China upon the foreign legations stationed at Peking have resulted in spreading very widely throughout the empire the feeling of hatred against foreigners of all classes. The lower classes of the Chinese are fanatics of the worst type and respond very readily to any appeal made by the professional agitators to their passions or prejudices. They regard their onslaughts upon the defenseless missionaries as a sort of religious function for which they will be duly and fittingly rewarded in the hereafter. Death met in such a cause is to them a sure admission into the heavenly regions and consequently has no terrors for them. It does not do to despise such enemies, especially when they are to be counted by the millions as in the case with the Chinese. The results which may flow from this outbreak are impossible to foresee. There is an illimitable field for speculation upon the outcome. It is, in fact, a case where the end cannot be seen until it is reached.

The political bee has already begun to buzz in the air and his humming will become more and more audible as time progresses and the day approaches when the citizens of the Yukon territory will be called upon to cast their ballots for members of the Yukon council. The question of candidates is being discussed in a lively fashion, not only among British subjects, who will be entitled to vote, but also among American citizens and others who, while being disqualified from casting a ballot are yet possessed of more or less influence among those who have that right. The greater the amount of discussion brought out, the better will be the chance of securing the best men for the important and responsible positions which, by the premier's promise, are soon to be filled. There must be no mistake made in this first election. Upon the men who are chosen, most important duties and responsibilities will devolve and a mistake in selecting weak men is certain to result disastrously.

According to the advices in our telegraphic columns to-day parliament will be prorogued on the 21st inst. Whatever legislation is contemplated for the Yukon territory, therefore, must occur directly and no more suspense or postponement should ensue.

Where Does He Get Off.

For a long time last winter and spring potatoes, unfrozen and otherwise in good condition, were held by Dawson merchants at \$1.25 per pound.

Think of it! No man, unless he has an income of fully \$2000 per month, should even think of succulent gubers when they are selling at \$1.25 per pound. He can't afford to do it without knocking down on his boss and taking a risk of spending a portion of the flower time of his manhood in the royal fuel works. However, potatoes were held for a long time at \$1.25 per pound while a potato-hungry populace ate of the evaporated brand.

Now, however, conditions have changed. Yesterday evening as a Nugget man was walking along Second avenue a grocer hailed a teamster and said:

"Say, if you want a couple of tons of old potatoes to feed your horses, I will give them to you free of charge."

"To — with you and your rotten potatoes," replied the teamster. "Another grocer gave me \$7 yesterday for hauling potatoes which I took up to my barn and am now advertising for horses to board. If you want your potatoes hauled down to the river and dumped, I will do it for \$5 per ton."

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PERSONALITIES.

A portrait of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt is to be hung beside that of his son in Vanderbilt hall at Yale.

Jules Verie does not care for notoriety, and in order to evade lion hunters he has made his home at Amiens in stead of at Paris.

James Sullivan Phillips, who died recently at Vevay, Ind., was the original of Jeems Phillips in Eggleston's "Hoosier Schoolmaster."

Burglars entered the home of Prof. A. W. Skinner of one of the Oneida (N. Y.) high schools and left his watch and money, but stole his wooden leg.

Admiral Sampson is much annoyed by requests for autographs. Though these are not so numerous as they were just after the war, they still average some 50 a week.

For the seventh time Mr. Dolliver has been nominated for congress by the Tenth Iowa district Republicans. Six of these nominations were by acclamation, a record seldom equalled.

William Claflin, who recently celebrated his 82d birthday, while governor of Massachusetts affixed his signature to the charters of Wellesley college and Boston university.

The death is announced in Paris of M. Grimaux, the eminent scientist who was dismissed from his post as professor at the Polytechnic school for having taken part in the movement to obtain a new trial for Dreyfus. M. Grimaux was 65 years of age.

Prof. Albert A. Michelson of the University of Chicago is one of the few scientists who are sailors as well. The latter quality has won him the place of commander in the Illinois naval militia and the former membership to the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, is married to a lady of an Irish family named Emmet. Mr. Botha is said to be related to Thomas Addis Emmet, the United Irish leader of 1798, and Robert Emmet, his brother, who was convicted and executed for high treason in Dublin in 1803.

A heavy burden of poetic ancestors weighs on the little son just born to the Hon. Neville Lytton, heir presumptive to the earldom of Lytton. Through his father he is grandson of Owen Meredith and great-grandson of Bulwer Lytton and through his mother great-grandson of Lord Byron and grandson of Mr. Wilfrid Blunt.

Alaska, the Wonderland.

The last news from Alaska is that immensely rich and extensive gold quartz veins have been discovered in the southeastern portion of the territory. Every year brings some new surprise from that region. At first the nation laughed at the purchase and was only reconciled by the understanding that the money paid was really intended as compensation to Russia for sending her Atlantic fleet to New York and her Pacific fleet to San Francisco when, in the civil war, the attitude of both England and France was most threatening to our country. It was understood that the admirals of both fleets had orders to report to the American secretary of the navy in case any demonstration was made against the United States by either France or England, and the people were well content to pay the purchase price of Alaska, even if it was a region dedicated to eternal frost and snow.

But it was soon discovered that with the purchase was included a great seal herd, and it is true that the money paid the government as royalty for the monopoly of seal hunting was equal to all that the government had paid for the country. Then it was discovered that the fisheries off the coast of Alaska were more valuable than those on the Grand banks, and then the fact was made clear that by the purchase a fishing grounds had been secured which would be a source of revenue and a trapping ground for American sailors for all time to come. A little later the Treadwell mine was found, which has now been a steady producer for a quarter of a century. The timber was the next find, or rather, it next began to attract attention. Last year Cape Nome began to be spoken of as a possible gold producer, and now 75,000 anxious people are impatiently waiting for the opportunity to go there. If now a great quartz field has been discovered and is awaiting exploration, it will not be strange. Indeed, people have been expecting it so long that the news that it has been found strikes upon the miner as something which was to be, as a matter of course. And the country has not been half explored. Alaska is becoming a very rare jewel in the crown of the United States.

What T'Elp?

One does not like to hear profanity—even from lips that have been touched with a live coal from the altar, but the American people would say amen if our Christian missionaries, withdrawing themselves from the Orient, would solemnly tell all the heathens of Asia to go to hell.—Ambrose Bierce in San Francisco Examiner.

Regarding Profanity.

Rev. Wright delivered an excellent sermon at the Presbyterian church last night on the prevalent sin of profanity which, aside from its wickedness, he very properly denounced as a wholly

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American Minister Conger Writes Some Interesting Chinese Information—German Cruelty.

Eleven millions of men are said to belong to the great Chinese society of Boxers, against which Uncle Sam, in connection with the great European powers, has directed armed force. This estimate was made by a Chinaman a year ago in conversation with an American who was then in China. The society of Boxers, which now stands for lawlessness, robbery and murder, was once respectable. It is a good influence gone wrong. Originally it was organized as a protest and a means of defense against the bandits with which the province of Shantung was infested. It was, in fact, a law and order league.

At that time the life and property of no honest man were safe. The bandits were not wild ruffians, such as those of Italy or the American west, but on the contrary seemed to be men of peace. By day they toiled as shoemakers, carpenters, farmers and what not, but at night they repaired to their strongholds in the mountains and from them made descents upon villages in which any man was reported to possess a store of money worth the having.

It was such attacks as this, repeated over and over again in villages through out the province, that resulted in the organization of the Boxers. But they were not called Boxers then. Their name was Ta Tao Hwei, which means "The Society of the Great Sword." More recent is the name Universal Society of Boxers, but the change signifies little. In fact, change of name among secret societies is frequent. One name is kept until an edict of suppression is issued against it, and then a new name is adopted, and the society goes on as if nothing had happened.

The present outbreak, which has smoldered for months only to start again with redoubled fury, was raised in 1890. The missions had enjoyed peace for some time and regarded the future as full of hope, but on May 10, 1891, two nuns, who were going home from a visit to some sick people, were maltreated by a mob, who charged them with bewitching children. The mission houses were plundered, and this was the signal for the renewal of the disturbances all through China. These became worse and worse, exciting more and more resentment in Europe until, at last, some German priests were murdered and the mission looted at Shantung. This was followed by the seizure by the Germans of the port of Tsin Tau.

The Shantung Chinese connected these two events and swore vengeance on the Germans, and incidentally upon all foreigners and Christians. It was at this time that the Great Sword society began to make itself obnoxious.

They had previously been proscribed by the government for local reasons and temporarily suppressed, but now they became bolder than ever and inaugurated a reign of terror throughout Shantung. Native Christians were robbed, beaten and murdered, and their houses destroyed. Many of them were forced to recant and some of the chapels were looted, but no missionaries were killed.

So bold was the action of the society and so flagrant their outrages that Yu Hsien, the governor of Shantung, was ordered to proceed against them. As has been said, he is in secret league with them and refuses to protect Christians or Confucians who refuse to yield to their tyrannical demands. He is not so far from the coast as to be beyond reach, however, and a combined force of British and American marines may teach him a lesson within the week.

United States Minister Conger, at Peking, reports that it has been apparent for a long time that the Boxers were tolerated, if they were not encouraged, at Peking and, by local mandarins, who can generally read with accuracy the sentiments of their superiors. There is no doubt that the empress dowager and her advisers shared the resentment of the common people against the foreign invaders of their country, and, while the officials have pretended to be doing everything in their power to suppress the outbreaks, they have allowed them to go on until evidently they have got beyond their control.

I realize, says Mr. Conger, that it is very unpopular position, but nevertheless there are two sides to the story of the Boxers in China. You will notice by the dispatches that there are railroad riots in the Shantung province, that

the Belgian and German railway engineers have been assaulted and are afraid of assassination and that work has been suspended on certain portions of the line now under construction. I have alluded to this matter before, and, while no one can justify assassination or approve the cowardly methods which the Boxers have adopted to revenge themselves upon the "foreign devils" that have invaded their country, they can at least plead extraordinary provocation, for the Germans and the Belgians who are constructing railroads in the Shantung province have treated the natives in a most abominable manner and have provoked the riots of which they now complain. That portion of China is one of the most densely populated sections of the earth, and the people have a desperate struggle for existence. Every inch of ground is cultivated; every straw and every sprig of vegetation is utilized in some way for the support of life. The country is divided into little farms, which are cultivated almost with a microscope, one might say, because it is necessary for the subsistence of some family, and the dead are buried in the gravel hills, where nothing can grow.

Through this country and under these conditions railways are being constructed by German and Belgian engineers who show a most brutal indifference to the rights and the property of the people. They run their lines across the farms; they tear down houses, burn villages, destroy crops, seize supplies, impress labor and treat the people in a most cruel and arbitrary manner. If the same things should occur in the United States or in Europe or in any other part of the world, they would be attended by the same results. The Boxers were organized to resist and avenge these outrages, and they use the only means within their power to punish their oppressors. A Chinaman never gets any sympathy either in America or elsewhere, and the consciousness of that fact compels him to carry on his operations with as great secrecy as possible. If the German and Belgian railroad people would treat the poor coolie farmers of the Shantung province in a just and honorable manner and give them fair compensation for the property they have taken or destroyed, there would be no need of sending fleets to the Chinese waters or demanding indemnity at the tsung-li-yamen.

Ed Bartlett and the Sheriff.

Saturday evening, W. M. Heron, of the A. C. Co., decided that in the matter of the collection of doubtful accounts, when the river is open and steamers' whistles are constantly sounding in a way to lure people down stream, it is well not to take too many chances. Acting on this decision he procured a capias warrant, and an order for the arrest of E. Bartlett, and Sheriff Eilbeck repaired, armed with these documents, to the wharf where the Cudahy was waiting in readiness to sail. He served his warrant, and Mr. Bartlett, remembering the small balance, handed over \$367.90 to balance his account with the A. C. Co.

About this time some one from the meat emporium of Burns & McDougall went down to see the steamer start, and the sight of Mr. Bartlett on the deck of the Cudahy put him in mind of the unequal figures on the ledger pages of his office. Away he rushed to procure the efficient capias, but by the time the order for arrest had been signed and an officer sent to the wharf, the Cudahy was fading into the blue distance of the beyond, and the account remains unbalanced.

"For emergencies like this," said the overworked sheriff, as he mopped the dew of violent exercise from his brow, "this department stands in much need of a swift launch. If we had had one here this summer several times the cost of it might easily have been saved." The sheriff is not the only one who believes in the need of such a vessel; many business men would be glad to second a motion that the government buy one.

Still in Our Midst.

Notwithstanding the fact that a large number of people have left Dawson for other points within the past few weeks, the man who is a reproach to everything finite and infinite is still with us. Reference is made to the male biped that thinks it smart not to have his hair cut while in this country, hoping thereby to be an object of curiosity when it returns to the home it should never have left. There may be sights which are more repulsive than the man who wears long hair, but they are not running loose among respectable people.

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Although the campaign machinery has not yet been set in motion, it is generally understood that an election will be called in the very near future for the purpose of choosing two additional members to the board of the Yukon council. One of these new members, possibly both, will be chosen from among the resident British subjects of Dawson.

Present indications are that the office will not be required to stalk abroad in quest of the man as was the case when Cincinnatus was called away from his plow where he left his oxen to stand in the furrow for 12 years, while he went to manage the affairs of Rome. On the other hand, it looks in this case as though the man is seeking the office. If there is a British subject in town who is not "in the hands of his friends" his name has not yet been reported.

The Moses who considers himself called to stand on the bridge of the local ship of state and direct her course to the borders of Prosperity is to be seen on every corner in the city. He is willing to sacrifice his personal interests and heed the cries of the suffering people: "Save us from the slough of despair into which our ship of state has been piloted and half scuttled by a piratical crew."

The only pity is that there are not 15 or 20 seats to fill on the board instead of only two, for every seat could be filled with "just the man for the position," and still leave an ample number on the outside to drop suggestive remarks about dishonesty on the part of the board.

The last few days have served to conclusively prove that Dawson is very long on just such ability as is needed in the council, as many candidates are in full bloom and others are coming to the surface like weeds in a neglected garden.

Here are, a few, all of them well-known and respected loyal sons of Britain, who are willing to offer themselves a sacrifice on the altar of political preferment, each man thinking that he has been called as the Cincinnatus of the Yukon to guide Israel out of the wilderness of graft and other prevalent abominations:

Tnos. McMullen would make a good councilman for the reason that no offensive measure would pass him unprotected.

John E. McAlpine would do his best to protect the mining interests of the district.

C. M. Woodworth would also favor just mining laws; in fact, he would favor an entire revision of the statutes.

Alex. McDonald would thoroughly fill a seat in the council as he weighs upwards of 250 pounds.

Colonel Donald McGregor would not do anything hastily; besides, he would make an excellent chairman.

Joseph Clark would make a most active member unless chloroformed by order of the chair.

E. M. Sullivan would add great weight to the body.

Attorney Auguste Noel would save his country by moving amendments.

Barney Sugrue would be entitled to the position of "speaker of the house," which position would probably come to him unsolicited.

Capt. Starnes at first might possibly forget himself and think he was conducting a coroner's inquest, but he would gradually become accustomed to the funereal air of the council room.

Dr. Catto would make a bright and shining mover of resolutions and should be given a seat near the secretary's desk.

Joseph Binet's candidacy is young but growing. He will carry the entire strength of the Madden house.

Attorney Clark is needed on the board which, in turn, needs a legal adviser.

J. B. Pattullo's legal knowledge would also be something of an innovation in the body.

"Doc" Richardson, if chosen on the board, might be a regular attendant at all meetings.

Dr. Wills would not betray any confidence reposed in him if elected.

In the above list only one candidate here and there is mentioned. A full list published would look like the "hotel arrivals" in a Chicago paper. Candidates whose names do not appear above can secure mention by calling and submitting their pedigrees for inspection. Examination private.

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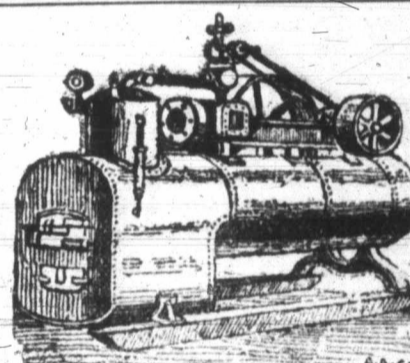
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