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PERSONAL MENTION

John Boyle and J. R. Barnes, of Juneau, who are connected with James McCloskey in mining at Atlin, arrived on the Georgia and left for Atlin this morning. Mr. McCloskey will leave for Atlin with the opening of navigation.

W. H. Fairbanks, northern manager of the Northern Commercial Company, arrived from the south on the Humboldt and will leave tomorrow for the interior.

T. A. McGowan, northern attorney for the Northern Commercial Company, arrived from the south on the Humboldt. He is on his way to Dawson.

Dr. L. S. Keller will leave for Atlin tomorrow morning on a professional and business trip. He will remain there a few weeks.

J. R. VanCleave is expected to arrive from the westward on the next boat. The Portland had not arrived at Juneau at noon today.

J. Coban, who is connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, arrived on the Princess May yesterday and left to join the Atlin branch of that institution.

A. S. Cross, the Atlin merchant, who arrived on the Princess May, returned to Atlin.

Godfrey Chealander reached Dawson Tuesday evening. He will leave there soon for Eagle and other American towns.

P. Egan, a well known member of the mounted police at Whitehorse, went south on the Princess May.

E. A. Murphy, agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, is at Whitehorse.

Harry Malone left for Juneau on the Georgia.

Frank and Ed. McDonald left on the train this morning for Whitehorse.

R. D. Pinneo returned home from Whitehorse last evening.

A. Frame, the stenographer, returned from Seattle on the Humboldt.

Deputy Marshal H. L. Johnson returned from Juneau on the Humboldt.

Stanley Seacore, the interior trader, arrived on the Humboldt.

Mrs. W. W. Boughton returned home on the Humboldt this afternoon.

Notice to Public

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THE METAL SOLDIER

[Original.]

Antoine Gaspard, a tobacconist in a small town near Paris, tired of having the wooden figure standing before his shop hacked by gamins, concluded to replace it by a metal one. Since he was to make a change he might as well get up something unique, so he went to the city and employed a young art student to design a figure for him. The artist hit upon a soldier lighting his pipe. The butt of his gun rested on the ground. With one hand he held a match; with the other shaded the flame from the wind, only there was no flame. Then a happy thought struck Gaspard. A tube was run from the pipe down through the statue and into the shop. The match was hollow and connected with the gas pipes. A movable plate covered with phosphorus was adjusted to the roughened end of the match. By means of a wire leading to the shop the plate could be pulled and the gas lighted. Gaspard sucked a rubber tube leading from the pipe, which would send forth clouds of tobacco smoke. Then he would turn off the light from the match.

When the Franco-Prussian war came on, Gaspard's son, Pierre, aged eighteen, became a French soldier. His old mother, who doted on him, begged hard for him to stay at home and weep bitter tears when he marched away. Then came the news that the Prussians were carrying everything before them and marching on Paris. One evening just after dark old Gaspard's door was flung open, and Pierre rushed in, pale, bleeding, evidently dying for his life.

"Is the place occupied by our troops?"

"No."

"Then I am lost."

"Why so?"

"I volunteered to lurk near the enemy's advance posts to gain information for our general as to which route they would take. I was discovered and pursued. In a few minutes they will be here."

"We can hide you."

"It would be useless. They will search every house in the town and burn every stick of timber in it to uncover me. My only hope was that our troops were here, and since they are not I shall be taken and hanged for a spy. I have been fired on and am wounded. I can go no farther for fear of blood."

Meanwhile the Prussian outposts, consisting of a dozen men, advanced to within half a mile of the town, where they were halted by the lieutenant in command.

"The place may be occupied by the French," he said. "We must be careful not to be drawn into a trap. You, Rattel, and you, Rubidoux, go forward. If you are shot, we shall know that the French are there. If they are not, come back and let us know."

The two men pushed forward to the very verge of the town. Across an open space they could see old Gaspard's shop, which was dimly lighted, as usual.

"Back, Rubidoux," whispered Rattel. "The place is occupied."

"How do you know?"

"I can see the figure of a soldier."

"Where?"

"There, before that little shop."

"By gar! You are right. What shall we do?"

"Return and report the matter to the lieutenant."

Back they went and reported that the French were in town. They had seen a soldier on post before a shop.

"Nonsense!" exclaimed the lieutenant. "If they were there they would have put out a picket or a vedette."

He ordered the men to spread themselves as skirmishers and move stealthily forward. When they came to the place where Rattel had discovered the soldier, they stopped, and there, true enough, he was, standing before old Gaspard's shop.

"What's he doing?" queried the lieutenant.

"He's on post," said Rubidoux. "Perhaps he's guarding the man we're after."

"You're a fool, or, rather, a coward. You wish me to abandon the pursuit of one who doubtless holds important secrets. That fellow may not be a soldier at all. Singular that he stands so still. Come, we are wasting time."

At that moment the figure in front of the shop was dimly illuminated by a tiny flame, and the Prussians could plainly see that the man was a soldier, with his gun resting on the ground and leaning against his shoulder. The flame rose and fell as of one pulling on the pipe, and smoke was also visible.

"Sacre!" exclaimed the lieutenant. "He's a soldier, after all, and where there is one there must be more. The French are not fools to occupy a town with one man. There must be at least a battalion, but they are very poor soldiers to leave no picket out here. We might capture them."

The officer decided to go back as fast as he could and reported that there was a force of the enemy in the town, with no picket out, and they might be surrounded and taken. An hour later two regiments of the line moved out. One encircled the town, while the other advanced to demand surrender. The only French soldier in the town was a metal one that had the coolness as the Prussians advanced to light his pipe.

Old Gaspard after his son's arrival had gone out to reconnoiter, and in concealment he had heard Rattel and Rubidoux converse about his statue. When they withdrew he went back, got up a team to remove his son and to gain time conceived the plan of making his soldier smoke for the Prussians. When they came in force, Pierre had just been driven away.

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