

STAMPEDE FOR GOLD

stampede. Unlike the men who inspired his verses, Service invested his money wisely. He deserved his wealth, for nobody ever captured the spirit of those far-off days of '98 better than this shy little bank clerk who wrote:

This is the Law of the Yukon, that only the Strong shall thrive;

That surely the Weak shall perish, and only the Fit survive.

Dissolute, damned and despairful, crippled and palsied and slain,

This is the Will of the Yukon—lo, how she makes it plain!

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