

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

PRINCE AND KING

Meet at Depot in Copenhagen,
Where the Former Is
Royally Received.

BOY SIPIDO SAID TO BE INSANE

Queen's Visit to Ireland Is a Con-
tinuous Ovation.

FIGHTING NEAR MAFEKING.

Plummer's Cavalry Repulsed Boer
Party Captured—Five British
Companies Taken.

(From Thursday's Daily)
Copenhagen, April 6, via Skagway,
April 12.—The Prince and Princess of
Wales, with the royal retinue, arrived
last night and were met at the depot by
King Christian and escorted by him to
the royal residence. Unbounded enthu-
siasm was manifested at the depot,
where many thousands had assembled,
and the prince was most warmly con-
gratulated on his escape from the
would-be assassin's bullets.

Sipido Insane.

Brussels, April 6, via Skagway, April
12.—Sipido, the 16-year-old boy who
fired two shots at the Prince of Wales
on the 4th, has again been interrogated
in the prison and still stoutly main-
tains his previous declaration that his
attempt on the life of the prince was to
avenge the many lives lost in the South
African war.

The accomplice of Sipido, who fur-
nished him with the pistol used, has
been discovered in the person of Arthur
Meert, a shoemaker, who has been ar-
rested.

The Independence Belge, the leading
Brussels newspaper, says Sipido is in-
sane, and that close investigation has
failed to reveal either plot or precon-
certed plans for revenge.

Ireland Honors Queen.

Dublin, April 6, via Skagway, April
12.—Last night in honor of Queen Vic-
toria there was the most magnificent
display of fireworks ever seen in Dub-
lin. The manifestations of pleasure at
the sovereign lady's visit began shortly
after her dinner in which she was
joined by Lord Lieut. Rt. Hon. Charles
O'Connor.

Owing to the great crowd upon the
streets many bold burglaries are being
committed. Last night the Countess of
Munster was robbed of jewelry to the
value of many thousand pounds, and
the mayoress of Belfast of jewelry worth
£400.

To commemorate the bravery of Irish
soldiers now in Africa the queen has
most graciously commanded the forma-
tion of a root to be designated as the
Irish Guards.

Peace Wanted.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April
12.—The Orange Free State road has ad-
journd sine die after endorsing Presi-
dent Steyn's address, which was a
prayer that the deputation from America
to Europe would succeed with the in-
fluence of other neutral powers, in
bringing about a cessation of bloodshed.

Hot Fighting.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April
12.—News from the front is that Mafe-
king is not yet relieved, but that sharp
fighting is being carried on in that
locality. On the 2d the garrison and
Plumer made an attack on the Boers at
Ramathlabama, but both were repulsed,

20 of Plumer's men being left dead on
the field and six made prisoners.

On the 5th Methuen surprised a body
of Boers, not one of whom escaped.
Gen. Villebois and seven men were
killed, eight wounded, and 50 made
prisoners.

Gen. Roberts reports five British com-
panies captured by Boers near Bethany.

King Solomon's Mines.

The Victoria Times publishes an
article concerning an African explorer
who thinks he has discovered the origi-
nal seat of King Solomon's mines. An
interesting extract from the article is
herewith appended:

"Some of the mines found by him in
this newly-opened country were dis-
covered not as prospect holes, but with
the ancient shafts intact after a
silence of perhaps 50 centuries; with
some of their rudely fashioned mining
chisels used in the digging of these
shafts, lying where the workers of
it may be 5000 years ago laid them
down and with their big dumps piled
up to be washed, thousands of years be-
fore Christ came to earth. These Mr.
de Noon believes to be the world-famed
King Solomon's mines from where the
talents of gold came in their hundreds
for the use of the wise and rich king in
building the temple of Jerusalem. These
are, he thinks, the mines of
Solomon, and Rhodesia of today is the
land of Ophir of the Bible.

"Mr. de Noon during the course of
a talk on the mines of South Africa,
ancient and modern, of wars and heroes
of wars, of Boers, Kafirs, and other
blacks, and other men and matters of
those lands, of which this fore-runner
of civilization and pioneer prospector is
fully qualified to speak, said that
though he was always reticent in pro-
claiming such a belief—being not too
strongly versed in scientific lore, and
fearing the questioning of disbelievers—
he verily believed that these mines
which he has located in what today the
map makers name after Rhodes are
situated in that identical land of Ophir
to which the ships of Hiram's navy
went for the golden stores of King Solom-
on's mines. They came from the south,
says the historian of the Bible
in telling of how Hiram's ships went
for the cleaup, and Mr. de Noon be-
lieves this coming from the south re-
fers to the trip up the east coast of
Africa to Sofala bay, where, according
to legends, traditions, and what infor-
mation can be gleaned from the natives,
was evidently the landing port of the
fleet.

"Many things point to this, firstly,
no gold has been found in Madagascar
or in India, therefore it was to Africa
that the ships came, and to the land of
Ophir. Another link in the chain of
circumstantial evidence connecting the
visit of the punk-like flotilla of Hiram
to Sofala bay, the Portuguese harbor, on
the East African coast is that not far
from Baita, the growing town on Sofala
bay which is the terminus for the Beira
and Fort Salisbury railway, one of the
recently projected lines of Cecil Rhodes
to feed the Cape to Cairo railway, are
many ruined ancient towns, now sunken
beneath the earth, but lay by day more
of their columns of little granite blocks
and falling buildings and terraces are
being unearthed by the archeologist and
traveler. Every day more evidence is
being brought to light that thousands
of years ago, these were cities of the
much sought for land of Ophir.

"For at least a strip of 100 miles in
Portuguese territory and Ghasiland
these ancient villas are to be found, and
in Rhodesia they are being discovered
throughout a territory ranging for over
400 miles, together with numbers of
these pre-historic mines such as has
been located by Mr. de Noon. There is
no doubt about the fact, in his opinion,
that this is the land of Ophir, and the
mines are those of King Solomon."

From the Outside.

Mr. W. L. Siegel, who made such a
fast trip out to Bennett earlier, in the
winter, arrived yesterday with three
horse sleds loaded to their fullest
capacity with steam fittings and brass
goods for the A. E. Co. The consign-
ment includes everything that has been
short in town, in that line, during the
winter, so that with the stock previously
on hand they now have the most com-
plete line of fittings and brass goods
ever carried in Dawson.

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John
Miles, plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. David-
son and J. H. Davidson, defendants,
which involves a half interest in the
hillside claim, left limit, opposite the
lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch, is
still on trial in the territorial court.
This morning James McKenzie, Edgar
J. Hayward, Samuel G. Edwards, Ter-
ence M. McManus, Robert M. Swanson
and Austin M. Gibbs testified on be-
half of the plaintiffs. The action will
not be concluded before tomorrow.

RECORDS CLOSED

Assistant Gold Commissioner J.
R. Bell Refuses Informa-
tion to the Press

CONCERNING OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A Policy of Secrecy Has Been
Inaugurated.

UNSATISFACTORY INTERVIEW.

The Public Is Deprived of Truthful
Reports Concerning Matters
of Vital Interest.

During the past six months the Klon-
dike Nugget has endeavored to publish
for the benefit of the public a synopsis
of the business which has been transac-
ted daily at the gold commissioner's
office. The information has related to
grants for placer and quartz claims, ap-
plications and grants for water rights,
protests and decisions which have been
filed in regard to disputed mining prop-
erty, and records of transfers. Such
items of general interest have been ob-
tained from the clerks who are in
charge of the respective divisions of
the office.

In this territory, comprised exclusi-
vely of mineral resources, the department
of the gold commissioner is the most
important branch of the governmental
service; for it affects directly the wel-
fare of every resident of the country.
The people, as a matter of course, are
interested in the methods and manner
in which the commissioner and his
clerical force transact their official busi-
ness. The inhabitants of the district
are governed in their conduct, and their
efforts are directed by the decisions and
regulations which emanate from this
particular department, whose daily rec-
ord of routine affairs is indicative of
the territory's development and progress.

On February 16th, of this year, As-
sistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell
arrived in Dawson. Soon afterwards he
entered upon the performance of the
duties which appertain to his position.
He exercises exclusive control of all
business connected with the office, ex-
cepting the trial and adjudication of
cases which involve disputes respecting
mineral claims; this judicial division
of the department is managed by Com-
missioner Senkler.

The Nugget has always been very
careful to confine itself exclusively to
the truthful publication of that business,
which has been transacted in the office
and which might prove of interest to
the public. Until recently neither the
people nor the government officials ob-
jected to such publication.

This morning, however, when the
representative of the paper requested the
usual information, he was told by the
several clerks that they had been forbid-
den to disclose anything of an official
nature to newspaper men. The young
gentleman who has charge of the record
of transfers showed to the reporter a
written order from Assistant Commis-
sioner Bell which directed all of the
employees to refuse information to press
representatives. Thereupon, the reporter
visited Mr. Bell and addressed to him
the following question:

"Commissioner, what is the reason
for the issuance of your order to the
clerks this morning respecting informa-
tion requested by newspaper men?"

Mr. Bell, before replying, hesitated a
moment, and then said:

"Well, I have reasons of my own for
withholding official information. I am
in control of this office, and I shall en-
deavor to control it myself. Where's
your commission to ask questions? Let
me see your commission?" he made
these inquiries somewhat excitedly, but
without waiting for any answers he hur-
riedly continued, "I shall enforce such
orders as I deem fit. I am going to run
my office for the benefit of the public,
and against the newspapers."

As he concluded his somewhat discon-
nected remarks, he abruptly left the
room.

Later in the morning a representative

of the Nugget called upon the assistant
commissioner again, and a request was
made for the right to see the record of
transfers. Mr. Bell refused. The official
was reminded that such records were
public. The Nugget man was conduct-
ed into the general office, where the
assistant commissioner pointed to sev-
eral very large books, and said:

"Those registers contain the records;
examine them for yourself," and then
he quickly retired to his private room.

The press representative started to
open one of the volumes when a clerk
interrupted by asking what was wanted.
The newspaper man replied by inquir-
ing if it were possible to ascertain the
recent transfers from the registers.
"No," the young man answered, "the
process is impracticable. Though the
transfers are entered in those registers,
you could only discover such entries
after an incalculable amount of search."

Police Court.

The case of Gustav Boyard, the man
who was first before the court on Mon-
day on the charge of living off the
earnings of dissolute women, has not
yet been disposed of and will be fur-
ther tried on Saturday morning until
which time he was remanded this morn-
ing.

Tomorrow being Good Friday, Magis-
trate Scarth announced that there will
be no court on that day.

Making Good Time.

A telegram dated at Selkirk yesterday
evening at 5:30 o'clock from Lieut. S.
E. Adair stated that he had just reached
that place, and was feeling in excellent
shape for the remainder of the journey.
The lieutenant, with T. G. Wilson, left
Dawson Sunday morning and the fact
that they reached Selkirk on the fourth
day out is evidence that they are not
lingering by the wayside to study the
effect of the sun's rays on the ice.

U. S. Army Disgraced.

Nearly everyone is more or less con-
versant with the history of the Coeur
D'Alene, Idaho, mining troubles, and
with the fact that the case in behalf
of the participants has been carried to the
United States supreme court at Wash-
ington, D. C., where it is now being
heard. Some startling evidence has
been adduced, the following being sent
out in a Washington telegram of recent
date:

"J. L. Simpkins, electrical engineer
at Wardner, Idaho, testified in the
Coeur D'Alene investigation today.
He said he did not participate in the
riot, but soon after that event, was ar-
rested by a squad of United States troops
who went about the streets arresting
those persons pointed out by Bunker
hill mine spotters. Two spectators on
the streets who stopped to see the sol-
diers and their prisoners were promptly
arrested and put in with the other
prisoners. The witness said one of the
prisoners, a Swede, was taken with a
fit, whereupon a negro soldier struck
him senseless with the butt of his gun.
The corporal of the guard came, and
turning over the fallen man said: 'I
guess you fixed that fellow all right.'
Simpkins said one of the prisoners was
robbed of \$90.

"One of Simpkins' recitals caused
something of a sensation. He said he
was taken from the 'bull-pen' by a
squad of four soldiers and marched to
an open enclosure where he was placed
with his back against a building. The
soldiers stepped back and cocked their
guns, apparently making ready to shoot
him. At this point, he said, a high
official of the Bunker hill mine ap-
peared, and said they had evidence
enough to hang the witness or send him
up for many years, but if he could tell
who blew up the mill he would be
turned loose. Simpkins said he pro-
tested that he did not know who the
guilty parties were, and the effort to
get evidence from him was finally
given up.

"Witness stated that at another time,
while in the 'bull-pen,' a party came to
him and said he was authorized by an
official to offer him \$10,000 to impli-
cate two persons in blowing up the
mill. The party said it did not matter
much who were implicated, but the
names of certain miners and the county
assessor were given, as the most desired
to implicate, for the purpose, witness
said, of hanging them or getting them
out of the country. He said he after-
wards learned that the assessor had
trouble with the Bunker hill mine over
their assessment.

"Witness detailed an interview with
an army officer, in which the latter de-
clined to permit a priest to be sum-
moned to one of the prisoners who was
dying, and also refused to allow him to
communicate with his partner as to the
disposition of his property."

More Men Fruit.

Boatman and Carmac arrived with
two heavily loaded sleighs of cased
eggs for the Easter festival. They ar-
rived in good condition and are claimed
to be unfrozen.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

ALPHA'S TRICK

She Sails From Vancouver in
Bold Defiance of U. S.
Customs Regulations.

SHE WILL SURELY COME TO GRIFF.

Dewey Out for Presidency and
Scored by Papers.

JOSE CHILDREN IN COURT.

Fifty Steamboat Men Reach Skag-
way—A Heavy Business Is
Predicted.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7, via Skag-
way, April 12.—The steamer Alpha
sailed yesterday for Nome with 386
passengers in open defiance of the U.
S. customs regulations. The secretary
of the treasury had wired to enforce the
regulations against the steamer, and
she will not be permitted to land at an
American port. She will probably be
seized, brought back and confiscated.
Nome will not be made a sub-port.

Hot Shot for Dewey.

Washington, April 7th, via Skagway,
April 12.—Admiral Dewey has an-
nounced himself a candidate for the
presidency, presumably on the Demo-
cratic ticket, and the hot shot he is get-
ting from the papers is warmer than
that he received from the Spanish.

Kansas City Fire.

Kansas City, April 6, via Skagway,
April 12.—The building in which the
Democratic national convention would
have convened on July 4th was last
night destroyed by fire; loss \$400,000.
It will be rebuilt at once.

Children in Court.

Seattle, April 7th, via Skagway, April
12.—Mrs. A. M. Jose who has lately
been divorced from her husband, who
is a rich Klondiker, has a suit on for
the recovery of her children. A wit-
ness in the case, James Flood, was ar-
rested for perjury. When the officer
produced handcuffs Flood said: "No,
you don't," and fled. The officer fired
two shots after him, but he escaped,
only to be arrested later.

Steamboat Men Coming.

Skagway, April 12.—Fifty steamboat
men have arrived here in the past two
days from lower points and are going
on to Bennett and other inside points.
It is generally believed that naviga-
tion will this year open fully three
weeks earlier than last.

Three big companies, the Klondike
Trading Co., Klondike Gold Fields
and Bennett Lake Nav. Co., have or-
ganized in London as Klondike Cor-
porations, Ltd., and promises big things
for the coming season. They believe
that more freight will come this way
this season than all the river steamers
can handle.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, who left Bennett
for this city over two weeks ago with a
dog team, is expected daily to arrive at
the end of his journey. Should he
reach Dawson between now and Sun-
day, and is not too much fatigued from
the journey, he will probably occupy
Rev. Wright's pulpit on that day.

Rev. Sinclair, having been for a long
time in charge of the Skagway Pres-
byterian mission, has hosts of friends
from there who will be pleased to meet
him in Dawson. While here he will
establish several missions on the creek
which he will return to Clouseleigh and
organize a Presbyterian congregation
and erect a church, the Clouseleigh
townsite company having presented a
fine lot for this purpose. The company
will also give material aid in the erec-
tion of the church building.

Nels Peterson Telegraphs.

T. M. Daniels is in receipt of a tele-
gram from Nels Peterson stating that
he had left Seattle Wednesday last on
his way to Dawson. He reports the
affairs of the company to be in excellent
shape with every indication of a prop-
erous season.