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## KRUGER'S REPLY

To Lord Salisbury's Refusal to Grant Terms of Peace.

WILL INSIST ON INDEPENDENCE.

City of Johannesburg to Be Blown to Pieces.

RAILROADS ARE RE-BUILT.

Lord Methuen Occupies the Town of Boshof and Returns to Kimberley—Yukon River Posts

London, March 16, via Skagway, March 20.—A dispatch from Pretoria announces that Lord Salisbury's reply to the peace proposals of President Kruger and Steyn has been received at the Transvaal capital. The document is now under consideration and an elaborate answer is being prepared. The document will deny the right of Great Britain to any foothold in the two republics. It will state that the occupation of Natal and other British territory by the Boers was for strategic purposes only with the view of prolonging the war as much as possible. The firm determination of both the Orange Free State and the Transvaal to fight to the bitter end will also be expressed. The Boers have also stated their determination to blow up and entirely demolish the city of Johannesburg provided that the fortunes of war require its destruction. The town is already underlain with mines for this purpose. In the event of the abandonment of Johannesburg all the Boer forces will be concentrated around Pretoria for the defense of the capital.

The Ladysmith railroad is rapidly being rebuilt, and the repairs will soon be completed. Meanwhile, the British advance along the Orange river is being pushed as rapidly as possible, the Boers gradually being driven back. The enemy still hold the Bethulie bridge and sharp skirmishing is in progress there. Roberts is awaiting the arrival of rolling stock for the transportation of troops. Lord Methuen, after a short campaign in which the occupation of Boshof in the Orange Free State was accomplished has returned to Kimberley.

### Sixty Army Buildings.

Washington, D. C., March 16, via Skagway, March 20.—The war department has called for bids for the construction of 60 army buildings on the Yukon river in Alaska. The posts will be located along the river at intervals between St. Michael and Fort Egbert. Companies of infantry will be located at Nome, St. Michael and Valdez.

### Burned for Witchcraft.

Wrangel, Feb. 22.—United States Commissioner Fred Tustin recently sentenced

Tin Cow, the Kake Indian doctor, to six months in Sitka jail, and a fine of \$200.

Several weeks ago Tin Cow, as a medicine man, declared that a 14-year-old lad of the tribe, was bewitched, and that as long as the boy lived disaster and death would attend the tribe. Accordingly, a council of the Indian families was called and it was decided to burn the boy alive. The victim was taken to the woods, but before the deed was performed there arose a dissension among them, with the result that it was deemed advisable to try the witch test.

This test is that two members of the accused person's family should spend three days in the woods, and with rice and bait catch a rat alive. This rat is then taken to the Indian village and in whichever house the rat may run, there will the witch be found.

Before this test was resorted to the boy, while in confinement, blew out his brains.

The news of the affair was brought to Wrangel by Indians sent by the missionary at Kake village, 100 miles distant. Deputy United States Marshal Grant and United States Commissioner Tustin chartered the steamer Farnoff for Kake, and brought Tin Cow and his two sons here.

The Indians are so much afraid of Tin Cow that, had the commissioner permitted it, they would gladly have paid for his freedom.

This is the third death within a year that has occurred at Kake village, all of whom deaths are said to be attributed to the evil workings of this old medicine man.

### Newark's Big Fire.

New York, Feb. 27.—The greatest fire Newark, N. J., ever experienced swept through the retail dry goods district tonight destroying a score or more buildings. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The fire destroyed W. V. Snyder's department store, at Broad and Cedar streets, and its stock, worth \$500,000; a building adjoining, occupied by J. M. Mantz and others; T. B. Allen's confectionery store, C. B. Peddie's trunk store, the rear of David Strauss' department store and L. S. Plautz' dry goods store, W. T. Rae's jewelry store, P. J. Carrigan's drug store, and a number of small stores and Bierman's pawnshop.

Four firemen were buried under a wall at the rear of Snyder's, which fell with a terrific crash. Capt. Walter Harrison and fireman Thomas Brown were taken out unconscious and may be fatally injured. The other two firemen were severely injured.

### Big Crowd for Nome.

Spokane, Feb. 27.—The Cape Nome gold fever has taken deep root in this section, and as a result it is estimated that Spokane alone will send 200 men up north this spring. Henry and Gus Seiffert are preparing to go to Nome with a party of 20, and carrying 100 tons of freight. Gus Seiffert was at the Cape last year, and secured a number of valuable locations on Dexter, Buster, Basin and No Gold creeks, and also six locations at Cape York, making 16 locations in all. The following have signified their intention of going with them: Dave O'Neil, Dr. M. A. Clark, William McFadden, Mites and Tom McNally, Fred Fairweather, Karl Massey, Mr. Franckenthal, James W. Young, William Berriman and Fred Gates. Joe Warren is arranging to go to the Cape; also Sol Warren and son, Edmund Hayes and Mr. Skidmore will take up a \$10,000 stock of gents' furnishings goods.

"Deep Creek" Jones and party make up another group to go in. Harry Green will take up a large party to run a variety theater and gambling house. He has purchased a boat to transport his crowd. The Green investment will be nearly \$100,000. The Seifferts own the Elk hotel and reception saloon at Nome, and they are now having a large warehouse built at Seattle which they will take up with them. Spokane capital will play an important part in the new gold fields this season.

### Irishmen Meet.

A meeting of Irishmen was held at the Butler restaurant on St. Patrick's night. A resolution was passed favoring a speedy and peaceful termination of the war in South Africa, also advocating the collection of subscription for the relief of the sick and wounded. Home rule for Ireland was also discussed and a resolution in favor thereof passed.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

For gentle slumber try the Fairview.

## DAWSON PLAYS

Are Now Being Very Liberally Patronized By the Theatrical Public.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS ARE GOOD.

The Palace Grand Theater Re-opened Last Night

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM.

New People Assume Control of the Grand—"Captain Impudence" at the Orpheum.

Both play houses were well patronized last night. The managements are endeavoring to excel in the production of creditable entertainment. At each place, the show was exceptionally good, and no one could find fault with the quality of amusement.

The Palace Grand theater is reopened under new management. The proprietors are Messrs. J. G. Crowley, E. H. Port, James J. West and J. W. Pratt. John Mulligan is stage manager, and Fred Creese is leader of the orchestra. Those who are interested in the theatrical venture are men of experience in the profession, and no doubt their united efforts to render popular this place of amusement will be successful. Certainly the present week's entertainment is all that could be desired, and unquestionably it will be rewarded by the liberal patronage which it really merits. Mr. Ed Dolan and Miss Garrette are two clever specialists who recently arrived over the ice, and who made their initial appearance at the Palace Grand last night. The program is comprised of many excellent numbers.

The opening piece was a laughable burlesque, entitled "Cupid's Antics," which was given in a most excellent manner. The skit served to introduce 12 people on the stage. The boxing turn between Jacqueline and Mulligan was ludicrous in the extreme. Maddoleon performed a contortion act, and though the public is accustomed to this actress, her work is so well executed that it is always interesting. Miss Alice Fairbanks is a comely blonde, who danced to perfection. May Walker in a neat suit of male attire, was very entertaining. Eveine, who has not been seen on a local stage for a long while, made her reappearance; her form and features are as pleasing as ever.

The regular olio contained many special features. Ed Dolan is an artist whom the management are fortunate in securing. He is a good singer, and his work is above criticism. As the program truthfully asserts, "this turn alone is well worth the price of admission." Miss Garnette is a slack wire performer, and her novel act evidences great proficiency in this line of work. The fact that she has a fair face and symmetrical form is likewise commendable. J. Leo Shaw is a wonder on the trapeze; his feats in mid air are marvelous. Conchita appeared, as usual to goon advantage. Mulligan and Linton were given a hearty welcome, and their turn was received with great applause by the audience. The other specialists who took creditable parts in the olio were the Browning Sisters, May Miner, Emma Hull, Jacqueline and Dick Maurettus.

The entertainment concluded with "Muldoon's Picnic," an Irish farce comedy in two acts.

At the Orpheum, the evening's performance commenced with the production of "Captain Impudence," a drama in five acts. The play is a romance of the Mexican war, and afforded the performers excellent opportunities for good acting. Paul Boardman ably assumed the role of Captain Shields. To Dot

Pyne is due great credit for the artistic manner in which she delineated the character of Jovita Talamanca, a Mexican maiden. She only received the manuscript of her part on Sunday, yet her lines were read without hesitation, and her acting could not have been excelled by anyone. Miss Pyne took the place of Miss Blossom, who is confined to her room by reason of illness resulting from an unfortunate accident.

Saturday evening Blossom was affected with heart trouble, and by mistake spirits of ammonia were administered to her, instead of the proper medicine; her lips and mouth were badly burned, and her sufferings are very painful. She will not resume her place in the cast at the Orpheum until next week. Julia Wolcott successfully essayed the part of Mrs. General Triggs, an American widow. Jessie Forrester appeared as Senora Talamanca. Daisy D'Avara played Lucretia Bugg, an American girl. The character of Sister Martha, a nun, was portrayed by Mammie Hightower. Alf Layne was cast in the role of Major Buggs. The others who assisted in the successful production, were Robert Lawrence as Genaro Mendoza, a Mexican gentleman, A. B. Clark as Sergeant Tatters, Billy Mullen in the dual roles of Senor Talamanca and Col. Greto, and Tom Rooney as Jim, a colored servant.

The olio was excellent. Miss Cecil Marion rendered two vocal selections. Beatrice Lorne delighted the audience with her sweet singing. The Drummond Sisters performed a very clever acrobatic turn. Nellie Forsythe was enthusiastically received, and her songs were loudly applauded. Rooney and Forrester appeared in team work, and acquitted themselves well. Paul Boardman has a very entertaining act which he performs in an artistic manner. Billy Mullen introduces singing and dancing.

### Court-Martialed.

Hon. Dr. Borden, minister, received a report from Col. Otter giving details of the court-martial of three members of the Royal Canadian regiment at Madder river for having been asleep while on sentry duty. The sergeant in charge of the post, who was one of the culprits, was severely reprimanded, one of the privates was admonished, and the third was sentenced to eight days' confinement.

### The Creek Road.

Mr. J. C. Shafer, of Gold Bottom, arrived in the city between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, having left his home at 3 o'clock in order to get over the road before today's thaw set in. As he brought a horse and sled for the purpose of taking back a load of freight he will start on the return some time after midnight in order to reach home tomorrow morning before King Sol gets high. The sudden breaking up of the creek roads has overtaken many who were wholly unprepared for it and who entertained the belief that travel would be good yet for a month or more.

### Water Rights.

Ahan R. Joy has received a 10-year's grant for 200 inches of water to be diverted from the upper end of 3 below on Bonanza, and to be used on the benches and hillsides of Cheechako bill.

A grant for four years has been issued to E. B. Newman for 60 inches of water to be diverted by running a ditch a half of a mile in length to the rear of is bench claim on the left limit, second tier, opposite 7 below on Bonanza. aid water to be used on said bench claim.

Norris Lassen has applied for a five years' grant for 200 inches of water to be diverted 2000 feet from the mouth of the pup entering Last Chance at 8 above discovery. Said water to be used on the bench claim, left limit, third tier, opposite 8 above on Last Chance.

Robert Green, of Green's grocery is preparing to move his store, from the old location on No. 5 to No. 6, just opposite the Dewey.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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## BURSTED SCHEME

Col. Jas. Domville's Klondike-Stewart Pioneer's Company Is Smashed.

HIS BAD MANAGEMENT THE CAUSE.

Voluntary Liquidation Is Agreed Upon By Shareholders.

NAME LARGER THAN BUSINESS

The Colonel Was to Elevate this District From the Slough of Despond, But He Didn't.

London, March 16, via Skagway, March 20.—The Klondike-Stewart Pioneer Company, Limited, which was organized here the winter of 1897 by Col. James Domville, Canadian, has been broken up and has retired from business without ever attaining the ends predicted by its visionary organizer. The company was made up of wealthy capitalists of this city who assert that Domville's mismanagement has ruined it; and they were all pleased to get by agreeing to voluntary liquidation.

(By referring to the files of the Klondike Nugget it is found that Col. James Domville first arrived in Dawson on the 8th day of July, 1898, at which time he was described as "The most prominent visitor Dawson has ever had." At that time the colonel was a member of parliament from the county of King, New Brunswick, but his journey to Dawson was one of business rather than in the capacity of a statesman. He came as the head and general factotum of the Klondike-Stewart Pioneer, Ltd., which he represented as being of great wealth and resources. His company had a 35 miles timber grant on the Pelly river, where a saw mill was then in operation; the steamer James Domville, now a wreck in Thirtymile river, was also one of the assets of the company which then, according to the loquacious colonel, intended branching out until it had covered nearly every money making proposition in the district. Saw mills were to be operated in stocks and dross, and the Klondike-Stewart Pioneer, Ltd. was to become a power in the land. Although here purely in a business capacity, the New Brunswick statesman talked incessantly on needed legislation for the district, and explained at length what would be his attitude on again taking his official seat at Ottawa. He would see to it that the iniquitous royalty law was repealed at once, as it was a hardship which must be no longer imposed on the miner. The crown reservation of claims was another evil which the colonel would annihilate immediately upon his arrival at Ottawa, and laws making the Yukon a miner's paradise would be passed at his instigation. Late in the fall of '98 the colonel returned to the outside. At Skagway,

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## Boys on the Creeks

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