

## A CHANGE OF BASE!

Ladysmith to Be Attacked From New Direction.

COLONEL STEELE WILL COMMAND

Lord Strathcona's Troop of Horse in the Transvaal.

Desperate Bravery Exhibited by British Officers in Storming a Boer Stronghold—The Fords of Modder River Impassable From Rains.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

London, Feb. 8, via Skagway, Feb. 14.—The delays which have attended Buller's advance upon Ladysmith have given rise to the suggestion that he may have determined to attempt an approach upon Ladysmith by another route than the one thus far taken. Buller's army is now in splendid marching order and such a change as suggested could easily be made. A report has reached Capetown that Buller has recrossed the Tugela preparatory to carrying this idea into effect.

Lieut.-Col. Steele Will Command.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—It is reported here that Lieut.-Col. Steele has been offered and has accepted the command of the Strathcona contingent.

Desperate Bravery.

Capetown, Jan. 23.—The Times publishes details of the recent sortie from Mafeking, news of which reached here several days ago. The men of the party which attacked the Boer fort attempted to scale the walls, but were shot down.

Captains Vernon and Paton were shot as they had their hands in loopholes of the fort firing their revolvers at the enemy inside. Finding it impossible to capture the place, the British troops retired slowly and doggedly.

Modder Fords Impassable.

Modder River, Jan. 20.—Rains in the Free State have raised the Modder river three feet, and as there is a strong current, it is impossible to use the fords. The only means of transit is by the pontoon bridges.

A mounted Boer picket was seen after daybreak a mile beyond the left front of our picket line in the direction of Drosmead. There were eight men in the party. They spread out over a distance of 200 yards and were very quick and successful in their scouting work, taking advantage of every particle of cover. As soon as the day broke they disappeared.

Kicked Out.

London, Jan. 20.—A London stock broker who refused to agree to hold his clerk's position provided the clerk volunteered for service in South Africa was hoisted and kicked out of the stock exchange today.

Boer Envoy Confident.

New York, Jan. 26.—A special to the World from Brussels says:

"Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal envoy, said today: I am as confident as ever of the ultimate triumph of our cause. A temporary success of British arms would merely have the effect of infusing fresh vigor into our men and strengthening their determination to hold out at whatever cost.

"While the actual fighting strength of both forces is only now about equal, England might even double her army now in South Africa without crushing our power of resistance. But, however, resolved to continue the struggle, we have been desirous to take advantage of any turn in affairs which might leave the door open to terms of honorable settlement."

On Biblical Lines.

Lourenco Marques, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 25.—President Kruger has

issued a proclamation calling upon all burghers to take up arms and march to the front. He has also sent out a circular to the Boer generals, commanders, and burghers urging them to trust in the Lord, and to show energy in the war against the British. He says:

"Through the blessing of the Lord our great cause has been carried to such a point that with energy we may expect a successful issue. Read Psalm xxxiii. The enemy have fixed their faith on Psalm lxxxiii. Do not forget the enemy. Create devastation wherever your go in Cape Colony. They seize, sell, or destroy the goods of the Afrianders. In the Free State they lay waste farms."

President Kruger likens the destructiveness of the British to an attack of the devil on Christ's church, and says: "I am searching the entire Bible and can find no other way possible than that adopted by us. We must continue to fight in the name of the Lord."

The Volksstem makes a suggestion that the entire gold mining industry of the Transvaal should be destroyed beyond the possibility of remedy the instant the British cross the border.

(Psalm 33 is the well-known hymn of praise to the Lord for his goodness, beginning: "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous." Psalm 83 is the song of Asaph, in which occurs the verse: "They have said, 'Come and let us cut them off from being a nation.'"—ED.)

A Clayson Theory.

Victoria, Jan. 24.—News was brought in by the steamer Tees to the effect that the missing Clayson party may be found among a crowd of stampedees who are said to have gone up the Big Salmon river. The report states that Lue Kessler, a Klondiker, arrived in Skagway and reported the stampede which is said to have taken place about the time the Clayson party disappeared.

Dog Thieves Abroad.

Sergeant Wilson of the N. W. M. P., is authority for the statement that many dogs have been and are being stolen in the city these days and are being sold to parties going to Nome, or taken on the same trip by the party stealing them. Very few of the cases find their way to the police court, as the parties losing the dogs realize that the animals may be 100 or more miles away and the chances for their recovery or detention of the parties taking them are not good. Sergeant Wilson says there is scarcely a day that he is not called upon to listen to tales of woe concerning stolen dogs, and where there is a possibility of the canines still being in the city he is always ready to assist in their recovery and return to the rightful owner. But in the majority of cases the dog is either kept closely hidden or is off on the trip down the river very shortly after being stolen.

Persons owning valuable dogs—any old dogs—will do well to suspend household rules and permit their dogs to sleep under the bed for the next two or three weeks, after which time the rush to Nome by the "Boreas" route will be off for this year.

Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 33.5 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the instrument registered 32 degrees below.

This noon, the thermometer at the barracks recorded 31 degrees below.

Persons Inquired For.

Inquiries are made for M. L. English, formerly of Oskaloosa, Iowa, by his sister of the same place. Last heard from at Lynn Canal, July 9th, '98, and was then en route for Dawson. Address C. Lighton, Wade Creek, Alaska.

Thomas Graham Patterson; last heard from Aug. 11th, '98; inquiries made by C. S. Reed, chief of police, Seattle, Wash.

Michel Lane was around Dawson in the spring of '99, and is asked for by Bridget Lane, Milan, Rock Island county, Illinois.

Stanton Gantz, inquiries made by Wm. B. Alwood, Blacksburg, Va., U. S. A.

## PLAGUE IS RAGING!

Creates Consternation in Honolulu.

DESPERATE REMEDIES ARE BEING TAKEN

To Prevent Further Spread of the Dread Disease.

New Theory Advanced for Disappearance of the Clayson Party—Thought to Have Gone on Stampede Up Salmon River.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—According to advices received by the steamer Miowera, which arrived this morning from the South seas, the plague at Honolulu is assuming far more serious dimensions than it was ever dreamed of. Up to the time the Miowera sailed the death list had amounted to 38 in all, and of these one of the victims was a white woman who, according to all reports, was of the most cleanly habits.

The city of Honolulu is panic stricken and other islands of the group are greatly excited. Inter island shipping is at a standstill and matters are becoming serious in regard to the food supply. The people of the town of Hilo, which as stated in these columns is in future to be the port of call for the horse transports of the United States, refuses to allow the steamers from Honolulu to land there, threatening to drive them back by force of arms should they attempt to come in.

Steamers are still arriving from Japan with full loads of Japanese immigrants, and the throng at the quarantine stations is growing to enormous proportions. The steamer Yorihime Maru arrived when the Miowera was in port with over five hundred on board. This crowd increased the horde at quarantine to nearly four thousand.

Mr. R. Seabrook did not return from the islands by the Miowera. It is expected he will return via San Francisco, as steamers are carrying passengers to that port, on condition that they go into quarantine for two weeks prior to sailing.

A number of passengers are said to be coming to the coast by sailing ship.

Yukon Agriculture.

Vice Consul Morrison of Dawson City, sends a report on the results of agricultural experiments, written by a resident of that city, which reads in part as follows, says the Scientific American "Grain has done exceptionally well, being well-filled, and I see no reason why it should not be extensively and successfully grown here.

"So far as my observations go, the climate here is as suitable for raising winter wheat as in any place in the northwestern or the northern states of America. From my experience of the last two years I see no reason why this country should not be able to produce its own vegetables and grains.

"As for flowers, the success I have had proves that all hardy annuals will do well. The coming year I intend planting several hundred hybrid roses; also summer flowering bulbs, a large variety of other hardy and half hardy annuals, and some of the hardy perennials. Small fruit, such as strawberries, currants, blackberries and raspberries, cranberries, and blueberries grow wild here."

The Probst Benefit.

Sunday evening, February 25th, is the time which has been selected to give the concert for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. The Palace Grand theater has been secured for the purpose. A few of the leading actors and actresses have volunteered their services, and Chief Stewart of the

fire department earnestly requests the co-operation of others.

Mr. Probst is now on the department payroll. His salary amounts to \$150 per month, which sum merely pays his hospital expenses. He has a wife and family on the outside, who are dependent upon him for a livelihood, and the profits accruing from the benefit, will go towards their maintenance and support.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Billie McCrea and Baron Spitzel have withdrawn from the synagogue gambling house. Mr. McCrea is reported to be contemplating a trip outside.

The Nome fever has broken out among the sons of Ham in Dawson with the result that Lieutenant Adair's cook will leave tomorrow with four other pilgrims for the land of the golden beach.

Ed Sullivan has decided to dispose of his interest in the Dewey hotel. The fine opportunities for doing business at this point will certainly commend this purchase to any prospective purchaser. Sullivan and Cavanaugh have made the Dewey extremely popular.

In Tuesday's report of the meeting held Monday night in McDonald hall, it was stated that "Mr. Clark, of the firm of Ackerman and Clark," acted as secretary. The gentleman to whom the reporter intended to refer is Mr. J. A. Clarke, of the firm of Macfarlane & Clarke.

Max Endleman admits he was struck by lightning the other night, but says the shock was only temporary. He may leave for Nome, but will still retain his same interest in the Gold Hill hotel and the same game where he met with his slight reverse. Dame Fortune smiled on him Tuesday night to the extent of \$2000 in two short sessions.

A hot time is anticipated by the sports tonight at Ford's gymnasium. There will be a ten round go between Jones and McMurray, two ambitious welders of "de mites" and rumor has it that they will soak each other with jabs, upper cuts and swings. A ring has been put up to accommodate the pugs and all the accessories necessary for the go has been secured.

The Yukon Theosophists held their usual well attended weekly meeting last evening; the entertainment commenced with the reading by request of a paper on reincarnation, the discussion of which occupied so much interesting time that the main subject of the evening, "The moulding power of thought," will be again discussed at the meeting on next Wednesday evening.

Yesterday Tom Chisholm and Miss Bernice Croft were on their way from Grand Forks to Dawson. They were traveling with Tom's fastest team of dogs, and were attempting to break the trail record. At the mouth of Bonanza, the dog team collided with the stage; the animals broke loose from their fastenings and came to town. Chisholm and Miss Croft were compelled to continue to Dawson on foot.

A telegram received this morning by Lieut. S. E. Adair from Dr. J. Allan Hornsby states that the latter intends coming to Dawson in a few weeks. For the past 18 months, Dr. Hornsby has been employed by the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co., as assistant physician and surgeon in which capacity he was most successful. On the treatment of disease by electricity Dr. Hornsby has published several works and is recognized authority on that subject. He does not state whether or not he will practice his profession in Dawson.

The Tuesday Night Dance.

A social dance was given at the McDonald hall on Tuesday night. A large number of people were present and all enjoyed a good time. The affair was under the management of Prof. Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majuy's orchestra.

Found in the Ashes.

Eddie O'Brien is the luckiest man in Dawson and is the proud possessor of the most unique and valuable souvenir of the recent fire.

Sammy Jones took a notion to rake over the ashes on the Monte Carlo site yesterday, resulting in the uncovering of a cuff holder, a golden bracelet set with jewels and a diamond stud. The bracelet was worn by his daughter Annie and is ruined. The other property was recognized as belonging to O'Brien and returned to him.

The diamond stud is of as clear water as before the fire, the intense heat not affecting it in the least although the setting is ruined.