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## EXTRA!

### SAVED AT LAST

#### The Town of Mafeking Has at Length Been Relieved.

#### RESCUED AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SIEGE.

#### General Buller Is Accomplishing Great Results in Natal.

#### Boers Driven Back on All Sides Finally Take Flight to the North -- Lord Roberts Still at Kroonstadt, Is Awaiting Developments -- Boer Envoy in America.

Skagway, May 21.—5 p. m.—The steamer Amur arrived this morning direct from Vancouver. As the boat was leaving the city bulletins were displayed in front of the newspaper offices announcing the fact that the relief of Mafeking had been accomplished. A street parade was hastily gotten up in Vancouver and the city turned itself over for a general celebration of the event. This was on the evening of the 17th inst. Newspapers brought by the same steamer and dated the 15th and 16th all show that the keenest anxiety has been felt in London for the accomplishment of the relief of Mafeking. They show, so, that Buller made a magnificent march after the fight at Beggerberg.

The enemy evacuated Helpmaaker Neck, firing the grass as they left. The smoke was blown directly in the faces of the pursuing British forces, who marched through the smoke, capturing a number of prisoners and ascertaining the strength of the enemy in that locality to approximate 3000. The next move was on Dundee, which was occupied. The advance was continued to Kraippan, where a stiff battle ensued resulting in another Boer repulse. Another fight occurred at Newcastle with the same result.

The Boers to the number of 7000 have hurried north from Natal and the farmers are handing over their arms. Lord Roberts remains passive thus far at Kroonstadt. His cavalry form a semi-circular screen 20 miles in length, the flanks overlapping.

The town of Mafeking, situated on the northern frontier of Bechuanaland and in close proximity to the Transvaal border, has been under siege for nearly six months. It is a small railroad town and has been defended by a force of about 2500 men, mostly Rhodesian police under command of Col. Baden Powell. It was one of the first places to which the Boers laid siege at the beginning of the war. Gen. Cronje at first commanded the Boers, but subsequently withdrew to oppose the advance of Lord Roberts.

From time to time efforts have been made to relieve the town but all proved failures up to the present successful at-

tempt, owing to the long distance to be covered and the fact that the march had to be made largely through a hostile country. Col. Plumer's column succeeded in approaching the town, but was driven back since which time no definite information as to his whereabouts have been known.

The garrison has been in communication with Lord Roberts, through the heliograph system and the condition of affairs within the town has been pretty well known. Prominent among those who have been confined in the beleaguered town is Lady Sarah Wilson, who has sent frequent messages to her friends respecting the situation.

The food supply of the town has gradually grown less and on April 29th Lady Wilson reported that the provisions in the town were about exhausted. The garrison was reduced to a diet of coarse meal and even that was nearly exhausted.

For several weeks the attention of England has been directed toward Mafeking with more interest than upon Roberts' movements. The utmost solicitude has been expressed for the besieged garrison and the London papers have stated time and again that the relief of Mafeking would be preferable to winning an important victory. The news of the relief will be heard with much satisfaction and rejoicing in every country where the English language is spoken.

#### Boers to Uncle Sam.

New York, May 16, via Skagway, May 21.—A public reception has been tendered Envoy Fisher, who represents the Boer government. He announces that he will appeal to the American government for aid, and failing in that will appeal directly to the American people. He states that a Russian and American protectorate at Pretoria has been discussed, but the Boers prefer the latter, owing to its republican form of government. President McKinley refuses to discuss the matter.

#### Strict Inspectors.

Seattle, May 16, via Skagway, May 21.—Just as the steamer Robert Dollar was ready to sail from here for Nome, Inspector Bryant and Cherry appeared upon the scene and took off 60 passen-

gers, 20 stowaways and nearly 1000 tons of freight.

The inspectors also lightened the barge Skookum of several hundred tons of freight before they would permit her to sail in tow of a tug.

The inspectors are very strict, with the result that thousands of people who would otherwise have gone to Nome by the outside route will now go via Skagway and the Yukon. The rush from Seattle to Nome is many times greater than from Seattle to the Klondike.

#### Trouble at Whitehorse.

Skagway, May 21.—There is trouble at Whitehorse over town lots. Many persons purchased lots which now turn out to be located on the government reserve, and on last Thursday all such residents were evicted. Butcher Burns is one of the victims. It is not known here who sold the lots.

#### Gradually Coming Down.

Ten days or two weeks ago a young Indian started a careful canvass of the city in the laudable effort to dispose of a duck for which he then asked \$2.50. He has not yet completed the canvass, nor has he sold the duck, which is likely quite tender by this time; but today he is again making the round with the bird which he quotes at \$2. In the course of a month or so, some fortunate individual may buy it for \$1.50.

## STEAM BOATS

#### What Is Happening and Will Soon Happen on the Yukon.

#### THE OUTLOOK VERY SATISFACTORY

#### Many Steamers Will Leave for Nome Soon.

#### THIRTYMILE RIVER VERY LOW.

#### First Boat, Florence S., Leaves for Koyukuk Tomorrow—Water Front Notes.

Mr. A. Lewis, who is acting general manager of the Klondike Corporation, will go up the river on the Ora, which sails the last of this week. He reports the condition of business at this end as particularly satisfactory to the company.

The John C. Barr left for Fort Yukon yesterday at 5 a. m. She is expected to reach Dawson on her return trip the 28th of May.

The Robert Kerr will come up the river with refrigerated meats.

The A. E. Co. are now selling tickets for the trip to Nome via steamer Gustin. The boat will pull up today to the company dock. She has been freshly painted and fitted up and makes a very attractive appearance.

The ocean-going steamer Ohio of the Empire line sails from Seattle for Nome on the 25th with every berth sold and the entire freight space taken. Mr. Anthony T. Pritchard has been appointed general superintendent of the company and will visit Dawson this summer. The Empire line will dispatch their first boat down the river immediately upon its arrival from St. Michael.

The Florence S. sails tomorrow with Capt. Sid Harrington in charge, for Koyukuk. Capt. Harrington is one of the youngest steamboat captains in America, but has had years of experience as a river navigator.

Mr. Daniels, the agent of the Yukon Flyer Transportation Co., has received

a wire from Nels Peterson stating that the Thirtymile river is very low, consequently the steamers Bonanza King and Eldorado are held there until the river rises.

Steamer Lotta Talbot, carrying only twenty first-class passengers, no second-class, will leave Yukon dock Monday, May 28th for Cape Nome, by way of St. Michael. Frank J. Kinghorn, agent.

#### Left in a Hurry.

M. T. Stevens, a young man well known in Dawson, left Dawson about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He embarked in a small boat for the international boundary line, from whence he will probably continue his journey to Nome.

Previous to his departure he succeeded in negotiating a number of worthless checks among the business men of the city.

Stevens during the past few months has incurred several liabilities, which he neglected to liquidate before his departure.

It had been decided by the police authorities to employ the steamer Marjorie to pursue the fugitive, when the father of Stevens agreed to settle the claims which were held against his son; consequently the proposed trip of the Marjorie was abandoned. W. D. Bruce, who is acting on behalf of Mr. Stevens, the elder, states that he has made satisfactory arrangements with the creditors to settle Stevens' debts.

#### Petitions Have Been Received.

Secretary Joseph A. Clarke, of the citizens' committee, recently received from Ottawa two letters which acknowledge receipt of the petitions which were submitted by the people of this territory to the federal authorities of Canada.

One letter from the governor general's secretary is dated April 29th, and reads as follows:

I am directed by his excellency the governor general to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 9th and of the 12th ult., forwarding petitions in regard to the representation of the Yukon territory, in the house of commons, and the enforcement of the act amending the Yukon territory act, and to inform you that they have been transferred to the privy council office, for consideration by his excellency's responsible advisers. (Signed) C. J. JONES, For Governor General's Secretary.

The other letter is from the speaker of the Dominion house of parliament, and is dated April 11th, and is, if possible, more abrupt than the governor general's. The text is as follows:

Dear Sir: I received your letter of March 12th, inclosing a petition from the British subjects of the Yukon territory, praying for the right to elect two representatives to the house of commons. I handed the petition to Mr. McInnes of Victoria, who presented it to the house yesterday. Yours truly, THOS. BAIN, Speaker.

#### Fairview Hotel Changes Hands.

Mr. Julian Blaker has leased the Fairview hotel for a period of two years, taking charge of the same today. The Fairview is one of Dawson's oldest, best-known and most popular hostleries, and its owners are to be congratulated in transferring its care to such an experienced and competent man as Mr. Blaker. An era of unprecedented prosperity is now in store for the Fairview.

#### A Lofty Sign.

The location of the Yukon Iron Works is now indicated by a sign that can be read from a point half way to Nome. The new sign is mounted on a frame several feet above the comb of the roof and is the whole length of the building.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

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

## SULPHUR ROBBERY

#### A. U. Warnecross Under Arrest, Accused of Robbing Sluice Boxes

#### ON SULPHUR, ON CLAIM 23 BELOW

#### On Which He Has Been Working a Lay.

#### ROBERT EVANS COMPLAINS.

#### Three Men Claim to Have Laid for the Layman and Caught Him in the Act.

A warrant has been sworn out by Bob Evans, owner of claim No. 23 below discovery on Sulphur creek for the arrest of A. U. Warnecross, a layman on the same claim. It appears that Warnecross has been working a steam thawer on the claim and employing a number of men during the winter. The workmen have watched the cleanup from time to time and finally became suspicious that the dumps were not washing up the amounts which they should.

The men determined to set a watch and, on Thursday night last, three of them, Jim Batten, L. R. Martin and a man named Boucher sat up in their cabin and watched the sluice boxes. Late in the night they claim that Warnecross came from his cabin and went to the boxes. He took out several of the riffles, cleaned up the dust and sand in the bottom and placed the whole in a sack which he carried into his cabin. The men followed him in and made a demand for their wages for the entire season.

Warnecross promised to pay them the next day and with this the men left him. On the following day all were paid their money, as Warnecross had agreed, but later on they informed Evans of the affair and the latter had a warrant issued for the arrest of Warnecross.

Warnecross has been on the claim all winter with his wife.

#### Down With the Signs.

In compliance with an ordinance recently passed by the Yukon council, Sergeant Wilson has notified the owners of all signs on First avenue which project over or outside the sidewalk to remove them at once.

#### Special Meeting Tonight.

A special meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood is called for tonight at 9 o'clock sharp for the purpose of conferring the degree upon several candidates who will leave for down the river previous to the next regular meeting night. A full attendance is desired. Only initiation business will be transacted. L. O. WILCOXON, A. C. E. J. WHITE, A. R.

Music! Music! For the next 15 days we will give a discount of 20 per cent off all music and musical instruments; making room for new stock. Cribbs & Rogers, druggists, opp. Palace Grand.

## They Want Our Goods

*They like our Style. They know they save money by trading with us...*

### Travelers for Nome and the Koyukuk

are crowding our store for outfits. Housekeepers are rushing in and out for their culinary supplies, and everybody is contented and happy, being familiar with our prices like the A B C, and knowing from experience the high grade of our goods. It is fully demonstrated that it means money in your pocket and health to your body by selecting us your Purveyors and Haberdashers.

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