

THE WAR IS OVER

So Far as Further Fear and Trouble to Great Britain Is Concerned.

ROBERTS EQUIPS AND OPENS R. R.

France and Russia Preparing to War With England.

SOLDIERS NOW ADVANCING.

Russia Acquires Harbor on Persian Gulf and Decisive Action May Be Expected Soon.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

London, March 17, via Skagway, March 22.—Roberts has fully equipped three trains with engineers, firemen and brakemen from his own men and will now open and operate the railroad southward to Orange river, doing away with the laborious and slow system of conveying supplies from Kimberley.

By the time Roberts reaches Vaal river he will command 80,000 troopers, while Buller has 40,000. Several of the generals in command report their lines as touching.

Military experts and critics now positively assert that there exists no occasion whatever for further fear on the part of the Britains.

President Steyn is still issuing orders from Kroonstad and vainly endeavoring to rally his troops.

The Free Staters are willing to give up the contest and state that they are ready and willing to aid in maintaining a self governing British colony.

Russia Preparing.

New York, March 17, via Skagway, March 22.—As yet France has made no hostile movements against England.

It is now announced that Russia has actually acquired a harbor on the Persian gulf and that within the past five months 160,000 soldiers have been advanced into the country adjacent to the Caspian sea, and that Tashkend and Samakand are now both veritable war camps. Only the impossibility of building barracks or of harboring soldiers in tents has delayed the further advance of troops. Decisive hostile manifestations against England are expected in the very near future.

British Bottoms.

Skagway, March 22.—It has just been learned here that an order has been issued by the United States treasury department to the effect that duty must be collected on all American goods shipped to Alaska on British vessels.

This order has created the greatest consternation and commotion among the Canadian transportation companies at Victoria and Vancouver, and they have had drawn up and forwarded to Washington a most vigorous protest against the order.

In case the protest is not productive of the desired result, the Canadians assert that they will retaliate by having their government pass an order prohibiting American vessels from carrying Canadian goods intended for Dawson and the interior points and shipped through Alaska in bond; as they claim that American vessels have no right to carry Canadian goods intended to be shipped through to Canadian points even a portion of the distance, notwithstanding that distance may be in American waters; but that they should be carried entirely on British bottoms.

On the other hand the news here is to the effect that should the Canadian shippers succeed in having the foregoing described order issued, the U. S. treasury department will get back at them

by abolishing the Skagway support of entry which act would effectually shut out Canadian goods from reaching Dawson and the interior; thus compelling the entire interior country to import American goods.

The order as it now stands will preclude British vessels from engaging in the Nome trade, for which many of the Victoria and Vancouver companies have extensively prospered.

News of this late action on the part of the treasury department was quite unexpected here, and is supposed to be one of the indirect results of the passage of the alien exclusion act.

Sharkey Is Victorious.

Hartford, Conn., March 16, via Skagway, March 22.—James McCormick, familiarly known to the pugilistic fraternity as "Texas Jimmy," made a great fight against Tom Sharkey. The "Sailor" worked like a Trojan for 38 minutes, and finally succeeded in defeating his opponent. McCormick's quick work with his hands and feet surprised everyone; but ultimately he succumbed to the punishment which the "Sailor" mercilessly inflicted.

McGovern Wins.

Philadelphia, March 15, via Skagway, March 22.—The boxing contest between Terry McGovern, champion feather weight of the world, and Eddy Lenny, resulted in a victory for McGovern. The articles of agreement stipulated for a 16 round contest; but the champion knocked out his adversary in the second round. Lenny was outclassed, and made a very poor showing.

Swinehart Appointed Commissioner. Skagway, March 22.—G. B. Swinehart has been appointed United States commissioner for Nome, Alaska. Mr. Swinehart left Skagway today for Dawson. He will remain there until the river breaks, and then proceed to the Alaskan camp. The new appointee will be remembered in Dawson as the owner and editor of the Yukon Midnight Sun, during the summer of 1898.

Snowstorms in the States.

New York, March 17, via Skagway, March 22.—The most severe snow storm experienced in years, is now raging in Greater New York. Manhattan borough, formerly New York city, and Brooklyn borough, are almost completely blocked. The street railways are unable to operate and city traffic is suspended. Reports from Texas and Louisiana are to the effect that heavy falls of snow have occurred in various places in those Southern states.

The Queen Shows Herself.

London, March 7.—At no other time since the diamond jubilee has the queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is tonight. This promises to be even more strikingly the case tomorrow.

Her majesty's visit to London for a drive in semi state from Paddington station to Buckingham palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement this evening that for the first time since the jubilee she will tomorrow drive from Buckingham palace along the embankment to St. Paul's cathedral and back through Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord Roberts, is bound to make tomorrow a gala day in the annals of London. Beyond all this is the announcement of the queen's intention to visit Ireland for the first time, it is said, since the death of the prince consort. This is regarded as one of the most remarkable acts of the queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable undertaking.

"The trip," said a well informed official this evening, "is the spontaneous suggestion of the queen alone, and the enthusiasm it is bound to create when known in London tomorrow can scarcely be estimated. It is a wonderful proof of her majesty's intense devotion to her people, and her sacrifice in making the trip at such a season of the year is renewed evidence of the keenness of her mind in selecting the proper acts at the proper time."

Freight Rates to Dawson.

Victoria, March 8.—The S. C. P. N. Co., C. D. Co. and White Pass & Yukon railway officials today adopted a joint tariff for through freight to Dawson during the approaching season; a general rate of \$145 per ton weight being adopted for less than five ton lots or \$125 for large shipments. On stock \$85 per head is the tariff, in 14 head herds or upward.

UNCLE SAMUEL

Issues a Most Arbitrary Order Regarding Merchandise in Bond.

APPLIES SPECIALLY AT SKAGWAY.

Shipper Must Now Put Up Bond in Double Value of Goods.

ACT WAS PASSED FEB. 24.

Claimed That Order Will Facilitate the Transportation of Merchandise.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Special regulations governing the shipment of merchandise through the port of Skagway to the British possessions have just been issued by the treasury department. They are the first regulations relative to customs business ever issued especially for the government of business through this port.

This order comes under the head of entry and transportation of merchandise arriving in the United States in transit to places in British possessions otherwise than under treaties.

Specifically, these orders are to facilitate the entry and transportation of merchandise through the American strip between Lynn canal and the British Yukon territory.

The most important new feature of the ruling is that the bond on goods shipped shall be double the estimated value of the goods, with duties added. Heretofore the bond has been equal only to the estimated duties.

Duties shall be estimated on the foreign market value of the goods and the consignee or agent shall give bond. The goods must be exported within six months. The railroad company will have to give a larger blanket bond.

The new order has just been received here and is as follows:

"On the arrival of goods at Skagway of merchandise from foreign countries whether dutiable or free, which shall appear by the invoices, bills of lading, manifests, or other satisfactory evidence to have been intended for immediate transportation and exportation to places in British possessions in North America, the consignee, or agent, make entry in duplicate, describing the route by which the merchandise is to be forwarded. An invoice showing the value of the merchandise should be submitted at the time the entry is made but consular certificates will not be required.

"The entry shall be substantially the form prescribed in article 431, customs regulations of 1892. Duties will be estimated on the foreign market value of the goods, and the consignee, or agent, shall give bond in a penal sum equal to double the value of the goods with the duties added, such bond being conditional for the exportation of the merchandise within six months of date of entry.

"After entry has been made and bond given the proceedings indicated in articles 433 to 438, inclusive, of the customs regulations of 1892, will be followed.

"Section 3005, revised statutes, provides that merchandise arriving at ports which may be specially designated by the secretary of the treasury, and destined for places in adjacent British provinces, may be entered at the custom house and conveyed in transit through the territory of the United States without the payment of duties, under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe.

Such merchandise should be entered for immediate transportation and exportation in bond without appraisal, and consular certificates will not be required.

"Merchandise exported to any place in the British possessions under the above referred to form of entry, if voluntarily landed or brought into the United States, is liable to forfeiture and every person concerned in such proceeding shall be liable to a penalty of \$400."

The foregoing decision was issued February 24, 1900.—Skagway Alaskan.

Active Work Has Begun.

With the spring months at hand and winter in the background, transporta-

tion men of the Upper Yukon are beginning to prepare for the next open season. The advance guard is coming north and some have already reached Skagway en route to the interior to put vessels in repair for the next season's operations. Coincident with the revival in the steamboat circles of the region is a noticeable activity in anticipation of the barge and bateaux travel down the Yukon. Several of the interior saw mills are getting out of preparing to get out material for the prospective demand by barge builders.

Men who will take freight by barge or steamer from Lower Lebarge are also beginning to arrive in Skagway and to move onto that point with supplies, and word comes of parties now building barges on the shores of Lebarge.

Capt. Cox, of the steamer Sibyl, arrived from Vancouver yesterday en route to Hootalinqua to put the Sibyl in condition for the summer. The captain is accompanied by his mate, two engineers, a cook, a watchman and two deck hands. The skipper expects the river to open about May 15. The Sibyl, he announces, will run between Closeleigh and Dawson.

A contract pointing to the prospective time in the eyes of experienced men as to when the Upper Yukon will open has just been closed by the management of the steamer Florence with White & Adair. The Florence people have agreed to take ten tons of freight from near Hootalinqua, and to have it laid down in Dawson by May 15. They will take it on the Florence.

White & Adair have 30 tons of goods on cars in Skagway which will be moved to Bennett in two or three days. It will be taken from Bennett to Dawson over the ice in 62 sleds, drawn by 31 horses.

J. W. Heffner arrived in the city several days ago en route to Lower Lebarge to build scows in which to take freight to Dawson with the opening of the river.

Otto Patridge who arrived several days ago from his mill at Mill Haven, on Lake Bennett, reports he has already begun the construction of scows for lake and river use this season. His mill has been cutting lumber all season and is the only one that did not close down.

The Victoria Yukon Trading Company has begun to prepare for a lively season of milling and scow building, and is opening its lumber camp about Bennett—Skagway Alaskan.

Territorial Court.

Justice Dugas granted the application made by the plaintiff in Ames Mercantile Company vs. Ryan and Hanlon, to strike out the appearances of the defendants and the statements of defense. Judgment was entered for the plaintiff for the amount claimed and for costs of suit.

The appeals from the decisions of the magistrate's court, in McCormack vs. Baggs and Lemon vs. Baggs, were dismissed.

An application for a receiver was made in the case of King vs. Robertson. Justice Dugas took the matter under advisement.

The hearing on the motion in the estate of Janes McLarty, deceased, was postponed till April 2.

In Hawkins vs. Wright, an order was entered requiring the appointment of three arbitrators, one by the plaintiff, one by the defendant, and the other to be selected by these two. In the event of a disagreement as to the appointment of the third arbitrator, it is provided that he shall be selected by the court. The duty of the arbitrators will be to ascertain the amount due the defendant; and when such sum shall be determined, the plaintiff is ordered to pay the same on or before April 20th, otherwise he shall stand absolutely foreclosed of all his right and interest in the mineral claim in dispute.

Yesterday afternoon, the action of Robert J. Nesbitt vs. the Ryan Trading Company was concluded. The action was to recover for wages earned by the plaintiff in assisting the defendant company in transporting goods and merchandise from Glenora to Dawson during the month of October, 1898. The plaintiff secured judgment for \$250 and costs of suit.

This afternoon the case of Stoddard vs. Mendham is being tried. The plaintiff claims the sum of \$59 for wages earned in the capacity of watch man.

Water From the Klondike.

Considerable water from the Klondike river is flowing over the Yukon. The ice in the tributary has not broken but the water is occasioned by the melting of snow on top of the ice and on the adjoining hillsides. Travelers who have been journeying to the Forks during the past few days, report that Bonanza creek is in a similar condition, and that the trail is in very poor condition. If the present temperature continues, it is not unlikely that the ice will leave the Klondike by the first week in April.

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Petition Calls Forth Expressions of Congratulation When Read in Council.

IT WAS FAVORABLY ACTED UPON.

And a Liberal Grant Will Be Made For Its Maintenance.

NO HOUSE-NUMBERING YET.

Advice of Minister of Interior Sought Regarding Individual Responsibility of Council Members.

A meeting of the Yukon council was held at 4 o'clock yesterday, the commissioner presiding.

Present: Messrs. Ogilvie, Clement, Girouard, Perry, Dugas. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition was presented from the Theosophical Society, praying that any schools established in the Yukon territory be nonsectarian. Tabled.

A petition was presented from the Salvation Army, asking for assistance. The matter was laid over for the subsequent meeting.

A report was received from the comptroller calling attention to certain appropriations that had been exceeded, and recommending that before any further payments were made on account of these overdrawn services, an appropriation should be made to carry on the necessary expenditure to the end of the fiscal year.

The municipal committee presented the following report:

In reference to the application of Messrs. Ridley & Pattullo in behalf of Maria L. Ferguson to be allowed to number houses in Dawson and to be paid net cost from the local funds, that the Yukon council has no municipal funds yet raised by local taxation to incur expenditure purely for municipal purposes.

In respect to the petition of the citizens of Dawson for the erection of a public school district, this committee expresses gratification that this movement has been made, and recommends to council that a public school system be immediately established throughout the territory. That in the meantime council should be prepared to make a liberal grant toward the maintenance of any school which may be established, in which the teaching and general carrying on of such school is made along the lines of the Northwest territories' ordinance.

Adopted on motion of Mr. Perry. Moved by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Perry.

Resolved, That the commissioner be requested to call the attention of the minister of the interior to the motion introduced by Mr. Justice Dugas on the 2nd of November, 1899, upon the question of the responsibility of members of the council in federal matters, and of the opinion of the legal adviser thereon, and to ask for an early direction from the minister on the question.

Mr. Girouard begged leave to introduce an ordinance to amend the liquor ordinance. He accordingly presented the said bill and it was read a first time.

No License to Die.

A good story is told which was actually overheard at one of the Dawson hospitals one day very recently. Two men, one of whom is a miner, were lying on adjoining cots and both were dangerously ill. One poor fellow, between moans, gasped: "I fear that for me the end is very near."

"Have you a license to die?" asked the miner who was equally as sick as his neighbor.

"No," feebly gasped the other, "I have not."

"Then you'll get well," returned the miner, "for a man can't do anything in this country without a license."

The Mail Arrives.

At 8 o'clock last evening 22 sacks of mail were received at the local post office. The consignment left Bennett at 7 o'clock a. m. on the 16th instant. The letters are all sorted and the office is now open for distribution to the public.