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## IS PANIC STRICKEN!

### England Calls for Volunteers for the First Time.

### OVER ELEVEN HUNDRED MEN WERE LOST AT TUGELA.

### A Second Contingent Will Be Sent From Australia.

### Democrats Announce Their Filipino Policy—The President Sends Message of Respect for the Memory of Gen. Lawton—\$500,000 for Lighthouses on the Alaskan Coast.

Special to The Klondike Nugget, 3 p. m. London, via Skagway, Dec. 30.—3 P. M.—England is panic stricken over the news from the Transvaal of the disaster which attended Gen. Buller at Tugela river. Details of that most disastrous affair are just beginning to come in and the first dispatches which but briefly outline the result of the battle are more than fully confirmed.

The total loss to the British forces will more than reach 1100 men in addition to a large number of distinguished officers. The Boers, according to their long established custom, took special care to cover the British officers with their rifles, the result being that the proportion of officers who met death is very large.

Lord Roberts, with Kitchener acting as chief of staff, has been ordered to the Transvaal and will immediately assume complete control of affairs.

### BULLER SUCCEEDS IN CROSSING.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 30.—After the heavy loss which attended his attempt to cross the Tugela river, Gen. Buller gathered his scattered forces and renewed the attempt on the following day. Meanwhile the Boers had drawn themselves up in a strong position awaiting developments.

The latest reports are to the effect that Gen. Buller succeeded in crossing the river and opposing forces are now face to face. Buller's intention is to attempt to outflank the Boers and join White's forces by a flank movement.

Much uneasiness is felt over the lack of news from Gen. Methune now on the Orange river.

### YEOMANRY CALLED UPON.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 30.—For the first time in history the yeomanry of England have been called upon to serve as volunteers in a foreign war.

The gravity of the situation is fully realized and the war department is making every effort to increase the strength and effectiveness of the army.

The late news from the seat of war

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has cast a mantle of gloom over London, and in fact over all of England.

Appeals to the country have been made by the government and volunteers are flocking to the recruiting offices by the hundreds.

The reverses met by the British arms have seriously affected the queen's health and her majesty's annual visit to Osborne has been postponed.

A second contingent is being organized in Australia.

### TO GEN. LAWTON'S MEMORY.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Dec. 30.—Tributes of respect to the memory of Gen. Lawton, who was shot dead while directing an attack upon the Filipinos, have been sent to Manila by President McKinley, the secretary of war and the cabinet members.

All American prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos have been re-captured. This includes Lieut. Gilman, whose fate has been for a long time very uncertain.

### DEMOCRATIC FILIPINO POLICY.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Dec. 30.—The policy to be pursued by the Democratic members of congress with reference to the Filipino islands has been announced. The Democrats will favor retaining no portion of the islands and was asked that treaty rights shall be granted to the Filipinos and to the Cubans alike.

### LIGHTHOUSES FOR ALASKA.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Dec. 31.—Senator Foster of Washington, has introduced a bill appropriating the sum of \$500,000 for the construction of lighthouses and channel improvement on the Alaskan coast.

### FAILURE OF A TRUST CO.

New York, via Skagway, Dec. 30.—As a result of the recent tightening of the Wall street money market, the Produce Exchange Trust Company, one of the most important concerns doing business on the street, was compelled to suspend. Its liabilities amount to \$11,000,000.

### EN ROUTE TO DAWSON.

Skagway, Dec. 30.—Many people are waiting here until after the first of the year when they will start over the ice to Dawson. Thirty Dawsonites arrived today on the steamer Topeka. All expect to go inside very shortly. Included in

these are Fred Monte, Alex Ranke, Carl Miller.

### NUGGET EXPRESS TEAM.

Skagway, Dec. 30.—Another Nugget Express team left today for Dawson. Two passengers are being taken to Dawson together with 200 pounds of express matter.

### An Early Morning Fight.

Durban, Dec. 4.—The report of the fighting near Willow Grange is confirmed by the Natal Advertiser, which says:

"Five thousand British left Estcourt Wednesday afternoon for a reconnaissance. They surprised the Boers at 3 o'clock Thursday morning and occupied their position, bayonetting 6 of the enemy. At day break the Boers opened with quick-firing guns. The British artillery was unable to reach the Boers and the British position therefore became untenable and was evacuated. Subsequently the artillery was brought into action and the Boers fell back. Their object having been attained, the British returned to Estcourt."

### Bath House Innovation.

Bert Ford, the new proprietor of what has formerly been known as Brand's club and gymnasium, has changed the name "Brand's" to "Ford's" and now has a force of mechanics at work remodeling the establishment throughout. Additional bathing facilities are being added, and in a very few days Mr. Ford will be able to furnish patrons with as fine plain, club and Turkish baths as are to be had in any city. A large, warm and well furnished rubbing and massage room has been fitted up adjacent to the baths, thus doing away with the custom of chasing the bather all over the house as was formerly done.

Mr. Ford intends to have the two front rooms upstairs fitted up as club rooms, reading and smoking parlors. In addition to several well furnished rooms upstairs, others will be fitted up. In the gymnasium Mr. Ford has put down an exceptionally fine mat 18 feet square and has added other attractions for the benefit of the athletic club now being organized.

Mr. Ford has started in the right channel and his establishment bids fair to soon become the most popular resort in Dawson.

A Happy New Year to all. Cribbs & Rogers, the leading druggists.

A few outside moccasins \$2; Indian moccasins \$1. Yukon hotel.

### Brown-Freeman.

Dr. J. N. E. Brown, chief clerk of Governor Ogilvie, also clerk of the Yukon council, and Miss Alice Freeman, better known by the literary nom de plume as Faith Fenton, were united in marriage at the Episcopal church Monday, New Year's, evening at 8 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. W. Naylor. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Cormon Brown, and the bride by her sister, Miss Freeman. Only a few intimate friends were present. Both are well known and very popular in Dawson society circles. They both resided in Toronto before coming here.

### Take Out More Gold.

The Nugget Express has two thawers left out of the seventeen they brought in last fall. These boilers were designed and built by one of the best steam men on the Pacific coast, and come nearer to the ideal than any other pipe boiler on the Yukon. To close them out immediately they will be sold for \$100 per horse power, with pipe, steam hose, points, etc., complete for working.

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, \$14,465.

### That Is the Amount Shown by Bazaar Secretary's Books.

### Net Profits Will Reach \$11,000—Was Successful in Every Way—Aftermaths.

The bazaar held for the benefit of St. Mary's hospital, the most gigantic affair, both from social and financial points, ever held in the city of Dawson, terminated in a halo of glory Saturday night, or rather at about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. During its life of eight days there was not one off or tame night. The interest of the public was wrought to the highest pitch of both expectation and anticipation at the opening and that interest never flagged nor wavered until the end of the final night, and again the Nugget is constrained to say all honor and all hail to the many good ladies whose continual efforts and untiring energy served to crown with glorious success the big undertaking.

From a social standpoint the bazaar was of incalculable benefit. People met, became acquainted and felt that life in the Yukon held more of cheer and good fellowship than they had ever before supposed. At the bazaar friendships were formed that will serve to sweeten the future of many lives.

From a financial standpoint the bazaar was all that its most ardent promoters could have wished. The total receipts were \$14,465. Of this amount the door and sales receipts were \$12,908 the remainder having been cash donations to the cause from the outside. While all the expense bills have not yet been handed in, it is known that they will not aggregate above \$3000, which will leave a profit of \$11,465, to which will be added amounts received from the sales of various articles after the amounts from the various booths had been turned in at the close of Saturday night's business.

The contest for the most popular lady was the source of more clear cash than was any other feature of the bazaar. The votes were 50 cents each and there were the names of four ladies proposed for the contest, although it is but justice to state that Mrs. West forbade the use of her name and was at no time a candidate for the honors, but notwithstanding her protests she received the compliment of 87 votes. The other three ladies in the contest were Miss Croft, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Alex McDonald. When Saturday night's session opened Miss Croft was about 50 votes in the lead of Mrs. Spencer, who then had 611, while Mrs. McDonald had not yet reached the 200 mark. But Saturday night being the last opportunity the sour dough element rallied to the support of their favorite, Mrs. Spencer; the strings of Alex McDonald's purse were loosened in behalf of his wife. The friends and admirers of Miss Croft rallied to her support to the tune of nearly 700 votes and when the polls were declared closed at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning the bulletin board read as follows:

Mrs. Spencer, 3026; Mrs. McDonald, 2719; Miss Croft, 1304; Mrs. West, 87; total vote, 7136; amount received, \$3568.

Mrs. Spencer, the fortunate candidate was presented with a beautiful toilet set, the prize offered for the winner. And thus closed an era which will forever mark a brilliant page in the history of Dawson, which page will be a

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