

MOST TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS

Suffered By Henry Abraham and Fritz Black.

The Former Lost in a Blizzard for Three Days—Black's Feet Severely Frozen.

From Saturday's Daily.
Last night reports were received in the city of the terrible hardships suffered by Henry Abraham and Fritz Black at White river.

Mr. Abraham is a member of the firm of Behrens & Abraham, who have an office in Dawson and who own and operate a saw mill at the mouth of White river. On Sunday, January 14th—about two weeks ago—Mr. Abraham left Dawson with six men. The party traveled up the river with a team and sled, which was loaded with 2600 pounds of tools and provisions. Their destination was the saw mill at White river, and the men, among whom was Fritz Black, were hired to do logging work. With the exception of one of the horses falling through the ice and being rescued, there were no difficulties encountered on the trip from Dawson, which was accomplished in four days.

On the following Saturday—a week ago today—Abraham and Black left the saw mill camp with the team and sled. They intended to go about two miles up White river in order to secure some hay for the horses. No provisions nor blankets were taken, for the men expected to return in time for dinner. Soon after they had departed a terrible blizzard arose. At noon neither Abraham nor Black had returned to camp, and the five who were there became anxious for the safety of their companions. Nothing was done, however, during the afternoon. About 6 o'clock in the evening Black returned to camp. He had suffered severely from the frost and both feet were so badly frozen that it is doubtful if he will be able to avoid amputation. When able to recount his misfortunes, Black told how his companion and himself had been caught in the storm and had lost their reckoning; that he had left Abraham and the team in order to look for the trail, and after searching a little while he was unable to find his way back to either Abraham or the outfit; that he had wandered aimlessly around, and by mere chance had succeeded in returning to the camp. One man was left in charge of Black, and the remaining four went out to rescue their employer. They searched in vain, and becoming exhausted the party returned to camp at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. Three hours later two of the men started again. They continued the search all day, but could discover no trace of the lost man. In the evening, the other two men resumed the work of attempted rescue, but to no avail. Monday morning they returned to camp weary and disappointed. The two who had searched the previous day left camp determined to continue the search, but their efforts were unavailing. When they returned with their story of unsuccessful little hope for the rescue of Abraham was entertained.

In the meantime the storm had raged with unabated fury; but Monday evening the wind subsided to some extent and the sky cleared.

While the party in camp were eating supper the door of the cabin opened and Abraham staggered into the room. Strange to say, he was not seriously frozen, though for three days and two nights he had been driving aimlessly around, and had not once experienced the comfort of a shelter, or fire, or of anything to eat. He had survived the severest blizzard of the season. His team hardly showed the effects of the deprivations which it had experienced. Yesterday Abraham telegraphed to his partner in Dawson, Henry Behrens, for a dog team and basket sled, in which it is proposed to convey Black from

White river to one of the local hospitals here. This morning the outfit started up the river.

Kimberley Diamonds.

The trade which has felt the most direct result of the hostilities in South Africa is the diamond industry. With the Jaegersfontein and the Bloemfontein mines—within the territory of the Orange Free State—idle, and Kimberly, the diamond centre of the world, invested by the Boers, the diamond supply is for the present shut off. The glory and importance of the old diamond market in Kimberly departed with the formation of the diamond syndicate, which, by taking the entire product of the mines, removed the first sale of the rough gems from Kimberly to London. Prior to that time, however, the greatest interest centered around the diamond market in Kimberly. There the different mines had their offices, where their product was sold. There, also, the great diamond houses of the world had their offices, and buyers and sellers met in open competition. The offices were just back of the mines. Sometimes they were built upon the walls between two adjoining claims. It these were not strong enough, the offices were erected back of them, boards being laid across open spaces. In the early days the offices frequently consisted of four poles covered with canvas, and the miner's stock of diamonds was at night buried in a hole in the ground. Later, however, buildings of corrugated iron were erected and safes installed for protection.

Arctic Brotherhood.

It was a tired and weary goat that was left at 12:30 o'clock this morning when Camp Dawson No. 4, Arctic Brotherhood adjourned. Four new members, Messrs. Thomas Bruce, A. A. Bass, Theodore Snow and Frank A. Barnes ate icicles at the altar of Boreas and became full-fledged Arctics. After the initiations the camp resolved itself into social session and for an hour or more an interesting experience meeting, interspersed with story and song, was held.

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Query.

If there are 400 beef carcasses in Dawson, and not to exceed one of them is being consumed each day, and if each beef bone is reboiled until soup has been made from it 14 times, what would be the profits derived by the man who would corner the beef market at \$1 per pound and retail it in soup at 50 cents per plate, with Yukon river water at 20 cents per bucket, and how much could the soup syndicate afford to contribute each Sunday to the cause of reclaiming "soiled doves" and people who play black-jack?

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Cornforth Missing.

Robert Cornforth a well known Dawsonite has been missing for a number of days and his friends are very much exercised over his failure to put in an appearance. Cornforth went on a trip up the Klondike, leaving Dawson two weeks ago last Tuesday, expecting to return within a week.

He went up the river to secure a sled load of moose which he had cached a considerable distance from the Klondike. He is overdue in Dawson about 10 days, and his friends are expressing the fear that he has met with some accident. The cold weather which has prevailed for the past week only adds to their anxiety.

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