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STORY OF CARNAGE

Details of the Most Ghastly Incident of the Present War.

THE CONVOY WAS SURROUNDED

On All Sides By an Overwhelming Force of Boers.

MULE TEAMS STAMPEDED.

Resistance Was Impossible—Boers Lost 14 Men—One British Battery Is Almost Annihilated.

London, April 3, via Skagway, April 9.—Details from the scene of the recent disaster to the British convoy tell a terrible story of surprise and carnage. A correspondent on the ground describes the affair as the most ghastly incident of the war.

"After the guns were silenced," he says, "the spruit in which the surprise occurred was found entirely covered with a confused mass of dead and dying men, and horses, with food supplies and the wrecks of wagons scattered on every hand. The scene beggars description and left impressions of horror which will never be erased from the minds of those who witnessed it."

The trap which the Boers laid for the convoy was a most ingenious one, and the wonder is that a single man escaped.

The spruit is almost entirely surrounded by steep, sloping, stony

banks. A circular bend to the south is overlooked by the railway embankment. The enemy were in ambush on both sides of the spruit, and on the railway embankment as well, and at a given signal poured a murderous fire onto the little force below.

A scene of frightful confusion followed. The mule teams stampeded, overturning the wagons and preventing anything like an attempt at defense on the part of the escort. The Boers called for immediate surrender, but receiving no answer the fire was continued. A battery finally escaping to the rear of the convoy, wheeled into action and began shelling the Boers with the four remaining guns which had escaped injury. The Boers report their loss as being five killed and nine wounded. Early in the afternoon the Boers collected about the convoy, removed the guns and wagons and permitted the collection of the British dead.

Roberts' report states that 250 British were killed. The force was under command of Broadwood and consisted of the Royal Household Cavalry, the 10th Hussars, two batteries of horse artillery and Pilcher's battalion of mounted infantry. A battery of the royal horse artillery was entirely wiped out with the exception of Major Taylor and the sergeant-major.

Queen Goes to Ireland.

London, April 3, via Skagway, April 9.—The queen has left London for Ireland, where she will spend some time visiting.

Territorial Court.

A very important decision was rendered by Justice Dugas this morning in the case of Frithof Anderson, plaintiff, vs. Alaska Mining Company, defendant.

Sometime ago, the plaintiff secured judgment against the defendant. A writ of execution was issued under and by virtue of which the sheriff seized the mining interests of the defendant, and sold them to satisfy the judgment. Thereupon a motion was made by the defendant to set aside the proceedings which had been taken by the sheriff under the writ of execution, for the reason that mining interests were not seizable, and if seizable, only under an execution against land. In disposing of this motion today, the justice decided "that the sheriff could, under the writ of execution issued against the goods and chattels of the defendant legally seize its mining interests." The application to set aside the proceedings was therefore dismissed.

In the case of the Queen vs. Mrs. Showers, an order was entered fixing the bail of the defendant at \$3000, to be furnished by two good and sufficient sureties. The prisoner is accused of the crime of arson, alleged to have been committed on the 31st day of March, 1900, the time when the French Hill hotel, situated at No. 17 Eldorado, was destroyed by fire.

The trial of the case of the Queen vs. Frank J. Golden, accused of theft, has been fixed for Tuesday, April 17th.

In Raymond vs. Faulkner, the application to file eight additional affidavits was granted.

The motion in Peters vs. Lubtin was postponed till Tuesday, April 17th.

In Wilson vs. Winters, the application for the appointment of a receiver was enlarged to the 17th instant.

The motion in McKay Brothers vs. the V. Y. T. Co was continued by consent until April 17th.

In Styles vs. Galpin, the motion was postponed to April 17th; in the meantime, the injunction continues operative.

In Werbus vs. Vincent, the application to continue the injunction was enlarged to April 17th.

New Arrivals.

Jim Adair and Al Smith arrived this morning at 11 o'clock with two stowed loads of freight, the advance guard of a fleet of 30, all laden with general merchandise. Adair brought with him two lady passengers, Miss Lucille Elliott and Miss Sommerville. The remainder of the caravan will not reach Dawson until Wednesday or Thursday. The party that arrived this morning were 21 days on the road, which is remarkably good time considering the heavy load hauled. The party is all in fine shape after the journey.

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FAULT FOUND

With British Commanders for Allowing Boers to Collect and Surprise Them.

PLUMER'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Great Anxiety Regarding the Food Supply of Besieged Mafeking.

STR. ALPHA'S BOLD MOVE.

Cold Weather and Snow at Skagway—Trains Are Delayed—Carmack Will Wait.

Census Taking.

The work of taking the census of the Yukon district began today, 22 members of the police force having instituted the work this morning. When a person has been "interviewed" he is given a yellow check which immunizes him from future onslaughts by the gentlemen in quest of information. Between 3000 and 4000 persons had been recorded up to 3:45 this afternoon.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

While all nature is rejoicing in the gladsome sunshine, the herald of summer and good cheer, there is one spot in Dawson over which hang like a wet horse blanket the dark clouds of strife and discord. The seat of this perturbation is on the "shady" side of Fourth avenue, near Third street, where a number of women reside, among whom two, Gertie and Florence, are at swords points, the one with the other. A few days ago Gertie was seized with a destructive fit in which she smashed a window pane, through which the sunlight of heaven was admitted to the abode of Florence. The latter invoked the aid of the law and Gertie was fined \$10 and costs for her rash act. The fine was paid, but in the heart of Gertie there lingered a deep and deadly longing to get even, for she knew that "revenge is molasses." Yesterday, Gertie having matured her plans, she invoked the aid of the law to assist her in obtaining the desired revenge on Florence. The result was that two policemen raided the latter's house and arrested Gustav Bohard, who in court this morning pled not guilty to the charge of having no visible means of support and living off the earnings of dissolute women. He was remanded until 2 p. m. tomorrow, when the case will be heard. To the meantime Bohard is in jail, and dark and ominous looks are cast through the atmosphere that pervades the vicinity of Fourth avenue and Third street.

The case of Andrew Aichison vs. A. Gustavson for wages, was concluded this morning when, after hearing the same additional testimony, an order was made against the defendant for \$41.75 and costs. The original amount sued for was \$83.

During the remainder of this week Capt. Starnes will preside as police magistrate.

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in the Klondike district, is here on his way to Dawson, but will probably not attempt to complete his journey until the opening of navigation.

At the Grand. Tonight will witness at the Grand the first presentation in Dawson of the celebrated comedy drama, "The Black Flag, or Brother Against Brother," by a carefully selected cast from the finest talent in the city. Special scenic effects will be introduced, and the play for this week beginning tonight will be the best and most entertaining ever presented in the Yukon.

Following the play will come the famous "Clemenceau Case," illustrated by living models, this being a production of the fertile brain of Director John Mulligan.

Among the many vaudeville stars who will appear this week in new specialties are O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien, Mulligan and Linton, Cecil Marion, Conchita, and 25 others.

On Friday night of this week Pat Malloy and Dick Case will meet on the stage of the Grand in a scientific glove contest for points. Don't fail to see the opening of the week's program tonight.

Mrs. Peterson Buried.

Mrs. Peterson, the young wife of Capt. Julius Peterson, mention of whose death after seven months suffering from consumption was made in Saturday's issue of this paper, was buried yesterday afternoon from the family residence. Services suitable to the sad occasion were conducted by Rev. E. A. Hetherington.

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CROWN GROUND

Is Being Disposed of Now By the Department at Ottawa.

COMPENSATION POLICY PROPOSED

For Those Who Have Lost Claims By Mistake.

THE COMMISSIONER EXPLAINS

The Methods By Which Grants for Government Fractions May Be Obtained.

About a month ago, Gold Commissioner Senkler was notified that the federal government at Ottawa had determined to sell by public auction, at Dawson, all the placer mining ground which is now reserved to the crown, excepting creek claims on Dominion and all those claims which are located within hydraulic concessions. In accordance with the suggestions of local officials, the time for this auction sale has been fixed for July, 1900. This plan for the disposition of crown properties was gratefully received by the people of the territory; and many persons of moderate capital contemplate making a bid for certain fractional claims. They are ignorant of the fact that grants for government properties can be obtained now; and that those who are familiar with the methods of procedure are busily engaged at the present time in securing title to desirable crown claims.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell will receive offers of purchase now; and such offers will be forwarded to the department of the interior for acceptance or rejection. Only two claims, however, have been disposed of in this manner; and it is not likely that any more properties will be sold privately.

The government has adopted the policy of compensating those persons, who have lost claims through the errors of the local recording office. These individuals may obtain grants for reserved ground in order that they may be repaid for losses which they have sustained by reason of clerical mistakes. Their statements of fact are presented to Commissioner Bell. He makes an investigation; if he concludes the complaint to be just, he forwards the same to Ottawa, recommending that a grant be issued to the applicant. There have been 26 applications of this class made to the department; and 15 of them have been granted. The other 11 are still under consideration. In no instance have the powers at Ottawa refused to comply with the recommendations of the local commissioner. The applicants are required to select such fractions as are proportionate in value to the claims, which have been lost.

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Our Stock Is Still Complete

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Specials For This Week

Here They Are Again

Elastic Ribbed Underwear. Regular Price per Suit, \$8.00. Special Price \$5.00.

Working Shirt. Our Regular \$2 Quality. Special Price \$1.25.

Blue Flannel Shirt. Our Extra Quality. Regular Price \$4.00. Special Price \$3.00.

Miners' Shoes From \$2.50 Up

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