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## RECEIVED BY WIRE EXTRA EDITION 3,000 BOERS KILLED

### Most Bloody Battle of the War at Ladysmith on the 20th.

## ENGLAND LOSES FOURTEEN OFFICERS AND 800 MEN.

### Horrible Mistake Made By Two British Regiments During the Darkness of Night.

#### Rushed at Each Other With Bayonets—Both Regiments Depleted—Snow Ten Feet Deep on Skagway's Streets—Mikado's Country Preparing For War With Russia—The Republican National Convention to Be Held in Philadelphia on June 19th.

(Special to the Daily Klondike Nugget.)  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—A special to the Daily London News from Ladysmith recounts the facts concerning the bloodiest struggle that has occurred at that point since the siege by the Boer forces began. On the night of the 20th inst the entire surrounding forces attacked the city en force, the attack being preceded by a heavy cannonade. The attack was met by the most desperate resistance on the part of the British defending forces, the attacking army being time and again driven back at the point of the bayonet.

The Boers, with reckless courage, threw themselves onto the British bayonets but were unable to force the lines and after continuing the desperate struggle a period of eight hours withdrew from the attack, leaving 3000 men dead on the field. The British loss amounts to 14 officers and 800 soldiers killed. The total list of casualties has not as yet come in but there is an enormous list of wounded and missing.

#### FIRED INTO EACH OTHER.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—A most sensational report has reached here to the effect that two British regiments of Gen. Buller's command attacked each other in the night time, each being under the impression that the other was an attacking force of Boers. A heavy infantry fire was poured from each regiment into the other, followed by a bayonet charge. The report states that a large number of men were killed and a large number wounded before the terrible mistake had been discovered.

#### TROOPS ARRIVING.

Capetown, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—Reinforcements to the British troops now in the field are arriving daily by ship loads. As rapidly as the various contingents arrive they are sent to the

front. Enormous quantities of stores have been sent on and every preparation is now complete for a general advance upon the Boers from all sides. Gen. Roberts is hailed as the one man who can retrieve the disasters that have overtaken British arms thus far in the war.

#### TEN FEET OF SNOW.

Skagway, Jan. 26.—The heaviest snow-storm that ever was known to occur in this town occurred here during the past three days. Today snow stands in the streets of Skagway to a depth of 10 feet. Many buildings which were hastily constructed have been crushed in and great damage to goods stored in them has resulted. Business generally is suspended and a feeling of depression exists in the town.

#### THINK THEY ARE DROWNED.

Skagway, Jan. 26.—The opinion now prevails here that the Clayson party was not murdered but was lost by reason of falling through the ice, and precedents for such occurrences even later in the winter than the time at which this party left Dawson are cited. No word has been received from Will Clayson since he left for the interior.

#### WILL NOT REBUILD.

Skagway, Jan. 26.—The loss resulting from the fire in the Hotel Brannick will amount to not less than \$10,000. By prompt action on the part of the fire department the fire was confined to the hotel and was not allowed to spread beyond it. The hotel will not be rebuilt.

#### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Jan. 26.—The national Republican committee has called the national Republican convention to meet in the city of Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19. The sum of \$100,000 was given by the city of Philadelphia to secure the

convention. The decision to sell the convention to the highest bidder will react strongly on President McKinley, according to the opinion of many prominent Republican politicians.

#### JAPS AGAINST RUSSIA.

Victoria, via Skagway, Jan. 26.—An authentic report has come from Yokohama to the effect that extensive preparations have been made by the Japanese government for a war with Russia. Japan is increasing the effectiveness of her army to the utmost of her ability.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

R. B. Koutz from Grand Forks is visiting the city.  
Michael Kinney, from No. 5 above on Eureka, is stopping at the Flannery.  
D. McPhail has returned to Dawson and will remain in town for a few days.  
John Malone is a visitor in Dawson. He is stopping at the Hotel McDonald.  
Francis Grant is in town shaking hands with his friends and acquaintances.  
J. D. Hartmann a Dominion creek miner, is among the guests at the Flannery.  
Duncan McDonald of upper discovery on Dominion, is stopping at the Flannery.  
John Manning and his wife, of 60 below on Bonanza, are guests at the Hotel McDonald.

Charles E. Herron, a layman on No. 1 above on Bonanza, is registered at the Flannery hotel.  
Mrs. Harry Woolrich and her son have gone to Grand Forks to spend a week with Mrs. Walsh.  
John Essency and C. D. McLain, of No. 3 above upper on Dominion, are registered at the Flannery hotel.  
Fred Breen, who has been in Grand Forks for some time past, returned to Dawson last evening.  
J. C. Jenkins, a layman on No. 4 below lower on Dominion, is in the city on matters of business.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

A typographical error occasioned a local brevity in yesterday's issue to read that rich pay had been struck on No. 3 above on Sulphur. The claim, of which the item was written is No. 37 above discovery on Sulphur.  
A couple of hunters returned to Dawson this morning with the carcasses of five large mountain sheep.  
Notwithstanding the fact that business is not just as brisk as it might be, the office of Craden & Wilcox, mining brokers, is always crowded, and while many are there merely for the reason of the sign on the door, "Come in and get warm," others are there for business.

#### Superior Court.

The case of Purden vs. the A. E. Co. for \$2131, which came up for trial before a jury in Judge Dugas' court yesterday is still being heard today. It is thought the conclusion will be reached by this evening.

#### Weather Report.

Last night the thermometer at the government barracks registered 53.6 degrees below zero.  
At 9 o'clock this morning the needle pointed to 51 degrees below, since which time no material variation has occurred.

## THE CAPE NOME CITY

Appears as Well Now as  
Did Dawson in '97.

ALL ENTERPRISES  
ARE ESTABLISHED

The Town Is in Control of Officers  
Elected by Citizens.

The Fabulous Richness of the Creeks  
and Beach—The Tundra Flay Rival  
the Ruby Sands—Opinion of J. L.  
Davidson, Civil Engineer.

There has been so much told of Cape Nome and its wonderful richness that anything which is written now is likely to appear redundant. Nevertheless, there are hundreds of people to whom the story will never grow old, unless perhaps it be nine months hence when they return to Dawson disappointed and disheartened. Notwithstanding, however, the ill-fortune of many who will stampede to the new fields, the fact will be, as it is now, that Nome is extravagantly rich in gold, and offers the greatest opportunities ever known to the poor prospector. Accustomed as the residents of the Yukon are to the rapid development of new countries, yet few who have not visited the Alaskan camp realize the wonderful growth which that new district has had.

Nome is a town two miles long and one mile wide. The city was surveyed and platted into lots last summer, and a charter was drafted and adopted. There are enough buildings in the new city to shelter 4000 people, and 24 of these structures are two stories or more. In fact, Nome is a much better looking town in every respect than was Dawson in the spring of 1897. Speculators who go to Nome next May or June with a big tent and a few barrels of whisky expecting to make a fortune in the saloon business, will be as badly disappointed as they would be were they to bring their outfit into Dawson, for there are as many well arranged liquor houses in the new town as there are anywhere in Alaska or the Yukon territory. Stores of every description are established and are doing a brisk and remunerative trade. Provisions are about as scarce and prices about as high as they were in Dawson last winter. Before the majority of the stameters reach the beach next summer an electric light system, a telephone system and an electric railway system will be in operation. Franchises—not exclusive ones—were granted for these enterprises last fall by the municipal council. The railway has surface privileges over a right-of-way extending to the creek mines and along the beach. A company

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## Special Sale

Come and See

Felt Shoes, bals . . . . .	\$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, high top . . . . .	\$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, Congress . . . . .	\$6.00 pair
Moccasins . . . . .	\$2.50 pair

The Ames Mercantile Co.