

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## MAFEKING IS SAVED

**Baden-Powell Again Reported to Have Held the Town.**

**McKinley's Position is Explained.**

**His Message Contained Inquiry as to Price of Peace.**

**NO REPLY YET RECEIVED.**

**Details of Wreck of Steamer Wolcott—Passengers Rescued With Difficulty.**

From Wednesday's Daily. Skagway, March 21.—Latest advices, contained in the London dispatches state that Col. Baden-Powell has succeeded in relieving Mafeeking. The garrison was found in a pitiful condition. No further particulars are given.

**No Reply Received.** Washington, D. C., March 19, via Skagway, March 21.—No answer has as yet been received from the British government in reply to the representations of President McKinley touching upon the restoration of peace in South Africa. It is officially announced that the United States is not acting in the capacity of a mediator as the term is understood by authorities on international law and diplomacy. The government, through the president, merely consented to transmit the messages without in any way committing itself in the matter.

No proposition was advanced as a suggestion upon which terms of peace should be granted. All that was ventured in this overture was an inquiry as to what price Great Britain would demand from the South African Republics for ordering a cessation of hostilities. Had the United States gone any farther it might have been placed in the unfavorable position of acting as an uninvited mediator. Since the beginning of the war a policy of impartial neutrality has been observed by the government and there is no intention of departing from this attitude.

**Vale Cutter Wolcott.**

Skagway, March 21.—Additional news just received here relative to the wrecking of the steamer Wolcott in the straits between Karluck and Uyak tells of the narrow escape of the passengers and crew, who, with great difficulty succeeded in reaching a small unnamed island by means of the steamers' two life boats and craft hastily improvised from boxes and crates which were a portion of the ship's cargo. After remaining on the small island for 17 hours, during which time the marooned people suffered intensely from the piercing winds, they were sighted and

## ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Huuker Creek, on Klondike River.

**Suice, Flume & Mining Lumber**

Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

.....J. W. BOYLE

rescued by one of the Pacific Steam Whaling Co. steamers. The crew numbered 16 and the passengers 11 persons all of whom were uninjured, save from fright. The steamer lies in 30 fathoms of water.

(Between 36 and 40 years ago the United States revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott was launched from a ship yard in Bath, Maine, and for many years was the pride of the American government, being the flagship in that particular branch of government marine service. While the Wolcott was superceded more than 25 years ago by revenue cutters which excelled her in pattern, strength and speed, she was retained in the government service until three years ago when the naval officer in charge at Mare Island condemned her and sent her to Seattle to be sold. As she was constructed entirely of wood from keelstem to mast, and had been afloat for nearly 40 years, shipping men were leary of her and when put up at auction the old cutter whose glory had long since departed, was knocked down for a trifle over \$6000. The new owner towed her to Ballard where she was hauled out on the ways, when it was seen that her hull was practically as good as new. Her owner sold her at a large advance and she has since changed hands a number of times, selling within the past two years for \$32,000. For many years the Oliver Wolcott cruised around the water of Puget sound, near the international boundary line in quest of smugglers which infested those waters. Those were the days when Larry Kelly and many others made barrels of money by the illicit running in of Chinese and opium, and as at her best the Wolcott could steam but eight miles an hour, the smugglers had lots of fun with her, by letting the cutter approach them and then hoist sail and run away. It is told of Larry Kelly that at one time he was crossing the Gulf of Georgia with a number of contraband Chinese in a sloop and that the Wolcott had been pursuing him for several miles. Larry would haul down sail until she would get almost within shot range and then spread his canvass and run away. It happened, so the story goes, that the wind went down and that Kelly, seeing he was in a fair way to be captured, called the Chinamen from the hold of the sloop one at a time, tapped them on the heads, weighted their bodies with bags of sand carried for ballast and dropped them overboard. Two hours later when overhauled Kelly was calmly seated with the tiller rope in his hand and pipe in his mouth looking the picture of innocence. Search of his sloop failed to reveal anything suspicious and he was allowed to continue his way in undisturbed serenity. — E.D.)

## Interior of Africa.

London, Feb. 27.—Some of the morning papers—the Daily Mail, the Daily Chronicle, the Daily News and the Morning Post—publish a remarkable interview with E. S. Grogan, who has just returned to England after a two years' journey in Africa.

Mr. Grogan, who traveled over 6500 miles, and represents himself to be the first European who has traveled through the continent from the Cape to Cairo, says that after leaving Lake Tanganyika with eight porters, he entered a region of active volcanoes, where he encountered "enormous lava streams, forming a veritable sea, 40 miles by 60 and 100 feet deep."

This whole region he found devastated, forests and herds of elephants being buried in liquid fire.

The neighboring country, he says, is occupied by some 5000 Belekas, ferocious cannibals from the Congo, who live by man hunting. His guides told him that the country covered 3500 square miles, has been until recently densely populated, but that the people had been virtually killed and eaten by the Belekas.

Everywhere he found evidences of cannibalistic practices. The very paths in the jungle were marked by lines of human skeletons.

The streams were full of decomposing remnants of humanity half eaten and horribly mutilated.

These cannibals, according to Mr. Grogan's narrative, lived in grass cabins. He entered some of these habitations and witnessed horrible sights. He saw "cauldrons full of liquid, with floating human skulls and the bodies of infants."

On one occasion the savages attacked Mr. Grogan's party, but he opened

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## AID IS SOUGHT

**To Relieve the Heavy Pressure of Business in Judge Dugas' Court.**

**PETITION IS WIRED TO OTTAWA**

**Legal Business of Yukon District Rapidly Increasing.**

**PROPER COURSE IS PURSUED**

**Proposed to Have Court of Appeals at Dawson Instead of on the Outside.**

On Monday evening the local bar association passed unanimously a resolution calling upon the government for the appointment of two additional judges to assist Mr. Justice Dugas in conducting the judicial business of the territory. Crown Prosecutor Wade prepared the resolutions which when passed were telegraphed to Ottawa and immediate action is anticipated. The business of the court has become so clogged, owing to the immense number of cases which have been forced upon Judge Dugas, that civil actions are subject to indefinite and expensive delays. This action of the bar association affects vitally the interests of every litigant, as it will result in the establishment of a court of appeals in Dawson, which will obviate any further necessity of carrying cases either to Ottawa or to the superior court of British Columbia, as is now the system in vogue. The resolution in full is as follows:

Resolved, That we have heard the suggestions of Mr. Wade looking to the improvement of the administration of justice in the Yukon, by:

1. Appointing two judges to assist in the administration of justice, one of these to be the gold commissioner, who will be ex-officio a judge of the court to be thus constituted and who could be appointed at once, and the other to be a judge by original appointment, said judges, with the Hon. Mr. Justice Dugas, to constitute a court of original and appellate jurisdiction in criminal and civil cases and also in litigations concerning mines.
2. Substituting the said court for the supreme court of British Columbia as a court of appeal.
3. Providing for an appeal from said court to be so constituted to the supreme court of Canada.

That we strongly approve of the suggestions made as they are calculated to save the public enormous expenses which are now necessary in carrying appeals to British Columbia, and to avoid delays which are always serious and sometimes ruinous on account of the remoteness of the Yukon territory and the transient nature of the population.

That a telegram be at once sent to the minister of justice to the above effect and urging immediate action with this end in view at this present session of parliament.

Carried unanimously.

C. C. M'CAUL, Chairman.

## Dance on Dominion.

Recently, a pleasant social dance was given in Fred Card's roadhouse, at No. 4 below upper discovery on Dominion. An excellent time was experienced by those who were present. Good instrumental music was rendered by the Dugan Brothers, and Mr. Fendrick. Mr. Goss acted as floor manager. Among the ladies present were Mesdames Banks, Marsten, Robinson, Kelly, Vose, Eckert, Misses Holmes, Shropshire, Lamb, Card, Iris and Julian.

## Looks Like Poisoning.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 27.—A great deal of interest is being taken in the inquest on the death of William Fraser,

a patient who died in the city hospital on February 3 under peculiar circumstances. Counsel for the relatives of the deceased today introduced evidence to show that a nurse had inadvertently administered medicine containing poison. Fraser had been treated for a fractured leg in the hospital. Dr. McRwan, the house surgeon, testified that two days before Fraser's death the night nurse came to him and said that the patient complained that she had given him the wrong medicine. Later the day nurse came to him and told him that the patient had begun vomiting and that he had vomited blood. He then went to him and except for the vomiting found nothing out of the ordinary. The patient afterwards complained of burning sensations. The investigation will not be concluded for several days.

## Serious Stabbing Affray.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 27.—There was rather a mysterious stabbing case here today. A man giving the name of John Wylie was found near a Water street saloon suffering from a profuse hemorrhage, the result of a serious wound in his side. Wylie was taken to the receiving hospital, where he refused to give the name of his assailant, but stated that he had been involved in a saloon altercation and had been stabbed by a stranger. No special attention was paid to the affair at first, but later in the day Wylie became so weak from the continued hemorrhages that the case assumed a serious aspect and his present condition is precarious. In the meantime the police have no clew to the identity of the stranger who committed the assault.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The president has nominated Henry B. Miller, of Oregon, to be consul at Chung King, China.

Maj. Wm. Monaghan, additional paymaster, U. S. V., and Maj. Wm. Gilbert, paymaster, U. S. A., have been ordered to proceed on the transport Thomas to Manila for duty there.

Five Aberdeen trawlers which started for the fishing grounds before the recent gale have not returned, and all hope for their safety has been abandoned. The crews numbered about 70 men and boys.

The Uganda telegraph line reached the Nile at Ripon Falls, February 18, and was carried across the river next day, thus establishing telegraphic communications between London and the sources of the Nile.

The Baldwin locomotive works of Philadelphia has received an order from the Paris & Orleans railway of France for thirty ten wheel passenger engines. This is the first locomotive contract ever placed by the railway in America.

The chamber of commerce of San Francisco has appointed a committee to consider the advisability of establishing a branch of the New York American Asiatic Association in that city, the purpose of which is to increase trade with the Orient.

William A. Lombard, of New York, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$58,058; no assets. The liabilities are principally for borrowed money on notes and as a stockholder of the Union National bank, of Denver; Bloomfield States bank, Bloomfield, Neb., and the Baker City, Or., National bank.

The island of Basilan, in the Philippines, is reported to have been purchased by Prince Poniatowski, of San Francisco, for \$500,000. The prince, who is president of the Standard Electric Company, is in Pittsfield, buying electrical equipment; Basilan is twenty miles long, lies southeast of Mindanao, and is valuable for its pearl fisheries and hemp trade.

A bill pending in the New York Legislature repeals the act forbidding construction of railroads on the Albany and New York post road, which is a continuation of Broadway. The bill is said to be in the interest of a syndicate in which John D. Rockefeller, Levi P. Morton and J. P. Morgan are reported to be interested. This syndicate, it is said, proposes to construct trolley car lines between the more prosperous Hudson river towns and then connect these lines so as to form a continuous line from New York to Albany.

Parties wishing to sell or buy mining property call on or address Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks. c27

## TRAVEL TO NOME

**During the Coming Summer Will Be Largely By the Yukon Route.**

**W. P. & Y. CO. BIDS FOR BUSINESS.**

**From Seattle to Nome Cheap as From Dawson to Nome.**

**CARS WILL NOT BE FERRIED.**

**Steamers Australian and S. S. Bailey Will Operate With Railroad on Lake Bennett.**

Advices just received by Lieut. Adair from the general manager of his company, the White Pass & Yukon Ry., state that the original intention of running loaded cars on board large ferry barges for transfer over the gap in the line, which for a short time will exist between Bennett and Caribou, a distance of 28 miles. Instead of a ferry being used on which it was proposed to transfer loaded cars, an arrangement has been entered into with the Canadian Development Company by which two of the latter's steamers, probably the S. S. Bailey and Australian, will be utilized, and on them the freight will be loaded at Bennett for transfer to Caribou where it will be again transferred to cars for shipment to the northern terminus of the line at Clouseleigh.

In the matter of Nome traffic the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. is taking a deep interest and a mighty effort is being made by it to divert the travel from the all water route to that via Skagway and the Yukon, and in order that the public may be induced to choose the latter, a rate of \$185 from Seattle to Nome via Dawson is now being offered by the railroad company, and in the event of a combine on prices, say a rate of \$150, by the big steamship companies from Dawson to Nome, the W. P. & Y. will sell tickets in Seattle via Dawson for Nome at the same price as that charged from Dawson to Nome by the local companies. In other words it is the intention of the railroad company to handle a large part of the Nome traffic and divert travel via the Yukon, and the chances are that the effort will be crowned with success. The W. P. & Y. Co. is in the field for business; its money, lots of it, has been invested in property which, unlike the property of steamship companies, can not be pulled off and placed on another run. Unlike a steamship company, the railroad can not go to business beyond the extent of its lines; business must come to it, and it is the intention of the W. P. & Y. to have that business come if it can be brought by such inducements as cheap rates, rapid transportation and square treatment.

As the friend and upbuilder of Dawson the White Pass & Yukon Company is first on the list of all the transportation companies.

Mrs. Fancher's ladies' spring goods have arrived. Call and inspect. c20

Robert Green, of Green's grocery is preparing to move his store, from the old location on No. 5 to No. 6, just opposite the Dewey. c21

### Boys on the Creeks

This Is for You...

Hurry Up to Lay in Your Spring Supplies. Some Things Are Getting Scarce and Are Going Up. Special Prices to Our Regular Customers Who Outfitted at Our Store, and Liberal Treatment to Everybody.

**The Ames Mercantile Co.** T. Jensen, Res. Manager