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SERIOUS OUTLOOK

Confronts the British in Cape Colony Which Boers Have Invaded.

DUTCH SUPPLY HORSES AND NEWS.

Early Proclamation of Martial Law Is Expected.

DALY'S DAUGHTER MARRIES.

Canadian Independence League Seeks Dissolution of Colonial Relations—Kidnapping Case.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily. Capetown, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The British battleship *Monarch* will land guns tomorrow as a precautionary measure. The situation is at present very serious, although the Dutch have not yet joined the invaders in any considerable numbers owing, it is believed, to lack of arms. In many places, however, horses are being freely offered and information supplied to the Boers. An early proclamation putting Cape Colony under martial law is expected. It is not believed that the gravity of the situation is appreciated in England.

Roberts Knighted.

Cowes, Jan. 2, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Lord Roberts on his return from South Africa was given a rousing reception. At Osborne he was royally received, a number of princes and princesses being present. The queen bestowed an earldom upon him with a special reminder for his daughters. The queen also made him a Knight of the Garter.

Margaret Daly Weds.

New York, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Margaret, the eldest daughter of Marcus Daly, was quietly married today to H. Carroll Brown of Baltimore.

United States of Canada.

New York, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The Times has a special from Montreal giving a full account of the doings of the Canadian Independence League which seeks the dissolution of the colonial relations and declares for independence and the formation of a new federation to be called the United States of Canada. The proposition is that each province become a state with sovereign powers.

Cudahy Kidnapping.

Omaha, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Eddie Cudahy failed to identify J. J. Crowe as one of the men who kidnapped him and Crowe was accordingly released.

The money paid by Mr. Cudahy as a ransom for his son was in bills, all of which were marked. All banks have been notified of these marks and persons presenting the bills will be arrested and called upon to explain their possession of the same.

Another threatening letter was received by Cudahy today, asking him to withdraw the reward offered for the apprehension of the kidnapers.

Capital Offence.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—Senator Ransom of Omaha, today introduced a bill in the legislature to make kidnapping under certain conditions punishable by death.

Stolen Mail Pouch.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Record from Helena, Mont., says: A registered mail pouch due to leave Helena for Chicago and the East Satur-

day morning, is missing, it evidently having been stolen between the post-office and the Great Northern depot. The pouch was an extremely valuable one, containing as it did the principal portion of Christmas remembrances sent East from here, being due in Chicago Monday morning. The pouch was loaded on to the mail wagon at midnight Friday night.

Attacks Prince and Premier.

London, Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the *London Sun*, in today's issue of the paper, under the heading "Betting and Gambling Forecasts," tilts at the Prince of Wales and Lord Roseberry as follows:

"Woe to any country in which the heirs to the throne and prime ministers favor the race course, as it exists among us today. If princes are guilty, it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme he has no right to rebuke ribaldry upon the street. I would rather have a premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation."

Principal Disturber.

London, Dec. 18.—"It is rumored from Sianfu," says the Shanghai correspondent of the *Standard*, "that the real director of the grand council is the empress dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Yueng, who was erroneously reported dead last April. He is responsible for the general confusion and indecision. His latest suggestion is that the court should proceed to Nanking."

All Hail A. C. Boys

The merchants and property owners on the several streets contiguous to the recent fire have contributed \$500 with which will be purchased an appropriate memento to be presented to the A. C. Co.'s fire laddies, who under the supervision of Manager Mizner, did such gallant service at the conflagration last Monday morning. A dinner will also be given to the boys by admiring citizens at some early date.

The following letter has also been signed by a large number of people and when engrossed will be sent to the home office of the company in San Francisco:

Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, Jan. 7, 1901.

Alaska Commercial Company, 310 Sansome Street, San Francisco, Cal.:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned citizens of Dawson desire to express our thanks to your company and to Mr. Edgar A. Mizner, the resident manager of your company, for the prompt efforts made by the fire department of your company in the attendance at the fire which occurred in Dawson this morning, as we believe that had it not been for the timely arrival of your fire department that the greater portion of the city of Dawson would have been destroyed by fire.

We also thank you for your efforts in the same behalf in the past. Very respectfully yours.

The Fire Bell.

Shortly before 8:30 this morning the fire department responded to a call from the office of the *Daily News*, where some cause not definitely known, probably a spark catching in the roof boards on the inside near the stove pipe, quite a respectable blaze was in progress.

The damage was slight, only a few roof boards being torn out and some tar paper spoiled.

Blindman's Buff.

A woman in Harlem has a daughter 17 years old who is a natural flirt and sometimes shocks her parent's sense of propriety. A mischievous young man who has a propensity for kissing calls on her, and the mother thinks it not wise to leave them alone.

On a recent evening when the two were in the parlor it became necessary for the mother to leave the house for an hour, so she told her son, 8 years old, that she would give him a nickel if he would go into the parlor to see Mr. Brown and stay there till she returned. When she got back the three were merrily playing the game of blindman's buff. When Mr. Brown had gone, Willie was rewarded with a nickel.

"Did you have a good time?" asked his mother.

"Yes," said Willie, who did not suspect that he was being employed as a watch-dog, "but they are pretty hard for a little fellow like me to catch. They kept me blindfolded most of the time."—*New York Tribune*.

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CORNER ON BEANS

Is the Latest Novel Sensation in the Market of Chicago.

HEAVY ADVANCE IN PRICE QUOTED.

Second Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment Disbanded.

SWIFTWATER GOES ABROAD

To Sell Mining Properties Lying North of Nome—John Kennedy Cleared at Juneau.

Chicago, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—A corner in beans is the latest and most exciting novelty in Chicago. The market is being engineered by the Albert Dickenson Co. Beans jumped today from \$1.84 to \$2 per bushel and are expected to go to \$2.50, possibly higher, in a day or two. A heavy intended purchase by the government is said to be at the bottom of the attempted corner.

Second Battalion Disbands.

Ottawa, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The second battalion of the Royal Canadian regiment is disbanded since December 31st, and the first battalion now constitutes the permanent infantry corps of the Dominion. The third battalion is now doing garrison duty at Halifax and Esquimaux.

Swiftwater Bill.

Seattle, Jan. 3, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—W. C. Gates (Swiftwater Bill) is here on his way to London to sell mining properties, of which he claims to own a large and valuable list, north of Nome, the exact location not being stated. He came here from San Francisco to which place he went on one of the last steamers to leave Nome in the fall.

Failed to Indict.

Juneau, Jan. 9, via Skagway, Jan. 10.—The United States district grand jury now in session at this place failed to indict John Kennedy on the charge of attempting to rape Mrs. J. N. Hull of Skagway.

Mail Makes Good Time.

Skagway, Jan. 10.—The mail reached Whitehorse Tuesday, 5½ days from Dawson.

Legislation for Army.

Washington, Dec. 23.—At the last meeting of the senate committee on military affairs, the proceedings of which have just been made public, Secretary Root made a strong presentation of the necessity for immediate legislation for the relief of the army. He stated broadly that if congress did not at once endorse the army bill, in substantial accordance with the recommendations of the war department, the United States would be obliged to abandon a large portion of the Philippine islands, where civil government is established.

If the present garrisons are withdrawn from certain portions of the island the municipal officers, mostly Filipinos, will be left defenseless, with every prospect of being deprived of their lives and property, and at the same time the United States will be disgraced, the secretary said, for having proved faithless to its solemn obligations. The secretary argued that it was necessary to pass the department bill, as a whole, in order to properly adjust the military organization to the new conditions created by the increase of members. "We do not, any of us," he said, "expect that, for any considerable period, an army of 100,000 men will be maintained, and for an army of 60,000 men the provisions made (by the committee) are sufficient."

With reference to the matter of staff details, the secretary said that he was convinced that the control of the permanent staff department in the city of Washington is an evil that ought to be remedied, and that it is highly important for the army that there should be interchangeable service between the line and the staff. In answer to an inquiry the secretary said that it was of minor importance whether there was a corps or regimental formation of the artillery branch, and that while he favored the former, he really cared very little about the matter, which he regarded as a purely technical question. Secretary Root devoted considerable attention in his testimony to the army canteen, urging that it was a great means of maintaining the morality, health and discipline of the troops. He pointed out that the post exchange is a club, where the men get together to read, talk and smoke, playing checkers and other games and drinking under such natural restraints as the place afforded. A prohibition of the canteen, the secretary said, would interfere with enlistments, as the men would not enlist if they knew they were going to be confined in a reform school. He considered the agitation against the canteen would drive the soldiers out of the post exchange, where they are subject to salutary restraints, to the demoralization and vicious surroundings outside of army posts. It would result in more drinking and more deception among those who drank. The secretary also pointed out that the proposed enactment would convey an entirely erroneous and prejudicial view to the public as to what had been the course of the army in regulating the sale of liquor up to this time.

One Year Today

One year ago today and at about 4:15 o'clock in the evening, fire, which started in an upstairs room of the Monte Carlo theater, saloon, gambling and rooming house, destroyed in two hours' time nearly half a million dollars' worth of property. For the next few days it will be remembered that First avenue from Third street south almost to Second, presented a scene of unequalled desolation, twisted light wires and warped Yukon stoves being mixed in endless profusion. But it was not for long. The present Dominion building was up and occupied in less than six weeks from the date of the fire. Others followed and at the expiration of but little more than four months the entire burned district was rebuilt and re-inhabited, the new buildings being of a much better and more expensive class than those destroyed.

Although the fire of one year ago today was a most disastrous one—so disastrous, indeed, as to break many who lost their all by it—faith in the future of the city never for one instant wavered, and those who had the means with which to rebuild did so at once, while those who had not soon found some way out of the dilemma either by selling their land or interesting capital in the way of partnership.

All traces of the fire have long since been obliterated, but the events of the evening of January 10th, 1900, will not soon be forgotten by those who were in Dawson on that date.

Fighting Jack Brothers.

Mr. W. H. Conway, of the barracks clerical force, is in receipt of a letter from South Africa written by J. J. Buchanan, formerly of Dawson, but who left a year ago to go to the front in defense of his country. The letter mentions a number of old Dawson boys who went to the war, some of them being referred to in a manner both amusing and ludicrous.

Special mention is made of the sad but heroic death of Jack Brothers at Crocodile valley in the very first engagement in which he took part. Brothers owned a good claim on Bonanza, and when men were wanted to defend the honor and flag of his country he sold his claim, hurried to the outside and enlisted, being at once made a sergeant. At Crocodile valley he was reconnoitering the outposts in company with one other man when they were surprised and shot down by three Boers in ambush. Thinking their victims dead they robbed them of their carbines, but overlooked Brothers' revolver. While the Boers were gloating over the spoils Brothers quietly drew his revolver and shot the three dead. The wounded man then crawled about 150 yards when exhaustion overtook him and with no one to moisten his parched lips he died the death of the true soldier.

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BLEEKER CONTENT

With the Decision of Justice Dugas About the Affidavits of Jurors

IN THE JAMES SLORAH MURDER CASE

Crown Prosecutor Wade Equally Sanguine of Success.

EVIDENCE IS SENSATIONAL

And Somewhat Startling—The Text Cannot be Given Because It is Not Yet of Court Record.

Justice Dugas this morning in the matter of the motion of Attorney Bleeker for a new trial in the Slorah murder case, gave a decision to the effect that evidence showing what occurred in the jury room was not admissible, neither could evidence showing what occurred between jurymen be taken, or that which one jurymen told to the others relating to things which occurred between himself and others. The Justice raised the question as to whether Mr. Bleeker had a right to bring up his motion at the time he did, citing the fact that he should have made his motion within four days after the close of the trial.

Mr. Wade objected to the term of the motion citing misdirection on the part of the judge, inasmuch as the citation did not specify wherein the direction had been wrong.

Argument will be heard Monday morning. Both Attorney Bleeker for the defense, and Crown Prosecutor Wade are very sanguine of success, the latter being strong in his belief that the affidavits cannot be admitted as evidence under the law, and the former being equally certain that they can.

Mr. Bleeker said: "I consider that that ruling virtually admits the most essential parts of the evidence contained in the affidavits and only effects that of Juryman Wilkins, which is secondary in importance to that of Jarvis and Wilson."

"This decision," said Attorney Bleeker, "as I understand it, means that I have got all I wanted or anticipated in the matter, as the affidavits of Wilson and Jarvis clearly establish the fact that the waiters of the Holborn had access to the jury room and that they, during the time the trial was in progress, held communication with some of the witnesses; more than this, at least one of them drank with one or more of the women who were witnesses for the crown."

It will be seen from the foregoing that the evidence contained in the affidavits offered is, as was intimated some time since, not only sensational, but somewhat startling, and if Mr. Bleeker is right in his interpretation of the decision of this morning, he has cause to be satisfied with his efforts. If, on the other hand, Mr. Wade is correct in his opinion that the evidence cannot be admitted under the decision, then the work of the defense falls to the ground. The text of the affidavits cannot be published at this time owing to the fact that thus far they are not of the court records, but sufficient was learned of them previous to this to admitting the publication of their purport.

Slorah, as indifferent in appearance at least as usual, was in the prisoner's box this morning to hear the proceedings.

It is now rumored that Wilson has made yet another affidavit which contradicts the one now in the hands of the territorial clerk, and yesterday it was stated in court by Mr. Bleeker that he had just sent in a modification of his first affidavit, which he, as attorney for the defense, was willing to allow.

Lots of Mail Coming.

Yesterday evening at 4:45 o'clock, incoming mail to the amount of 2600 pounds passed Selwyn. If it travels day and night it should reach Stewart sometime tonight and Dawson about 24 hours later.