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YUKON JUDGE

James Craig Renfrew, of Ottawa, Appointed, and is Now En Route.

RELIEF OF MAFEKING IS DESIRED

Roberts' Plans Are Uncertain—London Papers Guessing.

KRUGER AGAIN TALKS PEACE

Begbie Arrested for Blowing Up His Own Factory—Seventeen Men Are Still Missing.

Ottawa, May 3, via Skagway, May 7.—James Craig Renfrew, newly appointed judge for the Yukon district, started today for Dawson.

London Papers Guessing.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 7.—The London newspapers are now guessing as to Roberts' plans and preparations, and as to whether he will continue the advance to Kimberly. Much greater interest is now centered in the relief of Mafeking than in the taking of Pretoria. A part of the Boer forces is said to have withdrawn from the vicinity of Mafeking. According to telegrams, Kruger is again asking for terms of peace.

The burghers insist that all British, except those obtaining special permits to remain, must leave Pretoria and Witwatersrand gold fields within 36

hours, and the government will see that the desire of the burghers is granted.

Advices of yesterday show heavy fighting at Israelport, seven miles west of Thaba, where the Boers stopped the British forces for three days and then evacuated for a stronger position. Here the British advance which resulted in victory was led by Canadians.

The Boers have deserted Thaba which the British took possession of, taking all the stores, horses and cattle.

The Boers still show great force around Bloemfontein; also between Fourteen streams and Kimberley, and are still holding the hills near Thaba.

Roberts' censure of Buller over the latter's actions at Spion Kop caused Buller to tender his resignation, but thus far Roberts has refused to accept it.

Doctor Jameson who is now almost wholly recovered from a severe attack of fever is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Cape parliament from Kimberley.

General Botha has returned to Pretoria and assumed supreme command of the Boer army.

Begbie Arrested.

Johannesburg, May 2, via Skagway, May 7.—Seventeen workmen employed in Begbie's works at the time of the explosion are still unaccounted for. Begbie has been arrested on the charge of murder, as it is claimed he blew up the works himself out of revenge for being forced to manufacture munitions of war for the enemy.

Accident in Paris.

Paris, May 1, via Skagway, May 7.—A temporary bridge broke here, killing six and wounding nearly 200 people, many of them seriously.

No Mail Coming.

An erroneous report was started this morning to the effect that a large consignment of mail had arrived from up the river since Saturday. There is no truth in the report, nor is any mail likely to arrive from up the river until it is brought by steamer. An inward bound consignment of mail left Selkirk last Wednesday in canoes and after a most hazardous trip reached Selwyn, where it is now held awaiting the day when it can be transferred to a steamer on which to complete the trip. It was possible to bring it on by other means, the people may be assured it would be brought; but even the C. D. Co.'s intrepid mail carriers must abide the pleasure of the elements.

Queen's Birthday.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Queen's birthday celebration has called a meeting tonight in the Criterion. Everyone who is interested in making the occasion a success is requested to be present.

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A BIG MEETING

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PERSONAL MATTERS LARGELY AIDED

A Resolution Passed Demanding Ogilvie's Recall.

TO BE WIRED TO OTTAWA.

Taxation Without Representation Discussed and the Royalty Tax Condemned.

The mass meeting of British subjects which had been anticipated for a period of six weeks, occurred at the Palace Grand theater last Saturday evening. The large building was taxed to its utmost capacity; on the floor of the house all the seats and every available inch of standing room were occupied by representative citizens; the balcony and private boxes in the second and third galleries accommodated a number of ladies and gentlemen, who had come as interested spectators.

The audience expected that deliberate consideration would be given to the status of affairs in this territory, and that efficacious remedies for existing evils would be proposed; but the people were disappointed. No business of importance was transacted. Two new resolutions were introduced, one condemning the royalty regulations, and the other requesting the removal of Gov. Ogilvie; but entirely too much time was consumed in the criticisms and recriminations of the individual members of the citizens' committee and the editor of a weekly contemporary. These references to personalities frequently recurred during the night, and the auditors became wearied of such irrelevant matters. Gradually, the men who had been prominent in the movement for reform withdrew from the building; the boxes and balcony seats were vacated by their occupants, and long before the meeting adjourned the majority of the representative citizens who were present early in the evening had left the hall.

No interesting incidents occurred; nobody delivered an able or convincing address; but occasionally a diverting circumstance amused the audience. While attempting to interrupt a speaker, Dr. Cato was forcibly ejected from the stage by Joseph Clark, but no serious consequences ensued. At another time, when nominations were in order to fill a vacancy which had been occasioned in the committee, the names of Mulligan and Nigger Jim were suggested to the evident amusement of the people.

The assembly convened at 9 o'clock. All the members of the citizens' committee, excepting Messrs. McMullen and Sturgeon, retained seats upon the stage. The absence of Mr. McMullen was unavoidable; he is quite ill in the Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Sturgeon was engaged in work on one of the creeks and he tendered his resignation as a committeeman. Mr. Alexander Gillis was selected to fill the vacancy. Col. MacGregor called the meeting to order, and immediately afterwards he was chosen permanent chairman. Joseph A. Clarke was elected as secretary.

Following the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the citizens' committee was submitted. This document consists of eight pages of typewritten matter, and it is a detailed review of the official actions of the committee from the time of its appointment. The following statements are some of the most important:

Recent events prove that the council's forecasts were almost entirely wrong, while the forecasts of the committee were most surprisingly accurate.

The committee in its conference with the council at an early date expressed the idea that the number of British subjects in the Yukon territory numbered about 5000 and at a later date they resolved to assure the powers that be from all information within their command the number of British subjects in the territory exceeded 3000. By the late census there have been enumerated 4555 British subjects, 3584 voters, and a population of over 16,000. The estimate of those engaged in taking the census places the population at over 20,000 and the number of British subjects at about 6000 or considerably over 5000 at least. The expressions of the different members of the council were that if so many as 500 British subjects were found to be in the Yukon territory they would endorse the request of the committee; some of the members have since qualified their expressions by saying they meant 500 British voters. In any event from seven to ten times the number required by them have already been enumerated, and the census has shown that condition to exist which everyone except the Yukon council knew before. The steps taken by the government of the Yukon territory have resulted solely in delay and the acts of the Yukon council have unnecessarily delayed the answer to the citizens' petitions already three months.

Reports from the house of parliament at Ottawa have shown that the government were unaware of many of the practices in vogue in the Yukon territory, as for instance that the council sat with closed doors, or that it was their intention to tax the citizens of the Yukon territory without representation, or that the measure of local self-government was so small.

The fact that the council sat with closed doors was strongly condemned at our last meeting and from the utterances of cabinet ministers, has been entirely without the knowledge of the government at Ottawa, as well as against the regular constitutional precedents. Notwithstanding this the Yukon council have again voted down a resolution to make their meetings public, and the secrecy of government proceedings in the Yukon territory is being maintained.

Your committee regret that the Yukon council have paid no attention to the protest of the last public meeting regarding taxation of the Yukon without representation on the council, and have thus shown their defiance of public opinion. Your committee are informed that valid legal objections can be taken and sustained as to the power of the Yukon council to assess and tax the town of Dawson at least until the citizens have representation upon that council.

The question of representation on the Yukon council seems to lay with the local authorities as members of the cabinet have stated in parliament that this subject had been referred to the local authorities as early as last November and the commissioner of the Yukon territory admitted this fact to a subcommittee. This communication apparently was never submitted to the council. Why not, and under what instructions if any, are problems which we leave to this meeting. In view of the approaching general elections in Canada, and the systematic delay that seems to have been successful up to the present time it may be a question whether the elections to the Yukon council will now precede the general elections for the Dominion parliament and your committee are of the opinion that it is of the utmost importance that every effort should be made to secure representation in the Dominion house of commons before the next general election and that

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DEATH IN UTAH

Three Hundred Miners Killed By Explosion in Coal Mine at Schofield.

OUTSIDE WORKERS KILLED OR HURT

Bodies to the Number of 178 Have Been Recovered.

COFFIN SUPPLY EXHAUSTED.

Young Girl Drops Dead at News of Brother's Death—Aid Pouring In—English Sympathy.

Skagway, May 7.—A terrible explosion occurred in a coal mine at Schofield, Utah, on the first of May, but as only papers of the 3d had reached here, the full details of the disaster have not yet been learned.

Schofield is a small town in the southern part of Utah, and is populated principally with coal miners and their families. Of the 300 men working in the mine at the time of the explosion, 250 are known to have been killed, and 178 bodies have been recovered.

Five men who were working outside at the time of the explosion were severely injured. John Wilson, who was passing the mine on horseback at the time was blown 200 yards across the canyon, being instantly killed. Besides his skull being crushed, he was disemboweled.

Thomas Sellers, Harry Taylor and John Beddoe who were working 50 yards away were severely injured, Taylor's jaw being broken.

The names of the 178 victims recovered are all known, and it is believed the death roll will reach fully 300. Nine-tenths of the victims are Americans and Welch.

Seventy-five bodies have been prepared for burial, and the supply of coffins at Salt Lake City is exhausted.

Lizzie Clark, aged 16, dropped dead at her mother's feet on hearing of the death of her brother Walter, who was overcome by fire damp. David Redfield and Will Jones, chums, were found dead in each other's arms.

Subscriptions to the afflicted families are pouring in from all over the United States in liberal amounts.

A London telegram says there is more sympathy expressed toward America on account of this awful catastrophe than has been evoked by any event since the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor.

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