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## RECEIVED BY WIRE CARNAGE IN AFRICA

### Seven Thousand Boers Have Been Killed in the War to Date.

### BOER FORCES ARE COMPELLED TO ABANDON COLENZO.

### All England is Cheered and Bets Are Made That Buller Will Occupy Ladysmith.

### Canada Worked Up as Never Before in Her History—Millions of Money and Thousands of Men at Disposal of British Government—Boers Becoming Disorganized—Steamer Townsend Is Rescued From Her Perilous Position, Only to Be Wrecked Again.

From Saturday's Daily  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 27.—Accurate returns from Capetown gives the total loss of the Boer forces to date more than 7000 killed. British losses will reach 8000, making a total of 15,000 men killed to date.

**Driven From Colenso.**  
London via Skagway Jan. 27.—After a sharp bombardment lasting 24 hours the Boers have been driven from Colenso. Before leaving they destroyed everything in the town of any value and set fire to all the buildings. Before any measures could be taken to stop the spread of the flames the entire town practically was in ashes.

**Canada Wild.**  
Ottawa via Skagway Jan. 27.—Canada is worked up to a tremendous spirit of patriotic enthusiasm over the war. Offers of volunteers are coming in from all over the Dominion. Lord Strathcona's offer to equip 400 men from the Northwest and maintain them to the end of the war has been accepted.

**Townsend Re-Wrecked.**  
Skagway, Jan. 27.—The steamer Townsend which was reported in these dispatches some time ago as having been wrecked on the way from Seattle to Juneau was rescued from her position on the rocks, but two days later sank again, and is now lying at the bottom of the sea a total wreck.

**Building Trenches.**  
London via Skagway Jan. 27.—The Boers have detached 10,000 men from the forces surrounding Ladysmith and despatched them to Potgeiter's Drift at which point long lines of most formidable trenches are being constructed. News of an important battle at this point may be expected at any time. This leaves the attacking force at Ladysmith very considerably weakened.

**A Cheerful Feeling.**  
London, via Skagway Jan. 27.—Confidence in the ability of the government to prosecute the war to a successful close is again being restored in the minds of the public. The news of Bul-

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ler's advance upon Ladysmith has brought forward favorable comment from papers which hitherto have been hostile to the government and a more cheerful feeling generally prevails. The war spirit is at its very highest and the utmost confidence is now expressed that the war will be brought to a successful conclusion very shortly.

**At Modder River.**  
London via Skagway Jan. 27.—Lord Methuen is still at Modder river. The Boer position is not clearly defined. Methuen has made several strong reconnaissances recently in the hope of drawing the Boers into battle. These efforts have proven unavailing so far and the situation remains practically unchanged. There is no news direct from Kimberley.

**Change of Feeling.**  
London via, Skagway, Jan. 27.—A great change has come over the public mind during the past few days owing to encouraging news from South Africa. A special to the Daily News dated Jan. 19 states that Gen. Buller moved his entire force across the Tugela river on the 17th inst. His whole army including a wagon train 19 miles long is now marching toward Ladysmith, which point his officers are wagering will be reached on the 20th. Buller's army including the artillery forces numbers 40,000 men. His present maneuver involves an approach to Ladysmith in a semi circle from the south and west.

**Boers Working Hard.**  
London via Skagway, Jan. 27.—The Boers have been engaged for ten days in strengthening their position outside of Ladysmith. Heavy fighting took place again on the 21st. The number of casualties is as yet unknown but are thought to have been very large. The Boers have thrown up long lines of entrenchments and are preparing to make a desperate stand.

**Papers Criticise.**  
London, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The London papers almost unanimously indulge in harsh criticisms of the methods which have been used in the conduct of the war up to date. The Times is especially severe and rakes the government fore and aft.

**Soldiers From B. C.**  
Victoria, via Skagway, Jan. 19.—The seriousness of the war situation is fully

realized here. Nothing but the war and the necessity of prompt action on the part of the government is talked of. Influential men of the province have forwarded to the war office in London an offer to raise, equip and maintain a force of 500 men to be secured from volunteers in the province.

**Is America to Apologize?**  
Rome, Jan. 13.—Minister of Foreign Affairs Venosta in the chamber of deputies today, in answer to an interpellation touching upon the lynching of Italian subjects at Tallulah, La., said the government had received assurances from Washington that Italy will receive moral satisfaction, besides a pecuniary indemnity.

**Found Dead in Bed.**  
Last night a man about six feet tall, and whose gray hair and gray full beard would indicate that he was past 50 years of age, applied for employment to Mrs. G. A. Croff, who conducts a boarding and lodging house at No. 7 below on Bananza, at which she provides for the miners whom her husband employs in working his lay on that claim. The man said that his name was Cooper, and that he had been stopping in a cabin on No. 6 Adams creek. Mrs. Croff told him that he could go to work for her husband in the morning; and he decided to remain in her bunk house for the night.

At 6 o'clock this morning an attempt was made to awaken him; but it was readily ascertained that the man had died. A doctor was called and expressed the opinion that death had occurred about 5 o'clock a. m., and that it was occasioned by heart disease. The police at Grand Forks have been notified.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**  
W. Young of Sulphur, is at the Flannery.  
Mrs. Primer of Grand Forks, is visiting her friends in Dawson. She is registered at the Hotel-McDonald.  
Theodore Snow, a "musher" who thinks nothing of a 40 mile spin, on a cocktail, before breakfast, will leave in few days for Nome.

Mr Donahue arrived Friday from White river and stated that Henry Abraham was reported lost on White river with two horses.  
Mike Sullivan and John Henry Crowley are in town today from their claim, No. 11 on Hunker. They came down on business with Police Magistrate Perry.

Mrs. M. A. Hammel is confined to her bed with a severe attack of rheumatism. She was taken down yesterday and last night she suffered very much. Her many friends hope for speedy recovery.

The example set by the A. C. Co. in having the caked snow and ice removed from the sidewalk adjacent to their store is one that should be emulated by the other business houses and property owners in the city.

It has been suggested that owing to the Nome fever and the fact that hundreds of people have already put up money to the steamboat companies for tickets, the circulating medium of the city will be in the hands of the steamer companies long before the opening of navigation unless the fever abates in the meantime.

## SEMPLÉ IN VICTORIA.

### Applies to the Courts for Redress.

### INTENDS TO FIGHT THE CASE IN COURT.

### Late Editor of Sunday Gleaner Interviewed in Seattle.

### Will Fight His Case Until His Enemies and Persecutors Are Van- quished—Will Yet Publish His Opinions Fearlessly in Dawson.

Skagway, Jan. 27.—The latest news received here from both Seattle and Victoria indicates that it was not an idle threat of D. W. Semple when he said he would wear at his belt the heads of several of Dawson's officials.

While in Seattle he submitted to an interview, the publication of which created a great deal of comment.

Semple is not boasting of what he intends doing, but confidently asserts that if there is law and justice in Canada there will be a general spring cleaning in Dawson officialdom. He says that he will yet edit a newspaper, in Dawson in which he will speak his convictions without being hauled up, fined and imprisoned for it.

From Victoria comes news of Semple's arrival at that place and of his laying his case before the authorities. He has retained able counsel, and his case will be advanced as speedily as possible.

**Laurier Talks.**  
Ottawa via Skagway, Jan. 26.—Premier Laurier in an interview states that parliament, which meets on Feb. 1st, will subscribe the sum of \$3,000,000 and authorize the enlistment of 2000 men to aid in prosecuting the war. Public meetings are being held all over Canada and subscriptions taken to be applied in caring for the wounded and for other war purposes.

**Why Mail Don't Come.**  
The following letter is self-explanatory:

Mr. H. W. Yemans, Dawson City, Y. T.  
Dear Sir: Your three letters of Oct. 29th, Nov. 14th and 27 have just been received.

We regret to say that we find it would be impossible to get the packages of magazines and books through to you until navigation opens up in the spring, as the postoffice department informs us they have absolute instructions not to receive any packages of printed matter or merchandise of any description, no matter if double first-class postage was put upon the packages, and they say they even throw out an ordinary letter envelope if it shows evidence of containing printed matter, or is extra heavy.

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