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WANT PEACE

Majority of the Free Staters
Wish the War Was
Ended.

PRESIDENT STEYN TO JOIN KRUGER.

In the Event That More British
Victories Are Gained,

TROOPS STILL POURING IN.

British Columbia Parliament Com-
pletely Upset—Ottawa Is Dis-
cussing the Situation.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—Dispatches from Cape Town today report a growing disaffection in the Orange Free State. It is stated that a majority of the "raad" have expressed themselves as being in favor of offering terms of peace to Great Britain and in the event that British successes continue, this sentiment will doubtless prevail. President Steyn is preparing to flee to Pretoria and is only delaying his departure in the hope that Boer successes will occur in the near future. Should he be forced to leave, a provisional government for the Orange Free State will be established.

Troops Pouring In.

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—Gen. Roberts is at Oosfontein. His plans are well concealed but important movements are anticipated in the near future. Continuous streams of troops and supplies are pouring in from Natal and Cape Colony. The Boers have a force of 10,000 men within 18 miles of the main British army, with numerous smaller bodies of troops moving to the north and south. The Boers are engaged night and day in strengthening their position and the entire surrounding country is one vast series of fortifications. Gen. Joubert is in supreme command.

Trouble in British Columbia.

Victoria, March 7, via Skagway, March 12.—Hon. J. C. Brown has been tendered the premiership of British Columbia and has refused. He was offered the first place in the cabinet provided that he would accept Joe Martin as a colleague. Brown declined to accept on the condition named and the government of the province is still in an unsettled condition. The situation of affairs is under discussion at Ottawa. It is considered by the government leaders as being very serious and tending to shake the confidence of the people in constitutional government.

A Big Loan.

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 12.—The house of commons today authorized the negotiation of a loan of \$35,000,000.

Officers Gazetted.

London, March 7, via Skagway, March 12.—Officers of the Strathcona Horse have been gazetted as follows: Steele, lieutenant colonel; Lieutenants R. A. Lowrie, R. A. Belcher, A. M. Jarvis and A. E. Snyder to be majors.

Mexicans Take Indian Towns.

Oaxaca, Mexico, Feb. 18.—Gen. Bravo's force of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken possession of several important towns that were occupied by the rebels during the week. The country occupied by the Mayas is little known to the outside world. Its natural riches are great. An army officer with Gen. Bravo's troops writes as follows of the country:

"All this vast territory which now

being reconquered contains fabulous wealth and an exuberant fertility of soil, which can raise everything in the way of agriculture. Its forests are extensive and have all the precious woods. The whole country is well watered. There is an abundance of game; the singing birds, many with splendid plumage, are everywhere. Deer and mountain turkeys are here by the thousands. The Yucatecos, living in Balize, are only waiting to see the war ended, and then they will rush for these splendid new fields."

Adhered to Old Adage.

Lancaster & Calderhead, with an abiding faith in the agricultural adage, "Make hay while the sun shines," had a force of men chasing hay all over the vacant territory in the rear of Ford's gymnasium yesterday. The firm above mentioned had a large stock of hay stacked there all winter and chose to air and sun it; but to the most acute ear no meadow lark's note was wanted, neither were any barefooted boys noticed carrying water to the hay-makers.

Short of Big Projectiles.

London, Feb. 18.—The Times says this morning: Private advices reached parliament yesterday to the effect that the Boers, who are running short of big gun projectiles, have been making desperate efforts to secure fresh supplies. All the leading firms have been approached with a view to immediate delivery, and as the British makers have proved chary of entertaining offers, their continental rivals are finding their opportunity.

Steel Plant for Mexico.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A special to the Record from Monterey, Mexico, says: "An American syndicate, with a capital of \$10,000,000, will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. The plans for the mammoth concern have been completed and the ground purchased for locating the several buildings. An abundance of high grade iron ore and coal is within easy shipping distance. This plant will make a specialty of manufacturing steel rails, and will be the first industry of the kind to be established in Mexico. It will give employment to about 4000 men in the different departments when they are in operation. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise."

Territorial Court.

This morning, Louis La Plant was convicted of appropriating to his own use gold dust to the value of about \$100 which had been entrusted to him by Mrs. A. G. Monton. The crime was committed on February 20th. The prisoner had been in the employ of Mrs. Monton at her roadhouse near the mouth of Gold Bottom; and she gave him the gold dust to purchase supplies in Dawson. The accused came to town; but, instead of doing as directed, he squandered the money in the Palace Grand on wine and women. The following day, he returned to his employer and told her that he had been robbed by two highwaymen. The story was disbelieved, and La Plant was arrested. At his trial this morning, he persisted in repeating the tale, but his testimony was uncorroborated. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment at hard labor. Justice Dugas, in passing judgment, took into consideration the previous good character of the prisoner and his general reputation for honesty. The trial of the case of the Queen vs. Murphy was postponed till morning. This afternoon the action of the Queen vs. McBeth, charged with stealing a dog team, is being tried before Justice Dugas.

The following orders and motions were made yesterday afternoon:

In *Wylie vs. Brock*, a peremptory order was entered requiring the attendance in court on next Friday of all the parties interested in the action.

In *Ames Mercantile Company vs. Alaska Exploration Company*, an application was made to set aside certain parts of the statement of claim, which have been abandoned. Decision reserved.

In *Miller vs. Crawford*, a motion on summons to discharge order for receiver was heard. The matter was taken under advisement.

The injunction in *Acklen vs. Selman* was continued for one week.

The motion in *Bossut vs. Timmins* was postponed till next Friday, at which time Capt. Healy was ordered to appear in court.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

The case of *Succa et al. vs. Wills et al.* is still on trial before Commissioner Senkler. It was impossible to conclude the action yesterday. As previously published, the litigation involves a dispute respecting the boundary line between creek claim No. 14 below discovery on Bonanza, and the adjoining hillside on the left limit.

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HUMES WINS.

Will Be Mayor of Seattle for
Another Term of
Two Years.

RECEIVES ONE THOUSAND MAJORITY.

John Collins, Democratic Candi-
date, Snowed Under.

A TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION

Fifty Dead Have Been Taken Out
and Many Others Are
Unaccounted For.

Seattle, March 7, via Skagway, March 13.—Judge Thomas Humes has been re-elected mayor of the city of Seattle to serve for another term of two years. The election was one of the most exciting political contests that has ever occurred in this city. A special effort had been made by all the parties to secure a registration of their full voting strength and the books when closed showed a possibility of more than 11,000 votes being cast.

Opposed to Humes were John Collins on the Democratic and Capt. Cushman representing a combination of Populist and citizens' ticket.

Humes was elected by a vote of 1000 majority over the combined votes of both his opponents.

(Previous to his first election as mayor of Seattle, Humes had served for a number of years on the superior bench of King county. He presided at the trial of a number of murder and other important criminal cases and gained a wide reputation as a capable and impartial jurist. He was a candidate for the office of United States senator before the last legislature of Washington, but was defeated by Foster of Tacoma. He is prominently mentioned as a possible appointee for one of the Alaska judgeships.)

Fifty Killed.

Chalston, Virginia, March 6, via Skagway, March 13.—A terrible explosion occurred in the Red Ash mine near this city on the 5th inst. The explosion resulted from fire damp in a shaft and an unknown number of miners were killed and injured. Fifty dead have already been taken out and at least 75 more are known to be entombed in the mine, but how many of these will be found alive when they are finally reached is extremely doubtful. The owners of the mine with the assistance of the authorities are working night and day endeavoring to reach the shaft in which the miners are entombed.

New Method in Surgery.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Mary Arndt, in spite of her 83 years, watched a surgeon at the county hospital today amputate her right leg near the hip without giving any evidence of pain. The operation proved successful. The method by which the operation was performed was of great interest to the surgeons, and is said in professional circles to be a great step in surgery in America. Dr. Samuel Weber, a member of the advisory staff of the hospital, had charge of the operation, which is said to be of the first of its nature performed in America, and the second known to medical men, the first having been performed in Europe. Dr. Weber made a study of the initial operation and concluded that the method might be employed for the amputation of lower limbs of patients who were unable to withstand the effects of anesthetics.

The method consists in the deadening of the nerves in the limbs by the injection of cocaine in the vertebral cavity above the point where the nerves controlling the lower limbs branch from

the spinal cord. The patient had suffered a gangrenous affection of the leg and amputation became necessary to save her life. She was not in condition to make the use of an anesthetic safe, and the surgeons decided to try the method which had proved successful in the Berlin hospital. The drug was injected into the patient's vertebral cavity a short distance below the waist line and soon she announced that she had lost all feeling in her lower limbs, while she was fully conscious of what was going on and had the full use of all her faculties.

The limb was removed two inches below the hip, and, after the effects of the drug had passed away, the woman said she felt well. The prospects for her recovery are good.

Sensation in Paris Society.

Paris, Feb. 19.—M. Cochetot, chief of the detective department, has made two arrests calculated to create a considerable sensation in Parisian society. The arrested persons are M. and Mme. Multier, who reside on the Avenue des Champs Elysee. Mme. Multier was formerly the wife of Baron Hertol, a rich Berlin banker, who died in 1875, leaving his fortune to his son, then 4 years of age. The baroness in 1879 was married to M. Multier, who is a magistrate at Lille.

The son, upon attaining his majority, in 1892, demanded an accounting from his mother, which was rendered him, but he has since discovered that he was entitled to receive much more.

Yesterday a detective awaited the arrival of M. and Mme. Multier at the Gare du Nord from Lille, followed them, and made the arrest at their Paris residence.

Dawson's Highest Liver.

The person who holds his head well back and glances along Third street to the eastward almost any night will see what at first appears to be a star well up in the firmament; but by continued gaze the twinkling light is seen to have a background other than azure blue.

The light is not made by an heavenly constellation, but emanates from a common kerosene lamp, a portion of the furniture of the cabin which stands far above all others in that locality. For some time past a representative of the Nugget has been curious as to the owner of this beacon light near the summit of the hill, and had pictured in his mind that person as either being a hermit, philosopher or novelist who for some reason best known to himself had retired from the mediocre plain and sought seclusion as near the clouds as it is possible to obtain it.

Today, however, all curiosity was allayed. The Nugget man chanced to be glancing at the beacon house when its inmate emerged therefrom, sat down on some sort of coasting device and shot down the hill with the rapidity of a meteor. On reaching "the common plain of humanity" at the end of Third street, he laid his coaster aside, brushed his clothes and came into the city, where he was waylaid by the reporter who had been lying in wait to see what manner of man he is, and who, on inspection, proved to be neither hermit, philosopher or novelist, but an intelligent, active robust young man named W. K. Sherwin who is now temporarily in the employ of the A. C. Co., and who gives as his reason for being such a high liver the very good one that he owns the cabin and occupies it in preference to paying rent for a room downtown. At night when he goes home he carries his coaster up the mountain side which probably requires several minutes longer time than the descent, but he has it there ready for the next trip down. Mr. Sherwin uses melted snow for water and timber grows in abundance on all sides of his castle.

Couldn't Hold the Redman.

Some Indians were observed gazing admiringly at a display of cheechako clothing in the big company's store, which makes a specialty of the Siwash trade. After a lengthy argument interspersed with many mushy tongue cluckings, one crafty looking Indian drew from beneath his fur parky a soiled and torn copy of the Nugget. With expressive gestures he read to his people the prices quoted in an advertisement of the Ames Mercantile Co. and an immediate stampede was the result. The astonished clerk broke forth in some choice language, but as the place was deserted no damage ensued.

Mr. Shorrock in Charge.

Mr. TeRoller, the resident manager in Dawson of the S.-Y. T. Co., has left for a business trip to the outside. During his absence, Mr. E. G. Shorrock, the S.-Y. T. Co.'s assistant general manager, will be in charge of their Dawson business.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

FLOUR FAMINE

Will Not Exist in Dawson for
Many Months to Come,
Say Merchants.

A. C. COMPANY'S STOCK WAS SLOW

And Efforts to Replenish Created
a Flurry.

PRICE ADVANCED \$1 A SACK

N. A. T. & T. Co. Supposed to Have
Hundreds of Tons—Smaller
Dealers Well Stocked.

There was something of a flurry in the local flour market yesterday with the result that all brands of that commodity advanced in price from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per sack; and it was asserted by a few small dealers that the price would be advanced to \$10 per sack in less than three days.

A Nugget representative interviewed several dealers on the flour question last night and today. They all admitted the material increase in the prices which occurred yesterday, but not one of the big and only one or two of the small dealers expressed the belief that any further advancement in price will take place.

Dr. Cook, manager of the Ladue Co.'s store, was quite confident that there has been no intention of any one concerning attempting to corner the flour market, as was yesterday stated of the A. C. Co. It is true, however, that the A. C. Co. was buying all the flour yesterday it could get, and buying it at an advance of 75 cents per sack over and above the prices at which that company and the other big concerns have been wholesaling flour for many months past. Ever since the close of navigation and up to the latter part of last week the big companies have been selling Crown flour in job lots to the "little fellows" at \$4.75 per sack, and other brands in proportion. A large part of the jobbing trade has been handled by the A. C. Co., and considerable of it by the E. J. Co., while the N. A. T. & T. Co. has not entered in it, consequently has had but a share of the jobbing trade, especially in the time of flour. The result was that the A. C. Co. found itself short on flour and when it attempted to stock up, the price suddenly had an upward tendency. The A. C. Co. yesterday purchased from Dr. Cook 1000 sacks, paying therefor \$5.50 per sack. The same company also purchased 4500 sacks of flour owned by private parties and stored in the brick warehouse on Third street, the price being the same as that paid to Dr. Cook.

From this it became noised about that the A. C. Co. was buying up all the flour in the city with the object in view of cornering the market and raising the prices up out of sight; when in reality the purchases were for the purpose of replenishing depleted stock.

Although the N. A. T. & T. Co. people are not saying anything, it is reported that they alone have sufficient flour on hand to supply the local trade from now until navigation opens.

Dr. Cook says that, while there was a very large amount of flour shipped to Dawson last year, much more of it has been used than has ordinarily been the case owing to the fact that hundreds of tons of flour have been used for home feed, it being really cheaper and, when properly prepared, more nutritious than grain.

Among the many with whom the reporter conversed not one dealer was found who would admit he was short on flour, and all appeared to be pleased that the predicament in which one company found itself was the means of advancing the price of their stocks on hand.

However the flour trade may be, a very decided effort was being made last night and today to corner the market of Dawson, but as there is an abundance of that article it is thought that the attempt will prove futile.

One merchant remarked today: "The thing of cornering stock of any kind in the market may pay well at the time; but it is just such greed displayed by merchants that causes so many companies to ship in their own supplies, and if there is any cornering done now the effects will be visited upon the heads of every merchant in Dawson next winter when they will find that people have taken the proper steps to protect themselves from being skinned."

"Old Hutch" and Joe Leitner both tried a corner on bread and both went to the devil for their pains."

NEWS FROM

Claim Owners

Large Quantities
Transported
Clean-Up

From

The miners making preparations for the coming winter. The weather is becoming increasingly favorable and most of the developed hills within the new will be in position and rates will be at the price and laymen are to be used in freighters with the roads broken. Large quantities transported to of summer work where the shallow, sluicing during the cold.

El Dorado's exceed that of claims have thorough mining improved means have mined dirt, and produced largest amount of the claim realize value.

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