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HEROIC CHARGE

Of British Forces Against an Overwhelming Body of Boers.

WERE OUTNUMBERED SEVEN TO ONE

But Would Not Listen to a Demand for Surrender.

BOERS ARE STILL STUBBORN.

Said to Be Preparing for Battle—Starvation Confronts the Garrison at Mafeking.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

London May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—The correspondent of the Daily News cables that paper a story of heroic valor almost unprecedented in the present war.

In a flanking movement which occurred near Thapa on the 1st inst., Capt. Towse, in command of 50 Highlanders, found his little detachment cut off entirely from the main body and surrounded by an overwhelming force of Boers, outnumbering the small body of British troops more than seven to one.

The Boers ordered an immediate surrender. Without waiting to reply Capt. Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. The little band with their leader at the head, swept through the Boers with great slaughter, and although subjected to a merciless rifle fire, succeeded in rejoining the main body. Capt. Towse was blinded in both eyes. His heroic conduct has brought him enthusiastic praise from his superior officers.

Boers Stubborn.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Dispatches from Gen. Roberts state that his advance is stubbornly resisted by the Boer rear guard. According to a dispatch from Pretoria dated April 28 the Boers anticipate giving battle at an early date.

Starving at Mafeking.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—A dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated at Mafeking, April 29, states that the garrison is now eating the ambulance oxen, reserving the mules to the last. The daily ration consists of six ounces of gritty oat bread, one pound of bully beef and a quart of skilly. Starvation is so near to the town that the natives and whites alike are endeavoring to catch swarms of locusts for food purposes.

Reserves Sail.

Ottawa, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Fifty reserves of the Strathcona horse have sailed from Montreal to Liverpool.

American Arrested.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Thos. Richards, an American, has been arrested at Johannesburg charged with complicity in the explosion of the Begbie arsenal.

Powder Kegs Exploded.

Salt Lake, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Latest information from the scene of the explosion in the Pleasant Valley coal mine at Schofield is to the effect that the disaster is attributed to the accidental explosion of numerous kegs of blasting powder.

For the Benefit of Ottawa.

Preparations are well under way for realizing a handsome sum for the benefit of the sufferers from the Ottawa fire. The several committees having the matter in charge are actively at work and most flattering results are meeting their

efforts. Mrs. Wood, who has in charge a raffle of steamboat tickets was busy all day yesterday selling chances and received during the day the sum of \$275. In addition to the companies which have been previously reported as offering tickets, the steamer Merwin yesterday donated a ticket to the good cause. Last night the general committee met in the Hotel McDonald, the following gentlemen being present: Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Heron, Delaney, Zimmerman, Capt. Starnes, Lindsey, Mahoney, Wills, Allen, Capt. Wood, Major Hemming, Steele, Young, Wilson, Gov. Ogilvie announced that he had received a telegram from Mayor Payment, of Ottawa setting forth the extent of the fire and asking contributions for the homeless.

Manager Wills, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was selected as treasurer of the committee. He stated that the bank will transmit any funds to Ottawa without charge.

It was determined to appoint a creek committee to solicit subscriptions which resulted in selecting the following gentlemen who will be asked to act on the creeks named: Joe Barrett and Dick Butler, Dominion creek; J. A. Chute and Dr. Wills, Gold Run; G. Johansson and Dr. Bonner, Hunker; Henry Barry, Eldorado; E. J. Ward, upper Bonanza; Ed. Sullivan, lower Bonanza and Forks; Matheson Bros., Sulphur. Letters will be addressed to these gentlemen asking them to act.

The entertainment committee submitted a preliminary report stating that all the talent requisite for a first-class entertainment had been secured. The committee was instructed to complete the preparations for the entertainment, which will be given at the Palace Grand theater on Sunday night next.

This afternoon a meeting of ladies and gentlemen is being held at the McDonald to consider the advisability of giving a grand ball in aid of the fund.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Gov. Ogilvie, Capt. Starnes, Major Hemming and Heron, was appointed to interview the committee having the Queen's birthday celebration in charge with a view to effect concert of action between the two committees.

After considerable informal discussion the committee adjourned until Wednesday night.

GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

Sergeant Marshall, the royalty collector at the Forks, has been fully occupied the past week in receiving the government's 10 per cent tax on the output. Some of the most prominent mine operators about here are outspoken and emphatic in their denunciation of this unjust tribute, and say that it practically wipes out the margin that otherwise would be profit, and reduces the properties to simply a wage earning basis.

As the rocker and sluice box run more steadily and continues the work of separating the precious metal from the innumerable dumps of auriferous gravel, so the midnight revelry become more intense, and joy goes unconfined. In consequence of too much elixir of hootch, several habits of the dance halls and their consorts became unduly exhilarated, and started in to make Rome howl. Only a small amount of furniture had been broken and a few war whoops let go, when the triumvirate were gathered into the fold, allowed to sleep off their jags, and then assessed sums of sufficient amount to remain a gentle reminder that the way of the transgressor is hard.

A personal encounter took place last evening near the N. A. T. store between a man named Corkish and B. Cogerty. The latter who is much smaller in stature than the other combatant, received a very severe drubbing, and is now lying in bed with several ribs broken and otherwise badly disfigured. Corkish is held at the barracks and will be arraigned as soon as the extent of the injuries inflicted can be ascertained.

Pickart and his associates have sold their bench claim on Bonanza Hill opposite No. 18 above, to Charles Schoch, who, in company with John W. Frame, the owner of an adjoining bench, will work the ground to the present season with a steam thawer.

S. L. Crawford and George R. Clarke purchased from Nelson and Hubbard a bench, second tier, opposite No. 8 below discovery on Bonanza, left limit, the consideration being \$5000. Clarke, one of the purchasers, was a layman having worked the property the past season.

Will Divy Up.

The Sisters of St. Mary's Hospital and the ladies who are assisting in arrangements for the living whist tournament to be held on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month, the proceeds of which were originally intended to be devoted to the benefit of the hospital, have very kindly offered to contribute one-half the net proceeds of the tournament to the fund being raised for the fire sufferers at Ottawa.

WILL HONOR

The Queen's Birthday With an Appropriate Celebration.

PREPARATIONS ARE PROGRESSING

A Big Committee Has Undertaken the Work.

NUMEROUS SPORTING EVENTS

Have Been Arranged and Appropriate Prizes Will Be Awarded to Contestants.

A meeting of those interested in the Queen's birthday celebration on May 24, was held in the Criterion hall last evening; the attendance was large and representative. Dr. McDonald was appointed permanent chairman, Mr. Burritt acting as interim secretary, Mr. J. Merton Storey was appointed permanent secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

General—Commissioner Ogilvie, Dr. McDonald, T. G. C. Kelly, Col. MacGregor, H. G. Herby, Montague Martin, H. C. McDearmond, Bert Ford, Dr. J. F. C. Laing, Jos. A. Clarke, R. B. Switzer, A. J. Prudhomme, P. R. Ritchie, C. M. Woodworth, J. T. Lithgow, E. H. Osborne, Vanden, Dr. McLennan, W. E. Burritt, W. H. McKay, H. Wakesfield, Jas. Westbrook, Geo. McLeod, W. C. Young, Alex. McDonald, Tom Chisholm, Louis Golden, Inspector Primrose, Major Hemming, W. H. B. Lyon, Capt. D. B. Olson, J. B. Wood, Capt. Scarth, J. P. Kennedy, J. E. Gifford, Geo. Vernon, E. C. Senkler, Sergeant Major Tucker, Geo. Byrne, E. M. Lindsay, J. M. Wilson, A. L. Stephens, Capt. Starnes, Capt. Thacker, Jas. Binnet, A. Lepevier, John Bourke, Thos. Mahoney, Capt. J. J. Healy, C. G. K. Nourse, H. G. Wilson, W. M. Heron, Capt. Woodside, H. T. Wills, Rev. J. J. Wright, Thos. O'Brien, Ben Davis, D. Doig, E. B. Condon, Geo. Allen, H. G. Steele, Dr. Foster, D. D. Buchanan, H. P. Hansen, F. W. Clayton, J. F. McDonald, Richard Cowan, Capt. Bliss, G. R. Clazy, M. Lockwood, A. F. George, Dr. Duncan, I. L. Bell, F. C. Wade, H. Te Roller, Leroy Tozier, Geo. Brimstone, Dr. Strong, A. J. McFarlane, J. P. Slavin, Jno. Walsh.

Finance—J. Lithgow, chairman; E. Lewin, T. O'Brien, C. M. Lindsay, Tom Chisholm, Ben Davis, Geo. Vernon, H. T. Wills, D. Doig, Capt. Thacker, E. B. Condon, Alex. McDonald, Leroy Tozier, J. M. Wilson, C. M. Woodworth.

Sports—Dr. Geo. Duncan, chairman; E. B. Senkler, C. G. K. Nourse, H. C. Wilson, A. Lepevier, W. H. B. Lyon, Dr. McDonald, Capt. Scarth, P. R. Ritchie, F. G. C. Kelly, Dr. Laing, W. C. Young, W. M. McKay, Capt. O. Olson, Sergeant Major Tucker, Major Hemming, Staff Sergeant Harris, Keith, Richard Cowan, Bert Ford, J. P. Kennedy, Frank P. Slavin, Jas. McAlay, Dr. Richardson, C. S. W. Barwell, Geo. Wakesfield, J. T. Lithgow, Geo. Brimstone, Sergeant McIntosh, John Walsh.

Printing—H. P. Hansen, chairman; Col. MacGregor, W. E. Burritt, Dr. Foster, D. D. Buchanan, F. W. Clayton, Burfee, B. H. Moran.

Mr. C. G. K. Nourse was elected vice-chairman.

The executive committee were empowered to deal with any surplus arising from the subscriptions to the fund. The following gentlemen were appointed as a sub-committee of the sports to draw out a program for discussion by the full sports committee at a meeting to be held this evening: Messrs. E. C. Senkler, C. G. K. Nourse, G. P. Kennedy, H. G. Wilson, P. Ritchie, together with the chairman, Dr. Duncan, and secretary, Mr. R. Cowan.

It was decided that a number of last year's events be substituted with the following: Two hundred and twenty yards flat race, 120-yards hurdle race, half mile walking two legged race,

quarter and half mile bicycle race and quarter and half mile horse and mule races.

A full attendance is requested at the sports committee meeting at the McDonald hotel this evening at 8:30.

New Territorial Judge.

Hon. James Craig, of Renfrew, Renfrew county, Ontario, who has been appointed a judge for this territory and who is now on the way in, is a brother of Geo. Craig of this city, who occupies the position of court stenographer to Judge Dugas. The newly appointed judge is 48 years of age; has been practicing law for 22 years and has for several years been queen's counsel. It is expected that he will reach Dawson within a few days after the opening of navigation.

A Disgraceful Row.

Probably the most loathsome scene ever witnessed in Dawson was beheld on Third street opposite the brick warehouse a few minutes before 9 o'clock, when a quartette, two of the Fourth avenue French women and the male bipeds whom they support, engaged in a free-for-all blackguarding and swearing contest that would have put to blush any sailor that shipped on a slave trader. To add to the loathsomeness of the scene all the participants were drunk. The matter of having these people fenced off from the gaze of the public has been frequently agitated in this paper, but no good appears to have come of it. As the disgraceful row this morning occurred about the breakfast time, there were no policemen on the street; hence, no arrests were made. It can be said to the credit of the latter that the scene would not have been long continued had a member of the force been in sight to witness it.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

When the ice moved out in front of the city last night it took with it a large amount of garbage; but there is some it did not take, and according to the evidence of Constable Barrows in Capt. Starnes' court this morning the "some" which did not go out with the ice was in the yard in the rear of A. Gustavson's City Market, on Second avenue, where tin cans, rags and fifth galore were yesterday found by the officer in undisturbed repose. Gustavson pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs.

The Wade Blaker case which has been dragging along for several weeks, and which was the outgrowth of a business transaction at Fort Selkirk, was finally disposed of by dismissal this morning. Sergeant Wilson informed the court this morning that the physician in charge of Chas. Coffey, the victim of cold steel said to have been wielded by John Merchant some weeks ago, had informed him that Coffey will receive no more certificates of inability to appear in court. As the case is set for Friday morning, the court ordered the constables to have all witnesses there on that date.

The case of Evelyn Richson charged with having stolen two hair combs, the property of Mrs. Luders, was on this afternoon.

Declines to Be Interviewed.

Regarding the statement made by Gov. Ogilvie and published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday as to the position assumed and held by the Yukon council on the matter of local representation, Judge Dugas, when seen this afternoon by a Nugget representative and asked for an expression on the matter said:

"I don't think that it is becoming to consent to any interview relating to the matter in question, and I refrain from saying anything."

Nothing in It.

Some days ago a report became current that the employees of the T. & E. Co.'s store had seen a man fall through the ice on the river about a quarter of a mile down, and that a vigilant watch of over two hours failed to bring about his reappearance. As a result of this report the clerks at the T. & E. store have been subjected to many questions. A man would rush in and say:

"What for a lookin' man was that you seed drop thru der ice? If he was a short tick-set man, he's me pardner who aint been up ter der cabin fer four days."

Another would rush in and say: "If that feller ye seed git drowned wore a straw hat and a linen coat, I'm out \$2.75 eatin' money."

Now, in order to square the force at the T. & E. Co.'s store, the Nugget is pleased to state that no one employed there ever said a man had been seen to drop through the ice or even drop a nickle in the slot. No drops have been seen by the men at the T. & E. store; if any man has been so indiscreet as to go out on the ice, drop through and thereby take himself out of circulation, the T. & E. employees are not cognizant of the occurrence.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 46 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 34 degrees above.

THE ICE GOING OUT

Main Body in Front of the City Floated Away at 4:30 This Morning.

THE RIVER IS NOT ENTIRELY OPEN

There is a Heavy Jam in Front of the Barracks.

WILL LIKELY MOVE TONIGHT.

Hundreds of People Saw the Garbage-Laden Mass Start From Its Moorings.

There are many persons in Dawson who assert that the ice which for over six long months lay in front of the city, stole a march on them by moving out at a very unseemly hour between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. But even late for some and early for others as the hour was hundreds of people lined the river bank and watched the huge piles of garbage with which the ice was headed disappear for ever from human gaze.

All yesterday evening large cakes of ice were dropping away from the main body and floating down to a point almost opposite from the Sister's hospital where there was a small jam, and there were many who were not surprised this morning to learn that nearly all the surface of the river was open this morning.

Those who witnessed the breaking up say it did not act as it did last year when the entire surface of the river moved out in a solid, unbroken mass. This morning it broke into pieces as soon as it started and nearly all the garbage was unceremoniously dumped from its resting place into the water. The ice that went this morning floated down against the bluff below the city where it jammed for several hours, but during the day the greater part of it moved on down the river.

Up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon there was quite a jam of detached ice in the river back of the upper fire house, and further down and extending out from the west shore were two or three acres of ice which had as yet been undisturbed. But when the jam gives away above, there is no doubt but that the whole thing will move off, leaving all the river from the mouth of the Klondike to the bluff below the city entirely open. It was expected this afternoon that the balance would go out any time, and it is safe to assert that but little of it will occupy its present position in the morning.

As late as 9 o'clock last night a gentleman who desired to go over to West Dawson did so by going out to the edge of the ice in a small boat, where he pulled his craft up on the ice, leaving it and going the remainder of the journey on foot and over the ice. He did not return, and in two hours the ice on which the boat rested became detached and floated away. Today small boats have been running to and from West Dawson continuously, the only case necessary being to keep away from floaters.

None of the many bets made on the date of the opening of the river have as yet been paid, as it can not be said to be open yet; but those whose dates were fixed beyond the 9th, and at least the 10th, are in for it. The man who bet \$400 that he would walk across the river on the 11th has not been seen today and it is barely possible that he floated away concealed in one of the many old barrels that were a portion of the refuse on the river.

Two years ago today witnessed the going out of the ice, while last year the date was nine days later or on May 17th.

Concert Postponed.

Mr. Zimmerman announces that he has postponed the concert which he proposed giving on next Sunday night at the Orpheum. This has been done in order that nothing may interfere with the concert at the Palace Grand to be given on the same date for the sufferers in the Ottawa fire.

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