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ROBERTS BOXED.

Boers Have Cut Off All Railroad and Telegraphic Communication

BETWEEN PRETORIA AND THE OUTSIDE.

Supply Train and 100 Highlanders Captured.

KUMASSI GARRISON AIDED.

White Fishermen at War With Japs and Indians—McKinley Dictates Terms to China.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Dedodrop, July 25, via Skagway, July 30.—The Boer general, Dewet, has again succeeded in cutting off all of Lord Roberts' railroad and telegraphic communication. Kelly Kenny telegraphs that the railroad was cut north of Hosing's Point and that a supply train and 100 Highlanders were captured. All communication with Pretoria is cut off.

Heavy Fighting.

Machadorp, July 25, via Skagway, July 30.—There has been heavy fighting in this vicinity for the past three days in which the Boers have inflicted heavy losses upon the British.

Willcocks to the Rescue.

London, July 25, via Skagway, July 30.—Col. Willcocks succeeded in reaching Kumassi by a new route. He relieved the garrison there and brought out with him 25 well men, 75 invalids and a large number of women and children. Many of the latter are in a most pitiable condition from sickness and disease.

Fleeing Toward Peking.

Chefoo, July 24, via Skagway, July 30.—A detachment of American troops ably assisted by British fusiliers, made a most brilliant dash against a large force of Chinese near Tientsin yesterday. Eight large modern guns were captured and turned on the Boxers with deadly results. The Chinese are fleeing toward Peking.

Whites Vs. Japs.

Vancouver, B. C., July 25, via Skagway, July 30.—The town of Steveston is now under martial law on account of imminent trouble among fishermen. One thousand five hundred fishermen struck for better prices for fish, and Japs and Indians to the number of between 3000 and 4000 were put to work. The whites declare the canneries shall not be supplied with fish and several serious mixups have occurred. Three heavily armed battalions are now in Steveston. As the striking fishermen are all armed, trouble is apprehended.

McKinley Willing.

Washington, July 25, via Skagway, July 30.—President McKinley has signified his willingness to mediate between the Chinese government and the other powers on one condition; that is, that hostilities must at once cease in China, the initial step to such cessation to be taken by the Chinese.

It is not thought in diplomatic circles here that anything will come of the terms proposed by the president, but that the Chinese will continue the war against all foreigners in their country, and that the United States will certainly be driven to declare war against the empire. It is not believed that the Chinese government has sufficient power over its subjects to stem the action now

started, but that war to the finish is the only means whereby peace will be established.

A Modern Hockshaw.

Jimmie Barbour has recently acquired the sobriquet of "Hockshaw." The cause of the bestowing of this title lies in the fact that during the past week every man who has stopped for more than two minutes at the corner of First avenue and Second street has fallen under the eye of suspicion, and been mentally arraigned by Barbour on a charge of petit larceny.

Someone thoughtfully removed the modern Hockshaw's watch from his pocket last week, and he has been looking for it ever since till last evening when it was discovered in his coat pocket. He thinks it was impossible that it could have been there all the time, although he is greatly mystified to know how it got there.

"Just a few minutes before I found my watch," he said, "I was talking to Tom Chisholm, as I suspected he knew something about the matter, but he assured me on his solemn oath both as a gentleman and a society leader that he was in darkest ignorance concerning the whole thing, and I believed him. All the same after he had gone and left me I found my watch. I don't think he knew anything about it, because I never knew him to joke that way, and his reputation for truth is well known. All the same it looks queer."

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Rutledge was greeted by a full house this morning.

The first case called was that of Elan Overman who had not only been drunk, but he was also accused of having been disorderly. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs or 20 days at hard labor. He made haste to remit the \$5 and costs.

In Gilbert's comic opera, "Mikado," whatever that personage says is true, "whether or not it is true." In Dawson the law says no whisky must be sold on Sunday, therefore, no whisky is sold. The question then arises, why was John Castello before the court this morning charged with having been drunk yesterday? The only conclusion to be reached is that John has a Kentucky pocket and carried enough booze from Saturday night to cultivate a lurid on Sunday, for he could not possibly, even by going in at a side door, procure it yesterday, because the law says it must not be sold on Sunday. When the charge was read John acknowledged the corn, although it may have been rye. He was given an option of paying \$5 and costs or training 20 days on the fuel reduction works. He chose the former and departed.

Oscar Anderson had indiscreetly emptied a bucket of slops on the banks of the far famed Yukon for which he paid \$20 and costs.

C. W. Burney had likewise defiled the bank of the river with slops and for so doing paid \$20 and costs.

Miss Ruth Howard, proprietress of the Palace Barber shop, was up on the charge of violating the Sunday ordinance in that a man was having his face shaved in her place at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Miss Howard stated that the man in question had entered her place of business before 12 o'clock Saturday night and had taken a bath; that when he had finished his ablutions he had desired a haircut and shave; that the door of the shop had been closed and locked promptly at 12 o'clock, but that unfinished customers were finished after that hour. Constable Borrows said other barbers object to Miss Howard's working after hours and are kicking about it. The court informed her that he would not impose a fine this time, but that hereafter she close her shop Saturday nights promptly at 12 o'clock, and that no work must be done after that hour. Miss Howard innocently asked if one side of a man's face was shaved and 12 o'clock appeared on the scene if she would have to turn him out without finishing the job? As it was a tonsorial case, the court appropriately replied that he was not splitting hairs.

Divorce on Tap.

When Mrs. Ed Holden left for the outside Saturday evening she had in her possession a number of affidavits of an incriminating nature against her husband who is well known here and who lately left for Nome. On her arrival in California Mrs. Holden will begin action for divorce, in which action Rose Blumkin will be prominently mentioned. The affidavits taken from here will be submitted as evidence of the undue intimacy of Ed Holden and Miss Blumkin.

Mrs. Holden will not ask for any part of her husband's property; her only desire being for a legal separation. She has many friends in Dawson and is eminently respected as a lady wherever known.

Rose Blumkin arrived here ten days ago from a brief visit to the outside, and left on the first boat down the river, presumably with the purpose of joining Holden at Nome.

Good Samaritan Hospital.

The Good Samaritan hospital has been most thoroughly fumigated and disinfected, and will receive patients as heretofore. This has been done merely as a measure of extra precaution, as the physicians have never had any reason to suppose that the hospital was infected.

LAW AND POLITICS.

Legal Adviser Clement and the Citizens' Committee Differ

AS TO WHAT IS NECESSARY

To Hold an Election of Members of the Yukon Council.

WAITING FOR A TELEGRAM.

Attorney Pattullo Thinks Mr. Clement is Right, and Others Decline to Express Opinions.

There is apparently a very large and growing difference of opinion between the citizens' committee and Legal Adviser Clement regarding just what will necessarily have to take place before an election of councilmen can be held. The citizens' committee holds that all that is necessary is for Commissioner Ogilvie to appoint a returning officer and then the campaign can progress merrily, and as rapidly as desired.

Mr. Clement, on the other hand, says "nit." He says there are several little things to be attended to before the candidates have any license to array themselves in war paint and feathers and go forth to pour confidential truths into the ears of unsuspecting voters. First, the Yukon council must meet and arrange all the preliminaries incidental to an election. Before the council can meet either answer must be received to one of the telegrams sent to Ottawa, stating that Major Perry is no longer a member of the council, or Judge Dugas or Gold Commissioner Senkler must come back. One of these two things, as previously stated, must take place in order to get a quorum of the council.

"The act cited," said Mr. Clement, "to show that it is unnecessary for the commissioner to pass an ordinance in council before this election can take place, has no bearing whatever on the case so far as proving the correctness of the position assumed is concerned. That is taken from the consolidated ordinances of the Northwest territory of '98, which have nothing whatever to do with our laws here, excepting that they were adopted here as a basis, so far as applicable, in the ordinances necessary for our local government. The Northwest territory election act has reference to the election of legislators whose number it is expressly stated shall be 31. This comes from chapters 2 and 3 of the volume referred to, and I hold it to be strictly local to the Northwest territory in its application and having no bearing on the present case whatever.

"On the other hand, if this law was intended for our government in the matter of elections, why is it that the amended statutes of '99 provide expressly that the commissioner in council shall pass an ordinance providing for the election? The whole thing is as plain as day, and it would be hard to find an attorney of standing who would be willing to pass a contrary opinion after reading the chapters I have cited. I should have been a successful attorney indeed had I always been as sure of my position as I am in this matter."

Attorney J. B. Pattullo was asked for an opinion of the case from a legal standpoint, and said: "I have not looked into the matter at all carefully, nor given it much consideration, but have no doubt but what Mr. Clement knows whereof he speaks and that his opinion is based on the law governing the matter."

Attorney White said that he had paid no attention to the matter and without first looking carefully into the laws bearing upon the case he did not care to express an opinion.

Crown Prosecutor Wade also refrained from an expression of opinion on the subject, pleading unfamiliarity with the laws, acts, ordinances and things bearing upon the case.

Attorney Hagel said that it would be a very rash thing for an attorney to pass an opinion in a case while unfamiliar with the laws affecting it. Not being

rash, Mr. Hagel declined to pass an opinion.

All the indications point towards a lengthy-stage wait for the candidates for seats in the Yukon council, who have at least one consolation, they will have ample time to rehearse their parts till the voter will have no choice but to stand and deliver his vote.

John Irving's Effort.

Victoria, July 22.—Tomorrow will be heard the petition of Capt. John Irving for a new election in the Cassiar district, the basis of which is that in several precincts ballot boxes were not delivered in time for voting. It is certain that the petition will be granted and almost equally certain that Capt. Irving will be again returned to parliament in place of Mr. Stables of Atlin, who, on the partial vote was declared elected.

Berrying Parties.

Yesterday being Sunday a large number of men, women and children crossed the river and journeyed back three or four miles, sat on burned logs and ate cold lunches, got rained on, stiffened their legs and put kinks in their backs by crawling around in quest of blue berries, came home wet and bedraggled and said "We just had a lovely time."

Second Avenue Improvements.

The property owners on Second avenue believe that when a thing is done it should be done right. In compliance with the sidewalk ordinance, the Second avenue property owners are all moving in the matter and have asked Commissioner Ogilvie to provide a surveyor to run lines and establish a grade in order that the new walks may be constructed properly and without jogs and other death traps as are noticed on some of the other streets. The Second avenue walks will be eight feet wide and will be constructed on both sides nearly its entire length.

Have Your Arm Pricked.

Owing to the greater protection from infection from smallpox which revaccination affords as shown by statistics compiled in Germany, I would strongly impress upon the inhabitants of the Yukon territory, particularly those occupying public positions, the advisability under existing conditions of having such revaccination performed by their medical attendants without delay.

I. W. MAC ARTHUR, M. O. H.

Anxious Skagway.

C. M. Bergstesser, of New York, editor of the Wall Street Journal, who recently visited Alaska, spending several weeks on the trip, has returned to the Sound. In an interview given the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, he expressed himself emphatically in favor of suspending the bonding privilege. He said:

"There are several needed reforms in legislation, and most particularly is this true in the matter of bonding Canadian goods through the port of Skagway. Unless the government takes some steps in this matter at once, it will work detrimentally to the district from a commercial standpoint.

"While in Skagway, I got somewhat acquainted with the conditions resulting from goods from Vancouver passing through that port in bond free, destined for Dawson. This is a matter that no stone, here in Seattle, should be left unturned to change. It has so far resulted in putting Skagway to a great disadvantage commercially. The Canadian Pacific railway can buy goods in the East, at eastern prices, ship them over its own line to Vancouver and over its navigation lines to Skagway, through there in bond free, and over the railway and navigation lines to Dawson and the Yukon district. When these goods are landed at their destination, they can be sold cheaper than the Skagway merchants can sell them. Hence Skagway has had practically all her trade with interior points taken away from her. The citizens there are now seeking some measure of relief from this condition, and are greatly disappointed to have the authorities at Washington, D. C., so indifferent to their appeals.—Alaskan.

An Unfounded Report.

There was a report current in Dawson yesterday that the body of Mrs. Stewart, one of the three victims of the Florence S. wreck in Thirtymile, had been found. Investigation fails to verify the report, although it is not improbable that all the bodies will be found before the close of navigation.

Board of Trade Committee.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade committee having in charge the steps to be taken for the reception of the governor general and party, Saturday evening much discussion of the approaching event was heard, but the only real business transacted was the appointment of Messrs. Wade, Williams and Bruch, as a sub-committee to wait upon Commissioner Ogilvie, Major Wood and the citizens' committee, looking to co-operation with them in the reception and entertainment of the governor general.

VICE-REGAL

Journey From Ottawa to Dawson Began on July 19th.

LORD AND LADY MINTO EN ROUTE.

Will Reach Dawson August 15th and Remain Five Days.

JOE MARTIN STILL LIVES

And Will Be Heard From in British Columbia Legislature—Will Sow Seeds of Discord.

Ottawa, July 19.—Their excellencies, Lord and Lady Minto, left on the western trip this afternoon. They will arrive at Winnipeg on Saturday evening, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be spent in the prairie capital. Leaving Winnipeg on Tuesday they go to Banff and from Thursday, the 26th, to Sunday, the 29th, will be spent in the National park.

Vancouver will be reached at 1 p. m. on Monday, 30th, and Victoria on Tuesday evening. August 1st to 4th will be spent in Victoria, and on the latter date the vice-regal party will proceed in the government steamer Quadra, to Skagway.

Dawson City will be reached on Wednesday, August 15, and after a stay of five days the return trip will be commenced. The party will reach Victoria on August 30, and Friday, the 31st, will be spent there.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 1, 2 and 3, the party will stay in Vancouver and New Westminster. They will be at Rossland from the 4th to the 6th of September, and at Lethbridge on September 8. Visits will be paid to the cattle ranches, irrigation works and Indian reserves. The party will reach Ottawa about October 15.

The vice-regal party will consist of Lord and Lady Minto, three gentlemen of the staff, one maid servant and two man servants.

Martin Still Lives.

Victoria, July 20.—Brief as the mid-summer session of the legislature promises to be, it is already patent to everyone that it will be an uncommonly warm one, in more senses than the literal and meteorological. Joseph Martin and his followers of the opposition may be few in number; in ability to make things lively they are nevertheless a host, and indication has been given, at the very outset that although they may be fighting a hopeless battle just at present, they are not by any means disposed to be reckoned a passive factor in parliamentary affairs.

Indeed, the music of the attendant band was still lingering on the air, and his honor had been but ten minutes departed on the conclusion of the impossible ceremonial of opening yesterday, ere the battle was on and the opposition leader had by the introduction of an insinuation in every questionable taste, sown the first seeds of personality warfare and bitterness.

It had been thoroughly understood by all parties that after the brilliant formalities of the opening, the house should adjourn until Monday in accordance with general precedent. Before the formal motions in this respect were made, however, opportunity was made to lay before the house a series of papers and reports, for the most part completed just too late to be presented at the abortive session of last spring. Hon. Mr. Eberts had ready also the first government measure of the session, its object being the correction of abuses in the small debts act and the improvement of the statute generally.

Sunday Evening Concert.

Prof. Parkes gave another exhibition of his wondrous scope before a crowded house at the Palace Grand last night. In addition to the stereopticon views and moving pictures several new attractions were on the program.

Miss Helen Thomas drew some excellent music from the violin—a thing rarely heard in Dawson from a classic musical standpoint—and was well received by an appreciative audience. Miss Adelaide Willard, the California nightingale, comes from a land of sweet singers, and descended in bringing with her into the Palace Grand some of the melody of her state.

Miss Marion Tracie is an artist already too well and favorably known to require any description of her illustrated songs, beyond the fact that they were fully up to the usual, high standard.