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Extra Edition! BRITISH MEET DEFEAT.

Boers Are Victorious in the Orange Free State.

A BRITISH ATTACKING FORCE COMPELLED TO CAPITULATE.

Surprised in the Hills, They Are Surrounded and Mowed Down.

The Boers' Unerring Marksmanship Is Proven by the Heavy Casualties Suffered by the British—Large Re-Enforcements Now En Route—Jeffries and Sharkey Prepared for the Fight—Col. Wholley Promoted.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.

London, via Skagway, Nov. 6.—Actual hostilities have again been resumed in Natal after a short cessation upon both sides, and this time the British arms have met with decided reverses. General White as stated in last reports has been for some time past concentrating his forces in the neighborhood of Ladysmith. Flushed with his previous victories, Gen. White has been awaiting only for more reinforcements to arrive from Glencoe to begin an immediate invasion of the Orange Free State, Bester's Station being the immediate objective point.

On November 1 an expedition consisting of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, a mounted battery and the regiments from Gloucestershire, was dispatched with the above named point in view.

Information of the proposed invasion having reached the Boers in advance of the departure of the troops, a force several times the numerical strength of the British detachment was dispatched immediately toward the border.

The opposing forces came together in the hills, where the nature of the ground largely favored the Boers' peculiar methods of fighting. The British forces taken by surprise, halted and made instant preparations to give battle. Such entrenchments as could be made were hastily thrown up and the batteries were drawn into position.

Meanwhile the force was exposed to a pitiless storm of bullets which rained down upon the devoted band from every knoll and crag. As long as any show of sustaining the attack remained, the British maintained a vigorous defense, but after suffering severe losses it became evident that a prolonged continuation of the struggle meant final extinction of the entire detachment, and in consequence a surrender was made. No detailed report as to the casualties has yet been received, but according to a dispatch just received from Gen. White, they were very severe.

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cussed on the streets or in the hotels and the colonial office is watched by anxious crowds.

The second army corps has been notified to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Three more battalions of foot and one mounted battery will leave England within ten days. The war news has had a deprecating effect upon stocks.

Sharkey-Jeffries Fight.

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New York, via Skagway, Nov. 6.—Jim Jeffries, champion of the world and Tom Sharkey, aspirant for honors, are anxiously awaiting for the championship contest. Both have completed their course of training, and from now till the fight will simply take sufficient exercise to keep in shape. It is conceded by experts that the sailor is in perfect fighting shape. He started to train early, and has conscientiously followed the instructions of O'Rourke and the men in charge of him. He realizes that the fight will mar or make

whatever of the result of the battle. He is backing himself heavily to win. Many bets have been placed by Eastern sports at odds of \$8 to \$5 on Jeffries.

Col. Wholley's Promotion.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.

Seattle, Wash., via Skagway, Nov. 6.

Col. John H. Wholley of the Washington volunteers has been promoted to the rank of major in the United States regular army. Col. Wholley distinguished himself in several engagements with the natives of the Philippine islands. His promotion was merited by exceptionally good services; and this recent recognition by the war department is not only gratifying to the people of this state, who are proud of his advancement, but it is approved by his fellow officers in the army. Col. Wholley will be detailed, unquestionably, to a command in the Philippines.

Vice-President Hobart Ill.

Special to The Klondike Nugget.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Nov. 6.—Vice-president Hobart of the United States is dangerously ill. Within the past 24 hours, he has become much worse. His doctors have issued a bulletin, which is most discouraging. They do not expect their patient to recover. His death is hourly expected, and his family and friends are patiently awaiting the end.

Nuggets—Genuine and Counterfeit.

[By Othmar.]

Some Sparks fly upwards, others scintillate in all directions.

Seven, instead of thirteen, has been an unlucky number in Dawson for a great many, especially where it consisted of Judge Dugas and the jury of six.

Many a miner never knew how near death's door he was until he read the advertisements of an electric belt offered for sale up the creeks.

Some people in Dawson are away up in the social scale, simply because they are too light to bring the scale down. Could you mention one or more?

No matter how high some of the Eldorado kings are flying on the outside, they have to come down occasionally for bread and butter.

A man puts up with a good deal in Dawson, and puts up for a good deal more.

Does the reader know of any cross-tongued people in Dawson who think one way and talk another?

The Canadian government's white-wash brush on the officials here last year covered a multitude of freckled reputations.

Talk isn't cheap when you hire a lawyer to do it for you. If you don't believe it, hire one.

A corner on any provisions cannot be square.

The ounce of dust you are paying back looks three times as large as the one you borrowed 30 days ago—and perhaps it is if weighed on some of the scales we hear about.

The mercury never gets warm in its efforts to lower the record here, yet some of the bare-faced lies told about the winters are old enough to wear full beards.

Talk is cheap, but somehow gossip, even in Dawson, manages to gain currency.

Snow comes down in the winter and ice goes up in the summer.

Miners up the creeks cannot succeed unless they get down to business.

Some people who are trying to get into Dawson's social swim should put on life preservers—but it is a hard proposition to know where to draw the line, isn't it?

From the amount of business the police are doing over the wires between here and Bennett they should be made of copper.

It is nearing the season of the year when day breaks, but doesn't fall, and the night falls, but doesn't break.



London, via Skagway, Nov. 6.—The defeat of the British forces near Ladysmith has aroused public feeling to intense pitch. Nothing else is dis-

him, and he will enter the ring in finer condition than he has ever experienced. Jim Jeffries is confident of victory. He is in good form, and has no doubts