

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Kruger Reported to Meet President Steyn.

WHEN HOSTILITIES MAY DISCONTINUE.

Clements Advance Troops Are Occupying Achtertang.

Boers Retreating But Still Fighting—Railroad Repaired and Operated to Britain's Purpose—Salisbury on American Politics.

From Saturday's Daily.
London, March 4, via Skagway, March 9.—Dispatches received today from the seat of war state that President Kruger has left Pretoria and is on his way to some point in the Orange Free state for a conference with President Steyn of that republic. It is argued from this action on the part of Kruger that negotiations looking toward a peace treaty will shortly be entered into. Close observers of the situation, however, do not anticipate any such result from the reported conference. The best authorities state that the Boers are rallying all their forces to repair their temporary reverses, and that the war is certain to continue for an indefinite length of time. Kruger's visit to Steyn is looked upon by them as being preliminary to closer alliance between the Transvaal and Orange Free State.

British Advancing.
London, March 5, via Skagway, March 9.—At midnight of the 4th inst., the war office received a dispatch from Gen. Roberts stating that Clement's advanced troops are in full possession of Achtertang and that the railroad has been repaired and opened. The enemy is still in force at Nowals bridge. Gen. Gatacre wires that the Boers are diminishing from the vicinity of Strouberg. Gen. Baden-Jowell sends word that all is well at Mafeking.

American Politics Uncertain.
London, March 4, via Skagway, March 9.—Lord Salisbury states that American politics are too uncertain to justify the belief that an Anglo-American alliance can be formed. Personally he does not favor it.

Sues for Divorce.
Skagway, March 9.—Mrs. Lulu Gould of Seattle, has sued Harry Gould, of Dawson, for divorce.

(Harry Gould is engaged in the milk and dairy business in this city, having come here in the summer of 1897. When informed of the purport of the above telegram by a Nugget man this afternoon, Mr. Gould said he has been expecting such news for some time, and that he will not contest his wife's suit. The Goulds have been married eight years; they have no children. Mr. Gould did not state the nature of the trouble between himself and wife, and spoke only in kindly terms of that lady.)

Boers Are Mourning.
Petersburg, March 4, via Skagway, March 9.—The Boer newspapers are aken up almost entirely with lament for the loss of Cronje and his troops, and of abuse upon England. The papers are filled with protestations against the establishment of English authority in South Africa, and of assertions that the Boers, by the manner in which they have thus far resisted the British as fully entitled to be recognized as an independent power. All the papers call upon Europe to intervene and end the war, which is designated by one journal as being the most infamous war ever waged by England and inaugurated for predatory purposes.

Will Be Electrocuted.
New York, Feb. 16.—Roland Burnham Molineux was sentenced today to die in the electric chair during the week of March 26th.

Molineux made a statement in court that he was not fairly convicted, and that "yellow journals" had put a price on his head. Counsel for Molineux served notice of an appeal for a new trial.

Commission To Be Appointed.
Skagway, March 9.—A report is current here that a commission will be appointed by the Ottawa authorities to investigate the affairs of the Yukon administration.

Down River Mail.
Petitions to the postmaster general of the United States, mention of which appeared in an account of a meeting of the Board of Trade as published in yesterday's Nugget, are being freely circulated and as freely signed asking that increased mail facilities be given the lower Yukon country. A semi monthly service, as at present, is wholly inadequate to the demands and actual business needs of the vast district which it is proposed will be benefited. A weekly service is being asked for, and should by all means be granted. Every citizen of Dawson, regardless of nationality, should append his name to one of the petitions now being circulated.

GOLDEN GETS SIXTY DAYS.

His Story Did Not Stand for Investigation.

Is Now Carving Fuel on the Royal Woodpile—Drunken Son Disgraces His Family.

In Magistrate Starnes' court yesterday afternoon the case of the crown vs. Frank J. Golden, charged with theft by conversion, came on for hearing. An account of Golden's starting for Nome, being overhauled by the police down the river and brought back to Dawson appeared in the Nugget of Wednesday, and Golden's statement of the matter appeared in the Nugget of yesterday. The same story was told in court, but when the searchlight of investigation was thrown upon it, many thin places were found, which stamped it as being unworthy of belief. The evidence was such as warranted a conviction and Golden was sentenced to hard labor for a period of two months, and this morning he joined the other prisoners in the work of manufacturing fuel at the crown woodpile; and one of the guards is authority for the statement that he (Golden) is using the saw used by his former business partner, Joseph Selix, who but recently completed a two months' term at hard labor on the same collection of timber.

Edward Morgan, for having imbibed too freely of the fluid extract of rye which caused him to be "real naughty," was fined \$20 and costs this morning, or ten days at hard labor. He will engage in the manufacture of fuel.

Another young man, the scion of an eminently respectable family, for whose sake, not for his, the name is withheld, was up on a charge similar to that of Morgan, the two having been together and in the same condition when arrested; he also was fined \$20 and costs, which amount was paid.

The insanity dodge is an old one, and Dawson is distinguished in that she is headquarters of an entirely new departure from the old excuse. Dawson is exclusively the home of the kidney trouble dodge which for the 36th time since January 1st, was sprung on the police magistrate this morning, and was perpetrated by John Herdman, who was up for violating the Yukon health ordinance. The usual fine is a dollar, but John was fined only 50 cents without costs, leaving him a balance with which to buy Pierce's Celebrated Kidney Cure.

K. of P. Social Club.
The K. of P. Social Club held one of its interesting meetings last night in McDonald hall, the business of the evening was disposed of as rapidly as

possible, and the social features came out in speech making, music, stories, etc., until about midnight.

The secretary was instructed to provide a register where every K. of P., whether a member of the club or not, could register his name, the name number and address of his lodge and the address of his friends; also his present address, and he will be expected to notify the secretary of any change.

The secretary is F. W. Clayton in the Board of Trade rooms E and F, in the A. C. office building, and will be glad if all K. of P. will come there and register. It was unanimously agreed to give a smoker or stag party on Thursday evening, March 22d, and a good time is guaranteed. We hope to see all K. of P. there that evening, and that they will not fail to register.

Arctic Brotherhood, Attention.
All members of the above order are requested to be in the camp tonight at 8 o'clock sharp as there are a number of candidates upon whom the degree will be conferred, and it is necessary to begin early in order that the work of the meeting may be completed by midnight.

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT.

Disposition Made of a Number of Motions.

The Verdict Rendered in Purden vs. A. E. Co. Sustained by a Decision of Justice Dugas.

This morning, justice Dugas rendered a decision in connection with the case of James G. Purden vs. Alaska Exploration Company. Some time ago the plaintiff obtained a verdict against the defendant for \$500 architect's fees, and for about \$400 carpenters' wages. Before judgment was entered, Mr. F. C. Wade, representing the defendant, moved that judgment should not be entered in accordance with the verdict, because the latter was contrary to evidence. The decision of the court sustains the verdict of the jury, and judgment for the plaintiff was entered against the defendant with costs.

A motion was made to continue the interim injunction in the case of Ellen Acklen vs. Johannsen. The injunction was continued till Monday next.

The motion in the matter of the estate of James McLarty was deferred till Monday.

In Raymond et al. vs. Faulkner et al., a motion was made to continue the injunction. The court ordered a peremptory enlargement for two weeks in order to allow the plaintiff to file affidavits in reply to defendant's affidavits.

William Joel was made a party defendant in the action of Holland vs. Klondike Development Syndicate.

The plaintiff in Hughes vs. Monaghan applied for summary judgment. Decision reserved.

In Driscoll vs. Dawkins, the plaintiff applied for the appointment of a receiver. Decision was reserved.

The sheriff of the Yukon territory applied for interpleader to issue in the case of Bossuit vs. Timmins and the N. A. T. & T. Co. The court appointed Monday as the time when the action will come up for summary disposition, and Messrs. Healey and Timmins were directed to be present.

The motion in Ames Mercantile Company vs. Alaska Exploration Company stands till Monday.

The plaintiff in Merchants Bank of Halifax vs. McKay Brothers moved to strike out statement of defense. Decision reserved.

A motion was made in Nichol vs. Cooper & Lewin to set down the case for trial. Motion continued.

Continuous Cleanup.
On many of the claims which will be worked during the summer the work of washing out the gold will be continuous, in that it will be carried on with sufficient force to keep the dumps from accumulating. More claims will be operated this summer than during the same period of any previous year, and instead of being but a work of six weeks, the washing out process will be carried on as long as running water can be obtained.

OVER HIS OWN SIGNATURE.

C. Stewart Barnes Gives His Opinion of Minister Sifton.

Would Like to See Some Evidence of Reform Other than Auction of the Crown Reserves.

Dawson, March 8, 1900.
Editor Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: Threshing of old straw doesn't much effect the feed bin, but the news that Mr. Sifton is experiencing a change of heart as regards his attitude towards the Klondike, inasmuch that he is now generously willing to allow us to purchase the land lately barred to the prospector. This news to the ordinary, every day prospector, such of us as are still left simply sets us to wondering "what he will do next." We boys in overalls cannot be blamed if by now we are in the frame of mind where we are apt to

look encouraged at any new regulations emanating from Ottawa, and ask ourselves the question "Where does the government sack come in on that?" Are we right, Mr. Editor, in supposing that the shoe is beginning to pinch last? Are they really and truly beginning to be alarmed at the falling off of the government's revenue? After having so virtuously frowned out of existence those "greedy prospectors" and "rapacious claim recorders," is it actually beginning to dawn on their intelligence that "elbow grease" will always antedate "palm oil" in a new country? I remember telling Mr. Fawcett early in '97 that to my limited intelligence it seemed as if he were aiming at driving prospectors out of the country, and no one in 1900 can deny the truth of the remark. As a matter of fact I don't believe that any "change of heart" at Ottawa will ever induce the present generation of prospectors to return to this part of their dominion. We burnt children, even in this country, can understand when their fingers have had enough warmth. At any rate it will take more than this new Siftonian edict to restore the confidence of the original prospector. What we want is to see some sign of

a government's willingness, or even more than that—some sign of their anxiousness to legislate for the benefit and welfare of the working mines attracted by the possibilities lying dormant in this vast unprospected country. If they are now willing to make amends for past mistakes, let them show us their change of heart by beginning at the right end, and encourage the prospector to go poling up stream in search of new pay ground. Do they expect us to feel grateful for the gift (by auction) of the feathers after they have killed the goose and "revenue" the carcass? Barring a few fractions and possibly a few claims, what will their auction sales amount to as a matter of revenue? It seems to me just the last despairing effort of the "Sifton burlesque" before the curtain drops and the audience go home disgusted. Speaking as an Englishman, I am simply staying on here because for my part it will be so vastly entertaining to be on the spot when the last "official" steps aboard and leaves behind him the "legislated wilderness," but a wilderness that will surely team with a new generation that know not the name of Sifton. Yours in overalls,

C. STUART BARNES.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

W. Meikle, D. A. Shindler, and A. Trabold, as plaintiff, have filed a protest suit against Nellie Cashman, defendant. The matter involves a boundary dispute respecting the hillside claim on the left limit, opposite No. 3 Monte Cristo gulch. The hearing on the protest is set for March 26, 1900. No case was tried before Commissioner Senkler today. Tomorrow, the matter of the protest against the application of Allan R. Joy for a right of water to be diverted at No. 8 below on Bonanza, will be heard.

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