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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 Completely Upset—Ottawa Is Discussing the Situation.

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 Ofontein. 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.

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.

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.

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HUMES WINS.

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

RECEIVES ONE THOUSAND MAJORITY.

John Collins, Democratic Candidate, 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 1100 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.

Charleston, 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 anaesthetic 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. 10.—M. Cocherot, 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. R. 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 down town. 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.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

The case of Succha 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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FLOUR FAMINE

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

A. C. COMPANY'S STOCK WAS SHORT

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 A. E. 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 line 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 abroad that the A. C. Co. was buying up all the flour in the city with the object in view of cornering the market and running 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. 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

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ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

Sluice, Flume & Mining Lumber

Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

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Two Great Bottles For Three Dollars

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Snider's Tomato Catsup, "THE PEER" In Its Line

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One or All of the Above Specials to One Customer

Comforters, Soft and Warm, from \$5.00 Up. Shoepacs, Single and Double Soled, from \$3.50 Up. See Our \$5.00 Line of Wool Pants. Felt Shoes, \$3.50. Drill Parkies, \$3.50. German Sox, \$1.00 Up. Mitts, \$1.00 Up. Fine Line Gents' Ties, Handkerchiefs and Hats.

The Ames Mercantile Company, F. JANSEN, Resident Manager