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The Town of Mafeking Has at Length Been Relieved.

RESCUED AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SIEGE.

General Buller Is Accomplishing Great Results in Natal.

Boers Driven Back on All Sides Finally Take Flight to the North -- Lord Roberts Still at Kroon- stadt, Is Awaiting Developments--Boer Envoy in America.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Skagway, May 21.—5 p. m.—The steamer Amur arrived this morning direct from Vancouver. As the boat was leaving the city bulletins were displayed in front of the newspaper offices announcing the fact that the relief of Mafeking had been accomplished. A street parade was hastily gotten up in Vancouver and the city turned itself over for a general celebration of the event. This was on the evening of the 17th inst. Newspapers brought by the same steamer and dated the 15th and 16th all show that the keenest anxiety has been felt in London for the accomplishment of the relief of Mafeking. They show, also, that Buller made a magnificent march after the fight at Beggetberg.

The enemy evacuated Helpmaaker Neck, firing the grass as they left. The smoke was blown directly in the faces of the pursuing British forces, who marched through the smoke, capturing a number of prisoners and ascertaining the strength of the enemy in that locality to approximate 3000.

The next move was on Dundee, which was occupied. The advance was continued to Kraipan, where a stiff battle ensued resulting in another Boer repulse. Another fight occurred at Newcastle with the same result.

The Boers to the number of 7000 have hurried north from Natal and the farmers are handing over their arms.

Lord Roberts remains passive thus far at Kroonstadt. His cavalry form a semi-circular screen 20 miles in length, the flanks overlapping.

(The town of Mafeking, situated on the northern frontier of Bechuanaland and in close proximity to the Transvaal border, has been under siege for nearly six months. It is a small railroad town and has been defended by a force of about 2500 men, mostly Rhodesian police under command of Col. Baden Powell. It was one of the first places to which the Boers laid siege at the beginning of the war. Gen. Cronje at first commanded the Boers, but subsequently withdrew to oppose the advance of Lord Roberts.

From time to time efforts have been made to relieve the town but all proved failures up to the present successful attempt, owing to the long distance to be covered and the fact that the march had to be made largely through a hostile country. Col. Plumer's column succeeded in approaching the town, but was driven back since which time no definite information as to his whereabouts have been known.

The garrison has been in communication with Lord Roberts, through the heliograph system and the condition of affairs within the town has been pretty

well known. Prominent among those who have been confined in the beleaguered town is Lady Sarah Wilson, who has sent frequent messages to her friends respecting the situation.

The food supply of the town has gradually grown less and on April 29th Lady Wilson reported that the provisions in the town were about exhausted. The garrison was reduced to a diet of coarse meal and even that was nearly exhausted.

For several weeks the attention of England has been directed toward Mafeking with more interest than upon Roberts' movements. The utmost solicitude has been expressed for the besieged garrison and the London papers have sided time and again that the relief of Mafeking would be preferable to winning an important victory. The news of the relief will be heard with much satisfaction and rejoicing in every country where the English language is spoken.)

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Capt. Scarth presided in the magistrate's chair in police court this morning, but few cases were up for hearing. Looking as though many weeks ago she had inaugurated a boycott against the use of soap, towels, combs, bath tubs and everything else connected with cleanliness, and had carried out the boycott to the letter, Vera Holmes was in court on the charge of having been very drunk and decidedly disorderly. Only in one respect did Vera this morning resemble Maud Muller who raked meadows sweet with hay when the judge rode slowly down the lane: Her gown was tattered, which gave Vera the appearance of having toyed with a Kansas cyclone. Her case was remanded until this afternoon and she was escorted back to jail to ponder over her fall and moisten her parched lips from the tin cup of remorse.

Evidence of the existence in Dawson of the "slumber" brand of hooch was again before the court this morning. The imbibor was William Brown, who, true to the history of the brand, had wooed nature's sweet restorer—balmly sleep—on the sidewalk. A fine of \$5 and costs was imposed and William walked sadly back to where the game of checkers is played with noses; but five minutes later two of his friends appeared, paid the fine and the imbibor of the "slumber" brand emerged into the sunlight of heaven.

Harry Barnes was in court to answer complaints filed by Scott Barnes and Michael Laden for \$80 each claimed to be due for labor performed. As neither (pronounced neither) of the complainants were present, the cases were dismissed.

A. U. Warnecross, a Sulphur layman, was brought in from the guard house to answer a charge of theft, he being accused of having stolen from a sluice-box on claim 23 below Sulphur. As the defendant had only been brought to town yesterday evening, and had not, therefore, had time to consult an attorney and get his bearings, he was remanded until this afternoon with permission to send for and consult a limb of the law.

Increase in River Fleet.

Under the heading of "New Steamers for Dawson," the Skagway Alaskan publishes the following:

"It is reported that the owners of the steamer Alpha, which lately sailed for Nome, have completed putting two steamers on the Upper Yukon to run

from Whitehorse to Dawson in conjunction with the Alpha, to be then placed on the Skagway-British Columbia run.

"This report was heard in Seattle not long ago by W. W. Watson, of the Yukon Flyer line, who is at the Golden North en route to the interior.

"I gathered the news," says Mr. Watson, "from a transportation firm that had the scheme under consideration as early as last fall, and who wanted me to take the Whitehorse agency for the Yukon end. When I was in Seattle a short time ago they spoke of the line again.

"I heard the names of the steamers intended for the Yukon end, but I forgot them. They are at St. Michael's and it was the intention to have them brought up the river and ready for use on the upper run in June or July. They are light draft craft.

Yea, Yea, Mr. McMullen.

A regular meeting of Dawson Aerle, No. 50, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was held last night at which Thomas McMullen was fitted with a pair of wings and launched into the azure in which he received the chaplain's blessing. After the table was cleared of all business, the regular social session was held, and all present had the usual good time.

Gradually Coming Down.

Ten days or two weeks ago a young Indian started a careful canvass of the city in the laudable effort to dispose of a duck for which he then asked \$2.50. He has not yet completed the canvass, nor has he sold the duck, which is likely quite tender by this time; but today he is again making the round with the bird which he quotes at \$2. In the course of a month or so, some fortunate individual may buy it for \$1.50.

STEAM BOATS

What Is Happening and Will Soon Happen on the Yukon.

THE OUTLOOK VERY SATISFACTORY

Many Steamers Will Leave for Nome Soon.

THIRTYMILE RIVER VERY LOW.

First Boat, Florence S., Leaves for Koyukuk Tomorrow—Water Front Notes.

Mr. A. Lewis, who is acting general manager of the Klondike Corporation, will go up the river on the Ora, which sails the last of this week. He reports the condition of business at this end as particularly satisfactory to the company.

The John C. Barr left for Fort Yukon yesterday at 3 a. m. She is expected to reach Dawson on her return trip the 28th of May.

The A. E. Co. are now selling tickets for the trip to Nome via steamer Gustaf. The boat will pull up today to the company dock. She has been freshly painted and fitted up and makes a very attractive appearance.

The ocean-going steamer Ohio of the Empire line sails from Seattle for Nome on the 25th with every berth sold and the entire freight space taken. Mr. Anthony T. Pritchard has been appointed general superintendent of the company and will visit Dawson this summer. The Empire line will dispatch their first boat down the river immediately upon its arrival from St. Michael.

The S.-Y. T. Co. has opened their ticket office on their dock this morning and are all ready for business. E. M. Culbertson is in charge.

The Florence S. sails tomorrow with Capt. Sid Barrington in charge, for Koyukuk. Capt. Barrington is one of the youngest steamboat captains in America, but has had years of experience as a river navigator.

Mr. Daniels, the agent of the Yukon Flyer-Transportation Co., has received

a wire from Neils Peterson stating that the Thirtymile river is very low, consequently the steamers Bonanza King and Eldorado are held there until the river rises.

The Lotta Talbot will leave for Nome via St. Michael Monday the 28th. She will carry 20 passengers and upon her arrival at the coast will put into Snake river for the season.

The steamers Seattle No. 3 and Rock Island, and the barges Seattle No. 1 and No. 4 came down from winter quarters Saturday with Capt. Grey and La Balister in charge.

The Robert Kerr will come up the river with refrigerated meats.

The Seattle No. 3 sails for St. Michael about June 1st. The Rock Island follows one week later.

Capt. Miner has bought an interest in the little steamer Hettie B. and is fitting her up for the Nome stampede. He will accompany the vessel to its destination.

A dog was observed trying to swim the Yukon to West Dawson, but was drowned in the attempt.

The steamer Sybil, of the Canadian Hipe, will leave tomorrow for Whitehorse at 2 p. m., with the royal mail.

The Canadian follows Friday of this week. She was successfully launched yesterday at the company's shipyard under the direction of Capt. I. B. Sanburn. He will launch the Colubrian today.

The steamers Cudaby and T. C. Powers are looked for about June 15th from St. Michael. They will be loaded with fresh goods for the N. A. T. & T. Co.

Steamer Lotta Talbot, carrying only twenty first-class passengers, no second class, will leave Yukon dock Monday, May 28th for Cape Nome, by way of St. Michael. Frank J. Kington, agent.

Left in a Hurry.

M. I. Stevens, a young man well-known in Dawson, left Dawson about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He embarked in a small boat for the international boundary line, from whence he will probably continue his journey to Nome. Previous to his departure he succeeded in negotiating a number of worthless checks among the business men of the city.

Stevens, during the past few months has incurred several liabilities, which he neglected to liquidate before his departure.

It had been decided by the police authorities to employ the steamer Marjorie to pursue the fugitive, when the father of Stevens agreed to settle the claims which were held against his son; consequently the proposed trip of the Marjorie was abandoned. W. D. Bruce, who is acting on behalf of Mr. Stevens, the elder, states that he has made satisfactory arrangements with the creditors to settle Stevens' debts.

Petitions Have Been Received.

Secretary Joseph A. Clarke, of the citizens' committee, recently received from Ottawa two letters which acknowledge receipt of the petitions which were submitted by the people of this territory to the federal authorities of Canada.

One letter from the governor general's secretary is dated April 9th, and reads as follows:

I am directed by his excellency the governor general to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 9th and of the 12th ult., forwarding petitions in regard to the representation of the Yukon territory, in the house of commons, and the enforcement of the act amending the Yukon territory act, and to inform you that they have been transferred to the privy council office, for consideration by his excellency's responsible advisers. (Signed) C. J. JONES, For Governor General's Secretary.

The other letter is from the speaker of the Dominion house of parliament, and is dated April 11th, and is, if possible, more abrupt than the governor general's. The text is as follows:

Dear Sir: I received your letter of March 12th, inclosing a petition from the British subjects of the Yukon territory, praying for the right to elect two representatives to the house of commons. I handed the petition to Mr. McInnes of Victoria, who presented it to the house yesterday. Yours truly, THOS. BAEN, Speaker.

Fairview Hotel Changes Hands.

Mr. Julian Blaker has leased the Fairview hotel for a period of two years, taking charge of the same today. The Fairview is one of Dawson's oldest, best-known and most popular hosteleries, and its owners are to be congratulated in transferring its care to such an experienced and competent man as Mr. Blaker. An era of unprecedented prosperity is now in store for the Fairview.

A Lofty Sign.

The location of the Yukon Iron Works is now indicated by a sign that can be read from a point half way to Nome. The new sign is mounted on a frame several feet above the comb of the roof and is the whole length of the building.

SULPHUR ROBBERY

A. U. Warnecross Under Arrest, Accused of Robbing Sluice Boxes

ON SULPHUR, ON CLAIM 23 BELOW

On Which He Has Been Working a Lay.

ROBERT EVANS COMPLAINS.

Three Men Claim to Have Laid for the Layman and Caught Him in the Act.

A warrant has been sworn out by Bob Evans, owner of claim No. 23 below discovery on Sulphur creek for the arrest of A. U. Warnecross, a layman on the same claim. It appears that Warnecross has been working a steam thawer on the claim and employing a number of men during the winter. The workmen have watched the cleanup from time to time and finally became suspicious that the dumps were not washing up the amounts which they should.

The men determined to set a watch and on Thursday night last, three of them, Jim Batten, L. R. Martin and a man named Bonther sat up in their cabin and watched the sluice boxes. Late in the night they claim that Warnecross came from his cabin and went to the boxes. He took out several of the rifles, cleaned up the dust and sand in the bottom and placed the whole in a sack which he carried into his cabin. The men followed him in and made a demand for their wages for the entire season.

Warnecross promised to pay them the next day and with this the men left him. On the following day all were paid their money, as Warnecross had agreed, but later on they informed Evans of the affair and the latter had a warrant issued for the arrest of Warnecross.

Warnecross has been on the claim all winter with his wife.

Chechako Hill Magnate.

Chas. E. Seveance, one of the promoters of the Bonanza Water Co., which company is supplying water for the washing of a number of large dumps on the first and second benches of Chechako Hill, is in the city on business, having walked down from his place this morning.

For Yukon Iron Works.

"Billie" Taylor, for many years superintendent of the Port Townsend Southern Railroad, is now stationed at the new town of Caribou as agent for the W. P. & Y. Co. While in Skagway on his way to his new post Mr. Taylor said to an Alaskan reporter: "A large colony is below preparing to come when the ice disappears. Among the freight that is to be shipped in by way of Skagway this season is a great deal of machinery."

A Horse on the Sergeant.

Since Sergeant J. J. Wilson of the N. W. M. P., has, by the faithful performance of his duty, unearthed a long-odored state of affairs in the office of the assistant gold commissioner in which an employee was taken red-handed in the act of accepting a bribe, a report has been circulated to the effect that the sergeant is to be taken away from Dawson on account of his untowardly doing his best duty. The report has been so assiduously circulated that many of his friends now meet him with: "Very sorry you have to leave us; when will you get away," and other such greetings. In behalf of the faithful servant of the government it may be stated that all reports of his being called from his detail here are groundless. Sergeant Wilson could not be spared from Dawson, but there is no doubt but that certain people, whose acts will not bear the penetrating searchlight of the investigation, would hail the news of his recall with thanksgiving and joy.

KRUGER FOR

To Make Room

Bill Adams Wants to Understand

[From Mafeking]

"I have been in the street for a long time," said Mr. Paul Kruger, agent. The speaker with scraggy and grey whiskers. I had trouble, in fact, to hear his tale of woe as he said: "You see, I was Transvaal street, the Roberts family into my place so that of May. I had a domicile with my babies growing in desire quietude, so coffee undisturbed in peace."

"I was happy enough for my wife was so busy with her cows or cleaning had but little to bother, Steyn, who had a house on Free Street."

the corner of our friend of mine, but where in the middle boarding now, a place in which to possibly we may abide in God's house may both stay until Roberts family arrive house until I vacate it isn't large enough them all, and the place as a permanent the Steyn mansion as a sort of country mer, although it is some of their family."

"This moving is money," continued mopped his brow and mumbled upon the notion to take up residence on Transvaal street my wishes, and was greatly, but I had the effect that the gage had to be paid would be foreclosed assets. I owed amount on the Major. You see, I got that boom, and couldn't. If I had been satisfied they were, and had the Roberts family have had to move on I bluffed the agent. I guessed I could pay."

"The Roberts family and when he was in my youngsters made pulled his tail. I munched, although of whiskers stuck out. Roberts family were in my place, and my residence on Natal, youngsters they could. Lion if they liked, a him with red pepper."

"When the Lion Roberts family sent me to tell me I was the Lion alone or he they would not be re."

"I faked up a story had come around and of my chickens, and Paul's bunny rabbit. I lieve that, and said where he pleased, and old brute, and would himself wherever he said, were the Lion."

"Anyway, I got started to feed raw meat the old man. I cut his tail and wagged the top hair of my, and he went a trouble. I tried to throw things at him. Glencoe avenue and hid and waited for his handsiaange street, first, and took the search trousers, but I got him in the Magersfontein didn't do a thing to up his eye and he called from his detail here are groundless. Sergeant Wilson could not be spared from Dawson, but there is no doubt but that certain people, whose acts will not bear the penetrating searchlight of the investigation, would hail the news of his recall with thanksgiving and joy.

"Another time I got on Spearman's farm."