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BOERS INTEND

To invade Basutoland--An Attack on the Town of Wepener.

3,000 TROOPS INVESTED AT ALWAI

Alarm Felt Over Gen. Brabant's Colonial Forces.

BOERS REPORTED ACTIVE.

Prince of Wales Is Invited to Visit Canada--F. R. Burnham Captured By Boers.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
London, April 12, via Skagway, April 17.—The Boers are preparing to retake Wepener, the possession of which town will give them an entrance into Basutoland. It is stated that the Basuto government is prepared to meet the enemy, but the approach of the forces is having a bad effect upon the natives, necessitating the utmost vigilance among the local officials to prevent an uprising.
Gen. Brabant's force of 3000 colonial troops is apparently invested at Alwai, as no news of active movements has been heard from Brabant for some time.

Boers Active.
London, April 12, via Skagway, April 17.—Amazing activity is manifested among the Boers in the country south-east and southwest of Bloemfontein. The Boer commandos apparently are coming and going as they please through a wide stretch of territory, though they take good care to avoid points known to be held by the British.

Wales Coming.
Ottawa, April 12, via Skagway, April 17.—It is generally believed that the Prince of Wales will visit Canada during the coming summer. Premier Laurier recently communicated to the Prince an invitation to make the proposed visit, assuring him of a welcome from the entire Dominion. The mayors of Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec and Montreal have cabled the prince their desire to throw the gates of their respective cities open to him in case the invitation should be accepted.

Burnham Captured.
San Francisco, April 12, via Skagway, April 17.—A special from Cape Town to the Examiner states that F. R. Burnham, who was in Dawson last summer and who has been in the scouting service of the British army since the outbreak of the war has been captured by the Boers.

(Frank R. Burnham referred to above, came to Dawson on a hurried business visit early last summer, returning to Skagway in July, where he became interested in a proposition to construct an electric light and power plant, the machinery for which was to be the water falls near the cemetery east of that city. As the water right was contested and as, owing to a rush of order, the machinery for the plant could not be supplied for many months, the proposition was dropped. In the meantime, Burnham, who is possessed of a large amount of capital, purchased and improved some fine business property and built for his family one of the finest residences in Skagway. He contributed largely to the building fund of the Bishop McCabe college at Skagway, of which institution he was one of the directors. He continued to reside in Skagway until offered a handsome price by the British government in December to go to South Africa in the capacity of scout. Burnham, who is an American citizen, with all the instincts and love of adventure of the typical Yan-

kee, was with Jameson in his famous South African raid where his services were so valuable that he was awarded a medal and highly complimented for the valuable services rendered. He was also presented with a township of land six miles square in South Africa, which property has since become quite valuable. Later he was a partner with Cecil Rhodes in some of the latter's adventures in that country. He is supposed to possess very valuable information of the topography of the country where war is now being waged, hence his value to the British government as a scout.—E.D.)

Klondike River Accident.
Yesterday a team of horses attached to a wagon broke through the ice while attempting to cross the Klondike river. After much difficulty the rescue of the animals and outfit was effected. The ice on this tributary is now so treacherous and unsafe, that travelers and freighters are crossing by way of the toll bridge.

Oriental Peace Reigns.
According to news from Japan by the steamer Idzumi Maru there is now a general disposition to regard the chances of trouble between Japan and Russia as having altogether disappeared for the present, says the Victoria Times. The rumors which were so frequent some time ago have died away and to outward appearance at least the prospect is calm and smooth. Commenting on the fact that the Japanese government agreed to pass on certain guns to the British government that were being constructed for Japan, the vernacular papers say this seems to indicate that Japanese statesmen do not anticipate any early necessity for their use against possible enemies of their country. The Kobe Herald, however, thinks that notwithstanding this fact the trouble is by no means extinct. It says:

"From a general point of view, too, it would no doubt be correct to assume that there is at present no particular set of circumstances in existence which can give rise to trouble. But the situation, as a whole, remains the same. Some remarks from our Korean correspondent show that there is no real diminution in the probable causes of trouble there. And these causes have always been very apparent and have constantly grown. The juxtaposition of the two powers there and in China wants much rearrangement before the seeds of discord can be recognized as absolutely extinct. And such rearrangement is by the nature of things impossible.

"The Russians say that in five years they will make a large town and build up a trade in Masampo. So far the Russian steamers carry but little cargo. The Korean wants nothing which Russia can supply. All these are far better supplied from Europe and Japan. On the other hand Japan consumes just what Korea produces—rice, beans, peas, etc. Japan buys nearly all her own merchants scattered all over the country buying up the grains. Japan has her own shipping companies. The merchant will take good care to send to Japan by Japanese steamers, and goods coming from Europe via Hong Kong and Shanghai may share a little with the Russian lines, but that will not make much difference, and certainly will not build up a Fusan or Chemulpo in Masampo in five or six years. Perhaps Russia schemes for a military port with hotels, cafes, drinking saloons, stores and all these other things which are met with in naval ports. However, all this has yet to be seen."

Dawson's Easter Storm.
In some of the old settled countries where superstition and beliefs have been handed down from father to son for a dozen generations there is a saying that Easter Sunday must invariably be accompanied by an Easter storm, which either immediately precedes or follows the festive day; and as Easter occurs at a certain stage of the moon, the old saying is usually verified.

The snow this morning was probably the Easter storm for this part of the country. In the outside this would have been a typical March or early April morning, as sunshine and storm alternated in rapid succession. If ancient traditions are carried out, the Easter storm will close the winter for good and spring will begin in earnest.

The Firemen's Ball.
Extensive preparations are being made for the grand ball which is to be given by the members of the fire department at Golden's Exchange next Friday evening. The new building affords excellent accommodations for the many persons who will attend. The ball room will be appropriately decorated, and the affair promises to be one of the notable events of the season. A delicious lunch will be served to the guests, and nothing will be left undone in order to insure enjoyment to the friends of the department. The price of tickets is \$5.00. They can be secured from Reid & Co.'s drug store, or from any member of the fire department.

DISTRICT COURT

Some Important Decisions Are Rendered By Justice Dugas.

JUDGMENT OBTAINED BY DEFENDANTS

In the Case of the C. D. Co. vs. La Blanc et Al.

CAPIAS LAW INTERPRETED.

Trial of Charles Hill Postponed to April 24th—Queen vs. Showers Continued Till May 1st.

Justice Dugas delivered several important decisions this morning.

Judgment was rendered in the case of the Canadian Development Company, plaintiff, vs. La Blanc et al., defendants, who are owners of the steamboat W. K. Merwin. The plaintiff sued the defendants for damages, resulting from the accidental collision of the steamboats Canadian and Merwin, which occurred in the Thirtymile river on August 21st, 1899. The plaintiff alleged that the accident was occasioned by the negligence of the defendants, who, in their answer, responded that the unfortunate affair is attributable to the plaintiff's carelessness. The court, in deciding the action, said: "Taking all the circumstances into consideration, I come to the conclusion that everything which could be done by the Merwin was done, and that the whole fault lies on the Canadian, which, besides, does not seem to have been very thoroughly equipped. Judgment will be entered against the plaintiff for the amount of damages which shall be established by a person to be hereafter appointed." Belcourt, McDougall and Smith were attorneys for the plaintiff, and White, McCaul and Davy represented the defendants.

In Ashbelly vs. Fay, the plaintiff sued the defendant for \$700, and the latter was arrested under a writ of capias, issued upon the representations of the plaintiff, who asserted that the defendant was about to depart from the territory with intent to defraud his creditors. The defendant moved some time ago that the capias writ be quashed. In determining the matter, Justice Dugas expressed himself as follows: "It strikes me that if the spirit of the ordinance was interpreted in such a way as to immediately give the right to arrest a person who may express a desire to leave the territory, it would give there to a sense which was never intended. The acts and words of a party indebted must show, at least, a probable reason to believe that such must be the intention, for in that only lies the right of a creditor to arrest his debtor, and surely, when a party having a debtative account with another, tells him squarely and openly that his desire is to come to a settlement thereof (as in this case), whether he really intends to leave or not, it does not show or divulge any intention on his part to defraud his creditors. The application is granted, and the defendant liberated from the capias with costs." August Noel was attorney for plaintiff; White, McCaul and Davy appeared for the defendant.

In Larson vs. Blaker, the defendant was released by a decision of the court from the writ of capias, issued in the cause.

In Courtney et al. vs. the Canadian Development Company, judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs with costs. The damages are to be ascertained by a referee who will be hereafter appointed.

The trial of the case of the Queen vs. Charles Hill, accused of murder, was postponed to April 24th.

The action of the Queen vs. Mrs. Showers, charged with arson, is continued to May 1st.

The hearing of the motion regarding the injunction in Raymond vs. Faulkner has been postponed to April 20th.

An application for the appointment of a receiver was made in the case of Williams, Smith, et al. vs. Faulkner

and Johnson. The matter was taken under advisement.

In Styles vs. Galpin, the interested parties agree that the judge shall name the receiver to be appointed in the action.

In Mazare vs. Delahel, the plaintiff made an application to strike out the appearance of the defendant. Taken under advisement.

An application for the appointment of a receiver was made in the case of Sherman vs. Rowan. Taken under advisement.

In Ames vs. Jensen, an application was submitted for permission to file a bill of interpleader. The matter was taken under consideration.

In McNamie vs. McNamie, an order has been entered allowing the cost bill, amounting to \$1600, to be taxed against the defendant. This is the case which was settled out of court some time ago by the parties to the action, without notice to the attorneys who had been employed.

This afternoon, the motion in McKay Brothers vs. Y. T. Co., is being heard by Justice Dugas. This action involves the disposition of \$16,000, which has been deposited in court by the defendant company, which now applies to be permitted to withdraw the money.

The Water System.
The main pipes of the water system which is being constructed by Messrs. McLennan, McFeely and Matheson have been laid to the corner of Harper street and Second avenue. Work on are now engaged in extending the pipes north on Second avenue, and they will be so continued until the corner of Sixth street is reached. The present system is merely temporary. Later in the season the pipes will be laid under ground, and encased in wooden boxes.

Very Little Sickness.
At present there is probably as little sickness in Dawson as in any city of the size on the American continent. There are quite a number of inmates at both hospitals, but the majority of them are from the creeks, and many are confined as the result of accidents rather than of sickness and disease.

However, as a large number of people are still using water from the Yukon river which is taken from holes in the ice near the lower part of the city, it will not be surprising if there is considerable sickness later on in the spring.

Perry Flakes Good Time.
Major A. B. Perry, who, accompanied by his son, Kenneth, left here for the outside on April 5th, en route to Ottawa, in response to a telegram calling on him to report there at once, would arrive at Skagway yesterday evening, having made the best time made on the route this year with a horse. A telegram was received from the major yesterday which was filed at Caribou at noon Sunday. As Caribou is but 28 miles from Bennett he would probably make the latter place Sunday night, in which event he would catch the train Monday morning and reach Skagway at noon. The British steamer Cutch was in Skagway harbor Sunday, and in case she made the usual stay it is possible that Major Perry and his son are now on the deep blue sea en route to Victoria.

As it was, they made Skagway on the 11th day out from Dawson, notwithstanding the fact that a lay-over of two days was made at Whitehorse, where a regular post of the N.W. M. P. is being established, and where the major's official presence was necessary. From Dawson to Bennett by horse and sled over the ice in a little more than eight days' actual travel is remarkably good time; and to Major Perry and son belongs the brooch.

Easter Services.
Easter services Sunday were held in all the churches, special programs having been arranged for the day. At St. Paul's Episcopal church the audience was so large that many could not be accommodated with even standing room, and were forced to go elsewhere. Rev. Naylor conducted the services which were very impressive. The Yukon field force band furnished the music, and the choir rendered special selections appropriate for the day. Many ladies were present and the number and variety of Easter costumes worn formed a most attractive picture.

Many New Eagles.
At a regular meeting of the Eagles Sunday 11 novitiates took the wings, received the chaplain's blessing and were made full-fledged birds of prey. The attendance at both the afternoon and evening sessions was large, fully 175 Eagles being present. The new officers all have their respective work well in hand, and the aerie is in a most flourishing condition. A social session at night terminated the successful day's business.

IN YUKON WATERS

Near Selwyn, Several Sacks of Incoming Mail Are Baptized.

LOVE-LADEN LETTERS ARE MOISTENED

Intrepid Carriers Fish Pouches From Icy Waters.

THE POSTMASTER'S ADVICE

Hold Valuable Letters Until Navigation Opens—Mail Steamer Ready.

After the most severe trip made for many months with the mail over the river route, 17 sacks arrived at the local postoffice between 6 and 7 o'clock yesterday evening and had all been distributed ready for the patrons of the office at the usual time for opening this morning.

The mail which is being delivered today, or a portion of it, is decidedly moist, several sacks of the mail having been in the water in the vicinity of Selwyn for a period of several hours, and then they were only recovered by heroic efforts on the part of the carriers. Had there been a strong current where they went through the ice, the mail and possibly the teams and carriers would have been swept away and lost.

Very few letters arrived in the mail received last night, the bulk of the consignment being papers which had been left at Skagway when the one or two previous mails were forwarded.

In conversation with a Nugget representative today, Postmaster Hartman said that while mail will continue to be dispatched for the outside as usual so long as it is possible, yet he would advise people to not risk the sending of any valuable packages, for the reason that it is very hard to get over the route now without an occasional involuntary dropping into the water which is ruinous to many articles which may be contained in the sacks.

Postmaster Hartman gave it as his opinion that by the end of three weeks from date the river will be open for navigation, when said he, "We will start a mail steamer up the river within 24 hours after the ice is gone."

Free Library Concert.

The usual periodical free concert given in the public reading room at night. Following is the program: Banjo selection, Mr. Atwood; recitation, "Bivouac of the Dead," Corp. Longstreet; song, "The Diver," Dr. Macdonald; reading, "Red Riding Hood," Mrs. Moore; song, "I will Take Thee Home Again," Mrs. Burke; violin, cello selection, Mr. McKay; recitation, "Tealin Trail," Private Green; instrumental selection, Mrs. Hetherington; glee, "Hail Smiling Morn," Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Thompson and Dr. Macdonald; recitation, "Coster Manger," Mr. M. Martin; "God Save the Queen."

Among those present were: Madam Perry, McCauley, Perkins, Arnold, Thompson, Davison, Seely, the Misses de Lobel, Misses Freeman, Robinson and Perry; Messrs. Arnold, Perkins, Elderton, Leff, Rev. Hetherington, Dr. A. Thompson, Capt. Thacker, Stewart and Dr. Macdonald and Col. MacGregor, who presided during the evening.

Second Avenue Improvement.

Mr. Timmons, who conducts a large grocery establishment on Second avenue, is making some improvements in regard to his store. He has torn down the front part of his building, and will place it with large plate glass windows. He contemplates making a display of fancy groceries that will excel anything of the kind ever seen in Dawson.

Engine House Removed.

The house, which served to enclose the fire engine during the winter, has been removed from the river. A tent has been erected, and the engine will remain in its old position until the Klondike breaks; then it will be taken to the river bank opposite the A. C. Co.'s store.

ATHENS

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Which Is Plain, S Hills.

From Bloemfont Orange Free uring so co African new charming c the dark con known as "den," but th call it "The Boer torical legen 1896 occur upon a little river. It w of wild flow exclaimed. She meant t "Here we st And there scendants ar But the F ers, not kn dering only situations v State capit Athens of S Bloemfont little plain. These hills have been b ginning of the first for in 1848, wh the country quaint little would be modern art strengthened in the adjo many simi though the have never Johannesbu formidable. From the Bloemfont ance. The ter, and the painted wh rounded by and shaded trees.

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