

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

NO DEAL POSSIBLE

Between British and Russian Commanders at Tientsin

AS BOTH ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

Negotiations Between Kitchener and Botha Are Off.

GUERRILLA WAR WILL FOLLOW

Hosher Released From Seattle Jail on Bond—Harrison's Estate Valued at \$250,000.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Tientsin, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Count Von Walderssee, commander of the German forces in China, has held long conference with Russian and English commanders respecting certain disputed territory.

The Russian commander declined to discuss the matter until the British withdrew from the ground claimed by Russia. The British general replied that he was acting under instructions and could not withdraw.

Walderssee made a similar statement adding that as each was acting under instructions it would be useless to continue negotiations.

Negotiations Broken Off.

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Reports have been received to the effect that the peace negotiations between Botha and Kitchener have been broken off. It is estimated that from 10,000 to 12,000 Boers are still in the field. Secretary Chamberlain states that the responsibility for a continuance of guerilla warfare rests entirely with Botha.

Hosher Released.

Seattle, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Hosher has been released from prison on bail. His securities are W. H. Dickson and Mr. J. B. Thompson.

Harrison's Will.

Indianapolis, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Gen. Harrison's will bequeaths his entire estate amounting to \$250,000, to his family.

Killed in a Duel.

Paris, March 5.—John MacWilson Durant, of New York, who has been living for the past two years in Paris with his mother, at the Hotel La Fonde Tremolle, has been killed at Ostend in a duel with a Russian count. According to the best information obtainable, Mr. Durant had written letters to the wife of the Russian count. The latter's nephew came to Paris to settle the matter when he met Mr. Durant in a restaurant, where a vicious fight resulted in which Mr. Durant lost his front teeth.

He struck the Russian with a heavy glass water bottle and the latter died, but the doctor's certificate gave congestion of the brain as the cause of death. This occurred during January. Later the count took the matter up, sending his seconds to Mr. Durant.

The latter went to Ostend with his mother, who afterward departed for and is still at Glasgow. A duel was arranged and probably was fought yesterday morning with pistols.

Durant was killed and the count was seriously wounded. Durant registered as Charles Neville Carter. His mother has been notified. Durant was well known in the American colony here. He was a frequent attendant at official receptions given by the American officials. His engagement to a young French lady was recently announced. They were to have been married in March. The names of the Russians in the case have not yet been ascertained.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

CONVICTS MUTINY

But Are Brought to Terms by Rifle Shots.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Eighty-four convicts working in the Lansing state coal mines mutinied yesterday and held 15 wardens as hostages. They demanded better food and threatened to kill the wardens if their demands were not complied with. Warden Tomlinson refused all day and night to comply with the demands of the convicts and assured them that nothing short of absolute surrender would be accepted.

After 48 hours Tomlinson, accompanied by an armed guard entered the shaft which the convicts had barricaded. A volley of rifle shots was fired which frightened the convicts sufficiently to induce them to surrender.

WILL NOT HANG JUNE 7

Sentence of George St. Cyr Commuted to Life Imprisonment

George St. Cyr, the man convicted of the murder of James Davis near Hootalinqua last November and who, upon the verdict of a jury of his peers, was sentenced by Justice Dugas to be hanged on June 7th, will not hang, a commutation of the sentence having been received by Sheriff R. J. Eilbeck at a late hour yesterday afternoon. The message to the sheriff was by wire and is as follows:

Ottawa, March 20, via Bennett, March 25.—The Sheriff of Yukon Territory, Dawson: I am commanded to inform you that his excellency the governor general has thought fit to commute to life imprisonment in the guard room of the Northwest mounted police at Dawson, Y. T., the sentence of death passed upon one George St. Cyr, by Mr. Justice Dugas. Please wire receipt of this telegram, which I am confirming by today's mail.

JOSEPH POPE,

Under Secretary of State.

This forenoon St. Cyr was taken from the jail to the office of Capt. Starnes, in command of the police, and to him the contents of the message was read by Sheriff Eilbeck who read it slowly and distinctly during which time St. Cyr never moved as much as an eyelid. At the conclusion of the reading the sheriff said:

"You now pass from my care into that of the police where you will remain during your life."

The sheriff having ceased speaking a realization that the cloud of death which since his sentence has hovered over St. Cyr was dispelled appeared to flash through his mind for, quickly looking up and into the face of the sheriff, there was a perceptible brightening of his eyes as he said quite audibly "Thank you!"

Capt. Starnes then instructed the guards to return St. Cyr to the jail and see that the order as to the transfer from one department to the other was carried out.

Since sentence was imposed nearly two months ago St. Cyr has failed very noticeably, being now much thinner than before and of a sallow, wan appearance, doubtless superinduced by brooding over his approaching death by the gallows.

The readers of the Nugget are all familiar with the circumstances of the murder for which St. Cyr is now a prisoner for life.

Anti-Catholic Lecture.

London, March 4.—An infuriated mob at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, yesterday stormed the platform from which the ex-monk, Victor Ruthven, was delivering an anti-Catholic lecture. Ruthven drew a revolver and kept his assailants at bay for a time, but finally turned and fled. During his flight a bullet was discharged which traversed the neck and issued from the cheek of one of his pursuers. Ruthven was arrested.

Ruthven explains that he was alone in the midst of the crowd and did not fire until he was forced to do so in self defense. The mob bombarded him with chairs and all kinds of missiles, and there were yells of "Lynch him." He begged to be allowed to escape, but some one tried to grab his revolver and another person struck him. Then he fired. It is hoped that the victim of the shooting will recover.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

MR. ROSS EN ROUTE

New Commissioner Will Soon Be in Dawson.

Moose Jaw, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—James Ross, the new commissioner for the Yukon territory, was given a farewell banquet here last night. Mr. Ross will sail on one of the Vancouver steamers enroute to Dawson next week.

Libel Suits.

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, has begun action for libel against the Strand and the Morning Leader. In both cases the ground or compensation upon statements appearing in the papers in regard to certain war office contracts alleged to have been obtained by improper methods.

IMPORTANT MINING CASE

Being Heard Before Gold Commissioner Senkler.

For two days the case of Trabold vs. Bannerman et al., has been occupying the attention of Gold Commissioner Senkler before whom the case is being heard.

In April, 1900, Trabold applied for a hydraulic concession on 3 1/2 miles of Black Hills creek and 1 1/2 miles of a tributary of the same creek.

His application papers were prepared and sent to Ottawa but before any reply was received a government sale of crown lands occurred at which time this particular ground was offered for sale.

Mr. A. J. Bannerman purchased the whole of Black Hills creek and its tributaries paying the purchase price and also recording fees.

On February 4th a letter was received from Ottawa stating that Trabold had complied with the law and that upon survey would be given a grant thereto.

In the meantime the sale had occurred and grants had been issued to Bannerman and several transfers of the portions of the property had been made.

The plaintiffs allege that while the application for the hydraulic concession was under consideration that no placer grants could be issued for the ground.

The defendants hold that the concession had not been granted and that the placer miner had a perfect right to acquire title to the ground.

The case is one of importance and will be watched with interest.

Attorneys Wade and McDougall appear for plaintiff and Pattullo for defendants.

IN POLICE COURT

Queer Combination of Cases Up This Morning

It was a queer combination of cases up for hearing by Magistrate Scarth in the police court this morning.

Constable Borrows, poundmaster, had taken a dog into custody Sunday night and claimed that in interposing objections to his performance of his official duties Jack Levy and J. H. Falconer had used threatening language to him, Falconer being owner and Levy custodian of the canine in question. An hour was spent in the trial of Levy, but the charge was not substantiated and the case was dismissed. The information against Falconer was withdrawn.

On a charge preferred by John McCleod, Gilbert Sherwood was up for the alleged theft of six spruce boards. After hearing the evidence of the prosecution Sherwood declined to put in his defense, expressing a desire to be tried by jury. He was accordingly held over to the territorial court and is now in jail awaiting trial.

On complaint of M. McDougall of the Victoria Market, Jacob Rosenfeld was last night arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses to the amount of \$128. The case was remanded until this afternoon owing to the absence of witnesses. Rosenfeld was locked up in the mean time.

ASSESSMENTS REDUCED

By Board of Revision at Last Night's Session.

The Yukon council met as a court of revision last night to hear appeals on tax assessments.

The members present were: Gov. Ogilvie, Justice Dugas, Messrs. Senkler, Prudhomme and Wilson. Territorial Secretary Dr. J. N. E. Brown, Assessor Ward Smith and Mr. F. X. Gosselin were also present. Mr. Dugas occupied the chair and Mr. Smith acted as secretary.

A number of appellants were present who had their cases heard and their taxes adjusted satisfactorily. There were others present who were not so fortunate. There was a manifest disposition on the part of the council to do everybody justice and it was only in cases where the appeal had not been filed at the proper time that it was disallowed. The legal profession was well represented, who were appearing for clients who were not there to represent themselves.

The business was all conducted in a low tone of voice so that the least publicity might be given to the business affairs of the appellants.

Mr. H. TeRoller appeared for the S. Y. T. Co., and after a few moments of whispered conversation the amount upon which his assessment was made was cut from \$400,000 to \$270,000. Mr. J. J. Delaney for the N. A. T. & T. Co., was next called and his appeal from \$1,000,000 to \$600,000 was granted as was also the A. E. Co., to the same amount. Attorney Wade appeared for the Yukon Iron Works and succeeded, in getting a slight reduction on their income tax. Attorney Gwillim got a reduction from \$6000 to \$5000 on the lot on which the Norquay drug store on First avenue is located.

The Melbourne hotel had a representative present, but their appeal not having been filed at the proper time could not be heard.

A. P. Richards, a merchant had been assessed \$20,000 on his turnover which he considered too high but not having filed the proper appeal the court was unable to do anything for him.

All the appeals having been heard and everyone seeming very well satisfied with the results of the sitting of the court the chairman announced that the assessment roll would stand as amended. The court then adjourned sine die.

Rooney in Victoria.

At a late entertainment given by the Savoy theater in Victoria for the benefit of the widows and orphans bereaved of the Cumberland mine disaster, the Colonist has this to say of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rooney—Rooney & Forrester—formerly of Dawson:

"Rooney & Forrester made mirth supreme while they occupied the stage in their 'Two Little Alabama Coons.' Rooney's wonderful dancing, Miss Forrester's wildly absurd make-up, and their droll dialogue were all perfect in their way and were greatly enjoyed."

The Colonist concludes its article with the following compliment to the Savoy at Victoria which, by the way, is managed by O'Brien & Jackson, proprietors of the Savoy in Dawson:

"When it is remembered that all the artists contributed their services free, their successful efforts in the cause of charity will be appreciated. Their contributions are more precious than the mere donation of money, for they represent personal sacrifices and in several instances physical exertion that would give pause to the ordinary man or woman. Every one of them had to repeat his or her act at the Savoy theater last night, so that each of them contributed a day's work—a noble donation which does honor to their generosity and genuine Christian charity."

Her Seven Stages.

It is held by a writer on woman that the seven stages of woman's life may be reckoned as composed of multiples of seven. The first seven years are infancy, the second seven childhood, the third seven girlhood, and the fourth seven being fully developed womanhood. The fifth seven—that is, from the age of 28 to 35—may be looked upon as the infancy of age, for during that period one learns to exercise the faculties and perceptions that have developed in the preceding years. Until the age of 42 the lessons go on and character is being matured and fixed. After that few changes are made in the real person. Slight varieties and variations of opinion are likely to occur, but nothing deep or vital to transform the life.—Ex.

The incoming mail passed Selkirk this morning at 6 o'clock and is due to arrive in Dawson Thursday night.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

CAPTAIN HEALY

In London Said to be Organizing New Yukon Corporation.

BETTER SHOW FOR ENGLISH INTERESTS

Russian and Japanese Warships Going to Corea.

REPORTED TIENTSIN TROUBLE

Dawson Water Front Transaction Investigated at Ottawa—Archbishop Lewis Dying.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—John J. Healy is here, it is stated, in the interest of a new corporation to be organized in opposition to the North American Transportation & Trading Co. Mr. Healy says that it is too early to speak definitely as to his plans for the future. He is in London on the invitation of his principals with whom he is in daily conference. He says that in the very near future it is altogether likely that English interests will be on a better footing in the Yukon country than ever before.

Russian Warships Sail.

Tokio, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—All Russian warships in Japanese waters have sailed for Corea and the Japanese squadron is rapidly mobilizing to sail for the same locality.

News Unreliable.

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—A dispatch has been published in which it is alleged that hostilities have broke out between the British and Russians at Tientsin. The foreign office declares that there is absolutely no change in the situation.

Dawson Water Front.

Ottawa, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Jas. Smith was examined before the public accounts committee by Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper in connection with the lease of the Dawson water front. Smith was questioned respecting the sum of \$900 alleged to have been paid out in legal expenses in connection with the water front transaction. He stated that no papers covering such a transaction had been received at the interior department.

Archbishop Dying.

New York, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—The Most Reverend Travers Lewis, archbishop of Ontario and metropolitan of Canada is very sick and his recovery is extremely doubtful. His resignation has already been given. It is quite probable that he will be succeeded by Bishop Bond.

Consul McCook Returns.

United States Consul J. C. McCook was an arrival on the C. D. Co. stage last night looking the image of contentment and all else that accompanies good health and a happy disposition. During his nearly six months' absence he visited many of the cities of the east, spending considerable time in Washington, New York and Philadelphia. He has not yet decided where his office will be located, having given up his former quarters last fall.

The Board of Trade has moved to its new apartments, rooms A and B in the A. C. block. The partition between the two rooms has been removed making one large room, the walls have been newly papered, the woodwork and chairs revarnished and there is a brand new linoleum on the floor. Altogether the room is very comfortable and presents a very cheerful appearance. Secretary F. W. Clayton is very proud of his new quarters.