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# PREMIER LAURIER

### Delivers an Able Address in Answer to Boer Sympathizer Bourassa

#### ON SUBJECT "LOYALTY TO EMPIRE."

### He Says Remaining Warfare Will Be of Guerilla Nature.

#### PLEDGES BRITISH REPUTATION

### That Boers Have Not Lost Their Freedom—Harrison's Children Not Present When He Died.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Ottawa, March 13, via Skagway, March 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier delivered a splendid address today in answer to Bourassa, whose pro-Boer sympathies are well known. The subject upon which the premier spoke was "Loyalty to the empire," and although the address lasted only 30 minutes and was in reply to a speech of three hours' duration it aroused the utmost enthusiasm. Sir Wilfrid stated: "There may still be war of a guerrilla nature in the Transvaal; there may still be brigandage under the name of war, but war itself is no longer an issue in the Transvaal."

In concluding his address the premier used the following words. "There is but one future for the Boers. They have been conquered, but I pledge the reputation of my name as a British subject that if they have lost their independence they have not lost their freedom."

#### Children Not Present.

Indianapolis, March 18, via Skagway, March 19.—None of ex-President Harrison's children were present at his death-bed, but they were on their way to his home when his death occurred. The exact moment at which he died is not known as he had been unconscious for some time and did not recover. Mrs. Harrison sat at the bedside holding her husband's hand until she was told by the doctor that it was all over.

## FRICION ARISES

### In China Between British and Russians.

London, March 13, via Skagway, March 19.—Friction has arisen at Tientsin between the British and Russians over a piece of land alleged to belong to the railroad company. The Russians assert that the land in question is part of its new concession, and when Kinder, the manager of the railroad, began making a siding he was stopped by Russians. He appealed to Gen. Barrow, chief of the British staff at Pekin, who replied: "Carry on work of making siding with armed force if necessary."

Guards were put on duty and the work continued. The Russian commander said had he had as many troops at hand as Britain he would have stopped the work. More trouble is expected.

#### China Wants Help.

Washington, March 13, via Skagway, March 19.—China has appealed to America to deliver her from the greed of Russia which is insisting upon taking over Manchuria, which China is unwilling to concede.

#### Chinese Mowed Down.

Berlin, March 12, via Skagway, March 19.—The Chinese were literally

mowed down by the Germans in a fight at West Suling Pass, killing 250, outright and wounding many others. The Germans had one slightly wounded.

## NEW FREIGHT SCHEDULE

### Ranges From \$95 Up To \$290 Per Ton.

Selkirk, March 19.—Agent J. H. Rogers of the White Pass & Yukon Route, arrived at Selkirk last night on his way to Dawson. He has with him copies of the new schedule of freight rates for the railroad and its steamers. They range from \$95 per ton on 500 ton shipments of case goods and staples to \$290 per ton on two-ton lots of mining machinery set up but not crated. The schedule has been classified in the same manner as on the transcontinental railroads.

## THE CAT GOT OUT

### Efforts to Keep Kid West Incog Didn't Work.

Skagway, March 19.—Great efforts were made on the arrival of the Danube yesterday to keep the knowledge of Kid West's being brought up en route for Dawson a profound secret, but it didn't work as there were too many here who had seen him before and who recognized him the moment they saw him descend the gang plank.

## ANOTHER ORDER COMES

### Regarding Mining Locations on Vacant Crown Land.

An order in council which reduces the price of quartz mining claims from \$5 to \$1 per acre was received at the gold commissioner's office Saturday. The order is dated Ottawa, February 6, and reads as follows:

"Whereas section 53 of the regulations for the disposal of quartz mining claims on Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest territories and the Yukon territory, established by order in council dated the 21st of March, 1898, provides that the price to be paid for a mining location on vacant lands of the crown shall be at the rate of \$5 per acre cash, and on other lands of which the surface rights are not available for sale, \$2 per acre; and

"Whereas, provision is made in the said regulations that the sum of \$5 shall be expended in actual mining operations on a location, or a like amount paid to the crown in lieu of such expenditure, before a patent can be issued; and as lands suitable for quartz mining are not of any value for agricultural, timber or townsite purposes, and as representations have been made to the minister of the interior that the price charged for such lands, namely \$5, is excessive.

"Therefore, his excellency by and with the consent of the king's privy council for Canada is pleased to order that the price of quartz mining locations be reduced to \$1 per acre, and that the necessary change be made in the several sections of the regulations in which the price is quoted at a higher figure.

"His excellency is further pleased to order that all crown patents issued for quartz mining claims situated in the Yukon territory shall be made subject to the townsite provisions of the regulations governing the administration of Dominion lands in that territory other than coal lands established by order in council dated July 26, 1900.

JOHN F. M'GEE,  
Clerk Privy Council.

#### In Court This Week.

A very busy week is mapped out for the justices of the territorial court as will be seen by the following peremptory list as posted yesterday:

Hon. Mr. Justice Dugas' court—Lynch vs. Orcutt and Banach vs. Matheson, Tuesday; Cameron vs. Bonner and Paxton vs. Morford, Wednesday; Burns vs. Adair, Adair vs. Peterson and Patton vs. Peterson, Thursday; Griffith vs. Craig, Turner vs. Craig and Taylor vs. Lippy, Friday.

The following cases will be heard before the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig—Morrison vs. Hebb and Burns vs. Sichenberger, Tuesday; Sonie vs. Richardson and Postal vs. Can. Lumber Co., Wednesday; Mousley vs. Timmins and Allan vs. Broberg, Thursday; Thomas vs. James, Thomas vs. James and Thomas vs. March, Friday.

## THE THEATRES THIS WEEK.

### All Open With Good Entertainments and to Packed Houses.

### "The Shaughraun" at the Standard, "Friend Bill" at Savoy, and Rag-Time Opera at Orpheum.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

That the local theaters are keeping abreast of the times and general progress in Dawson was fully demonstrated by the high class entertainment with which all three opened for the present week last night. Happily the days when farmers and kitchen girls from the States, or any rough who would profane and blackguard could entertain a Dawson audience are in the past and the playhouse that does not now present good, clean, bright and up-to-date production is given what it richly deserves, the go-by.

As is its custom the Standard opened the week last night with good and substantial amusement in the way of the Irish drama, "The Shaughraun," under the able direction of Mr. Alf T. Layne assisted by the Standard's well-known strong cast comprising Mullen, Lewis, Thorne, Bryan, Julia Walcott, Vivian, Daisy D'Avara, Lulu Watts and a number of others. "The Shaughraun" is a four-act play of which the following is a brief synopsis:

Act 1—Suil a Beg, the home of two Irish girls. The visit. Molineux seeks a day's sport and finds game he did not expect. The two guardians. Father Dolan gives Kinchela a piece of his mind. The police agent. An unexpected visitor. The Blaskets. Conn's cupboard. The fugitive. A ring at the bell. Wood near Father Dolan's. The Shaughraun. Conn goes hunting. Moya and her sweetheart. Home of the parish priest. Conn makes a clean breast of it. The fugitive's return. Home again. The knock at the door. The arrest.

Act 2—Room in Ballyragget house. The counterplot. The murder planned. Father Dolan's. Claire and Molineux find each other out. Barrack room. Robert Piolliott falls into the trap and plays into the hands of his foes. Wood near Mrs. O'Kelly's cabin. Conn gets a letter and is bothered. He breaks away from his mother's apron strings. The Gate Tower prison. Ambush and escape. The Blaskets. Conn and Robert hunted. How Claire played decoy duck and snared the captain. Ruins of St. Bridget's abbey. The love tryst. Arte and Moya at the appointed spot. The bait and trap. Harvey Duff makes a mistake and gives the signal. The Shaughraun takes a rise out of him and gets a fall.

Act 3—The wake of Conn the Shaughraun. Great news. Conn hears a good deal of news about himself. A surprise. Two unwilling guides. Near the cave. Arte and Moya prisoners. The coot's nest. Harvey Duff gets in a warm corner. Kinchela comes to a bad end. The leap to death. Moya goes bail for Conn. Long life to the poor Shaughraun.

Between the acts vocal solos are rendered by Misses Beatrice Lorne and Dolly Mitchell. An excellent musical program by the orchestra is also a leading attraction at the Standard this week. Special pains and preparations are being taken for the usual family performance Thursday night.

At the Savoy the addition of Ed Lang and Robert Lawrence to the former strong and versatile cast makes that fun emporium remarkably well supplied with exceptionally fine talent. The program opens this week with Lang's one-act comedy in three scenes entitled "Friend Bill," or "Who Owns the Baby," in which nearly all of the cast have a session with the baby who is the innocent cause of much mental perturbation on the part of those into whose arms it is unceremoniously thrust.

The orchestra at the Savoy still maintains the par excellence for which it has become noted and which of itself is well worth the admission charged to see the entire show.

In the vaudeville the old time star favorites still hold the boards, among them being Elaine Forrest, Madge Melville, Cecil Marion, Carrie Winchell, Lillian Walters, Ollie Deimar and others.

Post and Ashley and Townsend introduce a happy and amusing skit entitled "A Striking Resemblance," Ed Lang, the poetical tramp, produces his great hit in the way of his celebrated coon song "My Money Never Gives Out." Prof. Parkes introduces some new wondrous views and the long and interesting program is happily

closed by the roaring farce "Dead Shot" in which the entire Savoy cast is represented.

The Savoy theater is exhibiting a shadowgraph performance on the front of the building this week. The balcony has been curtained off and under the direction of James Townsend many clever pictures are exhibited. The show commences at 8 o'clock and continues for half an hour.

With every seat in the building occupied and with the aisles packed with standers the Orpheum opened its second week last night under circumstances the auspiciousness of which was eminently satisfactory to Manager Pantages.

The opening presentation of "Rag Time Opera," as staged by J. H. Hearde is beyond all doubt the finest thing ever seen on the local vaudeville stage and is such as is seldom excelled in any city in the west. It presents a fine opportunity for the display of vocal talent which occasion is happily improved by Jennie Guichard, Kate Rockwell, Blanche Cametta, Celia De Lacy, Mabel Williams May Stanley, Garnett, Larry Bryant, Mons. D'Aulnais and the latest chechako, J. H. Hearde. The scenic effects are the most beautiful and unique ever seen in Dawson.

Following the opening comes the finest male soloist on the local stage, Mons. D'Aulnais, the Irish comedian Eddie Dolan and Miss Delacy, the operatic soprano. John Flynn's London Gaiety Girls come in for their share of mirth producing work after which Eddie Dolan gets in with "Neighborly Neighbors" and convulses the house. The Orpheum orchestra is the best that can be selected from Dawson's long array of musical talent and during the evening a most carefully prepared program is rendered by it. Every woman and child in Dawson should see the grand family matinee at the Orpheum Saturday afternoon.

## BELCHER IS DEAD

### Passed Away at His Eldorado Home Last Night.

Frank J. Belcher of 23 Eldorado and plaintiff in the case of Belcher vs. McDonald died from pneumonia at his cabin on Eldorado last evening about 9 o'clock. His partner Duncan McDonald, and Dr. Cassells were with him in his last moments, but he was unconscious and did not recognize them. This is one of the saddest occurrences which this country has yet recorded. Mr. Belcher was a young man of exceptional qualities with a life of promise before him. Having come to this country from his home in Pennsylvania in the early days he had acquired considerable property and was recognized as being one of the wealthiest men in the country.

It was his intention, at the end of the case in which he was interested, to go to his home and enjoy the benefits of his years of labor and hardships. A year and a half ago he made a visit to his home expecting to remain outside, but business called him back and in company with Alex Calder started to return. When Calder was taken sick at Selkirk Mr. Belcher wrote his will for him and on his death was appointed one of the executors of the Calder estate. He took a very deep interest in the settlement of the estate and it was to see it finished that he remained here for the winter. Everyone who knew him speak of him in the very highest terms as a man of honor and integrity and his death is a very severe shock to his many friends.

## A SWELL RESTAURANT

### Opens Tomorrow on Second Avenue by E. J. McCormick.

Ed McCormick who formerly operated the Portland Cafe when that place was in the height of its glory has opened a first-class restaurant on Second avenue near the scene of his former activity. His new place will be opened tomorrow and will be in keeping with Dawson's progress as a metropolitan city.

Cozy boxes are arranged for dining "en famille," connecting with the main dining hall which is finely fitted up and artistically decorated. The culinary department is in the hands of a corps of efficient artists who are now busy in preparation of the opening dinner which is to be of exceptional excellence. Mr. McCormick extends an invitation to the public to drop into his new place and see what an up-to-date cafe looks like.

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# AMNESTY OFFERED

### By British to Boers Except Where Direct Treachery is Proven.

#### INVOLVES UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

### Money Will be Loaned Them to Rebuild Their Homes.

#### KRUGER WILL NOT SUBMIT

### But Will Ignore All Negotiations Involving Surrender—Hosher Case Being Tried in Seattle.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

London, March 13, via Skagway, March 18.—The announcement is made by the London Daily News that it has information to the effect that the government will amend the proposed treaty with the Boers which involves unconditional surrender. Lord Kitchener has been authorized to offer amnesty to the Boers and to the Boer leaders except in cases where direct treachery is proven.

The Cape rebels are to be punished only by disfranchisement and loans will be granted to the Boers for the purpose of rebuilding their towns and houses. The terms upon which civil government will be granted are to be somewhat restricted. The government of the Transvaal will be administered as a crown colony.

#### Kruger Will Ignore.

Brussels, March 13, via Skagway, March 18.—Dr. Leyds, Kruger's confidential agent has made the announcement that Kruger will entirely ignore all negotiations involving a surrender on the part of the Boers now in the field.

#### Hosher Trial.

Seattle, March 13, via Skagway, March 19.—The Hosher trial is progressing slowly. The state closed its main case at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The defense was immediately started. It is believed the case will last several days as the lawyers are contesting every point.

## HE WILL SURRENDER

### Commandant Botha is Willing to Give Up the Fight.

Lorenzo Marquez, March 12, via Skagway, March 19.—Definite information has been received from the Boer Commander Botha that he is willing to surrender. He has made a further request for an armistice to enable him to communicate with Dewet and Steyn. It is reported that should the two latter decline to follow Botha's course of action that he will himself surrender such men and supplies as are under his immediate control.

#### Dominion Pays Nova Scotia.

Ottawa, March 13, via Skagway, March 19.—Nova Scotia gets \$671,000 in the arbitration between itself and the Dominion over the eastern extension railroad taken over by the Dominion.

#### Sent to Grand Jury.

Galveston, Tex., March 4.—Judge Allen, of the criminal court, today made a statement to the grand jury on the law relating to prizefighting. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Joe Choyneki and Jack Johnson charged with prizefighting, was withdrawn and the case sent before the grand jury.