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PRINCE AND KING

Meet at Depot in Copenhagen, Where the Former Is Royally Received.

BOY SIPIDO SAID TO BE INSANE

Queen's Visit to Ireland Is a Continuous Ovation.

FIGHTING NEAR MAFEKING.

Plummer's Cavalry Repulsed—Boer Party Captured—Five British Companies Taken.

Copenhagen, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the royal retinue, arrived last night and were met at the depot by King Christian and escorted by him to the royal residence. Unbounded enthusiasm was manifested at the depot, where many thousands had assembled, and the prince was most warmly congratulated on his escape from the would-be assassin's bullets.

Sipido Insane.

Brussels, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Sipido, the 16-year-old boy who fired two shots at the Prince of Wales on the 4th, has again been interrogated in the prison and still stoutly maintains his previous declaration that his attempt on the life of the prince was to avenge the many lives lost in the South African war.

The accomplice of Sipido, who fur-

nished him with the pistol used, has been discovered in the person of Arthur Meert, a shoemaker, who has been arrested.

The Independence Belge, the leading Brussels newspaper, says Sipido is insane, and that close investigation has failed to reveal either plot or preconcerted plans for revenge.

Ireland Honors Queen.

Dublin, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Last night in honor of Queen Victoria there was the most magnificent display of fireworks ever seen in Dublin. The manifestations of pleasure at the sovereign lady's visit began shortly after her dinner in which she was joined by Lord Lieut. Rt. Hon. Charles O'Connor.

Owing to the great crowd upon the streets many bold burglaries are being committed. Last night the Countess of Munster was robbed of jewelry to the value of many thousand pounds, and the mayoress of Belfast of jewelry worth £400.

To commemorate the bravery of Irish soldiers now in Africa the queen has most graciously commanded the formation of a foot to be designated as the Irish Guards.

Hot Fighting.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—News from the front is that Mafeking is not yet relieved, but that sharp fighting is being carried on in that locality. On the 2d the garrison and Plummer made an attack on the Boers at Ramathlabama, but both were repulsed, 20 of Plummer's men being left dead on the field and six made prisoners.

On the 5th Methuen surprised a body of Boers, not one of whom escaped. Gen. Villebois and seven men were killed, eight wounded, and 50 made prisoners.

Gen. Roberts reports five British companies captured by Boers near Bethany.

Peace Wanted.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Orange Free State raad has adjourned sine die after endorsing President Steyn's address, which was a prayer that the deputation from America to Europe would succeed with the influence of other neutral powers, in bringing about a cessation of bloodshed.

Incoming Mail.

The incoming mail reached Selkirk last night, and if no accident happens, it should arrive in Dawson on Saturday. The consignment is quite large, but the carriers have experienced no difficulty in traversing the lakes and upper river.

From the Outside.

Mr. W. L. Siegel, who made such a fast trip out to Bennett earlier in the winter, arrived yesterday with three horse sleds loaded to their fullest capacity with steam fittings and brass goods for the A. E. Co. The consignment includes everything that has been short in town, in that line, during the winter, so that with the stock previously on hand they now have the most complete line of fittings and brass goods ever carried in Dawson.

Police Court.

The case of Gustav Bovard, the man who was first before the court on Monday on the charge of living off the earnings of dissolute women, has not yet been disposed of and will be further tried on Saturday morning until which time he was remanded this morning.

Tomorrow being Good Friday, Magistrate Scarth announced that there will be no court on that day.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 60.5 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 18.5 degrees above.

Hilarity on tap at Rochester Bar.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

RECORDS CLOSED

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell Refuses Information to the Press

CONCERNING OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A Policy of Secrecy Has Been Inaugurated.

UNSATISFACTORY INTERVIEW.

The Public Is Deprived of Truthful Reports Concerning Matters of Vital Interest.

During the past six months the Klondike Nugget has endeavored to publish for the benefit of the public a synopsis of the business which has been transacted daily at the gold commissioner's office. The information has related to grants for placer and quartz claims, applications and grants for water rights, protests and decisions which have been filed in regard to disputed mining property, and records of transfers. Such items of general interest have been obtained from the clerks who are in charge of the respective divisions of the office.

In this territory, comprised exclusively of mineral resources, the department of the gold commissioner is the most important branch of the governmental service; for it affects directly the welfare of every resident of the country.

The people, as a matter of course, are interested in the methods and manner in which the commissioner and his clerical force transact their official business. The inhabitants of the district are governed in their conduct, and their efforts are directed by the decisions and regulations which emanate from this particular department, whose daily record of routine affairs is indicative of the territory's development and progress.

On February 16th, of this year, Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell arrived in Dawson. Soon afterwards he entered upon the performance of the duties which appertain to his position. He exercises exclusive control of all business, connected with the office, excepting the trial and adjudication of cases which involve disputes respecting mineral claims; this judicial division of the department is managed by Commissioner Siskler.

The Nugget has always been very careful to confine itself exclusively to the truthful publication of that business, which has been transacted in the office and which might prove of interest to the public. Until recently neither the people nor the government officials objected to such publication.

This morning, however, when the representative of the paper requested the usual information, he was told by the several clerks that they had been forbidden to disclose anything of an official nature to newspaper men. The young gentleman who has charge of the record of transfers showed to the reporter a written order from Assistant Commissioner Bell which directed all of the employes to refuse information to press representatives. Thereupon, the reporter visited Mr. Bell and addressed to him the following question:

"Commissioner, what is the reason for the issuance of your order to the clerks this morning respecting information requested by newspaper men?"

Mr. Bell, before replying, hesitated a moment, and then said:

"Well, I have reasons of my own for withholding official information. I am in control of this office, and I shall endeavor, to control it myself. Where's your commission to ask questions? Let me see your commission?" he made these inquiries somewhat excitedly, but without waiting for any answers he hurriedly continued, "I shall enforce such orders as I deem fit. I am going to run my office for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers."

As he concluded his somewhat disconnected remarks, he abruptly left the room.

Later in the morning a representative of the Nugget called upon the assistant commissioner again, and a request was made for the right to see the record of transfers. Mr. Bell refused. The official was reminded that such records were public. The Nugget man was conducted into the general office, where the assistant commissioner pointed to several very large books, and said:

"Those registers contain the records; examine them for yourself," and then he quickly retired to his private room.

The press representative started to open one of the volumes when a clerk interrupted by asking what was wanted. The newspaper man replied by inquiring if it were possible to ascertain the recent transfers from the registers. "No," the young man answered, "the process is impracticable. Though the transfers are entered in those registers, you could only discover such entries after an incalculable amount of search."

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants, which involves an half interest in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch, is still on trial in the territorial court. This morning James McKenzie, Edgar J. Hayward, Samuel G. Edwards, Terence M. McManus, Robert M. Swanson and Austin M. Gibbs testified on behalf of the plaintiffs. The action will not be concluded before tomorrow.

Making Good Time.

A telegram dated at Selkirk yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock from Lieut. S. E. Adair stated that he had just reached that place, and was feeling in excellent shape for the remainder of the journey. The lieutenant, with T. G. Wilson, left Dawson Sunday morning and the fact that they reached Selkirk on the fourth day out is evidence that they are not lingering by the wayside to study the effect of the sun's rays on the ice.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, who left Bennett for this city over two weeks ago with a dog team, is expected daily to arrive at the end of his journey. Should he reach Dawson between now and Sunday, and is not too much fatigued from the journey, he will probably occupy Rev. Wright's pulpit on that day. Rev. Sinclair, having been for a long time in charge of the Skagway Presbyterian mission, has hosts of friends from there who will be pleased to meet him in Dawson. While here he will establish several missions on the creeks that are most densely populated, after which he will return to Clouseleigh and organize a Presbyterian congregation and erect a church, the Clouseleigh tourist company having presented a fine lot for this purpose. The company will also give material aid in the erection of the church building.

Vive La Quarre.

Late news from Eagle is that Mr. Emil Quarre, who is manager of the A. E. Co.'s business interests at that place, has been elected mayor of the town. He is an honorable, public-spirited man, and all trust reposed in him by the citizens of Eagle will be carefully guarded.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Silver shield apricots 50 cents a can. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Sliced Lubeck potatoes and Crown flour. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

ALPHA'S TRICK

She Sails From Vancouver in Bold Defiance of U. S. Customs Regulations.

SHE WILL SURELY COME TO GRIEF.

Dewey Out for Presidency and Scored by Papers.

JOSE CHILDREN IN COURT.

Fifty Steamboat Men Reach Skagway—A Heavy Business Is Predicted.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7, via Skagway, April 12.—The steamer Alpha sailed yesterday for Nome with 386 passengers in open defiance of the U. S. customs regulations. The secretary of the treasury had wired to enforce the regulations against the steamer, and she will not be permitted to land at an American port. She will probably be seized, brought back and confiscated. Nome will not be made a sub-port.

Hot Shot for Dewey.

Washington, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Admiral Dewey has announced himself a candidate for the presidency, presumably on the Democratic ticket, and the hot shot he is getting from the papers is warmer than that he received from the Spanish.

Kansas City Fire.

Kansas City, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The building in which the Democratic national convention would have convened on July 4th was last night destroyed by fire; loss \$500,000. It will be rebuilt at once.

Children in Court.

Seattle, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Mrs. A. H. Jose who has lately been divorced from her husband, who is a rich Klondiker, has a suit on for the recovery of her children. A witness in the case, James Flood, was arrested for perjury. When the officer produced handcuffs Flood said: "No, you don't," and fled. The officer fired two shots after him, but he escaped, only to be arrested later.

Steamboat Men Coming.

Skagway, April 12.—Fifty steamboat men have arrived here in the past two days from lower points and are going on to Bennett and other inside points.

It is generally believed that navigation will this year open fully three weeks earlier than last.

Three big companies, the Klondike Trading Co., Klondike Gold Fields, and Bennett Lake Nav. Co., have organized in London as Klondike Corporations, Ltd., and promises big things for the coming season. They believe that more freight will come this way this season than all the river steamers can handle.

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

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

J. W. BOYLE

Here They Are Again	Specials For This Week		Goods of Highest Degree
	Elastic Ribbed Underwear	Regular Price per Suit, \$8.00 Special Price \$5.00	
	Working Shirt	Our Regular \$2 Quality Special Price \$1.25	
	Blue flannel Shirt	Our Extra Quality Regular Price \$4.00 Special Price \$3.00	
	Miners' Shoes from \$2.50 Up		
The Money Savers	Most Complete and Select Line of Gent's Furnishing Goods in Town		That's What Our Patrons Say
Ames Mercantile Co. T. Jensen Res. Mgr.			