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### WARREN IS WATCHFUL

#### Sizing Up the Boers Before He Moves.

#### HE CONFRONTS A HARD PROBLEM

#### Boers Brought From Ladysmith to Defend the Trenches.

#### Talk in London Takes a More Hopeful Strain—Times Praises Warren for His Caution—7,500 Boers at Colesburg.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—Gen. Warren is reconnoitering the Boer position and endeavoring to ascertain the strength of the enemy and the character of the defenses which they have thrown up between Spionkops and Ladysmith. It is stated in the dispatches from Capetown that 5000 men have been recently withdrawn by the Boers from the vicinity of Ladysmith and are now filling the trenches preparatory to opposing the advance of the English forces to the relief of the latter town. Reports have come out as to sickness in Ladysmith resulting in lack of sanitary precautions, but the reports are believed to be unfounded.

Warren's position is less than 2000 yards from the Boer line. A sharp exchange of artillery is going on continuously. The Boers have made an effort to recapture the town but without results. Warren will advance as soon as practicable.

#### More Hopeful.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—A more hopeful view is taken of affairs in the war office and in the clubs. No doubt is expressed that the relief of Ladysmith will soon be an accomplished fact although much stress is laid upon the character of the country through which our forces must pass to reach the beleaguered town. The Times continues in its somewhat pessimistic strain and points out the serious character of the obstacles against which the British forces are contending. It praises Warren for what he has thus far accomplished and urges that the caution with which he is proceeding is absolutely necessary to success although giving the Boers time to prepare for a more protracted contest than otherwise would be the case.

The Boers occupy a strong position at Colesburg where they have about 7500 men.

#### War Correspondent Dead.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 31.—War Correspondent Stevens, whose graphic descriptions of the war have been eagerly read all over England is reported as having died at Ladysmith.

#### Diamond Market.

New York, Jan. 18.—There is quite a commotion at present in diamond circles brought about by the unfavorable reports from the diamond fields in South Africa. The latest from Kimberley is most discouraging, the mines having

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been compelled to close down, causing dire depression bordering almost on famine, affecting thousands of work people who thrive by the cutting of the rough stones preparatory to their being placed on the Paris, London, New York and Toronto diamond markets. Antwerp and Amsterdam are the direct sufferers, and until the mining of the rough gems which these expert artists cut into perfect shapes again revives there is no telling how many other interests will be affected.

#### Murdered in 'Frisco.

Skagway, Jan. 31.—Further details of the murder of Fannie Hall state that the affair occurred in San Francisco, to which point the girl went after leaving Dawson. As indicated in a previous telegram the murder was the result of a lovers' quarrel.

#### A Failure.

Capetown Jan. 10.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad next to the station.

A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood.

At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station. The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak their attempt having turned out a failure.

#### German Steamer Captured.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay Jan. 14.—The German steamer Bundesrath belonging to the German East African line, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban.

London, Jan. 10.—Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa, the British Admiralty officials say the British government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—The directors of the German East African line have received news of the arrest of the Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath. It is declared here that there was no contraband of war on board.

#### Boers Near Kimberley.

Kimberley, Jan. 11.—Before dawn today a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction.

Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Ott's Kopje, Kimberley fort replying with 20 shells.

The British force reconnoitered out posts along Laceratto Ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this and having discovered reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon Ridge, Col. Chamier, with Royal Artillery, exchanged a dozen shells. As soon as the guns could be limbered up some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks.

The British finally retired with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed the Boers were still keeping three guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly.

It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing forces.

#### British Attack a Fort.

Pretoria, Jan. 14.—Commandant Smyman reports as follows from Mopolo: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported at 55."

#### Theosophical Society.

The Yukon Theosophical Club held its initial meeting last evening in its

new permanent quarters over the Juneau hardware store on Second avenue. The comfortable hall was well filled with a sympathetic and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen, whose intellectual development reaches out for more scientific proof of the great unseen forces of nature that surround us, and which they believe are intended for man's use when he knows enough to understand them and is wise enough to utilize them.

The steady increase in membership and the deep interest manifested proves that the club fills a popular want, while the practical methods of dealing with practical subjects makes it useful to the entire community. Next regular meeting on next Wednesday evening.

#### Superior Court.

Judge Dugas returned yesterday evening, fresh and exhilarated from a three days' journey up the creeks. Court was duly opened at 11 o'clock this morning, the trial of the case of McKae vs. Pinkham, which was on when court adjourned last week, being resumed.

#### Handball Tournament.

Preparations have been completed at Ford's gymnasium for the handball tournament, which will commence tonight, and terminate tomorrow night. A good alley has been constructed, and the room is arranged to accommodate a large number of spectators.

Six teams have entered for the contest, and some good playing is expected.

#### The following are the teams:

Edward H. Boyer and Sam Pond.  
Collins Sinclair and George Mutchler.  
Mark Bray and Patrick Malloy.  
John Devine and William Barrett.  
Fred Cahoon and Bert Ford.  
Ben Trenaman and William Norval.  
The sport will commence at 9 o'clock.

#### Missing Persons.

Letters of inquiry have been received at the town station of the N. W. M. P., respecting the following persons:

J. S. Johnson, of Salt Lake City;  
James Lindsay Mulholland of Liverpool, England; William Johnson of Ayrshire, Scotland; Mr. Petery of Prescott.

#### The Orpheum Theatre.

The new theater building now being erected on the site of the old Board of Trade will be called "The Orpheum."

The stock company which will conduct business in the Orpheum is comprised of the following men and women:

Alex Pantagis, William Brennan, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Theo. Eggert, Martin Hobbs, John Kirk, Harry Lawler, Daisy D'Avra, Cecil Marion and Miss Blossom.

The following directors have been elected Theo. Eggert, Claude Staton, E. B. Lyons, Alex Pantagis and Miss Blossom.

Mr. Pantagis has been selected as manager.

The Orpheum will be opened about February 19th.

The next messenger of the Nugget Express leaves for the coast Saturday, February 3. c2

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

## O'BRIEN OUT-MUSHED!

### Overtaken and Brought Back to Dawson.

#### WILLIAM BRAYTON WANTS HIS DOUGH

#### Constable Allmark's All-Night Chase a Record-Breaker.

#### Handicapped by 30 Hours, He Overtakes His Man After Six Hours' Travel—A Contemplated Trip to Nome Ruthlessly Shattered.

Monday at noon Martin J. O'Brien and a man named Derick left Dawson for the long and perilous journey over the ice for Nome. Their start was auspicious and with four intrepid malamutes and a good outfit everything looked favorable to a successful expedition. But, alas! for human expectations and calculations. O'Brien left behind a monument in the form of an alleged debt of \$800 due William P. Brayton, formerly of the Galvin Meat Co. Brayton sets forth that several months ago he loaned to O'Brien and D. D. Bogart, who were then interested in the late Opera house, the sum of \$1200, only \$400 of which has since been returned, and as he learned of the departure of O'Brien for down the river he reasoned that his chances for ever again gazing on the \$800 were growing quite slender unless he could have the Nome-bound pilgrim overtaken and brought back. With this object in view he sought the aid of the law, with the result that a warrant was duly issued from the superior court and placed in the hands of Constable Allmark, police court officer, for service.

The curtains of night were already pinned down by the stars when the warrant was placed in the hands of the constable, 30 hours after his man had started, and it was three hours later before the officer, with the Madden house crack dog team as a means of rapid transit, cast off his lines and started on the chase. After a run of but little over six hours Allmark sighted a cabin on the river's bank, 14 miles this side of Fortymile. Ringing his slow-down bell, he brought his dogs to standstill and approached the cabin and entered, and there, wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and a fur robe, lay the object of his chase. O'Brien was very much disconcerted at thus having his plans broken into and his journey so abruptly terminated, but he made the best of the situation and in a short time announced himself in readiness to accompany Constable Allmark back to Dawson, at which place they arrived at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. The constable figures that he played in big luck as he

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## Closing Out Sale.

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