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YUKON JUDGE

James Craig Renfrew, of Ottawa, Appointed, and Is Now En Route.

RELIEF OF MAFEKING IS DESIRED

Roberts' Plans Are Uncertain—London Papers Guessing.

KRUGER AGAIN TALKS PEACE

Begbie Arrested for Blowing Up His Own Factory—Seventeen Men Are Still Missing.

[From Monday's Daily.]
Ottawa, May 8, via Skagway, May 7.—James Craig Renfrew, newly appointed judge for the Yukon district, started today for Dawson.

London Papers Guessing.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 7.—The London newspapers are now guessing as to Roberts' plans and preparations, and as to whether he will continue the advance to Kimberly. Much greater interest is now centered in the relief of Mafeking than in the taking of Pretoria. A part of the Boer forces is said to have withdrawn from the vicinity of Mafeking. According to telegrams, Kruger is again asking for terms of peace.

The burghers insist that all British, except those obtaining special permits to remain, must leave Pretoria and Wilwaterwand gold fields within 36 hours, and the government will see that the desire of the burghers is granted.

Advices of yesterday show heavy fighting at Israelport, seven miles west of Thaba, where the Boers stopped the British forces for three days and then evacuated for a stronger position. Here the British advance which resulted in victory was led by Canadians.

The Boers have deserted Thaba which the British took possession of, taking all the stores, horses and cattle.

The Boers still show great force around Bloemfontein; also between Fourteen streams and Kimberley, and are still holding the hills near Thaba.

Roberts' censure of Buller over the latter's actions at Spion Kop caused Buller to tender his resignation, but his far Roberts has refused to accept it.

Doctor Jameson who is now almost wholly recovered from a severe attack of fever is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Cape parliament from Kimberley.

General Botha has returned to Pretoria and assumed supreme command of the Boer army.

Begbie Arrested.

Johannesburg, May 2, via Skagway, May 7.—Seventeen workmen employed in Begbie's works at the time of the explosion are still unaccounted for. Begbie has been arrested on the charge of murder, as it is claimed he blew up the works himself out of revenge for being forced to manufacture munitions of war for the enemy.

Accident in Paris.

Paris, May 1, via Skagway, May 7.—A temporary bridge broke here, killing six and wounding nearly 200 people, many of them seriously.

Our Internal Machinery

Dr. Carl Schlatter of Vienna, who not long ago showed that the stomach was a superfluous organ by removing that of a woman, who lived and got along perfectly well without one, has cast further doubts on the use of our internal

machinery. He recently removed six feet of the small intestines from an Italian who had been stabbed in a brawl. That intestine is believed to play an important part in absorbing food into the system. The Italian, however, gained in weight after the operation and eight months after leaving the hospital reported that he had lost a few pounds, could not digest the solid food he had been accustomed to and didn't feel like working, though he was in pretty good health. The Lancet admits that Dr. Schlatter's operation shows that a third of the intestines may be dispensed with, but is astonished at the wonderful powers of adaptation of the human body.

Territorial Court.

Today Justice Dugas is engaged in hearing the arguments of counsel on application and motions.

In Erickson vs. Brunette, the motion in the cause was continued.

Judgment was entered by consent in the case of Patterson vs. Tagill.

In McCausless vs. The Parsons Produce Company, the plaintiff submitted a motion for judgment.

A motion for possession of a cabin situated on No. 34 below upper discovery, Dominion creek, was made in the case of Andrew Nelson vs. Fannie Artad.

Judgment was entered in Donnell vs. Faulkner.

In Worden vs. Bates the motion was continued to Friday, and in the meantime the receiver who has been appointed will continue in charge.

A receiver has been appointed in the case of McKenzie and Miles vs. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. The sheriff of the territory will assume control of the property in litigation.

In the matter of injunction in the case of Cashman vs. the gold commissioner and assistant gold commissioner, the writ has been continued till Friday, at which time the matter will be given final consideration.

In Schade vs. French, a motion was made to continue the injunction issued in the cause.

The plaintiff in Courtney vs. Davis submitted a motion for judgment.

The motions in Dawkins vs. Erickson, Henderson vs. Burns, McDonald vs. Rice and Peterson vs. Sutton, were postponed till Friday.

She Scared Them.

When she entered the restaurant and passed down the aisle, every head turned to watch her. It was after 1 o'clock, but the tables were well filled yet, and, ignoring the seat to which the head waiter directed her, she deliberately chose an isolated one at the far end of the room.

It was not the swell, tailor-made suit she wore nor the striking style about her whole appearance—that attracted attention; but the anxious, worn look on her face and her evident desire to be far from the maddening crowd.

She gave her order listlessly—a sardine sandwich and a dish of ice-cream—then sat with one cheek leaning on her hand and gazing fixedly at the glass of water beside her.

The young man at the nearest table was interested, and his Boston fry grew cold as he watched the changing expressions on her face. Once or twice she moved restlessly, as if half inclined to leave the place, then relapsed into abstraction again, her face white and drawn.

Suddenly she raised her head and cast a furtive glance about as if to assure herself that she was unobserved. The Boston fry received attention at once, but before a single oyster had found a resting place a movement on the part of the tailor-made girl startled every one.

She had drawn a small vial from an inner pocket and with hands that trembled poured half its contents into the glass of water. The waiter was fast approaching, and the sardines and ice cream fell with a crash to the floor as he made a dash forward. But with a hunted, desperate look in her eyes she hastily swallowed the contents of the glass before he could reach her.

The young man gasped and rose, with visions of green blue faces and convulsive struggles in his mind's eye. A benevolent old man near the door started for the nearest policeman, and the waiter snatched the emptied glass from her with a horrified cry and raised it to his nostrils.

"Carbolic acid?" exclaimed the young man. But the waiter smiled a sickly, ghastly smile as he bent over the debris of mingled ice cream and sardines. "Nope," he whispered sadly; "peppermint."—Chicago Tribune.

Queen's Birthday.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Queen's birthday celebration has called a meeting tonight in the Criterion. Everyone who is interested in making the occasion a success is requested to be present.

SCREAM OF THE EAGLES.

They Packed the Palace Grand Last Night.

A Social Session of Four Hours—Clever People Entertain the Big Gathering.

Last night the Eagle screamed for the first time in Dawson with the full strength of the bird, and the reverberations are still echoing in the minds of all who witnessed the event. The Palace Grand was decorated most attractively and in all probabilities more appropriate to the occasion than similar social events which has occurred in this part of the country. The "piece de resistance" was an outstretched eagle which swung from the ceiling and to the cries of "Yea, yea, yea," soared in majestic splendor from one end of the theater to the other. This was used to emphasize any particularly good thing done by any one present in their efforts to amuse or instruct the audience.

The Grand was packed with well dressed and well-behaved people who enjoyed immensely the many witty and humorous stories told by brother Eagles.

The social was presided over by president Leroy Tozier, whose ready wit and happy smiles was a source of unending entertainment. During the evening the chairman called upon whoever it was thought had the necessary ability to amuse the audience, and to his judgment was due in a large measure the success of the event. Refreshments were served while songs were being sung or stories told and all present seemed glad they were alive and happy in being present.

Among those who helped entertain the audience were Bob Lawrence, Miss Conchita, Clark, Annie O'Brien, Ben Ferguson, Capt. Crawford, Dolan, Breen, Eddie O'Brien, Mulligan, Miss Tracie, William Karkee, Carr Keith, Howard, Mrs. Leroy Tozier, Ben Davis and Lew Craden. Space does not allow for a description of the night's entertainment commensurate with its success, but in every feature it was a social triumph for the Eagles of which they may justly be proud.

A Grand Success.

Through the enterprise of a number of business men on First avenue, between Second and Third, Prof. Leonard was enabled to make a most successful balloon ascension and parachute drop Saturday evening. It was Prof. Leonard's intention to give the daring exhibition at 5 o'clock; but at that hour a strong wind was blowing from the northwest and it was feared that the date would necessarily have to be postponed. Between 6 and 7 o'clock, however, the velocity of the wind decreased very materially and the work of inflating the big air ship began. At 8:30 everything was in readiness and in the presence of nearly the entire population of Dawson the bold aeronaut started on his flight toward the celestial region. For a height of about 100 feet the balloon shot nearly straight up and they veered over to the southeast, but rising rapidly all the time. While on the upward journey Prof. Leonard did some very clever work on the trapeze rigged bar, and when he had reached a height of probably 2500 feet he slipped the loop that turned the parachute loose and started back for terra firma. The parachute filled more rapidly than is generally the case and before the aeronaut had descended over 150 feet, the "brake" was on, the danger was over, and a few moments later the professor landed unharmed near the top of the hill and beside the road which leads from the head of Third street southeastward to the top of the hill.

From First avenue hundreds of people had run around to Second avenue, and when the man was seen to strike the ground and at once jump up, gather up his parachute and start down the hill, a mighty shout went up in congratulation on the highly successful entertainment provided and its harmless termination.

When freed from its burden the balloon soon became inverted and it was but a short time until the smoke had poured through the big tunnel and in less than three minutes after the professor landed the limp mass of silk also fell a hundred yards further on in the course which it had traveled. As a whole, it was as pretty a sample of work in the air as is ever seen, and Prof. Leonard and the business men who employed him are to be complimented and thanked for the entertainment afforded.

When seen after the accomplishment of his daring feat Prof. Leonard in-

formed a Nugget representative that when at the greatest height attained by him he glanced up and down the Yukon and that, at that time, the river was only open in small spots, and from his point of view the long line of ice was almost continuous.

Klondike Ice Goes Out.

Late Saturday afternoon the ice jam at the mouth of the Klondike broke and the massive blocks that had been collecting there for several days moved into the Yukon and started under the ice on the journey to the sea. Except for large pieces on occasional bars, the Klondike is now free from ice several miles up and as far as reports have been obtained.

If past precedents are to be relied upon, the Yukon will follow the example of the Klondike very soon; but it is very hard to ascertain just what past precedents have been established. Some people who have been here several years say that the Yukon invariably follows the Klondike within three days while the others who have been here equally long, say that five or six days elapse between the clearing of the two rivers. Those who were here last year and witnessed the starting of the ice on May 17th say a large mass came sweeping down from up the river; that for some distance above the mouth of the Klondike the Yukon was open; that the heavy mass struck the solid mass in front of the city as it now is; that for a few moments it was a test of weight and strength as to whether the moving mass would stop or the stationary body move. It took but a short time to decide the matter when in a solid mass and apparently without a break or crack except along the shores the surface of the entire river began to slowly move along. The big mass remained intact, the various trails leading across it moving along without a break until the point was reached where the current crosses to the bank in the neighborhood of St. Mary's hospital where the bow of the big floating area struck the bank, when there was a general quiver and the entire body went to pieces in a moment. That evening a big jam blocked the river in front of the city for several hours, but during the night it broke; for two days there was considerable floating ice passing down, after which navigation for the season and the river were declared by several dozen self-constituted harbor master to be duly open.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Of Dawson's entire population only one man, according to information laid in Capt. Starnes' court this morning, celebrated the occasion of the balloon ascension and citizens' meeting by getting uproariously drunk and while in that condition, of being apprehended by a policeman. Others may have poured deeply of the national beverage, hooch; in fact, there was evidence at the citizens' meeting that this had actually been done, but it was for Tom Sullivan to stand alone this morning and receive treatment for the dark brown taste that is apt to succeed mass meetings. The remedy prescribed was a fine of \$10 and costs of five days at hard labor, probably with the shovel brigade.

John McDougall sued Myers and Miracle, Hunker mine operators, for \$195 for labor. Myers, who has purchased his partner's interest, admitted the amount and was instructed to liquidate within three days. As McDougall had been premature in entering suit, the costs were taxed to him.

Chas. Schale, a billious looking man who arrived in Dawson two years ago from Pretoria, South Africa, was up on the charge of insanity. From the evidence of two of his neighbors, Schale's residence being on the classic flats of the Klondike, it was learned that on last Friday he had acted very queerly; that he had run around the neighborhood yelling and in other ways caused a doubt to arise as to his sanity. Dr. Thompson, of the N. W. M. P., testified to having looked into Schale's condition during his three days' confinement at the guard house, and gave it as his professional opinion that there is nothing the matter with the man further than that his system is somewhat run down. Schale himself said he could not account for his strange actions on Friday. He appears intelligent and talks like a sensible man. He was allowed to return to his cabin.

Will Branch Out.

F. H. Vining & Co., who for the past year have conducted a small hardware store and general repair store in the upper portion of the city are preparing to move down town and continue on a greatly enlarged scale. Mr. Vining, who lately arrived over the ice, will leave for the outside on the first steamer and will bring in a large stock of general hardware, stoves and mining machinery. The firm has secured the agency for three of the largest mining machinery manufacturers on the coast.

New Club Room.

Sam Bonnifield has purchased Juneau Joe's building on First avenue and will take possession of the same tomorrow. He will at once begin the work of overhauling it and in a few days it will be open to the public as a first-class saloon and club house. The fact that Sam Bonnifield is at the wheel makes the popularity of the new house a foregone conclusion; Juneau Joe is looking around today for a new restaurant site.

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DEATH IN UTAH

Three Hundred Miners Killed By Explosion in Coal Mine at Schofield.

OUTSIDE WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED

Bodies to the Number of 178 Have Been Recovered.

COFFIN SUPPLY EXHAUSTED.

Young Girl Drops Dead at News of Brother's Death—Aid Pouring In—English Sympathy.

Skagway, May 7.—A terrible explosion occurred in a coal mine at Schofield, Utah, on the first of May, but as only papers of the 3d have reached here, the full details of the disaster have not yet been learned.

Schofield is a small town in the southern part of Utah, and is populated principally with coal miners and their families. Of the 300 men working in the mine at the time of the explosion, 250 are known to have been killed, and 178 bodies have been recovered.

Five men who were working outside at the time of the explosion were severely injured. John Wilson, who was passing the mine on horseback at the time was blown 200 yards across the canyon, being instantly killed. Besides his skull being crushed, he was dismembered.

Thomas Sellers, Harry Taylor and John Beddoes who were working 50 yards away were severely injured, Taylor's jaw being broken.

The names of the 178 victims recorded are all known, and it is believed the death toll will reach fully 300. Nine-tenths of the victims are Americans and Welch.

Seventy-five bodies have been prepared for burial, and the supply of coffins at Salt Lake City is exhausted.

Lizzie Clark, aged 16, dropped dead at her mother's feet on hearing of the death of her brother Walter, who was overcome by fire damp. David Redfield and Will Jones, chums, were found dead in each other's arms.

Subscriptions to the afflicted families are pouring in from all over the United States in liberal amounts.

A London telegram says there is more sympathy expressed toward America on account of this awful catastrophe than has been evoked by any event since the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor.

Hard at Work.

The various committees which have in charge the work of raising funds for the relief of sufferers in the Ottawa are hard at work perfecting plans. The public entertainment committee has its plans almost perfect for a grand show at the Palace Grand theater to be given on Friday night. The best professional talent in the city has volunteered for the occasion and a splendid entertainment is furnished.

The subscription committee is preparing for work and will begin receiving subscriptions tomorrow. Mrs. Capt. Wood is meeting great success in selling chances on the steamboat tickets which she will raffle. The following companies have contributed tickets: The C. D. Co., Steamer Yukon, A. E. Co., A. C. Co., and the N. A. T. & Co.

The first two named have given tickets to Whitehorse and the others to Michael and Nome. A big sum will certainly be realized. Chances on the tickets can be secured at a number of local stores. The tickets will be given during the entire season.

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