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BOLDER

Harrassing the Brit-
Every Side With
Much Effect.

COURAGEMENT IN LONDON

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British Supplies.

S REMAINS INACTIVE

ols Grow Bolder Each Day-
Reoccupy Paardeburg-
Mafeking Shelled.

April 10, via Skagway, Arli
ins are now beginning, though
stantly, to realize that Roberts
a winter's campaign which
for several months. This
has dashed to the ground
hopes and anticipation to
with was given by his previous
advance on Kimberley and
stein.

Boers on the Offensive.
fontein, April 10, via Skagway,
The Boers are making a
effort to surround Roberts in
er. A large body of Boers are
at Danksport, 18 miles to the
t, but just what movement they
ke is not yet apparent.

are also feeling along the line
westward, a party of them having
oped Paadeburg. Thir patrols
y becoming more daring, several
ts on the railway having been
ately.

arts is still inactive, and it is
t he is quietly awaiting an op-
ity for striking a decisive blow.
captured Boers assert that of the
British column defeated at Red-
rg and taken as prisoners, only
are unwounded, many of them
yly.

ay, the 10th, the e has been fight-
l day in the locality of Wepener.
Boers being on the offensive. In
the British are now being har-
every side, the object of the Boers
ring to be to cut off the British
from its source of supplies.
last news from Mafeking was on
27th, when the town was being
ed by the Boers.

Fence Them In.
Daily Nugget:
is with pleasure to note that your
ess paper has started a crusade
st the shameless, brazen and
ly depraved women on Fourth
ue near Third street who openly
at their shame in the faces of
rdless of race, age or sex. No
the evenings are warm and light,
a half a dozen to 30 or 40 of these
elad creatures may be seen any-
ing after 7 o'clock standing in
r doors or leaning from their win-
s and openly, loudly and vulg-
citing everything in the shape of
that may even pass up or down
rd, near its intersection with Fourth
ue.

SULPHUR'S WINTER WORK

Detailed in a Thorough and Systematic
Manner.

Extensive Operations Have Been Con-
ducted During the Winter—Big
Cleanup Is Anticipated.

[From Monday's Daily.]
Sulphur is truly a creek of laymen
and by far the majority of claims are
worked by laymen. Many of them have
fine plants of machinery, and good
dumps have been taken out; others are
burning the ground in the old style.
The creek has more machinery than any
other and the dumps as a whole are
larger.

The upper part of the creek had con-
siderable work done the early part of
the winter; but most of the claims were
abandoned after representation work
was done.

No. 38 above has a medium dump by
Messrs. McGraw and Munroe, laymen,
who stayed with the claim when pay
looked doubtful. They are getting
some fair pay.

No. 66 is being worked by the owner
who has burned out a good dump.

No. 65 was worked out on the upper
end with machinery, the lower half is
being worked, as is the upper half of
4 and a portion of 63. The paystreak
on these upper claims is not an extra
wide one, but the pay is good and the
gold very coarse when located.

The first claim coming down the
creek where extensive work has been
done is 46, which created such a stir
when the pay was located through 16
feet of gravel and bedrock. Harry
Warren, the owner, prospected the
ground for two years with no success,
and one of the drifts of last winter was
in the edge of his present pay drift, but
being a narrow one the method of burn-
ing did not locate the pay. The bunch
of heavy pay first worked out this win-
ter, was like a gigantic umbrella, and
when developed left a fine paystreak a
hundred feet wide and from three to
five and six feet deep. The dumps are
very large ones and will undoubtedly
sluice up well.

No. 45 above, like 46, has a complete
hoisting and thawing plant, and is
doing very satisfactory work. Messrs.
Gobb and Du Bell were late in locating
their pay, but are making up for lost
time in fine style. They also have a
hundred foot pay streak with a depth of
from three to five feet. Some very fine
pay has been taken out and the ground
continues to show up well in a very
pleasing manner.

The fraction between 44 and 45 was
granted to the owners in lieu of a Gold
Hill claim, recorded by two parties.
They are prospecting the ground and
will undoubtedly strike good pay as
44 has just done. Here Jack Fisher
and partners have prospected all winter
and in spite of hard luck have per-
severed and have finally located the
elusive pay streak which had crossed
the creek and is on the left limit.

No. 43 above was sold to J. W. Mur-
phy in the early part of the winter. It
was considered only mediocre, but thor-
ough prospecting proved it to contain
the best pay, which, being in the bed
rock, was formerly overlooked, and the
claim has turned out a winner. One-
half was recently sold for as much or
more than the whole claim cost. The
dumps are large ones and promise to
sluice out some big pay.

The following will be summer worked
and will cut quite a figure in Sulphur's
output.

No. 41 was not worked this winter,
but Courtney and son have a small
thawer on the claim and are prospec-
ting the right limit of the claim.

No. 38 is owned by the Dome Mining
Company, and is being thoroughly
worked. A very wide and rich pay
streak has been exposed and 80,000
buckets are on the dumps, and more
coming up every day. Mr. E. Bennett
is managing the claim and the work
being done has made the claim a model
of up-to-date mining.

No. 37 above is being worked partial-
ly by laymen and the remainder by
Ronald Morrison, the owner. Mr.
Morrison has three thawers on the
claim; the one he uses himself is a
complete modern plant, and has brought
out an extremely large dump of rich
pay from the bowels of the earth. The
large plant is being moved and every-
thing being put in shape for summer
work.

No. 36 and its winter sluicing plant
have been accurately described in a
previous issue of this paper. A large
quantity of dirt has been hoisted and
the pay has been good. Mr. Geo.
Sproul, who is running the McDonald
hotel, has just moved into his quarters.

a modern hotel, and supplies the
wants of the employees, about 80 in
number. A well furnished general
merchandise store is run in connection
with the hotel.

No. 35 is owned by Alex. McDonald
and will be worked in connection with
36.

No. 34 has a thawer at work and fair
dumps are out.

Nos. 32 and 33 are being extensively
worked and will be continuously
worked this season. Dr. Le Blanc, one
of the owners, has been on the creek all
winter directing the work. A complete
hoist and thawing plant is on each
claim, and some rich dirt has been
taken out.

Capt. Atkinson is working 31 above
with an up-to-date plant. He has some
very large dumps out, and the ground
has proved a paying proposition.

McCook and Long have worked 30
above with fires all winter. A very
fine plant has been placed on the claim
recently and the remaining ground will
be worked this summer. This claim
had the largest cleanup of any on Sul-
phur last spring.

Messrs. Croak and Heim roger have
a nice plant on 29 above and are taking
out some good pay. They were handi-
capped by a great amount of dead work,
but now they are on the paystreak and
bitting it hard. The claim will be
worked this summer.

No. 28, owned by Mrs. Healy, has a
thawer on the upper end, some good
dirt has been hoisted, and large dumps
are on the claim.

From 27 to 20 nothing is being
done. The pay seems to have disap-
peared into the air. No. 20 has out a
large dump and in all probability will
see some heavy summer work. This
claim, with the two adjoining ones, is
owned by an English company.

No. 17 was worked last winter, and
but little done this year. Bob Menzie,
the owner, is undecided as to what he
will do. He may put machinery on
the ground and work it out this sum-
mer.

No. 15 is being worked by Messrs.
Cord & Co.; they have used a thawer
and run an incline tunnel into the hill.
Some fair pay has been taken out and
the dumps are not bad.

No. 14 had a very nice plant working
all winter and a moderate size dump is
in evidence. The claim was to work
this summer, but the dam could not be
built and it has not been fully decid-
ed what will be done.

No. 13 was off the pay streak the
greater part of the winter, but the lay-
men found it in time to get out a small
dump.

No. 12 was the pay locator on the cen-
tral part of the creek. Messrs. Moore
and Hunter, after two winters of hard
work, located the main rim of gold last
spring, and took out big pay during
the summer. The claim was not ex-
tensively worked this winter, but fine
dumps have been taken out, and the
claim will be worked on a large scale.

Nos. 10 and 11 above are being worked
by laymen and some very rich dirt has
been hoisted. Upper 11 is being burned,
but machinery on the central and lower
parts have brought out some very large
dumps. Messrs. Halley and Donovan
and Mathewson Brothers are working
the machinery. The latter have two
complete plants and their dumps are
among the largest on the creek.

Nos. 8 and 7 are both using the old
time drift windlass, and the pay has
been good. The laymen are pleased
with their winter's work which speaks
well for the claims.

No. 6 above has some large dumps
brought out by Capt. C. E. Miller.
He has a good plant on the ground and
is working a large number of men.

Walton McDonald has some very
good dirt on 4 above, and has let it out
on lays. Both steam and fire is used to
find earth's treasure, and some good
dumps are on the claim. C. Garbutt
has a good plant on 4 and has two large
dumps out. The pay averages up well
and will be run from the drifts to the
creek and sluiced all summer.

No. 3a above has a fair dump taken
out by Messrs. Croak & Co., laymen,
who have drifted in the old way.
From here to 3b no work has been done
this winter.

Nos. 2b and 3 above will be summer
worked, but the claims between have
proved a blank, or have an undiscover-
ed paystreak.

Messrs. McBride and Crowley own 4
and 5 below, and the entire ground is
being worked by laymen. There is not
a machine on the ground; yet the claim
is dotted with big dumps, showing hard
and steady work by the laymen.

Nos. 6 and 7 below are worked by
laymen and some nice dumps are locat-
ed across the claims. The pay has
been very good and the cleanup will be
a good one.

No. 7a below has good dumps pro-
duced by a thawer. The ground is
proving rich and will be summer
worked.

No. 8 below had two plants at work
all winter; the upper part of the claim
has had some first-class pay, but the
lower laymen have closed down and
will sell their machinery.

No. 9 below has a thawer and hoist
prospecting the ground. Mr. Woodard
is getting things in shape for heavy
summer work.

No. 11 below has machinery on the
upper part, and is burning the ground
on the lower. The claim has a very
wide paystreak and the dumps are cor-
respondingly large and will average up
well.

George Corsa has a thawer on 10 be-
low and his ground is proving very
satisfactory. The dumps are good
ones, both in the quality and quantity
of dirt.

No. 12 below is being prospected,
while 13, owned by Frank Swansen,
has the pay located in sufficient quan-
tity to warrant the laymen bringing out
a first-class boiler and engine for sum-
mer work.

But little is being done on 14, 16 and
16 below, while 17 has out medium
sized dumps and will be summer
worked. Mr. Strong had his plant, in-
tended for last winter, frozen in up-
river, so he has been compelled to de-
lay operations.

No. 18 below is said to be one of the
richest claims on the creek; it is being
worked by Col. Joe Green, one of the
owners and large dumps are out. A
very fine plant has materially assisted
in the good work.

No. 19 below will be worked this sum-
mer. Martin Harris, the owner, was
so well pleased with his last summer's
work that he will work the ground only
during that season.

No. 20 below has been prospected by
F. E. B. Smith during the winter. He
has some fair dumps out, and has locat-
ed good pay for summer work.

No. 21 below has been worked by Mar-
tin Harris for himself and partner,
and for the old style work the dumps
are large ones and the pay first-class.

Messrs. Jonas and Kipler have one of
the best claims on the creek, both them-
selves and laymen have machinery on
the ground and the dumps are large and
nice ones. No. 22 below has fair
dumps, as has 23. The pay on the lat-
ter has been big and a good cleanup is
anticipated.

No. 24 below commenced work late
in the season, but the pay has been
located, and a thoroughly equipped
plant will continue the work all sum-
mer.

Nos. 25 and 26 below had some first-
class pay and some average dumps were
taken out.

No. 27 below marks the beginning
of another rich belt of pay which ex-
tends to 30. Two plants on 27, one on
28 and two on 29, have hoisted some
fine pay, as have several laymen who
burned their ground. Mr. Hauey on 27
has a jigger that sluices the dirt as it
comes out of the shaft. These claims
are worked by laymen who have done
very well and are anxiously awaiting
the cleanup.

The pay seems to be drawn in toward
Brimstone on 30, as 29 has worked well
to the hill, and nothing noteworthy has
been located on 30, 31 or 32; but 33
has a good run of coarse gold and large
dumps are out. Frank Swanson owns
the ground and laymen have worked it
for him; three thawers are on the
claim, and the cleanup will be a rich
one.

Al Beede and sons have prospe-
cted their ground; 34 below, all winter
and have taken out small dumps; but their
work has been rewarded by locating the
main run of gold, and machinery has
been placed on the ground for summer
work.

Of the gulches, Green gulch is show-
ing up well on both the gulch and the
left fork. The paystreak is from 15 to
25 feet wide and is rich in good coarse
gold. The summer will see several
thawers at work.

Meadow gulch has also located pay
at the mouth, and a thawer is being set
up; undoubtedly this will cause other
claims on gulches to be more thor-
oughly prospected, and the number of pay
creeks will be increased.

Taken as a whole, Sulphur's winter
has proven a very creditable one for the
creek, and the total output will aggre-
gate a large sum.

Mr. George Compton of 11 below,
Sulphur, who has been ill for several
days, is able to be about once more.

Mr. F. J. Hemen of the Nugget has
been spending several days on Domi-
nion.

Ned Foster, of 8 below, Sulphur, is
able to hobble about, after slashing his
knee with a draw-knife.

Mr. Robert Woodard, of 9 below Sul-
phur, sprained his ankle last week and
has been on crutches ever since.

Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

"Mainland" and "British Lion"
cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor-
Second ave. and Third sts.

STUDIED FROM A DISTANCE.

Habits and Customs of Former Unstudied
Country.

More Interesting Information Regard-
ing What Is Seen Where the War
Is Waged.

While on the subject of the progress
of the war in South Africa the reading
public is fairly well posted, there is a
vast fund of information regarding the
country that is the present scene of war
which has never as yet been generally
imparted.

The last issue of the Victoria Times
received in Dawson contained a full
page article from a Mr. de Noon who
had just returned from the country
where war is being waged, and from
whom the Times secured some interest-
ing information regarding habits and
customs prevalent in that country which
have not before been known to the peo-
ple of Canada and the United States.
The Nugget presents today another ex-
tract from the interview with Mr. de
Noon, which is as follows:

"The man who shows fear to the
African native will probably be mur-
dered before he has gone far into the
country, but the man who shows a con-
tempt for them is as safe in the wild as
on the streets of Capetown. The cus-
tom prevails among most African vil-
lages that any arrival after nightfall is
accounted an enemy. Many chiefs de-
mand that all visitors shall not enter
the village until permission has been
given, and some have been known to
keep men waiting a ridiculously long
time, saying that the gods ought to be
spoken to, or something of that sort.
Lobengula has been known to keep men
waiting as long as two months, and
Kama and others have held the desiring
visitor as long as three months. Mr. de
Noon made it a rule never to stand on
ceremony and wait, and found that it
gave him a better standing with the
black man than if he had.

"In all the villages he visited he
never took any of the chiefs by sur-
prise. They all knew of his coming; all
had a full description of him and his
boys, and even in the most removed
parts of the country they knew of his
intention of visiting the tribe months
before he came."

"How the news travels so rapidly does
not long remain a surprise to the
traveler, for he soon finds out that the
natives have telegraphic system of their
own. The rapidity with which news is
carried for hundreds of miles by these
blacks has long been a mystery to the
uninitiated. To quote an instance of the
rapid carrying of news by the blacks,
Mr. de Noon tells of now the natives
sent the news of the defeat of a Mata-
bele force in the Mashonaland rising to
the blacks at Bulawayo. The telegraph
wires were down, the natives having
cut them to make bracelets of the wire,
and it was not until the wires could be
repaired that the field force were able
to communicate the news of their vic-
tory at Bulawayo. Imagine the surprise
of the troops when the operator at Bul-
wayo replied to their operator that they
had known of the victory for some
days past and could tell the loss on
either side. The news had reached
Bulawayo three days before the troops
could send it.

"Another instance remarked by Mr.
de Noon of how the natives had carried
the news of a battle over hundreds of
miles, faster than the telegraphers
could send it. This was when the un-
fortunate 24th were wiped out at Isand-
hiwana, in the Zulu campaign.

"On the day after the battle a num-
ber of the blacks at Durban told their
masters that 'away up in the hills there
was in one place a field filled with
many white men lying dead.' The
blacks were not believed, and it was not
until ten days later that the sad news
was confirmed by news from the British
troops.

"Mr. de Noon says it is not by the
beating of drums, as many have said,
that the blacks carry the news, but by
shouting what advice they have from
range to range. The runner coo-oes
until his cry is answered from the suc-
ceeding ranges, and thus the word is
passed along. This is the working of
the Kafirgram.

"Many are the strange customs of the
blacks. And because of one of those
customs more evidence is obtainable of
the great antiquity of the native races of
Rhodesia. Whenever the black is
about to cross a mountain traverse, a
thick, and probably animal infested
wood, or whenever he is overtaken by
nightfall, the traveling native throws a
stone, or places stones in the branches
of the trees to emblemize, as it were,
a prayer. At the approaches to moun-

tains, jungles, and other places where
the black dreads danger, great moun-
tain and cairns of stones are to be
seen. The average prayers of the jour-
neying blacks are for protection from
lions, protection for friends and rela-
tives left behind, or more frequently,
that his legs may be strengthened for
his journey. Some of these prayer stone
cairns have attained a prodigious
height, showing that the stones must
have been accumulating for at least
5000 years.

"The novel 'She' has been taken by
the general reader as fiction, pure and
simple, but in the travels of Mr. de
Noon he has found that in some meas-
ure this character of Rider Haggard
has a foundation in fact.

"There are many tribes who believe
in a woman such as 'She' of Haggard.
The Basutos, who seem to have been
one of the primitive races, from whom
many other tribes as time has rolled
down the ages, have sprung, are strong
in this belief, but those who entertain
it most strongly are the people of Mount
Wondza to the north of Rhodesia. They
believe that this great white queen,
who lives forever, reigns in the fast-
nesses of Mount Wondza, and none but
the religious heads of the tribe ever see
her. They believe that she has eternal
life. She is, however, different some-
what from the 'She' of Haggard, in
that she has four breasts, and never un-
der any circumstances appeared without
being muffled up from head to foot.
She was thought to have power to give
rain or withhold it at will, and many
other supernatural powers. It was,
however, difficult to learn what other
attributes this great undying queen was
claimed to have, or what were her sur-
roundings and history.

Easter at St. Mary's.

Mr. Thon as Carroll, one of the con-
valescing patients of St. Mary's hospital,
kindly furnished the Nugget with the
following account of the gracious treat-
ment accorded by the good Sisters to
their many patients yesterday in com-
memoration of the resurrection of the
Savior of mankind:

"Easter Sunday at St. Mary's hospi-
tal was the occasion of a grand dinner
given by the Sisters to their charges.
As a rule our meals are served to us at
our bedside; but yesterday a long table
was spread in each ward, and the cen-
ter of each table was graced with a big
turkey. In addition were soups, sauces,
olives, chow-chow, tomatoes, real pota-
toes, mince pie, jelly, tea, coffee and in
fact everything that would appeal to
the palate of a person either sick or
well. Those who were unable to walk
were assisted to the table and com-
fortably seated; and it was a sight
worth seeing to behold all the beds
empty at one time, and those who for
long, weary weeks had occupied them
sitting at the table happy and joking,
apparently forgetting for the time all
their aches, pains and ailments, and
many were the loving benedictions ut-
tered for the good Sisters for their kin-
dly thoughtful ness in thus providing the
good cheer which was as new life to all
of us. Verily life is not without its
sunshine, even to those who, far away
from home and loved ones, are inmates
of the hospital."

Mr. Carroll says in his letter that
himself and one or two other patients
will be so far recovered as to be able to
leave the hospital this week, and that
the bright sunshine will be, in many
cases, the only medicine needed from
now on.

Many New Arrivals.

Since Saturday at noon it is estimated
that from 30 to 40 travelers have reached
Dawson from up the river. A number
of horses have arrived with sled loads
of provisions and merchandise for the
already overstocked market. The trail
for the few latter days of the journey
is reported to be in very bad condition.
The river is open at many places and
water covers the trail nearly the entire
distance from Reindeer to Dawson. In
the neighborhood of Five Fingers
notices of warning have been put up at
various places by the police, and it is
reported to be very risky to travel over
many parts of the ice trail. Those who
are any great distance up the river with
heavy outfits will experience great diffi-
culty in landing them in Dawson over
the ice. It is reported that one out of
ten tons has been stopped at Scow
Island where it will be loaded on one
of the many scows stranded there, last
fall, and floated on to Dawson when the
river breaks. What disposition the
party proposes making of his horses is
not stated.

A Crazy Plan.

Last night the police experienced con-
siderable difficulty in arresting a man
whose actions on First avenue evi-
denced an unsound mind. The name of
the unfortunate individual is Santo
Spardo; he appears to be a native of
Italy, and is about 35 years of age.
The question of his mental condition
will be determined tomorrow.