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ON TO PRETORIA

Roberts Has Advanced 53 Miles North of Bloemfontein Without Opposition.

HUNTER WILL RELIEVE MAFEKING.

Besieged City Will Be Reached by Queen's Birthday.

A TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Alaska Bill Passes U. S. Senate—Dole Appointed Governor of Hawaii.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—Gen. Roberts has completed all arrangements for the advance into the Transvaal and his first column is now 53 miles north of Bloemfontein. But little opposition has thus far been encountered and no important engagements are anticipated until Kronstad is reached. At the latter point, where the Boers are known to have constructed strong entrenchments, the first effective resistance is expected. The advance will be continued until Kronstad is reached.

To Garrison Wepener.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The town of Wepener which was relieved from siege by the Boers has been garrisoned by a strong British force. Wepener is an important strategic point and no risks will be taken of it again falling into the hands of the

enemy. Brabant's division has now reached a point 20 miles from Wepener and at last advices was confronted by a large Boer force. News of an engagement is expected shortly.

Sandon in Ashes.

Victoria, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The town of Sandon in the Slovan country has been visited by a disastrous conflagration which almost wiped the town out of existence. Nearly every building in the town was destroyed, including the depot. As a result of the fire 1200 people are homeless. The loss will reach \$1,000,00.

Before the House.

Washington, D. C., May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The Alaska bill has passed the senate and is now before the house.

The sections of the bill dealing with the administration of affairs at Nome have been the subjects of much discussion in the house. It is not probable that the alien amendment will be restored. The control of dredging in the ocean below low water mark will be left in the hands of the secretary of war.

To Govern Hawaii.

Washington, D. C., May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—The president has nominated Samuel B. Dole to be governor of Hawaii, and Henry E. Cooper to be secretary of the islands.

Utah Disaster.

Salt Lake, May 5, via Skagway, May 12.—The greatest funeral train ever seen in the western part of America arrived here this morning bringing the bodies of the victims who perished in the recent disaster at Schofield. Thirty-five cars were attached to the funeral train, the arrival of which was witnessed by thousands. Subscriptions are pouring in from all sides to aid the families of the men who lost their lives.

Relief Approaching Mafeking.

London, May 8, via Skagway, May 12.—Hunter's column which is marching to the relief of Mafeking has crossed the Vaal river and he is expected to accomplish the object for which he has been sent before the 24th inst.

Few Scows Lost.

Many scows were stranded at various points up the river last fall and it was generally expected that when the ice went out there would be a steady procession of derelict craft float by the city for some days. The fact is, however, that very few scows or boats either have drifted by town, which indicates that the owners in most cases have taken precautions to insure their safety.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

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POLICE COURT

Magistrate Primrose Holds a Busy and Important Session This Morning.

MERCHANT-COFFEY STABBING CASE

Taken Under Advisement by the Court.

A. F. HOLLOWAY IN TROUBLE

Charged With Misappropriating Money—Several Cases of Minor Importance.

Another full house greeted Police Magistrate Primrose this morning on the opening of his court.

The first case was against Clara Holmes, of "Shady street," who was charged with having inhaled too freely of the compound fluid extract known as hootch. In the goodness of her heart Clara went to the guardhouse yesterday evening to bail out her friend who had been run in for drunkenness. But when she reached that place, her own load was more than she could comfortably manage, with the result that she was given a room "Hotel de Stripe" until this morning. When asked to plead, she plead guilty to her friend's being drunk but opined that she had not been very full herself. A fine of \$10 and costs or 20 days imprisonment was imposed and with a sigh that would have brought tears to the eyes of Needles, Col. Clara said she had no money, and was taken back to the guard room where her position was later relieved by friends.

Ben Everson, a man who would register "six feet four" in the shade, was fined \$5 and costs for cultivating a lurid jag. He is the "friend" whom the unfortunate Clara had been trying to bail out, when her disaster overtook her.

Four gamblers plead guilty to having no peaceful calling or profession and paid \$50 and costs each.

With that eclat seldom noticed outside of circles frequented by Oriental nabobs, Caddie Boyle swept into court, plead guilty to the charge of keeping a house of prostitution, paid \$50 and costs and swept out of court.

Jack Merchant, who is charged with having stabbed Chas. M. Coffey during a fracas in the Aurora gambling room on April 19th, was arraigned and through his attorney plead not guilty. All the witnesses for the prosecution were excluded and brought in one at a time. Sergeant Wilson ably conducted the case for the queen, his first witness being Coffey, upon whom the wounds were inflicted. The substance of Coffey's story was that he had met Merchant for the first time in the Northern Annex on the morning of the trouble; that Merchant was playing faro; that later Coffey played some checks for Merchant to the value of \$6 or \$7 and won \$40, when Merchant told him to cash in, which he did, giving Merchant \$20 in cash; that they two, with Chris Ranke, then stepped out and started up the street; that Merchant took the crowd into the Pioneer where they all took a drink; that they went into the Aurora and Coffey and Ranke stopped at the bar and had a drink, but Merchant walked on back to the gambling room; that he (Coffey) and Ranke went on back when he (Coffey) said to Merchant, "You should have been in on that drink;" that Merchant said "I don't care to drink with you," and other insulting words; that he (Coffey) then started for Merchant to slap his face; that they mixed up and he hit Merchant four or five times and that during the mixup he felt a sharp sting in his shoulder and knew Merchant had cut him. He remembered looking at

the wound on his stomach and feeling pain from the one under his left arm. He went to the doctor's office upstairs and remembered of the doctor sewing up his wounds, but it was all like a dream. On cross examination Coffey admitted being the aggressor in the trouble. He did not see a knife in Merchant's hand.

Chris Ranke, who was with Coffey all the time the latter had been in Merchant's company, gave virtually the same account of the story as did Coffey. This witness was concise in his statement and gave a very careful review of what occurred as he had witnessed. He did not see a knife.

J. A. Campbell, cashier at the Aurora, testified to being present when the trouble occurred, his first knowledge of it being when he saw the two men scuffling; then he stepped out from his desk and separated them, but saw no knife in Merchant's hand.

Dr. Good testified as to the nature of Coffey's wounds which he had dressed.

Constable Stutt, who arrested Merchant, testified that on his way to the barracks with the prisoner the latter had, regardless of warning, persisted in talking about the matter; that he (Merchant) had said "I did it, but he was coming at me;" that when asked for the knife Merchant had taken from his pocket an ordinary three-blade knife and given it to him; that there was blood on the largest blade. The knife which had been sealed up in an envelope, was produced and identified by Constable Stutt as the one prisoner had given him. There were traces of blood on the knife this morning.

Without offering any defense, Merchant's attorney offered to enter a plea of guilty to aggravated assault. Without committing himself to an opinion, the court took the matter under advisement until Monday morning. The prisoner was returned to jail.

A. F. Holloway was arrested yesterday charged by A. P. Langdon with stealing \$135. Holloway plead not guilty, but said he had sold to Houston for Langdon two cases of eggs for which he collected \$135, which he had lost before he could turn it over to the owner. He did not state through which particular avenue the money had escaped, but said he was ready to make good the amount. The court gave him until Monday to show in what manner he lost the money. In the meantime Holloway is held in jail, from which a \$2000 bond will extricate him.

Territorial Court.

The peremptory list of cases, the trial of which will commence on Tuesday, is as follows:

Rogers vs. Reed, Matheson vs. Hamilton, Hamilton and Boheman vs. Morrison and McDonald, John McDonald vs. Morrison and McDonald, Fearon vs. Morrison and McDonald, Ryan and McDonald vs. Ellis, Webb et al. vs. Ballard et al., McDonald vs. Miner, Lind vs. Creall et al., McKay vs. Aurora Dock Co., O'Brien vs. Greenfield, Macfarlane vs. Curry, Gaisford vs. Carroll, et al., Woodward vs. Bowie, Craig and Wadell vs. Wilkins and Wickry.

Williamson Detained Here.

Last evening a writ of capias was issued at the instance of Alexander Gillis against W. J. Williamson, and the latter, who was about to depart for Cape Nome in a small boat, is detained in Dawson. The amount involved in dispute is \$750; and Williamson secured his release from custody by depositing this sum of money in court to insure his presence when required.

Removal Notice.

Burritt & McKay have removed from the A. C. office building to Golden's Exchange on First avenue.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

LARGE ICE JAMS

In the Vicinity of Ogilvie Broke at 10 O'Clock This Morning.

ICE WILL REACH DAWSON TONIGHT.

Owners of Small Boats Should Secure Their Property.

THE RIVER WATER IS RISING

The Florence S. Passed Selkirk—Flora Expected—Closset Not at Stewart—Three Boats With Mail.

At 9 o'clock this morning the steamer Florence S. went past Selkirk under a full head of steam and with clear sailing ahead all the way down the river.

The Flora had not arrived at that point up to 10 o'clock, but was expected every moment. The steamer Closset was not sighted at Stewart up to 10 a. m.; she is also expected to swing around the bend every moment.

The steamer Sybil leaves lower Lebarge on next Monday morning carrying mail. This makes three steamers with mail aboard which will arrive in Dawson within the next few days, the Sybil, Closset and Flora.

The Flora is in charge of Capt. Martineau, probably the most skillful navigator on the Yukon. It was he who last spring swam Thirtymile river with a rope tied around his body, and by his skill and daring brought the Flora into Dawson the first of the season. It is said of him that if he cannot find a channel he will jump the jam or crowd on a full head of steam and shoot under the ice, effecting the journey in that or any other way to get through.

Two immense ice jams were formed yesterday near Ogilvie, one above and the other below that point. They remained intact all night and covered an area of a number of miles up and down the river. At 10 o'clock this morning the upper jam broke away, the river falling with tremendous force and carrying immense quantities of ice. This vast sea of ice upon striking the lower jam tore its way through and started all in motion. The river at the present writing—11 a. m.—is filled with ice from bank to bank below Ogilvie and will arrive at Dawson if it does not jam again about 8:30 tonight. It would be to the interest of all who have crafts on the river bank to see that they are properly protected and secured, as an immense flow of ice is expected as well as a considerable raise in the river.

Ice Depot.

Julian Blaker has bought the ice bin of Judge Morford and is now ready to deliver ice in any part of the city. His office is at the ice depot on First avenue, where you can leave orders and they will be promptly filled.

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