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MUTUAL LAND SWAP

Delagoa Bay Now Necessary to England.

GERMANY TO HAVE VOICE IN ASIA MINOR

Seizure of American Flour Excites Interest in France.

In Many Respects the Boer War Is Like the American Civil Insurrection—What the Trans-Siberian Railroad May Accomplish.

New York, Dec. 29.—Commenting on the official denials concerning the secret treaty between Germany, England and Portugal, the Tribune's London correspondent declares that the story is not all smoke, adding "Well informed diplomats are convinced that Germany will enlarge her colonial possessions in some quarter at the end of the war and will have a free hand in the future in Asia Minor, or else where. It is also believed that the future of the Portuguese East African possessions was discussed at the foreign office with the German ambassador a year ago, and again by the Emperor and Mr. Chamberlain a few weeks ago, and though it may be premature to carry out these arrangements at present, the shrewdest diplomats forecast the ultimate occupation of Delagoa Bay by Great Britain and the enlargement of German East Africa southward to the Zambesi."

LOUR AFTERMATH.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The seizure by British officials of American flour consigned to the Boers and the statement regarding alleged Anglo German-Portuguese treaty has aroused renewed interest in Paris. Although the consummation of such a plan would be unfavorable to France and Russia, the possession of Delagoa Bay is believed to be essential to the British success in South Africa, as the victory over the Boers is essential to Great Britain's international prestige. Therefore, it is felt that, if necessary Great Britain will take extreme measures.

LIKE U. S. CIVIL WAR.

London, Jan. 2.—S. W. Wilson, the military expert, in an article in the Mail this morning, says: "In many respects the struggle in South Africa today recalls the American civil war. A power with vast resources has been caught indifferently prepared, and the Boer republic, like Jefferson Davis and the Southern Confederacy, has been allowed to snatch great initial advantages. "The task before us is a lesser one than confronted the North in 1861, but from the past we can and should learn this lesson: We must not underestimate the enemy's strength. We, like our American cousins, have confronted disaster bravely before and won in the end."

RUSSIA'S FUTURE.

London, Dec. 29.—Speculation being rife as to the results that will follow

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the completion of the trans Siberian railway, we shall try to consider whether Russia's advantages derived from that undertaking will be really so gigantic and so full of danger to her neighbors and rivals as Russian and russophile papers are anxious to make us believe, says the Pall Mall Magazine. With regard to the future colonization of this outlying portion of the empire of the czar, there is no doubt that an unmistakable gain will be derived, for the growth of the population in Siberia, with an area of 13,400,000 square miles is inhabited by only 7,100,000 souls and where the extraordinary wealth in minerals, woods and arable land still awaits exploitation, will certainly proceed with greater strides than heretofore.

GLOOM IN ENGLAND.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A London special to the Tribune says: "To say that England is shrouded in gloom describes the situation here mildly. Strange as it may seem, in view of the previous as well as the present war with the Boers, the English people are just realizing that they are now against perhaps the hardest game they have ever played. "Their pet generals have been repeatedly outwitted by less educated Boers. Their loss in killed, wounded and captured is at least two to the Boers' one."

Mrs. Clark Robbed.

On Christmas day a robbery was committed on Gold Hill. The loss occasioned was a sack containing 23 ounces of specimen nuggets, which were the property of Mrs. Frank R. Clark, who resides with her husband in a cabin on his claim.

The police at Grand Forks were notified immediately, but, though suspicion points strongly at certain parties, there is not sufficient evidence to warrant arrests.

J. T. Wilson Buried.

The funeral of John Thomas Wilson, who died at St. Mary's hospital on January 22nd, occurred today. Services were held over the remains at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church. Beautiful designs, made of artificial flowers were placed upon the bier of the deceased by friends and acquaintances. Messrs. Bonfield of the New Dominion, Canill and Fazon of the Bank saloon, McCrear and Spitzel of the Northern Annex, Charles Delone of the New Pavilion, and Fields of the Aurora, joined in presenting a floral wheel, with a broken spoke and felly. Messrs. Alex Brown, R. J. Hilts and numerous other Juneau friends of the deceased, gave a design in the shape of a clock, the hands of which pointed to the hour of one, the time when death occurred. Gus Bakke, the friend and partner of Mr. Wilson, presented a very beautiful floral cross.

A large crowd attended the church, and followed the corpse to the Methodist cemetery. Among the pallbearers were Messrs. R. J. Hilts, Alex Brown, Gus Bakke and John Timmons.

Out of respect to the memory of the deceased, the gambling games around town closed for a short while this afternoon.

Grand Forks.

The Grand Forks Social and Literary Club gave a very interesting entertainment last Saturday evening, the program being as follows: Reading, Mr. Hayden; vocal solo, Mr. Diffeu; guitar duett, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Boggs; recitation, Mr. Will; solo, Mr. Ask; vocal duett, Mrs. Boggs, Mr. Diffeu; reading the paper, Eldorado Sun Dial, Messrs. Will and Graff; solo, Mr. Enders; recitation, Mr. Wood; solo and chorus, Mr. Diffeu and audience.

The Forks Dancing Club gave their usual dance at the B. & M tent Monday evening, January 14. A very pleasant time was spent.

The Forks is no more without fire protection, Mr. Sullivan of the Dewey, having arrived with the apparatus Saturday evening.

Mr. Cribbs' pleasant face can be seen again at the Forks drug store, now doing business at their new stand, the old H. Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch of the Elby roadhouse, gave a dance last Friday evening to their many friends, all having a good time.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

T. J. Thomas, a well known miner and old resident of Dawson, accompanied by a man named Kelly, will start for Nome Saturday or Sunday. They will take a team of six dogs.

About 10 o'clock last night, a small fire started in a building to the rear of the Flannery hotel. The blaze was extinguished with a bucket of water, and no alarm was sent to the department.

A handball tournament will be held for two days next week at Ford's gymnasium in which several teams have signified their intention of meeting. The A. C. Co. and A. E. Co.'s teams have already been selected and are practicing for the coming event.

The gold commissioner's court is occupied today with the case of McManus vs Northrup, which involves a dispute respecting the boundary lines of what are known as the Mason and McManus benches, opposite No. 2 Magnet gulch.

The Aurora is undergoing repairs. The stairs leading to the upper story have been removed from the rear of the gambling room, and this old space will be added to the club rooms. Uncle Hoffman has vacated his quarters in the front end of the building and the flight of stairs will be erected here.

Although the disease is not epidemic neither is it thought to be contagious, yet a number of mad dogs in Dawson have died within the past few weeks. They mope around and after a few days refuse to eat and soon afterwards die. When a work dog, especially a husky, declines food, a dog doctor should be consulted at once.

The local telegraph people are just as much at sea, and probably more worried about the cause of the present inoperative condition of the line as are the people at large. They can do nothing but wait in the Dawson office, and they agree that waiting is becoming very monotonous. It is likely that the delay in making the repairs is due to snow, which in that country, between Tagish and Bennett, may be drifted very high.

At the regular weekly meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade tonight a report from the committee appointed to act in the matter of mails and mail service will be made. It is understood that the committee, in the mail which left today, dispatched letters to the postmaster general and to various representatives in congress asking that orders be issued which will insure regular and prompt delivery in Dawson during the winter months of all matter upon which first-class postage is paid.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

Bargains—Watches and diamonds at reduced prices. Uncle Hoffman.

A complete line of toilet requisites. Cribbs & Rogers, druggists.

The Pavilion grill room gives one of the best dinners in Dawson for \$1. Everything strictly first class—25

KING'S STORE IS A FENCE.

According to Evidence Brought Out in Major Perry's Court.

Young Boys Found Him "Ready Money at All Times—Race War—Labor Sues for Hire."

Two doors above the Klondike hotel on Front street is a store on the door of which appears this notice: "We Buy and Sell Anything.—Come In." If the evidence of three boys who were in Major Perry's court this morning is to be believed, the card is no "false alarm," but tells the plain, unvarnished truth. The store referred to is owned and operated by H. King, a second-hand dealer.

The three boys, Theodore Kruesner, aged 17; Elmer Gibson, aged 15, and Fred G. Ryan, aged 19, were all up charged with the theft of a shot gun and shovel, the gun, which had been loaned to the Monte Carlo theater by D. A. Shindler, being stolen from the stage, and the shovel from a woodshed in the rear of the same building. Both the implements, the one of war and strife, the other of labor and peace, were sold by the boys to King, who paid \$3 for the gun and \$1.50 for the shovel without asking any questions as to where and by what means they were procured. The shovel was purchased by him at his side door late one night after closing hours. Kruesner, who since his arrest, has been sitting on the carpet tack of repentance, made a full breast of everything by confessing that he had at various times stolen, in addition to the gun and shovel, cartridges, axes, sledge hammers, coal oil cases, picks, valises, etc., for all of which he found a ready customer in the person of King. On one occasion the boys declined to deal with King in the matter of the sale of a case of coal oil, he offering only \$7, when the boys, being posted as to kerosene, knew it was worth more money. King, who was in court in the capacity of witness, shifted uneasily and drew his neck down into his coat collar during the above recital of Kruesner, which was in part corroborated by Gibson. Major Perry ordered King's arrest then and there and he was marched over to the jail. Sergeant Wilson, to whom credit is due for unearthing King's fence, stated in court that he had found various articles in King's store that have been stolen around the city and sold to the second-hand dealer. The sergeant was instructed by the court to take possession of King's store and put it in charge of a constable. King will have a hearing tomorrow on the charge of receiving stolen goods. Pending disposition of his case, the three boys, all of whom were convicted, are held in jail awaiting sentence.

That the race war is not confined wholly to the "cotton belt" was proven last night when a white man and negro engaged in a fistic encounter on the sidewalk in front of the Palace Grand. An officer arrived and declared the fight a draw. In the melee a Palace Grand window light, valued at \$3.50, was broken. In court this morning both men were fined and paid \$10 and half the cost of the light \$1.75.

Joseph Smith institute suit against J. W. Murphy, owner of claim 43 above on Sulphur for \$63, alleged to be due for labor performed.

Come and See

Special Sale

Felt Shoes, bals \$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, high top . . \$6.00 pair
Felt Shoes, Congress . . \$6.00 pair
Moccasins \$2.50 pair

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