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HEROIC CHARGE

Of British Forces Against an Overwhelming Body of Boers.

WERE OUTNUMBERED SEVEN TO ONE

But Would Not Listen to a Demand for Surrender.

BOERS ARE STILL STUBBORN.

Said to Be Preparing for Battle—Starvation Confronts the Garrison at Mafeking.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.

The correspondent of the Daily News cables that paper a story of heroic valor almost unprecedented in the present war. In a flanking movement which occurred near Thapa on the 1st inst., Capt. Towse, in command of 50 Highlanders, found his little detachment cut off entirely from the main body and surrounded by an overwhelming force of Boers, outnumbering the small body of British troops more than seven to one.

The Boers ordered an immediate surrender. Without waiting to reply Capt. Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. The little band with their leader at the head, swept through the Boers with great slaughter, and although subjected to a merciless rifle fire, succeeded in rejoining the main

body. Capt. Towse was blinded in both eyes. His heroic conduct has brought him enthusiastic praise from his superior officers.

Boers Stubborn.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Dispatches from Gen. Roberts state that his advance is stubbornly resisted by the Boer rear guard. According to a dispatch from Pretoria dated April 28 the Boers anticipate giving battle at an early date.

Starving at Mafeking.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—A dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated at Mafeking, April 29, states that the garrison is now eating the ambulance oxen, reserving the mules to the last. The daily ration consists of six ounces of gritty oat bread, one pound of bully beef and a quart of skilly. Starvation is so near to the town that the natives and whites alike are endeavoring to catch swarms of locusts for food purposes.

Reserves Sail.

Ottawa, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Fifty reserves of the Strathcona horse have sailed from Montreal to Liverpool.

American Arrested.

London, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Thos. Richards, an American, has been arrested at Johannesburg charged with complicity in the explosion of the Begbie arsenal.

Powder Kegs Exploded.

Salt Lake, May 3, via Skagway, May 8.—Latest information from the scene of the explosion in the Pleasant Valley coal mine at Schofield is to the effect that the disaster is attributed to the accidental explosion of numerous kegs of blasting powder.

Declines to Be Interviewed.

Regarding the statement made by Gov. Ogilvie and published in the Daily Nugget yesterday as to the position assumed and held by the Yukon council on the matter of local representation, Judge Dugas, when seen this afternoon by a Nugget representative and asked for an expression on the matter said: "I don't think that it is becoming to consent to any interview relating to the matter in question, and I refrain from saying anything."

Territorial Court.

In the territorial court today the case of the Queen vs. Mrs. Showers charged with arson, was continued, owing to the absence of witnesses.

The case of the Queen vs. Stepovich, charge with stealing hay, is being tried before a jury this afternoon. No cases were heard this forenoon.

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PREPARATIONS ARE PROGRESSING

A Big Committee Has Undertaken the Work.

NUMEROUS SPORTING EVENTS

Have Been Arranged and Appropriate Prizes Will Be Awarded to Contestants.

A meeting of those interested in the Queen's birthday celebration on May 24, was held in the Criterion hall last evening; the attendance was large and representative. Dr. McDonald was appointed permanent chairman, Mr. Burritt acting as interim secretary, Mr. J. Merton Story was appointed permanent secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

General—Commissioner Ogilvie, Dr. McDonald, T. G. C. Kelly, Col. MacGregor, H. G. Herbert, Montague Martin, H. C. McDearmond, Bert Ford, Dr. J. F. C. Laing, Jos. A. Clarke, R. B. Switzer, A. J. Prudhomme, P. R. Ritchie, C. M. Woodworth, J. T. Lithgow, E. H. Osborne Vanden, Dr. McLennon, W. E. Burritt, W. H. McKay, H. Wakesfield, Jas. Westbrook, Geo. McLeod, W. C. Young, Alex. McDonald, Tom Chisholm, Louis Golden, Inspector Primrose, Major Hemming, W. H. B. Lyon, Capt. D. B. Olson, J. B. Wood, Capt. Scarth, J. P. Kennedy, J. E. Girouard, Geo. Vernon, E. C. Senkler, Sergeant Major Tucker, Geo. Byrne, E. M. Lindsay, J. M. Wilson, A. L. Stephens, Capt. Starnes, Capt. Thacker, Jas. Binnett, A. Lepevier, John Bourke, Thos. Mahoney, Capt. J. J. Healy, C. G. K. Nourse, H. G. Wilson, W. M. Heron, Capt. Woodside, H. T. Wilks, Rev. J. J. Wright, Thos. O'Brien, Ben Davis, D. Doig, E. B. Condon, Geo. Allen, H. G. Steele, Dr. Foster, D. D. Buchanan, H. P. Hansen, P. W. Clayton, F. McDonald, Richard Cowan, Carl Bliss, G. R. Clazy, M. Lockwood, A. A. George, Dr. Dunbar, I. L. B. L., F. C. Wade, H. Te Koller, Leroy Tozier, Geo. Brimstone, Dr. Strong, J. McEneaney, J. P. Slavin, Jno. Walsh.

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Mr. C. G. K. Nourse was elected vice-chairman.

The executive committee were empowered to deal with any surplus arising from the subscriptions to the fund. The following gentlemen were appointed as a sub-committee of the sports to draw out a program for discussion by the full sports committee at a meeting to be held this evening: Messrs.

F. C. Senkler, C. G. K. Nourse, G. P. Kennedy, H. G. Wilson, P. Ritchie, together with the chairman, Dr. Duncan, and secretary, Mr. R. Cowan.

It was decided that a number of last year's events be substituted with the following: Two hundred and twenty yards flat race, 120 yards hurdle race, half mile walking two legged race, quarter and half mile bicycle race and quarter and half mile horse and mule races.

A full attendance is requested at the sports committee meeting at the McDonald hotel this evening at 8:30.

New Territorial Judge.

Hon. James Craig, of Renfrew, Renfrew county, Ontario, who has been appointed a judge for this territory and who is now on the way in, is a brother of Geo. Craig of this city, who occupies the position of court stenographer to Judge Dugas. The newly appointed judge is 48 years of age; has been practicing law for 22 years and has for several years been queen's counsel. It is expected that he will reach Dawson within a few days after the opening of navigation.

A Disgraceful Row.

Probably the most loathsome scene ever witnessed in Dawson was beheld on Third street opposite the brick warehouse a few minutes before 9 o'clock, when a quartette, two of the Fourth avenue French women and the male bipeds whom they support, engaged in a free-for-all blackguarding and swearing contest that would have put to blush any sailor that shipped on a slave trader. To add to the loathsomeness of the scene all the participants were drunk. The matter of having these people fenced off from the gaze of the public has been frequently agitated in this paper, but no good appears to have come of it. As the disgraceful row this morning occurred about the breakfast time, there were no policemen on the street; hence, no arrests were made. It can be said to the credit of the latter that the scene would not have been long continued had a member of the force been in sight to witness it.

A Busy Morning.

The water front presented a lively scene this morning as many owners of small craft, such as scows and open boats, were busy making it fast from any onslaughts that might be made upon it by the floating ice. Here and there both above and below the city was a disabled scow that was allowed to go its way with no effort to save it. Thus far no damage has been sustained by anything of value along the edge of the river.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

When the ice moved out in front of the city last night it took with it a large amount of garbage; but there is some it did not take, and according to the evidence of Constable Barrows in Capt. Starnes' court this morning the "some" which did not go out with the ice was in the yard in the rear of A. Gustavson's City Market, on Second avenue, where tin cans, rags and other garbage were yesterday found by the officer in undisturbed repose. Gustavson pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs.

The Wade Blaker case, which has been dragging along for several weeks, and which was the outgrowth of a business transaction at Fort Selkirk, was finally disposed of by dismissal this morning.

Sergeant Wilson informed the court this morning that the physician in charge of Chas. Coffey, the victim of cold steel said to have been wounded by John Merchant some weeks ago, had informed him that Coffey will receive no more certificates of inability to appear in court. As the case is set for Friday morning, the court ordered the constables to have all witnesses there on that date.

The case of Eveline Richson charged with having stolen two hair combs, the property of Mrs. Luders, was on this afternoon.

THE ICE GOING OUT

Main Body in Front of the City Floated Away at 4:30 This Morning.

THE RIVER IS NOT ENTIRELY OPEN

There is a Heavy Jam in Front of the Barracks.

WILL LIKELY MOVE TONIGHT.

Hundreds of People Saw the Garbage-Laden Mass Start From Its Moorings.

There are many persons in Dawson who assert that the ice which for over six long months lay in front of the city, stole a march on them by moving out at a very unseemly hour between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. But even late for some and early for others as the hour was hundreds of people lined the river bank and watched the huge piles of garbage with which the ice was headed disappear for ever from human gaze.

All yesterday evening large cakes of ice were dropping away from the main body and floating down to a point almost opposite from the Sister's hospital where there was a small jam, and there were many who were not surprised this morning to learn that nearly all the surface of the river was open this morning.

Those who witnessed the breaking up say it did not act as it did last year when the entire surface of the river moved out in a solid, unbroken mass. This morning it broke into pieces as soon as it started and nearly all the garbage was unceremoniously dumped from its resting place into the water. The ice that went this morning floated down against the bluff below the city where it jammed for several hours, but during the day the greater part of it moved on down the river.

Up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon there was quite a jam of detached ice in the river back of the upper fire house, and further down and extending out from the west shore were two or three acres of ice which had as yet been undisturbed. But when the jam gives away above there is no doubt but that the whole thing will move off, leaving all the river from the mouth of the Klondike to the bluff below the city entirely open. It was expected this afternoon that the jam would go out any time, and it is safe to assert that but little of it will occupy its present position in the morning.

As late as 9 o'clock last night a gentleman who desired to go over to West Dawson did so by going out to the edge of the ice in a small boat, where he pulled his craft up on the ice, leaving it and going the remainder of the journey.

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