

# BOERS BEING SHELLED

## Buller's Guns Watched From the Garrison.

### SHELLING APPEARS TO BE EFFECTIVE

#### Dry Weather Causes Decrease of Fever in British Camps.

#### Cecil Rhodes Will Equip Irregulars—Australians Particularly Enthusiastic—Buenos Ayres Beef for the British Army Lost in Transit.

(From Friday's Daily.)  
Ladysmith, Jan. 29, by runner via Prere Camp, Jan. 30.—The garrison is watching Gen. Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be seen at this distance and appears to be very effective.

The movements of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly oppose the advance of the relief column. They show no signs of removing their guns and have mounted new ones and are continually strengthening their fortifications.

Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since Jan. 6th, and Ladysmith is now practically impregnable.

Owing to the dry weather, the fever has diminished and the number of convalescents returned from Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there.

The supplies are spinning out splendidly, all the troops having sufficient wholesome food. The heat is terrific, the thermometer registering 107 degrees in the shade.

#### A Force of Irregulars.

New York, Jan. 26.—The British government has given Cecil Rhodes and the British Chartered Company permission to organize and equip a force of irregular troops with which to fight the Boers. It is reported that the war office has loaned General Carrington to the South African millionaires, who will place this eminent soldier in command of the force. No facts concerning the strength of the body of irregulars have been disclosed. The New York World, in commenting upon this latest scheme, says:

"This may be considered as equivalent to the issue of what may be called letters of marque for privateering operations to be conducted on land instead of at sea. It is in a sense a revival of the medieval system of enlisting the support of mercenaries acting in almost perfect independence of the imperial power. How his actions will be viewed by the civilized powers of the world remains to be seen."

#### Army Beef Lost.

Durban, Jan. 26.—The steamer City of Lincoln has arrived here from Buenos Ayres. She has a cargo of cattle destined for the use of the British army, but on the voyage she met with a succession of storms which threatened to sink her, and for a long time she was down on her beam ends. Almost all the cattle were killed or thrown overboard.

#### Whales in a Trap.

Tacoma, Jan. 28.—Residents of Vaughan Bay, 20 miles from Tacoma, are having a big hunt after seven whales, which entered Vaughan bay Christmas day. Being unable to find the narrow channel leading out of the bay, the whales have been circling around and cutting all sorts of antics. Boatmen have been able to approach within 30 feet of them, and several parties with lances have started to hunt them down.

The hunters are now trying to secure the harpoons used by Tacoma fishermen three years ago when they captured a

big California gray whale which yielded 800 barrels of oil. At that time a cannon was mounted on a tug and fired at the whale several times without effect. At last harpoons were sunk into him, and he towed three rowboats around Puget sound for over a hundred miles. By that time he was so tired that lances could be used with deadly effect. It is intended to repeat this process if harpoons can be secured before the whales escape. A number of children who cross Vaughan bay in rowboats to go to school are staying at home until the whales disappear.

#### Enthusiastic Australians.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 27.—An intensely enthusiastic crowd, which is estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, bade Godspeed to the New South Wales section of the second Australian contingent, which embarked for South Africa. The section comprised 44 officers, 644 men, 14 nurses and 756 horses.

The troopers marched through the streets escorted by 3000 volunteers. The cheering was incessant. A banner suspended from the American consulate bore the inscription: "America wishes Australia's patriots Godspeed."

#### The Yeomanry Movement.

London, Jan. 26.—There is much indignation and disgust expressed here at the mistake and blunders of those who have charge of the organization of the Yeomanry contingent. Persons who were able to carry the scheme to success have been met on every hand with red tape and obstacles, interposed by the inner circle of titled incapables. Many good men have withdrawn from participation in the movement. In South Bedfordshire, a company of 170 men became so disgusted that they disbanded.

#### POLICE COURT.

If the attorneys of Dawson are as derelict in collecting fees as they are in getting to police court to champion the cause of their clients their contributions to the causes of home and foreign missions must necessarily be meagre.

Major Perry's court this morning was a "waterhaul" all owing to the fact that Dawson's attorneys are the busiest set of men between Pushfinger, Arkansas, and the North Pole, and therefore the balance of the world, the flesh and the devil, must needs "hang fire" on this account.

The first case called this morning was that of the Queen vs. Edward Bartlett who is charged with having, on January 16th, unlawfully taken a pair of bobs, the property of F. R. Knight, and of since declining to return them to the rightful owner. Bartlett said he had secured the services of a lawyer who would be present soon, so the parties were told to stand aside.

The case of Brown vs. Sam'l Matheron for labor performed, on the latter's Sulphur creek claim to the amount of \$607 was next called. Matheron disputed the account and said he only owes Brown \$474.25, which amount he is ready to pay at any time. Brown broke the spell at this stage of the proceedings by saying "My lawyer will be here in a few minutes," and the parties in this case retired to the already crowded waiting shelf to bide their time until the disciple of Blackstone would deign to appear. The "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in this case chased the "few minutes" in which the lawyer was to appear in the other case over the faces of the chronometers present and still the legal luminaries did not appear. Major Perry looked at his watch, shifted in his chair, looked at his watch, shifted again and infinitum until 30 minutes had been transferred from the scroll of time to the shelf of eternity, and still the lawyers came not. "Has any one else any business with me this morning," asked the court. "No one present had any tales of woe to reveal. At this point patience ceased to be a virtue and court was summarily adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and upwards of a dozen men, all anxious to be allowed to return at once to their various occupations, were thus detained all on account of the apathy and evident carelessness of two petty foggers.

#### Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 41 degrees below zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer at the barracks registered 40.5 degrees below. At noon, a slight variation occurred and the official instrument recorded 39.4 degrees below.

# WHITEHORSE WEALTH!

## Copper Mines Greatest in World's History.

### PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SALE CONFIRMED

#### Is Now the Property of British-American Corporation.

#### Diphtheria Triumphs Over Christian Science—Blind Faith Causes Parents to Lose Their Family—In Hands of the Lord.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 24.—One of the biggest mining deals on record in British Columbia has been consummated in the transfer of the Whitehorse copper group claims to the Rothschilds for \$2,000,000. The deal was put through by Manager Bowker of the British American syndicate, which owns the Leromine at Rossland. Several experts have been sent out from England to examine these claims. All have agreed that they make the most wonderful copper showing ever found anywhere. One of them reported that on a single claim \$1,000,000 worth of ore had been exposed by a washout.

These properties are situated 160 miles down Yukon from Skagway and will be reached next summer by the extension of the White Pass railroad now building. This railroad has agreed to make very low rates on copper ore to Skagway, whence they will be shipped by water to the Tacoma smelter in which the Rothschild syndicate and D. O. Mills of New York are interested.

Henry Bratnaber, chief American mining expert in the Rothschild's employ, discovered the first copper in the Whitehorse district in August, 1897, when he returned from Dawson City on foot. He immediately sent men into the district to stake claims. These were followed by stampedes and it is their claims which the syndicate has now purchased. The deal will give the Rothschild syndicate control of a copper belt which experts say will exceed that of Montana in production within ten years.

#### Diphtheria Vs. Christian Science.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—Diphtheria and Christian Science have had a bitter battle in a New Brighton family for the last two weeks. Diphtheria has won so far. Two children are dead, while a third child and the father are dangerously ill with the same disease. Frank Martzell and his wife have been believers in Christian Science for three years, and so confirmed in the doctrine are they that they have seen their two little ones die of malignant diphtheria and were willing to see their remaining child perish rather than take her case "out of the hands of the Lord." Not until forced to do so by the health authorities would the parents permit a physician in the house. Even then the father refused to give the medicine prescribed.

#### Assistant Gold Commissioner Arrives.

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Mr. R. J. Eilbeck, sheriff of the Yukon territory, arrived in Dawson this noon. The commissioner made the trip with a horse and sled. Sheriff Eilbeck had a team of dogs. The gentlemen expressed themselves as satisfied with their journey, and both are in good health and spirits. The assistant commissioner is not expected to assume the duties of his official position until the return of Commissioner Senkler from the creeks.

#### The A. C. Hockey Match.

The employees of the A. C. Co. have arranged for a hockey match to take place tomorrow evening at their private rink directly in front of the company's store.

The store team is as follows: Ben Treneman, captain; Ed Boyer, O. S. Lanning, W. H. Fairbanks, Sam Pond, John Myers, Frank Griffin and Fred Emery.

The warehouse team is composed of the following young men: William

Norval, captain; Luther Schooling, James Lapierre, John Lawrence, John Van Meter, Charles Johnson and John McCall.

#### Glove Contest a Draw.

Ford's gymnasium last night was the scene of several rattling bouts between members of the club followed by a 11-round go "for points" between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray, colored.

McMurray was introduced by Jim Donaldson as "better known as the Kansas Cyclone," but the reputation of the state suffered considerably last night as the Cyclone was very short of wind. The fight was to be for points, 10 rounds, with a decision, but lasted 11.

Sammy did all the fighting and had his man going in the second round. Black Prince, who was acting in the colored boy's corner, thought his man was gone and with a theatrical gesture threw a towel in the ring in the absence of the sponge. His man evidently

thought it was an invitation to wash up, but was too busy to do so as Sammy was crowding him hard. Time was called here and the colored boy took his corner bleeding profusely from the nose. The Black Prince left the hall in disgust, as his man was still fighting when according to all precedents he should have been dead to the world.

After the second round McMurray looked ready to go out at any time and only waited for Sammy to land, but while Jones was getting in all the blows he had not the strength to finish his man.

At the end of the go Jones did not show a mark, the colored boy reaching him but once during the match, while McMurray was battered in the mouth and his lower lip was badly damaged. The fight was Sammy's from first to last, and as Donaldson stated at the opening of hostilities that the go was for points, he should have got the decision. It was declared a draw.

The entertainment was opened by four-round go between Sinclair and Malloy. Malloy showed to best advantage, while Sinclair is rapidly improving, although having a bad practice of flinching at expected blows. This was a lively and interesting exhibition.

Then followed a four round go between Hall and the Benicia Kid. This was a kangaroo battle, both combatants doing some great foot work. The Benicia Kid expected to get kicked in the jaw as he watched Hall's feet very closely. He discovered he was in no danger from that source, however, and as a gentlemanly evidence of his disregard for the fist efforts of his opponent, spit a mouth full of water in his face. The go ended in a jumping match.

Case, a brother of Dick Case, and Ford next donned the buckskins for a four round go and gave and took equally. Case shows practice at the art and guarded and landed very neatly.

After this followed the go between Sammy Jones and Walter McMurray—a draw. Jim Donaldson referee; W. H. Lyons, time keeper.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Two sled loads of mail which arrived yesterday evening only seven days from Bennett, the best time on record, was being delivered to the public today.

Evidently the members of the Yukon council are losing interest in that body's meetings. There was not a quorum present yesterday, the time for the regular weekly meeting, consequently no meeting was held. The same thing occurred two weeks ago.

Twenty-four people with six sleds and 28 dogs left yesterday for Nome. Nearly all who contemplate the long trip over the ice will get away within the next ten days, as it is thought that in 30 days, the best time in which the swiftest travelers can hope to make the journey, the ice will be getting very treacherous and dangerous.

The two months for which James O'Day was confined for the theft of goods from the Yukon Iron Works will expire on Monday, the 19th and he will then be released from custody. Being truly penitent he will soon be in position to begin the work of building up for himself a reputation for honesty and integrity.