

BRITISH MEET DISASTER

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Liberal Candidate Is Defeated in Manitoba.—James Hamilton Lewis Retained by Nome Miners to Protect Their Interests Against Capitalists.—Thirty-Three Men Killed as a Result of an Explosion in the Carbonado Mines.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 23.—The British forces under Gen. Gatacre suffered another severe reverse. A forced march had been ordered to intercept a Boer contingent known to be marching toward Stromberg. The guides proved treacherous and led the troops into a trap. Nine officers and 17 men were wounded and an unknown number killed. Five hundred and ninety-eight men are missing. The troops retired in good order. A reconnoitering party under Brocklehurst found the Boer position in the Pempw hills. The Boers were strongly entrenched. The Eighth Hussars, pushing forward, drew a heavy fire and lost four men and 17 wounded. One half of the Canadian contingent has gone forward and is doing excellent work.

GEN. BULLER REPULSED.
Gen. Buller in attempting to capture two fords on the Tugella river, was repulsed with severe losses. Eleven out of 13 guns were left in the hands of the Boers. A large number of men are reported killed. This defeat, which was the result of another trap, is considered the most severe blow yet delivered at

the British since the Indian mutiny.

THIRTY-THREE KILLED.
Seattle, via Skagway, Dec. 23.—An explosion at the Carbonado mines on the N. P. railway resulted in the death of 33 men, 6 others being wounded.

Gen. Rogers will order an investigation.

AFRAID OF CAPITAL.
Seattle, via Skagway, Dec. 23.—Miners holding grants from the U. S. government for claims at Nome have retained Jas. Hamilton Lewis to look out for their interests. This is done to prevent the wholesale granting of concessions to the big companies, applications for which are already pending before congress.

U. S. OFFICIALS INDICTED.
Seattle, via Skagway, Dec. 23.—Several U. S. officials at Malone have been indicted for accepting cash considerations for admitting Chinese contrary to the Geary exclusion law.

LIBERALS DEFEATED.
Winnipeg, via Skagway, Dec. 23.—Hon. J. McDonald, conservative, has been elected to parliament over Hon. Thos. Greenway, the government candidate.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"That is a pretty looking street," remarked a policeman to the Stroller a few days ago as the uniformed officer cast his eye along Third street from First to Third avenues, "why, if we do not take steps to prevent it, every street in the city will soon present the appearance of a long drawn out wood yard." The Stroller congratulated the "copper" on his having conceived an original idea.

It is a fact that the thoroughfares of the city are too much devoted to wood, and, in fact, plunder of all kinds. Some streets are now almost blockaded with old sleds, wagons, wood and various other obstructions, and an ordinance providing for clearing them and keeping them clear is in order from the council. Another to which the Stroller desires to call attention of the council is the abrupt termination of the sidewalk on Second avenue, immediately in the rear of the Fairview hotel. The walk leads up to a six foot jump off where it quits as suddenly as a stop clock. Either steps or a railing should be placed at the jumpoff at once, otherwise some closely hooded person is liable to take a step into space one of these dark nights or dense days with serious results.

The following was handed in to the office by a Canadian gentleman who, thoroughly appreciating the joke, desires the readers of the Nugget to join in the hilarity:

A Canadian lady writing her brother here, says: "Writing you is so uncertain and unsatisfactory. It is like putting it in a bottle and throwing it in the sea."

The man who "broke" the bank of Monte Carlo has a counterpart in Dawson,

so far as luck is concerned, but the counterpart is very short on nerve. As a plunger he has yet to learn the rudiments of the profession. On last Friday an unassuming looking young man sauntered up to the crap table in Sam Bonfield's club rooms in the Bank building and threw down a dollar.

For the benefit of our readers who are not "crapologists" we inform them that the numbers 7 and 11 always win in craps on the first throw. The young man's dollar won.

He slipped the winning into the interior realms of his pants, leaving the original dollar on the table. It is a fact which can be proven by several witnesses that for 32 consecutive throws the dollar won. A gentleman who took the time to apply the increasing series rule says that the result of mathematical computation show that had the player not removed his winnings from the table but had allowed them to lie and double with each throw of the dice he would have had, after the 32d throw, the enormous sum of \$2,367,296,000, the payment of which would probably have slightly embarrassed the house. Playing as he did, the fellow won but \$32, and is now trying to hire himself for a hitching post.

Big winnings were made from the faro table in Nigger Jim's Pavilion Saturday morning by a famous Skagway butcher named Riley and a man named Scroggins whom Riley staked to a stack of checks. The winnings of the two aggregated \$3150, and the face of that faro table was turned toward the floor the remainder of that day.

In view of the fact that the council is about to pass an ordinance compelling every man in anyway connected with a newspaper to register and give a full history of his life for the previous 12 months, the Stroller will just anticipate the desire of the council by giving the desired history. Within the past year the Stroller assisted in the lynching of three niggers, he scared birds from

their nests and destroyed the eggs he threw stones at his blind grandmother, he eloped with the funds of a Sunday school, he tied together the tails of a dog and cat and hung them on a clothes line to dry, he assisted in an amateur dramatic entertainment at which seven people died in self defence before the conclusion of the play; he whipped his wife with a trunk strop; he hired his only child, for five cents, to go to bed without her supper, and while the little one slept her moanings from the pangs of hunger being intense and frequent, he stealthily arose and stole the nickle. But his crowning act of self abandonment and degradation was his coming to a place where a body of supposedly intelligent men, chosen to preside over the destinies of a great and growing country, men whose previous acts, without blot or stain, have been emblazoned on the pages of their country's history, would for one moment entertain passing so ridiculous an ordinance.

The stroller congratulates several would-be stage performers in Dawson on the fact that eggs are now retailing at \$2 per dozen.

In Dawson's brief but widespread history many scions of noble families have taken the step that disgraces their parents, defies society and forever blights their own lives. But such is life in the broad white north, where the aurora borealis toys with the silvery clouds at midnight and mercury goes down to 70 below Swede creek.

The suggestion made by L. R. Fulda at the last meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade that the city be divided into fire wards and the number of the ward rung just after a general alarm is one which should be favorably acted upon at once. Such a rule would, in case a fire alarm is sounded, save a great deal of inquiry, wild running hither and thither and a large amount of "rubbering." Chief Stewart, what is your opinion?

That recalls to my mind the way Pete Barlow caught the gang in Butte," said Maxie to a circle of local sports who were discussing the famous tricks which the fraternity had perpetrated on each other.

"Barlow was one of the most quiet and unassuming cusses I ever met, and the last man in the world you would suspect of putting up a job. We had got in the habit of betting on anything, such as that the next man on the street would have whiskers, even money or four to one he wore an overcoat or that the lady crossing the street would go north and so on.

"Peter seemed to take an interest in the game until one day a miner was seen coming down the street with his dinner pail in his hand, whereupon Barlow offered a long shot that he would stop on the next corner. One of the boys bet forty to ten he would not. Strangely enough he did stop.

"Then Barlow offered at the same odds \$50 he would climb the telegraph pole near which he was standing. The money was covered in a rush. No sooner was the money up than the miner dropped his dinner pail and climbed the pole, resting about half way up. Barlow then offered even money he would climb to the top of the pole, stand on his head and wave an American flag. Then he offered to bet he would climb down and dance a jig or pull a bunch of celery from his left hip pocket, or a brick, or that he had no stockings on the left foot and two on the right or the opposite—two on the left and one on the right. Well, he won all kinds of money. All he had to do was to make the bet and the money was his. "I found out how the trick was done ten years afterwards. You see, the miner was hired by Barlow for the occasion and when Barlow made the bet he would—' But Maxie saw the Stroller rubbering and refused to say another word, so the readers of the Nugget, like the Stroller, will have to make a guess as to how Pete Barlow worked the game.

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