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## WOMEN ARMED

**A Corps of Boer Amazons Will Defend the Capital of the Boers.**

**MANY OF THEM ARE GOOD SHOTS.**

**The Garrison at Mafeking Has Not Yet Been Relieved.**

**BETS MADE ON THE END.**

**London Thinks the War Will Be Finished Before the Middle of May.**

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Dispatches from Cape Town announce that a corps of 2000 Boer women has been formed at Pretoria to assist in the defense of the town. The women are uniformed with kilts and number in their ranks many who are skilled in marksmanship. They are armed with the latest improved rifles.

### Not Relieved.

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—The reports received here on the 16th that the relief of Mafeking had been accomplished are now stated to be incorrect. The town is still under siege, but it is believed that the garrison is not suffering as much as has been stated in previous reports.

### Will Soon End.

London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Bets are freely offered that the Transvaal war will be completed before the middle of May. The Daily News publishes dispatches from the front which predict that the war will end as soon as Roberts is able to cover the distance between Bloemfontein and Pretoria. The Boers are gradually losing hope and it is anticipated that no serious resistance will be offered until Pretoria is reached. The educated Boers fully realize the impossibility of the war being pushed to a successful issue and are importuning the government to bring hostilities to a close. They express a willingness to submit to the inevitable.

### New Foundland Won't Join.

Ottawa, March 21, via Skagway, March 26.—Another effort is being made by the government to induce New Foundland to join the confederation. There is small hope of the movement succeeding.

### Mr. Wilson En Route.

Skagway, March 26.—James M. Wilson, of the A. C. Co., arrived here on Saturday en route to Dawson over the ice. Mr. Wilson has just returned from an extended trip through the eastern cities of the United States and Canada. While at Ottawa he consulted

the officials concerning the royalty. He is of the opinion that no reduction will be made during the present session of parliament. He states that in all probability a general election will take place in Canada during the coming June.

### Maya Indians Defeated.

Oaxca, Mexico, March 7.—News has reached here of another hard fight between a force of about 300 Maya Indians and 1000 government troops. A battle took place near the town of Aguada. Col. Gonzales, who is a member of President Diaz' personal staff, was in command of the troops which made the attack upon the Indians. The Mayas were strongly entrenched and were driven from their positions by a terrible fire, which was poured in upon them from an advantageous position. Thirty seven Indians were killed and a large number wounded. Three soldiers were killed. Over 300 guns which were thrown away by the Indians in their flight before the government troops were afterward picked up by the latter.

### Labor Riot in Chicago.

Chicago, March 8.—Labor troubles culminated in a riot at Thirty-sixth and Wallace streets this evening. William Schindler was shot and probably fatally wounded, and six others were injured.

Joseph Walsh, foreman for the Link Belt Machinery Company, and H. K. McLain, superintendent of the same company, were attacked by strikers. For some time the strikers have followed Walsh and McLain every night when they left the shop, and have threatened to kill them.

Tonight some one threw a club at Walsh, striking him in the back of the head. He accused Schindler, and when the latter denied it, a fight followed. A crowd of strikers gathered around, and Walsh, believing his life was in danger, shot Schindler in the breast.

A general fight followed the shooting of Schindler, and the strikers to the number of 40 made an attack upon Walsh and McLain and four others who were with them. Although badly pounded up, they managed to hold their own, and beat off their assailants until the arrival of the police. Walsh was placed under arrest.

### Not Now in Politics.

Indianapolis, March 8.—The News this afternoon says: "It is stated by intimate friends of Gen. Harrison that he is chagrined that his name should be so freely used in the newspapers of the country in connection with public questions now under consideration. Efforts to make it appear that he is planning to step forward as the anti-administration leader, with the hope that he may be called on to become a candidate for president is, it is said, especially distasteful. His friends say he has not the slightest desire to re-enter politics, and that all reference to his political aspirations are gratuitous."

"A gentleman who is near the former president used this statement today: 'You may say that if Harrison had any thought of re-entering politics, which he has not, he would not make his appearance by criticising the administration.'"

### Toronto News.

Toronto, March 7.—At a meeting of the Canadian Mining Association this morning J. B. Tyrrell, the well known government engineer who has been through the Yukon territory gave an interesting address on his impressions of that country. He declared the gold district would last for 20 years and said he thought the government would soon abolish the royalty which at present causes friction among miners.

At the court of queen's bench today James Baxter and Ferdinand Lemieux were arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to rob the Ville Marie bank of \$400,000, and pleaded not guilty. Baxter also pleaded not guilty to the charge of aiding Herbert to escape arrest. Lemieux, to the charge of having robbed the bank of \$173,000, pleaded not guilty. To the charges of conspiracy Lemieux and Fellows pleaded not guilty. The trials are fixed for next week.

## LOCAL CONTROL

**Discussed With Reference to the Town of Dawson and Its Civic Affairs.**

**RESIDENTS WOULD ASSUME DEBTS**

**Without Receiving Their Proportionate Share of Revenues.**

**GOV. OGILVIE INTERVIEWED.**

**The Police Department and Police Court Would Remain Under Territorial Control.**

A year ago last fall the incorporation of Dawson was seriously considered. A committee representing the citizens of the city consulted, in reference to the matter, with the Yukon council, and the members of that body expressed a willingness to grant a municipal form of government. After all the initial preparations had been made, it was learned that the proposed civic government would have no right to levy or collect taxes; and consequently it would have been impossible to obtain sufficient revenue to pay the expenses of municipal maintenance. Then, the idea was abandoned.

Recently an ordinance has been passed at Ottawa authorizing the Yukon council to tax residents in order to meet local expenditures. This right of taxation can be conferred by the council upon a municipal government, if one were to be formed by the inhabitants of Dawson. A civil charter can be readily secured now. All the members of the council would favor a petition of residents asking for municipal government, but it is not likely that the property owners would support such a petition.

At the present time all the revenues derived from timber, land and mineral goes to the federal treasury at Ottawa; of course the mineral department includes the different offices over which the gold commissioner and assistant commissioner have control. The municipality would not be entitled to nor would it receive any of these revenues.

The moneys which are derived from liquor permits, licenses and court fines accrue to the local government, and are used to defray the expenses which are incurred in the conduct of governmental affairs. If Dawson were incorporated, the municipality would have no right to the revenues which would be derived from the issuance of liquor permits; to the city would be given a share of the moneys derived from licenses; but the police department, including the police court, would remain under the control of the territorial government, that is, the Yukon council. Thus it will be seen that the only income of the city would be a portion of the revenue derived from licenses. The obligations which it would be required to assume are the support of the sick and indigent, the maintenance of the fire department, the care of the streets, the construction of a sewerage system, and the salaries of civic officers. The money required to pay for all these expenses aggregate a large sum. Even now, with the revenues which accrue to the local government, the Yukon council is overdrawn at the bank to the extent of \$30,000. The hospitals would require annual appropriations of about \$40,000, which the city would be obliged to make; it would cost about \$50,000 a year to maintain the fire department; and to keep the streets and alleys in good condition, would necessitate a yearly expense of \$15,000. In addition to these expenditures, there would be the original cost of a sewerage system, and its maintenance after construction. The only possible manner in which the city could secure enough money to de-

fray the expenses of civic government would be taxation, and the rates would be necessarily high.

Commissioner Ogilvie was interviewed respecting the matter of municipal government.

"Would the council favor the immediate incorporation of Dawson, if a general desire for the same should be expressed by property owners?" was asked of the governor.

"I do not think the council would have the right to refuse incorporation if it should be demanded; and I am of the opinion that all the members of the board are disposed to grant a civic charter to Dawson, if the citizens so desire," was the answer.

"In the event of incorporation would a citizenship qualification be required for voters," was inquired.

"That would be a discretionary matter," responded the commissioner, "which would be arranged by the citizens' committee and the council."

"Would the municipality have control of the fire and police departments?"

"The city would maintain and manage its own fire department; but in regard to the department of police, the charter would probably provide that it remain as it is constituted at present. Personally, I would make every endeavor to exclude the management of the police affairs from the municipal officers, as long as the N. W. M. P. force is stationed at Dawson."

"If the city should be denied the control of the police department, would the police court fines accrue to the municipal treasury?"

"No," the governor replied. "Such fines would go to the territorial government's treasury."

"Would the municipality have control of the liquor licenses and revenues derived from the same?"

"The moneys, which would be derived from the issuance of whisky permits would accrue to the territorial government; but a portion of the revenue, realized from licenses, would be given to the city."

"How much time would be required before an incorporation ordinance could be placed in effect?"

"That is a matter which would depend upon the course of the citizens. The council is ready to act at any time."

Property holders can realize that all the expenses of a municipal government would be assumed immediately after the issuance of a civic charter; but that the principal revenues would be retained by the territorial government. The plan of incorporation to which the council would agree savors of the legend that is related of the Indian and white man, who went on a hunting expedition. The white man shot a buzzard, and the Indian killed a turkey. When the time arrived to divide the game, both wanted the turkey, and considerable argument ensued. Finally the white man said "I'll tell you what I'll do. You take the buzzard and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the buzzard."

### Recent Arrivals in Dawson.

Within the past few days many people have arrived in Dawson from the outside. On Sunday, W. M. Downs, H. P. Powers, Chris Nuapstine, C. P. Dolan, and Mrs. C. P. Dolan, comprised a party from Chicago which reached this city. Captain P. R. Ritchie, of the C. D. Co., who has been visiting in London, arrived this morning. Among others who came in town today are Henry Berry and his wife, from Fresno, Cal.; J. L. Boyd, of Fresno; Jacques Hess, of Seattle; M. Donovan, of Salt Lake City; G. A. Wanger and wife, M. Pelz and Alexander Ranks, of San Francisco.

Mr. Berry reports that he and his party made the trip from Skagway in 12 days. He said: "The trail is in fair condition. James McNamee is on the way towards Dawson, and will probably be here tomorrow or next day. The 'Oregon Jew' and his wife are about 24 hours behind me. There are in the neighborhood of 200 people on the trail at the present time. Times are good in the States; and there is great excitement about the Nome district. However, I am glad to be back in the Klondike."

### Veal, Sausage and Eggs.

A gentleman who reached Dawson from the outside late Saturday evening brought with him 1600 pounds of choice veal, 500 pounds of pork sausage and 58 cases of fresh eggs. As veal and sausage are something of a delicacy here at the present time it is probable that he will find a fair market, but for eggs the outlook is not so flattering. When the latter reach a price above \$1 per dozen they are looked upon as a dispensable luxury even here where it is usually supposed there is nothing too good nor too high priced for the people.

Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store. The Star Clothing House, A. S. Levine, manager, announces that until further notice he will sell spring suits for \$15, hats, all styles, \$3.

## FIRE IN PARIS

**Destroys the Theater Francaise, a Most Popular Playhouse.**

**Mlle. Henriot Lost Her Life.**

**Building Just Reopened After Renovation for Exposition.**

**PLAYRIGHT M. SARDOU WEPT.**

**Investigation Reveals Facts Showing the Fire to Be of Incendiary Origin.**

Paris, March 8.—The famous theater Francaise has been destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about noon, but was not discovered immediately, and the theater was burning fiercely before the fire brigade got to work. Even then the appliances were quite inadequate to cope with the conflagration, and by 1:20 p. m. the entire building was a roaring furnace. The dense column of smoke arising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris, the Theatre Francaise being regarded as a national institution. The theater, which is the home of the Comedie Francaise, was only reopened a fortnight ago, after having been renovated for the exposition throughs expected to visit Paris during the year.

A rehearsal of a comedy which was billed for the matinee had just concluded when the fire broke out.

Indeed, two actresses, Mme. Dudley and Mlle. Henriot, were still on the stage when an electric wire fused, and a spark catching the scenery, the whole stage was soon in flames. Mme. Dudley had to be rescued in costume and let down from a window.

M. Sardou, the playwright, arrived on the scene at about 1 o'clock and burst into tears when he saw the building was doomed. A part of the dome collapsed at 2:30 p. m.

The Theatre Francaise stood near the Palais Royal, and occupied the highest rank among the theaters of France.

During the day the charred corpse of a woman was found in the ruins. It was identified as that of Mlle. Henriot, who was a promising young actress.

After examination the belief is expressed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

### A Busy Thoroughfare.

A young man whose time is not bringing him large returns every hour, took a position at a point on Front between Second and Third streets Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock and for one hour kept close count of all passers by. He states that during that hour 607 men, 34 women and 27 children passed his post of observation. He does not think he counted the same person more than one time except perhaps in a few cases. During the same time 31 horses, 15 mules and 92 dogs passed either up or down the street. Only two of the men showed the effects of drink.

### Sempie's Gleaner.

On his return from the outside three days ago, Jake Kline brought with him a copy of the Seattle issue of Sempie's Sunday Gleaner. It has not been our distinguished privilege to peruse the production, but the information that it is a "warm number" has been duly received.

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