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## 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.

Ladysmith, Jan. 29, by runner via Frere 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.

#### Enthusiastic Australians.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 27.—An intensely enthusiastic crowd, which is estimated to have numbered 300,000 persons, bore Godspeed to the New South Wales section of the second Aus-

tralian 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.

#### 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.

#### Last Night's Benefit.

The concert and entertainment, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Boer war, was given at the Palace Grand theater last night. An excellent program of 15 numbers was well rendered. A large audience was in attendance. All the boxes were rented, and the promoters of the entertainment are to be congratulated on the financial, as well as the artistic success of the affair. The following is the excellent program which was rendered:

PROGRAM	
Medley	Y. F. F. Band
Song	Corporal Cook
Recitation	Miss Ross
Song	Mr. Thompson
Physical drill	Yukon Field Force
Song	Mr. Boyle
Tambour	Tenning Light
Bayonet exercise	Yukon Field Force
Song	Q. M. Sergt. Harris
Selection	Y. F. F. Band
Bagpipe selection and sword dance	Messrs. Taylor and D. L. Macdonald
Song	Mr. Macdonald
The Absent-Minded Begonia	Miss Jessie Perry
Song	Mrs. Dutton
Tableau	Britannia
God save the Queen	

#### Assistant Gold Commissioner Arrives.

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell and Mr. R. J. Hilbeck, sheriff of the Yukon territory, arrived in Dawson this noon. The commissioner made the trip with a horse and sled. Sheriff Hilbeck had a team of dogs. The gen-

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lemen 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 Trenneman, 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 McCain.

#### 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 50 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.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

W. D. Mallen is registered at the Fairview.

L. E. Miller of No. 2 Eldorado, is visiting the city.

J. Godhead, W. Dums, and W. F. Macklin left yesterday for Cape Nome. They were provided with nine dogs, divided into three teams.

#### Judge Senkler Dead.

Gold Commissioner Senkler has received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred ten days ago at the old family home in St. Catharines, near Niagara Falls, Ontario. For many years deceased, who was a barrister of recognized ability, had served his country in the capacity of district court judge. He was widely known and generally esteemed throughout Ontario.

#### Weather Report.

The minimum temperature last night was 41 degrees below zero.

At 3 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.

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### 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 Leroy mine at Rosland. 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 Bratnober, 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 let 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.

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