

# THE KLONDIKE NUGGET.

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## DISASTROUS TO BRITISH

### Gen. Buller Meets Heavy Losses at Tugela River.

#### MOST SEVERE ENGLISH DEFEAT SINCE THE INDIAN MUTINY.

#### Post Near Mafeking Bombarded Many Hours, With Heavy Losses to the British.

#### Position of British Troops Grows Daily More Perilous—Fifteen Transports With 15,000 Arms Soon to Arrive at Cape Town.—Aguinaldo Flees in Disguise.—Powers of Attorney Don't Go at Nome.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 26.—Late reliable war news give details of the most disastrous defeat of Gen. Buller by Boers at Tugela river while attempting to force two fords. Being taken completely by surprise, Gen. Buller's troops were repulsed and driven back, the death list being enormous, the exact number not being yet known, but it will run into the hundreds. Only two of 15 British guns were saved, the others being captured by the enemy. The British lost all their horses. This is by far the greatest defeat since the Indian mutiny, and additional reports are that the situation to our men is daily and hourly becoming more perilous. If the British troops can hold out a short time longer, then is the end of the trouble in sight, as 15 transports with 15,000 troops of all arms are due to arrive at Capetown at any time after December 27th, although it is feared their arrival may possibly be delayed ten days longer or two weeks from that time. The bombardment of Ladysmith is still going on with but little change in the situation, which has been one of peril since its commencement.

#### BRITISH DEFEAT.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 26.—Malapa, a short distance west of Mafeking, was bombarded December 11th. For several hours the fighting was very sharp on both sides. On the night of December 10th the Boers attacked a British post at Mafeking but were repulsed after a severe engagement. Gen. Cronje reports that the fighting on the 11th continued from early in the forenoon until 6 o'clock in the evening, and that his troops suffered heavily, the missing, either killed or wounded, being fully 200 men.

#### QUEEN PROSTRATED.

London, via Skagway, Dec. 26.—The queen is completely prostrated as the result of the news from South Africa.

#### AGUINALDO FLEES IN DISGUISE.

Washington, via Skagway, Dec. 26.—The situation in the Philippines has materially changed and the American troops are meeting with but little oppo-

sition. Aguinaldo has fled in disguise, his fighting spirit having deserted him. It is thought further bloodshed in that quarter can now be averted.

#### NOME BEACH CLAIMS.

Washington, via Skagway, Dec. 26.—Congress has been asked to provide that license be issued for beach mining at Nome and that miners be allowed to locate beach claims. It is asked that the claims be 50 feet wide and extend from the water at low tide back to the outer edge of the beach. A strong petition has been sent and is now before congress asking that powers of attorney be not recognized in the Nome district. There is a strong probability that the petition will be granted and that all claims staked and recorded under power of attorney will be canceled.

#### NUGGET EXPRESS EN ROUTE.

Skagway, Dec. 26.—The Nugget Express for Dawson left here Saturday in charge of Tritton.

#### Presto, Change.

The Opera house theatre has again changed hands, Messrs. Woodburn and Sutton retiring and Harry Woolrich succeeding to the proprietorship. Under the new control John Mulligan has been elected to the position of stage manager.

#### Notice.

All persons indebted to the late Andy Young for newspaper subscriptions or on other accounts are requested to call at the office of W. H. P. Clement, public administrator and pay same.

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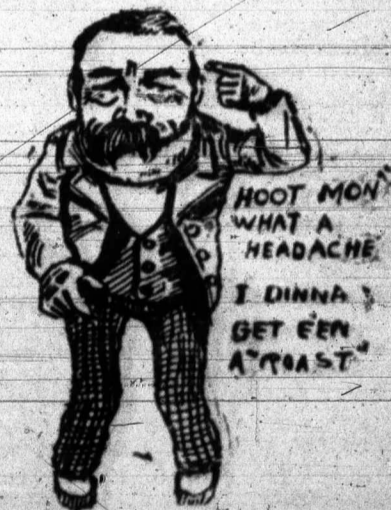
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## THE BAZAAR IS NOW OPEN.

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#### The Most Successful Undertaking of the Kind That Dawson Has Seen—Details of the Opening Night.

There was a sound of revelry by night. And Yukon's Capital had gathered there her Sourdoughs and Cheechakos. Had Byron himself dropped into the Palace Grand on Saturday night there is no doubt in the world but he would have felt inspired to turn loose the unrestrained currents of his genius and immortalize the St. Mary's bazaar as he immortalized the festivities that preceded the battle of Waterloo.

The bazaar opened amid a blaze of glory that presages well for the success of the enterprise upon which Dawson's estimable and philanthropic ladies have expended such a wealth of energy.

The handsomely decorated building is a revelation to everyone who attended. Beautiful festoons carried around the entire building hang in graceful folds from the boxes. Tempting arrays of various dainty bric-a-brac, as well as large assortments of useful articles of every conceivable description greet the onlooker at every hand. Myriads of electric lights cast a brilliant glow over the scene which resembles more a picture from fairyland than a scene in the icebound metropolis of the Yukon.

The program for the opening night was carried out most successfully. The gypsy dance under the direction of Mrs. Hill, was given with an artistic touch that showed clearly the results of weeks of hard and earnest practice. The twelve little girls with their bright costumes and graceful movements made a picture most pleasing to the eye of the spectator.

Miss Blossom favored those present with several choice vocal selections and she was repeatedly and deservedly encored.

The various booths with their tempting wares, displayed to catch the eye of the possible purchaser, did a thriving business. The fish pond was kept busy during the entire evening, although it is stated that there will be no decrease in the quantity of fish so long as the fishers remain in evidence.

During the entire evening every available foot of space in the big building was occupied and not until the lights were turned low, indicating the arrival of midnight, was any indication of a desire to disperse manifested on the part of those who attended.

At 11 o'clock dancing was announced and to the inspiring strains of the Yukon Field force orchestra those who were so inclined enjoyed themselves in the art of terpsichorean.

"The Paystreak," the official organ of the bazaar, was very much in evidence and sold in a manner that indicated clearly that it had taken well.

The imminent success which has crowned the efforts of those in charge of the bazaar thus far in its career is due in a large measure to the great care with which selections of persons to perform certain specific duties and work were selected.

The officers and those in charge of the many booths are:

Ladies' general committee—Honorable president, Madame Dugas; president, Madame Starnes; vice-president, Mrs. D. W. Davis; secretary, Mrs. Hammell; treasurer, Mrs. Cahill.

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