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## RECEIVED BY WIRE BRITISH TRAPPED AGAIN

### Led to Believe They Were Attacking a Small Force.

### BOERS, IN STRONG POSITION, INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES.

### What the London Papers Have to Say About the War Situation.

### Buller Is Yet Confronted By Many Difficulties—The Nature of the Ground Is Against Him—Juneau to Be the Alaskan Capital—O'Brien Refuses to Talk—Another Man Said to Have Disappeared—Gus Darmour Ar- rives in Skagway and Reports Richard's Disappearance.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 30.—A dispatch from Capetown under date of Jan. 22 says: The English forces under Warren have attacked Speenkwof, which was defended by only a small force of Boers. A desperate defense was maintained, however, the Boer shells inflicting heavy damage in the British ranks. The English losses, considering the fact that the enemy were in such small numbers, were heavy, several hundred men being killed and wounded.

A later dispatch states that the English were led into a trap, having been assured that the garrison numbered only a few men, whereas, in fact, the Boers nearly equalled their opponents in strength. Since the engagement occurred the Boers have brought up heavy artillery and are making preparations to withstand a protracted siege. The position has important strategic advantages of which the Boers are fully aware and which they propose to avail themselves to the most advantage.

#### The London Papers.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 30.—The papers, although taking a hopeful view of the situation, yet display a conviction that important difficulties are yet to be overcome and that the British forces have the worst yet before them. The Times says that Buller still has a task before him, calling for continuous and dogged persistence and untiring effort. It dwells at length upon the methods of warfare employed by the Boers and points out how the peculiarities of the country which Buller is traversing are all in favor of the enemy.

"Buller's difficulties will increase as the situation develops," is the manner in which the situation is summed up.

There is a general disposition to suspend discussion until further progress has been made.

#### Buller Approaching Ladysmith.

London, via Skagway, Jan. 30.—Buller is proceeding cautiously, but is gradually drawing in upon Ladysmith. British outriders have encountered detached Boer troops but no engagement

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of serious consequence has taken place. The battle will not be hastily precipitated. Reports from Ladysmith indicate that the defending forces are well taken care of and are confident of early relief.

#### Juneau to Be the Capital.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Jan. 30.—The bill introduced in the senate removing the capital of Alaska from Sitka to Juneau has been returned with a favorable recommendation and will in all probability become a law. The bill will meet with opposition from individuals and companies with interests at Sitka.

#### Searching for Clayson.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—The family of the missing Fred Clayson are determined to press the search for the dead man until the manner of his death, provided he is dead, is discovered. Will Clayson, who as reported in a dispatch yesterday, has offered the sum of \$1000 as a reward for the return of his brother, dead or alive, is perfecting arrangements here now for searching the bed of the river in the vicinity of the place where Clayson is known to have disappeared, as soon as the ice breaks. The man O'Brien, who was arrested on suspicion of the murder, is still confined at Tagish and refuses to say a word. There are a number of suspicious circumstances connecting him with the disappearance of Clayson.

#### Another Missing Man.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—Gus Darmour just out from the interior reports that another man has recently disappeared from the neighborhood of Minto. The last man's name is said to be Richards. He was last seen about two weeks ago.

#### War Cost Speculation.

London, Jan. 14.—Nobody knows what the present war has cost up to date. No one will know, either, until the spring of 1901—that is accurately. Not until that time will it be possible to gather together the disbursements of each of the multitude of different departments.

When payment is made, the funds probably will be raised by means of a uniform tax, and of this tax the Boers will have to stand their full share, and perhaps more, too. Britain claims that they brought on the war and that they ought to pay for a good deal of it. The Transvaal is rich in its gold fields, and although one of the constant complaints

of its inhabitants has been that the taxes on these fields is excessive, the chancellor of the exchequer steadfastly believes that, under a pure and equitable administration of its public affairs, the Transvaal, besides supporting its own government, could furnish appreciable assistance toward the payment of the new floating war debt. However, although no one is worrying over the payment of the war bill at present, when the time for its consideration comes, short swift work will be made of it. It is definitely known that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach hopes it may be paid off in the year following next year—1901.

If, however, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach had thought it wise to make an increase of the income tax it would have been by no means the first time that an action of this kind has been taken in an emergency brought about by war.

#### The Stampede to Nome.

The stampede to Nome has commenced in earnest. Despite the inclement weather, irrespective of the fact that the trail is long and difficult, there has not been a day during the past week that has not witnessed the departure from Dawson of several parties, who, undaunted by the stories of hardships to be endured, will attempt to reach the famous gold diggings of Alaska before the river breaks. A trip of 1300 miles long at this season of the year is a hazardous undertaking. There are stretches of the trail 300 miles long where it is impossible to secure accommodations, and where adventurous travelers will be compelled to haul sufficient provisions to feed themselves and their dogs. Most of those who have started recently have been supplied with good dog teams, but a few have left with a small sled which they pulled themselves. It is extremely doubtful if this latter class will arrive at their destination before next summer.

Within the past few days, several large parties have departed, and this fact, together with the favorable weather, has given an impetus to the stampede. Possibly, some will reach Nome from Dawson before the river flows, but those who contemplate making the trip over the ice, should have good dogs and considerable money.

This morning John Harrison and his brother, Eugene Hoover, Charles Simpson and Stanley Scarce, left Dawson with two dog teams. They expect to reach Nome in 45 days. They have excellent animals, four of which they purchased from Tom Chisholm.

Robert L. Burnam and wife, known to theater goers in Dawson under the stage name of "Sid," will leave for the Alaskan camp. They will be accompanied by J. Lindsay. Their plans are to start in the morning.

Many of those who contemplated leaving Dawson the latter end of February, have modified their arrangements, and will start next week.

During the month of February there will be a continual string of stampedees along the lower Yukon.

## FATAL TRAIN WRECK!

### On the White Pass and Yukon Railway.

### ALL TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED

### No Communication Between Ben- nett and Skagway.

### Trains Are Not Running and There Is No Trail to the Summit—Skag- way Is Full of Klondikers and Nomads—Taking Down the Tram.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—The most serious accident that has yet occurred on the White Pass & Yukon railway since the line has been in operation occurred yesterday afternoon. The accident took place on a sharp curve in the track and resulted from the breaking of a coupling iron. The only passengers aboard were a number of Indians who were riding on the caboose. The caboose was completely overturned, killing one of the Indians, mortally injuring another and seriously injuring six others. The injured are being cared for in Skagway.

#### Full of Klondikers.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—Skagway is full of Klondikers and men who claim to be bound for Nome. The heavy snow fall has completely stopped traffic between Bennett and Skagway, the railway being entirely blocked and no trail as yet having been opened to the summit. The railroad company is having the Dyer tramway taken down. What disposition will be made of the tram has not as yet been determined.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

Marten Hems is a guest at the Flannery Hotel.

Harry Say and wife are registered at the Hotel McDonald.

T. O. Linzey is in town on business. He is at the Flannery.

John Nelson is among the guests at the recently opened Fairview hotel.

E. M. Gilbertson, of No. 16 Eldorado, is stopping at the McDonald.

James Tweed of No. 7 above on Bonanza, is in town on matters of business.

Thomas Jones departed this morning for the outside. He is provided with a good dog team.

C. H. Oram, a miner on No. 77 below on Bonanza, is visiting the city. He is registered at the Flannery.

Henry Leithner and Hans Friese are visitors in the city, and will remain here for the rest of the week.

#### Weather Report.

During last night the minimum temperature registered by the barracks thermometer was 11 degrees below zero.

This morning at 9 o'clock the instrument rose to 8 degrees below, since which time there has been no material variation.

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### BRITISH PRESTIGE AT STAKE.

The civilized world is watching with bated breath the drama now being enacted in the Transvaal. There are matters at stake in this war far greater than the mere question of granting a foreigner the right to vote, or the mere decision as to what proportion of taxation that foreigner shall be compelled to pay toward the maintenance of the government under which, for the time being, he happens to live.

The prime matter which is involved in this struggle for the Transvaal is the extension or suspension of British power in South Africa. With the power of the Boers eliminated from consideration, there will be little or nothing to stand in the way of the realization of Cecil Rhodes' magnificent ideas of a British-African power. Rhodes' Cape to Cairo railroad scheme once successfully accomplished, will place the seal of British sovereignty over a large portion of the African continent for an indefinite length of time. It will mean that as the dominant power in the dark continent Great Britain will practically hold in her own hands the determination of the lines upon which the redemption of Africa from a condition of darkness and savagery is to be worked out.

On the other hand, should the war in the Transvaal result adversely to British arms, the foothold already gained will be badly weakened and further extension of British power in South Africa will be confined to theories worked out on paper for a great many years to come.

Not only this; there would be what might be termed a reflective effect of such defeat experienced in every corner of the globe where British authority is recognized today. In short the prestige of British power and British arms is at stake in this little war in the Transvaal.

The government fully realizes the situation and has determined that British prestige shall be maintained, let the cost be what it may. This accounts for the presence at this moment of 120,000 men in South Africa and the expenditure of four hundred millions of money for war purposes. The price which Britain will pay will be heavy, but the end can not be said to be very much in doubt.

The dispatches today indicate a continuance of the feeling of depression which has prevailed in England for some time past. The war evidently is not considered as being won by any means. Public interest and hope is now centered on Buller's movements, but at the same time there is a feeling that Buller may be running into dangers which cannot be easily foreseen. The Times sounds a note of warning in reminding the public of the

tactics pursued in battle by the Boers, and in referring to the peculiarities of the ground where the fighting will take place. The statement that Buller's difficulties will increase as the situation develops is significant. It means that as the British forces advance into the enemy's country they will encounter unknown obstacles which may seriously affect the result. Developments will be anxiously awaited.

Our esteemed contemporary of boiler plate fame is out with a brand new market report. This new edition of prevailing Dawson market values shows a distinct advance in prices from those which appeared in the News' previous report. Chickens, for instance, have advanced, according to the veracious News "grub" editor, from \$1.50 each to \$1.25 per pound, which ought to satisfy any of the local market men who are long on hens. The question, however, naturally arises in the mind of the reader which of the reports can be believed, or is he safe in believing either. If people were investing heavily on the strength of the News market reports there probably would be several howls heard from Rome.

In so far as the construction of railroads is concerned the valley of the Yukon river offers advantages far superior to those of most countries of similar latitude. In the entire distance from the summit of White Pass to Dawson there are no lofty mountain ranges to be crossed and nothing to be feared from heavy precipitations of snow. The extension of the railroad down the river to the Yukon metropolis will therefore be a matter comparatively easy of accomplishment as soon as the development of the country has progressed sufficiently to justify the increased outlay on the part of the railway company.

Seattle will reap an almost undisputed harvest from the Nome business. Sailing dates are already announced for a number of boats and preparations for the accommodation of a rush greater by several times than the Klondike migration are being made. Nome will be a show worth seeing even if the hunter for the elusive gold gets nothing for his efforts. Meanwhile the Queen City of the coast is forging ahead with an ever increasing momentum that sooner or later will force San Francisco to look well to her laurels.

Who ever saw the front of a postoffice building given over to the indiscriminate use of the public for bill board purposes. The postoffice of Dawson looks like a public auction establishment so completely is it plastered over with advertising notices. There are notices offering for sale every conceivable object from a walamute dog to a complete thawing plant. The use of the postoffice building for such purposes may serve a certain degree of public utility, but it also acts as a distinct shock upon the nerves of a great many people.

The noon day cannon idea was an idea which may well be placed among those things which happen by reason of inspiration. Now, if a little more powder could be had so that some of us who live more than 100 yards away from the point where the artillery is located, could occasionally hear the echoes from the noonday report, another great stride in the noble work of

civilizing this Yukon wilderness would be made.

### The Boer at War.

The Boer is born with a gun over his shoulder. It may be an old Martini Henry, an Enfield, or even a Brown Bess, that is more dangerous to the man at the trigger than to the object aimed at, or it may be a magazine Lee-Netford, that he does not understand, or a Winchester repeater that he is afraid of. Best of all, however, he loves his trusty Roeler, to which he has been used for many years. He makes excellent shooting, too, particularly at a moving object. In the Transvaal there have been continual native troubles and uprisings, and in this way the Boer obtains a knowledge of warfare.

The older generations, of course, remember Majuba, Laing's Nek, Ingogo, Brokhorst, Spruit, and all the horrible business, and some of them to this day retain their old guns, with a notch in the stock for every "rooinek" or Englishman that they allege they shot. Their process of going to war is simple enough. They have no clothes to change, no uniform to don. They fill their bandolier, or cartridge belt, put a piece of biltong in their pocket, mount their horse and ride off. Nothing could be more simple. Biltong, it should be explained, is sun-dried venison, shredded into strips, and wonderfully nourishing and sustaining. The Boers when out on the veldt live on it for weeks at a time and apparently thrive thereon.

When taking the field the Boers harass themselves with no cumbersome commissariat or ambulance wagon. Everything is left to chance, and it is truly wonderful how they manage to escape all manner of horrible dangers. If they get wounded they hie them to the nearest farm house, where they are tended until they get well. If they get shot, well, it is the will of God—their friends bury them, all is over. A sort of fatalism possesses them, which must act as a life insurance when bullets are flying about.

### Banquet to D. C. MacKenzie.

A very enjoyable time was had by those who attended the banquet tendered to Mr. D. C. MacKenzie at the Hotel McDonald last night. Mr. MacKenzie has been here for some time as the representative of several Canadian commercial houses, and will depart for the outside during the present week. The affair was arranged by a few of the gentleman's friends. There were present about 40 guests, among whom were Messrs. D. C. MacKenzie, Alex McDonald, George Carpenter, Frank J. McDougal, Woodworth, George, Morrison, Williams, J. F. Macdonald, Colin Macdonald, Leonard, Harry Edwards, McLeod, Milne, Buchannan, Davidson, McIsaac, McAlpine, Campbell, McIntosh, Byrne, Berry, Ralph, Johansen, Say, May, Postmaster Hartman and Dr. Duncan.

After the feasting, Dr. Duncan, acting as toastmaster, arose and offered a toast to the Queen.

"The President of the United States," was responded to by Mr. C. Milne.

Mr. Davidson responded to "Our Guest."

Among the other speakers were Messrs. Woodworth, George, Carpenter, Morrison, Alex McDonald, McAlpine, Johansen and McDougal. The subjects were "The boys at the front," "The Press," "The mining industry," "the ladies," "The professions," and "The commercial industries of the Yukon."

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### Notice to Creditors.

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the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at the City of Ottawa this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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## WISH THEMSELVES BACK

### Says Judge Morford of Many Who Go to Nome.

#### Fortymile Country Rich in Gold Deposits, But Awaits Prospectors—Concerning Jack Wade.

Judge Morford was in a communicative frame of mind yesterday evening when met by a Daily Nugget representative. He said, however that he had not then closed a deal with Captain Benis for the latter's claim, No. 4 on Jack Wade, but there is a whole lot of fine property on Jack Wade.

Judge Morford has spent many years in mining countries, but he is not a Nome enthusiast. He believes the Nome country to be rich in mineral deposit to a limited extent, but he can not reconcile himself to the belief that there is a fortune there for all who may go, or, in fact, for one in every ten who are now making that wind swept terminal their Mecca.

"Mark my words" continued the judge, "there are many persons—yes, hundreds of them—now sacrificing holdings elsewhere to go to Nome who will wish themselves back, or in any other place except Nome before snow flies next fall. In my opinion, the man who owns property in this country will do well to stay with it and develop it. There is lots of gold here which has never yet seen the light of day and it will remain where it is until some enterprising man goes after it by delving into the bowels of the earth. I have unbounded faith in the richness of the Fortymile country and there are creeks there other than Jack Wade, but they have not yet been prospected. In fact, Jack Wade has not been prospected yet. A few holes have been sunk from which good pay was taken, but litigation arose and everything was stopped short. Colors indicating immense wealth were found on the benches and hills, and everybody rushed out to them, but owing to the lateness of the season it was impossible to even intelligently prospect the benches and hills.

And yet, the Fortymile country will be practically depopulated owing to the fact that everybody in that district is confidently of the opinion that a fortune awaits them at Nome. I hope they may all do well, but in my opinion, the man who is now in the Fortymile country will do well to stay there, but if he feels that he must go to Nome, and if he now has any interests in the Fortymile district, he will be wise if he holds on to those interests, for after a few months' experience at Nome he will be glad to come back to them."

#### At the Palace Grand.

A very good entertainment is being given this week at the Palace Grand theater. The performance opened last night with a comical skit entitled, "Doctor Tanner Outdone," in which Messrs. Leo Gardner, and Mr. and Mrs. Estey, succeeded in amusing the audience. The program will be changed tonight, respecting the opening act, and for the balance of this week the curtain will raise on the farce comedy, "McGee's Picnick," in which all of the members of the stock company will participate.

Among others who appeared creditably in the olio were Conchita and the O'Brien family.

Conchita sang remarkably well several popular songs.

The O'Brien family appeared in an amusing skit, which introduced Annie in negro songs and buck and wing dancing. Eddie O'Brien in the character of a tramp actor, was comical in his make-up and acting.

The feature of the evening was the production of the five-act comedy, "Barnes of New York," George L. Hilyer as Mr. Barnes, and Conchita as Marina Paolia, assumed the leading roles. Hilyer can act when he is so inclined, and last night, though some-

what indisposed, he played his part excellently well. Conchita's role offered her an opportunity to display legitimate work, and, as a heroine, she evidenced that she was a talented artist. The duel scene of the first act, in which Eddie O'Brien appeared as Antonio Paolia and Frank Gardner as Gerard Austruther, was dramatic and well staged. William Mullen in the role of second to Paolia and Leo, acting in a similar capacity for Austruther, lost no opportunity to enhance the details of the situation. Harry O'Brien portrayed Dawnela in a satisfactory manner. Lucy Lovell acted exceedingly well the part of Enid Austruther. Mrs. Estey, as Lady Chartaris, Annie O'Brien as Maud Chartaris and Evelyn as La Belle Blackwood, were good in their respective roles.

The theater was crowded with spectators and no doubt that this week's performance will draw good audiences every evening.

#### Julian Ralph on the War.

Julian Ralph writes the London Daily Mail from Capetown as follows: "On every ship that arrives in Capetown from London are many British army officers.

"Some ships bring a dozen or twenty; others as many as fifty. They are the pick and flower of Englishmen. Most of them are young men, in the late twenties and early thirties, bearing distinguished names, exhibiting the long slender faces of the British aristocracy, carrying themselves at once like dandies and like athletes.

"The one strange thing about them is that nobody is sending them here, and they do not know to what part of the seat of war they are going or what they are going to do. They only know that they should not keep away. They are here to see what they call 'the fun.' It is war against bushwhackers, guerillas, and sharpshooters, in which a far greater proportion of officers than men are certain to be killed, but that does not matter to them. The first accounts of skirmishes they read after they have landed tell of the deaths of officers and the wounding of others. Apparently the manner in which the enemy reveals its presence among the hills out Natal way is by the dropping of an officer from his saddle or in his tracks as he rushes ahead of his men. What of that? It is part of 'the fun,' they say."

#### Not All Going to Nome.

A close canvas of Dawson today would reveal the fact that not one half of the people who six weeks ago confidently asserted that they would start to Nome over the ice within two months are yet of the same mind. Comparatively speaking, but a very small percentage of last fall's Nome enthusiasts have started thus far. In fact the average for the past 30 days would not amount to but little over one person per day. "I have about concluded to wait until navigation opens," is an expression now heard several times each day on every corner and in every "joint" in Dawson. A few go further and say "I have almost decided to not go to Nome, but to stay with Dawson another year."

In addition to those above mentioned, a large number will go to the outside via the upper river as soon as navigation opens. A few will go to remain, while the majority will go only on business and return to Dawson in the fall as has been the custom of previous years. It is confidently expected that with the completion of the White Pass & Yukon railroad to Whitehorse, travel by the upper river route will be much heavier this season than ever before, as people will prefer that means of ingress in preference to the long water route around by St. Michael. However, an immense lower river traffic may be expected towards the latter end of the season, for thousands upon thousands will go to Nome, and, in accord with the history of every mining camp the world has ever known, they will be disappointed; they will not get anything and will flock up the river to Dawson in the belief that labor will be abundant

next winter for the reason as given last fall "everybody has gone to Nome," but they will find on their arrival that "everybody" did not go to Nome. Of course many will go in the spring and many will return in the fall, and hundreds will arrive here in the fall who will then see Dawson for the first time. It is safe to assert that the next winter will see fully as many people here as are in the city and surrounding country at present.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

R. J. Hilts is engaged in making alterations on the ground floor of his building on Second street. He will conduct a restaurant in connection with his lodging house.

Public notices have been posted around town by Dr. J. W. Good, the health officer, which state that all ice harvested during the present season must be cut south of the confluence of the Klondike and Yukon rivers. Parties will not be permitted to cut ice later than April 5th.

The person who stirs around in Dawson these days between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning has a monopoly of the streets and bar room stoves. But by the middle of the afternoon the stand-around population of the city is out en masse and the wonder then is where do they all sleep and from whence do they come?

The new Dominion wears the same old smile as of yore. Once inside the house it becomes a matter of difficulty to believe that any fire has occurred. With the exception of the new paper the house appears almost exactly as it did before. The quality of the wines, liquors and cigars which are dispensed across the bar is, if anything, better than ever.

There is a dispute respecting the boundaries of the fraction of the St. George claim on Monte Cristo gulch. Capt. Norwood recently alleged that Judge Davis was working the ground of an adjoining claim, which is reserved to the crown. The matter was before Commissioner Senkler on Monday, but the final determination of the case was deferred until additional evidence could be secured.

C. P. McClellan, who started from Skagway too late to get a scow load of provisions nearer Dawson than Selwyn, and who has devoted the past two months to sizing up the situation as he finds it here, has concluded that Dawson looks good to him and that instead of joining the everlasting throng on the rush to Nome he will go outside and bring in a few good draught horses and engage in the freighting business on the creeks next season.

#### POLICE COURT.

One sitting as police magistrate sufficed for Inspector Primrose, and yesterday afternoon and this morning the regular magistrate, Major Perry, still being absent, Captain C. Starnes wore the judicial mantle and filled the judge's chair. Captain Starnes has been there before as is evidenced by the free and natural manner in which he disposes of the court business.

In the case of the crown vs the name-sake of the man whom history tells us was saved from death by an Indian maiden, Pocahontas, throwing her "hully gee," over his head, Captain John Smith, charged with the theft of a stick of wood valued at 25 cents, the thief was sentenced to execute hard labor for a period of one day. Thus was the name of John Smith brought low, but outraged justice is no respecter of names.

In the case of Cassells vs. Sola for wages, decision was reserved until Thursday.

This morning J. F. Peno, said to be distantly related to 11-12 Keno, was up on the charge of committing a nuisance on a public street of the city of Dawson. Mr. Peno's indiscretion cost him \$1 and costs, in all \$6.

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### Bell & Day Bros. Have Claims on Bonanza and the Yukon.

**Latter Shows Assays From \$6 to \$600—New York and London Brokers Negotiating Its Sale.**

A tunnel 21 feet in length and 5x8 feet in height and width respectively, has just been completed on the quartz claim of Bell & Day Bros., which is situated 12 miles up Bonanza at the mouth of Adams creek. The work done thus far is but little more than the required assessment work and as it is clearly established that there is practically a mountain of ore, work will be suspended until an assay that can be relied upon can be obtained. As yet the ore has never been assayed, but as it is of the free milling quality the owners have crushed and washed out a few pounds with results which justify their belief that they have a property of immense value. The ore is very dark—almost black—and shows better as the body of it is gone into. A syndicate is already negotiating for the purchase of the property, but the owners are not yet ready to dispose of it, as they are very certain that it will develop into an enterprise of mammoth proportions.

The same parties have another group of claims on the left bank of the Yukon about 10 miles up, from which rock taken from the surface or face of the high perpendicular wall at the river's edge at intervals of 1000 feet and sent to upwards of a half dozen assayers, show returns running all the way from \$6 to \$600 per ton. But little development work has as yet been done on this body, but so favorable are the showings made by the assays that the owners, at the solicitation of a firm of New York mining brokers, a member of which firm was here last season and took home with him several pounds of the rock, have placed a portion of the property in the firm's hands for sale. The brokers also operate an office in London, and from a telegram received a few days ago arrangements are being made for placing all the shares offered, and as much more as is for sale at most satisfactory prices. An expert who visited this group of claims which is called "The Big Contact," last season says that so far as both quality and quantity of ore is concerned the proposition is many times more extensive than are the world renowned Treadwell mines of Douglass island. There is no doubt of the existence of a large body of the ore, and if, on development, it shows up in proportion to what is known to exist on the surface, "The Big Contact" is destined to become the scene of great mining activity in the way of refining machinery before the passing of many more seasons. In the meantime Messrs. Bell and Day Bros. who have spent a large amount of both time and money in the prosecution of researches after quartz, are eminently satisfied with their possessions both on the Yukon and Bonanza. From the latter claims 200 pounds of rock were brought to the city a day or two ago for shipment to assay offices in various parts of the country at the earliest opportunity.

It is not presumption to venture the prediction that in the vicinity of Dawson mammoth quartz mills will be in operation when the present known placer field shall have all been worked over.

#### Sunday Night Concert.

On Sunday night next C. N. Pring will give another grand sacred concert at the Palace Grand opera house. Mr. Pring is working hard in the arrangement of details for the concert and will give a program which will well merit the presence of every lover of music in Dawson. The two former concerts which were given in the same house and under the same management

brought out large audiences of our best people, all of whom expressed themselves as being greatly surprised and pleased that such entertainments are possible in Dawson. For next Sunday night in addition to the orchestra, numbering 20 pieces, under the direction of Herr Leuders, Mr. Pring has arranged for solo parts to be taken by Mrs. Leroy Tozier and Mr. Emil Erhardt. Seats for the concert are on sale at Reid's Drug store, opposite the Pavilion.

#### Children on Ice.

Mrs. Hecht and three daughters, the youngest of whom is not over 6 years of age, will leave for the outside over the ice the fore part of next week. They have contracted to be taken to Bennett by dog teams, of which there will be two, for the sum of \$500, the contractor binding himself to go from Dawson to Bennett in 13 days. Mrs. Hecht will take her three daughters to California, where she will place them in school, returning to Seattle in time to take the first steamer for Nome in the spring. Mrs. Hecht embarked in the boarding house business in Atlin last spring and came to Dawson just previous to the close of navigation in the fall, and, like hundreds of others, has contracted a severe case of Nome fever.

#### Kissing the Bible.

The habit of sealing an oath by kissing a copy of the holy writ is almost as old as time itself, but is one which is still in vogue in all the English courts and in a few of the states. In the states, however, the practice is becoming obsolete. In a few states, principally those bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, the oath is still taken on the Bible, but the kissing portion of the ceremony is omitted, the person or persons swearing merely touching the book with the tips of the fingers while the oath is being administered. An old and experienced Southern jurist once explained to the writer that the old practice of swearing on the Bible in the South is continued expressly for the moral effect the presence of the book may have on the colored man when it is important that he deviate from his general practices and tell the truth. "But," added the venerable disciple of Blackstone, "my experience and observation with people who are in no way superstitious is that the presence of the Bible in court is not productive of either good or evil. If a man is predisposed to perjury he will not be turned from his evil way by touching the Bible either with his fingers or lips. It is an old, old custom, the observance of which I never insist upon in my court."

If there is anything in the theory advanced by scientists that germs of disease, sickness and death are transmitted by the time-honored and oft time pleasing habit of labial contact, then why should not the same germs be left on the back of a Bible to fasten upon the "next witness?" Would it not be wise to dip the book in salt brine or some other germ destroyer between oscillations?

#### Notice.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Robert Martin will confer a favor by reporting same at this office.

M. McDermott, please call at this office. Important.

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#### Notice.

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You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1,000 reward for the return of Fred Clayton, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hatcher on Christmas day. Please in art this notice in your paper two weeks.  
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#### Safe From Fire.

A new building material is being introduced in Dawson which will very materially lessen the loss by fire if generally used. The A. E. Co. is offering to the public at a price very little in excess of the ordinary inflammable paper, a composition of asbestos which, it is said, is not only an absolute non-conductor of heat, but is as well absolutely indestructible by fire. When used in the construction of wooden buildings it renders them as nearly fireproof as wood can be made. One roll of asbestos paper will cover about 800 square feet of surface, nearly double as

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