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PRINCE AND KING

Meet at Depot in Copenhagen, Where the Former Is Royally Received.

BOY SIPIDO SAID TO BE INSANE

Queen's Visit to Ireland Is a Continuous Ovation.

FIGHTING NEAR MAFEKING.

Plummer's Cavalry Repulsed—Boer Party Captured—Five British Companies Taken.

Copenhagen, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the royal retinue, arrived last night and were met at the depot by King Christian and escorted by him to the royal residence. Unbounded enthusiasm was manifested at the depot, where many thousands had assembled, and the prince was most warmly congratulated on his escape from the would-be assassin's bullets.

Sipido Insane.

Brussels, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Sipido, the 16-year-old boy who fired two shots at the Prince of Wales on the 4th, has again been interrogated in the prison and still stoutly maintains his previous declaration that his attempt on the life of the prince was to avenge the many lives lost in the South African war.

The accomplice of Sipido, who fur-

nished him with the pistol used, has been discovered in the person of Arthur Meert, a shoemaker, who has been arrested.

The Independence Belge, the leading Brussels newspaper, says Sipido is insane, and that close investigation has failed to reveal either plot or preconcerted plans for revenge.

Ireland Honors Queen.

Dublin, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—Last night in honor of Queen Victoria there was the most magnificent display of fireworks ever seen in Dublin. The manifestations of pleasure at the sovereign lady's visit began shortly after her dinner in which she was joined by Lord Lieut. Rt. Hon. Charles O'Connor.

Owing to the great crowd upon the streets many bold burglaries are being committed. Last night the Countess of Munster was robbed of jewelry to the value of many thousand pounds, and the mayoress of Belfast of jewelry worth £400.

To commemorate the bravery of Irish soldiers now in Africa the queen has most graciously commanded the formation of a foot to be designated as the Irish Guards.

Hot Fighting.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—News from the front is that Mafeking is not yet relieved, but that sharp fighting is being carried on in that locality. On the 2d the garrison and Plummer made an attack on the Boers at Ramathlabama, but both were repulsed, 20 of Plummer's men being left dead on the field and six made prisoners.

On the 5th Methuen surprised a body of Boers, not one of whom escaped. Gen. Villebois and seven men were killed, eight wounded, and 50 made prisoners.

Gen. Roberts reports five British companies captured by Boers near Bethany.

Peace Wanted.

London, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The Orange Free State raad has adjourned sine die after indorsing President Steyn's address, which was a prayer that the deputation from America to Europe would succeed with the influence of other neutral powers, in bringing about a cessation of bloodshed.

Incoming Mail.

The incoming mail reached Selkirk last night, and if no accident happens, it should arrive in Dawson on Saturday. The consignment is quite large, but the carriers have experienced no difficulty in traversing the lakes and upper river.

From the Outside.

Mr. W. L. Siegel, who made such a fast trip out to Bennett earlier in the winter, arrived yesterday with three horse sleds loaded to their fullest capacity with steam fittings and brass goods for the A. E. Co. The consignment includes everything that has been short in town, in that line, during the winter, so that with the stock previously on hand they now have the most complete line of fittings and brass goods ever carried in Dawson.

Police Court.

The case of Gustav Bovard, the man who was first before the court on Monday on the charge of living off the earnings of dissolute women, has not yet been disposed of and will be further tried on Saturday morning until which time he was remanded this morning.

Tomorrow being Good Friday, Magistrate Scarth announced that there will be no court on that day.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 60.5 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 18.5 degrees above.

Hilarity on tap at Rochester Bar.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Ladies' belt purses. Pioneer drug store.

Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.

RECORDS CLOSED

Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell Refuses Information to the Press

CONCERNING OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A Policy of Secrecy Has Been Inaugurated.

UNSATISFACTORY INTERVIEW.

The Public Is Deprived of Truthful Reports Concerning Matters of Vital Interest.

During the past six months the Klondike Nugget has endeavored to publish for the benefit of the public a synopsis of the business which has been transacted daily at the gold commissioner's office. The information has related to grants for placer and quartz claims, applications and grants for water rights, protests and decisions which have been filed in regard to disputed mining property, and records of transfers. Such items of general interest have been obtained from the clerks who are in charge of the respective divisions of the office.

In this territory, comprised exclusively of mineral resources, the department of the gold commissioner is the most important branch of the governmental service; for it affects directly the welfare of every resident of the country.

The people, as a matter of course, are interested in the methods and manner in which the commissioner and his clerical force transact their official business. The inhabitants of the district are governed in their conduct, and their efforts are directed by the decisions and regulations which emanate from this particular department, whose daily record of routine affairs is indicative of the territory's development and progress.

On February 16th, of this year, Assistant Gold Commissioner J. R. Bell arrived in Dawson. Soon afterwards he entered upon the performance of the duties which appertain to his position. He exercises exclusive control of all business, connected with the office, excepting the trial and adjudication of cases which involve disputes respecting mineral claims; this judicial division of the department is managed by Commissioner Siskler.

The Nugget has always been very careful to confine itself exclusively to the truthful publication of that business, which has been transacted in the office and which might prove of interest to the public. Until recently neither the people nor the government officials objected to such publication.

This morning, however, when the representative of the paper requested the usual information, he was told by the several clerks that they had been forbidden to disclose anything of an official nature to newspaper men. The young gentleman who has charge of the record of transfers showed to the reporter a written order from Assistant Commissioner Bell which directed all of the employes to refuse information to press representatives. Thereupon, the reporter visited Mr. Bell and addressed to him the following question:

"Commissioner, what is the reason for the issuance of your order to the clerks this morning respecting information requested by newspaper men?"

Mr. Bell, before replying, hesitated a moment, and then said:

"Well, I have reasons of my own for withholding official information. I am in control of this office, and I shall endeavor, to control it myself. Where's your commission to ask questions? Let me see your commission?" he made these inquiries somewhat excitedly, but without waiting for any answers he hurriedly continued, "I shall enforce such orders as I deem fit. I am going to run my office for the benefit of the public, and against the newspapers."

As he concluded his somewhat disconnected remarks, he abruptly left the room.

Later in the morning a representative of the Nugget called upon the assistant commissioner again, and a request was made for the right to see the record of transfers. Mr. Bell refused. The official was reminded that such records were public. The Nugget man was conducted into the general office, where the assistant commissioner pointed to several very large books, and said:

"Those registers contain the records; examine them for yourself," and then he quickly retired to his private room.

The press representative started to open one of the volumes when a clerk interrupted by asking what was wanted. The newspaper man replied by inquiring if it were possible to ascertain the recent transfers from the registers. "No," the young man answered, "the process is impracticable. Though the transfers are entered in those registers, you could only discover such entries after an incalculable amount of search."

Territorial Court.

The case of James McKenzie and John Miles, plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. I. Davidson and J. H. Davidson, defendants, which involves an half interest in the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 3 Magnet gulch, is still on trial in the territorial court. This morning James McKenzie, Edgar J. Hayward, Samuel G. Edwards, Terence M. McManus, Robert M. Swanson and Austin M. Gibbs testified on behalf of the plaintiffs. The action will not be concluded before tomorrow.

Making Good Time.

A telegram dated at Selkirk yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock from Lieut. S. E. Adair stated that he had just reached that place, and was feeling in excellent shape for the remainder of the journey. The lieutenant, with T. G. Wilson, left Dawson Sunday morning and the fact that they reached Selkirk on the fourth day out is evidence that they are not lingering by the wayside to study the effect of the sun's rays on the ice.

Rev. Sinclair Expected.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, who left Bennett for this city over two weeks ago with a dog team, is expected daily to arrive at the end of his journey. Should he reach Dawson between now and Sunday, and is not too much fatigued from the journey, he will probably occupy Rev. Wright's pulpit on that day. Rev. Sinclair, having been for a long time in charge of the Skagway Presbyterian mission, has hosts of friends from there who will be pleased to meet him in Dawson. While here he will establish several missions on the creeks that are most densely populated, after which he will return to Clouseleigh and organize a Presbyterian congregation and erect a church, the Clouseleigh tourist company having presented a fine lot for this purpose. The company will also give material aid in the erection of the church building.

Vive La Quarre.

Late news from Eagle is that Mr. Emil Quarre, who is manager of the A. E. Co.'s business interests at that place, has been elected mayor of the town. He is an honorable, public-spirited man, and all trust reposed in him by the citizens of Eagle will be carefully guarded.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Silver shield apricots 50 cents a can. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Sliced Lubeck potatoes and Crown flour. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

ALPHA'S TRICK

She Sails From Vancouver in Bold Defiance of U. S. Customs Regulations.

SHE WILL SURELY COME TO GRIEF.

Dewey Out for Presidency and Scored by Papers.

JOSE CHILDREN IN COURT.

Fifty Steamboat Men Reach Skagway—A Heavy Business Is Predicted.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7, via Skagway, April 12.—The steamer Alpha sailed yesterday for Nome with 386 passengers in open defiance of the U. S. customs regulations. The secretary of the treasury had wired to enforce the regulations against the steamer, and she will not be permitted to land at an American port. She will probably be seized, brought back and confiscated. Nome will not be made a sub-port.

Hot Shot for Dewey.

Washington, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Admiral Dewey has announced himself a candidate for the presidency, presumably on the Democratic ticket, and the hot shot he is getting from the papers is warmer than that he received from the Spanish.

Kansas City Fire.

Kansas City, April 6, via Skagway, April 12.—The building in which the Democratic national convention would have convened on July 4th was last night destroyed by fire; loss \$500,000. It will be rebuilt at once.

Children in Court.

Seattle, April 7th, via Skagway, April 12.—Mrs. A. H. Jose who has lately been divorced from her husband, who is a rich Klondiker, has a suit on for the recovery of her children. A witness in the case, James Flood, was arrested for perjury. When the officer produced handcuffs Flood said: "No, you don't," and fled. The officer fired two shots after him, but he escaped, only to be arrested later.

Steamboat Men Coming.

Skagway, April 12.—Fifty steamboat men have arrived here in the past two days from lower points and are going on to Bennett and other inside points.

It is generally believed that navigation will this year open fully three weeks earlier than last.

Three big companies, the Klondike Trading Co., Klondike Gold Fields, and Bennett Lake Nav. Co., have organized in London as Klondike Corporations, Ltd., and promises big things for the coming season. They believe that more freight will come this way this season than all the river steamers can handle.

Ladue Co.

Has received its beautiful Calendars for 1900 and cordially invite the people of Dawson and vicinity to call and select one for their homes.

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

Steam Fittings..

A full line has been brought in over the ice. Special prices in quantities.

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A Choice Selection

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	Elastic Ribbed Underwear	Regular Price per Suit, \$8.00 Special Price \$5.00	
	Working Shirt	Our Regular \$2 Quality Special Price \$1.25	
	Blue flannel Shirt	Our Extra Quality Regular Price \$4.00 Special Price \$3.00	
	Miners' Shoes from \$2.50 Up		
The Money Savers	Most Complete and Select Line of Gent's Furnishing Goods in Town		That's What Our Patrons Say
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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1900

INSULTING THE COMMUNITY.

The unwarranted attack made upon the citizens' committee by the so-called government "organ" calls for some little comment. As far as the people of Dawson are concerned, nothing need be said, for the "organ" has not been taken with any degree of seriousness in Dawson since many long months past.

But it is barely possible that a stray copy or two may have found their way to the outside, and some credulous newspapers be disposed to attach importance to what the organ has to say.

It must not be forgotten that the committee was appointed by a public mass meeting of citizens, and that at a subsequent meeting, the largest and most representative gathering ever held in Dawson, the committee was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed.

When, therefore, the "organ" goes out of its way to insult the committee, that insult extends to every man who participated in the meeting.

The "organ" accuses the committee of endeavoring to injure the credit of the territory, in an effort to manufacture campaign material for outside purposes. It occurs to us to wonder just what object the committee, the membership of which includes men who are most extensively interested in the prosperity of the territory, could possibly have in injuring its reputation or credit. Any such action on the part of the committee would simply mean a stab at their own personal interests, and we credit the committee with the possession of too much business acumen to entertain such a proposition for a moment.

The committee as at present constituted is a most representative body; in fact, admirably so. It includes men selected from all classes of citizens, and the policy pursued thus far must indicate to any unprejudiced mind that its members, as a whole, have been actuated by an earnest desire to advance the welfare of the community at large, leaving other considerations aside.

The "organ's" attack upon the committee was not only uncalled for, but is in extremely bad taste. It does not, however, affect the standing of the committee or of its individual members in Dawson. The public appointed the committee, and the latter has shown that it has deserved the confidence of the public. It will require far more than abuse from the "organ" to shake that confidence.

PURSUING A BAUBLE.

Admiral Dewey will discover that there is quite a difference between the idolized hero of a whole nation and an aspirant for honors at the hands of a political party. If Dewey is influenced by political manipulators sufficiently to allow his name to go before the country as a presidential candidate, he will make the mistake of his life.

The honors he has already won are far greater than any he could possibly hope to achieve as the

chief executive of the great commonwealth. Without experience in the mysteries and intricacies of statesmanship, Dewey has nothing upon which to base a campaign for the presidency, aside from the fact that he is the hero of Manila and a man of sterling personal integrity.

We question if these will win him a victory, and certainly they are not the only qualifications required of a president of the United States.

Dewey, as the naval hero of America, need never doubt his hold upon the hearts of his countrymen. But to risk that hold by pursuing the bauble of political preferment, with an almost certainty of failure confronting him, is folly.

Despite the dispatches, we do not believe that Dewey will be a presidential candidate.

SKAGWAY TO INCORPORATE.

The most welcome news that Mr. Price, the delegate to Washington, brought us yesterday is that there are good hopes of the passage of the municipal bill. He is also of opinion that it will be reached and passed by the middle of next month, and, as it will become a law as soon as signed, the present city council should govern themselves accordingly. The ordinance passed at the last meeting was a good one, and to pass others, based upon an actual knowledge of conditions and municipal needs, would do no harm. They may or may not be adopted and carried out by those elected to have charge of the city's affairs, but they would at any rate be valuable suggestions, and, as such, welcome to the new council.

And, if one may safely predicate on the statements of Mr. Price, as undoubtedly we may, that in only a few weeks the city of Skagway will have the right to incorporate, there will soon be a talk of candidates for the honor of being the city's first representatives, and the ever-present politician hunting for a job will be looking up his friends and wearing his most beguiling smile. The fulfillment of Mr. Price's prediction that the municipal bill will pass is a matter all will look forward to with great interest.—Alaskan.

MOST EXTRAORDINARY.

The announcement of Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell that records of transfers and similar information of a public nature will no longer be given to the press is most extraordinary. The reason assigned by him for this action, viz., that parties who record transfers of claims complain that their secret business is made public, is, if anything, more extraordinary.

Mr. Bell should know that it was not until these records were given out for publication that the cloud of suspicion which formerly hung over the gold commissioner's office began to disappear.

The Nugget regrets any action that will tend to renew that cloud. We will, however, refrain from further comment until the assistant commissioner's superiors have confirmed his action or the order is revoked.

Steamboat men now at Skagway consider that navigation will open several weeks ahead of last year. The same prediction has been made every year for several years past, but it is always along in June before steamers can leave Bennett. If, however, the railway and steamboat companies carry out their announced intention of opening the lakes by means of dynamite, the situation

will be altered, and goods may arrive through from Bennett some time in May.

Woes of an Undertaker.

An undertaker of this city is constantly growling over the narrow limits to which his advertisements are confined. Just the other day, picking up a newspaper, the man of somber countenance turned over its pages until his eyes caught an attractive ad.

"See here," he said. "Now we have it. I will read: 'Make the children happy. Sensible presents that will delight the children.' Can we say that we have a special line of little plush caskets that will delight the children? 'What special inducements can we offer to attract trade? Can we say, we will send some of our homemade coffins on trial, to be returned if not satisfactory?'"

"Suppose we were to say that we had a special line of high grade caskets which we procured at a special dissolution sale, which we were offering at reduced rates to those who call early. I tell you it would not be considered professional. We cannot advertise any bargain sales in our business. We cannot say that we have bargains hitherto unheard of that will delight and astonish all who call upon us."

"Just notice this," said the sad one, turning over another page of the paper and reading from the woman's department: 'Cut this ad out and send to us. State your weight and height; also the number of inches around the waist and bust, and we will send you a beautiful plush cape by express, subject to your examination, and if found perfectly satisfactory, you may send us the money for it. If not satisfactory, return to us at our expense.' Now, there is a great piece of business enterprise, but we don't feel at liberty to branch out in that way."

"Then there is that splendid scheme of testimonials. A man writes a letter stating how well he is satisfied with the goods, and the advertiser runs to the newspaper with it. It might be proper for a man to say that he has tried John Doe's sassafras and found it satisfactory. We can get no one to say that he has used our burial boxes and that he has found them satisfactory."

"Talk about men being born free and equal, it isn't so. Other men are advertising for a special trade, and we simply have to sit here and take what comes. We can't even say 'trade solicited.'"—Rochester Herald.

Prosperous Bennett.

Bennett is flourishing—not boisterously so, but moving along a trifle in advance of the procession of most burghs in the province. The past couple of weeks found our merchants and hotel men doing a large business. Many new enterprises have been started and persons from other parts of the world have decided to cast their lot with this new but rising city. And speaking of climate, right here at this season of the year Bennett can't be beat for climate.—Bennett (B. C.) Sun.

Yukon Theosophists.

The Yukon Theosophists entertained a large audience last evening at its regular weekly open meeting. Mr. Wall read a most interesting paper on the theme of "Why He May Become a Theosophist." The reason or reasons why were so plainly pointed and pertinent that every one present seemed to appreciate them as their own, judging from the hearty approval and generous applause with which they were greeted, and the number of interesting questions which followed the reading of the paper. Mr. Wall was requested by unanimous vote of the club to give his admirable paper to the press for publication, as it was too useful and truthful for the mere adornment of an archive pigeonhole. The club will hold another open meeting on next Wednesday evening, when its chairman, Mr. Crum, will read a paper on "Theosophical Thoughts and Literature."

John Nelson's Funeral.

The Y. O. O. P. society held a meeting last night and determined upon the details which will be connected with the burial of the remains of John Nelson, deceased. Funeral services will occur in the Pioneer hall at 2 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. The body will be interred in the Y. O. O. P. cemetery. Many beautiful floral designs are being made of artificial flowers at the instance of the dead man's friends and acquaintances.

Chewing tobacco \$1 per pound. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

"Mainland" and "British Lion" cigars 25 cents. Rochester Bar, cor. Second ave. and Third sts.

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Corned Beef	20c. lb.	4 Cans Sauer Kraut and Sausage	\$1.00
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Eagle Milk, per case	\$13.50		

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GAME LAWS ARE NEEDED

For This Country the Same as in Older Places.

Question Now Being Before Yukon Council—Text of New Proposed U. S. Game Law.

Within the past few weeks the need of some sort of protection to the wild game of the Yukon district has been forcibly called to the attention of the Yukon council, with the result that action is being taken by that honorable body insofar that an ordinance has been introduced looking to the bringing about of the desired ends.

The council will do well to remember that the time to protect game is while there is game to protect, and not after it has been either exterminated or driven far back from the haunts of civilization and beyond the reach of all save the most daring and intrepid hunters.

Perhaps in no country on the American continent is there a more valuable quality of game than in the Yukon district, and with the necessary legal protection from ruthless, careless and indiscriminate slaughter in season and out of season, it will serve to supply the miner and prospector with food for many years to come. It is to be hoped the local council will treat the ordinance now pending in a broad and comprehensive manner.

Appropos of the question now before the local council, the Seattle P. I. prints the following relative to game laws for the States, where in the majority of cases, there is but little to protect as compared with the amply stocked hills and valleys of this country:

"Much local interest has been aroused by a bill now being considered by the house of representatives relating to state game laws. Congressman Cushman has sent copies of it to Seattle sportsmen for the purpose of obtaining their views on the subject. The bill, which has been reported favorably upon by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, has been printed.

"It provides for the enlargement of the powers of the secretary of agriculture, so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction and restoration of game and other wild birds. He is authorized to purchase such fowl as may be required, subject, however, to the game laws of the states and territories. The object is to aid in the restoration of birds that have become scarce, and the introduction of others in parts of the country where they have not before existed. It is made unlawful to import into the United States any foreign wild animal or bird except under special permit from the department of agriculture, the object being to keep out such pests as the English sparrow, the mongoose, the fruit bats, the starling and others that may be considered injurious. All such are to be destroyed or returned at the expense of the owner.

"Another important proviso is the following, which is designed to prevent the killing of game contrary to the laws of one state and shipping it for sale in another, where there is not a prohibitory law:

"That all dead bodies or parts thereof, of any foreign animals or birds, the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any wild animals or birds transported into any state or territory or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale, or stage therein, shall upon arrival in such state or territory, be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such state or territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced in such state or territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced there in original packages or otherwise."

"In reporting the bill back, the committee said:

"In many of the states the native birds have been well-nigh exterminated. Agriculture suffers a pecuniary loss by their destruction, for they are the farmer's and planter's best friends in the destruction of noxious insects. There is a sentiment involved in the question that makes the preservation and restoration of these birds a matter of public concern. Attempts have frequently been made by private individuals and clubs to introduce new varieties, or to restore again the old varieties of feathered life. Their active and persistent foes have usually destroyed such birds within a year or two after their introduction.

"There have been some notable exceptions to this rule. In Oregon the

Chinese pheasant has become abundant, though it has been introduced within the last 20 years. Your committee believes that the birds that may be the subject of experiment by the department of agriculture will receive more encouragement from the people than when private individuals undertake their introduction or restoration.

"The grouse of the Northwestern Pacific coast would no doubt readily adapt itself to the woods of Pennsylvania and the states of the far South. "At a moderate expense the department of agriculture could not only introduce new species, but could return species that have become locally extinct, and at the same time disseminate such information as would create a healthy public sentiment for their preservation."

THE HERO OF LADYSMITH.

When it comes to praising heroes For the valor he's displayed, There is one to be remembered For the gallant stand he made. He is Ladysmith's true hero, Well deserving wide renown For his patience and his courage In the long beleaguered town.

Four long months he grimly battled With a fierce and eager foe, Seeming doomed to starve and die Or a sudden overthrow. But he fought from dawn till nightfall, And he watched from eye till dawn, Baffling schemes of strong besiegers As he stubbornly held on.

Though on every side encompassed, Though with shot and shell assailed, He kept Britain's colors flying, And his spirit never quailed. Long and trying were his vigils, Peril faced him night and day, But he watched and fought and guarded, And he kept the foe at bay.

Famine's specter rose to plague him, And still ever closer crept; Every day brought new privations, And disease and death went. But, though tried by sore afflictions, Ever brighter grew his fame, And he held at bay the foe till the longed for success came.

To the valor of this soldier Is the greatest honor due, For in four long months of battle To all duties he was true, And when Boer and British heroes Are accorded laurels bright, There'll be none found more deserving Than brave Sir George Stewart Aitile.

Hester Creek.

W. P. Wood, who with his partner, Mr. Bullock, has a two years' lay on No. 3 Hester, on which they began work about the first of the present year, is in the city for the first time in several weeks. Mr. Wood reports the few claims now being operated on Hester as turning out very promising dumps.

Claim No. 1 is being worked by a quartette composed of Alex Mathews, Bartlett, Donnelly and Johnson. They have out a big dump of as high grade gravel as is to be found on any of the older and more celebrated creeks.

Jack Huntington's claim is also showing well and will yield handsome returns at the cleanup. No. 10, on which Wood and Bullock are working is not yet thoroughly prospected, as bedrock has not yet been reached. However, they have got down to good paying gravel and expect to reach bedrock in a few days. They have not yet had a trower on their claim, but have arranged for one as soon as they are ready to begin the work of drifting.

Mr. Wood does not anticipate any lack of water for sluicing purposes on Hester, but thinks the work of cleaning up will be much earlier this year than last.

Cronje Ate and Smoked.

In a brilliant description of Cronje's surrender a correspondent to the London Daily Mail says:

"It was a picturesque scene when Cronje was brought to Lord Roberts at the headquarters camp. A heavy-shouldered, almost hump-backed man, heavy-eared and heavy-lipped, clad farmer-like in drab, and wearing a broad-brimmed felt hat, lumbered along on a little grey Boer pony, followed by an escort of Lanciers.

"Dismounting, he found himself before the little, wiry, close-knit Roberts. It was the greatest contrast possible, but Lord Roberts, who was wearing a sword, received the Boer general with a dignity that made him look six feet high.

"Cronje bore himself with dignified simplicity, accepting with a bow the chair which Lord Roberts himself proffered him. They talked together for some minutes, Cronje's secretary Mr. Keizer, interpreting.

"Cronje said it was impossible for him to hold out against the position the British had gained, and he had to recognize the inevitable. The Boer leader showed no emotion at his situation, accepting it with fortitude and even occasionally smiling grimly. He had a very uncomfortable time, he said, and had lost terribly.

"Between 3000 and 4000 prisoners marched out of the laager, as well as Mrs. Cronje and a grandson, who accompanied the commandant.

"The only disappointed man is Gen. Hector Macdonald, who was nursing his wounded foot and talking of the anniversary of Majuba. He thought the victory cheaply bought.

"Later—as I have already telegraphed, the game was finished this morning. A

few minutes of daylight were this morning enough to show Cronje the decisive nature of the advantage the Canadians had gained in the darkness.

"He sent out a white flag at 6 o'clock, and then came out alone, and, after some brief negotiations, rode in charge of Gen. Pretymann to Lord Roberts' camp. Even now when all was lost he could not miss an opportunity of deceiving the hated rooinek, who this day 18 years ago left him with a bullet in his body, which he carries still.

"After a few minutes' conversation, during which Lord Roberts was most considerate and courteous, Cronje asked for breakfast, and ate heartily and unconcernedly.

"Look," said a young officer, "he gives us all this trouble, and is now fast wolfing our ham."

"After breakfast he smoked a cigar—one of a few remaining choice ones with which the staff is supplied. He smoked with philosophic enjoyment. When it was finished he asked for another, as he was without his pipe.

"Then an officer went and asked him how many men surrendering it was necessary to provide rations for.

"About 3000," he said. A few hours later, when the disarmed Boers marched into camp and were counted, it was found that Cronje was a thousand wide of the truth. There were over 4000, besides a number of women and children.

The Chilkoot Tunnel.

L. D. Kinney, the original promoter of the Chilkoot tunnel scheme has returned from the Sound. In a late issue of the Post-Intelligencer Mr. Kinney said that among those interested in the Chilkoot Tunnel Company are D. W. Small, of Walla Walla; Michael King, of the Victoria & Yukon Transportation Company; F. F. Storko, of Skagway; C. W. Young, of Juneau; Sam Blum, of Juneau; F. D. Nowell, of Juneau; W. Erskine, of Boston, and George Westervelt, of New York; that the Canadian capital in the project is \$1,000,000 and the American capital \$50,000.

He estimates that it will require \$115,000 to put the 3800-foot tunnel through and \$1,500,000 to complete a proposed second and much larger tunnel below the first one should the latter prove a success.

It is also proposed to construct an electric railroad from Iyea through the tunnel to Whitehorse rapids.

Kinney said he expected the railroad committee of the British Columbian parliament to give a permit soon to proceed with the tunnel work and with the prestige of such a permit he says he does not anticipate a refusal of the parliament to grant a charter or any difficulty in interesting ample capital to carry out the whole plan—Alaskan.

Committee Report Forwarded.

The report submitted by the Board of Trade committee on mines, mining and smelting, which is composed of Messrs. Tazier, Condon and McGillivray which report was most carefully prepared by the two gentlemen first named on the committee, and which was published in the Nugget as adopted by the Board of Trade, was yesterday forwarded to Ottawa where it is believed by those most vitally interested, it will receive due and favorable consideration. Its unanimous adoption at a full meeting of the board, which board is composed of upwards of 100 men the majority of whom are mine owners and operators, gives to it sanction and weight which have never yet accompanied any request forwarded for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, singly or collectively, which it is thought the consideration of this document at Ottawa will bring about. It is the first time in the history of the Yukon that the miners as one man have intelligently engrossed and embodied their views, expressions of opinion and desires in a document for presentation at headquarters and there is little doubt but that the presentation of fair, liberal and broad-minded expression of general feeling will redound to the benefit of all who are in any way interested directly or indirectly in mines and mining.

Drilling Suspended.

Drillmaster Sergeant Davis, of the Y. F. F., is not active these days in his regular duties for the reason that what was once his drill grounds in the square is now a lake, the blind ditch which conducted water from the square and under the sidewalk and street into the Yukon having fallen in, with the result that water is two feet deep in some places on the sergeant's drill ground. As his men are not marines he has some hesitancy about procuring a fleet of canoes in which to drill.

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