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RECEIVED BY WIRE LADYSMITH IS IN PERIL

Killing of 2,000 British at Kimberley Is Confirmed.

KENTUCKY'S TWO GOVERNORS ARE ISSUING ORDERS

Rothschilds Purchase Whitehorse Copper Mines of Twenty Claims for two Million Dollars.

The Swazis, African Zulu Tribe, Rising and Rallying to the Boers' Assistance—Swazi Queen Kills off all Chiefs Who Ever Visited England and Capetown—Pacific Cable to Connect San Francisco, Yokohama, Honolulu and the Philippine Islands.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
London, via Skagway, Feb. 7.—Reports received today completely confirm the disastrous result of the Boers' recent attack on Kimberley. Over 2,000 British soldiers were killed.

The enemy have surrounded Ladysmith. The London Times of January 31st, in speaking of the situation, says:

"The Boers, realizing that their bombardment of Ladysmith has proven ineffectual, have brought from Johannesburg and Pretoria immense quantities of large timbers with which it is proposed to build dams across the Klip river below the beleaguered city. The Klip runs through Ladysmith, and the effect of the dams would be to flood the city with water, and drive the British soldiers and inhabitants out of the shelter afforded by bomb-proof caves. Thus would the army and citizens be exposed to the enemy's shells.

Unless Buller succeeds in relieving the besieged town in the very near future, its fall is almost certain.

Kentucky's Two Governors.

Frankfort, Ky., via Skagway, Feb. 7.—Kentucky now has two governors, the oath of office having been administered to Goebel on his bed, which he will never leave alive. Taylor refuses to vacate the gubernatorial chair and has declared the state in a condition of insurrection and proclaimed martial law. Taylor has ordered the state legislature to adjourn, owing to the great excitement at Frankfort. From his bed Goebel has issued a proclamation stating the state militia is being used for unlawful purposes and ordering them home. It is not thought possible that the wounded governor can live.

Sold to Rothschilds.

Skagway, Feb. 7.—The Rothschilds have purchased the copper claims, 20 in all, of the British-American Corporation at Whitehorse, the price paid being \$2,000,000.

The Swazis Rising.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 7.—The Durban correspondent of the Times says: "The Swazis, a Zulu tribe of Africa, are plotting with the Boers.

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Swazi, queen mother since the death of King Bunu, has killed all the chiefs who were ever in England or Capetown, for fear that such might sympathize with the British. The situation may easily be considered grave, and it would be well to send regiments of Ghurkhas to Swaziland immediately.

The Pacific Cable.

Washington, via Skagway, Feb. 7.—Secretary Long and Rear Admiral Bradford appeared before the senate committee on naval affairs today in advocacy of a construction of the Pacific cables by the government from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence via Midway islands and Guam to Dingala Bay, island of Luzon, with a spur for commercial purposes to Yokohama. The estimated cost is \$1050 per knot, which with the amount necessary for steamers, offices, etc., would bring the total up to \$10,000,000. The committee considers the plan feasible and more advantageous to the government than the construction and operation of a cable by private parties. It is probable that a report will be submitted to the senate favoring the government proposition.

Chilkoot Railway a Go.

Skagway, Feb. 7.—Latest information from Victoria is that the Chilkoot Railway Company will be granted a franchise, and that the line will be constructed early this year.

Deaths at Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 26.—The deaths from fever and dysentery at Ladysmith, averaging from eight to ten daily, are considered more serious than the casualties which have resulted by reason of fighting, as they indicate the frightfully unsanitary condition of the beleaguered town. A letter from Ladysmith dated December 7th says that even then 90 out of 540 men in the battalion of which the writer was a member were sick with dysentery or enteric fever, and according to a dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated January 26th, the patients and attendants of Tombi Camp, where the hospital is, then numbered 3800 men.

Anglo-Saxon Union.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—An association has been formed here for the promotion of good feeling and pleasant relations among the various Anglo Saxon people, called the Anglo-Saxon Union. It is confidently expected that the most prominent men in the English speak-

ing world will be enrolled as honorary members. Among the names already proposed are those of Lord Charles Berestord, R. N.; Sir Alfred Austin; Hon. Dr. Ross, premier of Ontario; Hon. Richard Harcourt, minister of education of Ontario; Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Hon. Chauncey Depew, Hon. Dr. Borden, Hon. David Mills, Hon. George E. Foster, Hon. Hugh John McDonald and Rudyard Kipling.

The president of the association is the well-known artist, Mr. W. A. Sherwood, and the secretary, Dr. Franklin Uren of Toronto.

Only British Subjects Enlisted.

London, Jan. 26.—Mr. Reginald Wynne, chief of the Yeomanry recruiting office, says he has refused numerous offers of service made by Americans. Only British subjects are allowed to join. Consequently, he says, the report that several American roughriders have enlisted in the Yeomanry is incorrect. Some Britishers, however, who are alleged to have seen service with the American army in Cuba have been accepted. The Duke of Marlborough has been accepted, by the war office for service in the Yeomanry.

Mr. Chamberlain has received telegrams from Ceylon, showing that the executive council has voted to send 125 mounted armed men to South Africa.

Tale of Woe.

London, Jan. 23.—From the Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Chronicle comes a grim touch of besieged misery. He says: "Disheveled women are peering out of their dens in the rocks and holes in the sand. They crawl into the evening light shaking the dirt from their petticoats and sand from their back hair. They rub the children's faces round with the tails of their gowns. They tempt scraps of flames to take the chill off the yellow water for the children's tea. After sundown a steady Scotch drizzle settled down upon us."

Matt Spellman Dead.

Matt Spellman died at the home of Dr. Sterns in this city yesterday evening after a somewhat continued illness. Deceased was a native of New York state, but came here last year from Sacramento, Cal. The funeral will take place from the M. E. church at 2 p. m. Friday. Interment will be in the Hillside cemetery.

Looks Sneaking.

The number now leaving Dawson daily for Nome is hard to estimate, but it is safe to say that 100 persons have left for down the river since daylight of Monday morning, and although a majority of those going are not averse to giving their names for publication, others will not reveal their identity to anyone whom they suspicion as being connected with a newspaper. Such conservatism is apt to cause it to be thought that the intending pilgrims wish to conceal knowledge of their starting from creditors. The person who has no cause for sneaking away like a thief in the night should not hesitate to allow the fact of his going to be published to the world.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Occasioned Severe Comment in Parliament.

SALISBURY REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

Amendment to Address Moved by Lord Fitzmaurice.

Sir Henry Bannerman and Lord Roseberry, Liberal Leaders, Bitterly Condemn Her Majesty's Advisers.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 7.—At the opening of parliament the queen's speech consisted principally of expressions of grief occasioned by the loss of so many valuable lives in the present Boer war. The throne exhorted the empire to renew its exertions to maintain supremacy in South Africa, and urged parliament to do everything in its power to place the country in such a state as the responsibility of the occasion demand.

The members of the house gave hearty cheers for all the government leaders, except Chamberlain. At the conclusion of the speech, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, leader of the liberals, in commenting on the address from the throne, bitterly condemned the administration. He severely criticised the government for failing to anticipate months ago that war was inevitable; and charged the party in power with precipitating the trouble by reason of the narrow and unfair proposals made to Kruger.

Lord Edward Fitzmaurice moved an amendment to the address. He spoke for the insertion of the following words: "We humbly express our regret for the want of foresight and judgment displayed by her majesty's advisers as shown alike in the conduct of South African affairs since 1896, and of the preparations which are now being made." He declared that irritating and reckless methods had plunged the country into war before it was possible to make adequate preparations.

The Duke of Somerset, in moving the address in the house of lords, said that hitherto the army had seemed to exist for the benefit of the war office; but time has now turned the tables, and the war office exists for the benefit of the army. Lord Roseberry delivered a fiery speech in which he demanded to know the plans of the government. He asked the ministry if it knew the preparations and strength of the Boers before the outbreak of hostilities, and warned it of its responsibility. He declared that some form of compulsory service must be introduced in order to meet growing exigencies. Lord Salisbury, in replying, said that before the war, it was impossible to ascertain the extent of the preparations which the Boers had made. It was his opinion that arms and ammunition had been brought into the Transvaal in boilers, piano cases and the like.

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NOTICE.

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From Wednesday's Daily.

NEW LAWS FOR NOME.

According to a dispatch published in last night's issue of the Daily Nugget, congress has grappled with the Nome question in dead earnest. A bill has been introduced into both houses which in the language of the dispatch "authorized the secretary of war to issue mining permits for claims on land under navigable waters of Alaska including bays, rivers and oceans below water mark, the claims to be 320x160 feet." While the language of the dispatch is somewhat indefinite, we take it that clear reference is made to the beach diggings at Nome which heretofore have been governed by no regulations and to which it has been impossible to secure title. It is the evident intention of congress to recognize the beach as a legitimate field for mining operations and to so control matters as to minimize the chances for disputes over ownership of ground.

The necessity of some such action on the part of congress must be apparent to every one who has any conception of the conditions which will exist at Nome next summer. The stories with which we have been regaled concerning the spirit of fraternity and brotherly kindness which has thus far prevailed at Nome undoubtedly will continue to hold good so long as there is a mile of beach, to every man with a rocker, and the inclination to work. But just as soon as the more or less insane thousands begin pouring in from below next summer, we imagine there will be heard the discordant sound of strife and contention in the air.

The strong arm of the law will need to be pretty strongly in evidence if anything like peace and quiet is maintained at Nome next summer. Thousands of adventurous spirits will flock thither only to find that others have been there before them. Disappointment will lead to dissatisfaction, and dissatisfaction to trouble unless wise laws and honest and rigid administration are there to prevent it. The determination of the size of a claim to which each man is entitled on the beach will be a move in the right direction. Uncle Sam is evidently alive to the fact that he has a hard problem ahead of him at Nome and is beginning to take precautions for solving the same.

The trouble with exclusive privileges is that they almost invariably fail to exclude. There have been all sorts of exclusive rights granted in Dawson and the Yukon territory, but sooner or later some enterprising individual discovers some sort of loophole in the exclusive franchise and competition begins. Our friend of hard luck story fame, the News, while invariably opposed to anything in the nature of monopolistic rights, where other parties

are concerned, is not above reaching for an "exclusive privilege" when the occasion presents itself. In performing the "reach" act, however, for the Knobelsdorff-Campbell Nome story, our hard luck contemporary got its fingers burned, so to speak, and lacking the Spartan courage to "grin and bear it" immediately began to squeal. Truly, ambition should be made of sterner stuff.

Already there are many complaints in reference to the new law requiring the presence and testimony of two disinterested persons to substantiate the claim owner's affidavit that he has conformed to the law regarding assessment work or representation on his claim. The nature of the complaints are that it is a hardship to require a man to pay for the loss of time from their work and the expenses of the witnesses during the time they are coming to town, stopping here and going back; the total in such cases being usually about one fourth as much as would be required if no work was done and the cash, \$200, paid instead. As to the danger from false affidavits being submitted, there is none, for the reason that the inspector of mines is too much in evidence for any man to take chances on being arrested, tried and convicted on the charge of perjury. That the law, as it now stands, works many hardships there can be no doubt, and that it should be remedied at the earliest possible date is a fact well known to all conversant with the inconveniences occasioned by it.

In yesterday's dispatches the statement was made in connection with the fighting which has occurred around Kimberley that the total number of British losses, including killed, wounded and prisoners will exceed 8000. We are of the opinion that this must have been intended as an estimate of the total British casualties since the war began. A similar estimate was received some time ago, since which time important minor engagements have taken place which have added quite considerably to the aggregate of losses. We are, however, quite prepared to credit the statement that 2000 men were killed and 6000 more wounded and taken prisoners around Kimberley. We have taken steps to ascertain if an error has occurred and should such prove to be the case it will be promptly corrected.

Mr. Knobelsdorff's lecture last night was one of the best efforts of the kind to which we have ever had the pleasure of listening. The gentleman, while evidently not a trained platform orator, has a certain force and vigor of delivery which carries conviction, especially to a man who is, so to speak, in a mentally receptive condition. Mr. Knobelsdorff denies that he is booming for Nome, but in spite of that fact he draws a very alluring diagram of what is to be found in the famous beach city. He does not fail to point out, however, the fact that stampedeers now must seek pastures comparatively new when they reach Nome. Intending Nomads would do well to remember that fact.

Notice.

SEAGWAY, Jan. 27.
To the Daily Klondike Nugget:
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 Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.
(Signed) WILL CLAYSON.
A cure for Nome fever. See Cribbs & Rogers.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

The speaker was a man long past the meridian of life, yet there was about him the air of a man who has not reached his period of life without seeing something of the world. He always has a glad and a kind word and is passionately fond of music. "I frequently attend church," he said to the Stroller a few evenings since, "especially when I am certain there will be good music and I never miss one of the Sunday night concerts. In the years gone by I have invested a great deal of money in concert tickets. I always like to watch the director of a big band as he stands before his men with the magic wand whose movements are so closely watched by the players. I always envy a bandmaster and director. By the hour I have sat almost entranced as my eyes were riveted on one or the other of the world's greatest bandmasters. I have gazed on Pat Gilmore, Theodore Thomas, Liberatti, John Philip Sousa, the aged director of the wonderful world famed Mendelssohn's Boston Quintette—in fact, I have seen them all—but never did I see a more grand, innately dignified attitude assumed before a band and an audience than is that of the director at the Sunday night concerts right here in Dawson. The sight is one of a life time and should not be missed. That turn clear around is not excelled on the American stage today."

"I have often wondered while back in the States and since coming to Dawson why any bright young man should wish to join the army unless he can be an officer from the start, or have a pull that will get him one in the very near future. I don't know what the privates in the queen's service get, but I do know that out in the United States a man serves for the first three years for something like \$14 per month. Now, all I have got to say is that the young man who will voluntarily place himself into bondage for \$14 per month with no prospects of a commissioned office, has very little ambition."

"But, my dear sir," interpolated the Stroller, "you must remember that many young men enter the army purely through patriotic motives."

"Patriotic balderdash!" continued the speaker: "why don't you say laziness and be done with it? I used to live in the Dakotas and in Kansas in the early days of those places when there were lots of soldiers there, and a more goodfornothing pack of vagabonds I never saw. Just look back to the late war with Spain! Was it the regulars or the volunteers that done the fighting? The latter may not have had the discipline of the trained men, but they had the sand to fight and they showed much greater patriotism than the members of the regular army. It is dislike to manual labor on the farm, in the shop at mechanic's benches, and, in fact, labor of any kind, that drives hundreds of young men into the army. I have two boys back in Montana, one 18, the other 16 years old, and it I thought they had no more ambition than to want to join the regular army I would go back and whate them until they would wish they had been born girls. And yet, when they are a few years older and if they are then needed to defend their country, they will go and go with my consent. I rather think that the line of demarkation between patriotism and laziness is very distinct, although many people are not able to define it."

"Say, Stroller," said a prominent broker and mining man yesterday, "do you know that the law which makes a claim owner bring two disinterested witnesses before the gold commissioner to prove, in addition to the testimony of his own affidavit, that he has done the required representation work on his claim is a very great hardship on many poor fellows who have their all at

stake on some claim away out in the valleys some place? Nine in every ten of these fellows come to town to file their affidavits of having done the required work and then they are told "but you must have two disinterested men to swear to your statement." Well, the two disinterested men who know that the work has been done and who would willingly so testify if they were here are away out on a creek 40 miles away, and unless they are paid for leaving their work for three or four days to come to town they won't do it, with the result that it costs the man from \$25 to \$50 to comply with a little red tape section of law for the existence of which there is not the semblance of reason or excuse, unless it be to add one more straw to the already overburdened, down-trodden, law ridden mine owner."

The great stampede is on. Lured by the temptation of Alaska's gold, 400 people have left Dawson during the past six weeks, and as many more will leave before the middle of February. The goal which all will attempt to reach is 1300 miles away, and is located at the terminus of a most difficult trail. The memorable stampedes of former years pale into insignificance when compared with the eventful one of today. The rush to Swede in '97, Slavin's run to Australia creek in the summer of '98, and Nigger Jim's journey down the Yukon a year ago, seem like delightful excursions which were taken for pleasure, when contrasted with the present stampede to Nome.

Miners have quit their jobs on the creeks and have departed for the new Mecca. Men with money who have been patiently waiting for the boats to run, are preparing to make the trip now. The idlers around town are endeavoring to work their way down the river with parties who have dog teams. The rounders in the gambling rooms are playing bank for "get-away" money. The fairy is more charming in her manners than she was a month ago, for a "live one" landed now might place the damsel on the golden beach before the river breaks.

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WAS MICHAEL DALY EATEN?

Weird Tale of "Klondike Trail" in New York Herald.

Cruel and Loathsome Story, for Which There Was No Foundation—Believed by Aged Father.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]
Another instance of the work of the cruel and sensational liar was brought to light recently by the receipt of a letter by Mr. Falcon Joslin of this city from a law firm in Seattle, which firm is in turn acting for a law firm in New York that is working in behalf of an aged and heartbroken father who undoubtedly believes that his son was roasted, served up and eaten by his companions who were driven by hunger to cannibalism. Michael Daly may be dead; he may have died on his way to the Klondike; and if he attempted to come via the Edmonton or Stickene and Teslin routes, his death may have been slow and horrible. But the poor old father in New York should be notified that he may rest assured that his son's body was never eaten by his companions; that is one horror yet unknown among the many attributed to the Klondike and the many trails or routes leading to it.

The following is the letter just received by Mr. Joslin:

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4, 1900.
Mr. Falcon Joslin, Dawson City, N. W. T.

Friend Joslin: We are in receipt of the enclosed letter from J. H. Hubbell & Co., of New York, and attached clipping from the New York Herald, June 24, 1899.

Will you kindly make some inquiry among the newspaper men and others there who would be likely to know of the incident referred to, and see if you can get any trace of the companions of Daly, or where the \$400 went to.

With kind regards, we are very truly yours,

EMMONS & EMMONS.

The above letter was prompted by the following from the father's attorneys in New York which is:

New York City, Nov. 20th, 1899.
Messrs. A. C. & R. W. Emons, Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen: Please read the enclosed newspaper cutting and let us know if you can do anything to ascertain who this Michael Daly was. We are interested on behalf of William Daly, who was the father of Michael Daly, a man who emigrated from Limerick, Ireland to the United States. The \$400 found in the clothes of said Michael Daly would be a great help and assistance to his father, William Daly. Please investigate and report, and oblige yours truly,
J. H. HUBBELL & CO.

The following is the clipping:

A terrible story has been received here from Seattle, Washington, of a tragedy in the Klondike country. The dead body of a man named Michael Daly has been found lying half cooked upon a stove in a hut on the Klondike trail. He died and was partially eaten by his two companions, who were discovered frozen to death close by. It appeared that they had been forced into cannibalism by starvation, and the impossibility, owing to the winter, of going on or coming back for further supplies. They were not wanting money, for Daly's pocket contained \$400.

Michael Daly may be living and here in Dawson, and, like hundreds of others, may have grown careless as to writing to his relatives. If such is the case and his eye should fall upon the above, he will do well to write or telegraph his father's attorneys at once and thereby dispel the delusion that he was served and eaten as a roast.

All Drank to the Queen.

R. E. C. Nisson, correspondent to the London Daily Mail, has this to say in that paper of a recent issue:

"The Boers behaved very well before I left Colesburg. They molested no one and were most polite. The majority of them spoke good English, and made themselves most agreeable. An incident which happened in the Masonic hotel bar will illustrate this.

"Two of the enemy came into the bar

and looking round, asked the company (Britishers) to join in a drink. When all were served the leading Boer said:

"Well, gentlemen, you need not drink our healths unless you wish, but let us have a toast—Here's to an United South Africa under a Republican flag." The Britishers did not respond, and, seeing the toast was not an agreeable one, the friendly enemy then proposed the Queen—"not as a queen, but as a lady."—"Here's to the grandest old lady that ever stepped on the face of the earth; a woman every man can admire. Hats off to the queen!" Needless to say, the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

"The village Dutch were the most to be feared. A thousand times more bitter than the Boer, they made things unpleasant for the loyalists, and a good many left through fear of them. When the time comes there should be a heavy reckoning for these. Born and bred under the British flag, enjoying the benefits of the most liberal and generous government under the sun, they invited an armed enemy who have been raiding their country to take them over as an excuse to join his banner. Let justice be done to these rebels, for generosity is misunderstood."

Kruger's Nephews.

I thought, says a writer in the London Morning Ledger, the merry Yankee would soon get tired of those tales about interviews with a nephew of Mr. Kruger which have been romping in from nearly every state recently. The Chicago Times Herald puts half a dozen of these mysterious, not to say mythical, creatures all in a row, more or less in this style:

Glen Cove, Mo., Nov. 12.—James J. Kruger is raising a company of farm hands to go to the Transvaal and fight. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul."

Red Bank, Pa., Nov. 11.—Henry Kruger shot an eagle near this place yesterday that measured 14 feet 6 inches from tip to tip. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul."

Sun Prairie, Iowa, Nov. 12.—George L. Kruger was married here this morning to Miss Josephine Botts, the daughter of one of the leading merchants of this place, and a social favorite. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul."

Carthage, Ill., Nov. 12.—William Kruger has a goose with three legs. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul," president of the Transvaal Republic.

Winona, Minn., Nov. 12.—Frederick Kruger, while walking in his sleep last night, saw a cigar-shaped airship passing over this city in a southeasterly direction. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul."

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 11.—While playing horse with his three-year-old son early this morning, Orlando Kruger bumped into a rocking chair and skinned his nose. Mr. Kruger is a nephew of "Oom Paul," the Transvaal president.

Nome Dog Market.

From statements made by Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Cambell who recently arrived from Nome, it is apparent that the dog market at that place does not vary much from that of Dawson. At Nome a good native dog sells for \$150, inferior grades proportionately less. The use to which dogs are put in Nome this winter is principally that of hauling wood, much of which is brought along the beach for many miles. But as wood is not plentiful in that country, the fuel of the future will necessarily be coal shipped from below. Considerable coal was landed there last fall which is demanding fancy prices.

The Theosophic Club.

The Dawson Theosophical Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow evening in the hall above the Juneau Hardware Company's store on Second avenue. The subject which has been selected for discussion is "Man in the flesh." The meeting will commence its business at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

THE ARREST WAS ILLEGAL.

Made at Eagle City in the Case of Webb and McNeil.

Men Are Charged With Stealing Dogs in Dawson—No Warrant Issued Here—Held Pending Papers.

A. McRea, who has just returned from Eagle City, tells of the arrest of a man named Webb on the lower Yukon and his detention at Eagle under circumstances which may lead to serious complications.

A hunter named Hamilton, engaged in freighting game to the Dawson market, had three dogs stolen from him and suspecting two men named McNeil and Webb of the crime, employed a Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Roberts to go with him after these men, they having, it was learned, left for Nome.

The posse made all possible haste after the fugitives, hearing of them at different points on the river, but they reached Eagle City six hours after Webb and McNeil had passed through. Hamilton, upon arrival in Eagle, explained the nature of his journey to Colonel Ray, commanding officer in charge at that station, who offered all possible aid, or as he replied, "soldiers if necessary." The party, however, did not think the soldiers would be required, but obtained from the officer a fresh team of dogs as well as the driver and proceeded in all haste down the river.

At 3 o'clock the next morning McNeil and Webb were found in a cabin occupied by Jack Horne about 32 miles below Eagle. The pursuing party were heavily armed and explaining the nature of their visit demanded the return of McNeil and Webb. They refused, as no warrant was issued for their arrest either by the Canadian or American authorities, but finally were forced to accompany their captors back to Eagle City, where they were placed in custody.

On Jan. 30th they were tried before U. S. Commissioner Thomas McMahon for a crime committed in Canadian territory, and Webb was held until such time as requisition papers could be obtained from Sitka for the return of the prisoner to Dawson. McNeil was discharged. During the trial it was proven that no warrant had been issued for the arrest of McNeil and Webb on the American side and it has been learned that no warrant was issued by Dawson authorities but the fact remains that Webb is in jail awaiting extradition.

Weather Report.

Last night the minimum temperature registered by the barracks thermometer was 3 degrees below zero.

At 9 o'clock this morning the needle rose and pointed to 1 degree above. At noon the official reading was 8 degrees above zero.

Territorial Court.

The trial of the case of Courtney et al vs. the Canadian Development Co., which was commenced on last Thursday and then adjourned, was resumed before Justice Dugas today. This action will occupy the attention of the court for the rest of the day. The next case, that of Turnbidge vs. Hebb et al., will be reached tomorrow morning.

Yesterday no business of any considerable importance was transacted in the territorial court.

The defendants in the case of Porter and Anderson vs. Burke et al., were given until Friday to file affidavits in the matter of an injunction granted some time ago.

In Turnbidge vs. Hebb et al., the motion made by defendant Hebb to postpone trial and place the case at the foot of the calendar was refused.

In the action of Popeschal vs. Jiskra an argument was heard upon an application for an injunction restraining the defendant.

In Williams Mill Co. vs. Bourke, a

motion was made to amend the defense of Mary Bourke and to adjourn the trial of the cause. The court permitted the defendant to amend, but refused to postpone the trial.

The defendant in Agen vs. Ellis moved that the plaintiff be required to give security for court costs.

A motion for the issuance of writs of foreclosure was made in the case of Conley vs. Morrison and Hebb.

In Power vs. Hebb, the plaintiff applied for summary judgment.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Many stampedeers with dog teams have left for Cape Nome since Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, Chief Stewart gave the fire boys a few hours practice with the hose and engine.

About 30 carcasses of caribou were brought to Dawson yesterday. The animals were killed on the north fork of the Klondike.

The government at Ottawa has concluded to extend the telegraph line now in operation in the Yukon territory to some point in British Columbia.

Laborers are now engaged in the removal of the Martony building from Second street to First avenue. The structure will be placed upon the lot which was occupied by the Hoffman house before the fire.

The restaurant department of the Hotel McDonald changed hands again this morning. Mr. Harry Leonard has retired from the business and Messrs. Tom Chisholm and Harry Edwards have assumed charge.

First avenue is again assuming its old time appearance of activity and the new buildings erected almost cover the entire burnt district. Phillips cigar store is the latest addition and it now reopened with an entire new stock of cigars, candies, periodicals, etc.

Robertson & Baird are to move into the corner of Second avenue and Third street, renaming the old corner formerly called the Grotto, to the Rochester Bar. Their place on Second street will be discontinued, they anticipating a lively trade at their new location. Both the proprietors have a host of friends who wish them success in their new venture.

Jake Kline made a record trip from Dawson to Bennett reaching that point in 10 days. In a letter to his business partner, Mr. Levine, Jake says that he bought four horses in Bennett and will have them all ready to leave for Dawson as soon as he can go down to Portland and purchase the goods for which he went out. Levine expects Jake back in about four weeks.

The largest meeting in its local history was held by the Arctic Brotherhood Friday night. It was the first meeting since the Arctic goat was exchanged for a reindeer and the latter's qualities as a steed were well and truly tested by Mr. Louis Couture, W. H. B. Lyon and Lew Craden. The reindeer does not appear to take kindly to the work, but no serious casualties resulted last Friday night. After all business had been transacted some excellent music, instrumental and vocal, was rendered.

POLICE COURT.

Major Perry does not need to advertise in order that there may be a good attendance at his court. There was not many there this morning, but Constable Frank Smith was there with information against 34 "knights of the green," who will probably all be in attendance tomorrow or soon thereafter.

Some time in November Louis Miles Shanks sold 354 pounds of hay to W. E. Terrell, and for some reason or other the latter had not remitted therefor, so Shanks instituted criminal suit, mixing up the name "queen" with a lot of native hay, accusing Terrell with its theft. In slow, measured and distinct tones the prosecuting Shanks began his story, but ere he had terminated it Major Perry stopped him, threw the case out of court and discharged Mr. Terrell, stating that it was simply a case of debt and one to be settled by proceedings as in a civil case. Shanks looked somewhat dazed at the rather sudden termination of his suit, which he evidently instituted without communing with either law or common sense.

Yesterday Charles Sorensen secured judgment against Frank Dunham and Edwin McDonald for \$100.25, being the amount due plaintiff for wages. The defendants were given 10 days in which to settle.

May Fields obtained a judgment of \$100 against J. H. Sutton and Walter Woodburn. The plaintiff rendered services as a dance hall girl to defendants, while the latter were interested in the Opera house. Messrs Sutton and Woodburn were ordered to pay the claim in five days.

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A VERY RAW FAKE.

Which Is Promptly Swallowed by Daily News.

CANNOT BE LAID TO GOVERNMENT WIRE.

Pipe Dream Regarding an Ex-Congressman's Trip.

Charles Hartman of Montana Said by News to Have Been in Dawson When He Was in Washington, D. C.—Prominent Men Discuss Fake.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The Daily News, having disposed of the beef and poultry market, has again turned its attention to leaks. One day it discusses a leak in the government telegraph wire and the next day it discovers that a man by the name of Charles Fox has, by springing a leak, disclosed the confidence reposed in him by ex-Congressman Charles Hartman of Montana, who, according to the combined stories of Fox and the News, passed through Dawson just before the fire, traveling incog and en route to Nome—another case of Ships that Pass in the Night, so to speak.

Sunday night, January 28th, an attempt was made to palm the Hartman story on a Nugget man, but, like second attempts at vaccination, "it didn't take;" however, six days later the News gives full particulars of the ex-Congressman's mysterious trip, placing the article in the most prominent position of its paper.

A Nugget reporter called on Col. Word at his room on Sunday and knowing him to be from Montana, asked him if he knew ex-Congressman Charles Hartman.

"Yes, I have known him quite intimately for nearly 20 years."

"Did you see what was said in the Daily News Saturday about his being in Dawson before the fire on his way to Nome?"

"Yes, I read what was said."

"Did you see Mr. Hartman or know of his presence in this place?"

"No, nor do I believe he was here, or has passed through incog or otherwise. I believe if he had been here he would have called to see me. Allan R. Joy and a hundred others here have known him for years. From all that was said in the article referred to, it would not seem that Mr. Hartman was charged with any duty or responsibility that he need conceal from any one. He could have seen his friends without making known his business. As to the intimations that he represented the secretary of the interior and that great changes would soon be inaugurated in matters of locating claims by powers of attorney, they are all bosh. They appear more as visions seen through the fumes of an opium pipe. The secretary of the interior cannot change the laws of congress any more than any other citizen. He can prescribe regulations for the acquisition of mining titles under existing laws but can go no farther. These regulations already exist. Congress can change the laws, but cannot and will not attempt to pass any retroactive law affecting vested rights acquired under existing laws. The courts hold that a citizen can acquire a mining claim located under power of attorney properly executed. No officer of the government can prevent it, until congress shall say it shall not be done. And such legislation by congress cannot affect any case arising before the passage of the act. I am at a loss to know how any one can for a moment think that the laws can be changed by any officer of the government."

"I have other substantial reasons for believing that Mr. Hartman could not have passed here. His friends in this

country know that he is an attorney in the investigation at Washington now being had to prevent W. A. Clark of Montana from taking his seat in the U. S. senate, and that up to the 20th of December last he was at Washington in the discharge of his duties as such attorney before a senatorial committee. I know that Mr. Hartman is a feeble man of weak constitution, in bad health for years past. I know that Mr. Hartman would not desert his client for a trip into this country at this season, and further that he was a delegate to the convention at St. Louis, Mo., that nominated McKinley for the presidency and that he, ex-Secretary Teller and others, bolted the convention, left their party and supported Bryan. I feel that the emergency must have been great indeed to induce the administration to go among its enemies to find a person to send so far on an important mission. I do not believe that Hartman would abandon a fat fee to become the carrier of dispatches that could be so safely entrusted to any common "musher."

"We will say that he left Washington on the 20th of December, in five days he would be in Seattle, if he did not stop to see his family as he passed through Montana. He would strike a steamer at once to get to Skagway by Jan 1st or thereabouts. Say he gets his dogs and equipment at once and leaves Jan. 1st for Dawson. If Mr. Fox's story be correct he arrived here, spent one day, bought two more dogs and left here before the fire, which occurred January 10th, thus making unprecedented time from Skagway to this place. You will excuse me, sir, if I am incredulous on this subject."

"Are you acquainted with Mr. Charles Fox?"

"I am not certain that I know him personally, though I know of him. He lived in the same county in Montana in which Mr. Allan R. Joy lived and the latter knows him well. I have always heard of him as a nice man, rather clever, possessing versatile talents and a wonderful imagination, bordering upon the romantic."

When seen in his office this morning and asked if he knew ex-Congressman Hartman of Montana, Allan R. Joy said:

"I have known Charlie Hartman most intimately for the past 18 years. I have been with him and against him in the trial of many cases; I have sat with him in a constitutional convention and in many territorial and state conventions. I was in the convention that nominated him for congress; in fact, I know Hartman much better than I know any man in Dawson, and I know that the story in the News of Saturday evening was a rank fake. Why, even if it was true that Hartman was en route to Nome he would not pass through here without calling on Col. Word, the Brays, myself and many more of his intimate friends of former days, and if he was on a secret mission he could have kept his mouth shut, couldn't he? Pshaw! Such rot makes me tired. If Hartman had been here he would have stopped at the Hotel McDonald and hired two niggers to rub him instead of hunting up this man Fox, who stops up the river some place in a slough, and who, by the way, never owned two "best" dogs in his life. Hartman is an invalid and could no more stand the trip over the ice from Bennett to Nome than a child. Besides, I know that on the 9th of January, a day after the News had him here, Hartman was in Washington City, where he is attorney in a case in which W. A. Clark of Montana, is interested. And this man Fox! Why, I have no idea he ever spoke to Hartman in his life. But to hear Fox talk you would think he is in touch with President McKinley and the Prince of Wales and other nabobs. What Col. Word says of Hartman walking out of the St. Louis convention with Teller and others is true. He stumped Montana for Bryan, who carried that state by 28,000, and it is not likely he will ever be entrusted by the present administration with any business whatever."

Mark and Henry Bray talked in the same vein of the News' fake as did Col. Word and Mr. Joy. The Daily Nugget explains this story of its contemporary lest by its vaporings many might be prompted to rush off to Nome on the impulse of the moment.

JOHN BLAIR SHOT DEAD

By His Partner Chas. Hill on Pelly River.

GIVES HIMSELF UP AT FORT SELKIRK.

Claims to Have Acted to Save His Own Life.

Quarrel Over Dog Leads from Blows to Murder—Only Witness to Tragedy an Indian—Hill in Custody of Police—Were 50 Miles up River.

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—News of a terrible tragedy which occurred 50 miles up the Pelly river reached here on Saturday night last with the arrival of Chas. Hill at this point. Hill reached Fort Selkirk late Saturday evening and immediately proceeded to police headquarters, where he gave himself over to the custody of the officers, stating that he had shot and killed his partner, John Blair, and wished to surrender.

Hill's story as told your correspondent; relates the facts that the murderer and his partner, John Blair, were located at a small fish camp about 50 miles up the Pelly river. They occupied a small cabin together. Hill says that he and Blair quarreled some time ago, the trouble originating from a dispute over the ownership of a dog. Hot words led up to blows and Blair, according to Hill, started after the latter with a gun, threatening all the time to shoot.

Hill started to run and succeeded in getting behind a pair of bob sleds, from which point he opened fire upon his partner after Blair had first shot at him.

Hill's aim was so accurate that the first shot was all that was required, Blair falling to the ground stricken with a mortal wound. An Indian woman who had been occupying the same cabin with the two men was the sole witness of the tragedy.

Constable Tuttle, with one man as assistant, left on Sunday for the scene of the murder to bring in the body. An inquest will be held immediately upon his return.

Insane Man at Selkirk.

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—A man named Leclair came into Selkirk from Stewart river who is believed to be insane. His actions have been such as to warrant the post-physician taking hold of his case and examining the man.

Dr. Madore the assistant surgeon of the N. W. M. P., has been called to Big Salmon post to attend Constable Tyrell, who was badly frozen some time ago. The constable's condition is reported as being serious.

Scarth at Selkirk.

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—Inspector Scarth, who came up the river in connection with the Clayson case, is now holding court at this point. No new developments in the Clayson case have arisen although a number of men are at work endeavoring to unravel the mystery.

Coming to Dawson.

Fort Selkirk, Feb. 5.—Sheriff Eelbeck and Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell leave for Dawson tomorrow morning.

Contraband Seizures.

London, Jan. 16.—The question of contraband seizures takes almost the paramount place in the thoughts of the public, the vague possibility that these may be made a pretext for Continental intervention disturbing official and private observers. The government's undeviating purpose to enforce strictly the right of search has been set forth in detailed instructions dispatched yesterday

by the admiralty to the British naval commanders in South African waters, giving them weighty warnings without exception to uphold the government measures for the suppression of the importation of contraband by way of Delagoa Bay.

Too British for Him.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, a few days ago contended that the losses to the British army in South Africa was God's chastisement for the sin of rum traffic, opium trade, Sabbath desecration and social and political corruption existing in Great Britain today. These remarks were strongly condemned by Rev. G. R. Turk, of Carlton street Methodist church, formerly of Winnipeg, last night. He contended that even if the remarks had been true they were at least most reckless and untimely. The congregation cheered the preacher, only one man in the congregation disapproving of the same by leaving the church, with the remark: "This is too British for me."

German Arms for Boers.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—A prominent official of the German foreign office, who was interviewed this evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press, said that Great Britain had not yet answered Germany's request for an explanation of the seizure of the Bundesrath, but that a reply was expected in the course of a few days.

The foreign office, according to this official, has not yet concluded that Great Britain is trying to ride roughshod over Germany.

On being asked what Germany would do should it turn out that the Bundesrath was carrying contraband, he gave a non-committal reply, but conveyed the impression that such a discovery would seriously damage Germany's case.

The Hanover Courier, confirming earlier reports regarding the shipment of arms and ammunition from Germany, asserts that German rifles have been sent to the Transvaal since the outbreak of the war. It says: "We know from a trustworthy source, that 40,000 German rifles of the newest and best construction, have arrived at Pretoria in good condition. They reached Lorenzo Marque by way of China, having been deceptively packed, and declared as furniture, in which pianos played the chief role."

Tragic Death.

New York, Jan. 14.—A tragic event occurred today in Part Three of the general sessions court. The wife of a prisoner was stricken with apoplexy and cerebral hemorrhage while she was in the witness chair, testifying to his innocence. She was carried unconscious and in a dying condition from the room. So earnest and ringing were the last words of an apparently dying woman that the jury in a few moments afterwards returned a verdict of "Not guilty" for the husband. The case was that of Louis Gordon, a Russian mechanic, who was charged by Abraham Goffe, with the larceny of a chain valued at \$90.

Mrs. Gordon died at the hospital without regaining consciousness.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

The trial of the case of Thompson vs. Johnson, involving a dispute respecting the boundaries of the bench claim on the second tier, right limit, opposite the upper half of No. 7 below A. Macks discovery of Quartz, was completed by Commissioner Senkler Saturday evening, but judgment was reserved. Saturday afternoon the action of Painter et al vs. Hannon et al was tried. The question at issue related to the boundary between No. 3 Eldorado and the adjoining bench claim, on the right. The commissioner has taken the case under advisement.

Today the court is occupied in taking evidence in the action of Deran et al vs. Tozier et al. This case involves the title to No. 58 below on Sulphur. The plaintiffs allege that Doran is the original locator.

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FROM NOME, 57 DAYS

Carl Knobelsdorf, and C. D. Campbell Arrive.

THE ENTIRE TRAIL IN GOOD CONDITION

Nothing to Prevent those en Route, Completing the Journey.

Winter Life in Nome—Law and Order Prevail—No Fevers—Provisions Abundant—Betsch and Gates Parties Making Good Time.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Shortly after the noon hour yesterday there arrived in the city two fresh appearing travelers driving five dogs to an ordinary trail sled. From the appearance of the men and dogs they might have come only from Fortymile, and when it was announced that they were from Nome the statement was scarcely credited. It was true, however, as evidenced by letters of introduction brought to parties here from acquaintances now at Nome. The two men are Carl Knobelsdorf, Prussian, and C. D. Campbell, American, both formerly of Chicago. After having stored their sled and its cargo in the Aurora warehouse and had their dogs comfortably stabled in Tom Chisholm's corral, they repaired to the McDonald hotel, where, wholly at ease, in solid comfort and to which plenty of time was devoted, they partook of the best meal it had been their privilege to encounter since leaving Nome 57 days before.

After dinner Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell kindly accorded an hour and a half of their time to a representative of the Daily Nugget, and that hour and a half was the first quiet period they had enjoyed since their arrival, except when at dinner, as at other times they had been constantly surrounded by crowds of eager questioners and listeners all anxious for news from the new mining fields. Even the five dogs, four malamutes and a Scotch collie, the leader of the team, came in for a large share of admiration and favorable comment by people who daily pass on our streets hundreds of such looking dogs without giving them a thought other than the thought which accompanies a passing kick.

Both men talked freely when sequestered with the reporter, and from them was obtained all the important news and happenings in Nome between the date of the sailing of the last steamer for the Sound November 2d, and the date on which Knobelsdorf and Campbell started on the long journey over the ice, December 10th, a period of 38 days.

The readers of the Nugget will remember that typhoid fever was reported as being quite prevalent at Nome when the last steamer sailed for below; also that there was some question as to there being sufficient provisions in the town to keep its residents until navigation opens in the late spring. From these sources the recent arrivals assert no apprehension may be felt. Fever abated with the advent of cold weather, there being few if any new cases after the first of November. As to provisions, there are plenty, both as to quantity and variety to last until more arrive. In reply to the question: "What are the people doing in Nome?" Mr. Knobelsdorf, the older and more talkative of the two men, replied:

"As you already know, the mining season closed about the last of October, since which time the people have done little else than sit around waiting for spring. A few attempts at beach mining were made but with no success, the elements, wind and cold, being too strong to be contended against. The only place where any effort is being made to carry on winter mining is on

Snow gulch and with but little success. However, time does not drag as heavily as one would think; there are all kinds of resorts, in the way of saloons, gambling houses, dance halls, etc., and those who do not look to those places for amusement have organized debating and reading societies, and there is a fine club with good apartments in which are billiard and pool tables and private card rooms. Besides there are several secret society clubs, including Pythias, Arctic Brotherhood and others. There is plenty of diversion at Nome to prevent a person from at least dying of ennui, although, of course, the wait for the long winter to pass away and active work to again begin is a long and tedious one."

Continuing Mr. Knobelsdorf said that but little freighting is being done from the town out to the creeks, the majority of the hauling being of wood into the town and in which work many dogs and quite a number of horses are being continuously employed.

Both men spoke of Nome as compared with what they had seen of Dawson since their arrival, neither of them having been here before, and both asserted that while there are not over 3,000 people wintering in Nome the business portion of that city appears to them to be more extensive than that of Dawson. Nearly all the business houses of Nome are of corrugated iron, hence there is practically little danger from fire, and as the stocks of provisions are all stored in iron warehouses which are isolated, their loss by fire is next to an impossibility.

Among the well-known Dawsonites in business at Nome are Doctor Koons, who is practicing his profession; "Ramps", Peterson, running the Pioneer lodging house, and Harry Machette, who presides over the destinies of the Kan Kan coffee house, all of whom are reported as prospering in their respective lines.

As to the condition of the trail, which subject, by the way, is of more interest to the people of Dawson at present than any other, the statement of Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell as to their journey will be of particular interest. It is substantially as follows:

"We left Nome on the morning of the 10th of December, and 57 days later we reached Dawson, laying up six days, making the actual time traveled 51 days. On the first third of the trip over the ice from Nome to what is called the Kaltag cutoff, over that cutoff and for some days after striking the Yukon river, we averaged from 36 to 40 miles per day, but after that time, while the trail on this way was fully as good as that over which we had traveled, we did not rush the dogs, but traveled more leisurely. At the time we came over the Kaltag cutoff there was but little snow and the trail, though at that time practically untraveled, was easy going; in fact, on the entire journey from Nome to Dawson we wore our snow shoes only one day. We had no stove and no tent, nor did we need them, as we slept out only two nights on the entire trip."

When asked if they met many people along route and of the chances of those whom they met reaching Nome over the ice both gentlemen laughed and said that while they had kept no accurate count of the number of persons met, it would reach at least 300, and if they failed to reach Nome it would be their own faults, as there was practically nothing about the trail to prevent straightforward travel.

They met Chris Betsch and his party about 80 miles below Fort Yukon on the 15th of January. The party was getting on finely and Mrs. Betsch was in the best of health and spirits. She stated that she lay in the heavy robes and slept a good part of the day. The intrepid little lady sent a letter back by Mr. Campbell to her mother here, Mrs. Prather. Betsch had 15 dogs in his "fleet" when met. Miss Gates and company were met two days' travel below Fortymile and were making good time. The Burnham party was seen at Forty-

mile, Mrs. Burnham having fully recovered from the effects of her immersion in the chilly waters of the Yukon a short distance below the Halfway house. With a justifiable show of pride Mr. Knobelsdorf remarked:

"After hearing our account of the trail ahead of them and clear on to Nome, people whom we met brightened up perceptibly and invariably left us in a happier and more cheerful frame of mind than when they first met us."

The appearance of their fine dogs is conclusive evidence of the truthfulness of what they say regarding the condition of the trail. Both men are looking hardy and rugged, and with the exception of a boil as big as a Lake Washington strawberry which Mr. Campbell is nursing on his right hand, both are in the pink of condition. Their five dogs, while looking somewhat gaunt on their arrival yesterday, are strong and vigorous, being principally bone, muscle and hair, but with no superfluous flesh.

Knobelsdorf and Campbell work their dogs without swingle trees, but with one main string, a la Labrador. As the animals' feet were protected with canvas boots there is not a limping dog in the quintette.

The travelers made the trip very light, purchasing the necessary provisions, of which they assert there is no scarcity, along the route as they were needed. They confirm the statement of Mail Superintendent J. B. Wingate published in the Daily Nugget some days ago as to the very moderate prices charged for provisions and dog feed on the lower Yukon.

In speaking of Sunday nights in Nome as compared with last night in Dawson both men said the contrast is indeed striking. Nome is run wide open seven days each week and there is no sneaking in at back doors seen there on Sunday. Yet, they say, Nome is a quiet and peaceful place, there being very much less violations of the peace and order law than one would naturally expect. Offenders against the law are tried by a United States commissioner appointed by District Judge C. S. Johnson, but who has jurisdiction in criminal cases only. On the arrival of ex-Governor John H. McGraw of the state of Washington, whose commission from the national capital gives him jurisdiction in cases both criminal and civil, Nome will have a full judiciary coterie in so far as minor matters are concerned. The men who arrived yesterday report having seen Mr. McGraw at Rampart City on his way to Nome.

Before leaving Nome Mr. Knobelsdorf made a house to house canvass of the city, gathering up letters for all points on the Yukon and the outside, for which letters he charged \$1 each. The two men brought between 50 and 60 letters to Dawson, the majority of which were delivered yesterday evening or today. They have a large number of letters for Seattle and other points on the outside.

The stay made by the two travelers in Dawson will be brief, as they will probably leave tomorrow, and at all events not later than Wednesday, for the outside by way of Skagway. On reaching the outside they will go direct to San Francisco on business of importance for parties in Nome. It is now their intention to take their dogs with them to San Francisco. Both men expect to return to Nome as soon as navigation opens. Regarding the mining proposition at Nome, extent and richness of the country, the two men could give no information in addition to what has been told and retold many times in the columns of the Nugget, as nothing new in mining circles has or could develop after the closing of the season which was previous to the sailing of the last steamer for below. Knobelsdorf and Campbell, however, reiterated the general expression of all who have been there and agree that it is a great country for a poor man.

Boston Page Killed.

From Messrs. Knobelsdorf and Campbell who arrived from Nome yesterday afternoon and who have since been busy disseminating Nome news to the people of Dawson it is learned that Bos-

ton Page was shot and killed in place by a deputy United States in a few days previous to the departure of the two men on their way out. At have been expected of any trouble which Page was mixed up, there was a woman in the case.

Boston Page came to Dawson in the fall of '98 from Skagway, where for several months he was manager of Dav Blake's Theater Royal, which was burned the last night of that year. On reaching Dawson Page accepted a more humble position in the theatrical world, being box porter in the Monte Carlo.

Women and wine have ruled and ruined many men, but to these passions Page added faro, being while here and at Skagway, a veritable faro fiend. He would neither eat nor sleep so long as he had a dollar and a chance to play it on a faro table.

Some time last August, Page gave his enamored Maude Raymond, a well known member of the local vaudeville world, a severe beating and in consequence went to Nome in preference to the woodpile.

It is not surprising to those who knew Boston Page here and at Skagway to hear of his tragic death.

OUR "CAP."

You are waiting for a wire,
Poor old chap,
For a call to blood or fire,
As may hap—
You would long to do some fighting
Where the British, wrongs are righting,
For you're sick of "boastful" writing,
Ain't y'r, Cap?

You could surely go "commissioned"—
What a snap!
Then could get yourself positioned
In the scrap,
Where, among the dead and dying,
Heads and whiskers will be lying—
And you won't be half a-trying—
Will y'r, Cap?

All the Boers, with tactics cunning,
You will trap;
You will simply start them running
"Off the map,"
With your "special Sun edition"
You will pulverize sedition,
Till for mercy they petition—
Won't y'r, Cap?

Where the burst of mighty missile
Rends a gap,
Caring for the bullet's whistle
No! a rap;
Drawing all their deadly fire,
You will dare them, in your ire,
Shouting, "Boer! liar! liar!"
Won't y'r, Cap?

You will make battalions scatter—
Fall ker flap!
With your awful fire of elater,
"Fresh-off-lap!"
You will stupefy, amaze them!
You will paralyze and daze them—
Startle, terrify and craze them—
Won't y'r, Cap?

But you'll miss the Sun—poor babe!
Miss your nap;
And in politics miss, maybe,
Lots of pap.
While the Yukon well might spare you,
We'd prefer to grin and bear you,
Than have naughty Dutchmen scare you,
Dear old Cap!

Mines Flooded By Water.

The present warm spell of weather has retarded mining on several of the creeks. In some instances, properties have been suspended. Gold Bottom seems to be more seriously affected by this difficulty than any other section in the district. All the claim owners on this creek, who have been conducting development work, are now engaged in attempting to drain their mines.

Many claims on Hunker have been flooded. Nos. 30, 31 and 32 below discovery have suspended operations. The ground floor of Mrs. Moulton's roadhouse is inundated by two feet of water and this popular place is now inaccessible to travelers.

George Noble has been on the creeks for a week, or more inspecting his mining interest. In speaking of this recent difficulty he said:

"There is between two and three feet of water in places on Gold Bottom, and where this creek empties into Hunker the claim owners have suspended operations. It is impossible to reach the door of Mrs. Moulton's roadhouse at the mouth of Gold Bottom, without a boat.

Saturday Night Dance.

A most enjoyable dance was held at the McDonald hall on Saturday night. A large number of persons attended and the program consisted of 18 dances. The affair was under the management of Prof. James Duffy. Excellent music was rendered by Mr. Thomas Majny's orchestra.

A FIGHTER OF BRITISH

More Than 2,000 Killed Near Kimberley.

TOTAL LOSSES REACH 8,000.

Fierce Fighting Around the Be-leagured City.

Fears Are Now Entertained That Kimberley has Fallen into the Hands of the Boers—Bombardment Lasts for Four Days.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—All news from the seat of the war is unfavorable to the British. Dispatches which reached London on the 30th of January bring details of a sanguinary battle which occurred a few days previous to the date above mentioned in the vicinity of Kimberley. For four days and nights the Boers poured an incessant hail of shot and shell into the town and the slaughter on both sides was something awful.

Meanwhile a portion of the relief column which for weeks has been marching toward Kimberley was engaged by the Boers with results disastrous to the British arms.

The total list of British casualties thus far given out as a result of the Kimberley siege and the engagements which have taken place in the effort to relieve the town include 2486 killed, 4811 wounded and several thousand prisoners.

It is believed that the number of killed is far greater than is shown in the report.

The belief is expressed here that Kimberley has fallen into the hands of the Boers, as the garrison is known to have been very much reduced in numbers as a result of the fierce bombardment which the Boers have maintained.

Skagway Protests.

Skagway, Feb. 6.—A rousing mass-meeting was held here Saturday night protesting against the bill introduced in congress making the governor of Alaska her representative at Washington instead of some person whom the residents of the district may see fit to choose by a general election. Strong speeches were made and a resolution passed, a copy of the latter being ordered wired to Washington.

French Driven Back.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—Gen. French's division was attacked on the 26th of January by the Boers, within nine miles of Colesburg. French was driven back.

Speonkonf a Defeat.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—Despite the fact that a great deal has been made out of the reported victory at Speonkonf, dispatches received on Jan. 30 state that Warren's victory resulted in a defeat after all. After seven days of hard fighting beneath an African sun, whose fierceness was almost as much dreaded as the enemy's guns, Warren has been compelled to retire after a loss of 1000 men, leaving the Boer position in tact. Gen. Buller's entire army is again south of the Tugela river, having accomplished little or nothing toward reaching Ladysmith. Meanwhile the garrison at the latter town is hard pressed and fears are strongly entertained that it will not be able to hold out much longer.

Kitchener is Chief.

New York, Jan. 23.—It now leaks out that Lord Kitchener is really chief in South Africa, and Lord Roberts a figure-head, says a London cable to the Her-

ald. It happened thus: "The National Defence committee met and decided that Lord Kitchener was the man for the place. He was Lord Salisbury's nomination, but endless difficulties were in the way. The trouble was that Lord Kitchener was the junior of Generals Buller, Warren and others, but Lord Salisbury is never beaten upon a technicality and his solution of the problem was to send Lord Roberts, who will restore confidence of the men as field marshal, while Lord Kitchener, being his aide, will be enabled, under cover of his superior, to conduct the campaign. The general opinion is that the idea is good."

NEW LAWS FOR NOME

Provide for Submarine Mining Operations.

BAYS, RIVERS, OCEANS BELOW WATER MARK

Each Claim to Be 320x160 Feet in Dimensions.

Laws Applicable to Tide Lands—Prevents Locating by Power of Attorney—Agent for Corporations Must Make Personal Locations.

Washington, Feb. 1.—A bill has been introduced in both houses of congress which has special reference to the Nome mining district. The bill au-

nature has been received for some time. The Spectator of Jan. 26, at the conclusion of a lengthy article, says that "Another cycle of disaster confronts the British empire."

The Queen's Speech.

London, Feb. 6.—At the opening of parliament the speech from the throne contained a tribute to Buller and his men for the supposed victory at Speonkonf which the message stated is the key to the approach to Ladysmith. Since it has been learned that the position has been abandoned a general feeling of gloom has settled down over parliament which seems to have enveloped everyone.

FEARS AN INVASION.

England Holds Herself in Readiness for Trouble.

ORDERS HER WAR-SHIPS HELD.

To Be Kept at Home for Purposes of Coast Protection.

Great Britain Now Has 116,000 Men in South Africa and 30,000 More En Route, but Still the London Papers Clamor for More Troops.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—Despite the fact that there are at this moment a total of 116,000 men in the service of Great Britain in the South

GOVERNOR-ELECT SHOT

Kentucky Blue Blood Boils in Indignation.

WILLIAM GOEBEL COWARDLY KILLED.

Had Just Been Declared Governor by the Contesting Board.

Was Approaching State House When Assassin Fired From Upstairs Window—Governor Taylor in the Building at the Time.

Frankfort, Ky., via Skagway, Feb. 6.—William Goebel, late Democratic candidate for governor of Kentucky and whose election was being contested by the opposing Republican candidate and present incumbent of the office, Governor Taylor, was fatally shot in this city February 1st. A contesting board had been sitting on the case for several weeks, during which time the capital city was crowded with friends of both men, and excitement was intense. On Thursday the board announced its decision which would unseat Taylor and make Goebel governor of Kentucky. In the afternoon Goebel with two friends was walking toward the statehouse and when near that building several rifle shots were fired from an upstairs window and Goebel fell mortally wounded, a bullet having pierced his right lung. At the time of the shooting Governor Taylor with many other officials and a large body of armed mountaineers were in the statehouse, the doors of which were immediately barricaded, preventing entrance. In the meantime the assassin was assisted in his escape from the rear of the building, but the building was not searched for some time after the killing occurred. The state militia has been called out and greater excitement than has been known in Kentucky for many years prevails. Prevention of further trouble is almost impossible and wholesale rioting and murder is sure to result.

Many Nomads En Route.

Skagway, Feb. 6.—Trains are now running regularly over the White Pass & Yukon road between here and Bennett with the result that many persons are starting from here for Nome, the difficult part of the entire route having been from this place to Bennett.

Ranke Brothers have arrived from Dawson with good reports of the trail. On the way out they made careful inquiry and search for their old friend Relfe of the Clayton party, but heard and found nothing.

Alaska Pioneer Dead.

News comes from Wrangel of the death of Duncan McKinnon, a pioneer merchant of that city, at the age of 52 years. He had, says the Victoria Times, been in ill-health for about a year, but since he returned to Wrangel from this city, a short time ago, after being treated for six weeks, had been in good health and his death was unexpected. Duncan McKinnon was a native of Scotland and came to America when a young man. He enlisted in the regular army and was sent to Sitka with the First United States military detachment, in 1868, when Alaska became a part of the United States. In 1875 he joined the mad rush to the Cassiar gold fields. He returned to Wrangel the next year and started a general merchandise business, which he has since carried on. Two years ago he had a fortune which was lost in bad speculations, during the Stikkeen boom. The deceased was probably the most widely known of all Alaskan pioneers.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

To The Public.

This is to certify that the undersigned met by appointment, on Sunday Evening, February 4, two men, Carl Knobelsdorf and C. D. Campbell by name; that the said meeting occurred in Room 6 of the Regina Hotel; that the said Knobelsdorf and Campbell, during an interview lasting one and one-half hours, furnished the undersigned with the statements upon which the article entitled "From Nome in 57 Days" was based, which article appeared in an "extra" edition of the Daily Klondike Nugget published at noon on Monday, the 5th day of February. We further certify that the said Knobelsdorf and Campbell voluntarily answered all questions put to them by the undersigned, and that said article is a true and correct report of said interview.

Signed: **E. C. ALLEN,
GEO. M. ALLEN,
E. J. WHITE,
DAVID B. TEWKESBURY.**

thorizes the secretary of war to issue mining permits for claims on land under navigable waters of Alaska, including bays, rivers and oceans below water mark, the claims to be 320x160 feet.

Another bill has been introduced extending the placer mining laws of Alaska and making special provisions for mining on tide lands. The bill also provides for the prevention of locating claims by power of attorney. The bill further stipulates that corporations can only secure claims through an agent and that such agent must make the location personally. There is every indication that both bills will pass.

The Gloomy Press.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—The newspapers all take an exceedingly gloomy view of the situation, due as much as anything to the lack of news from the seat of war. General dissatisfaction is expressed with the censorship which is so closely maintained over all the dispatches. Public excitement is worked up to an intense pitch as no news other than that of a disastrous

African war and 30,000 more en route on the sea, the London journals are clamoring for an increase in the forces, and a centralization of all available troops in South Africa. At the same time a large number of warships and transports which have been for some time held in readiness to sail have been ordered held back.

The belief is openly expressed by opponents of the government that this order was given by reason of the fear that European complications may arise and in order that should such prove to be the case, coast-defenses will not be lacking. An unconfirmed report has reached here to the effect that Buller has met with another disaster.

Parliament Opened.

London, via Skagway, Feb. 6.—Parliament opened on Jan. 30. The Duke of Somerset and Lord Rosebery attacked the government in bitter speeches.

All the government leaders were heered with the exception of Chamberlain.

Soap Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

THROUGH TELEGRAPH

Dawson Will Connect Direct With the Outside.

THE CHAIN WILL BE COMPLETED

Line to Be Constructed From Atlin to Quesnelle.

A Branch Will Then Be Built From Bennett to Atlin and Communication Established With All Outside Points—Work Will Begin Soon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Authentic information has been received in Dawson within the past few days to the effect that parliament has appropriated \$225,000 for the purpose of covering the expenses of construction. It is expected that the line to the outside will be completed by the middle of next June. Mr. Charleston, the gentleman under whose management and supervision the present system was constructed, is now on his way to Dawson. He has been delegated to represent the central government in matters respecting the erection of public buildings, and the construction of public roads. Likewise to him has been entrusted the supervision of the telegraph line extension. The people of Dawson realize from experience that Mr. Charleston is an efficient and able official, and that he will expedite the performance of his duties as much as possible.

The plans of the government are to build the telegraph line from Atlin to Quesnelle, which is a station on the Canadian Pacific railroad. No surveys have yet been made; but surveys will start from each terminal point, and work towards each other. In this way the preliminary work of surveying will be completed before the first of May. Undoubtedly a party of surveyors have already left Quesnelle. It is thought that Mr. Charleston will be accompanied by another party, which will commence operations from the Atlin end of the line.

In the last mail, Justice Dugas received a letter from Ottawa which had been written on January 2d.

When asked respecting the action taken by the government in reference to the construction of an extension to the present telegraph system, the justice answered:

"In my letter, dated at Ottawa on January 2d, I am informed that the department of public works will commence the construction of an extension to the present telegraph line. This extension will connect the Yukon with the outside world. The new line will be built in all probability, between Atlin and Quesnelle, B. C. Without question the work of construction will be done as expeditiously as possible. Mr. Charleston, who built the present system, was to have left Ottawa soon after the time when my letter was written. He will supervise and manage the construction of the new line. He will also take charge of the erection of several public buildings in Dawson, and of the building of additional roads in the territory.

"I am extremely gratified with this recent action of the government, and I am confident that the people of Dawson will have telegraphic connection with the outside world, before the river freezes in the fall.

Little Willie Aftermath.

The following is from the Victoria Times of January 16th:

According to late arrivals from Dawson the editor of the Klondike Gleaner is reported to be a fugitive. He is said to have gone to the American side, presumably the Circle City district, to avoid answering to the Dawson courts

for articles in which it is claimed he had libeled the Klondike judiciary. The Gleaner is alleged to have characterized the arrest and subsequent trial of the dealer in a gambling house as an attempt on the part of the officers to extort money from the gamblers, and to have published severe strictures on Judge Dugas and the Dawson judiciary generally. Judge Dugas placed Semple on \$1000 bonds to show cause why he should not be punished for libelling the court. Semple gave bonds, and is claimed to have written other articles criticising still more severely. He was again cited to appear, and on the receipt of this summons, says Joe Boyle, who returned yesterday from Dawson, he is said to have fled down to Forty-mile, having his hands and feet badly frozen on the journey, and the Canadian officers who went in pursuit were reported to have overtaken and arrested him.

Two New Townsites.

Plats of two new townsites on one of which a town will rapidly spring up with the advent of spring, have just been received by and are now posted in the office of Lieut. S. E. Adair, general agent in the Yukon territory for the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. The townsites are those of Cariboo and Closeleigh, the former at Cariboo Crossing, where the railroad will cross on a drawbridge the narrow strait which connects Lakes Bennett and Tagish. The plat shows Cariboo to be a "V"-shaped site, the point being the water front. Cariboo may grow to be a town, but the chances are that it being only a way station, lots will not go like the proverbial hot cakes.

With Closeleigh, however, it will be very different. Closeleigh is the name for the new town just below Whitehorse rapids, and directly across the river from the present village of tents and shacks. The plat shows this to be a very cleverly laid out town with eight avenues and ten streets. The avenues run parallel with the river and are intersected by the streets. The avenues are designated by numbers and the streets by names, in which list appears the names of several prominent Canadians and of officers of the railroad company. Business lots, 45x100 feet near the water front, are being readily sold, several choice locations having already passed into the hands of future business magnates of the new town.

Being the terminus of the road, at least until such time as its promoters determine to extend it on to Dawson, Closeleigh is destined to rapidly grow into a place of considerable prominence, being favorable to the location of wholesale houses whose field of operations would be the entire Yukon river and its system between that point and St. Michael. It is likely that many persons now in business at Bennett will change their base of operations from that place to the new town of Closeleigh.

Mass Meeting Called.

At the urgent solicitation of a score or more of influential citizens, and in compliance with the request of a largely signed petition, C. M. Woodworth, esq., has called a mass meeting for next Monday night to be held at 8 o'clock in McDonald hall for the purpose of obtaining general expression regarding the matter of Dawson choosing by election the representations on the board of the Yukon council, which right and privilege was granted by parliament over one year ago, but of which our people have not as yet availed themselves. Every business man in the city as well as every man, regardless of nationality, having at heart the best interests and future welfare of Dawson is urgently requested to be present and participate in the meeting.

Regarding Mails.

Postmaster Hartman informs the Daily Nugget that the mail which left here a week ago tonight reached Selkirk just three days later, an average of almost 60 miles each day. The mail closed at noon today and will start for the outside tonight. Mr. Hartman also

stated in the Daily Nugget office this morning that paper mail will be forwarded at regular second-class rates of postage, which is four ounces for one cent. A bundle of three or four newspapers, therefore, can be sent from here to any part of Canada or the United States for one cent.

Where Is W. A. Brown?

Ben F. Brown of Pendleton, Oregon, writes the Daily Nugget for information concerning his brother, William A. Brown who was last heard from by his relatives by a letter from this place. If the recalcitrant William is here he will do well to allay the anxiety of his relatives by writing them news of him self.

Burnham Goes to Africa.

The singular straits to which Britain is reduced in the present war is demonstrated in the following remarkable item appearing in Monday's Seattle Star: "A passenger of singular interest who came down from Alaska on the City of Seattle is F. R. Burnham. He is an American, but he has spent many years of his life in South Africa. Mr. Burnham is said to be more familiar with the topography of the Transvaal than any man now in the British army. The queen has been searching everywhere after the recent reverses for men to join the staff of those fighting the Boers who are capable of advising the conduct of the army with regard to the character of the country. Mr. Burnham heard of this in Dawson while conversing with some British officers. He told them his experience there and they immediately employed him for the British government. Mr. Burnham came down, accompanied by his wife and son. They will remain in Seattle for the present, while Mr. Burnham will go at once to South Africa and join the British army."—Victoria Times

(F. R. Burnham above referred to was in Dawson early last year, going from here to Skagway where he invested in a large amount of improved property which he still owns, or did own a short time ago. Although a young man, he has seen much of life and for valient services to the British government some few years ago he, although an American citizen and a good and loyal one, was granted a township of land, the tract being six miles square, in the Transvaal country, which grant was rapidly increasing in value the last time Mr. Burnham had heard from that country last fall. Burnham at one time last year had \$22,000 in cash deposited with a Skagway bank, with which he proposed erecting a second electric light system for the town, his object being to secure the necessary power from Reid's Falls, two miles north from the town, but as there was some trouble about securing the water right he did not push the proposition. Burnham is a director of the Bishop McCabe college, the only college in Alaska, and in him the British government has secured a most valuable and reliable assistant in her present difficulties.—E.D.)

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KNOBELSDORFF'S LECTURE.

On Nome, Its Mineral Resources and the Trail.

People From the States Can Reach Cape Nome Sooner Than Those From Dawson.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Last evening, at the Palace Grand theater, Mr. Carl Knobelsdorff gave a lecture on Nome, its mineral resources and how to reach there. Yesterday morning the lecture was advertised to take place at the McDonald hall; but at noon this plan was altered and bills were posted around town notifying the public that the Palace Grand had been secured for the purpose. At all events, at 7 o'clock, the hour which had been appointed, no auditors were present, and it was at least an hour and a half later before Mr. Knobelsdorff began his discourse. He addressed a good audience, but it is difficult to determine how many were attracted by the lecture. Eddie O'Brien introduced Mr. Knobelsdorff. The latter was attired in his trail costume, with the exception of the parkey. He is a man of middle age. His height is about six feet, and he possesses a well knit, though not rugged frame. He has the qualities of a good traveler. The lecture was disconnected, but his knowledge of the facts of which he spoke was so extensive that the discourse was interesting.

Mr. Knobelsdorff began by stating that he left Nome on Dec. 10th, and that he brought letters of introduction to Messrs. Carr, Olsen, Joslyn, Crawford and W.E. Wilson of Dawson, from Major Ingraham of Nome. The lecturer stated Nome is a town similar in size to that of Dawson, and has a population of 3200 people. Until late in the fall, good order prevailed; but after the stampede from Dawson had arrived thefts were of frequent occurrence. During the summer typhoid fever was quite prevalent, but the cold weather rid the community of this disease. Last spring very fine weather was experienced. About the middle of June the rainy and windy season commenced, and continued, with the exception of some good weather in August, until September 15th; from which time until late in November beautiful fall weather prevailed. On November 3d the last steamer left Nome; one week later ice formed at the water's edge. Until December 10th, the thermometer never registered lower than zero; but on that day it fell to 10 degrees below. There are sufficient provisions to support the population, and prices are reasonable. Fuel is the only scarce article; wood is selling for \$65 per cord.

The first discovery of gold in the beach was made near the mouth of Snake river. The beach diggings commence at high water mark and run into the sea. High water mark is a matter of much dispute; some assert it to be where the highest tide reaches, others claim its limit is marked by the drift wood. The question will have to be settled by the courts. Between Nome and Port Clarence the beach has been extensively worked. The miners agreed to respect locations of 10x15 feet last summer so long as the same were held by the presence of a rocker. After a spot has once been worked, the gold is not replaced by the waves again. The width of the beach is about 60 feet. The coarsest gold is found in gravel under the water. Bedrock is found at a depth of from six inches to four feet. The output of beach gold last year was \$1,500,000. This winter a few are attempting to pile out dumps on the beach, which they expect to wash next spring. Rocking with boiling water was tried, but this scheme proved to be futile. No one knows how extensive the beach diggings are; this fact remains to be ascertained next season.

Back of the beach and for four or five miles in width is what is known as the tundra. There are several small streams running through this land. These creeks and all of the tundra in the vicinity of Nome has been staked. Such claims are called beach claims, and can be recorded. The tundra has been prospected, and it offers no inducements to a poor miner. Capitalists may be able to work it profitably with machinery, and this will be attempted. The creeks, so far as prospected, have proven to be exceedingly rich. Anvil was the best last year, but Snow or Dexter is expected to take the lead next season.

The trail from here to Nome is good. There are plenty of roadhouses, which charge \$4 for supper, bed and breakfast. Mr. Knobelsdorff on his trip of 57 days, stopped in tents for two nights and at empty cabins for three nights, the rest of the time he secured accommodations at roadhouses. There is plenty of timber on the way until within 20 miles of Nome.

Should Study Geography.
The statement in yesterday's News to the effect that Major J. F. A. Strong is publisher of the most northerly paper in the world, the Nome News, will not hold water when subjected to the searchlight of investigation. The latitude of Nome is a fraction less than 64 1/2, while in the northern part of Norway and on latitude 72 are three towns, Hammerfest, Vardo and Vadsø, in all three of which newspapers are published. Thus it is seen that the statement of the News is about 480 miles shy of the mark.

Weather Report.
The official thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero last night. At 9 o'clock this morning the reading of the instrument was 2 degrees below. At noon the temperature was warmer and the needle then pointed to 3 degrees above.

Seldeman a Lucky Man.
On Saturday, E. C. Seldeman fell into a shaft 129 feet deep, and hardly suffered any injury by reason of his fall. Seldeman works on Cheechako Hill on a claim which is being operated by Mr. Evans. He was being hoisted from the bottom of the shaft, and through the carelessness of the engineer, Seldeman was jerked into the shaft after he had reached the top. One hundred and twenty-nine feet below he fell into a "sump" of water, about three feet deep. The only ill effects occasioned by the accident was an injury to one of his thumbs.

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