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Are Required By England to Put Down the War With Kruger.

SO SAYS MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

Philopolis Taken By Clement— News From Mafeking.

MANY NATIVES STARVING

By Reason of the Fact That They Will Not Eat Horse Flesh—War in Kentucky Grows.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—Winston Churchill has advised the government that it is imperative that troops shall be sent continuously to the Transvaal until the end of the war is brought about by the unconditional surrender of the Boers. He is of the opinion that the Boers will still offer heavy resistance before the end is reached.

Philippolis Taken.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—Clement has entered Philippolis and has issued a proclamation calling upon the burghers to lay down their arms. The Boers have reoccupied Griquatown and a column has left Kimberley to drive them out.

At Mafeking.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—A dispatch from Lady Sarah

Wilson who has been with the garrison of Mafeking ever since the beginning of the siege states that the town is still closely invested by the Boers. "We received the news of the relief of Ladysmith," says the dispatch, "with much joy, although it served in one way to increase our disappointment as there appears to be no immediate hope of our relief. The Boers are strongly entrenched between us and Plummer's column and his advance will be strongly resisted."

Natives Starving.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—Many natives who are with the beleaguered force at Mafeking are dying of starvation. This is due to the fact that the natives refuse to eat horseflesh, which now constitutes the garrison's principal meat diet.

More Boer Treachery.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—Baden-Powell, commanding the garrison at Mafeking reports another instance of Boer treachery. An arrangement had been perfected whereby all operations on both sides were to cease on Sunday. The Boers took advantage of the relaxation on the part of the British and extended their trenches nearer the town. On the 23d Baden-Powell reported to Roberts that the enemy's cordon had been somewhat relaxed although the Boers were still shelling the town, several casualties resulting recently.

Free Staters Giving Up.

London, March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—The Free Staters are surrendering on all sides and many of them announce their willingness to take the field against the Transvaal.

War in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., March 27, via Skagway, April 2.—Armed supporters of the two rival governors are quartered within two squares of each other and bloodshed is imminent. The Republicans have dug trenches around the capitol and the report is given out that explosive mines are being laid. Federal interference is not unlikely.

Vision of Greatest Britain.

London, March 15.—All the morning papers refer in most flattering terms to the recent speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, welcoming the idea of colonial representation in London. The Times says: "The speech would rank high in any assembly as a model of noble eloquence, but it is not its eloquence which will make it live in the annals of the empire. He has expressed more faithfully and more truly than any other statesman who has yet spoken, the temper of the new imperial patriotism, fostered into self-consciousness by the war. We look forward to a day not distant in the life of nations, when a Boer premier of South African Dominion shall kindle with a like devotion to the British flag."

The Daily Chronicle says: "Canada is, perhaps, the colony of all others which will act as the pioneer of imperial federation, if ever the empire should be federated."

The Daily Mail says: "Why should not Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the great leaders of our other colonies have a share in the direction of imperial affairs?"

The Standard says: "The war has shown that the colonies have won the strongest right to the privileges of the empire by volunteering to assume its burdens."

The Morning Post says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke for Canada in words of impassioned and splendid eloquence."

The Daily Graphic says: "The sooner the ideal of federation is realized the better."

Mrs. Relfe Not Insane.

The last mail brought to Major A. B. Perry a letter from Mr. Falcon Joslyn, of this city, who is a now on the outside. Mr. Joslyn states that he called upon the family of Lynn Relfe, while in Seattle, and that while they are very much depressed over the disappearance and very probable murder of son and brother, yet he says nothing about the missing man's mother having lost her mind through worry over her son as was stated in an unreliable publication of this city recently.

INDIANS DESTITUTE

They Are Suffering From the Lack of the Common Necessaries of Life.

THEIR CONDITION DUE TO WHITE MEN

Who Have Driven the Game Into the Interior.

MORTALITY AMONG NATIVES.

The Tribe is Gradually Decreasing Because of Existing Conditions.

Some consideration should be given to the condition of those Indians who are living in the village which is situated on the Yukon river near the mouth of Mooshide creek. They claim to be destitute of the necessaries of life; and assert that they have been reduced to their present position by the settlement of white men in this territory. Their complaints not only possess the color of truth and reason, but they are verified by men who are conversant with the facts.

Before the discovery of gold attracted people to this region of the world, there was a population of about 200 Indians in the little village which lies directly north of Dawson. In those days the natives subsisted on wild game and fish; the former was plentiful, and no hunting expedition returned unsuccessful. Then the tribe was hearty and its numbers did not diminish.

When thousands of white men penetrated this northern country in search of precious metal, they found the native inhabitants peaceable. The newcomers prospected the creeks, destroyed the timber and slaughtered the game. Gradually the wild animals were driven farther into the interior, until now they have become so scarce and timid that it is a matter of great difficulty to hunt them successfully. For the past two winters the Indians have been unable to secure enough wild meat on which to subsist. At the present time their food consists of that which they obtain from white men. The nature of the aborigine is not accustomed to cereals and sweets; and consequently their health has been impaired, and their constitutions, rugged once, have become weakened. The rate of mortality among them is very great; indeed within four years nearly a moiety of the tribe has died. The population at the village does not exceed 100 Indians.

The natives themselves fully understand their destitute circumstances, and realize that there can be no relief except through the agency of the government. The representatives of the tribe have visited Governor Ogilvie; but no action in the premises has yet been taken. However, it is not improbable to suppose that before long the federal government will establish an Indian reservation in the vicinity of Moosehide, and put the natives on rations.

A representative of the Daily Nugget interviewed the Rev. William C. Bumpas, who for more than 35 years has devoted himself to missionary work among the Indians in this northern country. In speaking of the matter uppermost in his mind, Bishop Bumpas said:

"Since the settlement of the white men here, the condition of the natives has gradually become worse. The game, on which they formerly relied for sustenance, has been killed, or scared far into the interior. Now they eat the food stuffs of the white man; and this sudden change of diet has resulted disadvantageously to the Indians. The tribe at Moosehide has diminished to half its ordinary number; and the rate of mortality is constantly increasing. I think that the government is obliged to make

a treaty with the natives, by the terms of which it should be provided that a reservation be established at Moosehide, and that the Indians be supplied with the necessaries of life."

Governor Ogilvie, when questioned respecting the matter, said:

"No doubt there is some cause for complaint by the Indians; but, as a matter of fact, they will loaf around the habitations of white men as long as there are any in the country. I remember that the natives, in 1887, instead of hunting when game was plentiful, would beg food from the miners and merchants of Fortymile. Perhaps wild animals are difficult to find now; but nevertheless, I think that they could be successfully hunted a short distance into the interior. Nevertheless, I believe that the Indians should be treated in a reasonable and liberal manner by the government. I do not care to commit myself to any definite policy, until I shall have given the matter careful consideration; but undoubtedly all the facts in connection with the present condition of the natives will be submitted to the proper authorities at Ottawa."

Eagles Elect Officers.

At the meeting of Dawson Aerie No. 50, F. O. E. yesterday afternoon and last night 61 fledgelings were given wings, making a total of 220 new Eagles made within three weeks, and which, with a large number of old birds who belong on the outside, runs the number of Eagles now in Dawson considerably above the 300 mark. The following officers who will preside over the destinies of the new aerie were elected at last night's session of the day's meeting:

President, Leroy Tozier; vice-president, Capt. Donald B. Olson; secretary, John Dougherty; chaplain, M. I. Stevens; treasurer, A. S. Reid; conductor, Sergeant A. McIntosh; inside guard, Richardson; outside guard, R. L. Brown; trustees, Frank W. Clayton, O. W. Hobbs and J. L. Sale; aerie physician, Dr. Hepworth.

The new officers were duly installed by District Deputy Fay, through whose efforts the aerie was instituted. After the installation those who have so ably filled the offices and assisted Mr. Fay in his arduous task turned over their respective stations to the duly elected officers and Dawson Aerie, No. 50, began the work of making its own history under the most auspicious circumstances imaginable. The aerie is to be congratulated on its most excellent choice of officers, as none better could have been chosen.

After all business had been disposed of last night a social session was held which terminated at 1 o'clock a. m. and during which flow of soul and feast of reason and other good things were the ruling order. "Yea, yea."

New Mineral Creek.

Court Constable Allmark, who recently received a letter from a friend who has been prospecting during the winter on White river, and which letter stated that gold in paying quantities had been discovered at a point on that stream about 70 miles up from where it empties into the Yukon, received a telegram yesterday from the same person which confirms the news conveyed by letter. The telegram states that there is a large amount of gold-bearing gravel in that locality, and that it can be worked with profit and to good advantage, the country being comparatively easy of access. This is the first report of gold having been discovered in the district to the west of the Yukon river.

Citizens' Committee.

A meeting of the citizens' committee was held on Saturday evening. The incorporation of the city was discussed; but the committee concluded that its instructions were not definite enough to warrant them in taking any action respecting the matter. Another meeting of the committee will take place tomorrow evening, at which it is proposed to consider the Yukon counsel's position in reference to the question of representative government.

SIFTON ABROAD

Minister of the Interior Goes to Vienna to Place Himself Under a Specialist.

MAY BE ABSENT SEVERAL MONTHS.

The Honorable James Sutherland Occupies Ministerial Chair.

NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

And Until Sifton's Return Many Important Matters Will Remain in Statu Quo.

The last mail from the outside brought news to the effect that Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, has gone to Vienna, where he will place himself in the care of a celebrated specialist for treatment of his ears which for some time have been giving him considerable trouble, and lately his hearing has been affected to such an extent as to render immediate treatment imperative if the distinguished gentleman would retain the important sense of hearing.

The minister of the interior will be absent six weeks or two months, and as much longer as his presence in Vienna will be required by the great doctor to whose care and treatment he has committed his ears.

During the minister's absence his office is being filled by the Hon. James Sutherland, but as the latter is not versed in legal lore, it is not probable that any appeal cases which may have been carried up from the gold commissioner's court of this district will be heard until after the minister's return. In fact, a letter received by the well-known law firm of Clark & Wilson from their Ottawa correspondent states that at the time of writing no arrangements had been made to hear appeal cases and that the probability is that no such arrangements will be made.

In cases of importance where everything in connection with claims and claim working is tied up and development and operation is suspended awaiting final decision which can come only from the minister of the interior, the absence of that official from his post of duty without his having made provisions for his work being carried on will doubtless result in much inconvenience and delay.

A. F. and A. M.

At a meeting of the A. F. and A. M. social club of Dawson Saturday evening at Fraternity hall, it was decided to give a social and smoker on the evening of April 14th and to have a social on the occasion of each weekly meeting. A committee was appointed to correspond with the grand lodge of Manitoba at Winnipeg relative to the cost of instituting a lodge in this place. There are hundreds of Masons here and a good live lodge can be maintained in Dawson. All members of the order are invited to be present at the smoker, April 14th.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 56 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 33 degrees above.

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MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1900

FOR THE COMMITTEE.

The citizens' committee, while waiting for returns from the communications sent to Ottawa, might give some attention to the question of local incorporation. The Council evidently feels disposed to grant the town municipal rights, but the terms upon which it will be done are of such a nature as to render the advisability of incorporating extremely doubtful. These doubts may be removed by a clear and distinct understanding as to the exact powers and responsibilities which would be vested in the municipality should an incorporation ordinance be passed.

The citizens' committee could fill a useful purpose by conferring with the Council and ascertaining the exact status of affairs. We do not believe that there will be any general desire for incorporation expressed should it develop that the town would have to depend for its revenues entirely, or practically so, upon the levying of direct taxes upon real and personal property.

The present method of administering the affairs of the town by appointees of the Federal government is unsatisfactory—as much so, we believe, to the members of the Council themselves as to the citizens in general. At the same time we would not favor a change which would involve a radical increase in taxation. What we want is the best form of local government, administered as economically as possible. The citizens' committee might devote some time to securing information upon this subject with considerable advantage to the community.

A reliable statement as to the sources of revenue upon which the municipality might count, and an estimate of expenditures with which it would be confronted, would form a basis upon which an intelligent opinion might be founded. The work is, we believe, quite within the province of the committee now acting by appointment of a public mass meeting.

A PUBLIC BRIDGE.

A public wagon and foot bridge across the Klondike river is an important and urgent necessity, to which the Council should give early attention.

The gold producing creeks, to reach any of which the Klondike must be crossed, have been famous the world over for more than three years. During this time they have yielded in gold sums almost fabulous in amount, and a number of them have scarcely been prospected as yet. In the judgment of men whose experience entitles their opinions to every consideration, the country has before it a prosperous existence for an indefinite number of years.

In the face of these facts it seems odd that practically the only means of reaching the trails leading to the creeks should be a toll bridge, which is only a makeshift and unsuitable for the present requirements.

A bridge is needed sufficiently strong to permit the heaviest

loads being hauled over it. Single pieces of machinery will be required on the creeks this summer which could scarcely be taken across the present bridge. Moreover, considering the taxes which in various ways are collected from the miners now engaged upon the creeks in question, a toll charge of any nature is wholly wrong. The government is in duty bound to provide easy and economical access to the creeks.

There may possibly have been some excuse for a toll bridge when the franchise for its construction was granted. At that time the government of the territory had scarcely been organized, and revenues had not reached their present amount. This reason, however, is no longer valid. Statements of government receipts and expenditures in this territory show that revenues are now greatly in excess of disbursements. Consequently, there should be no hesitation on the part of the government in undertaking so important a public improvement as the construction of a bridge over the Klondike.

Such grafts as "tramless trams" and toll bridges were bad enough in the dark ages of Yukon government, but they should be relegated to history now.

If the freighters continue to cross the Klondike on the ice very much longer, some of them will find themselves minus a team. There have been several narrow escapes during the past few days, and each day the ice becomes weaker. It would be well for the police to investigate the condition of the ice, and if it is found unsafe and dangerous further use of it should be prohibited.

News from Kentucky is of a decidedly belligerent nature. The fact that the opposing political parties are making preparations for resort to actual hostilities would seem to indicate that blood will yet flow before a satisfactory solution of the present difficulty is reached. If warlike Kentuckians do not get together and settle their difficulties soon, the strong arm of Uncle Sam will be felt in Kentucky in a way that will bring a reminder of the days of '61.

Automobiles Coming.

The French steamer Aquitaine, which arrived at New York a few days ago from Havre, brought three Frenchmen who say they intend to make the attempt to go to the Klondike by automobile. They are, says the Alaskan, E. Janne de Lamarre, who has been to the Klondike, and was for a time editor of the Klondike Review. Rapha Merville, who is a brother-in-law of M. de Lamarre and who holds a fast automobile record, and L. Crom, private secretary of L. de Lamarre.

The three travelers sent ahead of them an automobile of five horse power. The vehicles have been sent to Vancouver, whence they will be sent to Skagway and on to Lake Bennett by way of the White Pass & Yukon railway.

M. de Lamarre started from Montreal and on April 19 starts by automobile from Lake Bennett for Dawson.

"The automobile will go in front, the motor cycle will follow and a sleigh carrying provisions will bring up the rear," he said. "At places where we must travel by water, I intend to place the automobile in a large flat canoe and use the power of the machine."

Mystery of Number Nine.

Among the magicians and soothsayers of ancient times both the figures nine and three had a certain amount of mystery and sacredness attached to them, and volumes have been written in explanation of their meaning in connection with the history of men and the world. Apropos of this, a curious coincidence is noted in the fact that nearly all the great mining discoveries of recent times have been made in years ending with the magic figure nine. Thus the famous gold find in California fell in the year 1849. Ten years later, in 1859, remarkable discov-

eries of the same metal were made in British Columbia, causing a great rush of fortune hunters to these points, says Leslie's Weekly.

In 1869 the famous Comstock lode find became known to the world; in 1879 the gold-bearing region around Leadville and Tombstone, A. T., began to attract attention, and in 1889 the diggings at Clover Creek and in Lower California became the objective points of great multitudes of excited and anxious seekers after sudden wealth. And now again, at the end of another decade, history repeats itself once more. The remarkable gold finds recently made at Cape Nome, surpassing in richness and extent anything yet discovered in the Yukon district, bid fair to make the year 1899 as notable as any in the annals of gold mining.

U. S. Customs Regulations.

The local customs officials have been notified that the United States treasury department has sent the following communication to the collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska:

"Goods destined for British possessions—Designation of Skagway as a port from which merchandise may be forwarded to the British possessions: Treasury Dept., Feb. 24, 1900.

"In order to facilitate the entry and transportation of merchandise destined for the Northwest territories and under the authority contained in section 3005, revised statutes, Skagway is hereby designated as a port at which merchandise destined for places in British possessions of North America may be entered for transportation through the territory of the United States, without the payment of duties thereon, and the regulations prescribed by department circular No. 129, of October 27th, 1899, are hereby made applicable to such transportation from the port named.

(Signed) O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.
The above is simply a confirmation of the regulations for bonded privileges which have been in force for some time past, under provisional permission, Skagway Alaskan.

Democratic Issues.

Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, of St. Louis, submitted to an interview with the Post-Dispatch. When asked what would be the position of the Democratic party on the issue of expansion in the coming campaign, Senator Jones said:

"The Democratic party will be opposed to imperialism, and by that I mean the acquisition of territory remote from this country and its government either as a part of the United States or as colonies. The Democratic party has always favored the extensions of our commerce, while the Republican party, by its protective tariff policy, has always opposed and discouraged it. The Democratic party will continue to favor every legitimate means of expanding the commerce of the United States."

"Will silver be as important an issue as it was in the campaign of 1896?" he was asked.

"If you will come to me about the 15th of next November I will be better informed on that point," answered the senator.

"Do you think silver has paled any as an issue before the American people?"

"You know as much about that as I do. Conventions and platforms do not make issues. The wishes and opinions of voters make them. The Democratic party is the party of bimetalism, and its declaration in the next platform on this question will be as strong as it was in 1896. But whether silver, or opposition to trusts, or imperialism will claim most attention from the people is something I cannot tell you."

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Gold Run has more men working for a distance of six miles than any other creek, excepting the bench ground on Bonanza, in the country. The creek for the greater part is let out on lays and the laymen are all confident of wages for their winter's work. Some very fine dumps are in evidence and the creek will run its output into six ciphers.

Fifty above is the first claim with dumps of any size. H. J. McDonald, one of the owners, gave up a lucrative position with the A. C. Co. to work his ground and feels well pleased with his winter's work.

Forty-five above is being prospected and is showing up fairly well. The laymen are expecting to run into rich dirt at any time.

Forty-one above has six sets of laymen and they have out some very good dumps the pay streak here is very wide and has averaged up well.

The lower end of 40 is being worked by laymen and the upper part will be worked with machinery this summer.

Thirty-nine above is let out on lays, nine in number, and the dumps are some of the best on the creek. Elliott Brothers, who own one-half, are managing the claim.

Thirty-eight has 12 lays and has shown up wonderfully well, the pay streak being 100 feet wide. Palmer Bros. and Julius C. Smith are the owners, and Smith is the manager. Julius C. is well known to the Seattle boys as an ex-real estate man who in the boom days drove a fast horse, and was a thorough sport. The boom fell, so did Smith, and he next appeared as a packer on the Dyea trail, and hit the scales as hard as any of them. He represented 38 for an interest and undoubtedly will go outside well paid for his hard knocks in this country.

Thirty-seven has six lays and some very rich pay has been taken out. The dumps are large ones and the laymen have a satisfied look that speaks well for the claim.

Thirty-six has five lays and some very fine pay. Mr. Lynch, one of the owners, who is managing the claim, is just recovering from a severe injury received by falling down a shaft.

Thirty-five boasts of the only hillside with pay on Gold Run. However, the creek men are claiming the ground and the courts will settle it. There is also a quartz claim here owned by Schoonou, Neely and Cooley. The quartz is free milling and pronounced rose quartz by experts who have examined it, and a really rich grade. The vein is 20 by 8 feet on the surface and will be developed this summer.

Thirty-four, owned by Ellis, Cahill and Soggs, is one of the richest on the creek. There are 120,000 buckets in the dumps and more being hoisted every day. The dirt will average from \$1 to \$1.50 per bucket. The biggest pan was taken out by Gus Raymond and went \$192.80. The Nugget representative was standing at the windlass talking with Dr. Beckett, one of the laymen, when a boulder came up that filled the bucket. Sticking to the rough spots were colors galore. Over 100 were counted, some weighing 20 cents.

Thirty-three has two thawers at work and some very good dumps.

Thirty-one has a thawer and a self dumping bucket that does away with the uptown man. The bucket is hoisted from the shaft on a trolley line and run across the creek and dumped by a trigger. The pay is very fair and the dump a large one.

Twenty-nine and thirty are worked by laymen and the ground gives up some very rich pay.

Twenty-seven and twenty-eight, the celebrated Chute-Wills claims, worked in connection with 16, 17 and 18, are employing about 125 men and are undoubtedly among the richest claims on the creek. The ground is burned and the dirt windlass; but the ground remaining will be worked with machinery this summer. The company has a regular town on their property, including a hotel, store, laundry, etc., besides the quarters of the employees.

Con Short has done a little work on upper 26 and taken out some rich dirt; but the work has been discontinued and Mr. Short will go out on the first boat and bring in the latest mechanical devices for mining.

Peter Iverson, who owns the controlling interests in 19, 23 and 29, has a

big gang of men working his ground and is well pleased with his pay. Mr. Iverson was unfortunate in losing his machinery in the rapids last fall, but nevertheless, his ground is being thoroughly worked and in a profitable manner.

Twenty-two is working 26 men, and a thawer and will continue to work all summer. There are quite plainly two paystreaks here, one 125 feet wide, the other has not been crosscut, but three lines of holes have been sunk and drifted and now another line is being put down. Last winter a great deal was heard of the richness of 22 and as a result the owners, Messrs. Bass, Barnes and Short, had a contest and a hard fight to hold their ground. This winter they are saying nothing, but sawing wood just the same.

Fourteen, fifteen and thirteen are being worked and very fair pay taken out; and pay has been located, though not so rich, from 12 to the mouth. The reported rich bench ground in this vicinity is not in evidence; or at least the richness is hidden from the "gaze of the vulgar multitude," and visible only to the Sun correspondent, who evidently has a hillside or two to sell.

Gold Run has a large sawmill running full blast and turning out first-class lumber. The men here have obtained their lumber at a much less figure than it could have been freighted or whip-sawed and they are far ahead of many of those on the other creeks who have delayed until now, when it is whipsaw or nothing.

Sound-Alaskan Steamers.

Dawsonites going to the outside this season will have their choice of traveling on any of the following steamers, which list was prepared and lately published in the Skagway Daily Alaskan:

The steamer Ruth is to be put on the Skagway-Puget sound route. She will leave Seattle on her first trip to this port about March 22. The vessel will be operated by the Washington and Alaska Steamship company; virtually Dodd & Co., general agents of the American Mail Steamship company, operating between Tacoma and the Orient in connection with the Northern Pacific railway. The same company now operates the City of Seattle and the Farallon on this run.

The announcement that the Ruth is to be run to Skagway, following as it does, on the heels of the announcement that the steamer Alpha is to also come to this port, and that several other large ships are likely to be added to the route, is considered a significant fact argument of the esteem in which shipping men hold the trade of the gateway to the Klondike.

The Ruth has been a steam schooner and is being built up. She is to be fitted with complete upper works and a system of passenger accommodations for 50 cabin and 30 steerage passengers. Her freight capacity will be 65 tons. The ship Ruth in short, will be just such a craft as the Dirigo, which also was once a steam schooner. She will have a speed of 11 knots an hour, and will make two round trips a month.

With the two trips of the Farallon, and the three of the City of Seattle, and the two of the Ruth, the steamers of the Washington & Alaska company will make an aggregate of seven calls at this port monthly. This is a greater number of calls than made by any other line giving a service to the port. The Pacific Coast company now gives the most calls, namely six a month.

Dodwell & Co., will make another departure in Alaska trade this spring by sending their big trans-Pacific line Tacoma to Nome. She will sail from Seattle May 25. The company has placed the price of first-class tickets at \$125, and \$75 for second-class. The ship has accommodations for 900 passengers and 3000 tons of freight. She was once the trans-Atlantic liner Parthia.

With the addition of the Ruth and the Alpha, there will be 14 steamers running between Skagway and Puget sound or British Columbia ports. They are the City of Seattle, the City of Topeka, Amur, Farallon, Rosalie, Humboldt, Cutch, Cottage City, Dirigo, Danube, Alki, Alpha, Ruth, Tees.

The Amur and the Alpha are to go to Nome about May 1, but other ships are in prospect for this route. Notable among those in prospect are one or two steamers to be put on by the Pacific Coast company, and to include the big two-stack floating palace Santa Rosa, which will be in the excursion trade.

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NEW MINING REGULATIONS

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The Law Affects Surveys, Size of a Discovery Claim and Miners' Certificates.

By the recent mail the gold commissioner received from Ottawa the new regulations, of which telegraphic notice was given some time ago. According to the provisions of the law a miner's certificate may be issued for a period of five years, the discoverer of a new mine shall be allowed one claim 1000 feet in length, which shall be exempt from royalty, and surveys made by Dominion land surveyors shall define the boundaries of claims for all time to come.

The first order, which relates to certificates and the size of a discovery claim, is as follows:

"His excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's privy council for Canada is pleased to order that the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon territory made and established by an order of the governor in council, dated 18th, January, 1898, and as amended by subsequent order in council shall be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

1. That clause 2, which provides that a free miner's certificate may be granted for one year shall be and is hereby amended so that a certificate may be issued for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance for each year covered by the certificate.

2. That clause 19, which provides that the discoverer of a new mine shall be allowed one claim 500 feet in length; that a party of two discoverers shall be allowed two claims amounting to 1000 feet in length, and that each member beyond two in number a claim of the ordinary size shall be and is hereby amended by giving to one discoverer a claim of 1000 feet in length and to a party of two discoverers two claims amounting together to 1500 feet in length and that no royalty shall be imposed on the output of such claims.

3. That the definition of the rear boundaries of claims as specified in clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13 shall be and is hereby amended by providing that the rear boundaries of creek or gulch claim which runs in the general direction of the creek or gulch be defined by measuring 1000 feet on each side of the center of the stream or gulch; that the boundary of a river claim which runs in the general direction of the river be defined by measuring 1000 feet from low water mark of the river; and that the rear boundary of a hill claim shall be defined by measuring 1000 feet from its front boundary.

4. That all claims for which entries have been granted in the past may be defined in the manner specified in the preceding paragraph by order of the gold commissioner on the application of the registered owner thereof, where such proceedings will not interfere with any mining regulation claim or property owned or held by any other person."

The second order, which refers to the matter of surveys, reads as follows:

"Whereas, representations have been made that it would be in the interest of the owners of placer claims in the Yukon territory if the surveys of their claims made by a Dominion land surveyor could be accepted as defining for all time to come the boundaries thereof, and it is hereby ordered as follows:

Surveys already made by a Dominion land surveyor, either employed by the Dominion government or by the miners themselves, shall, if appointed by the commissioner of the Yukon territory and after a notice of such survey being advertised for three months in one of the newspapers published in Dawson, if unopposed, be made to define absolutely the boundaries of the claim surveyed; and if at any time a holder of a claim should wish to have his boundaries defined he may employ a Dominion land surveyor to make a survey thereof, and after publishing a notice in the manner above mentioned such survey shall define the boundaries of the claim surveyed. If within three months from the time such notice is published the survey is protested, the protest shall be heard and decided upon by the gold commissioner. The survey of the claim shall be made under instructions from the gold commissioner of the Yukon territory and approved by him before they can be accepted as defining the boundaries of the claim surveyed."

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THE TERRITORIAL COURT

Resumed Its Regular Sessions This Morning.

Writ of Capias Issued Against Pat Galvin Discharged - Other Legal Business Transacted.

The territorial court resumed its regular sessions today. This morning, Justice Dugas was engaged in hearing and disposing of motions. A decision, respecting the writ of capias issued in the case of Harry Woolrich vs. James McNamee and Pat Galvin was rendered. Last October, Woolrich instituted suit against McNamee and Galvin to recover the sum of \$3000, which plaintiff alleged to be due him upon a promissory note that had been executed by defendants. The defendant Galvin had started for the outside a few days previous to the filing of the action; and when he reached Fivefingers, he was arrested under a writ of capias, which had been issued at the instance of Woolrich, who swore that Galvin was leaving the territory with intent to defraud his creditors. On being apprehended, Galvin telegraphed to Alex McDonald; and the latter deposited sufficient money in court to guarantee the payment of the claim in the event of judgment for the plaintiff. This morning a motion was made to discharge the writ of capias, and Justice Dugas granted the motion. An order was entered permitting Alex McDonald to withdraw the deposit, which he made last fall.

The defendant in the Queen vs. George O'Brien, accused of stealing a can of meat, was arraigned today and entered a plea of not guilty.

George Scott, charged with obtaining 15 sacks of oats at Whitehorse last February under false pretences, likewise entered a plea of not guilty.

Notice of appeal from the police court was filed in the case of the Queen vs. Frank J. Golden.

The hearing on the motion in McNabb vs. Spencer was adjourned till June 1st.

The defendant in Hart vs. Johnson and Smith admitted the service of notice of appeal from the police court; and the case will be tried April 10th.

An application to dismiss the appeal in Ross vs. Nesbitt was argued and submitted. The matter was taken under advisement.

In Peterson vs. Sutton, the hearing on the motion for an injunction was adjourned till Friday.

In Fouks vs. Shepovitch, an order was entered instructing the receiver to take possession of the hay, which is stored in Wolf's warehouse, offer the same for sale, and report to the court the amount of money which shall be offered for the same.

In Styles vs. Galpin, the injunction was enlarged till Friday, at which time the hearing will be had.

An order was made in Cashman vs. Malone et al., authorizing the appointment of a receiver.

The motion to strike out the appearance of the defendant was submitted without argument. Decision reserved.

An application was made in Werbus vs. Vincent to continue the injunction. The writ was enlarged to Friday.

The motion in reference to the matter of the estate of James McLarty, deceased, was adjourned till Friday by consent of counsel.

In Raymond vs. Faulkner, the injunction was continued till next Monday.

In Nesbitt vs. Ryan, a counsel fee of \$75 was allowed.

An order was made in Thomas McNamee vs. James McNamee requiring the plaintiff to appear in court tomorrow morning for examination respecting the taxation of witness fees.

The court declined to appoint a receiver in the case of King vs. Robertson.

In Purden vs. A. E. Co., an order was entered authorizing the plaintiff to receive the amount of money, which has been paid into court by the defendant; and proceedings in reference to balance of plaintiff's claim have been stayed for the time being.

Off for Koyukuk.

Two intrepid prospectors, lured by visions of golden wealth which they were disappointed in finding in the Klondike, left at 3 o'clock this morning for Koyukuk. They are Walter Ails and Victor Vjrgil Lowry. The former came to Dawson two years ago and has since, with indifferent success, engaged in mining. Lowry came here last June from Port Townsend, Wash., and early in the fall was stricken with typhoid fever, spending upward of three months at the hospital. But he is now

wholly recovered and feels fully adequate to the long trip he has undertaken.

They started this morning with four dogs and about 250 pounds of provisions. They will follow the river to Fort Yukon and attempt to cross the divide to the headwaters of the Koyukuk river, a distance of between 200 and 250 miles from Fort Yukon, and over which divide they expect to have to carry their outfits on their backs. They expect to make Fort Yukon in ten days and attempt to cross so much of the divide as possible before the snow is all gone.

Parties lately arrived from the Koyukuk country report that there are about 150 men there, all of whom are doing well and taking out lots of money from bedrock, which is invariably found on that river at from six to ten feet in depth; that there is large demand for labor at \$1.50 per hour, but no labor to be had; that there is a scarcity of provisions, no whiskey and not a woman in the whole country.

It is predicted by many that there will be a great rush from Nome to the Koyukuk country before the summer is over, and those who get in early will have an opportunity to obtain the choice locations. Several parties are debating as to whether or not to attempt to reach Koyukuk before the breaking up of the ice and disappearance of the snow; but the preponderance of opinion appears to be that the season is too far advanced to attempt the journey.

POLICE COURT.

Still harboring a deep-seated cold that declines to yield to skillful treatment and the greatest care on the part of its victim, Major Perry occupied the chair in police court this morning for the first time in over a week.

The first cases called were those against G. O. Little and A. Goldberg, charged with obstructing the street in front of their respective places of business in what is termed the "New Addition" in the upper part of the city. It was submitted in evidence that Goldberg has completely fenced in all the sidewalk in front of his store, and that when pedestrians pass that way they are forced to take to the street in order to pass. Both men were fined the costs of the court and instructed to go home and clear their stuff from the sidewalk and street.

In line with the above the court instructed Sergeant Wilson to see to it that all obstructions to public travel in all parts of the city are removed; and further to have all racks and display boards removed from the outer edge of the sidewalks, leaving the latter clear to the street at all places. The court called attention to the fact that at several places on the sidewalks goods are piled along the inside and also on the outside, leaving only a narrow gangway between. All these obstructions will now be removed.

The case of Shepervitch, charged with having stolen a large quantity of hay, is being heard this afternoon. Crown Prosecutor Wade appearing for the queen, and Attorney Wilson for the defense.

The case of W. H. Smith vs. A. R. Berg for wages alleged to be due to the amount of \$256 was set for hearing Wednesday morning.

Who is Guilty.

A log cabin which stands near the Le Roy hotel on Second avenue and which has been unoccupied for some time was opened by the owner, James Hall, on Saturday, when a dead dog was found lying on the cabin floor. The animal, which had been left by some person who is either very absent minded or wholly without the fear of God in his heart, had starved to death. The dog was not left by the last tenant of the house, and how it got there is a mystery.

April Fool's Day.

Yesterday being the first of April and an idle day, the practice of fool-making enacted on that day was pretty well observed in Dawson by some jokers. In the early morning several doctors were called out of bed and directed to the houses of some well known persons to regulate broken limbs, etc. In one instance a breathless disciple of Aesculapius hurrying to his destination met a brother medico returning from the same place looking downcast and disappointed. In another case a doctor was sent to visit a lady described to be in a similar condition to Theodore Hook's old maiden friend when the wit sent a medical man to visit her in haste. Uncle Hoffman was also a victim. He was called from his room and informed that his office at the Aurora was broken into and robbed. He hurried to the place half dressed and when he had just unlocked the door, Tom Chisholm shouted "April Fool." Uncle then understood the situation and looked very excited and sheepish; and as he suffers from occasional attacks of heart disease not known as "angina pectoris" he was prostrated and had to be attended to by Dr. Edwards, under whose care he became convalescent. Hoffman, with the shrewdness of his race, traced Tom as the source of his troubles and compelled him to pay the medical expenses.

As a doubt existed in some minds as to whether it was Easter Sunday or not, several boasted of the number of fresh

eggs they had partaken of that morning, and one listener was so convinced that he was seen walking afterwards on the water front accompanied by his wife wearing her Easter bonnet.

Frank Smith arrived from the outside, and hundreds were told that Frank brought letters for them and he was so pestered with callers all day that he could not get time to shave. But, as it often happens, it was a case of the biter bitten.

Will Rush Census Taking.

In conversation this morning with the census commissioner for the Yukon district, Major Perry, the Nugget was informed that the work of enumeration will begin just as soon as the required blanks can be printed, and that the whole work will be completed in a few days. Members of the police force will act as enumerators, and it is proposed to finish the work in the city in one day. Of course, on the creeks and other more sparsely settled portions of the district more time will be required; but a full and complete report will be made to the council long before the expiration of the accorded time, 30 days.

Grants of Water Rights.

The mining recorder has issued to G. M. Faulkner and A. J. Kroenert a three years' grant for 100 inches of water to be diverted from Bonanza creek at No. 7 above discovery, and to be used for mining purposes on the claims of the grantees on Gold Hill.

C. Allen Snyder has received a three years' grant for 100 inches of water to be diverted at a point about 1200 feet above the mouth of Nevada gulch, which enters Dominion creek on the left limit at No. 79 below lower discovery. Said water is to be used on the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the lower half of No. 78 below lower discovery.

A grant for three years has been issued to Nele Nelson and John Eulund for 120 inches of water to be diverted at a point about 1500 feet above the mouth of Portland creek, which enters Dominion on the left limit at No. 25 below lower discovery on Dominion. Said water is to be used for mining purposes on the hillside claim left limit, opposite the upper and lower halves of No. 2 below lower discovery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. Grant is visiting friends in Dawson.

James McNamee is registered at the Regina.

F. Cye is among the guests at the Fairview.

George Merrill is spending a few days in town.

Ed Binke arrived from Eagle City last evening.

John Sargeant, of Dominion, is in Dawson on business.

J. L. Macdonald, of Dominion is in town on a short visit.

J. D. Murray and K. G. Murray came to town from Dominion creek yesterday.

Levi S. Rice, from 32 below on Hunter, is enjoying a short vacation in the city.

Corporal Scirving reached the outside in time to enlist for service with the Strathcona horse.

George D. Travis, from Vancouver, arrived here yesterday. He rode a bicycle from Bennett.

Joseph Putraw, manager of No. 16 Eldorado, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

E. B. Newman recently came to the city on a visit from the creeks. He is registered at the Fairview.

K. S. Tobin, who is well known in Dawson, secured a commission with the Strathcona horse contingent.

John Brothers, who went outside to enlist for service in South Africa, was unable to pass the medical examination.

Fire Chief Stewart left Dawson yesterday. He will ride a bicycle to Bennett. On Saturday evening the chief was tendered a banquet by the boys of the department, and the fire commissioners.

Frank Smith Returns.

Frank M. Smith, who with Ed Clancy left here with four passengers for Bennett on the 28th of December, and who traveled several days when the mercury was disporting itself at 60 below, returned yesterday accompanied by his wife, this being the latter's first trip to Dawson. Mr. Smith brought back five of the dogs he took out with him. They made the trip from Bennett in 14 days, two of which they laid up, making the traveling time 12 days. They report the latter part of their journey as having been made over a rapidly "declining" trail.

Preparing for Navigation.

Tomorrow, the office of the Yukon Dock will be open for the transaction of business. Persons may book for passage either up or down the river on the first steamers. Mr. Daniels will occupy the position of agent.

Placer Claims Recorded.

This morning, Robert Dow recorded a bench claim, located on the left limit, second tier, opposite No. 5 above the mouth of Last Chance. Said claim is bounded up stream by the claim of Robichaud. The property was staked on March 15th, 1900; and the time in

which to record was extended in order to enable the grantee to obtain a survey of the ground.

John W. Astley has secured a grant for a creek claim described as the second 250 feet from the mouth of Brimstone creek, which enters Sulphur on the left limit in the vicinity of No. 30 below discovery. The ground was staked on March 16th, 1900; and the time in which to record was extended in order to enable the grantee to obtain a survey of the property.

March Weather Report.

The following is the official report of the weather for the month of March, 1900, as ascertained from the government office.

MARCH	Minimum Temp.		MARCH	Minimum Temp.	
	Above	Below		Above	Below
1st	30.5	17th	4.0		
2d	34.0	18th	10.0		
3d	31.5	19th	15.0		
4th	19.0	20th	16.0		
5th	19.0	21st	19.5		
6th	35.0	22d	32.0		
7th	40.0	23d	16.5		
8th	39.0	24th	18.0		
9th	45.0	25th	22.0		
10th	41.5	26th	24.0		
11th	30.0	27th	32.5		
12th	26.0	28th	12.5		
13th	4.0	29th	11.5		
14th	12.0	30th	14.0		
15th	11.0	31st	14.0		
16th	10.0				

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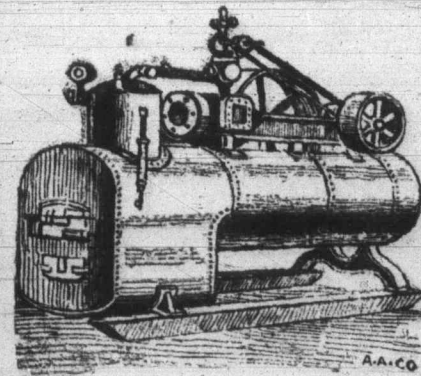
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