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BATTLE COMING

Between British and Boers in the Orange Free State.

GENERAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN RENewed

Trenches and Fortifications Extending Around Pretoria.

MINES UNDER JOHANNESBURG

Lord Kitchener Will Get a Command and a Bride at the Same Time.

From Saturday's Daily.
London, April 23, via Skagway, April 28.—Notwithstanding the fact that dispatches from the seat of war are meagre and unsatisfactory, they clearly indicate a renewal of activity at all points. The chief points of interest now are Wepeiner and De Wet's Dorp, south of Bloemfontein, at both of which points important engagements are anticipated within a very short time. The Boers have renewed operations in several places and it is now believed that their forces in the Orange Free State have been considerably underestimated. It is impossible to secure an intelligent estimate of affairs from Bloemfontein, but reports have been received which indicate that the Boers are circling to the west and have been encountered in several smaller engagements.

An unsubstantiated report has been received of the death of Gen. Dewet.

Fortifying Pretoria.

London, April 22, via Skagway, April 28.—All available Boer forces at Pretoria are now engaged in fortifying the city and extending the entrenchments. A series of the latter has been extended

Ladue Co.

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

Fine Groceries

Our Stock Is Still Complete

..Steam Fittings..

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

Bar Glassware

A Choice Selection

Ladue Co.

ed around the capital until a distance of eight miles from the city limits has been reached. The Boers expect to be able to withstand a siege for an indefinite length of time.

Mines at Johannesburg.
London, April 22, via Skagway, April 28.—Twenty-five mines have been charged with dynamite beneath the city of Johannesburg. All the forts guarding the approach to the town have been dismantled.

To Be Governor.
London, April 22, via Skagway, April 28.—It is authentically reported that Sir Chas. Warren will be appointed governor of the Orange Free State. Civil government will be instituted as soon as possible.

Kitchener to Marry.
London, April 22, via Skagway, April 28.—The announcement is made that Lord Kitchener is to marry Mrs. James Brown Potter, the actress. The lady recently secured a divorce from her former husband. Kitchener will shortly be given an important independent command.

The Carter Bill.
Seattle, April 23, via Skagway, April 28.—Private dispatches just received from Senator Foster state that the Carter Alaska bill will undoubtedly pass the senate and become a law by the first of June.

Minstrels Play Repeat.
There is a movement on foot to give another minstrel show with the same talent as that enlisted in the entertainment of Thursday night, which entertainment was a success far beyond the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. In case it is repeated, an entire new program will be presented, and new features will be introduced. There is no doubt but that a good house will again greet the production in the event it is billed.

Awaiting Fuller's Arrival.
The matter of beginning work on the construction of the proposed new post-office building will not be moved in until the arrival of the superintendent of construction of the postal department, Mr. Fuller, and it is improbable that he will arrive before the opening of navigation.

Training for the Match.
Dick Case and Phil Smith are training hard for the coming go at the Palace Grand next Friday night. Both men are in splendid physical condition, and while everyone concedes the cleverness of Case, many claim he is going to run up against it with Smith, as he stands punishment as though he likes it, and outweighs his man some 25 pounds. Under any circumstances the go will be an exciting and interesting exhibition.

The Star Clothing House can fit you out. See ad for sale days.

Fresh goods from the outside at the Star Clothing House.

Happy days at the Rochester Bar.

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

A Leader for This Week

OUR Neglige Shirts

Sateen \$1
Cambric \$1
Twill \$1

A New Line of Finely Woven Spring Underwear. Natural Wool and Light Weight.

A New Line of Ladies' Oxford Shoes

A New Line of Gents' Furnishing Goods Clothing and Shoes

2nd St. Opp. Bank B.N.A.

"If You Bought It at Parsons It Must Be Good."

ARCTIC SAWMILL

Removed to Mouth of Hunker Creek, on Klondike River.

Sluice, Flume & Mining Lumber

Offices: At Mill, at Upper Ferry on Klondike River and at Boyle's Wharf

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RECEIVED BY WIRE.

TAYLOR INDICTED

By a Grand Jury in Kentucky for the Murder of Goebel.

THE INDICTMENT WILL BE HELD

Until the Supreme Court Decides Quernatorial Contest.

COLSON IS NOT GUILTY.

All Nations Represented at the Ecumenical Conference in New York City.

Frankfort, Ky., April 22, via Skagway April 28.—The investigation into the assassination of the late Gov. Goebel has been completed and the grand jury has returned an indictment against Gov. Taylor. The indictment will be held until after the argument over the contest for the governorship, which will take place at Washington City before the supreme court on April 30th.

Colson Acquitted.
Frankfort, Ky., April 23, via Skagway, April 28.—Ex-Congressman D. C. Colson has been acquitted of the charge of murdering Lieut. Eschelbert F. Scott, Luther Demaree and Chas. Julian. The men were bystanders during a shooting scrape in which Colson was engaged in the capital hotel. Colson was arrested, and after a trial lasting four days was found "not guilty." The affair grew out of the gubernatorial fight.

By Conference.
New York, April 22, via Skagway April 28.—Nearly every civilized nation in the world is represented at the ecumenical conference on foreign missions now in progress in this city. President McKinley and Gov. Roosevelt are among the speakers who will make addresses. Ex-President Harrison is the honorary president of the conference.

Probably Recalled.
London, April 22, via Skagway, April 28.—No recent information has been given out concerning Gen. Buller, but no doubt is expressed as to his removal.

Settling Old Scores.
During the winter when the time and attention of all the dogs in Dawson were taken in freighting and dodging blows from cruel drivers, they had very little time in which to adjust their own differences. Now it is different; the dogs have plenty of time to settle old scores, and dog fights are now seen a dozen of times every day, and as the weather increases in warmth, the pugacity will probably increase.

Arctic Brotherhood.
A full meeting of A. B.'s were present at McDonald hall last night at the regular weekly meeting of Camp Dawson No. 4. As it was the occasion for the nomination of candidates to be elected at the next meeting to fill the respective offices for the ensuing six months, the work of conferring the degree was dispensed with, and all candidates who were to surmount the obstacles of the trail last night will be "treated" at the next meeting. The following members of Camp Skagway were received by card as members of Dawson Camp: L. I. Jones, William Edward Burrill, C. B. Zabriniski and Sam L. Stanley.

When nomination of candidates to fill the various offices was in order numer-

ous were the names suggested; but when the list was finally complete, and the "respectfully decline" portion of the business over, the records showed the following:

For arctic chief, Dr. L. O. Wilcoxon; vice-arctic chief, Sergeant A. McIntosh; arctic recorder, E. J. White; keeper of nuggets, Rudy Kalenborn; trustees, Messrs. Shindler, Hobbs, Wild, McRae and Cowan. The title of past arctic chief was conferred upon E. J. Fitzpatrick, who has ably filled the chair during the greater part of the closing term. The minor offices are filled by appointment from the chair.

The Maud Lloyd Benefit.
Mr. Wm. Thomas of the committee having in charge the concert last Sunday night for the purpose of raising money to defray expenses incident to the sickness and death of the late Maud Lloyd, submits the following report:

Gross receipts of Sunday night concert, \$596.73. Expenses, hall rent, \$100; printing and advertising, \$45.50; telephone message to Forks, \$2.50; leaving total net receipts of \$448.25.

With this money paid the following bills for which the committee have receipts:

Undertaker Green, \$335; Catholic church, \$35; room rent owed by deceased, \$75; leaving a balance of \$3.25 in the hands of the committee, which will be either used as a nucleus from which to start a fund for the purpose of a headstone or be donated to some other deserving cause. The committee having charge of the late benefit is to be congratulated on the eminently successful manner in which it was carried through, and on the promptness with which the business portion of it has been transacted, and on the highly satisfactory results of its laudable undertaking.

A Bowling Puzzle.
Bowling enthusiasts are invited to submit solutions for the following:

A, B and C play a game of five frames. A gives B a handicap of two pins, otherwise the game is played as usual. Without reference to the handicap, the score at the end of the game stands as follows: A, 11; B, 10; C, 10. B is therefore tied with C, but holds a score of 12 against A's score of 11. The question is who pays for the game?

Fannie Hall Recovering.
Fannie Hall, the well-known variety actress, who was shot in a San Francisco hotel during the winter is rapidly recovering. She had three bullet wounds, only one of which, however, proved serious. Recent reports received by friends in Dawson state that she will soon be able to return to the stage, if she so desires.

Wrestling at the Forks.
Tonight there will be a wrestling match at the Forks between Jack Lamont and H. L. Stull. The match will be for two out of three falls in a catch-as-catch-can bout and will be held in the big B. & M. tent. Considerable interest has been manifested in the bout and a good crowd is anticipated.

Busy on the Creeks.
The various creeks and Dawson are not now in such close touch as during the past few months, when there was plenty of travel between them over good roads. Now, it is a hard and exhaustive journey to go out even a distance of 10 miles; and the result is that few persons are going from the city to the creeks, and fewer are coming from the creeks to the city, as all who are interested in dumps are now camping by them in preparation for the annual pay day.

Take Notice.
All persons working for me on Monte Cristo bench will please call at the Melbourne Hotel and receive payment in full.

EDWARD MCCONNELL.
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Gents' Furnishing Goods Specials

We Have Gained Our Ground

Our Patronage Is Increasing Daily

And We Propose To Stand Our Ground

SCARF TIES.....	Regular \$1.00, Special, 50c.
BLACK SATIN SHIRTS	Regular \$3.00 Special 2.50
ELASTIC RIBBED UNDERWEAR	Regular \$8.00 Special 5.00
OUR WELL-KNOWN WORKING SHIRT	Regular \$2.00 Special 1.00
BLUE FLANNEL SHIRT	Our Extra Quality Regular \$4.00 Special 3.00
A Complete Line of Clothing Suits from \$15.00 Up.	
JUMPERS	

The Ames Mercantile Co. F. JANSEN
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CENSUS TAKING

Chicago's Plan Has Been Adopted in all Cities in the United States.

WORK BEGINS ON THE FIRST OF JUNE

Director Merriam Has Completed All Details.

CITIES ALLOWED 14 DAYS.

Country Districts Given Until July First, When All Sheets Must Be In.

Chicago, April 25.—Chicago's plan for taking the national census in large cities has been adopted by Director of the Census Merriam. This plan was devised by the local supervisor of the census, George F. Gilbert, and submitted to the authorities at Washington as an improvement upon the plan of 1890. The scheme now in force provides that the national census in cities shall be taken under the direction of the chief supervisor. Next in authority are the supervisors for each of the congressional districts within the city limits. Underneath them are supervisors for each ward within the city. Last come the enumerators for each election precinct, save where the precinct is so large that two enumerators must be assigned to it. Director Merriam and Supervisor Gilbert believe that this division of the work will secure a more accurate and complete enumeration of the population of large cities than has ever been secured before.

Under this plan Chicago has one chief supervisor, seven congressional supervisors, 36 ward chiefs and 1137 enumerators. For Chicago and Cook county there will be 1196 enumeration districts. On June 1, 1900, the tremendous task of taking the national census commences. In cities the work of enumeration must be completed within two weeks after that date. In counties and remote areas of population four weeks will be allowed for the enumeration. Before July 1st many tally sheets will have been completed and work of totaling enumeration will be well under way.

Improving First Avenue.
Sergeant Wilson has a team busy hauling gravel from the beach and filling in the hollows on First avenue. The work will be continued until the street is well covered with gravel. Sergeant Wilson takes a personal pride in seeing the appearance of the town improved, and has been indefatigable in carrying the good work on.

Weather Report.
The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 55 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 32 degrees above.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

The Klondike Nugget

(DAWSON'S PIONEER PAPER)
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ALLER BROS., Publishers

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Yearly, in advance	\$40.00
Six months	20.00
Three months	11.00
Per month by carrier in city, in advance	4.00
Single copies	.25
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Yearly, in advance	\$24.00
Six months	12.00
Three months	6.00
Per month by carrier in city, in advance	2.00
Single copies	.25

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1900.

From Saturday's Daily. AN ILLUSTRATION.

An illustration of the workings of our Yukon mining laws has recently come under our notice. It concerns the regulation whereby unrepresented ground reverts to the crown, and demonstrates how completely the business of prospecting has been killed throughout the territory.

In the spring and summer of '98, hundreds of men poled their way up the Stewart river and its tributaries, some going as far as the headwaters of the McQueen.

The result was that nearly the entire country was staked and recorded, although it appears that a small amount only of actual prospecting was done. Few of the stamperers who swarmed over the country outstayed the approach of cold weather, and most of them came down to Dawson. Very few ever went back to represent their ground, and in the fullness of time, and by the grace of Siftonian laws, practically the entire territory in question has reverted to the crown.

Now, it has happened that genuine prospectors are desirous of going into the Stewart district, with the expectation of proving the value or worthlessness of creeks staked by the stamperers of '98. Their purpose, however, is defeated before they leave Dawson, for they have no right to prospect or locate on ground which has once been recorded, although the original owners may have abandoned it more than two years ago.

When the original locations were made, half the ground had to be reserved for the crown, under the alternate claim regulation. Now the remaining half has become crown property by reason of non-representation.

Thus it results, as noted above, that a district, comprising hundreds of square miles of territory, is shut off from the prospector, through whom, and through whom alone, the worth of the country, if worth it has, can ever be demonstrated.

Were it not for existing laws, there is scarcely a creek from the Hootalinqua to Fortymile which would not be alive with prospectors during the approaching summer.

Wide-awake and progressive business men in Dawson are rapidly adopting the business methods which prevail in the large commercial centers of the outside. A glance at the advertising columns of the Nugget shows that the value of printer's ink is becoming every day more generally appreciated. Special sales and attractive prices are being offered and other inducements held out to purchasers, all of which goes to show that Dawson has passed the frontier era, and become a bustling, enterprising business center, where

competition is keen, and where advanced business methods are absolutely essential to success. There is no stimulant for business so sure and quick to bring results as judicious advertising. This fact is now thoroughly recognized by all of our best business houses.

The activity which the Boers have displayed in the southern part of the Orange Free State is surprising. While they do not appear to be in sufficient force to effect any very serious results, they have required so much attention that the advance into the Transvaal has been considerably delayed. This delay has enabled Kruger to fortify and entrench the Boer capital much more strongly than he would have been able to do under other circumstances. The result will be that Roberts' task will be prolonged somewhat longer than he originally anticipated.

From the activity which now prevails all over town in the matter of cleaning up streets and back yards, Dawson will soon be a town with an enviable record for cleanliness. Tin cans and garbage piles are disappearing in a remarkable manner, and well known old eyesores, which, by reason of age, have become almost historic, will soon be known only in memory. The fact that cleanliness, from time immemorial, has been associated with Godliness, leads us to imagine that Dawson may not be far away from experiencing a religious revival.

Some of our enterprising hotel men should start a boom for Dawson as a winter resort for Nome millionaires. There are all sorts of winter attractions in this good metropolis of the Klondike, which ought to enable the wealthy Nomad to get rid of his surplus beach dust just as rapidly as he may desire. Dawson is nearer to Nome than Seattle, which fact, combined with various and sundry other inducements, ought to make us a strong competitor for the winter resort business.

The next few weeks, pending the clean-up season and the renewal of water communication with the outside world, will probably be somewhat quiet in Dawson. Every man who can get a job is now on the creeks, upon several of which active clean-up operations are already well under way.

Steamboats on the Seattle-Skagway run have a happy faculty of reaching the latter point about the middle of the afternoon, so that press dispatches begin coming into Dawson about 7 o'clock in the evening.

Lord Kitchener is winning a bride, as well as lots of glory, by his South African achievements.

His Awful Sorrow.

A man was seen leaving his model dwelling while from the window above his wife poured after him ceaseless volleys of what is politely known as "langwidge." But in the enthusiasm of her eloquence she leaned out too far and fell on to the pavement.

A horrified spectator hurried after the husband with the news. As he was breaking it the man, with face full of suppressed feeling, murmured: "Don't make me laugh. I've got a cracked lip."—London Chronicle.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Shoff's Cough Balsom; sure cure.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

Short orders served right. The Holborn.

Dawson City, April 23, 1900. We, the undersigned, have this day dissolved partnership. All debts to be paid by S. Ross. S. Ross, A. Alton.

STROLLER'S COLUMN

Though business at the various club rooms in the city has been dull during the past week, still there has been a number of plunging plays at infrequent intervals. Quite recently a couple of prominent business men booked a \$5000 losing, at a single sitting against the roulette wheel in the synagogue. A few nights ago, Jim Wilson and the "Pick 'Em Up Kid" made some high side bets at faro bank; several times the sum of \$500 was placed on the result of a single turn. Eventually the bank succeeded in winning the greater share of the money, which had been wagered between the players. The Kid quit \$3000 loser, and Wilson profited to the extent of about \$400. The sports anticipate a revival in gambling affairs during the next three weeks. Immediately after the opening of navigation, the First avenue resorts expect to enjoy a more profitable business than is now being experienced.

After the minstrel show at the Palace Grand on Thursday night, the professional performers and employees of the theater displayed remarkable activity in commencing the regular vaudeville entertainment. The amateurs who had participated in the cake-walking contest had just reached the flies of the stage, when the curtain rose and Bessie Pierce appeared in her contortion turn. Most of the auditors were standing in front of their seats, preparatory to leaving the house, when the wonderful feats of Bessie attracted their attention. Some persons who had attended the charitable performance, resumed their places and remained till the conclusion of the vaudeville show. A number of ladies, who had not anticipated the program of the management were quite surprised at the sudden appearance of the comely Bessie, attired in a costume which did not conceal the outlines of a symmetrical figure.

Reports which have been received here recently concerning the condition of affairs at Nome, are tending to allay the excitement which was quite prevalent some time ago. The actual facts appear to be that all the ground of the principal creeks, within a radius of 100 miles of Nome, has been staked; that some of the claims have been developed into valuable properties; but that the vast majority of the locations are absolutely worthless, except for speculative purposes. It seems to be generally conceded by the correspondents at Nome that the beach diggings have been practically exhausted. The new camp is probably rich enough to support two or three thousand people; but the mineral resources of the Alaskan shore will prove a grievous disappointment to the major portion of those persons who will venture there next summer.

The very best makeup on the stage on the occasion of the minstrel show Thursday night was that of little Miss Ruth McCormack. It was not overdrawn, but was just such a costume as is seen on pikaninnies at May pole festivities and church "festivals" all over the Gulf States, where the children go without clothes until four or five years of age, when they are started in the world with a yellow dress.

The Stroller was one time a passenger on a crowded train on the Macon & Brunswick road in Southern Georgia, and being in his cullow youth, greatly enjoyed the privilege of sharing a seat with a beautiful young Southern girl from Tallahassee, Florida, who was returning to her home from a three years' attendance at a northern college for young ladies.

As the almost square car wheels pounded the track through the turpentine camps which are very numerous in that part of Georgia, my seatmate became imbued with that happy spirit which pervades a person when nearing the old home after a long period of absence; especially when that person is the petted daughter of a loving household, as was the case with my companion of recent acquaintance. As the aroma of her native land was wafted to her through the open window she became quite exuberant, exclaiming: "I am glad to return to the South once more, wheah everything looks to me to natural; wheah the pine trees, the palmetto and even the niggahs look so natural."

The lumbering, click-ety-klack of the train had attracted a large family of children who just then rushed from a cabin to see "de kyers" pass, and of the eight or ten who rushed out, only three wore any clothes.

And when the Stroller vounteered the remark: "Yes, indeed, the niggahs do look quite natural," the beautiful young lady from Tallahassee tilted her nose, turned her back to her seatmate as much as circumstances would permit and never a word said she. After a few minutes of silence, broken only by the click-ety-klack of the square car wheels, the young lady's seatmate was seized with a yearning after a smoke which he went forward to take, but which he did not enjoy.

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And to Follow for 6 Months Each Saturday & Monday

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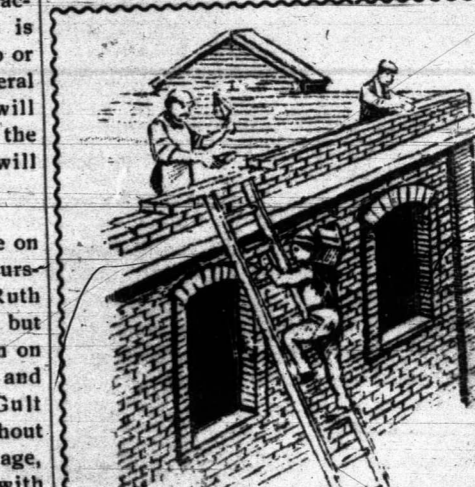
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3rd AVENUE, BEST IN DAWSON.
Separate Rooms for Patients. Hot and Cold Water Baths Each Floor. Charges Five Dollars a Day. Medical Attendance Extra. ADVICE AT HOSPITAL, \$5.00

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For 1900 From British Columbia Ports to Dawson

By Calling at the Office at the Warehouse, of the

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YUKON SHIPPERS ON DECK.

Various River and Lake Steamers Ready for Business.

Ice Confidently Expected to Go Out Very Early This Season—Ready to "Cast Off."

(From Friday's Daily.) A big impouring from the south of skilled Yukon lake and river steamboat men occurred when nearly 50 arrived on the steamer Amur. All, says the Alaskan, are bound in to prepare steamers for navigation, and later to operate them.

One of these parties comprises Capt. Bailey and six men who will work on the Sybil. Another, and the largest and most complete and significant party to come north on such an expedition is that of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., of which McDonald Potts, who also came, is general manager. This company was recently organized in England, taking over what was the Klondike Trading & Transportation Company, the Klondike Goldfields Company, and the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company. The latter company was the best known to the public, and it is in connection with the navigation branch of the new company that the present expedition has chiefly to do.

Accompanying the general manager are 40 other people, mostly Yukon river captains and engineers and other members of boat crews. In fact all the members of the boats crews of the Klondike corporation are with Mr. Potts. They will get off right away for the interior, where they will put in condition the steamers Ora, Nora and Flora for the coming season.

The chief officers of the different vessels of the company and the places at which the vessels now are follow:

Steamer Ora, now at Lower Lebarge; Capt. Williams commander; Capt. Bragg, pilot. Steamer Flora, now at Lower Lebarge; Capt. Martineau, master; Capt. Campbell, pilot, Wm. Summerville, chief engineer. Steamer Nora, now at the mouth of the McClintock; Capt. Cox, master; Capt. Wolber, pilot; Peter Craig, chief engineer.

Manager Potts announces that Peter Copeland will be the Skagway agent of the company this season. R. W. Calderhead will be agent at Dawson, and Robert Hall at Bennett.

It is the intention of the manager to remain in the north, that is between Bennett and Dawson the greater part of the summer. Victoria, however, will be his headquarters. After a few days visit to Bennett he will go to Victoria, where he will remain three weeks previous to coming north for the summer's work. Mr. Potts was last year auditor of the Bennett Lake & Klondike company and is the only officer of that company who has been retained by the new corporation. He is a young man, yet one in whose face is shown business shrewdness. Mr. Potts says:

"In all likelihood we shall this summer have no other than our regular fleet, but the vessels will be in good condition and we shall endeavor to operate them to the best possible advantage. I have the option to purchase four large steamers now on the Yukon, but I do not know that I want them under the prospects. It appears that because of the light snow in the interior there will be very low water in the Yukon this season, and that the large steamers will be able to do but little. However, we hope to keep busy with our smaller light draft craft. I intend to put the Ora and the Flora into Dawson this season ahead of all other vessels. Freight to load them both the first trip is already secured.

"It appears navigation will open three or four weeks earlier this year than ever before. More freight is coming by the Skagway route to Dawson this year than the boats will be able to handle."

South African Lighting. A very few days after my arrival at Maritzburg at the end of 1875 I was standing one afternoon in the shade of my little house on a hill anxiously watching the picturesque arrival of an ox wagon laden with my boxes. It was in the very early summer, and the exigencies of settling in left me no time to worry about the thunderstorms of which of course I had often heard.

A more serene and brilliant afternoon could not be imagined, and it was not even hot—at all events, out of the sun. My two small boys, as usual, trotted after the like dogs and clamored to assist at the arrival of the wagon, so I lifted the little one up in my arms and stood there, with the elder boy clinging to my skirts.

Suddenly out of the blue unclouded sky, out of the blaze of golden sunshine, came a flash and a crash which seemed as if it must be the crack of doom. No words at my command can give any idea of the intolerable blinding glare of the light which seemed to wrap us round or of the rending sound as if the universe were being torn asunder.

I suppose I flung myself on the ground, because I was crouching there, holding the little boys beneath me with some sort of protective instinct, when in a second or two of time it had all passed, for I heard only a slight and distant rumble. I do not believe the sun had ceased shining for an instant, though its light had seemed to be extinguished by that lapse of fire.

Never can I forget my amazement—an amazement which even preceded my deep thankfulness at finding we were absolutely unharmed, the fearless little boys only inquiring, "What was that, mummy?" There had been no time for their rosy cheeks even to pale. I wonder what color I was? I looked at the little stone house with astonishment to find it still there, for I had expected to see nothing but a heap of ruins. Nay, it seemed miraculous that the hills all around should still be standing. Lady Broome in Cornhill Magazine.

ALL FOR THE KLONDIKE'S GOLD.

Three women were sitting quite near in the town park one day, while passing by I endeavored to hear one of them plainly say:

"In the deep snows of Chilkoot pass—My husband lost his life; I know his prayers to the last—Were for his lonely wife—I lost my husband; you, your son, And you your brother bold; Then let us weep—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

"Let us sing the sad refrain, Sing as we grow old, All for the love of golden gain, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then another, shedding her tears, Her sad story now told; It seemed her son, though young in years, Died, too, for Klondike's gold.

"He's buried in the Yukon's sand, Beneath his angry wave; No headstone in that dismal land—Does mark his lonely grave. You lost your husband; I, my son, And you, your brother bold; Then we will weep—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then, the sad story of the third Followed up the other; No letter, no line, not one word, From that sister's brother.

"Like many another, he went alone, No pard to help along; He left me here in the old home—To join in your sad song. You lost your husband; you, your son, And you your brother bold; Then weep we may—our griefs are one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Then a desolate, aged form Upon the scene appeared; Her voice was low, her face careworn, As she, moaning, declared:

"Rather the snows of Chilkoot's pass, Or Yukon's muddy wave, I'd e'er tonight, my darling ass, Deep in her lonely grave Than be so sad and made to mourn, As I am growing old—All for the Klondike's gold. You lost your husband; you, your son, And you your brother bold; But I lose still a dear one, All for the Klondike's gold!"

Lull in the Campaign.

London, April 4.—Gen. Colville and Gen. French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfontein, and have rejoined the main army. It doubtless seemed to Rooerfs a vain thing to send from ten to twelve thousand of his best troops into the wilderness with a field transport in the directions of a right angle with his chosen line of advance. The Boers have probably moved elsewhere, and if to the southwest Gen. Colville could as easily strike them from Bloemfontein by following across the plains.

The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the war field waiting probably for the accumulation of material for a swift advance on the Transvaal frontier.

Details received of the scenes on Greenmarket square, Cape Town, on Tuesday, when Premier Schreiner encountered an English demonstration, show that the premier, fearing personal violence, sought refuge in a restaurant. He was hooted, and tried to reach the parliament house protected by the police. The people shouted "traitor," but he succeeded in reaching the house. Lord Roberts did not meet his wife at Cape Town. She will proceed to Bloemfontein.

The permanent bridge at the Modder river station has been finished, and the first train passed over it on Tuesday.

Will Drag the River.

Reports from the neighborhood of Minto are to the effect that preparations are being made to drag the river near there as soon as it is open in search of the bodies of the three murdered men, Clayton, Relfe and Oiser. The work of prosecuting the search by cutting away the ice was prosecuted for some time, but slow progress was made. It is reported that Detective McGuire who is working on the case in the employ of Clayton's brother, will arrive in Dawson in a few days; though just what is bringing him before the bodies are found or the search abandoned is not known.

ALL STEAMERS IN COMBINE

On Through Rates From Below to Dawson.

American as Well as British Bottoms Will Adhere to Schedule Made With W. P. & Y. Ry. Co.

When the new rate schedule of the Canadian Navigation Co.'s steamers, the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. and the C. D. Co. on freight from Sound points to Dawson was published in the Nugget some time ago it was feared by many that the rate as published did not include steamers flying the American flag on the Skagway-Sound run, but by a late circular issued by the W. P. & Y. Ry. Co. these fears have been removed.

The circular announces that through rates on passengers, merchandise and livestock have been made through agreement by all the steamer companies now having vessels plying between British Columbia and Skagway and Puget Sound and Skagway and the White Pass railroad and steamers on the waters of the Yukon and its tributary lakes.

The only Yukon river steamer company mentioned on the tariff as being in the agreement is the Canadian Development Company, but there is no doubt but that shippers can bill their freight by any line they please at the schedule quoted.

Certain new regulations and conditions accompany the new quotations, and the most notable of these, in regard to general merchandise, is the raising of the measurement ton from 40 to 55 cubic feet. In other words, 15 more cubic feet are allowed to the ton, thereby giving the shipper just that much more allowance and virtually amounting to a reduction.

The quotations in the new tariff from Puget sound and British Columbia points to Dawson are as follows:

"The following through rates shall apply on passenger business and shipments from Puget sound and British Columbia points to Dawson and Yukon points after the opening of river navigation:

"Passengers—Through rate, including meals and berths on coast steamers and meals and berths on river steamers, and 150 pounds of baggage, \$105.

"Cattle—Through rate, \$85 a head, feed to be charged at regular tariff rates; men in charge to pay full fare.

"General merchandise—Shipments of five tons and under: Through rate, \$145 a ton weight, provided the sum of each shipment does not exceed 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight, all excess to be charged \$1 a cubic foot. Shipments of over five tons: Through rate, \$125 a ton weight, provided the sum of each shipment does not exceed 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight, all excess to be charged \$1 a cubic foot.

"Powder, calcium acids, gasoline and naphtha to be carried only by special engagement." From reports it is probable that every steamer which will ply this season on the waters between here and Bennett will have all the freight that her capacity will permit of being handled.

Bowling Tournament.

On next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock will occur one of the most exciting contests in the history of Dawson. The occasion will be a five game bowling tournament at the Monte Carlo alleys, the participants being Al Clarke and A. Swartz, the stake being a purse of \$500. Both men have enviable records, and each will do his utmost to carry off the purse. Both men have many friends who are ready to back their favorites with the coin of the realm.

Troops for Rhodesia.

Lisbon, April 4.—The question of the transport of British troops across Portuguese territory from Beira, Portuguese East Africa, into Rhodesia, having been brought up in the chamber of deputies, the foreign minister, Senor Beira, made the following statement:

"The transport of British soldiers by railroad from Beira to Umtali was requested by Great Britain and consented to by Portugal because the British government thereby only exercised a right recognized in the treaties between the two countries. The outbreak of war has not abrogated these treaties, which were concluded and signed prior to the war by Portugal in a spirit of loyalty. I have informed the Transvaal of this reason. Portugal has loyally adhered to its duties and neutrality, and its reasons have been communicated to all interested parties. There could occur a more solemn occasion than the present to declare that the British cabinet has maintained with Portugal relations of cordiality and loyalty for which there is reason for congratulation. Please God that these good relations shall always be maintained."

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THE REAL REASON.

More than a year and a half ago, the announcement was made in Dawson that representation on the Yukon Council would be granted to the electors of the territory whenever they saw fit to declare themselves ready to exercise the franchise. Such declarations have been made at intervals during this entire period, but the necessary machinery has never, as yet, been placed in motion. It appears now as though there is no intention on the part of the powers that be to allow the representation ordinance to be placed in effect until after the elections, which, it is now said, will be held throughout Canada during the month of June. It is not apparent what the government expects to gain by this action, aside from postponing the effect on the outside of a probable defeat in this territory.

Upon this hypothesis, which we submit, is the only reasonable theory that can be advanced in explanation of the attitude of the party in power toward the question of Yukon representation, it is reasonable to assume that the Yukon question occupies a far more important position before the people of Canada than is generally supposed.

As a matter of fact, such prominence and publicity have been given to matters affecting the administration of affairs in this territory, both through the press and in parliament, that the Yukon question is as familiar a matter throughout Canada as the preferential tariff clause.

Newspapers of every political shade and complexion have discussed the Yukon question in all its different phases. According to their information, or, more often, according to their political affiliations, they have condemned or defended the administration, but it all has served to bring the Yukon out the more prominently before the people.

Without doubt, therefore, the real motive for putting off the matter of representation is as noted above. The claim has been made by the politicians that none but aliens in the Yukon are opposed to the government. A defeat at the polls would be an effectual answer to this claim, and would carry its effect throughout Canada. Hence the firm determination to hold an election off until returns are in from the outside.

THE DEVIL HIS DUE.

Our chechako contemporary, the News, after making several sorties upon the government intrenchments in the matter of road construction, is now seeking some lonesome kopje wherein to find cover.

The occasion of all this distress lies in the fact that our contemporary persists in dealing with subjects concerning which it is without information. In discussing the actions of the local government, the News works upon the general principle that the government never does anything worthy of commendation—ordinarily a safe principle, by the way, but one which, like all rules, has its exceptions.

After some six months of somnolent quietude, the News recently awoke to the fact that the government spent considerable money on a ridge trail last fall.

Without waiting to ask anyone if the road had ever been used, or whether it served the purpose for which it was built, our con-

temporary, as soon as it discovered that the road is in existence, jumped right into the air, kicked its heels together, and told things about that road which were new to men who have traveled over it every day for the past six months.

So well pleased was the News with this first imaginative production that it immediately followed up with another, which, if anything, was more imaginative than the first.

But right at this point the campaign, so far as offensive operations were concerned, ceased. Miners on the creeks reached by the road in question, pointed out to our contemporary the error of its way, and explained the fact that the road was built last fall, and has served a very useful purpose during the winter. Having secured this information, our contemporary hauls down the bloody shirt and executes a movement to the rear.

We have before pointed out to our contemporary the necessity of having at least a few facts upon which to base a newspaper article, even when the object in view is so laudable a matter as an attack on the government. The fact should never be overlooked that the devil is entitled to be given his due.

The Queen's visit to Dublin has and is intended to have only one meaning. It is the highest recognition which the Empress-Queen can give of the loyal devotion of the Irish soldiers to the flag and empire. When story after story came from South Africa of how the Irish regiments were nobly sustaining their traditions for dauntless valor and splendid loyalty, it came into the mind of the Queen that she would go to Ireland and there give the thanks of herself and people for the heroism of those to whom she had graciously given permission to wear the shamrock. It was a woman's thought, for in all things the womanly side of Her Majesty's character stands out pre-eminent. There is something extremely touching about it. We read in the stories of chivalry how, when the fighting men came home from many a bloody field, the chieftain's wife and her maidens came out to meet them in token of her thankfulness.

Many an artist has chosen such a scene for his skill, and depicted womanly youth and beauty greeting the battle-stained veterans from the castle gate. But the Queen does not wait for the heroes to come to her. She could not go to them, but she could go to their mothers, their wives, their sisters, their sweethearts, and tell them how she, and how her people everywhere, esteem the noble work done by loved ones on veldt and kopje. The heart of a true woman inspired a womanly deed, and, unless the world has all gone wrong, that simple deed will accomplish more than the eloquence of statesmen or the wisdom of legislatures.—Victoria Times.

Nearly all the steamers which are scattered along the upper river are now in charge of their respective crews, and are in readiness for the break-up as soon as it comes. Last year the first boat left the foot of Lake Lebarge before the 10th of May, but did not get into Dawson until the 23d of the same month, owing to repeated encounters with ice jams. Reports now coming from above indicate that the boats may be enabled to leave earlier this year, although it is not likely that Dawson will be reached any sooner than was the case twelve months ago.

