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# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## DESPAIR OF BOERS

Is Evidenced By the Fact of Their Blowing Up Bridges Behind Them.

THEY ARE ABANDONING FREE STATE

Kruger Says There Will Yet Be Hot Fighting.

TURK OSMAN PASHA IS DEAD

Alaska's Capital Will Temporarily Remain at Sitka on Perkins' Resolution.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
London, March 23, via Skagway, March 29.—There is no startling war news, and none of any description except that the Boers were overtaken and shelled north of Kimberley as their column was retreating towards Mafeking. No report of the damage done has been forwarded.

The fact that the Boers are blowing up all the bridges behind them is taken as conclusive evidence of their intentions of abandoning the Free State.

In London the feeling of gloom and depression which but a short time ago hung like the ubiquitous fog over the

city, has been completely dispelled and is rapidly passing into history.

**Kruger's Statement.**  
London, March 22, via Skagway, March 28.—President Kruger has issued another statement from Pretoria, to the fortifications of which city he is now giving his personal attention. Kruger says that there will be desperate fighting in the Free State yet before the British forces are permitted to invade the Transvaal.

**Telegrams From Kruger.**  
London, March 22, via Skagway, March 28.—Several telegrams have passed between the war office and President Kruger during the past two days. The government has so far declined to disclose the nature of the communications.

**Osman Pasha Dead.**  
Constantinople, March 23, via Skagway, March 28.—Osman Pasha, Turkey's greatest soldier and general, died today, aged 68 years.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. E. Sutton is visiting the city.

A. C. Leak is registered at the Regina.

G. L. Long is spending a few days in town.

J. Goodman is in town on matters of business.

M. Fause is enjoying a short vacation in Dawson.

R. C. Cook is quite ill at the Good Samaritan hospital.

John King, of Sulphur creek, came to the city last evening.

G. E. Simpson, of Dominion, is visiting friends in the city.

H. A. Matheson and wife, of Hunker creek, are stopping at the Fairview.

F. J. Herberst, of Fort Cudahy, arrived in the city yesterday morning.

A. G. Cunningham, from Halifax, N. S., is a recent arrival in Dawson.

George Adams came to town from the creeks yesterday. He is at the Fairview.

Arthur Brackett was discharged as convalescent from the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday.

F. G. Guentsche is in the city attending to his business affairs. He is a guest at the Fairview.

Will Morrison, who has been working during the winter on 17 Eldorado, is now visiting the city.

Fire Chief Stewart will depart for the outside next Sunday. He expects to make the trip on a bicycle.

Mrs. Mulrooney is on the trail between Bennett and Dawson. She is accompanied by Count (?) Carboneau.

W. S. Levens and S. R. Bonin, representatives of the A. E. Co., at Grand Forks, are visitors to the city. They are registered at the Regina.

Arthur Davey and Attorney White arrived from Ottawa last night. Mr. Davey is a lawyer, and he will associate himself with the firm of White & McCaul.

Thomas Trembley, one of the superintendents on 17 Eldorado, is negotiating for the purchase of a hoisting engine to be used on his own claim, No. 14 above on Bonanza.

Miss Gertie Hensen has been spending the winter in Dawson. She left for the outside on March 22. Mr. Simmons nudged her out with a dog team. Several of her friends were to see her start and bid her good bye.

**Water Rights.**  
Charles Anderson has applied for a grant for one year of 180 inches of water, to be diverted at a point about 400 feet from the mouth of Nugget gulch, which enters Eldorado on the left limit at No. 28. Said water is to be used for mining purposes, on creek claim No. 29 Eldorado.

**Gold Commissioner's Court.**  
The hearing of the case of Cunningham vs. Anderson, which was commenced yesterday afternoon was not concluded, and the trial of the action was continued to April 13th.

Today the suit of Murphy and Hoyer vs. Corsa and Thompson is being tried by Commissioner Senkler. The action involves the title to creek claim No. 69 below discovery on Hunker creek.

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## FIGHT IN MONTANA

Between Marcus Daly and Senator Clark Involves Many Millions of Dollars.

THREE LARGE MINES IN DISPUTE

Neversweat, Calussa and Parrott, With Machinery and Fixtures.

ARE BONES OF CONTENTION

Should Court Order Close the Mines, 20,000 Men Will Be Out of Employment.

Butte, March 23, via Skagway, March 28.—The biggest fight ever known in the history of Montana is now on between the state's wealthiest men, Marcus Daly and Senator Clark. The trouble involves millions of dollars and is one in which everybody is manifesting great interest.

Following the senatorship squabble in which Daly fought Clark most bitterly, using unlimited money against him, comes trouble over the ownership of the world's three most extensive copper mines, the Neversweat, Calussa and Parrott, with their modern mining machinery and fixtures, which of themselves cost many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The trouble involves the ownership of these and other smaller properties, and will undoubtedly be carried into the United States supreme court before either of the contestants will yield. The Daly-Clark animosity is not of recent origin, but has been fermenting and growing for years.

Pending settlement of the questions involved, the mines are still being operated, but if by a court order they should be closed down until a decision is reached, upwards of 20,000 men would be thrown out of employment.

**Regarding Alaska's Capital.**

Washington, March 23, via Skagway, March 28.—When the bill providing for the removal of Alaska's capital from Sitka to Juneau came up in the senate today, Senator Perkins of California, moved an amendment which is that the capital remain at Sitka until the necessary sites on which to erect the capitol buildings are secured at Juneau. There was but little discussion of the amendment, which was carried almost unanimously.

**Honors for Australians.**

London, March 22, via Skagway, March 28.—Secretary for the Colonies Chamberlain has cabled to Melbourne that 114 commissions in the Royal Artillery will be given to members of the Australian contingent. It is said that this same policy will be pursued with reference to the other colonies and announcements of similar recognition of Canada's assistance in the war is daily expected.

**He Suffers Greatly.**

M. W. Watson, the partially demented member of the Yukon field force, who sought to take his own life yesterday by firing a bullet through his abdomen, passed a bad and restless night and today is suffering much agony, both physical and mental. Owing to his greatly depressed condition, his attend-

ants do not feel hopeful of his recovery.

Whether or not he has made any coherent statement or given any reasons for his rash act has not been learned. He is receiving all the attention that medical skill can suggest, but the result of the case is shrouded in doubt and grave apprehensions.

**Weather Report.**

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 49 degrees above zero.

The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 22.5 degrees above.

**Manager Wills Coming.**

Mr. Thos. McMullen, manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is in receipt of a telegram from general manager H. T. Wills which states that he left Toronto on the 20th instant for this place and that barring accident or unnecessary delay, he will reach here sometime before the 15th of April.

**A Pretty Calendar.**

The Dawson Sawmill and Building Co., O. W. Hobbs, proprietor, is now presenting its patrons and friends with the neatest and prettiest calendars ever seen in Dawson. In addition to a picture which is an ornament to any room, there is a letter case arrangement which adds greatly to its usefulness. Until those calendars are all distributed Mr. Hobbs will have more friends than any man in the city.

**Stage Service Discontinued.**

The stage service which has been operated for several months past on the Dawson-Forks route by Pickett & Devlin will be discontinued after today, owing to the almost impassable condition of the road.

**Position of Gov. Ogilvie.**

Governor Ogilvie states that should Dawson be incorporated the municipality would not be entitled to any revenues which would accrue by reason of the issuance of liquor permits; such revenues would be paid into the territorial treasury. A part of the moneys which would be derived from licenses would be given to the city; and the proportionate amount would be arranged, before the granting of the charter, by a citizens' committee and the Yukon council. Likewise the matters relating to the control of the police force and the revenues accruing from court fines would be settled by agreement between the citizens' committee and the council. The governor volunteers the information that, in all probability, the members of the council will place them upon record as favoring the incorporation of Dawson, providing the property owners incline to form a municipal government.

**Record of Transfers.**

H. F. Gerry to A. Heyman, fourth of hillside, right limit, opposite lower half of 18 below A. Mack's discovery on Quartz.

R. P. Miller to S. Hannon, hillside, right limit, opposite Nos. 15 and 16 below on Bonanza.

G. W. Sanders to A. S. Holcomb, half of 99 below on Bonanza.

M. McGovern to A. B. Guptier, eighth of bench, left limit, opposite No. 1 American gulch.

M. McGovern to H. G. Wilson, eighth of bench, left limit, opposite No. 1 American gulch.

J. C. Ryan to S. Walaky, fourth of 7 above on Eureka.

H. L. Norton to C. L. Hebbard, two ninths of hillside, left limit, opposite 16 Eldorado.

W. H. Therlow to L. J. Hill, half of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of 3 below on Last Chance.

N. C. Demers to W. Gauvin, half of 148 below on Dominion.

J. F. Joyce to J. Lepine, bench, left limit, 5th tier, opposite No. 2 of hydraulic reserve on Hunker.

F. Walker to M. Ryan, third of upper half of No. 11 on Ready Bullion.

F. Walker to M. Ryan, third of upper half of No. 12 on Ready Bullion.

F. Walker to M. Ryan, half of 13 on Ready Bullion.

H. M. King to M. E. King, 97 below on Sulphur.

E. H. Gowen to T. B. Cook, half of hillside, left limit, opposite lower half of 73d below on Dominion.

J. Chester to E. Aeklen, No. 8 of Potatoe Patch group on the Klondike.

I. D. Stevens to J. Stubbelfield, three-fourths of the lower half of No. 1 on Friday creek.

W. O. Young to P. Jones et al., No. 9 below on Bear.

T. McMullen to O. Bergfell, upper half of No. 14 on left fork of Little Blanche.

T. Buck to G. Koontz, eighth of hillside, left limit, opposite upper half of No. 40 below on Bonanza.

T. D. Rockwell has mortgaged to C. R. Clay an interest in 32 below on Sulphur.

## SANITARY PROBLEMS

Are Matters of Serious Consideration and Involve Great Expenditures.

NO MONEY IN THE TREASURY NOW

Dawson Will Be Compelled to Continue the Drainage Plan.

GOV. OGILVIE INTERVIEWED

Two Systems of Sewerage, Either of Which Is Practicable, Could Be Constructed.

About a year ago, the Yukon council authorized Governor Ogilvie to improve a system of drainage for the town of Dawson, by which the surface water and refuse could be carried into the Yukon river. Pursuant to the orders of the governor, drain boxes were placed along the principal streets, and the whole plan was eminently successful for the purpose for which it was executed. The flat upon which Dawson is situated was comparatively dry during the summer months, and the health of the inhabitants was exceedingly good. Then it was considered that this system would be merely temporary, and that it would be replaced this spring by a complete sewerage service.

The territorial government is now prevented from constructing a system of sewerage by reason of a lack of finances. The council intended to reserve sufficient money in the treasury for sewerage purposes; but the recent appropriations to the local hospitals render inadvisable further drafts on the banking institutions. This important public improvement must be deferred until next fall, or possibly next year.

The system of drainage which was constructed under the directions of Governor Ogilvie last spring is being repaired, and will be used during the present season. The paucity of local revenues will not justify the expenditure of much money on improvements, but a few short extensions which are absolutely necessary will be made. Workmen are engaged in cleansing the boxes, and the system will be ready for service in time for the spring flow of water.

A representative of the Daily Nugget called on Governor Ogilvie this morning for the purpose of ascertaining what arrangements have been made towards the construction of a sewerage system for the city. The purport of the Governor's conversation is as follows:

"Owing to the conditions of territorial finances, the council has concluded to use the same system of drainage, which rendered such excellent service last year.

"The construction of a modern sewerage system would be a matter of great expense; and, in order to have the service efficient at all seasons of the year, a very careful consideration would be required respecting the general plans and every detail.

"In the first place it would be necessary that the discharge be made into the Yukon, below the inhabitable part of the city, and the refuse matter would have to be ejected into the main current of the river. Then again, special provision would be required for the winter season. In order to obviate the difficulties which would naturally occur during the cold weather, two plans may

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1900

From Wednesday's Daily.)

## UNITED BRITAIN.

The various factors which unite to form the British empire have never before been brought into such close relationship as during the past six months. The war with the Transvaal has brought forth an expression of British loyalty to British institutions in every hamlet on the globe where the sovereignty of the queen is recognized.

It required the lapse of some time after the declaration of war had been made and actual hostilities had been begun, before a full realization dawned upon the British dependencies as to the gravity of the war situation and the possible dangers which might arise to the empire therefrom. When that realization came, however, there was no hesitation. From every British colony, just as freely as from England herself, came offers of assistance, until the war office had only to make its requirements should be promptly met.

The colonial troops have proven their valor on the field of war time and again. They have met the enemy in the very forefront of battle, and the severest tests have served only to demonstrate their splendid courage.

The Canadian troops at the surrender of Cronje had the distinguished honor of delivering the finishing blow upon the Boer entrenchments, and for that they were showered with the very highest encomiums from the British commander-in-chief.

Australia has come in for her share of glory, and, as stated in the dispatches today, will be the recipient of distinguished favors at the hands of the home government, and similar marks of recognition are ahead for Canada.

Britain always appreciates her heroes, and that fact has no little bearing upon the manifestations of loyalty that have been so general throughout the empire. It is doubtful if there ever was a time when a colonial power held such close and confidential relations with its dependencies as does Great Britain today.

No decadence in the power and prestige of the empire need be feared so long as these relations are maintained.

Another proposition is on foot looking toward the construction of an all-Canadian railway via the Teslin route into the Yukon valley. The scheme is not being very heartily supported on the outside, and, in fact, is being most bitterly opposed in British Columbia, although a good part of the line would extend through portions of that province. The fact of the matter is that the attempted MacKenzie-Mann steal has opened the eyes of parliament to such propositions, and the success of another such effort is extremely doubtful. Had the MacKenzie-Mann act become a law, practically the entire country would have been turned over to the control of the road. Railroads are a pretty good thing, but when their construction involves the surrender of thousands of miles of territory it is

just as well to try and get along without them. Meanwhile, the White Pass & Yukon is being pushed down the river as rapidly as possible by the only feasible route in the country. We are unable to see a field for another railway by any route. It will be many years before the capacity of the W. P. & Y. Ry. will be taxed to handle the business of this territory.

Indications are exceedingly good for a clean-up which will far exceed that of any previous year. In all probability, there are no more men engaged on the various creeks than last year, but the amount of machinery which is in operation has served to increase very materially the work done. Enormous dumps have been taken out on Gold Run and Dominion, while Sulphur has come to the front in a way that has surprised and delighted the most enthusiastic admirers of that creek. The older creeks have fully met expectations, and in consequence the clean-up upon them will be satisfactory. While figures can only be given as a matter of guess work, we believe it is safe to say that the output of the Klondike gold fields this year will be far in excess of previous years.

Ex-President Harrison is again being boomed for the presidency of the United States. Harrison has a full and complete knowledge of the joys and sorrows incident to official life, and it is altogether probable that he will not encourage the little boom which some few of his enthusiastic friends have launched in his behalf. Besides, Harrison is again deeply interested in the felicities of domestic life just at present, and he will hardly allow himself to be persuaded to abandon the tranquillities of his present life for the uncertainties of political strife. McKinley will undoubtedly head the Republican ticket this year, as he did four years ago, and with every prospect ahead of him for achieving success.

Inquiries from relatives of missing parties are still being received by the police. Hundreds and hundreds of letters have come into Dawson during the past two years, some of them being messages of the most pitiful nature, calling for news of missing loved ones swallowed up in the maelstrom of the great Klondike stampede. Not infrequently it has developed that failure to meet expectations has been the cause of men not writing to their homes and keeping their friends informed as to their whereabouts. There can be no excuse offered for such negligence. Successful or not, every man who has relatives on the outside should keep them posted as to his movements.

Suicides, like troubles of other classes, seem never to come singly. A year ago this winter it will be remembered that three attempts at suicide were made in close succession, two of which were successful. According to the superstition held by many people, the two efforts at self-destruction, made yesterday, should be followed by a third in the near future. Considering the fact that until yesterday there have been no cases of suicide in the town for nearly a year, there is something remarkable in the fact that two attempts should occur on the same day. The coincidence is a strange one, but not unprecedented.

The most popular house in town, the Fairview, new management.

## STROLLER'S COLUMN

The employees of the Alaska Commercial Company are enjoying a joke which was recently perpetrated on Arthur Smith and the managers of the Palace Grand theatre. Smith is collector for the company; he possesses a jovial disposition, and is well known at the various resorts of amusement. When the Palace Grand reopened under its present management he was tendered the gratuitous use of a balcony box for the first night's performance. In consideration for this favor he was requested by the theatrical managers to invite several friends, of liberal inclinations, to accompany him as guests. Smith extended his invitations to six of the employees of the A. C. Co. The boys accepted, but before they repaired to the theater they were informed of the agreement between their host and the opera house management. They realized that they would be expected to purchase innumerable bottles of liquor for the incidental purpose of quenching the thirst of pretty soubrettes; but the important portion of the scheme was to enrich the coffers of the proprietors, and thus repay them for their friendly favors to Smith and his acquaintances. The guests concluded that times were too hard to warrant an outlay of coin at the playhouse; and though they agreed to grace the performance with their presence, a compact was formed, unknown to Smith, by which each invited gentleman pledged himself not to spend a cent. During the early part of the entertainment, Smith was assiduous in his attentions to his friends, but as the evening progressed without the service of a single libation, he became somewhat uneasy. His state of mind was not relieved by the fact that he was earnestly importuned several times respecting proposed purchases at the bar. Finally Smith and his friends were requested to vacate the box. The host was profuse in excuses to his guests, but soon after they made their exit he ascertained, somewhat to his chagrin, that no explanations were necessary. The boys are laughing at Smith, their courteous host, and he consoles himself with the thought that the position of the proprietors of the playhouse is more ludicrous than his own.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather on last Sunday afternoon the regular meeting of the Hogsans occurred in the C. D. Co.'s warehouse. Jim Wilson enlivened proceedings by introducing the following resolution: "Whereas, It has come to pass that the government of Canada is levying a tax on beer and all alcoholic beverages, without granting to consumers the right of representation, therefore, be it resolved, that we boycott the said government by declining henceforth to purchase any kind of intoxicating liquor." Gussie Lamore vigorously seconded the resolution. Tom Chisholm declared most vehemently that the whole affair was nothing more nor less than a covert attempt to job him, and to ruin the business of the Aurora. Mr. Wilson endeavored to explain that the motion, if carried, would only inhibit the Hogsans from purchasing liquors, and that no reasonable interpretation of the resolution would restrict them from drinking as much as they could induce other people to buy. Further discussion of the question was prevented by Lord Highraism, the presiding officer, who decided the motion to be out of order. Immediately before adjournment, Jacqueline, a new member, essayed the rendition of a popular song. Several Hogsans were seriously affected, and the "Seven up Kid" became dangerously ill. Fortunately, Dr. Strong, the veterinary surgeon, was present, and instant relief was given to afflicted members. The chair severely censured Jacqueline for her inconsiderate conduct, and on motion of Guggins the meeting adjourned.

"Excuse me, sir, but I can not stop to talk with you now," said a staid, light running domestic sort of a man yesterday evening who was rushing towards his home with a big beef steak in his hand.

"I am anxious," continued the family man, "to get home and get this steak cooked and eaten before there is any further decline in the price of meat. You see, it is this way: as long as meat was selling very high and at a price which did not fluctuate, I could afford to eat it; but since the price has begun to come down I find I must be very careful. Only three days ago I went about the middle of the afternoon and bought a steak for which I paid six bits a pound. But when I was ready to go home two hours later, I learned that beef was down to four bits. What could I do? I could not possibly afford to eat meat at 75 cents per pound when just as good could be had at 50 cents, so I threw away what I had and went and got some fully as good for 50 cents. So now you will please excuse me and I will run on home and get this steak in the skillet as soon as possible. S'long."

And the light running domestic man hugged the little package of tenderloin closely to his heart and passed on up the street at a four minute gait.

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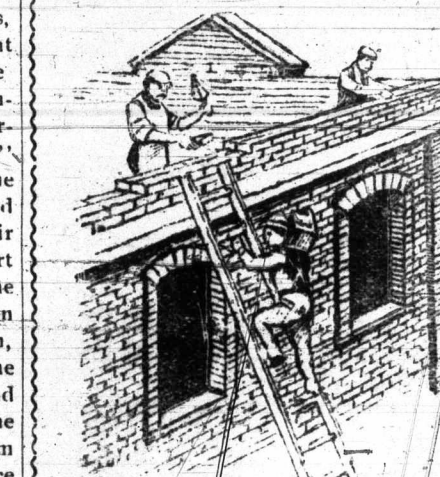
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### ENGLISH ARMY IN INDIA.

Cost of Maintaining Defense There is Very Great.

Native Soldiers Paid \$3.50 Per Month for First Three Years—Rations Issued With Care and Exactness.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The ever-increasing prodigality with which England is drafting upon her military resources, both at home and abroad, makes it pertinent to recall to mind that British India and her vast population of nearly 400,000,000 are practically kept in check by only 70,000 British troops. These troops usually serve ten years in India and are transferred from one military station to another every two years. "Tommy Atkins," at least when in India, is very precious in the sight of the British government. As he stands in his uniform, a disciplined soldier in the prime of health and strength, he is said to have cost a paternal government the sum of \$2000 American money, and he is valued accordingly. His daily rations are carefully examined by medical experts, and his one quart of ale and one ounce of rum are served out to him with the greatest regularity. When the exigencies of the service permit, he is sent in the "hot season" to the mountains, where he works on the roads and gets a laborer's allowance besides his pay. When on the plains everything is done that possibly can be accomplished by his officers to make his life pleasant, and if he behaves himself a good conduct stripe is added to his coat sleeve and a penny a day (2 cents of our money) is his income. When he gets drunk he goes to the cells for a week or is given a five days' drill. In due time he returns to England and enjoys a pension—that is, if he does not fall victim to the climate. The biggest outdoor attractions at the Indian military stations are the cemeteries, the one at Peshawar alone containing the graves of 3500 British soldiers.

The full strength of Great Britain's Indian army, in round numbers, approximates 300,000 men, of whom 230,000 are native and 70,000 British soldiers. In addition to this military force there are about 20,000 enrolled European volunteers, and a native police, officered by white men, nearly 200,000 strong. The army proper is divided into three main forces, known as the Bengal, the Bombay and the Madras divisions, all of which are under the commander-in-chief of India. A native Sepoy regiment usually consists of 800 men, and is commanded by seven English officers, namely, a commandant, two wing commanders and four wing officers. There are also six teen commissioned native officers, eight of whom are subadars, or captains, and eight jemadars, or lieutenants. The noncommissioned officers are eighty in number, all natives, forty of whom rank as havildars, or sergeants, and the remaining forty as naiks, or corporals. In the cavalry the captain is styled risaldar, the lieutenant, risaldar. The chief native officer of an infantry regiment is the subadar (major). Every regiment is divided into ten companies, each of which is usually made up of a different nationality, such as Goorkhas, Sikhs, Dogras, Pathans, Punjabis, etc. It is owing to this precaution that a combination of forces for the purpose of mutiny becomes almost impossible. The Goorkhas and Sikhs, whose loyalty is rated the highest, are in some localities permitted to constitute entire regiments by themselves.

The pay of the Sepoy or native soldier is \$3.50 per month, with a gradual increase after three years' good conduct service. The pension system is particularly liberal and is really the magnet which draws the native recruit. It is so skillfully arranged that there can be no jobbery, and twice a year the pension officers visit the great centers of population to pay the pensions. When a Sepoy soldier falls in action his wives—and there are four of them—are all pensioned, as well as their young children. As regards the artillery branch of the Indian army, white men only are employed, both as commissioned officers and in the ranks, and the guns of all forts are entirely manned by Britons.

As to the fighting qualities of these Sepoy soldiers, the Goorkha ranks first; in fact, many English experts believe that the Goorkha, who is a native of Nepal, is the best soldier in the world. Sturdily built, of an average height of five feet three inches, the Goorkha is equally good in a hand-to-hand contest with the bayonet or at long range with the rifle. The Sikh ranks second as a

soldier of the native contingent. He comes from the Punjab, averages six feet in height and is supple, sinewy and athletic as the stereotyped red Indian. The Sikhs and Goorkhas are ancient enemies, and did their best to exterminate each other in the Sutlej war of 1846. The Pathan probably stands third in the native list as a warrior, but does not class with the other two tribes named above in the matter of endurance, and there is always a doubt about his loyalty.

A unique native regiment in the employ of the British is that known as the Guides, which is composed of a motley race of freebooters, who for many years were the terrors of Northern India. This old principle of setting a thief to catch a thief has worked excellently, and the guides have the reputation of being the fiercest fighters of the entire Sepoy army.

If corroboration were required of the martial qualities of the native Indian soldiery, the Nepalese war of 1814, and the siege of Kalunga in particular, will afford any needed illustration. At Kalunga 600 Goorkhas were entrenched in a stockade and succeeded in repulsing fierce assaults of the British. It was only when this brave band had lost 530 of their number that they hoisted the flag of truce, and the loss they inflicted on the British amounted to thirty-one officers and 710 men. Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### The Reindeer for Nome.

Messrs. Vernon & Co., have secured the steamer Reindeer and the barge Duff for the Nome run. The Reindeer will be remembered steamed from Vancouver to Dawson under her own steam and is a safe and thoroughly seaworthy boat. She will make the trip direct to Nome, stopping at St. Michaels. The barge Duff is the only craft on the river built on true barge lines. Frank Simons has secured space and accommodations with the company to carry his people and scenery to the beach city. The steamer Reindeer is now at Five Fingers in a safe harborage and will land at Dawson immediately upon the opening of navigation, taking on her passengers and freight and casting loose for the down river voyage at the earliest moment possible.

#### The Arctic Brotherhood.

At a regular meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood Friday night the degree was conferred upon P. H. Hebb and R. L. Hiltz. The camp decided to hold a social session on the last Friday night of each month, and the first of the series will be held Friday night of this week.

At the meeting previous to that of last Friday night honorary office of Grand Camp Patriarch was created and filled by the election of C. J. Riley, who stood god father to the order when it was instituted aboard the steamer City of Seattle, on the 8th of March, 1899, since which time eight subordinate camps, with a membership of over 2000 members have been organized.

#### Another Route to Nome.

The most feasible and practical winter route, and one that is unknown to the public in general, yet one that has been known to the Russian inhabitants of Juneau and other localities for many years, is the old Russian trail which starts from Katmai, and is blazed through to St. Michael and Nome. A number of persons have already gone over this trail, and last winter several persons came out that way.

To reach Nome by this route, says the Seattle P. I., the person who wishes to make the journey will have to take the steamer at Juneau for Katmai. From that point the trip is made overland by dog teams. Across the Alaska peninsula to Koggiuns is only 80 miles and can be easily made. From Koggiuns the trail leads to Carmel, a Moravian mission. From the mission to Tikheik, a village on a large lake of the same name. This lake is drained by a river and chain of small lakes that empties into the Kuskokwim river, and the trail follows this river and lakes that empties into the Kuskokwim and thence to Ognagatut, a Catholic mission, from which point it is only a short distance to Ikomuk mission of the Greek church on the Yukon river. From this point the trail leads up the river to the Holy Cross mission and Anvik, and from there to the Eatan reindeer station and Unalaklik. From the latter place Norton sound can be crossed on the ice and the trip to the Swedish mission and Nome can be easily made.

The entire distance is less than 750 miles after leaving the steamer, and at no time will the traveler be more than 30 miles from a mission station or village. This old trail has been traveled for many years and is blazed the entire distance and can be made in from 20 to 30 days.

Parties wishing to sell or buy mining property call on or address Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks.

### JOE VINCENT IS A WINNER.

Gold Commissioner Senkler Decides Contest Case in His Favor.

Suit Brought on Technical Grounds for Valuable Claim is Decided in Favor of Defendant.

An important decision has been handed down by Gold Commissioner Senkler in the case of Werbus vs. Vincent, a copy of the judgment in which case is herewith appended. The case should stand as a warning to professional claim jumpers and men who seek to deprive others of the benefits of heavy investments upon purely technical grounds. Briefly stated, the defendant, Joe Vincent, purchased from Fred Parker the original locator, the property in question, hillside on the right limit opposite the upper half of 78 lower Bonanza, and proceeded to expend a sum of money aggregating almost \$10,000 in developing the ground. After expending this money and locating the pay, Vincent's title was attacked by one Werbus, who claimed to be the original locator of the ground in dispute. It developed in the trial of the case that both Werbus and Parker had applied for the same ground under different descriptions. Parker had, however, secured his record before Werbus applied for his and subsequently transferred the ground to Vincent.

Werbus did not offer any objection to Parker's title and apparently did not discover that he had any rights in the premises until Vincent located the pay on the claim. Then Vincent's title was attacked, and resort was had both to the gold commissioner and Judge Dugas' court by Werbus. In both instances Vincent was sustained, the decision given today finally deciding the case.

Messrs. Fattulo & Ridley represented Mr. Vincent, who expresses much satisfaction with the able manner in which his case was handled. The decision in full is as follows:

The plaintiff staked the upper half, left limit, of No. 78 below on Bonanza, on the 17th July, 1898, but did not record until September 24. One Fred Parker staked on August 15th, and recorded, August 23d, what he described as the lower half, right limit, of No. 77 below on Bonanza.

Between July 27th and September 2d, 1898, the ground staked by the plaintiff was open to location. (Nelson vs. Donnelly.) It was between these dates that Parker staked and recorded the ground which he described as the lower half, right limit, of 77 below on Bonanza.

The survey of the Parker claim in September, 1899, under Mr. Parker's direction showed the location opposite the upper half of 78, and not opposite the lower half of 77, as he described on applying for record.

Parker staked before this portion of Bonanza creek had been surveyed. The creek being about 1000 feet wide at this point, I would not therefore, consider the misdescription made by Parker could be construed as carelessness or neglect such that should disentitle him to the ground he staked, owing to the difficulty in such cases of properly describing a location with relation to the creek claim upon which it fronts.

The question is whether Parker's evidence, with Mr. Smith's, also with what has been heard as to the work done from the time of the staking thereof, is such as to establish the original position of his location posts in the face of the misdescription above referred to. Parker says his original upper post as shown in the survey of his claim is still standing, but that at the time his survey was made his lower post had disappeared. He is, however, satisfied the ground, as surveyed, is within the ground as originally staked. The only conflicting evidence is that of Mike Gulkenrich, who says he saw Parker stake in the summer of 1899, at the fine dividing creek claims 77 and 78. The writing on this post he declares claimed up stream, not down. Mr. Parker alone testifies as to the actual staking. The position of the work done upon his location is consistent with his evidence. The stakes are the root of title in all cases. One describes his location as well as he is able. The result is purchasers should always find out the actual position of adjoining prior locations before the purchase is made.

I think the owner under the Parker location is entitled to the ground as shown upon Mr. Bolton's plan, dated September 16th, 1899.

Dated Dawson, March 19th, 1900. E. C. SENKLER, Gold Commissioner.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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#### INCORPORATION.

A concerted effort made among property owners in Dawson at the present time would, we have reason to believe, result in securing the incorporation of the town as a municipality almost immediately. The question is, do those most interested desire the formation of a municipality. Until the present time there have been no local taxes of a direct nature imposed upon the residents of Dawson, and in consequence there has prevailed a very general disposition among property owners to leave matters as they are—as long as the apparition of the assessor and tax collector has not appeared on the scene.

Now, however, the Yukon Council comes forward and proposes a revenue ordinance, the proceeds from which are to be used in defraying the ordinary expenses of conducting the affairs of the town. This does not mean that all the local revenues are expected to be derived from the proposed ordinance, as a large sum is already received from the various other sources of revenue which the Council has at its disposal. But, once placed in operation, this system of taxation will naturally be made each year the means of raising a continually increasing sum to meet the requirements of a constantly growing community.

The question of incorporating Dawson as a municipality, therefore, assumes an entirely different appearance from that which it has previously borne.

The Council claims the right of levying taxes for municipal purposes, and has announced its intention to make immediate use of that right. It begins to look very much as though Dawson will soon occupy the position, almost anomalous in British history, of a town which pays taxes, but has no voice in electing the taxing authority.

If the town is to be taxed, we are of the opinion that the time is ripe for incorporation.

On the other hand, if the Yukon Council retains all the revenue producing machinery under its own control, as indicated in Gov. Ogilvie's interview, printed in another column, the advantages to be derived from incorporation are open to serious question.

#### IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

The Council is willing to grant Dawson the right to become an incorporated municipality. Gov. Ogilvie has said as much, and, doubtless, when he speaks he speaks with authority.

The terms upon which he desires to grant the right to incorporate account perhaps for the willingness of the Council to allow the incorporation act to be placed in effect. Briefly stated, the plan, as outlined by the commissioner, simply means that the Council is willing to turn over to the town its liabilities, but intends retaining under its own control all resources of any value.

There may be desirable features about this plan which we have not as yet been able to discover, that is to say, when viewed from the standpoint of the town. Looked at from the Council's point of view, we should say that the idea is not without its advantages.

Gov. Ogilvie says that the police court fines would all be retained under the control of the territorial government. Just why this should be the case, he does not say. The proportion of fines

levied in cases originating outside the city is very small—indeed, amounts to little or nothing. Why, therefore, in the event of the organization of a municipality, this revenue should be considered "territorial revenue," is difficult to grasp.

Doubtless, the incorporation idea, as held by Gov. Ogilvie and the Council, has its good points, but they all point in one direction.

#### CLAIM JUMPERS.

There are men in Dawson, as there are men in every mining camp on earth, who spend their time looking about for opportunities to defraud others of their rights upon purely technical grounds.

They make it their business to watch the development of a claim until they are satisfied that the ground has a value sufficient to justify the owner in making a fight for it. If such proves to be the case, search is made for some insignificant technicality upon which to base a contest action, more often, however, in the expectation of forcing a compromise than in the hope of securing a favorable decision.

The present status of litigation before the courts is favorable to the methods pursued by such schemers. There are more cases ahead than can possibly be adjudicated before the arrival of the vacation period, and in consequence a compromise often comes about merely for the sake of avoiding expensive and tiresome delays.

This condition makes the harvest time for the claim jumper, whose sole business in life is to prey upon the misfortunes of others. Whenever discovered, these men should be exposed and forced to do honest work or leave the community to which their presence is a continuous injury.

Complaint has been made at this office that water is being delivered in town which is taken from the river and sold for well water. The people buying this water, naturally, do not take the precaution in its use that they would if they knew from what source it came, and, consequently, sickness is bound to follow. The water from the river is now unfit to drink, and, under any circumstances, should be boiled before using. A visit to the water holes near the bank of the river will prove this to the most skeptical, as running water, foul with the poisonous sewage of the city, is seen flowing down the banks of the river. The authorities should make an example of anyone caught peddling river water for household purposes.

The bicycle, as a means of winter travel, has become an established fact on the Yukon river. The season during which the trails may be said to be in good condition for bicycles is necessarily short, but during that time the bicycle has excelled every other means, both for speed and economy. Wheels built specially for the Klondike will soon be advertised to catch the eye of the prospective musher from the outside.

There is more beef now in Dawson and coming in than can possibly be consumed before the arrival of warm weather will render more or less of it unfit for use. Whether parties who are handling beef have made or lost money, they had much better put the price down within the reach of everyone than run the risk of consigning large quantities to the river upon the break-up.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

## ACTION STOPS

And All Things Indicate Speedy Collapse of the War in the Transvaal.

WILL BE NO CHANGE FOR 3 WEEKS

Says Wire From War Correspondent at Bloemfontein.

ROBERTS IS BUSY MOBILIZING

Free State Telegraph Opened—British Authority Permanent and No Sympathy Offered Boers.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
London, March 22, via Skagway, March 27.—Everything points to a speedy collapse of the war, but so far as military operations are concerned there have been practically no changes. Information from a war correspondent at Bloemfontein is to the effect that no further movements of any importance are anticipated within the next three weeks. Roberts is busy mobilizing all available forces and arranging for the transportation of supplies preparatory to the advance upon Pretoria.

The telegraph line running through the Orange Free State into Basutoland has been opened up. The officials have succeeded in convincing the Basutos that British authority is now paramount and no further expressions of sympathy in favor of the Boers are heard. Roberts' proclamation commanding the Free Staters to desist from hostilities has had its effect. With the exception of a few guerilla bands the Free Staters have practically surrendered.

**Removing Documents.**  
London, March 22, via Skagway, March 27.—Officials of the Boer government have removed all documents from the capital which would implicate President Steyn, of the Orange Free State. It is understood that the documents in question have been taken to Russia in charge of trusted government agents.

**Frog Leg Feast.**  
Skagway, March 27.—Durand has reached Bennett and on his way to Dawson with 1000 quail and 400 pounds of frog legs. As the latter are spoiling very rapidly he sold a large part of his stock in Bennett yesterday when the whole town indulged in a frog leg feast, the first in its history.

**McGillivray's Big Shipment.**  
Skagway, March 27.—Joseph McGillivray left here today for Bennett, the last of his 130 tons of freight having been shipped by rail to that place yesterday. It will be rushed on to Dawson with as little delay as possible for the Anglo-Klondike company, of which Joseph McGillivray and his son John, now in Dawson, are the principal representatives.

**Not Yet Relieved.**  
London, March 22, via Skagway, March 27.—Mafeking has not yet been relieved despite the fact that dispatches were sent out a week ago announcing that the relief column had entered the town.

**Will Soon End.**  
London, March 20, via Skagway, March 28.—Bets are freely offered that the Transvaal war will be completed before the middle of May. The Daily News publishes dispatches from the front which predict that the war will end as soon as Roberts is able to cover the distance between Bloemfontein and Pretoria. The Boers are gradually losing

ing hope and it is anticipated that no serious resistance will be offered until Pretoria is reached. The educated Boers fully realize the impossibility of the war being pushed to a successful issue and are importuning the government to bring hostilities to a close. They express a willingness to submit to the inevitable.

**New Foundland Won't Join.**  
Ottawa, March 21, via Skagway, March 26.—Another effort is being made by the government to induce New Foundland to join the confederation. There is small hope of the movement succeeding.

**Mr. Wilson En Route.**  
Skagway, March 26.—James M. Wilson, of the A. C. Co., arrived here on Saturday en route to Dawson over the ice. Mr. Wilson has just returned from an extended trip through the eastern cities of the United States and Canada. While at Ottawa he consulted the officials concerning the royalty. He is of the opinion that no reduction will be made during the present session of parliament. He states that in all probability a general election will take place in Canada during the coming June.

**Women Armed.**  
London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—Dispatches from Cape Town announce that a corps of 2000 Boer women has been formed at Pretoria to assist in the defense of the town. The women are uniformed with kilts and number in their ranks many who are skilled in marksmanship. They are armed with the latest improved rifles.

**Not Relieved.**  
London, March 20, via Skagway, March 26.—The reports received here on the 16th that the relief of Mafeking had been accomplished are now stated to be incorrect. The town is still under siege, but it is believed that the garrison is not suffering as much as has been stated in previous reports.

**Loyalty Goes Wild.**  
London, March 18.—Queen Victoria and the people of the greatest city in her empire today celebrated the victories which they believe have transformed the campaign in South Africa from one of reverse into one of success. That is the only explanation of the unbounded, unparalleled enthusiasm with which hundreds of thousands hailed their sovereign. In many ways these demonstrations outdid those of the diamond jubilee, although there were no glittering pageants, no triumphal arches, no procession of princes, but only a dozen Life Guards followed by a little old lady in the plainest black costume, who had come for a few days' stay at Buckingham palace, as she has done many a time before.

Yet her hold upon the hearts of her people was probably never more strikingly manifested. Unlike that of the diamond jubilee, today's popular outburst was almost impromptu. The fierce pride in the strength of a mighty empire that pervaded London in exultation when the queen last drove through the streets in 1897 had vanished, and in its place there were genuine thankfulness and rejoicing for the victories which had succeeded months of gloom. The depth of feeling which this demonstration represented could only be gauged by those who mingled with the crowd. Mothers in deep mourning for sons killed on the far off veldt struggled bravely with the most hilarious to catch a glimpse of the queen, whose womanly sympathy and thoughtfulness for the soldiers had touched their hearts.

**Four Clubs Drop Out.**  
New York, March 8.—The National Baseball League for the season of 1900 will have an eight club circuit. This announcement was made at the Fifth Avenue hotel at 11:30 o'clock tonight, when the league meeting adjourned. A verbal agreement will be formally executed. The retiring clubs are Washington, Baltimore, Louisville and Cleveland. Each club will receive a money consideration for its franchise. How much is not stated.

Earlier in the day it was reported that the Louisville franchise would be sold for \$10,000 and that the Wagner Bros. had consented to take about \$40,000 for their Washington franchise. No figures were given as to the demands of the Cleveland club or the Brooklyn-Baltimore combination. All the clubs dropped have the right under the agreement to reserve their players except Washington, which has been purchased outright by the league. Washington's players will be distributed among the other clubs. The Brooklyn-Baltimore combination controls the Baltimore players.

## WEARY OF LIFE

The Honorable M. W. St. John Watson Beresford Would Go to His Death

BY WAY OF THE 38-CALIBRE ROUTE.

Scion of an Ancient and Noble Family Goes Wrong.

ONCE A TRUSTED SOLDIER.

Disgrace, More Imaginary Than Real, Prompts the Probably Unsuccessful Attempt to Die.

Scarce was the sun an hour high this morning when a tragedy which may result in the untimely death of the scion of a proud and noble Irish family was enacted in the upper portion of the city, and on a street about two blocks east from the barracks hospital. The only actor in the sad affair was M. W. Watson, as he is pleased to sign himself, but who is by birth and title permitted to sign the Honorable M. W. St. John Watson Beresford, of Creaduff House, Athlone, Ireland, who attempted to take his own life by discharging a 38 calibre revolver into and through the left side of his abdomen, the ball penetrating to the skin of the back from whence it was afterwards removed at the barracks hospital by Dr. Foster, of the Y. F. F., assisted by Drs. Thompson and Hurdman, of the N. W. M. P. hospital service.

M. W. Watson, as his name appears on the army roll, is probably 33 years of age, and has been in the service for 10 or 11 years, during seven of which he held the noncommissioned office of sergeant, and during all his long service and until about a month ago he was accounted a true and noble servant of the queen. For some time previous to four weeks ago he had been orderly room clerk of the Y. F. F.

For the past several months his daily associates had noted a marked change in Watson's disposition. From a jovial, light hearted companion he became a sullen and morose recluse, but never for a moment did he forget the imbued instincts of the gentleman, being at all times courteous and polite when addressed by any one. Something like a month ago Watson, to use a common expression, "went on a spree," which proved to be a prolonged one. He left his place at the barracks and devoted himself most assiduously to keeping up his drunk. The fact that his money became exhausted in no way caused him to deviate from the mad course he was pursuing, for he issued checks here and there for small amounts, usually \$10, and the period of intoxication was thus elongated until, in a semi-rigid moment, the young man realized that he had not reported for 21 days, thereby entitling the writing of the word "Deserter" after his name on the army roll. This realization served to cause him to drink deeper of the dregs of despair and despond, also of Scotch whisky. Knowing that he was being searched for by his fellow soldiers as well as by the police, he managed by the exercise and cunning of a desperate man to conceal his whereabouts and escape detection. It is said, however, that he learned last night that his place of concealment, a cabin on the hillside, had been discovered and that today he would be taken into custody. But the foolish fellow, for whom the officers and men entertained only feelings of pity and compassion, chose to die in preference to facing the ordeal to which he imagined he would be subjected, with the result that at 7:45 o'clock this morning, at the place above mentioned, he fired the shot from the effects of which his life now hangs by a thread, while, he, in a state of great mental perturbation, tosses restlessly on a cot at the barracks hospital.

The young man, who has by his rashness probably terminated what might have been a useful and brilliant life, is a nephew of Viscount Castlemaine, of Creaduff House, Athlone, Ireland, and is himself in direct line of heirship to the title.

**Scows in Demand.**  
Already the demands for scows is becoming quite active and those who own

such property stranded in the ice up the river will do well to look after them if they expect to use or sell them on the opening of navigation.

It is for the long journey down the Yukon towards Nome that scows are so much in demand, and as suitable material for their construction is not abundant here, it stands to reason that a scow which sold at Bennett last fall for \$800 has not decreased in value and is worth fully that amount or more in Dawson at the present time.

Some intending Nomads entertain the erroneous impression that for the reason that the cargos of scows stranded in the ice or on sand bars up the river have been hauled away, leaving the craft unanchored except by the ice that it has been deserted by the original owner and is, therefore, subject to "relocation" by the first man who chances to want it.

In the presence of a representative of the Nugget, Police Magistrate Major Perry was asked a few days ago as to the right of persons to go up the river and "jump" scows stranded in the ice. The official informed him that not until the river opens and scows are floating down entirely unmanned can they be taken, salvaged and become the property of other than their former owners.

Present indications are that there will be demand for every scow in the river between Moosehide and Whitehorse before the middle of the summer, as there are hundreds in Dawson waiting for the opening of navigation to start for Nome who do not intend to travel by steamer, but who will load their household goods and gods on scows and start to float over the long voyage to St. Michael.

**Trails Are Becoming Difficult.**  
From persons who arrived from up the river last night it is learned that the trail in some places is becoming quite difficult of travel. On the river there are places where the water is running from four inches to a foot in depth; and on the cutoffs the snow has all gone from the sidehills facing southward, making it laborious to drag even empty sleds up the inclines. If the weather continues mild freighting on the river and over the cutoffs will not be possible after a very few days. Recent arrivals report hundreds behind them all coming with heavy loads of assorted merchandise.

**Water Rights.**  
Allan R. Joy has applied for a ten years' grant of 150 inches of water, to be diverted from Bonanza creek at No. 30 below discovery, and to be used on the adjoining hillside and benches on the left limit.

Humboldt Gates and J. W. Cassidy have made application for the right to use, for ten years, 200 inches of water on creek claims Nos. 58 and 59 below on Sulphur. Said water is to be diverted from 59 ppu, which enters Sulphur on the left limit at No. 59 below.

Demaue Beaudoin and Jeffrey Letebvre have applied for a three years' grant of 50 inches of water to be diverted from Last Chance creek at a point near the upper part of No. 5 from the mouth. Said water is to be used for mining purposes on said No. 5.

**Gold Commissioner's Court.**  
J. L. Wilson has filed a protest suit against Ildo Ramsdell. The action involves the title to creek claim No. 4 on a tributary entering Last Chance at No. 8 above discovery. The complaint of the plaintiff, J. L. Wilson, reads as follows:

"The plaintiff is a free miner, residing at Dawson. The defendant also resides in Dawson. On June 1st, 1899, the plaintiff caused work to be started on creek placer claim No. 4 on a tributary at No. 8 above discovery on Last Chance for the purpose of representation. That men worked thereon continuously for three months, till September 1st, 1899. During that time one shaft was sunk 52 feet, and 16 cords of wood were cut. On March 23d, 1900, three men came to the office of the gold commissioner to file an affidavit of representation and renew the claim. Then plaintiff learned that Ildo Ramsdell, on November 18th, 1899, had filed an application for said claim, stating that no work had been done on claim during the year. That a grant had been issued on the 23d of January to said Ildo Ramsdell for said claim. The plaintiff claims that said claim was duly represented, and that the relocation grant heretofore issued to defendant should be cancelled, and a renewal grant issued to the plaintiff."

The hearing of the action has been fixed for 10 o'clock a. m. on April 19th, 1900. This morning the case of C. S. Yardwood vs. Clegg and Holcolm was tried by Commissioner Senkler. The suit involves a dispute regarding the boundary of the hillside claim, left limit, opposite the upper half of No. 1 Boulder creek. Decision was reserved.

The action of Cunningham vs. Anderson is being tried this afternoon.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT

To Commit Suicide Was Made This Morning By Captain William Thorburn.

HE SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD

And Inflicted a Wound Which Will Prove Fatal.

HE BECAME DESPONDENT

Yesterday He Drank Immoderately and Lost Considerable Money Playing Roulette.

At noon today, the town station of the N. W. M. P. was notified that a man was lying fatally wounded in a small roughly furnished cabin, which is situated on the hillside in the northwestern section of the city. Upon investigation the unfortunate individual proved to be Captain William Thorburn, who has resided in this territory since the summer of 1897. When the officers arrived the injured man was stretched upon his bed, his head was resting on a pillow, which had been profusely stained with blood; he was dressed in his ordinary wearing apparel, even his coat had not been removed; on the floor, near the side of the bedstead, there was a .38-calibre revolver, one chamber of which contained an empty shell. The face of the wounded man was covered with blood, which emanated from a hole in his forehead directly over the left eye. From the aperture of the wound, a part of the brain protruded. The fingers of the left hand were powder marked. The horrible aspect of affairs clearly indicated that an attempt had been made to commit suicide; and the gravity of the injury will render the rash effort successful. Drs. Hepworth and Duncan bandaged the wound and the man was carried to St. Mary's hospital. At the time of the medical examination the unfortunate individual was in a semi-conscious condition, but he disclosed nothing relative to the matter.

Captain Thorburn is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland; he is unmarried, of average height, and aged about 38 years. During the winter he has been living in the cabin where the fatality occurred, in company with Harry Donville, the son of Col. James H. Donville. Mr. Donville in speaking of the affair said: "I left the captain last evening in the Bank saloon, since which time I had not seen him until this noon, and then he was unconscious. I did not sleep at the cabin last night. I know that the captain and been drinking rather heavily yesterday afternoon, and I understood that during the day he lost quite a sum of money while gambling at the roulette wheel. My opinion is that he became despondent, and attempted to end his troubles by committing suicide."

It is not known when the shot which inflicted the injury was fired. The blood stains on the pillow were perfectly dry at noon; and this circumstance leads the police to believe that the deed was perpetrated at an early hour this morning.

Captain Thorburn was well and favorably known in the territory. He has done considerable mining; but has been unsuccessful. He was upright and conscientious in all his dealings; and his present condition is a matter of excessive regret to his friends and acquaintances.

**Claims Recorded.**  
Wilson Foster has received a grant for the Foster quartz claim, which is located on the right limit of the Klondike river, opposite the mouth of Bonanza creek.

James Bell has recorded the Bell Diamond quartz claim, located at the mouth of Adams creek. A quartz claim has been issued to Michael Day for the Gold Chest claim, which is situated at the mouth of Adams. This morning two placer claims were recorded in the local office. The grants were issued by the department of Ottawa. J. Gordon McLaren filed on the fraction, designated as No. 104, above discovery on Sulphur. This claim is 55.8 feet in length. Another fraction, 148 feet in length, numbered 42b below on Sulphur, was recorded by Edward B. Condon.

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## War With the Insurgent Filipinos Is Ended.

## Chinese Emperor Officially Restored—Mount Araca Shows Signs of Eruption.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Although Oriental travel is virtually dead at the present season, and but 26 first saloon passengers arrived by the Empress of China yesterday evening, these 26, and the files of Chinese and Japanese papers borne by the steamship give a large and more interesting budget of Oriental happenings than has been brought by any recent vessel from the dreamy East. In brief the news may be catalogued as follows:  
Capt. Jewell, U. S. N., commanding the flagship Brooklyn, who is on his way from Manila to Washington, describes the war with the insurgent Filipinos as practically ended, the forces of Aguinaldo having been dispersed, and the revolutionary general being a fugitive without following, in the mountains.

The Chinese emperor has been officially restored to life—that is, a proclamation has been issued from Peking denying its predecessor which announced Kwang Hsu's suicide—and the reform party is organizing for his restoration to power, having at last commanded recognition of its existence. In the same connection, the exiled prime minister, Kwang Yu-Wei, has telegraphed from Singapore, where he is the guest of the king, that he can place an army of 20,000 in the field at any time on behalf of the deposed monarch.

Great excitement prevails in Yokohama in consequence of a more than usually threatening eruption of Asama volcano, 70 miles distant from Yokohama, the belching of lava from its crater having commenced the day previous to the Empress sailing—February 23—and the summer homes of the American and European colony of Yokohama being in danger, with all customary avenues of communication cut off.

The congregation of Russian warships in the harbor of Nagasaki has alarmed Japanese officialdom and caused the promulgation of a law prohibiting foreign warships to the number of more than two from visiting any Japanese port in company. Opinions differ as to the nearness of war between the Mikado and Czar, but each nation is making increased preparation.

The religious freedom bill, aiming to give effect to the provisions of the Japanese constitution granting equality to all religious belief, has been defeated in the upper house, chiefly through defects in drafting and the systematic opposition of the conservative wing of the Buddhist church, which objected to the abolition of Buddhism as the state religion.

The United States battleship Oregon has arrived at Yokohama for a fortnight's vacation, this being in accordance with Admiral Dewey's plan for preserving the health of the men while on duty in hot countries.

Li Hung Chang has assumed duty as viceroy of Canton, and has at once set himself to the task of clearing out the pirates of that district. A carefully arranged plot for his assassination was discovered just in time to avert the projected tragedy.

Through the explosion of a gun on the U. S. S. Wheeling one man of the ship was killed and others injured. The British officials of Hong Kong at once subscribed \$5000 for the relatives of the killed.

British officials have been frequent victims of outrages, amounting even to murder on Burmese territory, and prompt steps are being taken for the punishment of the offenders.

All Japan is discussing the approaching marriage of the prince imperial, and interesting gossip is being published concerning the betrothed pair. The wedding is fixed for April or May.—Victoria Colonist.

### Outside Marine News.

A dispatch from Monterey, Cal., dated March 4, says: "The British Columbia sealing schooner Diana, Captain Nelson, has reached this port, where she will take on provisions. Her catch up to date was 450 skins. The sealer Enterprise, Captain Bishop, which came here last Sunday, has sailed, to continue her cruise. Her catch for the season was 247 skins.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: "A hunting boat from the British sealing schooner Ainoka of Victoria is reported to have supplied with water and provisions by the keeper of the life saving station at Yaquina bay on

February 24. George Joyce, J. Hones and J. Bremley were in the boat. They had left the Ainoka two days before, and got lost in the fog. After the men had received the necessary food and water, they put to sea again, heading for Heceta Head lighthouse.

The steamers Victorian and Prosper got into collision about noon on Sunday in the harbor of Port Townsend. Forty feet of the Prosper's main house from the forward gangway on the port side to the after cabin were stove in. No one was injured, though for a moment it seemed that the smaller vessel with her officers and 15 or 20 passengers would be sent to the bottom. The Victorian's afterguard did the damage, driving clear through the Prosper's side in places, though the former was not injured.

The missionary brig Pitcairn has sailed from San Francisco for Cape Nome. The Pitcairn has about 200 tons of freight stowed away in her hold and on deck, and about 50 miners have taken passage on her. The captain estimates that he will receive about \$15,000 for his cargo and passengers. It is reported that he paid but \$5000 for the brig, so that if he has good fortune on the voyage his venture ought to be a prosperous one.

### Russia and Japan.

Russia and Japan have embarked in a war of retaliatory restrictions, and Japan is also protesting to the United States against the application of American coasting laws to Hawaii—which it is anticipated Japan will be cut off the Japanese-American and Philippine American trades. Considerable indignation and alarm have recently been caused by the appearance of a fleet of seven Russian warships at Nagasaki, which has induced the issuance of a proclamation that not more than two foreign warships of any one nation may at the same time be permitted to anchor in any port of Japan. The war feeling grows rapidly throughout the empire, and while the imminence of conflict has been much exaggerated, it is admitted by even the ultra-conservative press that diplomatic relations are strained almost to breaking. The news of vast Russian naval preparations at Port Hamilton and Masanpo has stimulated the war feeling, and counter preparations, involving several millions expenditure have been initiated in Japan, while arrangements are going forward for the greatest naval review in the history of the Orient. The Chuo states that Russia has not abandoned her designs upon Masanpo and is collecting warships in Korean waters, the squadron in question consisting of the flagship Russia and nine modern warships, three of which recently visited Nagasaki.

### Increased Yukon Fleet.

It is reported the Victoria-Vancouver Transportation Company has secured or is negotiating for the fleet of four steamers at Wrangle owned by the Canadian Pacific railroad, and will put them on the Upper Yukon this season. Some of the fleet, it is said, will ply between Dawson and Closeleigh, and some on the lakes.

Capt. W. C. Marsh, of Skagway, a master of Yukon river steamers, who has returned from a trip of several weeks to the Sound, reports that Col. Williams, owner of the Bennett lake steamer Clifford Sifton, purposes to make her the swiftest passenger craft on the headwaters of the Yukon. He says:

"The colonel has ordered two new boilers for the Sifton, and intends to have them installed and the craft ready for use again the coming season.

"I have been working for contracts for furnishing wood to steamers on Yukon waters, and hope to be awarded contracts to supply 1000 cords this summer."—Daily Alaskan.

### Marine Laws.

Washington, March 8.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries held an extended session today, with a view to completing the shipping subsidy bill, which had been under consideration for some time. The bill is originally introduced, served as a basis for action, a number of amendments being made along the lines of the substitute measure proposed by Representative Myer. These amendments have been incorporated in the main in the senate bill, so that action of the house brings the two houses in virtual agreement on the form of the measure. The voting disclosed that the majority was united in the general plan of revising the bill.

By a vote of 10 to 3 the bill was finally ordered reported, and Representative Grosvenor, chairman of the committee, was authorized to submit the report. Grosvenor summed up the results by saying the committee had agreed to the amendments in the senate bill, and also to a few other new amendments. On the final vote all the Republican members favored the bill as amended, and all the Democrats op-

posed it, except Chanler, who did not vote.

Stevens' anti trust amendments were agreed to.

As summed by him, they are as follows: "That any vessel or owner of a vessel entering a trust to increase the price of export freight, or in restraint of export trade, shall cease to draw compensation under this bill."

The second provides substantially: "That any combination or conspiracy of ship yards engaged in building vessels for compensation under this act is declared illegal and upon proof of combination or conspiracy of ship yards having a capacity of one-third of the tonnage of the United States, the secretary of the treasury is authorized to admit foreign vessels to take place of new vessels constructed under this act, except that such new vessels shall not enter the coastwise or lake trade."

Another amendment agree to, which is not in the senate bill, reduces the bounty 5 per cent annually after ten years.

Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, the ranking Democratic committeeman, offered a "free ship" amendment, which was defeated, although the Democrats and Jones of Washington and Fordney of Michigan voted for it.

The Democrats of the committee will submit a minority report opposing the bill as reported.

### Five Years for Bigamy.

Cornwall, March 9.—Wm. Hammott, alias Henderson, was today found guilty of bigamy and sentenced by Judge Pringle to five years in Kingston penitentiary. About 20 years ago Hammott married Miss Henderson, who died some ten years later, and on May 3, 1893, married Miss Alexander, daughter of a respectable farmer living at Tweed. Two children were born to them and Hammott deserted his wife and located at Cardinal, where he became acquainted with Miss Ida Gardner, of Morrisburg. After a few weeks' courtship they were married by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Church of England minister of Morrisburg, under the assumed name of Henderson.

### Women's Rights in Korea.

"Women as well as men can ride on the cars." Such is the translation of paragraph No. 2 in the rules or notices to the public prepared by the Korean president of the Seoul Electric Railway Company. The introduction of this trolley line is referred to by a correspondent of Harper's as "the first step toward civilization in the Hermit Kingdom," and certainly it seemed that a wide departure from the customs of the country would be made when Korean women availed themselves of President Yi Cha Yun's offer.

Formerly women were not allowed on the streets in the daytime, but a curfew bell was rung at 8 o'clock in the evening, after which hour the men were required to remain indoors, while the women took their exercise.

### Italy's Baby Prince.

The birth of a son to the Duchess of Aosta, it is said, was a great shock to the Princess of Naples, which has increased her very natural grief at her own childlessness. Prince Amadeo (who by virtue of this childlessness is now in succession to the throne) is a small, fair haired baby of about a year, with more than the ordinary amount of babyish winning ways. One day the princess met the little chap in a corridor in his nurse's arms. She would have avoided him, as usual, but as she passed with averted head he suddenly held out his fat, dimpled arms, and on the impulse of the moment she took him from the nurse, while her eyes filled with tears. The little fellow laid his lips on each of her lids, stroking her cheeks with both hands. She gave a sob and has ever since been his most devoted slave.

### Sulphur's Clean-Up.

Mr. Jones, of 21a on Sulphur, is in the city and while he will not even estimate the value of the gold that will be taken from that creek at the clean-up, he admits that it will be enormous and far above the general estimate. Mr. Jones does not anticipate any trouble from lack of sufficient water for sluicing purposes.

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# A FEW REASONS ADVANCED.

## Why Captain William Thorburn Should Attempt His Own Life.

### Disappointment in Love and Failure of Col. James Domville's Company Both Assigned.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

When the Daily Nugget appeared on the street yesterday afternoon with a detailed and complete account of the probably successful attempt of Capt. William Thorburn to take his own life it was a great shock and surprise to hundreds of Dawsonites who for two years or more have seen the unfortunate gentleman almost daily, and many and varied were the causes assigned for the perpetration of the seemingly rash act.

One gentleman, a business man who for a long time has been on very intimate terms with Thorburn, says that the captain on coming here late in '97 or early in '98, left behind him in Scotland a bonnie lassie whom he had promised to make his wife on his return from the gold fields of, to the people of the faraway land, the greatly overestimated Klondike; that his blissful anticipations of golden treasure had not been realized and fulfilled and that despair at disappointing the lady of his love—the goal, the attainment of which had kept his ardent ablaze and his Scotch blood afloat for two long years—proved more than he could stand, and in a fit of mental aberration superinduced by mental desperation, he committed the rash act that will assuredly result in his death.

Others equally intimate with the unfortunate man assert that his act was not prompted by visions of or longings for a sweetheart left behind; that he has no lady love in Scotland or elsewhere; that he is a man who has reached and passed the age when the heart is susceptible to Cupid's darts, and that he is a straightforward, straight-out business man who has invested his money in a losing venture and seen it slowly but surely fade away without his having the power to stem the current which was carrying away his all.

These people assert that Thorburn was interested to the extent of his capital in what is generally known as the Domville Syndicate, but which was probably the Klondike-Stewart Pioneers, Ltd., news of the failure of which was received by and published in the Nugget a week ago, and the fact that he was occupying a cabin with Domville, jr., lends an air of credence to this last theory. Those who claim to know assert that when the company above referred to was organized that Thorburn came here partly in his own and partly in behalf of other members of the syndicate, and that, being on the scene of supposed operations by the company, he felt that from him would be expected news of its expansion and success; that the wrecking and loss of the steamer James Domville, which was the property of the company of which he was a part, was to him the cause of great worry and mental perturbation.

Another equally plausible cause for Thorburn's rash act is that since his advent in Dawson he has secured in his individual right several bench and hillside claims on both Bonanza and Dominion creeks, and that last fall he issued to a friend named Jones who was leaving for Scotland power of attorney to either dispose of those claims or organize a company for the purpose of developing and operating them. During all the long winter Thorburn patiently waited and hoped for news from his friend Jones, but it came not. Jones never wrote to the man whose power of attorney he carried; and a few days ago Thorburn learned in an indirect way that on reaching Scotland Jones had, instead of acting in behalf of his friend in Dawson, enlisted in the army and hurried off to the Transvaal to fight Boers.

This news, it is said, was a hard blow to the Scotchman who had by every mail expected to learn that his claims or a portion of them had been sold for a sum sufficient to make him a rich man or to enable him to become a rich man by developing the remainder of his holdings, and that he felt the disappointment most keenly, in that not only were his hopes blighted, but that the implicit and almost brotherly confidence he had reposed in his friend had, he felt, been betrayed.

These are only a few of the many reasons advanced by those who knew him best and intimately for the rash act of Thorburn which can not otherwise than terminate his life.

Capt. Thorburn passed a very comfortable night at St. Mary's hospital and at 2 o'clock this afternoon there

was practically no change in his condition. He lies in a semiconscious condition and has not yet been coherent in the few utterances he has feebly attempted. Owing to the nature of the wound it is scarcely possible that he will live but a few hours longer.

### Young Mrs. Stanley Sues.

Seattle Feb. 27.—Ella M. Stanley, the divorced wife of young John La Stanley, commenced suit yesterday in the superior court against William and Sarah E. Stanley, for \$25,000 damages. She accuses them of alienating her husband's affections and inducing him to secure a divorce, with the intention of cutting her off from an interest in a Klondike fortune of \$2,000,000.

In her complaint Mrs. Stanley alleges that she was married to John L. Stanley in Seattle, January 28, 1897, and lived happily with him until July 5 of the same year. About this time, it is alleged, Sarah E. Stanley wrongfully and fraudulently induced a young Stanley to abandon his wife and accompany her, his mother, on a long journey through the Eastern and Middle states. It is also claimed that Mrs. Stanley fraudulently kept her son away from his wife and induced him to obtain a divorce, with the intention of depriving the wife of an interest in the Klondike fortune.

Shortly after the marriage of John L. Stanley, his father, mother and himself, according to the complaint, became possessed of a large fortune through the discovery of a mine in the Klondike. This fortune is estimated at \$2,000,000. June 28, 1897, after the discoveries of gold, a son was born to Mrs. John L. Stanley. She says that on account of the wrongs done her she has been compelled to support herself and this child by her own labor, and to live apart from her husband, much to her distress of mind and body. She asks the court to grant her \$25,000 damages.

Young Stanley's marriage followed his arrest on the charge of being the father of the unborn child of the woman whom he married. He was taken from the county jail to a justice court, where the ceremony was performed. In his suit for a divorce he expressed doubts concerning the legitimacy of the child. He gave an extended account of his home life and the character of his wife, with whom he said he was intimate before he married her.

Mrs. Stanley denied all his charges, said she was a good wife, and that her family helped the Stanleys when they were poor.

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Major Perry is still unable to leave his room although it was stated this morning that he is feeling better than for two or three days. Superintendent Primrose continues to fill the judicial chair in police court during the major's indisposition.

For decorating one of Louie Merrymont's eyes and otherwise changing the contour of his physiognomy during a melee on Front street yesterday morning, S. Y. Nightingale paid a fine of \$15 and trimmings at the desk of the court clerk yesterday afternoon.

Count Emele d'Routiri, who was given until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to pay fine and costs amounting to \$89.50 or begin the operation of a saw on the royal woodpile, for selling liquor without a license, appeared at that hour with a portion of the money, when the time limit was extended until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time he will be required to remit the remainder.

C. J. Dumbolton appeared as complaining witness against A. H. Preston, who is charged with having sold one case of pork loins which were unfit for human food. After hearing the evidence the case was continued until this afternoon in order that further inspection may be made of the meat in question.

Trial of a case in which Andrew Aichison-sues Gus Davidson for \$68.75, alleged to be due plaintiff for freighting over the river for defendant was set for hearing tomorrow morning.

### Theosophists' Meeting.

The usual weekly public meeting of the Yukon Theosophical Club will be held tonight at their hall on Second avenue, when Mr. T. S. Solomans will give a lecture on the subject of "Nonsense," which no doubt will elicit a very interesting discussion.

### Inquiries.

Inquiries are made for the following missing persons by the N. W. M. P.: P. H. Trudell, P. J. Gessner, W. C. Dickey, San Francisco; Kuhnert, New York City; H. P. Gaillard, San Francisco; Alex. H. Somerville, Princeton, Ontario; Thos. Graham Patterson, Seattle.

Any person knowing anything of these persons should notify the town station of the N. W. M. P.

### Decrease in Fire Force.

On the 1st of April the force of men now employed will be decreased. At the present time there are 20 firemen who are engaged at both halls. This number will be lessened to 15 men. The reason for the discharge of five firemen is to curtail expenses. As constituted now the annual cost of mainte-

nance for this department is estimated at \$10,000; when the force will have been decreased the yearly expenditure will be reduced to \$30,000. The Yukon council also considers the fact that during the summer season it is not necessary to retain the services of as many men as were required during the winter months.

### GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

Joseph Magill, one of the owners of 35 Eldorado, has been on the creeks the past few days looking over his mining interests.

Squatters on No. 5 above discovery on Bonanza are generally observing the orders of the N. A. T. & C. Co., the owners, and are moving their tents and buildings to other portions of the town.

Upper Bonanza, from the Forks to 43 above, has been worked extensively the past winter, and mining operations are still being carried on with great activity. The water, however, since the warm weather commenced, impeding progress to a considerable degree.

No. 19, owned by John Wick prior to this season was little better than a wage property, but early in the past winter fine pay was found on the right limit, and ten men have been employed steadily and eight large dumps are the result of their efforts. This property which last year was ranked as of nominal value, has proven to be one of the heavy producers.

No. 17a, owned by Peter Oksvig, Louis Langlow and Capt. Healy, has been worked steadily since early in the winter with a crew of from six to twelve men. They have several large dumps, and the pay has been showing up well. Mr. Langlow has just returned from the outside with several teams of work horses, which will be used on the claim during the summer season, as the owners intend to employ about 25 men and to push the work with all possible dispatch, consistent with careful mining operations, by ground sluicing. Mr. Oksvig, who is foreman and has charge of the operations on this ground, on being asked the probable output of upper Bonanza this season replied, it would exceed that of one year ago. He says more machinery and men have been employed this year than last, and the pay on several of the claims has proven better. Many of the claims will be worked during the summer season.

### New Partnership.

Mr. W. A. Ryan, for a long time advertising man and general salesman with the Alaska Exploration Co., has tendered his resignation and will go into business for himself, having formed a copartnership with Mr. Clark and purchase a half interest in the latter's grocery store and meat market on the corner of Second avenue and Sixth street, where the new firm will extend and enlarge the business commensurate with the patronage they are bound to receive. Mr. Clark is already well known and popular, while Mr. Ryan is regarded as one of the best and most popular of all Dawson's business men. The Nugget bespeaks for the firm of Clark & Ryan a large and lucrative business. In the withdrawal of Mr. Ryan from its services, the A. E. Co. loses a valuable and trusted man as well as the best "ad" writer in the city; but his place will be filled by Mr. E. W. Brown, general store manager, who is himself able and experienced in the work of "ad" writing and who will hereafter have charge of that branch of the big company's business.

### Claims Recorded.

Yesterday a grant was issued to Lillian Pattuo for the placer claim particularly described as being a hillside, No. 19, on the left limit of the Klondike river, and being located in what is known as the Dawson townsite group. Said claim was staked on March 2th.

### SANITARY PROBLEMS.

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be suggested. One is that the sewer pipes be large enough to enable work men to enter. The other plan is to use sewer pipes of ordinary size, and have them contain a small pipe—say about an inch in diameter—through which steam could be sent, whenever necessary. At intervals of 100 feet, connections with the steam pipe could be had with the surface of the ground. Thus when any portion of the system should become clogged by reason of the refuse freezing a portable boiler could be taken to that particular place and steam could be injected into the smaller pipe, which operation would immediately thaw the refuse matter contained in the sewer pipe.

"Either of these systems would entail the expenditure of a large sum of money in construction; and afterwards, the proper maintenance of the service would require regular appropriations. Perhaps, the government may commence operations on a sewerage system next fall; but it is possible that matter will be deferred until next year."

"However," concluded the governor, "we will do the best we can with our present system of drainage, and I am of the opinion that no one will have cause to complain of the sanitary condition of Dawson during the coming spring and summer season."

### First Boat for Nome.

Capt. Talbot has had a large force of men employed on the steamer Merwin for the past two weeks and the force of engineers, boiler makers, carpenters and painters is rapidly putting the steamer into apple pie order for her trip to Nome. A glance down the water front fails to reveal the weather beaten exterior of the boat, which has been familiar to Dawsonites during the win-

ter, but in its place an outline of snowy whiteness which shows that the Merwin is being fully prepared to offer attractive and comfortable accommodations for her long trip. The Merwin will be the first boat to leave Dawson, and no change will be made in the price of tickets before April 1st. Two-thirds of the stateroom accommodation has already been taken. All those who have spoken for passage, without buying their tickets are hereby notified to close the arrangements during the present month.

FRANK KINGHORN, Agent, Yukon Dock. Private dining rooms at the Holborn. The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

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