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SAVED AT LAST

After Nearly 200 Days of Siege, Mafeking Is Relieved By Roberts.

THREATENED STARVATION AVERTED

Gen. Buller Retrieving His Name and Fame in Natal.

BOERS SCATTER LIKE CHAFF

Roberts Awaiting Results in Kroonstadt—Force Extends Twenty Miles.

From Monday's 6 P. M. Extra. Skagway, May 21, 2:30 p. m.—The steamer Amur arrived this morning direct from Vancouver. As the boat was leaving the city bulletins were displayed in front of the newspaper offices announcing the fact that the relief of Mafeking had been accomplished. A street parade was hastily gotten up in Vancouver and the city turned itself over for a general celebration of the event. This was on the evening of the 17th inst. Newspapers brought by the same steamer and dated the 15th and 16th all show that the keenest anxiety has been felt in London for the accomplishment of the relief of Mafeking. They show, also, that Buller made a magnificent march after the fight at Begeerberg. The enemy evacuated Helpmaaker Neck, firing the grass as they left. The

smoke was blown directly in the faces of the pursuing British forces, who marched through the smoke, capturing a number of prisoners and ascertaining the strength of the enemy in that locality to approximate 3000.

The next move was on Dundee, which was occupied. The advance was continued to Kraipan, where a stiff battle ensued resulting in another Boer repulse. Another fight occurred at Newcastle with the same result.

The Boers to the number of 7000 have hurried north from Natal and the farmers are handing over their arms.

Lord Roberts remains passive thus far at Kroonstadt. His cavalry form a semi-circular screen 20 miles in length, the flanks overlapping.

The town of Mafeking, situated on the northern frontier of Bechuanaland and in close proximity to the Transvaal border, has been under siege for nearly six months. It is a small railroad town and has been defended by a force of about 2500 men, mostly Rhodesian police under command of Col. Baden Powell. It was one of the first places to which the Boers laid siege at the beginning of the war. Gen. Cronje at first commanded the Boers, but subsequently withdrew to oppose the advance of Lord Roberts.

From time to time efforts have been made to relieve the town but all proved failures up to the present successful attempt, owing to the long distance to be covered and the fact that the march had to be made largely through a hostile country. Col. Plumer's column succeeded in approaching the town, but was driven back since which time no definite information as to his whereabouts have been known.

The garrison has been in communication with Lord Roberts, through the heliograph system and the condition of affairs within the town has been pretty well known. Prominent among those who have been confined in the beleaguered town is Lady Sarah Wilson, who has sent frequent messages to her friends respecting the situation.

The food supply of the town has gradually grown less and on April 29th Lady Wilson reported that the provisions in the town were about exhausted. The garrison was reduced to a diet of coarse meal and, even that was nearly exhausted.

For several weeks the attention of England has been directed toward Mafeking with more interest than upon Roberts' movements. The utmost solicitude has been expressed for the besieged garrison and the London papers have stated time and again that the relief of Mafeking would be preferable to winning an important victory. The news of the relief will be heard with much satisfaction and rejoicing in every country where the English language is spoken.

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SENKLER AFFAIR

Occupied the Attention of Justice Dugas in the Territorial Court.

THE TRIAL IS FIXED FOR JUNE 2

Attorney Woodworth Engaged By Complainant McTavish.

STRUTHERS PLEADED TODAY.

He Declared Himself Not Guilty and Elected to Be Tried By a Jury.

Matters relative to the alleged misconduct of officials in the recording office were given consideration by Justice Dugas in the territorial court this morning.

In compliance with the judicial order, which was issued yesterday, D. G. McTavish appeared this morning and gave the substance of his proposed charges, and submitted the names of the witnesses whom he proposes to introduce in support of the accusations. Mr. McTavish has retained Attorney C. M. Woodworth, and the latter will conduct the case of the complainant.

Some discussion arose today respecting the manner of procedure, to be adopted by the parties interested in the approaching investigation. Mr. Woodworth stated that his client expected to prove the truth of the charges which were contained in the letter that was addressed to the minister of the interior; and also, the fact would be established that three fractions, located on Last Chance, had been recorded as full claims, and that such grants were issued irregularly and fraudulently, and with the knowledge that the ground was not open for location. The claims were not particularly described by Mr. Woodworth, but he cited the pages of the register in which the records of the properties are contained.

The witnesses whom the complainant will subpoena are Messrs. William Cole, William Sommerville, Hamilton Fisher, William Varnon, F. E. Drevold, David McLeod, William Ford, Michael Cane, Thomas J. McDonald, Harry Edwards, Jean La Porte, Harry Diefendorfer and John Graham.

Mr. Woodworth asked for a week's time in which to formulate specifically the charges upon which the complainant proposes to base the evidence of himself and his witnesses.

Justice Dugas granted Mr. McTavish until June 2nd to make his accusations specific; and the latter was also instructed to submit a deposition setting forth the names of his witnesses, and the particular testimony that is expected of each. Saturday, June 2d, is fixed as the day when the investigation will commence, and at that time the following witnesses will be questioned concerning their knowledge of malfeasance in the recorder's office: Messrs. McTavish, Diefendorfer, McLeod, Cane, Ford and Fisher.

Immediately after the disposition of the matter respecting Gold Commissioner Senkler, the defendant in the case of the Queen vs. Fred Struthers was called upon to plead to the accusation which is pending against him. The accused is a young man who until recently was employed as clerk in the office of the gold commissioner. He is charged with the crime of accepting a bribe, and fraudulently issuing, in consideration thereof, a certificate of work which enabled one Robert Brewitt to obtain a renewal grant for a placer claim located on Lovett gulch. The prisoner plead not guilty; he elected to be tried by a jury and his case was set for Monday, June 4th. The civil action of Lynn, plaintiff, vs. Croll and Varnon, defendants, is

on trial today. In this issue the plaintiff is attempting to establish the existence of a copartnership between himself and defendants.

From Scott Lindsay's Father.
F. W. Clayton, secretary of the Dawson Knights of Pythias Club, is in receipt of the following beautiful letter from the father of the late Scott Lindsay:

South River, N. C., April 5, 1900.
To the Members of the Knights of Pythias, Dawson City.
Gentlemen: From the far away Great Northwest, where, for many years our boy found a congenial home and won friends, there came the other day sad tidings of his untimely death. A strong and vigorous manhood, at the behest of Jehovah, quickly gave place to the abiding silence and the lasting rest of the tomb. There was an added element of sadness to our natural grief in the fact that it was necessary for the dear boy to be ministered to by those who, erst while, were strangers. And yet, we are recently brought to realize that, after all, "the whole world is akin." We are sweetly comforted by the tidings brought us through the Dawson press, which assures us of the thorough appreciation of his worth on the part of the citizens of his adopted city, and more touchingly still are we comforted by the expressions of love and sympathy, on the part of the order to which he owed allegiance—that noble band of brothers, the Knights of Pythias. They not only carefully nursed him while sick, and laid him tenderly away beneath the sod, but placed on record, through the public press, their undying confidence and affection. We, members of his family, desire to give hearty expression to the fullness of gratitude and appreciation which we cherish towards those who loved and respected our dear boy, and paid such loyal tribute to his memory in that far-away city. It may be, and this seems probable, that some of those who were his boon companions, once lived in his native state. If this be true, it may serve partly to explain such generous action on their part. And yet there were those who had not known him long, and to them we yield an equal measure of gratitude. To one and all of you, allow us to extend the hearty thanks of grateful hearts. Chastened by our sore bereavement, we are keenly susceptible to the sweet and endearing influences which ever prompt men to be kind and generous to their fellows. May God's choicest blessings be vouchsafed to you all. Fraternally yours,
JOHN LINDSAY AND FAMILY.

Steamboat News.

The A. E. Co. are selling tickets via steamer Gustin to St. Michael, first-class, for \$20; second class, \$60; an additional \$20 is charged for the trip from St. Michael to Nome over their steamer Morning Star, which plys between those two points. The company will not board passengers at St. Michael if they should be delayed awaiting the arrival of the company's connecting steamer.

The steamers Zelandia and Humboldt are being operated by this company in the Nome trade, the former sailing from San Francisco and the latter from Seattle.

The steamer Sybil sailed at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the government mail. Del McCord, the U. S. mail-carrier between Dawson and Circle City, and Frank Phiscator, are passengers.

The Ora, of the Klondike Corporation, sails for Whitehorse next Friday at 3 o'clock. It is said that this company contemplates putting on another steamer between Dawson and Whitehorse which will be the fastest boat on the river. Capt. Martineau will probably swing the wheel.

The present price for tickets, Dawson to Bennett, is \$125 first-class, and \$100 second-class. This price obtains with all the companies.

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CLERK J. FRED STRUTHERS TESTIFIES

In Case of Brown, Who Is Alleged to Have Bribed Him.

MIGHT PREJUDICE HIS CASE.

Previous to Order, the Court Room Was Filled With Curious Listeners.

The preliminary hearing of William Brown, charged with giving to a government employe, Fred Struthers, a bribe, is on trial before Magistrate Scarth this afternoon. The first witness was Thomas, the tailor, who assisted Sergeant Wilson in laying the trap into which the three men, Sutherland, Brown and Struthers, so readily entered. Thomas testified to the same account of his connection and knowledge of the affair as published in the Nugget on the occasion of Struthers' preliminary hearing a week ago.

When Struthers was put on the stand this afternoon his attorney objected to having his client give evidence in the presence of newspaper reporters and the public for the reason that his client's story, he said, would be printed and read by men who might afterwards be called upon to weigh his case. Prosecutor Wade objected to the evidence of Struthers being heard in private and asked opposing counsel to show law in corroboration of his request. The opposing counsel thought there was such a law, as another attorney present had told him of its existence, but personally he could not say if such a law existed. Mr. Wade then pointed out the section he had heard about, but still asked that the evidence be heard openly, as it is an old established rule of courts to do business openly. However, Mr. Wade admitted that the section referred to gave the court option in cases where the testimony of a witness might be prejudicial to his own interests to have it given in private.

In this case the court decided that Struthers' testimony, if published to the world might prejudice his case at the approaching trial, and ordered the room cleared, which order was obeyed and the reporters and curious spectators emerged into the sunlight of heaven.

Grand Charity Ball at Palace Grand, May 24.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

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TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1900.

AVOID POLITICS.

Word has been received in Dawson from an authoritative source that the Conservative party will indorse the demands of the Yukon territory for parliamentary representation. The election of two Yukon members will be recommended, and the Conservatives will pledge themselves to place their recommendation in effect in the event they are again placed in power.

There is no information at hand to indicate that the representation will be opposed by the Liberal party, and, in fact, there is some reason for belief that they, also, will go on record as favoring the election of two members of parliament from this territory, in which case representation will become an assured fact.

We are of the opinion that the interests of the territory will be best served by avoiding, if possible, a concussion of the two great parties upon questions affecting our development. Canadian citizens in Dawson, and throughout the territory in general, should consider, above the interest of any political party, what may be done to secure recognition of what is generally conceded to be the special needs of the Yukon territory.

It makes little difference to this isolated corner of the Dominion of Canada what political party is in power, or who is guiding the policies of that party, providing a disposition is made manifest to give prompt and careful consideration to our needs.

There is nothing to be gained by making the Yukon an issue between the parties. There are no questions here which should divide the parties. Every effort should be made, on the contrary, to secure from both the recognition to which we are entitled, and, if this can be done, the future of the territory should be secure.

Two members of parliament, elected by the suffrages of the voters of the territory, and supported by the promises of both political parties, should be able to accomplish lasting and beneficial results.

QUAY REJECTED.

The United States senate has won the approval of the people by declaring that Matthew S. Quay is not entitled to a seat in that body. Both of the celebrated cases that were laid before it at the beginning of the session have been settled, and in both of them the decision reached is in accord with the wishes and beliefs of the country. It is a splendid record, where to fall short of duty would have been so easy, and the senate deserves all praise and honor for its acts.

The case of Quay was one in which it was entirely possible for honest differences of opinion to exist. The legislature of Pennsylvania adjourned without

electing a senator, after a long deadlock. The governor immediately appointed Mr. Quay, assuming that he had a right under the constitution to fill the vacancy. Thus the old issue was raised, whether a governor can appoint after the legislature has refused to exercise its prerogative. There are excellent reasons for either interpretation of the constitution, and each view has strong legal support. The precedents are mainly in the negative. But it was a question upon which able men might differ sincerely.

Few men could have mustered a larger following than Mr. Quay. He was formerly a member of the senate, and his old associates felt the tie. He is a man of engaging personality. Many of those who dislike him as a politician are attached to him as a man. Very powerful influences in his native state were behind him. It seemed improbable for a time that his claim would be rejected. Yet he has lost ground from the time his case first came under consideration, and the narrow margin of one vote, by which he was rejected, could never have been overcome.—Seattle P. I.

The subject of telegrams, stolen or otherwise, is a very painful one—to our contemporary, the News. So painful is it, in fact, that our contemporary exercises the utmost caution in referring to it. We don't have any desire to appear at all officious in the matter, but, just as a matter of courtesy and good fellowship, we wish our estimable contemporary to understand that we will be glad to furnish copies of our own telegrams whenever the News' "exclusive telegraph franchise" fails to work. The two important outside events of the past week were the Corbett fight and the relief of Mafeking, both of which came to the Nugget in special telegrams after the publication of the regular issue for the day. On each of these occasions, an extra edition of the Nugget was issued to meet the demands of our readers, and no other Dawson paper made any effort to handle the news. It must be that occasionally a screw becomes loosened in our contemporary's "exclusive franchise" machinery, and, in such emergencies, we again assure our contemporary of our willingness to render any assistance in our power.

A "Practical" Joke.

An Irishman took a contract to dig a public well. When he had dug about 25 feet down, he came one morning and found it caved in—filled nearly to the top.

Pat looked cautiously round and saw that no one was near, then took off his hat and coat and hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and waited events. In a short time the citizens discovered that the well had caved in, and, seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed he was at the bottom of the excavation.

Only a few hours of frisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the eager citizens had reached the bottom and were wondering where the body was Pat came walking out of the bushes and good-naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a sorry job.

Some of the tired diggers were disgusted, but the joke was too good to allow of anything more than a hearty laugh, which soon followed.—London Answers.

Commandeering.

Commandeering of private property on the part of the Boers began on the first day of the war, and has continued ever since. It has been practiced with all the greater gusto that the chief part of it has so far been done at our expense. It will be much less pleasant to the Boers by and by, when it has been done in their own territory. To drive them out of Natal and Cape Colony would be no less advantageous as a financial than as a military operation. They would then have brought home to them for the first time the terrible price of the struggle they have rushed into.

Until they are driven back on their own soil they will not seriously feel the cost of the war. Hitherto, unfortunately, they have been able to live, to a great extent, on the enemy. It will be a very different thing for their war chest when they have to live on themselves.

Commandeering is a very wide word in the Boer vocabulary nowadays. There is immense scope for it in the republic, not on the field of war only, but wherever seizable property may happen to be. In the international code of the Boers private property has no existence. Everything that can be laid hold of, from a gold mine to a roadside store, is contraband of war. Before the campaign was a month old the Boers practically commandeered the whole of the Rand gold field. It is not often that a belligerent has a chance to loot 30 miles of gold-bearing reef at a stroke. But this fabulous prize has not yielded much to the enemy so far. Evidently they cannot work the mines to great advantage, for they have now started an alternative scheme to tax them from 30 to 40 per cent on their gross output. About a dozen of the richest mines on the Rand are being worked under government supervision, ostensibly for account of the owners, but the gold passes, in the first instance, into the treasury, and the reckoning with the owners may not take place for years, if ever. Meanwhile, the government will have the use of the gold.—National Review.

Went Once too Often.

"I have had many queer experiences with transient boarders," said a lady who has kept a first-class boarding house in this city for a number of years, "but the queerest case came under my observation only last week. To be brief, an old man, at least he seemed to be about 60 years of age or thereabouts, came to me about five years ago, if I remember aright, and secured a room in my house for a week. He said he was a lecturer and gave the customary rigmorale in such a nice way, however, that I omitted, very foolishly, to ask him for his board in advance. To make a long story short, he walked out at the end of the week to go to some small town near by, where he was to lecture to young folks on the twin subjects of temperance and honesty, and conveniently forgot where he lived temporarily.

"The old man must have been mixed up in his dates or locations, for he applied to me again for board here a few days ago 'for a few days.' Foolishly I let him in and still more foolishly decided not to ask him for the price in advance, for out of curiosity I wanted to see if he was still playing the old game. Sure enough at the end of a few days he knocked at the door of my room and informed me that he would not be back for breakfast in the morning, as he was going to give a lecture to young people in a nearby town on the 'twin subjects of temperance and honesty,' but would be back to luncheon. I knew I had him and proceeded to tell him so, probably astonishing him more at his own lack of memory than my excellent ability to remember deadbeats.

"Unluckily, however, my room was on the second floor and his on the first, and when he assumed a righteous wrath that I well knew was feigned I could not but let him go to his room to get the 'filthy lucre' that would square us. I say unluckily his room was on the floor below mine, because he kept right on walking, and I haven't seen him since. You may exploit the mysteries of boarding house hash, but don't forget that the boarding house mistress has her trials, too."—Washington Star.

John Irving's New Steamer.

The shores of Lake Bennett are busy just now from activity in scow and boat yards. T. J. Watson, agent for the John Irving Navigation Company, reports that Capt. Irving's new steamer, which is to run to Atlin in alternation with the Gleaner, is fast assuming the shape and dignity of a fine craft. Her hull has been completed and painted, and men are at work putting on the upper works.

The two large scows which the railroad company is to use for the carrying of freight from Bennett to Caribou and M. J. Heaney's big steam scow are reported ready to drop into the water when the lake ice gives way. They have been built on the ice, and therefore will not have to be launched.—Alaskan.

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