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## RECEIVED BY WIRE LADYSMITH IS IN PERIL

### Killing of 2,000 British at Kimberley Is Confirmed.

## KENTUCKY'S TWO GOVERNORS ARE ISSUING ORDERS

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

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

London, via Skagway, Feb. 7.—Reports received today completely confirm the disastrous result of the Boers' recent attack on Kimberley. Over 2000 British soldiers were killed.

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

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

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

### Kentucky's Two Governors.

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

### Sold to Rothschilds.

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

### The Swazis Rising.

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

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

### The Pacific Cable.

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

### Chilkoot Railway a Go.

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

### Deaths at Ladysmith.

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

### Anglo-Saxon Union.

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

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

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

### Only British Subjects Enlisted.

London, Jan. 26.—Mr. Reginald Wynne, chief of the Yeomanry recruiting office, says he has refused numerous offers of service made by Americans. Only British subjects are allowed to join. Consequently, he says, the report that several American roughriders have enlisted in the Yeomanry is incorrect. Some Britishers, however, who are alleged to have seen service with the American army in Cuba have been accepted. The Duke of Marlborough has been accepted by the war office for service in the Yeomanry. Mr. Chamberlain has received telegrams from Ceylon, showing that the executive council has voted to send 125 mounted armed men to South Africa.

### Tale of Woe.

London, Jan. 23.—From the Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Chronicle comes a grim touch of besieged misery. He says:

"Disheveled women are peering out of their dens in the rocks and holes in the sand. They crawl into the evening light shaking the dirt from their petticoats and sand from their back hair. They rub the children's faces round with the tails of their gowns. They tempt scraps of flames to take the chill off the yellow water for the children's tea. After sundown a steady Scotch drizzle settled down upon us."

### Matt Spellman Dead.

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

### Looks Sneaking.

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

## RECEIVED BY WIRE. THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

### Occasioned Severe Comment in Parliament.

### SALISBURY REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

### Amendment to Address Moved by Lord Fitzmaurice.

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

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

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

Lord Edward Fitzmaurice moved an amendment to the address. He spoke for the insertion of the following words: "We humbly express our regret for the want of foresight and judgment displayed by her majesty's advisers as shown alike in the conduct of South African affairs since 1895, and of the preparations which are now being made." He declared that irritating and reckless methods had plunged the country into war before it was possible to make adequate preparations.

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

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## NOTICE.

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## NEW LAWS FOR NOME.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Notice.

SKAGWAY, Jan. 27.  
To the Daily Klondike Nugget:  
You are authorized to offer the sum of \$1000 reward for the return of Fred Clayton, dead or alive. Supposed to have been murdered between Minto and Hutchiku on Christmas day. Please insert this notice in your paper two weeks.  
(Signed) WILL CLAYSON.

A cure for Nome fever. See Cribbs & Rogers.

# THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

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

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

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

"Patriotic balderdash!" continued the speaker; "why don't you say laziness and be done with it? I used to live in the Dakotas and in Kansas in the early days of those places when there were lots of soldiers there, and a more good for nothing pack of vagabonds I never saw. Just look back to the late war with Spain! Was it the regulars or the volunteers that done the fighting? The latter may not have had the discipline of the trained men, but they had the sand to fight and they showed much greater patriotism than the members of the regular army. It is dislike to manual labor on the farm, in the shop at mechanic's benches, and, in fact, labor of any kind, that drives hundreds of young men into the army. I have two boys back in Montana, one 18, the other 16 years old, and if I thought they had no more ambition than to want to join the regular army I would go back and whale them until they would wish they had been born girls. And yet, when they are a few years older and if they are then needed to defend their country they will go and go with my consent. I rather think that the line of demarkation between patriotism and laziness is very distinct, although many people are not able to define it."

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

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

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

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

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**Line to Be Constructed From Atlin to Quesnelle.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Little Willie Aftermath.**

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

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

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

**Two New Townsites.**

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

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

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

**Mass Meeting Called.**

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

**Regarding Mails.**

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

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

**Where is W. A. Brown?**

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

**Burnham Goes to Africa.**

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

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

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## KNOBELSDORFF'S LECTURE.

### On Nome, Its Mineral Resources and the Trail.

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

Last evening, at the Palace Grand theater, Mr. Carl Knobelsdorff gave a lecture on Nome, its mineral resources and how to reach there. Yesterday morning the lecture was advertised to take place at the McDonald hall; but at noon this plan was altered and bills were posted around town notifying the public that the Palace Grand had been secured for the purpose. At all events, at 7 o'clock, the hour which had been appointed, no auditors were present, and it was at least an hour and a half later before Mr. Knobelsdorff began his discourse. He addressed a good audience, but it is difficult to determine how many were attracted by the lecture.

Eddie O'Brien introduced Mr. Knobelsdorff. The latter was attired in his trail costume, with the exception of the parkey. He is a man of middle age. His height is about six feet, and he possesses a well knit, though not rugged frame. He has the qualities of a good traveler. The lecture was disconnected, but his knowledge of the facts of which he spoke was so extensive that the discourse was interesting.

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

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

Back of the beach and for four or five miles in width is what is known as the tundra. There are several small streams running through this land. These creeks and all of the tundra in the vicinity of Nome has been staked. Such claims are called beach claims, and can be recorded. The tundra has been prospected, and it offers no inducements to a poor miner. Capitalists may be able to work it profitably with machinery, and this will be attempted.

The creeks, so far as prospected, have proven to be exceedingly rich. Anvil was the best last year, but Snow or Dexter is expected to take the lead next season.

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

#### Should Study Geography.

The statement in yesterday's News to the effect that Major J. F. A. Strong is publisher of the most northerly paper in the world, the Nome News, will not hold water when subjected to the searchlight of investigation. The latitude of Nome is a fraction less than 64½, while in the northern part of Norway and on latitude 72 are three towns, Hammerfest, Vardo and Vadsø, in all three of which newspapers are published. Thus it is seen that the statement of the News is about 480 miles shy of the mark.

#### Weather Report.

The official thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero last night.

At 9 o'clock this morning the reading of the instrument was 2 degrees below.

At noon the temperature was warmer and the needle then pointed to 3 degrees above.

#### Seideman a Lucky Man.

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

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