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## EXTRA!

### SAVED AT LAST

#### The Town of Mafeking Has at Length Been Relieved.

#### RESCUED AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SIEGE.

#### General Buller Is Accomplishing Great Results in Natal.

#### Boers Driven Back on All Sides Finally Take Flight to the North -- Lord Roberts Still at Kroonstadt, Is Awaiting Developments -- Boer Envoy in America.

Skagway, May 21.—5 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, so, that Buller made a magnificent march after the fight at Beggerberg.

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 Kraippan, 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 at-

tempt, 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.

#### Boers to Uncle Sam.

New York, May 16, via Skagway, May 21.—A public reception has been tendered Envoy Fisher, who represents the Boer government. He announces that he will appeal to the American government for aid, and failing in that will appeal directly to the American people. He states that a Russian and American protectorate at Pretoria has been discussed, but the Boers prefer the latter, owing to its republican form of government. President McKinley refuses to discuss the matter.

#### Strict Inspectors.

Seattle, May 16, via Skagway, May 21.—Just as the steamer Robert Dollar was ready to sail from here for Nome, Inspector Bryant and Cherry appeared upon the scene and took off 60 passen-

gers, 20 stowaways and nearly 1000 tons of freight.

The inspectors also lightened the barge Skookum of several hundred tons of freight before they would permit her to sail in tow of a tug.

The inspectors are very strict, with the result that thousands of people who would otherwise have gone to Nome by the outside route will now go via Skagway and the Yukon. The rush from Seattle to Nome is many times greater than from Seattle to the Klondike.

#### Trouble at Whitehorse.

Skagway, May 21.—There is trouble at Whitehorse over town lots. Many persons purchased lots which now turn out to be located on the government reserve, and on last Thursday all such residents were evicted. Butcher Burns is one of the victims. It is not known here who sold the lots.

#### Gradually Coming Down.

Ten days or two weeks ago a young Indian started a careful canvass of the city in the laudable effort to dispose of a duck for which he then asked \$2.50. He has not yet completed the canvass, nor has he sold the duck, which is likely quite tender by this time; but today he is again making the round with the bird which he quotes at \$2. In the course of a month or so, some fortunate individual may buy it for \$1.50.

## STEAM BOATS

#### What Is Happening and Will Soon Happen on the Yukon.

#### THE OUTLOOK VERY SATISFACTORY

#### Many Steamers Will Leave for Nome Soon.

#### THIRTYMILE RIVER VERY LOW.

#### First Boat, Florence S., Leaves for Koyukuk Tomorrow—Water Front Notes.

Mr. A. Lewis, who is acting general manager of the Klondike Corporation, will go up the river on the Ora, which sails the last of this week. He reports the condition of business at this end as particularly satisfactory to the company.

The John C. Barr left for Fort Yukon yesterday at 5 a. m. She is expected to reach Dawson on her return trip the 28th of May.

The Robert Kerr will come up the river with refrigerated meats.

The A. E. Co. are now selling tickets for the trip to Nome via steamer Gustin. The boat will pull up today to the company dock. She has been freshly painted and fitted up and makes a very attractive appearance.

The ocean-going steamer Ohio of the Empire line sails from Seattle for Nome on the 25th with every berth sold and the entire freight space taken. Mr. Anthony T. Pritchard has been appointed general superintendent of the company and will visit Dawson this summer. The Empire line will dispatch their first boat down the river immediately upon its arrival from St. Michael.

The Florence S. sails tomorrow with Capt. Sid Harrington in charge, for Koyukuk. Capt. Harrington is one of the youngest steamboat captains in America, but has had years of experience as a river navigator.

Mr. Daniels, the agent of the Yukon Flyer Transportation Co., has received

a wire from Nels Peterson stating that the Thirtymile river is very low, consequently the steamers Bonanza King and Eldorado are held there until the river rises.

Steamer Lotta Talbot, carrying only twenty first-class passengers, no second-class, will leave Yukon dock Monday, May 28th for Cape Nome, by way of St. Michael. Frank J. Kinghorn, agent.

#### Left in a Hurry.

M. T. Stevens, a young man well known in Dawson, left Dawson about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He embarked in a small boat for the international boundary line, from whence he will probably continue his journey to Nome.

Previous to his departure he succeeded in negotiating a number of worthless checks among the business men of the city.

Stevens during the past few months has incurred several liabilities, which he neglected to liquidate before his departure.

It had been decided by the police authorities to employ the steamer Marjorie to pursue the fugitive, when the father of Stevens agreed to settle the claims which were held against his son; consequently the proposed trip of the Marjorie was abandoned. W. D. Bruce, who is acting on behalf of Mr. Stevens, the elder, states that he has made satisfactory arrangements with the creditors to settle Stevens' debts.

#### Petitions Have Been Received.

Secretary Joseph A. Clarke, of the citizens' committee, recently received from Ottawa two letters which acknowledge receipt of the petitions which were submitted by the people of this territory to the federal authorities of Canada.

One letter from the governor general's secretary is dated April 29th, and reads as follows:

I am directed by his excellency the governor general to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 9th and of the 12th ult., forwarding petitions in regard to the representation of the Yukon territory, in the house of commons, and the enforcement of the act amending the Yukon territory act, and to inform you that they have been transferred to the privy council office, for consideration by his excellency's responsible advisers. (Signed.) C. J. JONES, For Governor General's Secretary.

The other letter is from the speaker of the Dominion house of parliament, and is dated April 11th, and is, if possible, more abrupt than the governor general's. The text is as follows:

Dear Sir: I received your letter of March 12th, inclosing a petition from the British subjects of the Yukon territory, praying for the right to elect two representatives to the house of commons. I handed the petition to Mr. McInnes of Victoria, who presented it to the house yesterday. Yours truly, THOS. BAIN, Speaker.

#### Fairview Hotel Changes Hands.

Mr. Julian Blaker has leased the Fairview hotel for a period of two years, taking charge of the same today. The Fairview is one of Dawson's oldest, best-known and most popular hostleries, and its owners are to be congratulated in transferring its care to such an experienced and competent man as Mr. Blaker. An era of unprecedented prosperity is now in store for the Fairview.

#### A Lofty Sign.

The location of the Yukon Iron Works is now indicated by a sign that can be read from a point half way to Nome. The new sign is mounted on a frame several feet above the comb of the roof and is the whole length of the building.

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Grand Charity Ball at Palace Grand, May 24. c23

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## SULPHUR ROBBERY

#### A. U. Warnercross Under Arrest, Accused of Robbing Sluice Boxes

#### ON SULPHUR, ON CLAIM 23 BELOW

#### On Which He Has Been Working a Lay.

#### ROBERT EVANS COMPLAINS.

#### Three Men Claim to Have Laid for the Layman and Caught Him in the Act.

A warrant has been sworn out by Bob Evans, owner of claim No. 23 below discovery on Sulphur creek for the arrest of A. U. Warnercross, a layman on the same claim. It appears that Warnercross has been working a steam thawer on the claim and employing a number of men during the winter. The workmen have watched the cleanup from time to time and finally became suspicious that the dumps were not washing up the amounts which they should.

The men determined to set a watch and, on Thursday night last, three of them, Jim Batten, L. R. Martin and a man named Boucher sat up in their cabin and watched the sluice boxes. Late in the night they claim that Warnercross came from his cabin and went to the boxes. He took out several of the rifles, cleaned up the dust and sand in the bottom and placed the whole in a sack which he carried into his cabin. The men followed him in and made a demand for their wages for the entire season.

Warncross promised to pay them the next day and with this the men left him. On the following day all were paid their money, as Warncross had agreed, but later on they informed Evans of the affair and the latter had a warrant issued for the arrest of Warncross.

Warncross has been on the claim all winter with his wife.

#### Down With the Signs.

In compliance with an ordinance recently passed by the Yukon council, Sergeant Wilson has notified the owners of all signs on First avenue which project over or outside the sidewalk to remove them at once.

#### Special Meeting Tonight.

A special meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood is called for tonight at 9 o'clock sharp for the purpose of conferring the degree upon several candidates who will leave for down the river previous to the next regular meeting night. A full attendance is desired. Only initiation business will be transacted. L. O. WILCOXON, A. C. E. J. WHITE, A. R.

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MONDAY, MAY 21, 1900.

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION.

It will be a remarkable fact if the clean-up season passes without the occurrence of hold-ups and robberies on the trails leading to Dawson. There is good reason for belief that efforts at this sort of crime have been made already, which have failed of success only through the intervention of fortunate circumstances. On all the roads leading to Dawson from the creeks, there are numerous places which are peculiarly suitable for the work of the intending desperado. There are stretches of several miles in extent where there are no inhabited cabins, and the adjoining woods furnish all the protection desired.

The only way in which such crimes can be prevented is by the exercise of the utmost vigilance on the part of men coming into town. Heretofore, men have thought nothing of coming into Dawson, carrying with them all the way from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in gold dust, and without escort of any kind. This may have been perfectly safe in the past, but it is the opinion of those who are informed that such is no longer the case. Several suspicious circumstances have already been reported, and it is quite likely that, unless care is exercised, serious results will follow. No one should come down from the creeks without escort of some kind. An ounce of prevention, especially in a case where gold dust, and perhaps life, is concerned, is certainly worth more than several pounds of cure.

## DEWEY'S CANDIDACY.

Dewey's candidacy for presidential honors has not been accepted with any degree of seriousness, either by the newspapers or the people of the United States. The admiral has been made the subject of humorous cartoons by the papers of both great political parties, and his ambitions have been quietly shelved, to the accompaniment of a general laugh all over the country. From all information at hand, it appears that Dewey's wife has had more to do with the naval hero's entrance into the political arena than even he himself, all of which goes to prove that the careers of men are dominated by the subtle influence of women today, just as they have been in all ages since the apple of Eden episode, which the pages of sacred writ tell us occurred while the earth was very young.

## A QUESTION OF SYMPATHY.

The pretended sympathy of Russia for the Boers is a good deal like the sympathy of the Democrats in this country for Aguinaldo and the Filipinos. To fancy that the absolutism of Russia should have any real feeling of sympathy for a nominal republic, engaged in a conflict with its monarchical suzerain power, is to suppose that that

country has abandoned all of its traditions. If the sympathy were an actual, existing fact, it would be the most startling phenomenon witnessed in the domain of international politics. However, the Russian attitude, of course, deceives no one. All of the Boers might be wiped off the earth without the fact exciting the faintest public interest in Russia, had they happened to be in conflict with any other nation than Great Britain. Soon or late, in the natural order of events, it seems that Great Britain and Russia will be in actual armed conflict. Everything that injures Great Britain naturally has the sympathy of Russia. The Boer war may create Russia's opportunity in Asia. The Boers are, to a certain extent, allies of Russia. Hence the alleged sympathy with their struggle.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The toll bridge graft and the ferry boat graft are still with us, and doing business in all their pristine glory. We have managed, by hook or crook, to get rid of a great many relics of the Yukon dark ages, but these two seem determined to stay with us. The minister of finance has stated that last year's revenues will show a surplus of \$7,000,000. A very considerable portion of this amount must be credited up to the receipts from the Yukon territory, and yet men have to wade knee deep in mud when they come into Dawson from the creeks, and then, in order to cross the river, are subjected to a bridge or ferry toll. How long has this tax-ridden country got to submit to such outrages?

Late reports from Seattle are to the effect that the busy metropolis of Puget sound has a population of 95,000. San Francisco will need to look well to her laurels, or she will be shown a clean pair of heels by her progressive rival.

Sergeant Wilson is to be congratulated on the improved appearance of First avenue. The street has been so well cleaned, and otherwise improved, that it is difficult to recognize it as the old garbage-covered thoroughfare.

Dawson's water front presents the appearance of a shipping port of very considerable importance. The wharves are lined with boats, and the bustle and activity indicate that the shipping season is well opened up.

## Will Spend \$2,500,000.

Before leaving St. Paul for Europe President Hill, in an interview, said the Great Northern would invest \$2,500,000 in improvements in Washington terminals, extensions, wharfage and industrial enterprises. East of Washington 150 miles of track will be laid, a large portion of which will be in straightening curves and reducing grades, and in many instances the right-of-way will be changed to meet the requirements of grade. Mr. Hill expects to return to America in June, after he has visited Berlin and conferred with the German syndicate of stockholders in reference to the construction of a number of mining spurs west of Fairhaven.—Seattle P.-I.

## Big Mining Company.

Spokane, April 22.—The Chronicle this afternoon will make the first public announcement of the formation of the biggest mining company operating in the Northwest, one of the most gigantic mining schemes ever formed. The King Solomon Mining Company, headed by James B. Townsend, of Lima, O., receiver of the Detroit & Lima Railroad, has been capitalized for \$30,000,000, and has secured hundreds of claims for two and a half miles along Lake Kootenay, near Ainsworth, B. C., including the town of Woodbury, and all the property formerly owned by the Canadian Pacific Mining & Milling Company. Work will commence on the mining property in May. A half

million dollars will be expended this season.

Improvements will include the establishment of a smelter, chemical works and complete system of power drills. A mammoth water power plant will be constructed and will furnish power for the entire district. The transfer of stock from the old Canadian Pacific Mining & Milling Company to the new King Solomon Mining Company is now in progress. The stockholders include men of millions in New York.

## No Passes for Cattlemen.

The White Pass & Yukon road, in connection with the new through rates just announced, has also announced the funeral knell of the men who have been going over the road free in company with shipments of cattle, horses and other live stock. No more passes will be given such gentry. They will have to pay full fare.

Heretofore those shipping live stock have been extended the favor of a fare for every so many head of stock shipped.—Alaskan.

The above is, certainly a new feature in railroad rules; but on the most northern road on the American continent new features are to be expected.

## A Very Clean Trick.

A clever bunko trick turned in Seattle recently has just come to light, says a late copy of the P. I., through the arrival of the victim, Albert Bird, in St. Paul. Bird is a young Englishman. Some time ago he arrived in Seattle with the intention of going to Nome in the spring.

While walking around the city one day he met by chance, as he thought, a man who gave his name as L. C. Wonnell. Wonnell pretended to get Bird a position with a farm implement house to go through the country setting up machinery.

Bird had \$415 saved up, but was allured by the promise of the permanent position to hand over his money to the bunko men as bonds that he would be honest in the collection of money for the firm he was to represent.

After getting Bird's money the confidence operators gave him a ticket to St. Paul and \$10 in cash. He was instructed to go to the Merchants' hotel and inquire for Ernest Williams, the supposed local representative of the machinery firm. When Bird arrived at his destination he learned that he had been duped.

## Last Night's Concert.

The entertainment given at the Orpheum theater last night under the management of F. W. Zimmerman was deserving of a much larger attendance than was present. The program was most carefully prepared and as carefully rendered. In addition to the numbers which appear on the program was an extra in that on Saturday Manager Zimmerman discovered a formerly unknown satellite in Dawson's musical firmament in the person of Mr. Toney Sala, who appeared last night for the first time in this city. Mr. Sala, in clear, well-modulated tenor voice, sang the "Carnival of Venice" and "Marseillais," and was forced to respond to several encores. Mr. Sala was undoubtedly the "hit" of the evening, and in bringing him forth from obscurity Mr. Zimmerman has done a kindness to the music-loving people of Dawson. In addition to the features above mentioned, the following program was rendered:

March, "Washington Post" (Sousa), orchestra; duet, "Home to Our Mountain," from Il Trovatore, (Verdi), Miss Tracie and Mr. Zimmerman; vocal solo, "September" (Charlton), H. Cobb, accompanied by Miss Tracie; selection, "Norma" (Bellini), orchestra; vocal solo, "Ave Marie"—intermezzo—from Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascaynic), clarionette obligato (Mr. Denman), Miss Tracie; vocal solo, "Salve Chimora" from Faust (Gounod), Mr. Zimmerman; duet, "Madeline" (White), Miss Tracie and Mr. Zimmerman; selection from "Il Trovatore" (Verdi), orchestra; sextet, "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Miss Tracie, Miss Grace Carr, Messrs. Zimmerman, Cobb, Denman and Altwein); "Concert Gavotte" (Rossi), orchestra; "God Save the Queen."

Mr. Zimmerman will give his next concert one week from next Sunday.

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H. J. Miller, call at Nugget office; important. p21

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# KRUGER FORGED TO MOVE

To Make Room for Roberts and His Family.

Bill Adams Writes an Amusing Article for the Toronto Globe—He Understands His Subject.

"I have been living at No. 1 Transvaal street for a large number of years," said Mr. Paul Kruger to the real estate agent. The speaker was a big man, with scraggy and frowny looking Donegal whiskers. He seemed to be in trouble, in fact, he was, for he told me his tale of woe as follows:

"You see, I was very comfortable on Transvaal street, but my lease is up and the Roberts family are about to move into my place somewhere around the first of May. I want a quiet, secluded domicile with padded walls and cabbage growing in the front garden. I desire quietude, so that I may sip my coffee undisturbed, and smoke my pipe in peace.

"You see," continued the old chap, "I was happy enough in my old house, for my wife was often out milking the cows or cleaning up the stable, and I had but little to bother me. My neighbor, Steyn, who lived in the biggest house on Free State avenue, right on the corner of our street, was a staunch friend of mine, but he moved out some where in the middle of March, and he is boarding now, until he finds some place in which to reside permanently. Possibly we may get a semi-detached abode in Godforsakenville, where we may both stay until our finish. The Roberts family are occupying Steyn's house until I vacate mine, but they say it isn't large enough to accommodate them all, and they propose taking my place as a permanent abode, and using the Steyn mansion on Free State avenue as a sort of country house for the summer, although it will be occupied by some of their family all the time.

"This moving is costing me a lot of money," continued the old man, as he mopped his brow. "I sent out a lot of my family and my hired men to prevail upon the Roberts family that their notion to take up residence in my house on Transvaal street was entirely against my wishes, and would inconvenience me greatly, but I received a reply to the effect that the Majuba Hill mortgage had to be paid at once or there would be foreclosure on all my available assets. I owed them quite a large amount on the Majuba Hill transaction. You see, I got that at the time of the boom, and couldn't stand prosperity. If I had been satisfied with things as they were, and had jollied the gents of the Roberts family a bit, I might not have had to move out. Instead of that, I bluffed the agents and said that I guessed I could pay all I had to.

"The Roberts family have a pet Lion, and when he was in our neighborhood my youngsters made faces at him and pulled his tail. He didn't mind it much, although once or twice his whiskers stuck out. At this time the Roberts family were living on Cape Colony place, and they had a suburban residence on Natal street. I told the youngsters they could stick pins in the Lion if they liked, and could also feed him with red pepper candies.

"When the Lion got too restless, the Roberts family sent over one of their men to tell me I would have to leave the Lion alone or he would bite and they would not be responsible.

"I faked up a story that the Lion had come around and had ate up a few of my chickens, and had killed little Paul's bunny rabbit. They didn't believe that, and said the Lion would go where he pleased, as he was a faithful old brute, and would always behave himself wherever he was. These, they said, were the Lion's usual ways.

"Anyway, I got too gay, and they started to feed raw meat to their Lion," said the old man. "The Lion stretched out his tail and wagged it a few times. Then the top hair on his back stuck up, and he went around looking for trouble. I tried to scare him off and threw things at him. He chased me up Colenso avenue and bit me hard. I hid and waited for him at the corner of Elandslaagte street, but he saw me first, and took the seat out of my official trousers, but I got away and laid for him in the Magersfontein road. Then I didn't do a thing to him. I bunged up his eye and he came back at me till I nearly put his other lamp out, and then he knew enough to quit. I had an encounter with him, too, at Colenso street, and gave him a jolt in the solar plexus.

"Another time I got in an uppercut on Spearman's farm, and the Lion was beginning to look like a selling-plater. He was good and sore by this time and he tried to lay for me when I was coming out of a saloon near Spion Kop Terrace. I landed hard with the left, and planted two short arm thumps on the chest.

"All the neighbors for miles around thought the Lion should be put on the bargain counter as damaged goods. They had liked him a bit, but had feared him. I thought I could see my name in the papers as 'Paul, the Lion Tamer,' and I tell you, I swelled up on myself a bit. I gave him a gentle soak at Stormberg alley, and then I went in to him out at Modder river.

"Everybody was saying that I was the only 'it.' All the people who had been wanting to soak the pet Lion like I did were tickled to death.

"You see, I wanted to keep my place on Transvaal street, and as my family is large, I wanted to have a summer harbor on Natal street and a big establishment in Cape Colony place, where I could entertain my friends when they came to see me at exhibition time.

"However, old man, it's all off now, and I've got the red flag out," he continued, tears streaming down his wrinkled face. "You can't do anything more to that Lion than make him good and mad. He has got a few cubs, too, that can look after their old man, and perhaps I don't know it.

"Why he tumbled on to me on the south side of Paardeberg street, and he had one of his cubs with him. They broke my jaw in the first round, and then kicked me so hard that I won't be able to sit down for a week.

"Not only that, but they took my much-prized game rooster, Cronje, who has won in every main he has entered. In fact, anything of mine that was in sight went to the Lion and the cub, and I am shy.

"In my young days I bucked against the tiger a little and made something out of it," continued Paul, "but in my old days I bucked against the Lion, and now my cup is filled with the vinegar of regret and I am practically out of business.

The old man was overcome by this time and the real estate agent got a chance to get in a word. He wanted to do business and he said, complacently: "You want a nice comfortable place where you will not be bothered by anyone else's pets. Is that it?"

"That's just it," replied the old one, and he remarked firmly that he did not want any "French" piano next door on one side, nor any new "Buller" baby at the house on the other side.

"I suppose you want all modern conveniences?" said the agent.

"I have had a lot of modern inconveniences lately," replied the old chap, as he made an effort to straighten out some of the creases in his face, "and I guess I had better cut that part of it out."

"Of course, you will want a bathroom," said the agent man, who had an idea that a bath would be a luxury to the applicant.

"Bath room!" ejaculated the old man, who looked at him in surprise and asked "What is a bath room?"

"A room with a bath in it," was the reply.

"What is a bath?" asked the old chap.

"Why, it is a place where you wash yourself and get good and clean," answered the agent.

"That's a new one on me," replied the old man, "but I guess I am up against anything horrible there is and will have to stand for it. I have got to get out of my house at No. 1 Transvaal street somewhere around the first of May, and I want some place to go to. That is all there is to it. I want to go some place where there are no Lions. I am tired of Lions. They never were a reliable pet, anyhow, for the first time anyone teases them they laugh, and when the gag is kept up they get mad. Scratch me on Lions."

The real estate agent promised the old gentleman that he had a comfortable place that would just fit him. It was about six feet underground, but it was in a nice dry place, where there were not many worms and the city drains did not run within 40 yards of it. It would be comfortable to him as a nice place to sleep, and sleep was the only thing the real estate man could see coming to his client.—Bill Adams in Toronto World.

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# SKAGWAY-DAWSON RATES.

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Rate is Now in Effect, and Applies to Railroad and the C. D. Co.'s Steamers.

The White Pass road has announced a through passenger rate from Skagway to Dawson of \$80. This rate will be in effect on the opening of navigation on rivers and lakes, and will apply in connection with the Canadian Development Company's steamers.

The through passenger fare from Seattle to Dawson for this season is placed at \$105. Last year it was \$135 when first-class berths were occupied between Seattle and Skagway, and \$127.50 when second-class were occupied.

Meals and open berths will be furnished free this season on steamers plying between Whitehorse and Dawson. Children between 5 and 12 years will be charged half fare.

Baggage allowed with each full ticket, 150 pounds; with each half fare, 75 pounds. All excess baggage will be charged for at 12 cents a pound, and baggage liability for each passenger will be limited to \$100.

Following is a summary of the new through tariff from Skagway to Dawson as just provided by the White Pass railroad in connection with the Canadian Development Company, same to be effective on the opening of navigation on the Yukon river and lakes:

Shipments of five tons and under—Through rate, \$135 a ton weight, provided the sum of each shipment does not exceed 75 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight; all excess to be charged at 80 cents a cubic foot.

Shipments of over five tons—Through rate, \$117 a ton weight, with the same provision as to space.

Single pieces or packages—Weighing over 2000 pounds but not over 3000 pounds, add 5 per cent of rate; weighing over 3000 pounds but not over 4000 pounds, add 10 per cent of rate; weighing over 4000 pounds, subject to special engagement.

Hay and feed is \$135 per ton up to five tons, and over that \$115.

Cattle and horses \$70 per head under 14, and \$85 over that number.

Sheep \$7.50 per head, with a reduction of \$5 over 55. Dogs \$8.25 per head.

The minimum freight charge on any kind of freight is \$3.

**New Railroad Agent.**  
C. M. Chambers, who has been selected for general agent at Dawson for the White Pass & Yukon and the Canadian Development Company jointly also arrived yesterday on the Seattle. He has been employed by the Great Northern at Everett. Lieut. Adair, who represented the railroad in Dawson during the winter, says he was called away from Dawson to report on copper properties in the Yukon basin. He arrived two weeks ago from Dawson and left for the south where he hoped to meet General Manager Hawkins of the railroad. While he was on the way south Mr. Hawkins was coming north on another steamer. Therefore, when Lieut. Adair learned the fact he immediately started back in the City of Seattle and arrived here yesterday.—Daily Alaskan.

It is not stated in the above whether or not Lieut. Adair will return to Dawson although such was his intention on leaving here. It is to be hoped the lieutenant will be retained by the company at this place.

**Neill Knocks Out Murphy.**  
San Francisco, April 27.—Al Neill, of San Francisco, knocked out Tim Murphy, champion middle-weight of Australia, in the eleventh round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout. Neill showed better generalship, was the quicker, and outclassed Murphy at almost every point. Murphy came here recently with a record of numerous victories over Australian pugilists, and was well backed at 7 to 10 in the betting.

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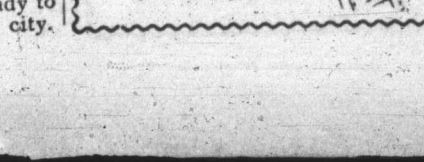


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