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CHAMBERLAIN TALKS!

Justifies the War Now in Progress.

GREAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT SKULK

Families of Canadian Soldiers Will Be Paid.

An Interesting Case Decided Against a Member of Parliament—List of Casualties During Five Engagements.

London, Dec. 25.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, addressing a meeting of 7000 people in Leicester this evening, devoted the greater part of a long speech to a justification of the government's policy in South Africa and to a refutation of the arguments of the Earl of Kimberly. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman and others.

"According to Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we ought to have skulked back to our holes when Mr. Kruger refused to listen to our peaceful representations. That would have lost us South Africa, weakened our hold upon India, and earned us the contempt of mankind." He reiterated that the war was inevitable, "although, doubtless Mr. Kruger would have preferred to wait until England was involved with some other power."

Referring to the conditions under which the Gladstone government granted the convention of 1888, he denied that the grant was made because Mr. Gladstone feared a general Dutch rising. "The real reason," he asserted, "was because the Gladstone government believed the annexation of the Transvaal in 1887 occurred under a misapprehension by Lord Beaconsfield, that a majority of the Boers desired annexation. It was afterwards proved that this was not their desire and the annexation was canceled."

SOLDIERS' PAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The difficulty raised by the auditor-general regarding the government allowance to the wives and children of the loyal Canadians serving in South Africa has been adjusted by Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia. Under the imperial regulations the wives get 16 cents and each child four cents per day while the husband and father is on active service. The payments for the month of November, which formed a fixed charge against the Dominion, have been made. The regiment since landing has come under all the regulations of the imperial service, by which the war office allows wives and children a monthly stipend. Of course the Canadian government will not ask for the amount from the imperial government, but will pay it itself. If the imperial government desires to supplement this by the usual allowance the contribution will be all the more welcome. Hon. Dr. Borden has decided that the payments for December and following months until the return of the troops shall be made

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promptly out of the Dominion treasury. The members of the Canadian permanent corps who are on service will continue to receive from our government the pay of their rank, and the minister of militia has now under advisement the question of Canada supplementing the pay which the war office will give the other members of the service regiment. Certain men employed by the federal and provincial governments are having their salaries paid while they are away, and it would be a little too much of a good thing to add to this a further allowance. It will be seen that the subject is a large one, but in a few days Dr. Borden will make a decision covering all cases.

ACTION AGAINST AN M. P. P.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—An interesting judgment was rendered this morning in the court of review in the case of Napoleon Bonhomme vs. Robert Bickerdike, M. P. P., the well known cattle exporter of this city. Bonhomme claimed \$605 damages for loss sustained by going to Edmonton in the employ of the trustees of the Trading and Mining Company of Canada, alleged to be then in the course of formation.

Plaintiff bases his action on the ground that he was induced to go into the enterprise on the strength of Bickerdike's name, which appeared on the prospectus.

Judge Curran, in the superior court, dismissed the action, holding it was not proved that Bickerdike knew of the transaction at the time.

The court of review has reversed judgment, and held that Bickerdike was responsible for the amount claimed, on the ground that the prospectus contained erroneous and false statements of which Bickerdike knew. Sixteen other similar actions are now likely to follow.

WAR CASUALTIES.

London, Dec. 25.—The following shows the British dead, wounded and missing in five battles since the war opened:

Killed—Glencoe, 48; Elandslaagte, 51; Rietfontein, 12; Farquhar's Farm, 60; Belmont, 58.
Wounded—Glencoe, 219; Elandslaagte, 213; Rietfontein, 104; Farquhar's Farm, 238; Belmont, 150.
Missing—Glencoe, 208; Rietfontein, 2; Farquhar's Farm, 871; Belmont, 18.

LONDON JOURNAL'S VIEW.

New York, Dec. 25.—A cable from London says: The Journal publishes the following:

"It is hardly too much to regard Gen. Gatacre's repulse near Stromberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign.

Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men wounded and nine officers and 596 men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small when compared with the missing, who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers, that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings."

THE BRITISH NAVY.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Figaro publishes an interview today with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he says: "The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to oppose simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are stationed they are confronted by twice or thrice their strength. France must have cables. Great Britain's bases of support are all connected, and the British are ready for war tomorrow, if

necessary, with every nation on the globe."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Tom Edgar, who has been suffering from a partial paralysis of the face, has been treated so successfully that he left for Dawson this morning.

The continued Nome excitement is causing the dog market to remain stiff with but little fluctuation. It is a poor dog in Dawson that will not sell from \$100 to \$125.

"Dunc" McDonald (we don't know which one) has challenged Bob Henderson to a sword dance for a purse of \$1000. He will give Henderson the choice of pipers. McDonald claims to be the champion highland fiddler and sword dancer of Montreal.

The Eagles Social Club will hold another of its always interesting meetings tomorrow night, when every member and every respectable person desiring to become a member, is expected to be present. Good music, specialties and refreshments will be at hand.

Frank Hudson, who was so severely burned while getting things out of the Monte Carlo during the recent fire is doing nicely but will be compelled to stay in the house for six weeks or two months yet, before he can venture out. It is not generally known that Hudson was so severely scorched.

The old hook and ladder truck and one of the chemical engines were placed on sleighs today and will be taken to the Forks. A company has been organized there, and with the apparatus loaned them will be able to protect the Forks from serious conflagrations.

The A. C. rink is being flooded today by the fire engine at No. 1 station. Water from eight to ten inches will be run into it now, and upon a warmer day will be flooded again. This is necessitated by the water freezing lumpy and rolling when real cold, while it will freeze smooth in weather about 10 below.

Tom Chisholm, Walter McNabb of the Cliff house, and Jack McCarthy have entered into a Nome partnership. The former supplies the dogs and the latter two the mushing propensities necessary to the trip over the ice. McNabb and McCarthy will get away about the end of the present month. Mrs. McNabb will remain here until navigation opens when she will join her husband in Nome.

Arctic Brotherhood.

A good meeting of the A. B. was held last night, all the old regular attendants of the camp being present. The camp goat was in excellent condition, which fact is attended by Alex McComber, one of the best riders his "Billyship" has yet had. It is the intention of the camp to give to friends a first class evening's entertainment in the near future.

Married.

At the Church of England at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, Rev. H. A. Naylor officiating, Mr. J. B. Wood and Miss Callie Vaughn were quietly married.

The groom is manager of the business of the Trading & Exploration Company, and, like his handsome bride, is well known and popular in society circles. At present Mr. and Mrs. Wood are guests at the Hotel McDonald.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

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DAWSON IN A BUSINESS WAY

Duller Now Than It Was a Year Ago.

A Few Saloons and Restaurants, Which Escaped Destruction By Fire, Are Doing Well.

At the present time the merchants of Dawson are experiencing their annual period of inactivity. Since the holidays business has been dull. Those engaged in commercial pursuits do not anticipate a change for the better until the end of February. Then, claim owners and laymen will commence to do a little rocking; people who expect to operate summer diggings, will buy their season's supply of provisions, and move it on the creeks before the snow melts.

Comparatively speaking, the town is duller now than it was a year ago. This fact is attributed by some to the late fire, which occasioned for many the loss of paying situations. Other merchants advance, in explanation, that the miners are saving their earnings for the Nome stampede. Certain it is that money is scarcer than it was this time last year.

There can be no doubt that a few business men are enjoying a better trade than they anticipated a month ago; they are those who are engaged in the saloon and restaurant businesses and who were fortunate enough to escape the destructiveness of the last fire.

The outlook for spring is fair. During the summer most of the merchants expect business to be exceeding dull.

As a rule all the stores are carrying much larger stocks than they did last winter, and while their gross sales are more, the proportion of business transacted is less.

A representative of the Nugget interviewed the managers of the larger concerns respecting the state of trade.

Mr. Heron of the A. C. Co. said: "This is the dull season, which we experience every winter. Our business last fall was not as good as it was the year before. Perhaps things are somewhat slower now than they were last January. I expect that affairs will pick up towards the end of February. Next summer, will be duller than last, but not so dull as some expect. The market will not be flooded with provisions, which are brought down the river in small boats, for people who speculated in this manner last year made no money, and they will not attempt such ventures again. The absence of this class of competition will be an advantage to those who have established commercial concerns. Our company is figuring on the rush to Nome. We have boats at the mouth of the Dahl which will arrive here soon after the ice goes out, and with them we shall be enabled to transport passengers to St. Michael as soon as any company."

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INORDINATE GREED.

Inordinate greed invariably meets with disaster. The man whose selfishness leads him to inflict all manner of injuries upon his fellows for the sake of mere gain is absolutely certain to fail in his intention in the long run.

So it has proven in the case of the Dominion government in its treatment of the Yukon territory. The prevailing motive in the entire history of Yukon legislation has been greed. When the news of the original gold discovery was made public in Canada an opening was seen by the powers behind the throne in the Liberal government to replenish the somewhat depleted governmental exchequer. The exaggerated reports that were sent out from time to time of the fabulous wealth of the district explain, if they do not justify the action of the government in endeavoring to hold for itself a large share of the country's wealth.

Friends and apologist of the government freely stated that the laws so bitterly complained of would all be changed and injustices would all be rectified as soon as it was made clear to the authorities at Ottawa that they had been acting under a misapprehension. Time went on. Explanations were made. The whole situation has been repeatedly laid before the government, and more particularly brought to the notice of the minister of the interior upon whose recommendation all our regulations have been made, but without avail. Instead of redress, added burdens have been forthcoming, until it has come to pass in the Yukon territory that the prospector, the man whose efforts contribute so largely to the development of a new mining country has been completely and effectually wiped out of existence in the Yukon territory.

In yesterday's Daily Nugget it was clearly shown how this sowing of the wind is resulting already in harvesting the whirlwind.

The Dominion revenues from miners' licenses and claim renewals have fallen tremendously, in fact have practically melted away. Think of it. During a period of 45 days the revenue from the above named sources has decreased more than \$12,000 from the amount realized during the same period last year. The figures quoted in yesterday's Daily Nugget are commended to supporters of the Siftonian regime in the hope that they will be enabled to draw satisfaction from a perusal thereof.

THE GOLD FEVER.

The gold fever is no respecter of persons. Like the dew of heaven it falls with absolute impartiality upon the just and unjust alike. Its germs once planted in the system, take root and thrive so vigorously that it dominates

its victim like an all consuming passion for drink.

Thousands of men, perhaps hundreds of thousands, are preparing now to join the mad rush to Cape Nome during the approaching summer. What they know about the country has been learned for the most part from newspaper stories published in the cities which anticipate a rich harvest from the business of outfitting the throngs who intend making their way Nomenwards.

It is proverbial, and a proverb that is worthy of repetition that men are easily led to believe the thing they wish to believe. For this reason the alluring stories that are sent broadcast of wealth to be had for the picking up of the same, find ready listeners.

There are several peculiarities of the Cape Nome country that are never prominently mentioned by the Nome "boomer." It is generally agreed that the country is practically devoid of timber, which means a scarcity of fuel and a dependence for the same upon coal or oil shipped from below. It is claimed that the beach diggings which will pay for working extend for an unlimited number of miles, but so far as accurate information at hand extends, the known stretch of beach diggings that has been prospected and proven rich is comparatively small.

By all accounts which have been received from responsible parties the creek carrying rich pay are very few and were entirely covered by location long before the opening of navigation last summer. Thus far no information has been received of the discovery of new creeks of any consequence.

Two points, however, which every intending Nomad should particularly consider are (1) the shortness of the season for washing on the beach and (2) the inhospitable nature of the climate making winter residence at Nome extremely unpleasant and expensive as well. The period of 90 days during which we understand that beach rocking can be conducted must be made to pay a very good average if the miner is compensated in any degree for his labor. If when the season closes he has not enough to maintain him during the succeeding nine months, he cannot consider that Nome has done exceedingly well by him.

We apprehend that the proportion of disappointed gold hunters will be larger at Nome next summer even than was the case in Dawson during the rush of '98.

The variety stage business has furnished the rocks upon which many an aspirant for fame and fortune in Dawson has been wrecked. Like every other business a man cannot expect to master it until he has had the necessary experience. The trouble has been in Dawson that in gaining the experience most of our novices in the stage business have reached the end of their sack.

A Mean Reply.

About 10:30 o'clock this morning when the sun was making a mighty effort to permeate this section of the country with his rays, one of the few efforts made by Old Sol for several months, the man who always has a remark to make on the weather met the mean man on the barracks sidewalk.

"Good morning," said the weather-observer; "this sunshine looks very much like spring."

"Yes," said the mean man as he drew his neck further down into his overcoat and slapped his hands on his body; "it looks and feels a d—d

sight like spring. Why, if that sun shines another half hour you will see daisies in bloom."

DAWSON IN A BUSINESS WAY.

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Captain Healy of the N. A. T. & T. Co. replied:

"Business is better now than I anticipated. For the first time in the history of the country provisions are plentiful. My company carries a stock 25 per cent larger than it did a year ago. We are able to supply the people of the Yukon with every essential commodity. Our stock is so great that it is sufficient to feed and clothe every inhabitant, even if all the rest of the merchandise in the territory was destroyed by fire. Money is very tight just at present. I attribute this state of affairs to the fact that mine owner exhausted their capital in purchasing mining machinery from which they will not realize returns till next spring."

"Is it true that your company is selling tickets for Nome?" was asked of Captain Healy.

"Yes," replied the manager, "we have sold quite a number. Only yesterday three people secured their passage."

"What is the price?"

"One hundred and fifty dollars and two hundred," was the answer.

Mr. Fulda of the A. E. Co. said: "We are doing a more extensive business now than we transacted a year ago; but probably because our stock is much larger. I expect a fair trade next spring. The summer is too far ahead to consider. As yet I have not estimated what effect the rush to Nome will have, and I am not prepared to venture an opinion."

Mr. Ames of the Ames Mercantile Company when questioned as to the condition of his business, smilingly answered the reporter's question by saying, "business is better with us than it ever was, because we are selling cheaper than we ever did."

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. B. Hill is registered at the McDonald.

H. P. Heacock of 22 Eldorado is in town on business.

Seth Powell of 76 below Bonanza is in the Metropolis.

Archie Thorburn, a miner on Eldorado, is visiting the city.

C. E. Severance left this morning for a short visit up the creeks.

H. McDonald of 14 below on Bonanza, is a guest at the Hotel McDonald.

Fred Terry, after spending several days in the city, has returned to his lay on Dominion.

Mrs. J. L. Sale has been confined to her home for several days with a severe cold. She is now improving.

Walter Lyons, manager of the Ladue saw mill, went to steamboat slough today to inspect some timber for his company.

William Kelly, bookkeeper and time-keeper at No. 17 Eldorado, is visiting Dawson. He is stopping at the Green Tree building.

Soft Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Strandem, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Cap 129, Sec. 38 and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned, administrators, will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

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LARGE LOSS OF REVENUE.

Results to the Government From Pernicious Legislation.

The Law Withdrawing Abandoned Claims From Relocation Is a Boomerang.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The effect of the recent law withdrawing from relocation claims which have been abandoned by the original locators is becoming patent to the resident government officials. They are aware of the pernicious result of this latest blunder in the management of Yukon affairs. None of the territorial officers are disposed to commit themselves as actively opposed to the measure; but nevertheless they are cognizant of the detrimental effect which the country is now experiencing.

The provisions of the law became operative on the 8th day of last December. It has resulted in compelling energetic men to live a life of idleness; it is the cause of urging countless numbers to try their fortunes on the Alaskan shore at Nome.

Perhaps the powers at Ottawa will be induced to repeal this piece of legislation the effect of which is as baneful to the government as it is to the miners.

Loss of revenue will attract the attention of Minister Sifton and his associates more quickly than petitions and memorials. The government has lost heavily on account of the passage of this law. The loss is greater than most people imagine or than Ottawa authorities yet realize. The regulation has been in force only a month and a half yet the treasury, during the past 45 days, has been deprived of an amount exceeding \$13,000. Let Mr. Sifton and his advisers peruse the reports of the recorder for the month of December and January to date, and compare them with those for the same period of a year ago.

From the 8th of December, 1898, to January 18th, 1899, the local office issued 469 mining licenses, which aggregated in revenue the amount of \$4690. During the same time 760 placer claims were recorded, the fee for each of which was \$15; this source of revenue amounted to \$11,400. The total sum derived from licenses and recording fees during that period was \$16,090. Now compare these figures with those for the time since the 8th of last December. From December 8th, 1899, to January 18th, 1900, there were issued 269 mining licenses, which amount to \$2960; and during the same space of time only 65 placer mines were recorded from which the government derived \$975. The total sum obtained from licenses and recording fees is \$3935. The difference in the revenues accruing to government equals \$12,155.

The loss of this vast sum of money is directly attributable to the law withdrawing from relocation those claims which have been abandoned. These figures only cover the space of 45 days, taken immediately after the law became operative and comparing them with the same period of time a year ago.

At the present the occupation of prospecting for placer gold is suspended. Everybody knows that the entire country has been staked, and that thousands of unprospected claims have been abandoned. It is to these abandoned properties that prospectors would turn their attention, if the law permitted. Undoubtedly, some of the claims would be low enough to warrant development, and ultimately new producers would be added to the list of paying properties. Men who are willing to prospect are constrained to remain idle.

When Mr. Sifton realizes his grievous mistake, not only to the miners of this district but likewise to his own government, he will be stupid, if he does not immediately rectify it.

Fulda's Inventive Genius.
Ever since the late fire the subject of plans for future protection has been dis-

ussed every time two or more men have been congregated. At a late meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade the matter was discussed at length and the many dissertations so effected President Fulda that he grew reminiscent with the result that the following story was perpetrated on those present: "One time in San Francisco in the days when everybody was either selling or buying hand grenades, I conceived an idea of a fire extinguisher which was this: I took demijohns (after they were empty, of course) and filled them with a fluid of great fire extinguishing properties, into which I dropped a cartridge to which was attached a fuse. In case of fire all I had to do was to take a firebrand, run around and light the various fuses, the demijohns being hung upon the walls, then run for my life and let 'er go."

Each member of the board seemed awe struck at the gigantic genius of the president and as there was a demijohn sitting on the table around which the meeting assembled, every man began to shy off as though he expected every moment to be blown into a four bit order of hash. Seeing the consternation he had wrought, the worthy president said: "Does any gentleman remember the remark made by the governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina?" And the way this meeting again got around that table caused the Daily Nugget man to imagine for a moment that he was back in Florida at a Democratic convention.

P. S.—There was no cartridge with fuse attachments in that demijohn.

New Automobile Engine.

The fire commissioners held an important meeting Tuesday evening. Only routine work was to be taken up, but the late fire brought the commissioners to a discussion on what is needed to prevent and fight fires, and as a result Dawson will see no more of the large conflagrations which have brought disaster to its inhabitants so often. Mr. Ogilvie, chairman of the fire commissioners, was called upon by a representative of this paper and he gives a most encouraging report for the future protection of Dawson.

"The fire commissioners at their last meeting," said M. Ogilvie, "decided to secure more apparatus and equipment. We have entered into correspondence with several fire engine manufacturers for the purpose of receiving an automobile fire engine with the combined capacity of both of the engines which we have now. The new engine will be able to propel itself, doing away with horses, which will in one season more than pay the extra cost of an automobile. In winter time it can easily and with dispatch be run to the immediate front of a fire, which will be in itself of great importance in the saving of hose and high pressure. I am a firm believer in larger hose, about three and a half inches in diameter, being considered more valuable in this cold climate. During the late fire the ice formed on the inside of the hose to a half inch thickness, and a little more than that at the coupling, cutting the stream down a great deal. In a larger hose, as I have suggested, it will not freeze more than a half inch, so you see it will still be throwing a large stream."

"We will enact any laws which we think necessary to prevent, and use every means obtainable to fight fires. The fire company at the Forks has asked for one of the small chemical engines, which we will loan them, and when our new truck arrives we will loan them the one we are using at present. The new apparatus will be ordered as soon as possible that it may arrive at the opening of navigation. I think from now on we can solve the vexed problem of fire protection."

Superior Court.

In Judge Dugas' court yesterday the case of Kleinschmidt vs. the N. A. T. & T. Co. for money, was dismissed. The attention of the court this forenoon was occupied in the hearing of motions regarding cases pending.

Most complete line of ladies' purses ever shown in Dawson. Nugget office.

EVENING OF FINE SPORT.

Series of Contests Given at Ford's Club Gymnasium.

A Large Audience Enjoys the Fun and Encourages the Contestants—Other Events Will Follow Soon.

When the lovers of athletics can see such a clean exhibition of fistics and wrestling as was to be seen at Ford's Club gymnasium last night, it is not to be wondered at that the place was crowded. It was pleasant indeed to see the various combatants work as it was for a purse instead of a friendly bout they were engaged in. The boxing was fast, clean and clever and the same may be said of the wrestling. A noticeable feature was the conspicuous absence of the man who claims to be a sport but will always yell, "Knock him out, Jim! Put it on t' him, Dick! Kill him, Billy!" etc.

The town is to be congratulated that at last a club has been formed for the purpose of having good clean sport, a place where the men are pitted in friendly contest. Last night's program was well arranged and the management announced that it would be much better next Thursday.

The exercise in bag punching by Phil Smith was a clever bit of work and received its full share of attention.

Jack Devine and Merritt Barnes, in a four round contest for the championship of Comedy Hollow, put up a most laughable set to.

Phil Smith and Pat Malloy then went on to the mat for four fast rounds, during which some of the pretty points in boxing were illustrated. Let no one imagine that Malloy is not a first rate capable of putting up a winning fight with any man his weight and the pace he set last night though not effecting him considerably distressed Smith.

The Hungarian (Hungry), Kid and Stull went on the mat for a 15 minute wrestling bout. The Kid has been training for some time but did not have strength or activity enough for his nery scientific opponent.

Sam Moore and Merritt Barnes were scheduled for four rounds. In the first minute of the first round Sam received a blow below the waist which put him out of business for five minutes. These men put up a pretty exhibition of cleverness and the last round ended all too soon.

C. Morrison and Jack Devine were next introduced and indeed they gave a very neat exhibition of wrestling still it was a poor match in regard to weight. Morrison being in the mosquito class while Devine was built to move houses. Their work was very clever nevertheless.

Bert Ford and Pat Malloy went on the mat for 15 minutes wrestling. It was wrestling from the east of time and, barring a few sailor holds, was a lively and very interesting bout.

Manager Ford would do well for the comfort of his patrons to have a ventilator of sufficient size placed in the hall as the opening of doors chills everyone.

It is this kind of sport which is to be encouraged and from the number of prominent men belonging to the club and its increase of members the next evening of sport will surely be a good one.

Police Court.

There were no cases up for hearing in Major Perry's court this morning, which fact would indicate that nobody was too drunk last night to care for himself, or herself, as the case might be.

The case of Madame Kluge vs. Wy-tuen for \$7.50 for sewing, as mentioned in yesterday's paper, was settled out of court Wymen having paid the bill.

Theodore Beckard was before the court with a grievance against Lester McNeal, in which a ton or more of cariboo meat which is up the Klondike river over 100 miles figures. But as

BECKARD DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW JUST WHAT HE WANTED, THE COURT ADVISED HIM TO GO OUT AND MAKE UP HIS MIND.

W. H. McDonald instituted suit against Packer W. E. Terrill for \$165 alleged to be due as wages.

A man by the name of McCaskell was on hand with the request that he be allowed enough money from the crown treasury to bear the expense of his trip to the outside where he said he could secure employment. Major Perry referred the request, which was in writing, to Governor Ogilvie. McCaskell came from Skagway to Dawson early in November and has not since been able to secure employment. He has recently been sick and is quite anxious to start on the long trip over the ice.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A. D. Edgar, who brought in cattle this year, taking some of them to Eagle City, will leave tomorrow for the outside.

An exodus took place yesterday to the creeks and up and down river. This was the result of the break in the cold weather.

J. P. Caranthers was brought in from 22 above on Bonanza to the Good Samaritan hospital suffering from an abscess of the knee.

The recent threat of the weather to grow warmer seems to have been a bluff, as this morning mercury was again down in the vicinity of 45 below.

The Criterion hotel is to be remodelled to a considerable extent. Suites are taking the place of single rooms and elegant furnishings are being placed in them.

Although snow in small quantities has fallen occasionally since the middle of last October there is not now an average of more than eight inches on the ground in this part of the country.

Work commenced on a new opera house today which is to be built on the lot where the Hoffman house formerly stood. The new company will have at its head that popular manager, Paul Bordman, which insures success.

As one indication that Dawson is improving morally and intellectually, an observing and well posted oldtimer says that there are 1100 less dogs sleeping under beds in the city this winter than during the cold season of former years.

The hook and ladder truck which has been a long time coming, arrived here at noon today, and the firemen commenced at once to set it up. It is so heavy that a large horse and probably two will be required. Chief Stewart will send the old one to the Forks.

Murray & Powell, who occupied the Bodegs before the fire, have leased the lot and will build immediately. As yet they have not let any contract for the building, but from the energetic capabilities of both these gentlemen, it will surely be a credit to Front street.

Tom Wilson, at St. Mary's hospital, who has been expected to die at any time for several days, is rapidly regaining his lost strength. During the recent fire the Sisters put up a heavy blanket on the window in his private room so the reflection of the fire could not be seen, and Mr. Wilson does not know at present nor will he until well, that the Opera house, in which he was a partner, was destroyed.

Jack Stunicy is at work on a novel stove which is to be used by Jim McKinnon and his partner on the trail to Nome. The stove is of the ordinary Yukon pattern only converted into a sleigh by placing runners underneath. McKinnon thinks he will find it the only practical way of using a stove to advantage on the route as it can be sidetracked at any point in an instant, and is ready for immediate action at a moment's notice.

On next Sunday night the Philharmonic Society will give another of its splendid concerts at the Palace Grand theater. Manager C. N. Pring is sparing no pains to get together the very best talent to be obtained in town, and on next Sunday night the program, if anything, will excel in point of excellence the one rendered two weeks ago. In addition to the string instruments there will be selections by the best vocalists in Dawson, and altogether a most enjoyable evening is anticipated.

A man for whom this is the third winter in Dawson is authority for the statement that a fewer number of men sleep in bar rooms this winter than during the two preceding ones. But he added that the number of men in the city this winter who are "flat broke" is greater than has before been known, but nearly all of them have cabins in which to sleep. Many men who sit around and sleep in chairs have money in their pockets, but they prefer to save it for meals instead of extending it for beds or for wood with which to warm a cabin.

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Was the Battlefield of Elandslaagte.

FIERCE CONTEST FULLY DESCRIBED

Muster Roll of Officers of the Canadian Contingent.

Who the Men Are That Will Be in Command of the Dominion's Contribution to the Queen's Forces in South Africa.

(From Thursday's Daily)
London, Dec. 21.—The Times correspondent describing the battlefield of Elandslaagte realistically details the horrors of war. He writes:

"The battlefield as it stood on Sunday conveyed sufficient proof of the severity of the fight. The wounded had been removed by day light, but the burial parties had not arrived to perform the last duties to the dead. The men lay there as they had fallen, a sad pathetic tribute to the courage of the British soldier.

"As we followed this tragic trail we found Highlanders, Manchesters and Mounted Volunteers lying indiscriminately grouped. The solitary figures under the stones showed how little the cover had availed them. There were places where wire fences had impeded the advance; here the carnage had been great and one brave fellow stooped in death, cut off, as he strove to wrench a post from its foundation.

"On the skyline of the table land the dead lay thickest, this being the main spot where the attack had been checked, but the white flag was already there and strings of coolies digging the trench which is too often the soldiers' resting place.

"We drove back to the Boer position, a little kopje where Schiel and his 23 men had made their last stand. The bodies of the 15 that had fallen of this little band were grouped as death had taken them. Some lay with heads sunken upon their rifle stocks, fighting to the end, another had died with his fingers pressing a charge into his magazine. What remained of the laager was a litter of shell fire. Wagons were splintered and overturned, foodstuff, dead horses and explosives lay in wrecked profusion.

"There remained no doubt that our shell fire had played upon the position with full effect, and one could only marvel that the Boers had stood to their guns so long. But as one of the wounded prisoners told me later in the day there was no room to retreat, the extended files of the Manchester regiment overlapping the reverse of the kopje and sweeping the northern foot path, while the rain of shrapnel destroyed every living thing on the western slopes; and the scene at the farm house nestling at the foot of the ridge on the far side, bore out this statement.

"It was here that the Boers had brought their dead horses for cover and carcases lay piled on every side. The slaughter amongst the horses must almost have been as heavy as that of the men."

MUSTER ROLL.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A complete muster roll of the Canadian South African regiment has not yet been printed, owing to the fact that the Captains of several companies in the hurry of departure carried off the lists with them on the Sardinian. Repeated requests for a complete list of Canadians at the front have been made to the department, but all, of course, have been fruitless. The lists were, however,

fortunately forwarded to the department by the same steamer that brought letters from officers and men, and are now available for the first time. The muster roll printed herewith includes not only the names by companies of all the officers and men of the Second battalion of the Royal Canadian regiment of infantry now on active service in South Africa, but also the battalions, regiments and corps to which the officers and men formerly belonged:

- Commanding officer, Lieut. Col. W. D. Otter, A. D. C.
- Second in command, Major L. Buchan.
- Major, Major O. C. C. Pelletier.
- Adjutant, Major J. C. MacDougal.
- Quartermaster, Capt. and Brevet Major S. J. A. Denison.
- Medical officer, Surg. Major C. D. Wilson.
- Medical officer, Surg. Major E. Fisect.
- Half Batt. Adjutant, Lieut. A. H. MacDonell.
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- Sergeant major, 122, Sergt. Major D. Borland.
- Quartermaster sergeant, 226, Q. M. S. G. Galloway.
- Quartermaster ordy. rm. clk. 685, Q. M. S. E. Reading.
- Ordy. room clerk, 6062, Sergt. T. D. Potter.
- Sergt. bugler, 7752, Sergt. Tresham.
- Transport Sergeant, 2282, Sergeant T. Lebelond.
- Staff armourer, 751, Sergt. A. J. Hoad.

Police Court.

There being no attorneys to retard the revolutions of the wheels of justice, Major Perry's court opened on time this morning and continued uninterruptedly until the docket was cleared.

The first case called was that of J. Allen, who had imbibed too much "oil of joy" yesterday evening. The escapee caused him to be given an option on paying \$10 and costs or doing seven days hard labor. Allen's exchequer forbade discussion as to choice and he will hibernate seven days.

The case of Miller against Boyle & Vogel, alleged proprietors of the Klondike Steam Laundry, elicited an attempt to make that institution an orphan, everyone present denying ownership of it. Vogel, however, went a few words too far with the result that he was adjudged a partner in the concern and Miller was given judgment for the amount claimed, \$130.60. The claim was for labor performed. Five days are allowed in which to make settlement.

Attorney Ridley in behalf of Theatrical Manager Geo. Hillier admitted a claim of \$85 presented through court from A. T. Lane. Hillier was ordered to pay \$35 on Feb. 1st and \$50 a week later.

Miss Eva St. Clair—not the little Eva St. Clair of Uncle Tom's Cabin lore, for we have all at various times within the past 30 years seen that particular little Eva climb golden stairs, and it is known for a certainty that she is not in Dawson—had an account of \$65 against Hillier for stage services rendered in the far away, dim and distant past. The court's order was that \$50 be paid the namesake of Harriet Beecher Stowe's heroine in one week and the remainder in two weeks.

The case of Alice Fairbanks, another footlight queen, was in court with an account of \$175 against Sutton & Woodburn, but as the defendants were not in court the case was continued.

Madam Klucks, a modest, hardworking appearing woman, entered a complaint against a man named Wymen for whom she said she had sewed up six mattresses and a pair of drawers, for which labor Wymen refuses to pay her, being out some times, sick some times, and at other times, when neither out nor sick, absolutely refusing to liquidate what Madame Klucks considers a just bill. Wymen will be given a chance to be heard in court.

The Nugget Express is now operating a daily stage and express service between Dawson and the Forks.

HEALY IS STILL MANAGER.

No Change in Management of the N. A. T. & T. Co.

Captain Healy Denies That He Has Been Removed—Harmony Exists in the Company.

It was currently reported a few days ago that Capt. J. J. Healy, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co., had been removed from his position in the corporation. The false rumor was given publication in a Dawson contemporary, and many citizens placed credence in the story. Like other tales of similar import, this most recent one is absolutely untrue. Capt. Healy still retains the position which he has occupied since the formation of the N. A. T. & T. Co.

There is not the least intention on the part of the directors to make a change, in this respect, in the corporate concern. None of the stockholders nor officers of the company have offered a vestige of criticism relative to the management of the business, and the utmost harmony prevails between Capt. Healy and his associates. The financial returns, under the present management, are satisfactory to the parties interested in the concern.

A representative of the Daily Nugget called on the captain this morning and interviewed him on the subject of his alleged removal.

"Is it a fact Captain Healy," inquired the reporter, "that a new manager has been appointed in the N. A. T. & T. Co.?"

"No, sir," sharply replied the captain. "Is it true that you have been removed?"

"No; the reports of removal are false, unqualifiedly false," reiterated the manager.

"Do you know what gave rise to such rumors," was asked.

"I don't know, nor don't care; but there are a few sore heads," continued the doughty captain with a complacent smile, "who are exceedingly anxious to see me removed, and no doubt, with them, the wish was father of the thought. Some of my enemies have been after my scalp ever since I organized the company, but except for occasional annoyance they have done me no harm."

"Then your removal is not even contemplated?" ventured the reporter.

"Of course not," confidently asserted the captain, and after a moment's hesitation, he added: "When it is, I shall be the first to know of it here, you may be assured."

"Do you expect to make a trip outside over the ice?" was asked.

"Yes," responded the manager, "I shall start just as soon as my health permits. I have been indisposed for the past few days, but in a little while I shall become perfectly well again. My visit to the States will be on business connected with company affairs."

As the representative of the Nugget turned to leave, the captain stopped him with the query:

"How is the newspaper business?"

"Good," replied the reporter.

"None is the place for you fellows," volunteered the captain. "There will be a world of people at the diggings next spring, and that will be the country in which to make money. There will be a chance for all at Nome."

Just at this point in the discourse, a comely lady customer approached the gallant captain with a question and he hastily dismissed the press representative.

Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain, who has been so much in the public eye of late, is 63 years old, and has been in parliament since 1876. Prior to that he had for several years figured prominently in the municipal affairs of Birmingham, and was thrice mayor of that city. He was

in Mr. Gladstone's cabinet from 1880-85, again during the short liberal government of 1886, but separated from his chief on the home rule question, and has since been a liberal unionist. He supported the unionist government from 1886 to 1892, but was not a member thereof. He became colonial minister on the formation of the present government. He had charge of the negotiations with Mr. Kruger, and is held by some to have been so unconciliatory in his manner as to have practically forced the war. This, however, is a matter of opinion. Mr. Chamberlain's latest utterance was a warning to France that the newspaper attacks on Queen Victoria must cease or "serious consequences" would follow. This, again, has called down much censure on the colonial secretary, as also did his description in the same speech of the relations between Great Britain, Germany and the United States as "an alliance," which, so far as the world knows, is unwarranted by facts. Mr. Chamberlain has, however, several times expressed himself favorably to what he calls "the new diplomacy," and his speeches usually contain something which startles the public. Mr. Chamberlain's wife is an American lady, the daughter of Mr. Endicott, secretary of war in Mr. Cleveland's first cabinet.

Move Into Town.

There are no better, more competent and obliging people in the city or on the edge of the city of Dawson than are to be found at the office of the Dominion telegraph. Manager Clegg is all that he should be, and he has associated with him as assistants men of the same stamp as himself. But just why the office is located away up south of the barracks is a conundrum.

No one could ask or expect that the telegraph office be moved even north of the bridge leading to the barracks from the business portion of the city, but it would be a great accommodation to nine-tenths of the company's patrons if it was located even in the neighborhood of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and gold commissioner's office. Besides accommodating all its down town officials it would also be more convenient for nearly all the officials, while at the same time the denizens of Klondike City and Louse Town would not be greatly discommoded, as when they have business at the telegraph office, if they ever do, they probably come to visit the city.

There is no denying the fact but that nine-tenths of the cash patrons of the Dominion telegraph would be greatly commoded by the removal of the office a few hundred yards further into the city.

New Postoffice Building.

Some time ago a decree from the Canadian postal department went forth to the effect that Dawson is to be given a new postoffice, the quarters to be commodious and commensurate with the demands of the thriving city. The plans for such a building were forwarded to Ottawa some time ago, and are expected back properly approved, by every mail. The sum of \$6,000 will probably be allowed for the building, which will be constructed of wood and iron two stories high. The exterior of the building will be fire proof. It has been definitely decided that the new postoffice will be located on Third street, and it will probably be at the southwest corner of Third street and Third avenue, or diagonally across for the art gallery of Lars & Ducloss. As soon as the approved plans are returned arrangements will be made for the construction of the building on which work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Superior Court.

In Justice Dugas' court today the case of Kleinschmidt vs. N. A. T. & T. Co. is being heard. The plaintiff is suing for the recovery of money deposited with the defendants during the pending of former trial in which plaintiff was interested and which money he contends is now unlawfully held from him. On the other hand, the N. A. T. & T. Co. alleges that the plaintiff is justly and truly indebted to it in the amount in question.

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NEWS OF THE CREEKS.

That of Dominion, Sulphur, Gold Run and Hunker.

The Present Cold Weather Retards Freighting, and Inconveniences Claim Owners.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The present cold weather is resulting disadvantageously to freighters and claim owners on the various creeks. Excepting in cases of actual necessity, travel during the past few days has been practically suspended. A report from Dominion creek is to the effect that operations are suspended temporarily on several claims on account of the intense cold.

A great deal of work on the creek properties of upper Dominion is being done this winter; most of the claims have larger dumps now than they had last spring. The hillsides and benches in this vicinity are not receiving the attention that was promised last fall. From the present indications, it would seem that many such claims will revert to the crown, owing to a lack of representation. On lower Dominion the hillsides and benches are being worked more extensively than the creek claims. The properties on the left limit, in the vicinity of the 70's below lower, are fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of the owners and laymen. There are about 1000 men on Dominion, and the road houses and saloons are experiencing good patronage.

Gold Run is doing better than was ever anticipated.

The entire creek from No. 10 to 45, with but few exceptions, is being developed. The fact that so many laymen are satisfied with the diggings is an assurance of a satisfactory cleanup. The output of the creek next spring will surprise people who have given the property in this locality no particular attention. Many claim owners are conducting operations with machinery, and their confidence in the richness of their claims is being rewarded by big dumps, which average high in the precious metal. Chute and Wills are the largest operators on the creek. They employ over a hundred men, and their output next spring will be immense. The wages on Gold Run are \$5 per day and board, as a general rule. Some of the benches and hillsides are being worked quite extensively, but in most cases the labor on this class of claims is confined to that which is sufficient for representation.

Sulphur, which was considered so badly a year ago, and which disappointed so many laymen, is the scene of active operations this winter. There is probably more machinery in use on this creek than on any other in the district. The largest and perhaps the richest dumps are above discovery. Most of the claims are being worked by owners, though numerous lays have been let on properties below discovery. It is predicted by some who are in a position to know, that the value of the cleanup on Sulphur will exceed that of Dominion. There are very few of the hillsides and benches that have showed good prospects; and the work which is being done on such properties is very inconsiderable.

Hunker creek is being thoroughly developed from the concession to No. 18 above discovery. Four claims on the concession are being operated with the aid of machinery. Jack Smith is taking out lots of dirt from his claim, No. 55 below discovery. Cameron and Moore's property, No. 54 below, is showing well. On No. 35a below, Captain Hansen and his partners are working a large boiler with good results. The largest dumps on the creek are credited to No. 33 below, owned by Henry McCullough. The Ladue Co. are operating with machinery on No. 23 below. No. 2 above discovery is owned

by Kirkpatrick and Bonners, who have constructed an incline hoist on the property, which gives the utmost satisfaction. Messrs. Baltuff and Buxton have a complete set of machinery to aid them in their operations. They are hoisting an immense amount of dirt. The cleanup of Hunker near spring will double that of 1899.

Chief Stewart Talks.

Fire Chief Stewart is interested in the movement to increase the efficiency of his department.

When asked if he had any suggestions to make, he replied:

"The government should order another engine and more hose. The engines in use have not sufficient power; we require a larger and more powerful machine. At a fire, such as we experienced last week, every inch of hose is needed; and for 12 hours after a big blaze the department is incapacitated by reason of a lack of hose. With the apparatus which we have at present there are enough men. During the recent fire I called on several citizens for assistance, and all responded immediately.

"I would suggest that alarm boxes be placed in different parts of the town. Often we are delayed because of our ignorance respecting the exact location of the fire.

"A flue and chimney inspector should be appointed. My idea is to detail one of my men for this duty and have him accompanied by a policeman; in this way careless occupants could be authoritatively ordered to make their repairs immediately. The work of inspection would require the entire time of the inspector and the policeman.

"I do not think that an ordinance should be passed compelling householders to erect brick chimneys at this season of the year; neither do I concur in the idea of excluding variety women and dance hall girls from rooming in the upper stories of buildings of amusement in the business district. A regulation, however, should be passed, which would compel such houses to be furnished throughout with electric lights, and forbid tenants therein to burn lamps.

"I am satisfied with the work of the firemen during last Wednesday's fire."

The Palace Grand Reopens.

The new management of the Palace Grand might well have been pleased at the crowded house which greeted the rise of the curtain in the opening act of last night's performance. The performance was a creditable one and to the audience appreciative, and from the opening act, "Deaf as a Post," through the olio, to the drop of the curtain in the last act, every one was pleased to note the vim of the new company, and their efforts received well merited applause. In the drama, "The Old Homestead," J. B. Shaw (Leo) was the prototype of the Simon pure Yankee, and his dancing in the first act and fighting motions in the second are deserving of especial mention. The other characters were well portrayed and "The Old Homestead" will prove a big success.

Not Good Bye, But Au Revoir.

C. W. Thebo was tendered a parting jolly by the employees of the T. & E. Co. last night at the company's store prior to his departure for the outside.

Captain Wood acted as toastmaster and with an appropriate speech presented Mr. Thebo with a beautiful charm, typical of the Klondike, and which, without doubt, will attract a great deal of attention in Merrie England, towards which country he is traveling. The charm was made by Sale & Co., in the form of a gold pan, with crossed pick and shovel, a shaft and windlass, and a dump of nuggets showing on the indented side, the other side being engraved with name and date.

Mr. Thebo leaves today and will go direct to London, where the Cattle Syndicate, Ltd., the company he represents, has headquarters.

Place your orders for stume and stave lumber with Messengers or agents of the Nugget Express.

FOR BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Trustees of Board of Trade Will Make Supreme Effort.

Fire Protection is the Uppermost Theme—Sanitation Committee Appointed.

A regular meeting of the trustees of the Board of Trade was held in President L. R. Fulda's office, those present being Messrs. McMullen, Yemans, Tozier, Fulda and Secretary Clayton. Postmaster Hartman was present by request and gave some interesting information relative to the mail service. He said that the contract with the carriers between Skagway and Dawson calls for the transportation of 700 pounds of mail matter each trip; that previous to the last mail received not to exceed 450 pounds had been brought at any one time, but that the last mail contained within a few pounds of the prescribed weight. The mail due here tomorrow consists of two loads and is probably up to the required weight. When asked why papers, magazines, etc., from the United States and upon which first-class postage is paid does not come, Mr. Hartman was not able to state, but presumed the described mail is held in the offices in which mailed, there being an order to that effect from the U. S. postal service. The postmaster advised that the U. S. officials be corroborated with and asked to act at once in alleviating present conditions. Mr. Hartman is not aware that any mail matter which arrives at Skagway is held at that place. The special committee on mails, Messrs. Fulda, Yemans, Nourse and Secretary Clayton was instructed to forward the letter on the lines proposed by Mr. Hartman.

The committee on fire, light and water, E. C. Allen chairman, reported having conferred with the chief of the fire department and found that no ordinance respecting flues is in existence in the district. It was maintained by the trustees that there is in existence an ordinance regulating the running of stove pipe through partitions and regulating the distance at which stoves shall be placed from walls.

A communication from Governor Ogilvie informed the body that an ordinance providing for the compulsory construction of brick chimneys and flues within a certain district will certainly be passed by the council at an early date. Mr. Hartman offered the suggestion that in the erection of brick chimneys they be plastered on the inside with mortar in which a large amount of salt is mixed, thus giving to the chimney a glazed surface on which neither soot nor creosote will accumulate. The suggestion being a new one, Mr. Hartman was cordially thanked for offering it.

A letter from Geo. W. Van Meter, who is on 33 below upper, Dominion, asked for the co-operation of the board of trade in securing for him a franchise for the construction of a water system in this city, he having been granted a franchise in February of 1898, the franchise having been later changed, Van Meter charges, and rendered useless by the intervention of Governor Ogilvie. The communication was referred to the committee on fire, light and water.

President McMullen of the Board of Trade notified the trustees of his appointment as a standing committee on health and sanitation Messrs. Joseph L. Lancaster, Chas. J. K. Nourse and Richard Guiles. The appointments were confirmed by the trustees.

The matter of having garbage dumped further down the river than has formerly been the custom of the scavengers was discussed at length but no definite action was taken. The matter of arranging for the disposition of garbage after the river opens was also freely discussed.

It was stated that the Yukon council had changed the date of beginning the

work of the public spring cleaning from May 1st to April 1st.

The board instructed the secretary to call the attention of the council to the matter of requiring all places of amusement to construct their doors to open out, and to have all balconies and galleries properly supported, also to the matter of fire escapes for that class of buildings.

Better Railroad Facilities.

Lieut. S. E. Adair, general agent in Dawson and the Yukon territory for the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co., showed to a representative of the Daily Nugget yesterday a letter from Chief Engineer and General Superintendent E. C. Hawkins of that company, in which he states that the people of Dawson and of the interior may be assured of a much better service the coming season than was accorded last year. Rates will be reduced in proportion to the distance carried as compared with those charged formerly. It is proposed to have the extension to Whitehorse completed in time for the coming season's business, thus doing away with the trouble and expense incident to the towing or striving to sail against the wind of scows and barges on the upper lakes.

The letter further states that the present prospects for a good season's business and a heavy traffic to and from Dawson are very flattering. Mr. Hawkins further says that any and all commissions and business entrusted to his company by its patrons in Dawson will be attended to promptly and with care. A large amount of new rolling stock has been purchased by the company, and by early summer its equipment will be second to no road in the Northwest, and all business will be handled without an hour's delay on the part of the management of the road.

What We All Worship.

"The people of all classes in Dawson worship the golden calf." So said Rev. Hetherington last Sunday at the Methodist church. "Professional and commercial men conduct themselves and their business to make money at the expense of their religion and the principles of man. I don't mind a man making money, but when he leaves aside all the good teachings of religion and society to do it, he becomes a menace to the rising generation and to his fellow man. I know of several mining firms who would not engage the lawyers they have retained if they followed Christian principles in representing their clients.

"What prompted me above all in selecting this subject for my sermon was the noticeable fact that young men whom I knew in Ontario and who when home attended church regularly, have since coming to Dawson, entered into business which necessitates their abandoning the teachings of parents and church to be successful in the various occupations and professions they have entered upon. This is so prevalent that its astounding growth is a mockery to society and the welfare of Christian doctrine."

To those who wish to hear the evils of a sporting population it would be advisable for them to attend Sunday evening service, at which time he will discourse on "Gamblers and Gambling."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning 22 sacks of mail left for the outside. Postmaster Hartman expects the arrival of a large mail on next Saturday.

A small blaze occurred in the boiler room of the Daily News at 8 o'clock last night. A still alarm was turned in, and the department at No. 1 hall responded with the chemical engine. The fire was extinguished before any material damage was done.

A letter addressed to the proprietor of the Hotel McDonald was received yesterday from a young woman at Vancouver. She requested a position as table waitress. Harry Edwards replied and has written her to turn her attention to Nome.

"Put money in your purse." See the fine line of pocketbooks at Cribbs & Rogers.

CAPE DUTCH WILL RISE

So Say the Big London Newspapers.

COMMENT ON GATACRE'S DEFEAT

It Resulted From Operations in a Disaffected Country.

The Result Will Be Most Deplorable, as the Wavering Element May Turn in Favor of the Boers.

(From Friday's Daily.)

London, Dec. 21.—Discussing the defeat of Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg, the Daily Mail says:!

"Quite apart from the loss of six hundred fighting men, the unexpected Boer success will probably cause a more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate dispatch of further troops."

The Daily News says: "The reverse Gen. Gatacre has suffered is a sadly emphatic commentary on the peculiar difficulty of military operations in a semi-disaffected country. The enemy's spies are everywhere, and nowhere can we rely confidently on any counter information. Gen. Gatacre seems to have been completely trapped. Of course he will be immediately reinforced."

The Daily Chronicle says "There is too much reason to fear that this is the worst illustration we have had of inadequate equipment and insufficient scouting. How far this disaster was due to a lack of judgment on the spot and how far to a lack of artillery, is not quite clear, but the patient public cannot help recalling that Gen. Methuen's victory at Modder river was won by an artillery reinforcement at the critical moment and all they would like to know is how many times this particular lesson is to be learned."

The Standard says "The event is in the highest degree deplorable. It will tell against us unfavorably in the Free State among the Dutch and even amongst the natives. A great deal of evidence has been accumulating during the past week to show how deeply the colony, or at least the northern and western portions are honeycombed by disaffection. Our generals have to cope with a rebel colony, as with hostile republics, and must take measures to lay their plans in accordance with details."

The Times, commenting editorially, on the repulse says: "The results of the Gatacre disaster are more likely to be serious politically than from a military point of view."

BOER TACTICS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The British soldiery in South Africa are experiencing new sensations in fighting the Boers, says the London correspondent of the New York Tribune in today's issue, as the tactics of the enemy are new to them.

For a generation back the armies of England have been meeting in battle great masses of savages or semi-civilized foes, and it has unfitted them for battling with the Boers, who do not mass their forces and cannot be rushed.

The situation in lower Natal offers a striking contrast to all the conditions of warfare to which the English people are accustomed. The Dutch allies after investing Ladysmith, have turned about to deal with the British relief column piecemeal. By dividing their forces into mobile bands, they are isolating one British detachment after another without making a decisive attack at any point, or concentrating their forces for supreme effort.

This is varied by such diversions as horse stealing, cattle raiding and looting on a large scale.

"John Bull" is naturally irritated by these irregular tactics, but he ought not to be amazed by them, for Gen. Joubert, during the war of independence, dealt in precisely the same way with one British detachment after another, and prevented a junction of the various commands. He then had the immense advantage of superiority of numbers, but conditions are now reversed, for the

party, federal issues have played a most important part. The Dominion immigration and Yukon policy were especially brought into notice as strong points against the Liberal party. I have no doubt that when the federal elections occur there will be no change in the result so far as Manitoba is concerned. I have no doubt," continued Mr. Foster, "that Sifton's conduct as

THE CRUISE OF THE PALACE GRAND.

A Forecast of How Arizona Charley Will Go to Nome When the Ice Breaks in the Spring.

A STORY IN PICTURES.

HE MAY DECIDE TO STOP ON THE BANKS OF THE YUKON FOR A VACATION.



Receives Power of Attorney to "Act" for Himself.



In Order to Get Over a Bar He Shifts Cargo.



Decides to Snub the Seow.



Decides to Have a Cleanup of His Own.



Has a Close Shave at Circle.



Gets Impatient to Start Rocking.

British force in lower Natal will number ten thousand certainly, and possibly twenty thousand, when the last transport reaches Durban, with Gen. White's garrison of 13,000 troops, still unharmed, in reserve. Moreover, Joubert, while blocking the advance of the relief column by separating the various links in the chain, is scattering his own forces without obtaining any marked advantage.

LIBERALS LICKED.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster, ex minister of finance, says: "In the Manitoba campaign which resulted in an overwhelming defeat for the Liberal

minister of the interior resulted unfavorably to the party in Manitoba."

VESSEL WRECKED

Toronto, Jan. 1.—During a severe storm on Lake Erie, for several days, the steamer Niagara of Toronto, was lost. The steamer carried a crew of 16 men, all of whom went to the bottom with the ill-fated craft. The storm is one of the worst that has taken place on Lake Erie in many years.

NATIVES RISING.

London, Jan. 1.—A report has been received here that the natives in Bechuanaland have risen against the Boers. The Basutos will probably follow their example.

JUSTICE DUGAS ALERT

He Believes in Economy When Not Too Rigid.

Ordinance Respecting Investigation of Fires Read Third Time and Passed—Matter of Taxation to Be Considered.

The council met at 3 o'clock p. m. yesterday, Commissioner Ogilvie presiding.

Present—Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Dugas, Senkler, Clement.

A communication was received from Adjutant Morris of the Salvation Army, stating that the army were prepared to take care of indigent patients, at the rate of \$2 per day.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler:

That this communication be referred to the finance committee to be taken into consideration when discussing generally the question of the treatment of indigents and sick.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Girouard,

That the communication be not referred to the finance committee, and that the request be not entertained, inasmuch as the sum of \$2000 had been already spent in fitting up a portion of the Good Samaritan hospital with the understanding that they should receive indigents at \$1.25 per day, or at \$1.50 per day at the outside. The amendment was lost on the casting vote by Mr. Ogilvie, and the motion carried on the same division reversed.

The clerk presented the minutes of the last meeting of the board of fire commissioners.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Justice Dugas,

That the finance committee be instructed to consider the question of raising a certain sum of money by local taxation in Dawson, to estimate the amount necessary, and the method by which taxes should be levied.

In reply to the question asked by Mr. Justice Dugas at the last meeting as to whether or not the resolution of the council of the 24th March last that patients should be sent to the St. Mary's and the Good Samaritan hospitals from that date in proportion to the number of beds in each hospital had been carried out, and, if not, why? A communication was received from the comptroller which stated that the majority of the patients admitted to the hospitals had been brought in from the creeks by the police, and were placed in the Good Samaritan hospital without any order having been issued by him, but wherever an application had been made to him for admittance he had endeavored to carry out the resolution of the council, and had sent the majority of the patients to St. Mary's hospital; that a number of paupers who had sought shelter, and who did not require hospital treatment, some of whom had been kept at the barracks, others at the Salvation Army, and others he had authorized admitted to the Good Samaritan hospital at a rate of \$3 per day each.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

Resolved, That a copy of the question put by Mr. Justice Dugas, and the answer thereto by the comptroller in reference to the action taken from the council's resolution of the 24th March last be referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That the bill entitled "An ordinance respecting investigation of accidents by fire" be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time. The commissioner having put the question, "That this bill do now pass," it was resolved in the affirmative.

At the meeting of the council on Tuesday last when the question on the adoption of the finance committee's report, Judge Dugas strongly opposed that portion favoring the giving of \$375 per month for six months to the free library. While he was willing the council should contribute liberally, he did not feel that the library should be practically sustained by the council.

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KRUGER WILL BE NOTIFIED.

Humane Men Plan to Prevent Wholesale Bloodshed.

In Case Captain Woodside's Services Are Accepted the Boers Will Be Advised to Surrender.

When last night a report became noised abroad that Captain Woodside, of "editorial note" fame, had offered his services to his country in its war with the Boers, great consternation prevailed in the city and even the strongest and most ardent British sympathizers ejaculated as one man: "Poor old Kruger," "How I pity the Boers," and other such kindly expressions which were not the promptings of love, but of pity and commiseration.

It is not natural, it is not humane that civilized people should revel in delight at the thought of blood, even Boer blood, running around several feet deep and indiscriminately baptizing virgin soil, even the virgin soil of South Africa.

Owing to these natural and humane feelings being stirred from turrel to foundation in the hearts of Dawsonites, a large meeting of conservative but influential men, Canadians and Yankees, was held last night at which, after a general expression of opinion from all present, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted amidst silence most profound, the solemnity of the occasion being apparent to all.

Whereas, We are each and every one in heartfelt sympathy with Great Britain in the unfortunate war with which she is now engaged with the Boers, and,

Whereas, It is our most earnest desire that Great Britain overcome her enemies, without the loss of one of her loyal sons, at an early date, and

Whereas, Being a humane and Christian people, we deplore wholesale bloodshed in the ranks of the enemy, and,

Whereas, It having come to our ears that one Henry J. Woodside of this city, a man of most warlike proclivities, a man whose pathway through life has been carved with the sword and painted with blood, has offered his services to his country in her present trouble, therefore be it,

Resolved, That Kruger be notified of this great warrior's offer in order that he may be given ample time to well and carefully consider the matter of surrender, on terms if he can get them, unconditionally if necessary. And further be it,

Resolved, That in case Kruger heeds not the warning, but hardens his heart as did the children of Ai when Joshua, the son of Nun, did go out to do battle against them, that England be asked to see to it that when the warrior from Dawson girls on his sword and goes forth to battle against the Boers, that one of his hands be tied behind his back and that he wear the shoes of a diver in order that those who follow him in the battle may not be drowned in blood.

Before adjournment, the meeting took a collection of \$57.75 to pay for the cablegram to Kruger. And with bated breath, feeling that it had performed its duty to God and humanity, the meeting buttoned up its coat, pulled its cap down over its ears and emerged into the night.

Police Court.

The old, old story of miners not being able to secure pay for their labor was retold in Magistrate Perry's court this morning by E. W. Carder and F. C. Caples, who had performed 636 and 596 hours labor respectively on a claim operated by the firm of Hester, Hardwick & Waud, the latter now deceased. No defense was entered against the complaints and judgment was given, certain credits being deducted, for for \$299 in favor of Carder and \$271 in favor of Caples.

Theodore Crinsland, a lad who has never experienced the frosts of to exceed 18 winters, was up on the charge of stealing a shovel. As there are various other charges of a similar nature against the boy, who has evidently started out on the wrong path, the case

was continued until Tuesday morning, the prisoner being remanded to jail in the meantime. The shovel, which was in court, is a big one and was evidently taken for speculative purposes rather than for the use of the purloiner.

Philharmonic Concert.

The sacred entertainment to be given in the Palace Grand opera house tomorrow night by the Philharmonic Society under the able direction of C. N. Pring will be a musical treat, a grand flow of harmony. The program which will be rendered has been most carefully prepared, and the performers chosen from the best talent of the city. In addition to choice vocal selections, high class instrumental music will also be furnished. A most pleasant evening is promised to all who attend.

THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"Have you noticed," said a business man to the Stroller a few days ago, "how being in this country produces a strange effect on some people. I know lots of people here I knew on the outside, that in their skins are the same, but they seem to be occupied by different people entirely. The old disposition seems to have moved out and a new one moved in. I know men who were married outside and who are single here, and I know men who were single outside and are married here. I know of men here who were straight and honorable back in the States, but if they get a dollar ahead of you here, they only laugh at you and you can whistle for your dollar. Old time friendships seem to terminate shortly after this place is reached. It may be the climate and it may be the hotcakes, but in my opinion it is the pure cursedness that is bred and born in all men, and which may lie dormant for years and perhaps for ever if the fellow never comes to this country; but here, if a fellow has in his veins one drop of bad blood it permeates his entire system and everything mean about him comes right to the surface and stays there."

"I'll tell you what it is," said a man who had less than \$10 in cash and 50 pounds of grub when he landed here in October of '97, and who is now rich, "there are hundreds of men here who are bent on going to Nome but who, when they get there will do just exactly as they have done here. I could name you a score of men who reached here about the same time I did, but everyone of them were better clothed and provisioned than I was. When they got here they sat down and began to eat up their outfits. Of course the outfits were eaten and their clothes worn out long ago, but the fellows are still sitting around and they think they are in luck when they have \$5 in their clothes. Many of them have never gone out for a day to prospect on their own hook, but a month or so after a new stream was found they would poke off to it, hang around a day or two and come back to town and sav the creek had all been staked. And this is the way they have acted ever since. You can tell one of these fellows as far as you can see them, at least I can. They all wear a sort of hangdog look; they have lost their grip and ask for nothing better than a desolate, half furnished cabin in which to sleep and a big hot stove in some bar room or gambling room to hang around in daylight. The only day in which they are to be found at their cabins is Sunday when the bar rooms are closed. Now, what I want to say is, what will such cattle do at Nome after they get there? Unless they do better there than they have done or ever tried to do here they will dry up and blow away, for I am told there are strong winds there."

"For the past fifteen years I have been something of a secret society man, and am yet for that matter, as I keep my dues paid in six of the eleven different orders I have joined," said a

leading merchant to the Stroller a few days ago. "Now, I don't know that you have ever belonged to any secret orders, but if you haven't I can tell you that they are run just like everything else. Every organization must have a few mainstays and pillars to keep it up—members who never miss a meeting and who may be relied upon to be present and ready for work at all times, no matter what comes or goes. Then there is invariably another class of members who do not attend more than one meeting in four, but when they do chance to show up they have a four weeks' stock of suggestions to spring on the pillars of the institution. They talk under the head of 'good of the order,' and they advise regular attendance on the part of each and every member. Then they miss a few meetings and finally show up again with a fresh cargo of advice. But then, that's the way in every organization; there are workers and talkers in everything and secret societies are not without their share of the latter."

A disheartened miner wrote home to the old country telling his wife he was now in Dawson where a letter might reach him, and in the course of his letter said, "I will stay all winter in Dawson (Godforsaken place), royalty burdened Klondike. I am on discovery on a lay, Bonanza. In writing to me be sure and write my full address, as the postoffice here is known as very stupid."

He was the recipient of a letter in answer, whose superscription read as follows:

JAMES ATTMIRE,
Dawson Very Stupid P. O.

Royalty burdened,
Godforsaken, on a lay, Klondike.

For the past week or so Florence Broeze, the pretty, dark eyed variety actress, has been playing star engagements on the green cloth. In the beginning, fortune favored the comely soubrette and she won in single sittings more money than a footlight fairy would earn ordinarily in a month. Recently, however, the sickle goddess who arbitrates the affairs of sports became inured to bewitching smiles and graces and Flo is now a loser against the bank.

It is quite a contrast to see a hardened rounder at one end of the table chasing a white check all over the layout in an attempt to win eating money, and at the other end of the table the immobile features of Miss Broeze as she watches with apparent unconcern the action of the cards on her limit bets.

At the Churches Tomorrow.

Religious exercises will be held in the various churches of the city tomorrow as follows: Catholic—Mass, 9 a. m. Matins, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Evening service, 7. Church of England—Morning, 11. Sunday school, 3 p. m. Evensong, 7. Holy communion on first Sunday in month after the morning service, and on the third Sunday of the month at 8 a. m. Presbyterian—Morning, 11. Bible class, 3 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Evening, 7. Methodist—Morning, 11. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening, 7, followed by song service. Salvation Army—3 and 7:30 p. m.

Speaks for Itself.

Selwyn, Jan. 19. M. A. Pinska, care Sargent & Pinska, Dawson; Hibbard, Ranke Bros., Holtz, Robertson, McCarter, Hinton and Stetson are all here, footsore, weary and weather-bound. The fellow that called this trail a cycle path is a prevaricator. C. S. SARGENT.

The above named persons all left here last Sunday for the outside.

Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Omece, Boyle's wharf.

The Down Town Bank.

The business of the down town branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, will until further notice, be transacted at the main office near the barracks. The books and records of the branch were removed to the main office before the fire.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office

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THE AVAILABLE BOATS

To Carry the Crowd to Cape Nome.

FEW STEAMERS AT THIS END

Big Company Boats Nearly All on the Lower River.

S.-Y. T. Co. Has a Bonanza in Sight—Total Freight and Passenger Capacity of All Boats Plying on the Lower Yukon.

That the Cape Nome stampede will assume enormous proportions is not for a minute to be doubted. Neither can the fact that transportation is the principal factor in the stampede be laid aside. It goes without saying that from present indications many people will come this way for no other reason than on account of being unable to secure ocean passage.

This being the case vessels on the Yukon rise on the horizon of the future rush with increasing magnitude, which prompts us to publish the list of vessels engaged in the river service, with their passenger accommodation.

This table will show the freight capacity and passenger accommodations of vessels which will be engaged in the transportation business, both up and down river next season, with Dawson as a terminal:

Lower River Route—	Tons	Pass
A. C. Co.	300	300
Sarah	500	300
Annah	500	300
Hannah	500	300
Leah and Barge	600	300
Louise and 2 Barges	1100	300
Bella and Barge	550	300
Total	3730	2875
N. A. T. & T. Co.—		
John C. Barr	100	250
Barge Michigan	500	400
Barge New York	500	400
F. B. Moore	250	225
John J. Healy	300	300
John Cudaby	250	250
Chas. H. Hamilton	300	300
T. C. Power	300	300
Klondike and Barge	525	300
S. Michael and Barge	400	300
Total	3485	3075
A. E. Co.—		
Loon and Barge	1000	650
Linda and Barge	1000	650
Arnold and Barge	1000	650
Herman and Barge	1000	650
F. K. Gustin	300	200
Mary F. Graf	300	200
Total	4600	3000
Empire Line—		
Seattle	300	150
Tacoma	300	150
Victoria	300	150
St. Michael	300	150
Empire and 3 Barges	1200	600
Total	2400	600
S. Y. T. Co.—		
Seattle No. 1	300	200
Seattle No. 3	300	200
Seattle No. 4	400	200
Rock Island	150	150
Total	1150	1000
Standard Oil Co.—		
Oil City	300	
Total	300	
B. A. Co.—		
Tyrrell	200	300
Lightning	150	250
J. P. Light	300	200
Total	650	750
Tramps—		
W. H. Evans	350	200
Robert Kerr	350	200
Pilgrim	350	200
Monarch	250	250
Sovereign	250	250
Milwaukee	700	100
W. K. Morrell	700	100
Lotta Talbot	200	150
Total	2100	1600
Grand Total	16335	11330
Upper River Route—		
C. D. Co.	200	250
Victorian	200	250
Columbian	200	250
Sybil	125	30
Joseph Closset	50	100
S. S. Bailey	50	60
Anglian	50	60
Total	882	1080
Flyer Line—		
Bonanza King	150	200
El Dorado	150	200
Total	300	400
B. L. & K. N. Co.—		
Orin	40	75
Nora	40	75
Flora	40	75
Total	120	225
T. & E. Co.—		
Yukoner	300	30
Independent	100	100
Reindeer	100	75
Florence S.	50	75

Gold Star	50	75
Willie Irving	50	75
Clifford Sifton	50	125
Total	300	450
Grand total	1905	2403

Of the steamers ready to leave for Cape Nome soon after the ice breaks the W. K. Merwin, Seattle Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Rock Island, John C. Barr and a barge New York, Lottie Talbot, Tyrrell, Lightning, J. P. Light and F. K. Gustin and barge are at or near Dawson. The John C. Barr will tow the Michigan up from Fort Yukon as soon as possible. The cargo space on the New York and Michigan is to be comfortably fitted for passenger service. The W. H. Evans at Fort Yukon is to be here as soon as she can come. This will make a fleet ready to leave here in two weeks after the ice breaks with a passenger accommodation of 3600. These will be augmented, however, by the arrival of the steamers Susie, Sarah and Hannah, wintering at Anvik and the Leah and barge wintering at Dahl river, which will arrive here and be able to return before the ice is out of the mouth of the river. This will make a grand total of passenger service able to reach St. Michael as soon as the river clears, of 5050.

With the exception of these steamers all other down river boats enumerated in the above table are wintering at St. Michaels.

Launches with scows in tow will be in demand, and will assist in the shipping difficulty. With Dawson as a terminal of the two routes the city will reap an immense profit from the rush, as the stampede will have to lay over here for some time. A number of vessels formerly coming to Dawson have been put on other routes, but a glance at the carrying capacity shows that enough boats are at present engaged to handle all the freight necessary for supplying the country hereabouts. From now on the days will be anxiously counted by stampedees and shipowners until the river breaks.

Weather Report.

At 9 o'clock this morning the barometer registered 30.6 degrees below zero.

At noon the instrument rose and pointed to 32.7 degrees below.

Howard Badly Frozen.

A report has been received in Dawson to the effect that Harry Howard had one of his hands and his left foot badly frozen. The misfortune occurred about 30 miles south of Circle City. Howard fell into an air hole in the river. He and his companion retraced their steps three miles up the river to a cabin, in which they had slept the previous night; before a fire could be built, Howard was so severely frozen that he is likely to lose his hand and foot. Howard is accompanied by "Jimmie the Goat," who, at the time the accident happened, was some distance behind his associate.

Wire Still Down.

At 2:30 this afternoon the telegraph line south of Tagish was still inoperative, the break in the wire not having been repaired.

Mail This Evening.

The incoming mail passed Ogilvie at 5 o'clock this morning and should reach here by 6 o'clock this evening. The general delivery will not be open before Monday morning.

One-half, 3/4, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch steam hose at Shindler's, 109 Front street.

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Is hereby given that sealed tenders will be received at this office addressed to the undersigned until Monday the 29th instant, at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purchase of about 240 cords of wood, cut in trespass on Dominion lands, now under seizure, and at present piled at the head of Thomas gulch. Each tender will have to be accompanied by a certified check on any bank in Dawson for 10 per cent of the amount tendered, payable to the order of the undersigned. The measurement of the crown timber inspector will have to be accepted. The successful tenderer will have to

pay the amount tendered, either cash upon being advised of its acceptance, or half cash and security given for the balance acceptable to the undersigned. Dawson, 16th January, 1900.

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