

BULLER FALLS BACK

English General Regrets Reporting a Serious Reverse.

Boers Capture Ten Field Guns—Cossack Rangers Suffer Heavy Losses in Leading the Attack—Day Intensely Hot and Most Trying on English Troops—Enemy Kill Nearly all the Horses.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—12:47 a. m.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing eleven guns.

General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns behind.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The following is the text of General Buller's dispatch announcing his reverse:

"CHEVELY CAMP, Dec. 15.—6:20 p. m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chevely at 4 this a. m. There are two formidable places in the Tugela river and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart.

"My intention was to force one of the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attend the left drift, General Hildyard the right drift and General Lyttleton was to take the center and to support either. Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, the Cossack Rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal. Colonel I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

Orders an Advance.

"I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery had sent to support the attack—the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field batteries and six naval 12 pounder quick fifters, under Colonel Long—had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the guns were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for troops in a donga and desperate efforts were being made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe and only two were saved by Captain Schofield and some drivers whose names I will furnish.

"Another most gallant attempt, with three teams, was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the eighteen horses thirteen were killed and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Darnley and part of General Barton's brigade. The day was intensely hot and most trying for the troops, whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned ten guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in General Hart's brigade are heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded I hope, is not large. The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field batteries also suffered severe losses. We have retired to our camp at Chevely.

TO HONOR GENERAL WOOD
Society of Cuban Veterans and Other Organizations to Welcome Him.
HAVANA, Dec. 15.—The Cuban to-day expresses great satisfaction at the approaching change in the Cuban side of the administration, stating that the change is satisfactory on account of the character of General Wood, from whom good government is expected. Much curiosity is expressed at the significance of the change, most people inclining to the view that General Wood is considered in Washington the best man for the place. It is not expected there will be any substantial change of policy. The Society of Veterans and other organizations are preparing a great oration for General Wood on his arrival. His pronounced friendly feeling for the Cubans, as well as his record at Santiago, appeals strongly to popular favor.

The bishop of Havana has agreed to waive all cemetery charges in connection with the victims of the Maine disaster. Chaplain Chadwick is indignant at a charge made by a local paper that the department demands \$2 for a permit to remove each body. This statement is absolutely false and the bishop is lending his assistance in the undertaking.

At today's meeting of the Havana convention of delegates of the Cuban league and national party it was decided to send a petition to Washington requesting that the mayors of municipalities be elected by the direct vote of the people and that their election should not need to be confirmed by any higher authority.

Colonel Bacallao, chief of the secret police, has discovered that some of the detectives are in the pay of Havana merchants and allow the latter to adulterate their goods. He has discharged thirteen members of the force for this reason.

Former Lieutenant of Police Cassin, at one time a bugler in the Rough Riders, who has been on trial for killing a Cuban major, has been sentenced to imprisonment for two years and four months and to pay the heirs of Martinez \$1,000. Cassin has already been nearly a year in prison and this time will be deducted from the sentence.

ATTACKS DISGUST KAISER.

Emperor William Withdraws German Military Attache at Paris.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Emperor William's intention to withdraw Baron von Sueskinn, German military attache in Paris, as cabled some time ago, has just been carried out. The event is considered of prime importance.

His majesty had become thoroughly disgusted with the attacks and insinuations of the Paris press regarding the activity of the German military attache and with the numerous private and official reports which had reached him on the subject, bearing out, partially at least, the newspaper charges.

His keen sense of honor was aroused especially as he considers that German officers, who are popularly regarded by their countrymen as above reproach in military matters, ought not to be expected to furnish to the home government information inconsistent with a nice sense of honor.

This view the emperor wants practically borne out. He met with a determined opposition on the part of some of his principal military advisers, General von Hanke, and Count von Walderssee, but succeeded in having his own way. It goes without saying that the Dreyfus affair was the immediate cause of the order of withdrawal.

A high government official did not deny this when questioned. The correspondent of the Associated Press also understands that the duties of all German military attache are likely to be modified and brought more in consonance with modern days of gentlemanly honor, the emperor hoping, moreover, that the example given by Germany will be imitated by other powers, especially France.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE NEWS:

Just at this time when we are about to chronicle the passing of another year, by shifting the digits—not one this time, as we commonly do; nor two, to mark a new decade, but three out of a possible four—the question is strongly in the minds of the American people: Are we about to begin a new century, or shall we do so a year hence? According to the letters published in the daily press, and the statements expressed among our citizens about town, there seems to be a difference of opinion upon the point.

The question seems to shape itself about as follows: Did we count from "0" in the year in which Christ was born, or did we count from "1," numbering the expiration of that year—"year 2." Reasoning logically from two premises, we will necessarily arrive at two different conclusions, at variance with each other one year.

Taking the former, and for convenience, supposing the birth of Christ to have been the January 25 preceding instead of the December 25 upon which it occurred; at the time we could write his age "one year"; we could also write "year 1," A. D.; his age "two years," the "year 2," A. D. It follows, 1900 years would have elapsed before we could write "year 1900" for his age. Now we begin writing 1900 after December 31 next, i. e., nineteen centuries will have passed into history at that time, and on January 1, 1900, we will begin the twentieth century.

Taking the other premise, and reasoning likewise, we must conclude that the nineteenth century ends one year from December 31.

If this reasoning is correct it would seem that a correct conclusion hinges upon the question as to when we began to count. The writer takes the former view, and holds that the nineteenth century ends December 31 at midnight. "B"

Brakeman Loses an Arm.

Frank Hayward, the brakeman who was injured at Bartlett, Ia., about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, was brought to this city several hours after the accident occurred, and it was found that his arm was so badly mangled and mashed that amputation was necessary.

The unfortunate man was taken to the Perkins house, and a successful amputation was performed by Drs. Livingston, Bacon of Pacific Junction, and several other physicians.

Hayward was a brakeman on a special freight coming up from the south. As the train was slowly passing the station at Bartlett, Hayward jumped to the platform, and in so doing he came in rather abrupt contact with the station agent, who happened to be standing on the platform at the time. The jar thus received caused the brakeman to lose his foothold, with the result already stated.

Wanted—I would like to buy a good second-hand incubator, 200-egg size; one that has not been used more than one season and is in good order. Give name of incubator and price wanted. R. C. Lytle, Nehawka, Neb.

WANTED—Several persons for district office managers in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 320 Caxton Building, Chicago.

J. M. Palmer of Nehawka was a Plattsmouth visitor today.

CONGRESS OF NATIONS

"Q. Z.'s" Novel Program at the Market Is Well Taken.

Those Who Took Part Represented a Nation. Encostame—Chorus of Sixteen Voices Closes the Program—Christmas Market Proves a Financial Success—Other News Events.

The second evening of the Christmas market at White's hall last evening was a success in every sense of the word. The market was held under the auspices of the four societies of the Presbyterian church—the Ladies' Aid society, the Auxiliary, the Q. Z. society and the King's Daughters.

The Q. Z. society's part in the market last evening was to furnish the program and this they did in a manner which was highly satisfactory to the large crowd. It was a musical program and was given by what might be termed, "A congress of nations," the selections given and the costumes worn representing different countries.

Jake Koch was in his glory and gave a dainty solo in his usual realistic manner and was heartily encored. Miss Jessie Lansing, who sang a German solo, was called out the second time.

The other parts were equally good—Miss Matilda Vallery represented the Indian, Miss Edith Patterson the French, Miss Mayme Sullivan the Italian and Dammie Hiatt the Irishman.

At the close there were sixteen voices in a chorus which sang Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "King's Own Musketeers," the gentlemen being dressed in uniform. This portion of the program was especially interesting.

The other societies had booths in the room and sold various kinds of articles and refreshments.

The exact amount which will be cleared out of the venture is not yet known, but it will be a neat sum.

Texas Arrives at Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The United States battleship Texas, Captain Sigbee commanding, has arrived here and Captain Greene, commandant of the naval station, has conferred with Captain Sigbee with regard to the removal from Colon cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. The present intention is to remove the remains with as little ceremony as possible.

The work of disinterment will begin tomorrow morning. Each coffin will be enclosed in a metal casket and be surrounded by a disinfecting compound. The caskets will be removed during the night to the naval wharf, where they will be under guard until all is ready for removal to the battleship, which it is expected will take place Wednesday night or Thursday at daybreak. The Texas will then leave at once.

Father Chidwick will identify the coffins as they are taken from the ground, having a chart showing the exact location of each.

Part of an old Resident Found. Probably the one thing that has been the object of the greatest amount of curiosity is the large bone found on the farm of William Rose while digging a well. When thirty-eight feet below the surface and after penetrating about six feet of gravel, Henry Hogget dug up a bone of some prehistoric monster. It is only part of a joint, probably that of the thigh where it joins the knee, but it measures ten inches across the top by five inches wide, and together with a fragment, fourteen inches long. There can be but little doubt as to it being a part of the remains of the mastodon, parts of which has been found in different parts of the country, and identified by scientists. Mr. Rose will probably send it to the state museum sometime in the future.—Nehawka Register.

NEHAWKA ITEMS.

C. K. Critchfield and son, Owen, went to Lincoln Wednesday.

Earl Kirkpatrick is assisting L. E. Stone during the holiday season.

The W. C. T. U. women gave an oyster supper Friday evening, December 15.

D. C. West and F. P. Sheldon took a business trip to Omaha the first of the week.

Mr. W. H. Wright, the Scotch electionist, is billed for Monday night, December 18.

Miss Foxwell's room was closed for two or three days on account of the illness of the teacher.

A number from here went to Nebraska City Tuesday night to see Hamlet as played by Walker Whiteside.

The Masons are having the rooms over Chas. Brandt's store fixed up for a lodge room. The Odd Fellows will also use the hall.

Mrs. W. W. Graves has moved back from Hillside, Ia., to the old home here.

David Allen came up from Nebraska City last Wednesday. It is said he is looking for a location.

Mr. Matlock and wife has been in Omaha for about a week, at the bedside of his mother, who is said to be very sick and not expected to recover.

John Churchill has sold his blacksmith shop building to Ben McCulloch, and he has moved to Murray. So that Rock Bluffs is again without a blacksmith.

Frank Churchill has sold his residence, mule team and corn crop to J. A. Matlock of Hot Springs, S. D., and Frank says that he is going to Bickleton, Wash.

CITY AND COUNTY.

SATURDAY

C. E. Bobbitt, the Louisville teacher, was in the city today.

J. W. Connelly, from near Murdock, was in town yesterday.

Frank Dickson came in from Louisville this morning to spend Sunday.

Mrs. Orrin Smith and daughter, Birdella, were visiting friends in Omaha today.

Mrs. Sam Patterson of Lincoln is in the city visiting her parents and other relatives.

It is reported that baby carriages are in great demand this year as Christmas presents.

L. Drabek of Terry, S. D., was in the city today, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Eikenberry.

Adolph and Anton Koubek and John Wooster went to Lincoln this morning to visit friends a few days.

Frank Wheeler and wife of Louisville are in the city to spend Sunday with Ed Grassman and wife.

W. L. Street was wearing a bandage over one of his eyes today. He says it is nothing more than a sty.

Court Reporter Barry Northcutt came up from Nebraska City this morning to attend court today.

Mrs. H. H. Tarsch of McCook, who is visiting relatives in the city, was a passenger for Omaha this morning.

W. J. Hicks, C. W. Hoover, C. D. Ciapp and John T. Stokes of Elmwood were visitors in the city yesterday.

County Judge Spurlock today issued a permit to wed to Elba Dodson and Miss Lenna Alford, both of Nehawka.

Seventeen tramps were guests at the police room last night. They were shown out of town early this morning.

C. M. Seybert, a prosperous farmer from near Louisville, was in town today purchasing a supply of Christmas presents.

The suit of E. Sheldon vs. George Lubbock was tried in justice court yesterday afternoon. It was a suit on account, and an amicable settlement was reached and the case dismissed.

Louis Ottat has secured the contract for retouching the frescoing work on the walls and ceilings at the court house, which was damaged by the recent fire. He expects to begin the work some time next week.

A family quarrel in the west part of town the other evening resulted in one member of the family receiving a pair of highly discolored eyes. However, the trouble was satisfactorily patched up, and the police were not called to the scene.

Judge Ramsey held a short session of district court today and adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. A divorce was granted to Elizabeth Crawford from Howard A. Crawford on the grounds of non-support and adultery. Crawford was formerly a butcher in this city.

Frank Wheeler, who came down from Louisville this morning, received a telegram from Madison conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his niece, a young lady eighteen years of age, and also that his sister, Mrs. Honbrook, was not expected to live. He departed this afternoon for Madison.

Ex-County Commissioner John C. Hayes of Elmwood believes in getting in early and thereby avoiding any rush that might ensue and has paid his subscription to this Household Necessity well into the year 1901. Mr. Hayes has set an example that is worthy of emulation by all good citizens.

MONDAY.

There was a short session of district court today. The divorce case of Carl L. Herger vs. Bortha Herger, was tried and a divorce granted.

Mayor F. M. Richey departed yesterday for McCook, where he has some business interests to look after. He does not expect to return until Saturday.

T. H. Pollock received word yesterday to the effect that Charles E. Eddy, president of the water company, had died last Friday at Boston. Mr. Eddy is quite well known in Plattsmouth, having frequently visited this city in the interests of his company.

Tom Mapes and wife arrived yesterday from Helena, Mont., for a short visit with the former's parents in this city. Tom has been employed as a postal clerk on the Northern Pacific, but recently received an appointment to a clerkship in the pension office at Washington. They will leave Wednesday for the capitol, Mr. Mapes being expected to report for duty on January 2.

Son of an Ohio Merchant Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Gloucester, O. For sale by all druggists.

WANTED—Several persons for district office managers in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 320 Caxton Building, Chicago.

For Sale—I offer for sale my property on North Sixth street, consisting of two acres, all in fruit; two houses and a barn, in good condition. G. H. Longenhagen.

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Twenty-five Years' Constant Use Without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by all druggists.

Small Sum For Mrs. Richardson.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Tennie Richardson, plaintiff in a \$5,000 damage suit against Henry Bons, saloon keeper, has returned a verdict for \$99 in favor of the plaintiff. This is one of the most peculiar sums at which damage has ever been assessed. Just why it should be an uneven figure like ninety-nine is an unexplained question.

The allegation on which Mrs. Richardson based her suit was that the defendant sold liquor to her husband, Sherman Richardson, after the latter had become a habitual drunkard.—Omaha Bee.

Farm For Sale Cheap.

One hundred and sixty acres adjoining Wabash, Neb. Each eighty has good house, barn, windmill, abundance of water and bearing orchard. Will take \$2,000 down, rest on time to suit purchaser. CHARLES NOYES, Louisville, Neb.

Gaining a Wide Reputation.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and pained me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me." For sale by all druggists.

Charcoal

Kept on hand at Egenberger & Troop's feed store. Charcoal is the bulk of all hog cholera remedies, which sell at ten times the price of charcoal.

FILE YOUR WANTS.

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FOR SALE—Four male pigs, seven months. Pedigree can be furnished. For further information inquire of A. L. Todd, superintendent of poor farm.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice of Sale.

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska in the matter of the estate of Jacob Frederick Huber, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Basil S. Ramsey, judge of the district court of the Second judicial district of the state of Nebraska, in and for Cass county, made on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1899, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the south door of the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots one hundred forty (140), one hundred twenty-two (122), one hundred twenty-four (124), two hundred thirty-three (233), three hundred twenty-one (321), three hundred twenty-two (322), three hundred twenty-three (323), four hundred twenty (420), four hundred twenty-one (421), six hundred nine (609), six hundred eight (608), six hundred seven (607), six hundred six (606), six hundred five (605), six hundred four (604), six hundred three (603), six hundred two (602), six hundred one (601), six hundred (600), six hundred ninety-five (695), one hundred twenty-five (125), one hundred twenty-four (124), one hundred twenty-three (123), three hundred forty-eight (348), three hundred forty-seven (347), three hundred forty-six (346), three hundred forty-five (345), three hundred forty-four (344), three hundred forty-three (343), three hundred forty-two (342), three hundred forty-one (341), three hundred forty (340), three hundred thirty-nine (339), three hundred thirty-eight (338), three hundred thirty-seven (337), three hundred thirty-six (336), three hundred thirty-five (335), three hundred thirty-four (334), three hundred thirty-three (333), three hundred thirty-two (332), three hundred thirty-one (331), three hundred thirty (330), three hundred twenty-nine (329), three hundred twenty-eight (328), three hundred twenty-seven (327), three hundred twenty-six (326), three hundred twenty-five (325), three hundred twenty-four (324), all in the village of Louisville, Cass county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour.

Dated this 26th day of November, A. D. 1899. JOHN D. FRICKE, Administrator of the estate of Jacob Frederick Huber, deceased. Byron Clark and C. A. Rawls, Attorneys for the Estate. First publication Nov. 21.

Notice to Creditors.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In County Court. County of Cass. In the matter of the estate of Sarah M. Winslow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate before me, County Judge of Cass county, Nebraska, at the county court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, from the 25th day of January, 1900. Witness my hand and seal of said county court at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 9th day of December, 1899.

GEORGE M. SPURLOCK, County Judge. First publication December 12, 1899.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of December, 1899, an application will be made to the Honorable W. A. Fowler, governor of the state of Nebraska, for the pardon of Nelson Gillespie, who was convicted of the offense of burglary, in the district court of the Second judicial district of Nebraska, for the county of Cass, in the May term of said court, A. D. 1899. Said application will be made by Henry L. McEldon, in whose employ said Nelson Gillespie has been since the 22d day of July, 1899, under a parole from the governor of the state of Nebraska.

A Word From Santa Claus.

Just call at Fanger's Department Store. And see my stock of toys galore. I'll be in town for a week or two. Just call and give me an interview.

I'm just as busy as I can be. Getting ready for Xmas you see, I have headquarters at the Department Store. With two or three carloads (?) of toys, or more.

You can find what you want. And the prices will suit. I have horns that will blow. And guns that will shoot.

Drums, whistles and dollies. And everything nice. We can fill your order. In less than a trice.

Don't forget where I'm stopping— At the Cash Department Store. Just follow the crowd and You will reach the door.

—OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Stylish TAILORING...

That is what you can depend upon at our shop. And that is only one of the many good points. We have a large assortment of foreign and domestic goods from which to make selections and every suit or garment we turn out is guaranteed to be satisfactory.

The Only Union Tailor Shop in Cass County...

Members of labor organizations are invited to call at our shop, where they can get the union label placed on their garments, and where they can get the best for their money.

Hudecek & McElroy,

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Holiday Announcement..

I desire to state that I have a well-selected stock of Watches, Gold Jewelry, Silverware and Novelties, which will make suitable...

Christmas Gifts..

Prices will be AWAY DOWN and we mean to sell the goods if prices will do it. Every article guaranteed just as represented.

A Beautiful Medallion given Free with every purchase of \$5 or over.

B. A. McELWAIN,

The Leading and Oldest Jeweler.

Furniture and Stoves

I. Pearlman desires to call attention to the trade that he has the largest stock of stoves and furniture ever shown in Plattsmouth and that he cannot be undersold by any dealer in the great state of Nebraska.

He made his purchases before the recent great advance in prices, and is giving his customers the benefit of that fact.

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If you are wise you will take a close look through his store-rooms before buying.

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Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion. Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

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