

CAPTURED BOER GUNS

British Effectually Reverse Legend of Laing's Neck Near Ladysmith.

GENERAL FRENCH WINS A VICTORY

He Drives the Transvaal Forces From Their Strong Position in the Hills—Battle Lasts Several Hours—General Kock, Boer Commander Wounded and Taken Prisoner.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Burleigh cables the Daily Telegraph as follows:

"At Ladysmith Sunday afternoon the legend of Laing's Neck was effectually reversed when a small force of British troops of all arms of the service, under General French, proceeded sixteen miles out toward Elands-laagte and after a sharp battle for several hours drove the Boers out of a remarkably strong position in the hills and captured three of the enemy's quick-firing nine-centimeter pieces and a number of wagons with stores of ammunition.

"Kock, their general, and a member of the Transvaal executive council, was wounded and is our prisoner.

"Our men, both the regulars and the volunteers, did superb work and despite our losses the enemy was hard pushed from cover to cover, and finally bolting ran like rabbits, throwing away their guns and clothing to facilitate their escape, even finding no time to catch or saddle their horses. Most of the fugitives looked as though they would keep on running for weeks.

The closing hours of the battle were fought in a cold, heavy rain, which continued to fall during most of the night. Our troops bivouacked in the Boers' position, but the wounded were sent back in trains and wagons.

"I carried in a dispatch from French to White, who later on came out by train and watched the action for awhile.

"The evening and night were very dark and a heavy rain was falling during the entire engagement.

"The flank attack was gallantly carried out by the Manchester and Gordon infantry and the Imperial Light Horse artillery, while the front attack, which was made with great boldness, was carried out by the Devonshire regiment.

"The wounded were brought back to Ladysmith in hospital trains and are being well cared for in the town hall and in the churches, which had been previously fitted up as hospital buildings and are well-suited for the purpose."

Ashmead Bartlett had a question before the House of Commons today asking whether the government had any information of a coalition between the foreign powers against Great Britain.

A. J. Balfour, government leader, privately asked Bartlett not to put the question, which was formally postponed until Thursday, but it is not expected to be heard of again.

Balfour's action tends to give color to the apprehension of foreign trouble which is entertained in certain parliamentary circles, though the ministers have privately declared that they have received no information to support such a report.

DESPERADO'S DARING DEED.

Horsethief Shoots and Mortally Wounds Constable Trying to Arrest Him.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 20.—Hardin Moss, constable at Loveland, Ia., was shot and probably mortally wounded about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a horsethief and desperado, for whose arrest he held a warrant.

The shooting occurred at a grading camp near Loveland. The desperado made good his escape in the constable's wagon, compelling Joe Morgan, a son of Sheriff Morgan, who had accompanied Moss, to take the reins and drive for him. After a chase lasting the entire afternoon the man's capture was effected on the outskirts of this city on South avenue by Officers Sam Albro and Harry James. The fellow showed fight and the officers were compelled to shoot him in the leg. He is now in the city jail, where he gave the name of Dave Williams and claimed to be from Nebraska.

MODIFY QUARANTINE ORDER.

Order Permitting Shipments of Cattle After November 1.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The secretary of agriculture has promulgated an order modifying previous regulations concerning shipments of cattle after November 1 from the quarantined district. It permits shipments after that date without any restrictions except those enforced by local regulations to all points except those in Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, western Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Cattle intended for these states are allowed to be shipped after undergoing inspection and being found free from infection. As the regulations stood before the change was made they prohibited shipment without inspection before January 1.

Wreckers Ditch a Train.

CHARLES CITY, Ia., Oct. 25.—Train wreckers last night ditched the engine and three coaches of a north-bound Illinois Central passenger train by spiking the rails. The engineer was bruised, but all others escaped. The engine was demolished and the property loss is heavy.

MONSTER OUT OF THE IOWANS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The order was given today to the officers in charge of the Fifty-first Iowa to make every precaution possible for the mustering out of the regiment on next Saturday. The under officers feared that this could not be accomplished in that short time and asked their superiors for a consultation on the subject. They held one and came to the conclusion that they will be able to meet the mustering out demands by November 2, and it is more than likely that they will be given until that date to do the work.

IOWANS ARE ON LAND.

Fifty-First Marches to Presidio, Cheered All the Way.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The transport Senator, which arrived here yesterday with the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, was docked at the government wharf today.

The soldiers were landed from the Senator later in the day and marched to the ferry depot. Governor Shaw and many other prominent Iowans were present, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered.

After breakfast the men were lined up for the march to the Presidio. The march through the streets of the city was accomplished under the same enthusiastic conditions which have greeted the other returned regiments. The men were cheered all along the line. Each man was decorated with flowers and flags. The camping ground formerly occupied by the Montana regiment will serve to shelter the Iowans until they are mustered out, probably in two or three weeks.

IOWANS MEET WITH DISASTER.

Party Reaches San Francisco From Its Alaskan Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The schooner Louis D. arrived this afternoon from Cape Nome with a party of seventeen Iowans, mostly from Nevada and Des Moines. The vessel left Cape Nome September 25, but encountered a heavy storm on the 29th, after having been becalmed a half day of Nunevik Pass. October 8 Charles Hough of Nevada died of dysentery and was buried at sea. The party of the Louis D. are part of the Iowa Prospect company of which C. Dr. Chester de France of Des Moines was frozen to death and was buried in the snow.

Detail to Watch Boer War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Colonel Sumner, Major Storey, Captain Gibson and Captain Slocum have been detailed to proceed to South Africa to observe and report on military operations. Colonel Sumner is a brigadier-general of volunteers, his present station is at London embassy. Major Storey is stationed at Governor's Island; Captain Gibson is an ordnance officer, stationed at Columbus, and Captain Slocum, who was United States military attaché at Lisbon, is on his way to Capetown.

No Operation on Czar.

DARMSTADT, Oct. 24.—With reference to the report circulated in the United States that the head of the czar had been operated on recently, it is pointed out that his majesty during his stay here was in the best of health, accompanied the czarina and the grand duke and grand duchess of Hesse on frequent excursions last week and yesterday attended the services at the Russian chapel here. The trepanning story is pronounced to be untrue.

Rockefeller Gets In.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—William Rockefeller was today elected a member of the executive committee of the New York Central Railway company at the session which authorized an addition of \$15,000,000 stock. The World says:

"The election of Mr. Rockefeller to the executive councils of the New York Central is of far-reaching importance, as it marks the surrender of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system to the New York Central."

Iowa Has a Thanksgiving.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 24.—When it became known here that the Senator had arrived at San Francisco with the Fifty-first Iowa on board there was general rejoicing. All the business houses were in holiday attire in honor of the returning soldiers. Arrangements for a proper reception of the Atlantic boys are under way and this city will not be lacking in its expression of appreciation of the work done in the Philippines.

Iowa Man Buried at Sea.

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Father McCabe is Dead.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24.—A Wascon, Minn., special says: Rev. P. M. McCabe, the well known Roman Catholic clergyman, died Saturday evening of Bright's disease at St. Mary's, a small mission near Wascon. It was Father McCabe who was instrumental in liberating the political prisoner John Boyle O'Reilly, who afterward became the noted American poet.

Abandon Will Contest.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 24.—The will of the late George W. Clayton, who bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the city of Denver for an orphan's college, was admitted to probate in the county court. The contest of the will which was threatened by a brother and other heirs of the deceased, has been abandoned.

Cuban Exhibit at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The War department is considering the desirability of having a Cuban exhibit at the Paris exposition. Secretary Root had a talk on the subject today with Mr. Quesada, the Cuban commissioner, and the latter is to draw up a memorandum on the subject.

Iowa Company Wins.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24.—An important mining decision was filed in the United States circuit court of appeals today. The Buxton Mining company, an Iowa corporation, brought action against the Golden Reward Mining company to recover damages for a wrongful entry upon its property, situated in South Dakota, known as the Bonanza Lode mining claim, and for the removal therefrom and conversion to its own use of a large amount of gold and silver bearing ore, alleged to be of the value of \$293,000. The verdict in that suit was for \$61,500.

A HOLIDAY APPROACHING.

President Issues His Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The president has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"A national custom dear to the hearts of the people, calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance acquires with time a tenderer significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandman. Increased comforts have come to the home. The national finances have been strengthened and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequalled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character.

"Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Those engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and disease. An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we are at war, and we are now on friendly relations with every power on earth.

"The trust which we have assumed for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions and under wise sanitary regulations the island has enjoyed unusual exemption from the scourge of fever.

"The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabitants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States, who were swift to respond with generous aid to the sufferers.

"While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago.

"For these reasons and countless others, I, William McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this continent, and in our newly acquired islands, as well as by those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, and I advise that on this day religious exercises shall be conducted in the churches or meeting places of all denominations, in order that in the social features of the day its real significance may not be lost sight of, but fervent prayers may be offered to the Most High for a continuance of the divine guidance without which man's efforts are in vain, and for divine consolation to those whose kindred and friends have sacrificed their lives for our country.

"I recommend also that on this day, so far as it may be found practicable, labor shall cease from its accustomed toil and charity abound toward the sick, the needy and the poor.

"In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

SECOND BATTLE AT LADYSMITH.

Boers Reported Repulsed, but British Lose Over One Hundred.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—A special dispatch from Capetown, dated 9:10 this morning, says there has been another battle at Ladysmith, and that the Boers were repulsed. The British casualties were placed at four killed and seven wounded, all rank and file.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—General White has telegraphed to the war office from Rietfontein, under date of October 24, saying that in the fighting near Ladysmith, twelve of the British force were killed and eighty-nine wounded, and that five are missing, the casualties being among the Gloucester regiment.

Blizzard Breeds Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 26.—A special from Great Falls, Mont., says: If any one has concluded that the time has passed when the servant is as faithful to the interests of his master as he could be to his own, he should consider the story of the recent blizzard, which swept through Teton county in the northern part of this state, a county given to the raising of sheep and cattle.

As a result of that storm nine men are known to be dead, and of these five bodies have been recovered. With one exception all were sheep herders, and all were found lying in such positions as to indicate that they had stayed with their bands to the last, dying in their attempts to save the property of their employers.

Russia Sells Gold Lands.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The fact that Russia has opened to foreign exploits on the gold lands of Siberia is announced in a report to the state department from United States Charge Pierot at St. Petersburg. He sends copies of a decree providing for the sale of gold lands to take place between the 15th and 27th of February next, and it is noted that the sale is open to any persons whether Russians or foreigners.

Governor Asks for Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—The secretary of war this afternoon received a telegram from Governor Murphy of Arizona saying that considerable trouble has occurred at Mazon, on the border between Arizona and Mexico, between American cowboys and Mexican officers. He recommends that a company of troops be ordered there from Fort Huachuca to remain until the trouble has subsided. He says that the civil officers will do everything possible to maintain order, but may not be able to do so.

A Fine Team Ruined.

Webster City Freeman: Supervisor C. D. Doolittle met with an accident yesterday which is likely to result in the loss of one or both of his fine driving horses. He was up on his farm, two and a half miles east of Woodstock, burning the dead grass off of a low piece of ground which he is getting ready to tile out. His team had been unhitched and tied to the rear end of the wagon and was more than a quarter of a mile away from where the men were burning the grass, and, as they supposed, entirely out of any possible danger. But by some means the fire got away from them, and before the men could get to the horses they were enveloped in flames and by the time they reached them were so badly burned that there is little hope they will survive the injuries received. The grass was about knee deep around the wagon and horses, and when thoroughly afire created a heat that burned hair and flesh off the poor helpless animals in an incredibly short time.

Corn Turns Out Fairly Well.

RISING CITY, Neb., Oct. 30.—Corn faking has been going on in this section for the past three weeks. While the yield has not so bad as was predicted by some during the hot spell, the first part of September, there is yet a heavy falling off from what was promised earlier on in the season, the yield being so far from thirty to fifty bushels per acre, and very seldom touching either of these figures, but more generally yielding from thirty-five to forty-five bushels. This yield will nevertheless furnish a heavy volume of corn for market, the large acreage more than making up for any shortage on account of the falling off of the per acre yield. Notwithstanding the prevailing fair price for corn in the local markets, there will be a considerable quantity stored on the farms, many farmers having conceived the notion that the price will be still better in the not distant future.

Will Bring Test Case.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 30.—Attorney General Smyth will in a few days file a brief in the supreme court in the case brought by the state of Nebraska against the Home Fire Insurance company of New York, the test case brought to find out if the insurance companies that paid ex-Auditor Moore some \$23,000 shall be required to pay it over again to the state. The case was originally brought in the Lancaster county district court, where Judge Holmes decided that the state, having elected to pursue the auditor on his bond and having secured a verdict and judgment, could not also collect from the insurance companies. The judgment obtained runs only against Moore, as the courts have held that the embezzled money not having been received by him by virtue of his office, his bondsmen could not be held.

Think McBride the Slayer.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Oct. 30.—There is much interest here in the press dispatches from Stillwater, Minn., over the confession of McBride, a convict at the penitentiary in that city, which indicates that he is the man who shot Nicholas A. Craig, the city marshal, on the night of September 20, 1896, from the effects of which he died a few minutes later, and it is thought the authorities here will take hold of the matter at once. There is quite a reward offered for the capture and conviction of the murderer. Mrs. Craig died about a year since and her death being undoubtedly the result of the shock received at the time of his death. Two witnesses of the shooting, Roy Patchin and Oscar Morgan, still live in Table Rock.

Head End Collision.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30.—Passenger train No. 6, going east, and freight train No. 29, going west, met in a head-end collision in the north end of the Burlington yards here. The passengers and trainmen were all roughly shaken up, but no one was considerably hurt. The engine of the freight was badly battered. The pilot was knocked off and the tender telescoped the freight car following.

The point of collision was where the switch track, on which the freight was, crosses the main line. When it was seen that the trains would meet, both engineers reversed, and Engineer Watts and Fireman Irv. Holmes of the freight jumped. Engineer McCoy of the passenger stuck to his post.

Nebraska's Soldier Quota.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 30.—The adjutant general of the army has sent to Adjutant General Barry a reply to the latter's letter of transmittal sent with a report of the state of the Nebraska National guard and unorganized militia of state which was asked for some time ago. Assistant Adjutant General Simpson, in writing to Adjutant General Barry, compliments him very highly on the complete data and the fine arrangements of it for the use of the head of the Washington office. In the report, which covers several typewritten pages, Adjutant General Barry goes into the detail of description of the organization, equipment, armament, drill and laws and regulations governing the Nebraska National guard.

Body Found on a Bar.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30.—A dead body was found on a bar in the river near Rock bluff partially furlined in the sand. Coroner Slatter was called and found that the body had evidently been there a long time, but could find no clue as to its identity, and it was interred near Rock bluff.

Sheriff Captures Thief.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30.—Sheriff W. D. Wheeler has returned from Kansas City, bringing with him Burl Handy, the negro who broke into a Rock Island car in South Bend last July and for which crime he and Harry Thomas were arrested. Handy at that time escaped from Constable Cain while being brought to this city. Thomas is now serving a term in the penitentiary for his part of the crime. After his escape from the office Handy went to Nevada and has been working as a section hand for the Central Pacific Railway company and had a time check for \$35.

Father Wins His Daughter.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Oct. 23.—The Hart-Mason na-eas corpus case was decided by Judge Keyser in favor of Mr. Hart, the father of the child. The case is one in which Mr. Hart, a resident of Springfield, Mo., brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Mason, the parents of his deceased wife, for the possession of his 7-year-old daughter. The child was taken by its grandparents when 2 years old, upon the death of its mother. Mr. Hart did not question the treatment of the child by its grandparents, but claimed possession by his rights as a father.

LIVE STOCK INTERESTS.

The Grand Showing This Great State is Able to Make.

CATTLE, HORSES, HOGS AND SHEEP

A Shortage in Cars Troubles Railway Officials—Increasing Business Keeps Everybody on the Jump—As to Nebraska Soldier Quota—Other Matters in This State.

Live Stock Interests of the State.

County.	Sheep	Cattle	Hogs	H's
Adams	154	15,355	29,576	9,135
Antelope	593	22,201	32,194	7,375
Banner	5,823	11,157	136	2,289
Blinne	733	3,389	329	305
Boone	931	24,795	28,998	8,182
Box Butte	19,437	21,346	639	4,239
Brown	1,487	8,808	11,296	6,094
Butler	4,154	12,716	6,378	3,522
Burlington	3,042	29,207	36,237	13,959
Hurt	778	31,154	41,088	8,129
Butler	2,352	24,880	29,982	9,952
Chase	185	18,881	29,374	4,352
Cass	490	39,619	39,850	9,521
Cherry	944	11,156	3,875	3,609
Clay	14,162	39,771	2,078	12,777
Cuming	5,900	31,119	1,599	8,496
Clay	562	17,904	36,762	19,139
Dakota	19,881	21,077	27,098	5,773
Dawes	564	22,896	47,210	2,998
Dawson	1,124	20,965	929	6,096
Deuel	3,593	41,744	1,869	4,539
Dixon	772	24,930	23,285	6,295
Dodge	3,324	27,398	39,353	7,531
Douglas	3,770	13,197	13,790	10,533
Dundy	4,321	11,182	5,617	2,847
Fillmore	115	14,928	23,793	8,291
Franklin	316	18,844	29,799	8,596
Frontier	2	12,840	31,994	9,937
Furnas	849	20,964	44,881	13,349
Gage	540	35,389	49,820	14,671
Garfield	911	4,623	3,710	1,991
Gosper	11,628	21,245	5,444	8,977
Grant	22,195	12,301	86	1,977
Harlan	16	14,907	12,801	10,127
Haskell	20,395	24,259	29,826	8,113
Hamilton	2,193	25,037	43,284	8,672
Harlan	96	17,287	24,194	7,598
Hitchcock	29	2,861	19,399	5,256
Holt	15	7,256	7,498	4,774
Holt	9,998	48,619	21,350	9,119
Howard	4,491	1,296	22,883	6,191
Jefferson	17,541	39,443	29,990	8,347
Johnson	1,788	11,978	28,218	6,526
Kearney	4,112	15,784	26,943	8,000
Keith	4,697	24,995	2,965	2,422
Keya Paha	3,929	15,515	4,221	3,575
Kimball	10,816	6,970	49	2,291
Knox	546	28,791	38,811	19,127
Lancaster	5,534	29,969	43,372	15,946
Lincoln	3,733	26,964	19,428	11,147
Logan	4,658	3,096	4,491	1,428
Loup	32	3,449	34,811	9,127
Madison	16,228	29,976	34,158	8,642
McPherson	8,770	377	477	1,061
Merick	12,740	39,980	25,290	6,890
Nance	975	39,665	25,735	6,113
Nemaha	494	13,434	28,254	7,674
Nuckolls	154	22,980	31,238	8,370
Osage	445	14,969	34,811	19,127
Pawnee	861	21,193	39,652	7,395
Perkins	6,333	7,799	2,859	2,209
Pierce	969	19,127	28,472	8,578
Plymouth	2,479	11,414	22,890	6,148
Platte	6,414	28,838	43,044	9,678
Polk	297	21,628	33,381	7,696
Rock	516	14,164	34,811	19,127
Richardson	1,737	27,531	40,511	9,621
Rock	5,894	13,474	1,420	2,614
Saline	176	19,355	42,333	10,468
Sarpy	665	4,882	14,911	4,717
Saundera	3,708	33,361	44,823	12,969
Scott's Bluffs	17,831	13,296	—	4,309
Sevier	2,894	21,044	27,290	7,923
Shelby	37,708	11,414	1,300	9,993
Sheridan	579	13,750	12,886	5,408
Sioux	6,2			