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LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

LEE AFTER RAIDERS

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL PUNISH CUBAN BANDITS.

Military Authorities Recognize the Necessity of Making Prompt Examples of Offenders—Half Million Dollar Fire at Cleveland, Ohio.

To Make Examples of Them.

HAVANA: The detachment of the Seventh Cavalry which was sent after the bandits by Maj. Gen. Lee into the districts they have been terrorizing returned from the hunt, with the exception of the detachment under Capt. Varnum. They report that they found no raiders, and no traces of any. Lieut. Caldwell with half a troop, searched the Toledo cane fields, into which a trail led, but nobody was found. The United States military authorities now recognize the necessity of action, and of making prompt examples of offenders of this nature. Their depredations have been carried on in close proximity to the American troops, and if the outlaws are not caught their immunity may encourage others. The Cuban army was full of hard characters; the Spanish former guerrillas also provide plenty of material from which bandits are made. Fortunately the problem of catching these fellows is much easier than the Spanish attempt to capture Cubans under the old regime, because the country people who suffer from brigandage are ready to act as informers and guides. The Cuban soldiers themselves, who are much excited over the killing of their people at Camite, seem willing to exert themselves sincerely.

STORM IN TEXAS.

Mexican Cowboy Killed on a Ranch and Several Persons Injured.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.: Several towns were visited by a terrific wind and hail storm April 16. At Lytle the building on the "X" was demolished and a Mexican cowboy killed. At Weiner, the home of the city marshal was blown down and Mrs. Insall and her two children injured. The school house at Medina was overturned and the teacher and two of the pupils were seriously injured. The coast country around Rockport and Corpus Christi is flooded and communication with those towns shut off. Telegraph wires are down and the Arkansas Pass Railroad has temporarily abandoned its trains on this division.

MRS. EWING ACQUITTED.

She Was Charged with Murdering Her Sister-in-Law.

MARYVILLE, Mo.: Mrs. Ida Ewing, charged with murdering her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Ewing, in September last, was acquitted by a jury. The two women took sides in a spat between their children, as they were about to retire for the night, and the trouble ended in the killing of Lizzie Ewing. The defense succeeded in convincing the jury that Ida Ewing acted in self defense, the claim being that Ida took a revolver from the dresser and shot Lizzie after the latter had attacked her with a pistol taken from under a pillow on the bed.

BIG CLEVELAND FIRE.

Half a Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

CLEVELAND: Almost half the block of business houses bounded by Lake, Bank, Academy and St. Clair Streets was wiped out by fire, the damage done amounting to almost \$1,000,000. The flames broke out in a straw goods factory where about 300 girls were employed, and that none of them lost their lives is remarkable. A number of persons were injured, none, however, seriously.

Shipment of Dead Bodies.

WASHINGTON: Secretary Alger cabled Gen. Wood at Santiago authority to ship to the United States all bodies of American soldiers that are properly encased, except those of yellow fever victims. The remains of the yellow fever victims will be sent to this country next winter.

Small Chinese Rebellion.

HONG KONG: The villagers of Tai Po Su, one of the newly acquired places in the British territory on the Hong Kong mainland, rebelled and burned some British mat sheds. They are now armed and occupy hills. Troops have been sent to quell the disturbance.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK: The weekly bank statement shows the reserves increased \$14,000,000, loans decreased \$10,300,000, legal increased \$1,849,000, deposits decreased \$6,496,000. The banks now hold \$19,450,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Pullman Company Reduces Rates

CHICAGO: Reductions in sleeping car rates between Chicago and the Pacific coast have been published by the Pullman Company. Hereafter the rate from this city to Pacific coast points will be \$14 instead of \$15.50.

Killed in a Jealous Quarrel.

CLEVELAND, O.: In a fit of jealousy, Wm. M. Beatty, aged 22, shot and killed John Madden, aged 32, and sent a bullet through the forehead of Mabel Day, over whom the men had quarreled. The woman will recover.

Hanged in California.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal.: Manuel Chavez was hanged here for the murder of Georgia Rodriguez, his mistress, in San Diego County two years ago.

Negro Hanged in Mississippi.

YAZOO CITY, Miss.: Sam Washington, a negro, was hanged here for the murder of a plantation manager named Coker, last November.

COMPARED WITH 1898.

General Level of Prices for March Was 8 Per Cent. Higher.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: Real spring weather has improved the tone of trade, particularly retail, and correspondingly helped jobbing distribution, but at the same time brought last winter's injury to the winter's crops more in evidence. The regular monthly Government crop report proved rather more favorable than expected, foreshadowing, on the basis of last fall's largely increased acreage, a yield little below that of last season. The unanimity of latter damage reports would seem to point to full information regarding the crop not being obtainable at the date when the Government advices were gathered. Among the favorable features coming to light this week might be mentioned the receipt of continued good railway earnings, advices of widespread industrial activity accompanied by rather less than the usual friction, as reflected in strikes for higher wages, and a largely improved distribution of wool. The iron and steel industry remains firm, though the tone of the market generally is quieter. The lumber market is active, stocks are small and prices manifest aggressive strength. The strength of prices in March renders comparisons with earlier periods interesting. Compared with a year ago the general level of values is 8 per cent. higher, while there is an advance shown of nearly 40 per cent. from the low water period of October, 1896. Wheat shipments for the week aggregate 1,383,619 bushels, against 4,425,302 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898. Corn exports for the week aggregate 2,666,125 bushels, against 4,661,194 bushels in this week a year ago.

BRYAN THE GUEST OF HONOR

400 People Attended the Jefferson Club Dinner in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE: The Jefferson Club of Milwaukee observed the natal day of the founder of Democracy in a fitting manner by a banquet at the Plankinton House last Thursday night which was attended by over 400 guests. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska was the guest of honor, and delivered the principal address. Delegations of Democrats were in attendance from many towns throughout the State, and nearly all the Democrats in the State Legislature were present. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors.

EXODUS FROM FINLAND.

Young Men of the Country Coming to the United States.

HULL, England: There is a great rush of young Finlanders for the United States to avoid the recent decree of Emperor Nicholas regarding Finland, which provides for an increase of the Russian military and naval forces. The steamer Arctur landed 315 men here from Hangö, 202 arrived a few days ago, and all report that many more are coming as soon as possible.

OLD RIVER CAPTAIN DEAD.

R. A. Dorst the First Man to Take a Steamer to the Rockies.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.: An old time river captain, R. A. Dorst, is dead. He was engaged in the river business when it was at its height in 1840. He navigated both the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and was the first man to take a steamboat up the former to the Rocky Mountains. Although in his 81st year, Dorst was kept employed almost up to the time of his death.

ACCIDENT ON GREAT NORTHERN

Snow Plow Plunges 1,000 Feet Down a Canyon.

SEATTLE, Wash.: A special from Wellington says: While a rotary snow plow was clearing the Great Northern track near Madison it was struck by an avalanche and dashed a thousand feet down a canyon. Seven men were on the engine in addition to the regular crew. All have been dug out of the snow but one. Three were probably fatally injured.

Hot Springs Duellists Discharged

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.: The Grand Jury considering the case of Sheriff Williams, "office Williams," Ed Spear and Will Watt, charged by the coroner's jury with the murder of Chief of Police Toler and four others clearing the street some weeks ago, reported to Judge Duffie that the evidence against the accused is insufficient. The prisoners were discharged.

Bottom of Volcano Falls Out.

SAN FRANCISCO: Passengers on the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, from Honolulu, state that on March 23 the bottom of the great volcano fell out, followed by great clouds of dust and smoke and frequent landslides. A hole 150 feet in diameter showed the extent of the cavity. All attempts to locate the bottom of the crater were unavailing.

Looks Like a Suicide.

NEW YORK: The body of a woman believed to be Mrs. A. B. Lyles of Columbus, Ohio, was found in Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and turned over to the coroner. A key in one of the pockets of her skirt bore the number of a room in the St. Dennis Hotel occupied until Sunday morning by Mrs. Lyles.

Poisoned by Wild Parsnips.

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio: Samuel Hartel, aged 12, son of Joseph Hartel, manager of the Martin tin plate mills, died suddenly from poison of wild parsnips, and five other boys who accompanied him to the woods and ate of the poison root are in a critical condition.

Glindstone Will Be Chief Whip.

LONDON: Right Hon. Herbert John Glindstone, son of the late William E. Gladstone, has accepted the position of chief whip of the liberal opposition in succession to Thomas Edward Ellis, who died April 5.

License to Build a Church.

WASHINGTON: Acting Secretary McKim issued a license granting the Catholic Church authority to build a church upon the West Point military reservation.

Spain May Build Ironclads.

MADRID: The Minister of Marine will submit to the Chamber a bill for the construction of ten ironclads.

ANN ARBOR "SPORT."

Annual Hair Cutting Escapade at Michigan University.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.: The annual hair cutting escapades which usually precede the Freshmen banquets have begun. The Sophomores of the Sigma Phi fraternity stole into the room of Joe Standart of Detroit and fashioned his hair after the regulation prison style. Standart is to be toast-master at 92 banquet, which is to be held on the evening of April 27. The Freshmen were immediately aroused and a search made for Keena, a member of the Detroit Naval Brigade, and Edwin Potter of Chicago, both of whom are Sophomores. They had their room barricaded and after the door was burst open they fought like demons with Indian clubs until they were finally overpowered. The Freshmen did a neat but hasty job and then beat a retreat. Both classes are aroused, and the authorities will be compelled to adopt severe measures to forestall a repetition of last year's "scrap," which lasted for a week.

LOUBET TO MCKINLEY.

French President Sends Message of Thanks to American Executive.

WASHINGTON: The State Department has made public the following message from President Loubet of France in reply to that sent by McKinley:

Paris, April 12: To His Excellency, William McKinley, President of the United States, Washington: I am deeply touched by the sentiments which your excellency was pleased to express toward me on the occasion of the signing of the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain, and I heartily thank you therefor. I especially desire to assure your excellency of the sincere desire of the Government of the Republic and its President to constantly draw closer the bonds of traditional friendship which have so long united the two great republics.

EMILE LOUBET.

NO CABLE YET.

Hawaiian Cabinet Cancels Contract for the Line.

SAN FRANCISCO: The steamer Rio de Janeiro from Hong Kong and Yokohama via Honolulu, brings the following advices from Honolulu under date of April 5:

At the meeting of the Cabinet of the third instant, the contract with the Serrymser Company for a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu was cancelled, and the bonds, amounting to \$25,000, filed by the concern last year, returned. This action was taken on a letter from the Secretary of State at Washington, declining to consider the matter.

Failed to Elect.

PHILADELPHIA: The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, Grand Army of the Republic, failed to elect a successor to the late James A. Sexton, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army. There was a deadlock on the names of Col. W. C. Johnson, of Cincinnati and Gen. John C. Black of Illinois. Col. Johnson will continue to act as acting commander-in-chief until the encampment here in September, when a commander will be chosen.

Girl Kills Herself with Shotgun.

ST. LOUIS: A special to the Republic from Montrose, Mo., says: Miss Etta Wilson, aged 20, daughter of County Judge William Wilson, took her own life with a shotgun because her betrothed, Virgil McCleary, had enlisted in the army and declared his intentions of going to Manila.

Two Children Drowned.

ORONO, Minn.: While crossing the Zumbro River at Shay's Ford, three miles west of Orono, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maler and two small children were thrown from their wagon into the stream. The children, aged 1 and 3 years, were drowned, and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

Murder Results from a Dispute.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.: Austin Mullins shot and killed George Seward, a prominent Republican politician, near Pound Gap, Va. The killing was the result of an argument. Mullins escaped.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; butter, choice creamery, 13c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 13c; potatoes, choice, 55c to 65c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 56c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 61c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; rye, 52c to 61c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; clover seed, new, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 55c to 57c; barley, No. 2, 47c to 49c; pork, mess, \$9.00 to \$9.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 81c to 83c; corn, No. 2, 42c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c to 38c; butter, creamery, 17c to 22c; eggs, Western, 12c to 14c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Two Young Married Women Shuffle Off the Mortal Coil Together at Omaha—Matrimonial Infelicity Impelled the Rash Act.

Double Omaha Suicide.

Having reached the conclusion that marriage is a failure, and that life has more of hardship than of pleasure, Daisy O'Neil and Kittie Overy of Omaha, each 26 years old, decided to put an end to their existence and swallowed sixty grains of morphine. The two women have been best friends since they were girls and attended the public schools together at Burlington, Iowa. They were married and went to Omaha to live in the same year, and having quarreled with their husbands recently they decided to die as they have always lived—together.

Mrs. Overy's husband is a fireman on the Burlington Railroad. The couple quarreled two weeks ago and separated. Since that time they have met occasionally and renewed the quarrel.

Fred O'Neil said the trouble between him and his wife occurred at the supper table and that his wife's despondency was due to that.

THINK SHE IS THE POISONER

Warrant Issued for Ollie Hanlocker, a Hastings Stenographer.

The sensational poisoning mystery at Hastings wherein Mrs. F. C. Morey and several other prominent women came near meeting death by eating candy containing arsenic, reached its culmination in the arrest of Miss Ollie Hanlocker, a stenographer in the law office of Mr. Morey, husband of the woman to whom the candy was sent. Miss Hanlocker was given a tip by her friends and has not been seen in the city for two days. Miss Hanlocker is a decided brunette of medium height, about 30 years old. The case against her was ferreted out by Mr. Tibbets, Mr. Morey's law partner.

Mrs. Morey is recovering, but Mrs. Gaslin is in a serious condition and will probably die. No positive trace has yet been found of Miss Viola Hanlocker. It is claimed by some of her friends that Miss Hanlocker departed for New York city, where she has three sisters, while on the other hand it is intimated that she has been taken to a private insane asylum. Her friends hold to the statement that if she perpetrated the crime she was insane.

POISON FOR AN ACTRESS.

Deadly Drug Sent to Her in a Box of Candy at Omaha.

An Omaha special on April 16 stated that Cora Tanner, the actress, was on the verge of death as the result of a most determined attempt on the part of an unknown person to take her life. Two poisons were used. The entire detective force of the city was set to work on the case. An air of the most intense mystery surrounds the whole affair. While Miss Tanner was at the theater, a large box of bouquets and a handsome bouquet of American Beauties were left at her hotel by a messenger. There was no name on the card attached. Dr. Lee analyzed the candy and found prussic acid in large quantities. The poison used on the flowers could not be clearly analyzed, but all the physicians pronounce it a poison of some deadly description.

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE FIRES.

Immense Destruction of Property and One Life Reported Lost.

Specials from Newport, in Rock County, on the line of the Elkhorn Road, say the loss of property from the prairie fires last week was enormous. Henry Haberecht, John Mauch, Jonas Conrad, W. Beedlness, E. Sixberry and Opp brothers lost their ranch buildings, including big stacks of hay and some cattle. Reports from Ogallala, the county seat of Keith county, said the entire northern part of that county was swept by fires. The ranches of the Holcomb brothers, Jonathan Smith and the two Farnstroms, among the heaviest stock raisers in western Nebraska have been destroyed. At Loup City George W. Mismar, was burned to death.

State Funds.

The last statement of the State Treasurer makes the following showing of funds on hand:

General fund	\$4,632,02
Sinking fund	51,325.46
Permanent school fund	290,753.03
Temporary school fund	225,355.18
Agricultural college endowment	17,295.90
Temporary university	13,457.21
University cash	10,258.08
Hospital for Insane	200.64
Normal interest	2,063.23
Normal library	1,975.70
Normal endowment	3,631.42
State library	6,985.45
Penitentiary special labor	178.21
Penitentiary lands	1,216.90
Agricultural and Mechanic Arts	9,050.42
Total	\$966,565.80

State Fair and Exposition.

The State Agricultural Board held a meeting at Lincoln, about thirty members being present. The question of holding a State Fair was discussed and it was decided that a successful fair could not be held at Lincoln this year on account of lack of time to secure and fit up the grounds. The matter of joining with the exposition at Omaha was discussed and it was concluded that if satisfactory arrangements could be made the fair would go with the exposition. The matter of arrangements was left with the Board of Managers.

Merchants Object to Mail Delivery

The system of free mail delivery with which Uncle Sam is now experimenting in different sections of the country has been on trial at Tecumseh for some time and while the farmers are highly pleased the merchants are becoming strongly opposed to it. They claim that as long as the farmers have their mail delivered to them regularly they scarcely ever come to town.

CATHOLIC PRIEST GOES TO JAIL

Rev. Frederick Sperlein of Tecumseh Is Behind the Bars.

Rev. Frederick Sperlein is in jail at Tecumseh. He was ordered there by County Judge Brandon in default of a \$500 bond for appearance in the District Court. He had been tried before the county court and found guilty on two counts—destruction of property and one of trespassing. He was fined \$75 and costs. The offenses were for breaking into and occupying St. Andrew's Catholic Church while the property was in the hands of the Board of Trustees awaiting settlement of a suit for possession in the Supreme Court. The Board of Trustees brought the suit. Rev. Sperlein could have given bonds had he so desired, but he preferred to go to jail.

Two Jailbirds Escape.

Lord and George Crane, two jailbirds, escaped from the county jail at Hastings. They had eaten their supper and were allowed to roam around on the outside of their private cells. They made their escape by piling chairs upon a table and cutting a hole through the floor of the supervisor's room. As the flooring was of pine it was easy and quick work for them. Lord was in for horse stealing and Crane for house breaking.

Quarrel Results in Murder.

Fred Moffit, clerk of the Hotel De Fair, at Hyannis, shot and instantly killed William Hough. Hough attacked Moffit with an iron poker and Moffit used a revolver in self defense. Hough was of a quarrelsome disposition and was often in trouble. Moffit has resided in Hyannis for some months and has always bore a good reputation. Moffit surrendered himself to the deputy sheriff.

Child Fatally Burned.

The 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marty, living seven miles northeast of Plainview, was badly burned by a gasoline explosion, resulting in her death. She undertook to kindle a fire in a stove and poured the gasoline on from a jug. The fluid ignited, causing her to drop the jug, which broke on the floor and enveloped her in the flames. She lived but a few hours.

New Bank Examiner.

Comptroller Dawes has appointed Charles F. McGrew of Hastings, a National Bank Examiner for the State of Nebraska, to succeed D. A. Colton. He has been for many years connected in various capacities with banks in Nebraska, prior to 1891, when he was appointed State Bank Examiner, which office he held until 1897. He has since been engaged in the practice of law.

Chadron Obtains Revenue Office.

H. W. Mathews of Lincoln has established headquarters at Chadron, having just received the appointment of deputy United States internal revenue collector, succeeding W. R. Eastham of Broken Bow. Mr. Mathews' district covers the entire western half of Nebraska on the Burlington and Elkhorn Railroads and also takes in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Grain Dealers Meet.

The State Grain Dealers' Association held its annual meeting at Lincoln. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, G. S. Hayes, Hastings; vice president, F. M. Ruble, Broken Bow; secretary and treasurer, A. H. Bewsher, Omaha; governing committee, M. C. Duff, P. S. Heacock and N. B. Updike.

Crow Resigns His Office.

Senator Joseph Crow has tendered his resignation to Gov. Poynter and the latter has accepted it. Unless some unforeseen necessity demanding the calling of a special session of the Legislature turns up, Douglas County will have to worry along with two State Senators until the next legislative election.

Nebraska Short Notes.

The Methodists of Broken Bow have just completed a new church.

A Wyomere painter fell from the gable of the depot at Odell and broke his leg.

There were 208 chattel and 69 farm mortgages filed in Adams County last week.

A company of capitalists have organized a bank at Colon. The stockholders are mostly farmers.

Two Fremont citizens have been held in \$500 bonds each to answer to the charge of statutory assault.

O. D. Galitin, who broke jail at Glenwood, Iowa, March 29, was captured at Wahoo last week.

The Bennington Postoffice was entered by burglars recently and \$3 in stamps and \$7 in pennies taken.

Every carpenter in North Platte is employed at present and work promises to hold out during the season.

Amil Johnson, living near Creighton, is serving ten days in jail for riding a neighbor's horse away and then turning him loose.

Gates College at Neligh opened for the spring term with an attendance nearly the same as that of the winter term, an unusual occurrence.

How does 1,900 pounds and \$76 sound for one heifer? That is the size of a heifer Mr. Hallock of Glenville, Clay County, sold last week and the price received for it.

The gross receipts of the Hartington Postoffice for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1899, were \$3,393.89, as compared with \$2,747.82 for the year ending March 31, 1898.

Burglars entered the Bloomfield Postoffice and tapped the safe. They scattered the books and papers on the floor, helped themselves to \$15 of private funds, and vanished, leaving a whole kit of blacksmith tools in exchange.

From all appearances Osecola will have a building boom this spring. Several years ago the whole south side of the square was burned down and the merchants that owned lots have not seen their way clear to rebuilding until now.

After bequeathing his body to the Omaha Medical College, a guest at the Millard Hotel in that city swallowed a quantity of cyanide of potassium and in a few seconds was dead and ready for the dissecting table. His name was A. J. Smith and he registered from Salt Lake City.

A smallpox patient escaped from the pest house in Omaha the other day. It took the whole police force, but he was finally run down and returned to his room.

BAD SAMOAN ADVICES

RECONNOITERING PARTY ARE CAUGHT IN AMBUSH

Heads of Three Officers, Left Dead on the Field, Are Severed by the Natives—Rose Advises Mataafa Not to Surrender—Other Items.

Officers' Heads Cut Off.

Admiral Kautz telegraphed as follows to Washington from Apia, Samoa:

On April 1, while the combined forces of the British and United States, under Lieut. Freeman, of the British Navy, were reconnoitering near Apia, they were ambushed. Deeply regret to announce the deaths of Lieut. Philip B. Kamsdale, Ensign John R. Monaghan, Coxswain James Butler, Ordinary Seaman Norman Edsall and five men wounded, belonging to the Philadelphia. The British loss in killed is two men and Lieut. Freeman.

An Auckland, N. Z., dispatch says that there were 800 in the attacking party. They severed the heads of the British and American officers killed. Priests of the