

THIS WIDE WORLD.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS.

THE ROBSON MURDER

MAN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH SIOUX CITY CRIME.

Jack McChrystal Alleged to Have Made Confessions—Was Seen on Night of Tragedy Hurrying from Vicinity of Assault.

Sioux City: In Jack McChrystal, who is locked up in a cell at the police station, the authorities are positive they have the real murderer of John E. Robson. The evidence in the hands of the authorities is of such a nature as to seemingly without question fix the terrible crime upon McChrystal.

The accused has, it is positively known, confided to at least two people that he committed the atrocious act. The names of these persons for the present cannot be divulged. There are other persons who saw him hurrying excitedly away from the scene of the murder, and who easily recognized him as Jack McChrystal. McChrystal now absolutely denies any connection with the affair.

HIS SOUL HAS DEPARTED.

Archbishop Hennessy Died Sunday Afternoon at 2:25 O'Clock.

Dubuque, Iowa: Archbishop Hennessy died at 2:25 p. m. March 4.

Archbishop John Hennessy was recognized as one of the greatest orators and most profound theologians in the Catholic hierarchy, and because of his zeal in educational matters has been named "the apostle of the American Catholic parochial school." His latest work in the cause of education was the founding of a seminary here designed to be one of the largest in the country.

In March last year Archbishop Hennessy was stricken with partial paralysis of the brain, and for many days he lay at the point of death, but recovered and enjoyed good health until the evening of Feb. 15, when he was again stricken. Last Friday night he suffered another stroke of paralysis, and though the attendants expected death every moment, he rallied slightly, and when Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia arrived Sunday morning the archbishop showed signs of recognition, though unable to speak. He then began to sink, and at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon he passed away quietly and without a sign of pain. Surrounding the bedside at the time were Archbishop Ryan, Monsignor Ryan, Fathers Toomey, Conney, Donlon, the archbishop's brother and sister, Dr. Slattery, and four sisters of the Holy Ghost order.

SIX PERSONS ARE BURNED.

Fire in Crowded Lodging House on the Bowery, New York.

New York: Six persons were burned to death and two were seriously injured shortly after 3 o'clock Monday morning in a fire which occurred in a seven-story lodging house at 44 to 48 Bowery.

The dead are: CHARLES BUTTIE, 40 years old. JOHN CLARK, 59 years old. EDWARD DOYLE, 35 years old. HENRY JACKSON, colored, 35 years old. STEPHEN CARNEY, 75 years old. ONE UNIDENTIFIED MAN, about 50 years old.

Martin Gallagher, 33 years old, was burned about the face and hands. Edward Walker, 47 years old, was slightly burned.

The lodging house was cut up into 132 rooms, and ninety of these small places were occupied when the fire broke out.

The hallways were instantly filled with a crowd of excited people. Policemen forced their way to the upper floors in an effort to rescue some of the helpless. They carried out Thomas Harper, a one-legged man, and Edward Walker.

The firemen succeeded in putting out the flames without great loss to the building, and then they began a search. The bodies of all five of the victims were found on the fourth floor.

The place was conducted by Dominico Milano, and was a cheap Bowery lodging house.

NON-UNION MEN ASSAULTED

Two Are Badly Beaten by Strikers in Chicago.

Chicago: Two non-union workmen are being cared for at the Coelco hospital as the result of brutal assaults made upon them by a mob of strikers at Canalport Avenue and Seward Street Sunday noon. They are L. S. Gouddy and Aaron Ayers. Two other non-union men were assaulted and badly beaten by strikers at Sixtieth and Kimball Avenue earlier in the day and it was only when a woman of the neighborhood came to the rescue with a revolver that the strikers were driven away.

Extensive Anvil Plant Destroyed

New York: The extensive anvil plant of the Hay-Budden Company, occupying three buildings in Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, the loss being about \$50,000. The fine hydraulic plant of the company, said to be the most complete in the United States, was entirely destroyed.

St. Louis Box Factory Burned.

St. Louis: The box factory of Wood & Downs was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$50,000. There were many employees in the building at the time and they had to get out so quickly that nothing was saved.

Liabilities, \$1,212,736; Assets, \$25

New York: A meeting of the creditors of Anthony W. Dimond, formerly a well known Wall Street broker, was held a day or two ago. The schedules showed liabilities of \$1,212,736 and assets \$25.

RELIEF VERY COSTLY.

Britain Lost Nearly 7,000 Men in Siege of Ladysmith.

London: The siege and the relief of Ladysmith have cost the British no less than 6,912 men in Gen. Buller's and Gen. Buller's forces, made up as follows: Killed, 1,046; wounded, 3,785; missing, 1,568; died from disease, 513.

Yet the relief of Ladysmith is the greatest British success yet gained in the war and is of immense importance to them from every point of view. Not only are they rid of the great entanglement of the war, but 8,000 troops and a number of batteries are added to their field force.

Col. Rhodes, a brother of Cecil Rhodes, describing in the Times the entry into Ladysmith of Lord Dundonald and 300 men of the Imperial Light Horse and Natal Carbineers, Feb. 28, says:

"It is quite impossible to depict the enthusiasm of the beleaguered garrison; cheer upon cheer rang from post to post, and staff officers, civilians and soldiers flocked to greet them. The contrast between the robust troopers of a dozen battles and the pale, emaciated defenders of Ladysmith was great. Gen. White and his staff met the troops in the center of the town. He was cheered with enthusiasm. He addressed the civilians and thanked them and the garrison for their magnificent support through the trials which we alone can realize."

A dispatch from Buller received at the war office announced that seventy-three wagon loads of supplies have entered Ladysmith, the first eleven wagons containing hospital comforts.

JUDGES SAID TO FEAR DEATH

Court of Appeals at Frankfort, Ky., Adjourns Until April.

Frankfort, Ky.: The court of appeals has entered an order postponing the argument docket until the spring term, which begins in April. The order of the chief justice does not give the reason for this action, but merely states that the judges will hold their consultations at which cases will be decided as usual, and that the court will convene on the bench whenever the occasion demands it. In Democratic circles it is said this action was taken on account of stories that the lives of two of the judges had been threatened.

The two factions of the state government are proceeding, each in full operation, but with nothing approaching a clash, pending the litigation over the offices. The treasury of the Democratic faction of the state government has been replenished by payment into it of about \$25,000 from officials in Jefferson County. The Democratic officials think the example set by the Jefferson County officers will be followed by Democratic officers in a majority of counties where they are in control, and that in a few days they will have enough money to pay current expenses.

BIG ORDERS FOR EDITION.

Topeka Postoffice Authorities Fear They Will Be Swamped.

Topeka, Kan.: Postmaster Guthrie has appealed to the department at Washington to allow him additional force to handle the "Sheldon edition" of the Daily Capital, which is to be edited during the week of March 13 by Rev. Mr. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps." The force has already been reinforced, but as hundreds of orders for the paper continue to be received the local postoffice bids fair to become completely swamped. Every state and territory in the union and most of the countries of the globe are represented on the mailing lists, many single orders calling for thousands of copies. One of the leading dailies of London has cabled for permission to republish the edition day by day in England.

GROVER CLEVELAND ILL.

His Physician Says His Condition Is Not Serious.

Princeton, N. J.: Reports of the illness of ex-President Grover Cleveland, according to his physician, have been exaggerated. He says Cleveland has had another attack of rheumatism, which has lately confined him to the house. There is feeling in Princeton, however, that Cleveland's health is not as robust as it was some time ago. The only information given out is that Cleveland is not seriously ill.

CAN TAKE DEFAULTER'S CASH

Chicago Park Board to Get \$126,000 Deposited by Dreyer.

Chicago: The United States circuit court of appeals has reaffirmed the decision of Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court in the case of the receiver of the National Bank of Illinois against the West Park commissioners, and held that the West Park board was entitled to take the \$126,000 deposited by the defaulting treasurer of the board, Edward S. Dreyer, in that institution.

Filipinos Ambush Cavalry.

Manila: A hundred insurgents, seven miles from San Fernando de la Union, ambushed ten men of the Third Cavalry, who were escorting a provision train. The Americans scattered and while returning to camp one man was killed. The insurgents captured four horses and a quantity of provisions. A subsequent reconnaissance of the locality developed the fact that there were entrenchments there and a force of Filipinos estimated to number 800 men. The Third Cavalry is preparing to drive the insurgents out.

Tribune Foreman Under Greecley.

Lexington, Ky.: George Young Johnston, one of the most noted printers in the country died here March 1 in his 84th year. He was at one time foreman of the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley.

Remove Emblems of Mourning.

Frankfort, Ky.: Unknown persons a few nights since stripped the state capitol building of the emblems of mourning with which the front of the building was draped on account of the death of the late Democratic governor, Goebel.

To Return Home.

San Juan, Porto Rico: Four troops of the Fifth United States Cavalry are under orders to return to the United States. Native troops are now being recruited to fill their places.

WEDS WRONG MAN.

Sensational New Orleans Romance May End in a Tragedy.

New Orleans: A romance that may have tragic consequences developed here on the 1st inst. A man who gives several names and has told a number of conflicting stories is locked up at police headquarters. It is charged he impersonated Capt. Clark of the battleship Texas, which is now at this port, and induced Miss Bertha Warten of Cincinnati to marry him. Miss Warten, with her brother-in-law, Alex Aronson, of 10 South Canal Street, and the latter's family, were stopping at the St. Charles Hotel, where they made the acquaintance of a man who represented himself to be Capt. Clark.

After a courtship of two days a wedding was celebrated Feb. 28. That night "Capt. Clark" went aboard the battleship and acted in such a manner as to arouse the suspicion of the officers. He was locked up, and this fact led to an investigation by Miss Warten's relatives. The bride is prostrated.

BIG GIFTS FOR SCHOOL.

Lake Forest University Is Enriched by Two Endowments.

Chicago: President G. K. McClure of Lake Forest University, announced March 1 that the institution had been enriched by two endowments, one of \$25,000 from D. K. Pearsons of Chicago and one of \$20,000 from Henry C. Durand, president of the board of trustees of the university. Pearsons' gift was made on the condition that \$100,000 additional be raised for an endowment fund, and Durand's gift was a contribution toward this sum. Both have been liberal benefactors of the university in the past.

WILL KEEP HANDS OFF.

Germany Knows Nothing of Any Project for Intervention.

Berlin: In reply to a question the foreign office told a correspondent of the Associated Press that in spite of newspaper statements to the contrary Germany neither knows of any project for intervention in South Africa nor intends such herself.

MAY MEAN MORE WAR.

Significant Telegram Sent by Chamberlain to Australia.

Melbourne, Victoria: The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, has cabled to the Australian government asking whether they will be able to send additional troops to South Africa in the event of the imperial troops being required elsewhere.

Comedy at Frankfort Continues.

Frankfort, Ky.: The Republican senate confirmed a dozen appointments by Governor Taylor of officers for the various asylums and other charitable institutions. The Democratic senate confirmed a batch of appointments by Governor Beckham for these places. The Democratic officers say that Democratic county officers are paying in money to Democratic Treasurer Hager, the first money being received on the 1st inst.

French Gun Factory Burns.

La Creusot, France: Fire broke out in the famous cannon factory from whence the Boers obtained their "Long Toms." Two enormous buildings containing gun materials and electrical stores, including the artillery models, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at between 800,000 and 1,000,000 francs. A large number of workmen were thrown out of employment.

Dryer To Go To Prison.

Chicago: Edward Dryer, former president of the bank of E. S. Dryer & Co., and ex-treasurer of the West Park board, was found guilty of withholding from his successor as treasurer \$319,000 of the West Park funds. The jury has fixed his punishment at a term in the penitentiary.

Chinamen Killed in Mine.

Rock Springs, Wyo.: Two Chinamen met death in No. 8 mine a few days ago. Their names were Pan Chung, who was struck by a "trip" and horribly crushed, and Toy Ging, who was buried under several tons of rock.

Double Chicago Tragedy.

Chicago: Wm. Lutz shot and fatally wounded his brother and instantly killed the latter's wife in the offices of the Acme Copying Company, in West Madison Street, March 1.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 33c to 33c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 29c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 15c; potatoes, choice, 35c to 45c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.00; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 white, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.00; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; rye, 58c to 60c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 59c; clover seed, old, \$4.95 to \$5.05.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 1, 51c to 53c; barley, No. 2, 45c to 46c; pork, mess, \$10.25 to \$10.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.25 to \$3.25; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$3.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.75; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2, 41c to 43c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; butter, creamery, 20c to 25c; eggs, western, 14c to 15c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Rate Cases Likely to Be Taken to the United States Circuit Court—Initial Steps Taken—Hearing Set for March 8—Other Items.

The initial move has been made looking toward the removal of the rate reduction cases now pending from the state to the United States courts. Judge W. D. McHugh, acting as counsel for the stockholders of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, has secured a restraining order from Judge Munger at Omaha preventing the state board of transportation from further reducing freight rates or from putting into effect the proposed rates on cattle, hogs, etc. The particular case in point is that of Henry L. Higginson et al., a stockholder of the Burlington, against the state board of transportation. McHugh, as attorney for the Burlington stockholders, takes the position that the state transportation board has no power to fix rates under present conditions of Nebraska legislation without leave from the federal court after first having shown a reduced rate is justifiable. March 8 was set for hearing the case on its merits.

REIMBURSES STATE.

Pays Its Share of Ex-Auditor Eugene Moore's Defalcation.

One fire insurance company has reimbursed the state for money lost by the defalcation of ex-auditor Eugene Moore. A check for \$229 was received by Auditor Cornell from the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company, the remittance being explained in the following communication: "CHICAGO: Auditor J. F. Cornell, Lincoln, Neb.: Dear Sir—In accordance with your favor of the 19th inst. we have forwarded a check to the order of the state of Nebraska for \$229.57 to the state treasurer and requested him to hand receipt to you. We dislike very much paying on account of Moore's defalcation and take the liberty of expressing ourselves to the effect that the insurance companies are not treated justly in the matter, and we hope that you will induce your state legislature to repay this money to the companies. In all our experience we have never heard of a case like it. The only consolation we have in matter is that if one lives long enough he will experience everything."

ENDS TWO LIVES.

Ex-President of Nebraska W. C. T. U. Murdered by Her Husband.

Wilson Waklin, a prominent farmer residing three miles north of Brook, murdered his wife at 12 o'clock p. m. Feb. 26 by cutting her throat with a razor. He then went to the graveyard where his first wife was buried, and, standing on her grave, cut two ugly gashes in his throat, falling forward on his face. Death in both cases was instant. Mrs. Waklin was very popular, being at one time president of the C. T. U. of Nebraska.

Family Trouble was the Cause.

It is reported that Mr. Waklin has been keeping another woman at his home, which has been very unsatisfactory to Mrs. Waklin. She had decided to leave him and had begun arrangements with that end in view. In a note Mr. Waklin said he was going to kill Mrs. Coryell, a friend of Mrs. Waklin, who had signified her willingness to help Mrs. Waklin get released from her husband. Public feeling is strongly against Waklin.

TOUCHING TESTIMONY.

Widow of Tom Ryan Tells of the Finding of His Body.

In the trial of George Coil at Chadron for the shooting of Tom Ryan on the range last summer, the most touching testimony was given by the widow of the murdered man. She related how the prisoner came to her house and told her that he had murdered her husband and told her where to find his body, but refused to go after help. She went to the body, which was surrounded by rags, and left her two oldest children, aged 3 and 5 years, to guard the cattle off of the body while she took her babe in her arms and went two miles after assistance.

The young prisoner appeared honored as being a central figure of attraction, and divided his time between addressing the young women spectators and listening to the testimony. He requested the sheriff to take him to a pharmacy before the commencement of the trial to buy some perfume for his handkerchief and breath.

Morgan Gets His Money.

Secretary of the Senate Alpha Morgan called on Secretary Porter the other day and presented a claim for \$270. This amount he claimed as the balance due him for preparing an index for the senate journal destroyed some time ago in the North fire. The property is of no value to the state now, as it will not correspond with the pages of the new journal being prepared by Maggie Koese. Secretary Potter refused to approve the claim until he had consulted the legal department of the state. Deputy Attorney General Oldham was of the opinion that since legislation had appropriated \$300 to pay for preparing the index, and since Morgan had done the work he had agreed to do, there was nothing to do but allow his claim. Therefore, Mr. Porter withdrew his objections, Auditor Cornell drew a warrant, Treasurer Meserve cashed the paper and Morgan returned home happy.

Claim Not Allowed.

At the regular meeting of the city council of Hastings the claim of Miss Helen Knight for \$12,000 alleged damages was disallowed. Miss Knight is a teacher in the public schools of Hastings and while riding a bicycle one evening last fall she rode against a stop-box of the city water-works and was thrown to the ground in such a way as to seriously injure her knee. It is understood that Miss Knight will immediately proceed with the case in the courts.

Two Break Jail.

Harry Elwell and Guy Roberts broke out of the new jail at Davonport Monday. They poked a hole in the cell ceiling with a mop handle and were lowered to the ground with a rope made out of a hammock. The men are at large.

Fall Injures Janitor.

Virgil Mullis, the janitor, while working in the bell tower of the high school building at Plattsmouth, slipped and fell, fracturing a kneecap and bruising his hip badly, but it is not thought that the injuries will prove serious.

EMBEZZLER BROUGHT BACK

Frederick S. Kelly, Fugitive from Justice, Under Arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Flynn of Omaha, who went to Chicago to take charge of Frederick S. Kelly, wanted on the charge of embezzlement, arrived home with his man a few days ago. Absconding from Omaha a few years ago on account of an alleged shortage with the Phoenix Insurance Company, of which he was the local cashier, Kelly traveled to the orient. He finally landed in the Philippine Islands and was given prominent rank there in the improvised American colony. According to a statement he is alleged to have made upon his arrival in San Francisco, he is glad he is under custody and prefers punishment to the suspense of evading the law. When Kelly left Omaha he deserted a wife in a penniless condition. She subsequently secured a divorce and left the city. One of his most recent escapades was to marry a young woman in California, who knew nothing of his past, it is said. Kelly is the son of an old and highly respected Lincoln family. He rebelled against coming to Omaha, but after preliminaries the decision was against him. When he was cashier of the Phoenix Insurance Company in Omaha he was well known as a man about town. The amount of his alleged shortage is \$6,000. One of the reasons for delay in Chicago was that the bond company which entered into his surety negotiated with him for indemnity, it is said.

Cheese Poisons Family.

The entire family of H. J. Lammers of the steam laundry in West Point was poisoned by eating brick cheese. The cheese was purchased of a local dealer and was eaten by the family for supper. No ill effects were felt until they had retired to rest, and at that time violent vomiting and sickness attacked the entire family. Physicians were immediately summoned and after working with the victims for the greater portion of the night succeeded in placing them out of danger. The tinfol in which the brick cheese was wrapped is supposed to have caused a chemical change in the article and made it poisonous.

Western Arid Lands.

On his return from Washington Gov. Poyner announced a meeting of western governors at Salt Lake City April 18, at which time it is proposed to draft a bill for presentation to congress dealing with western arid lands. The meeting was originally called for Washington, but a postponement was found advisable. The sentiment of western executives, Gov. Poyner says, is that if the arid lands are not soon ceded to the states in which they are located for the benefit of settlers, the big cattle companies will get control of them, and are already moving with that end in view.

Cannot Operate in Kansas.

The Kansas state charter board has refused to allow the Bankers' Investment Company of York to do business in that state. The action of the board was based on an opinion of the attorney general in which he held that the company was not a legitimate institution under the laws of Kansas, which provide that 20 per cent. of the capital stock of a company must be paid in before it can do business in Kansas.

News of Waugh's Death.

The death of Lieut. John R. Waugh, Thirty-ninth United States Infantry, in the Philippines, brought sorrow to the parents and many friends in Plattsmouth. While temporarily deranged from extreme nervousness he shot himself through the heart on the 27th ult. at Manila. After reading the telegram the mother became prostrated with grief and is confined to her bed.

Propose to Build Bridges.

Propositions are being circulated in the form of petitions for building two new bridges across the North Platte River in Scotts Bluff County. This will give the county three bridges, there being one now at Gering. The proposition is asked for by reason of the desire of south side people to reach the railroad now being finished through the county.

Slot Machines Closed.

By direction of the mayor and order of the chief of police every slot machine in Grand Island was suppressed.

Nebraska News Notes.

The railroads in Johnson County paid \$10,232.69 taxes for 1899.

The Northeast Nebraska Bankers' Association will hold its next meeting at Hartington on April 13.

George Koeneke, Jr., a young farmer living near Humboldt, had his right hand badly crushed in a cornsheller.

Commissioner Wolfe has leased 2,480 acres of school land in Knox County for a bonus of \$585 above the 6 per cent. appraised value.

The Fairbury Telephone Company has increased its capital stock to \$10,000 and will at once put in toll lines to the other towns in the county.

A new corporation has just been organized in Hastings which is to be known as the Western Brick Company. Its capital stock is \$25,000 paid up.

The Standard Cattle Company of Ames has begun the shearing of its sheep. Feeding the sheep in the barn gives a chance to begin shearing earlier than if the sheep were fed outdoors.

Over \$1,000 has been subscribed at Fairbury for the new public library. The Women's Club originated the movement and is pushing it with such energy that a free library will soon be in operation.

For the year 1899 the railroads that traverse Johnson County paid taxes into the county treasury aggregating \$10,232.69.

William Cunningham, one of Rushville's energetic business men, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at his home. An inquest was held and a verdict returned of suicide in a fit of temporary insanity.

The mayor of Gordon has issued a proclamation ordering all the children in Gordon to be vaccinated with anti-toxin for diptheria. Only those who have been vaccinated can enter school, and the houses where the children have not been vaccinated will be quarantined.

Aurora is suffering from a series of petty burglaries.

The first business failure of the year at Lodge Pole occurred last week when it was found that Ed Colard had left between two days. His creditors at once proceeded to levy on what property could be found, which amounted to about \$100. His liabilities were considerably more.

The miller at B. Crabb & Co.'s mill at McCool Junction was caught in the machinery and his left shoulder dislocated, the force of the injury driving the head of the bone through the chest wall into the lung. The bone was fractured in several places below the shoulder and the man is not expected to live.

LADYSMITH IS FREE

General Buller Lifts the Long Siege.

ENDS HARD CAMPAIGN

Official Announcement of Victory Made by London War Office.

Victory Comes After Months of Fighting—Brief Account of the Siege and Efforts at Relief—Gen. White Fanned in Ladysmith Oct. 30 After Disaster to British Arms—Reward of British General's Valor and Perseverance.

It is officially announced in London that Ladysmith has been relieved. The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller: "Lytleton's headquarters.—Gen. Dundonald, with the Natal Carbineers and a composite regiment, has entered Ladysmith."

The events which led up to the siege of Ladysmith began with the pouring of Boer forces into Natal by way of Laing's Nek and of Free State forces through Van Reen's pass immediately after the war began on Oct. 12. The attack on Glencoe Oct. 20 resulted in a reverse for the British, their commander, Gen. Symons, being mortally wounded. The British found their position untenable, and under the leadership of Gen. Buller they retreated toward Ladysmith, the force of 4,000 men being in imminent danger of destruction by the Boers. To guard the retreat a force of British from Ladysmith under Gen. French fought the battle of Elandsfontein on Oct. 21, which resulted in a victory for the British, the Boers being routed and their commander, Gen. Koek, being mortally wounded. Gen. Buller arrived safely at Ladysmith on Oct. 26, after a severe march.

In the meantime the Boers continued to gather in Natal and by Oct. 30 were strongly posted on three sides of the city. Gen. Buller, who had been ordered to command the forces at Ladysmith on that day, moved out all his force in an effort to break through the Boer lines and rout them, but the left wing of his command, composed of the First battalion of the Royal Irish fusiliers, the First battalion of the Gloucestershire regiment and the Tenth mountain battery, was surrounded by the Boers at Nicholson's Nek and compelled to surrender. The other British troops were driven back by the Boers, and from that time Ladysmith was under siege. By Nov. 1 the city was well invested. The day before a naval brigade had arrived from Durban with some powerful guns, taken from the warships. These guns proved invaluable in the long siege which followed, as they were the only weapons in Ladysmith which could compare in power with the magnificent artillery used by the Boers in shelling the city. On Nov