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IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Particulars of the Fight at Elands-laagte. Estimated That 400 Boers Were Killed. Boer General Kooh Killed.

Cape Town, Oct. 22—10 p. m.—A dispatch has just arrived announcing that the Boers are shelling Dundee, east of Glencoe, at long range, but that their fire is ineffective. It is now definitely known that Glencoe was attacked yesterday by the Boer main column. Our forces are entrenched in a good position. The situation there is not yet fully cleared up.

Cape Town, Oct. 23.—It is rumored here this morning that Barkely West, northwest of Kimberley, has been surrendered to the Boers without firing a shot. Cape volunteers, it is reported, will be sent to relieve Kimberley.

London, Oct. 22.—According to a special dispatch from Glencoe Camp, the British cavalry, while pursuing the defeated Boers, were engaged by a force of the enemy on the north road. Firing is now in progress.

In the engagement yesterday at Elands-laagte, between Glencoe and Ladysmith, when the British, under Gen. French, routed the Transvaal forces under Gen. Jan H. M. Koch, second in command in the Transvaal army, Gen. Koch was himself wounded and captured and has since died.

Gen. White in his report of the above fight says:

"The Imperial Light Horse moved toward the left of the enemy's position, and two squadrons of the Fifth Lancers toward his right. During the artillery duel, mounted Boers pushed out from their left and engaged the Imperial Light Horse. In a few minutes the enemy's guns ceased firing, and our artillery was turned on the mounted Boers who opposed the Imperial Light Horse. The latter at once fell back. After the artillery preparations, our infantry advanced to the attack, supported by our guns in the second position. The Devonshires held the enemy in front while the Manchester Regiment and the Gordon Highlanders turned his left flank.

"The Boer guns, although frequently silenced, invariably opened fire again on the slightest opportunity, and were served with great courage. After severe fighting our infantry carried the position. At 6:30 p. m. this was accomplished, the enemy standing his ground to the last with courage and tenacity. The Fifth Lancers and a squadron of the Fifth Dragoon Guards charged three times through the retreating Boers in the dark, doing considerable execution.

"We captured the Boer camp, with tents, wagons, horses and also two guns. The Boer losses were very considerable, including a number of wounded and unwounded prisoners. Among the former are Gen. Jan. H. M. Koch and Piet Joubert, nephew of Commanding Gen. Joubert. One goods train, with supplies for Glencoe camp, and nine English prisoners were recovered. It is roughly computed that our loss is 150 killed and wounded. "Our wounded and those of the enemy are now arriving by trains. Besides Boers, we have many Hollanders, Germans, and prisoners of mixed nationalities. The behavior of our troops and of the colonial forces was admirable."

Boers at Elands-laagte.

Ladysmith, Oct. 22.—The best estimate places the Boer loss at Elands-laagte at 400 killed, besides many wounded and captured.

All the British cavalry squadrons, except one, have returned, and the whereabouts of that one is known, so that there is no cause for anxiety. Severe punishment has been inflicted upon the retreating Boers.

Boer Death List at Mafeking.

Cape Town, Oct. 22.—A message received from Col. Baden-Powell, in command at Mafeking, dated October 15, says that fifty-three Boers were killed and a large number wounded in the encounter with his force. It is believed that the explosion of dynamite at Mafeking, so cleverly arranged by Col. Baden-Powell, resulted in very large loss to the Boers, so that it is quite probable that Gen. Cronje will not resume the attack, and will perhaps retire altogether.

Victoria's Heart Bleeds.

London, Oct. 23.—The secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, has received the following message from the queen, dated to-day at Balmoral Castle:

"My heart bleeds for these dreadful losses again to-day. It is a great success; but, I fear, very dearly bought. Would you convey my warmest and

heartfelt sympathy with the near relatives of the fallen and wounded, and my admiration of the conduct of those they have lost."

The Powers Will Interfere.

Paris, Oct. 21.—The Memorial Diplomatique and the Courier du Soir learn from definite sources that immediately after the first few fights in South Africa, the great powers will interfere under the terms of the Hague convention.

Said that Kruger Would Yield Now.

London, Oct. 23.—A special dispatch from Cape Town Sunday says that advices received there from Pretoria report President Kruger as now being in favor of an unconditional surrender. It is added that it is expected the executive council will meet on Monday or Tuesday to discuss the advisability of such a step.

The report it is stated here, must be accepted with reserve.

Boers Completely Staggered.

Capetown, Oct. 24 (Afternoon).—News from Dundee is to the effect that the Boer disaster at Elands-laagte staggered the Boers completely, rendering the attack at Dundee feeble. Therefore there is no cause for anxiety.

The Transvaal Situation.

New York, Oct. 24.—At London commons Wyndham read Wolsey's summing of the situation at Natal.

Yule has fallen back to effect a junction with White, who camped last night eighteen miles south of Dundee without seeing the enemy. Since reported all was well White fought a force of Orange Free State troops at Waschbaneck successfully.

A dispatch from Sir Frederick Walker was read confirming the report that Kimberly was safe.

Votes £8,000,000.

London, Oct. 22.—The House, by 337 to 25, voted £8,000,000.

FIRE IN EAST DURHAM.

Several Houses Consumed. Loss About \$9,000. Insurance May Be \$3,000.

Durham N. C., Oct. 23.—Fire broke out in east Durham about 5 o'clock this morning, and in a short time several houses were burned. It is estimated that the total loss will amount to between \$8,000 and \$9,000, covered by perhaps one-third insurance. The losers and the amount of insurance carried are as follows:

J. S. H. Proctor, three-story building, total loss; one residence partially destroyed; loss about \$3,000, with \$1,300 insurance.

C. A. Crabtree, drug store, burned to the ground, loss about \$2,200, with insurance of \$1,000.

R. J. Brown, stock of groceries; loss about \$1,500, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Brown also lost \$212 in cash.

Herbert & Smith, contractors, new brick building of Y. E. Smith & Co., partially destroyed; loss about \$700 and labor on building, with no insurance.

Knights of Pythias hall, over Crabtree's drug store; loss in furniture and paraphernalia, about \$400, with no insurance.

B. F. Abernethy, manager of branch store of Thomas & Campbell; loss about \$100 on stock and \$100 on personal effects, with no insurance.

G. T. Beavers, meat stall; loss on meat, butcher tools and carpenter tools, about \$100, with no insurance.

R. A. Crabtree, brother of C. A. Crabtree, lost \$15 in cash.

The fire was discovered in what seemed to be the rear of Brown's grocery store.

S. J. Gooch, a fireman, was knocked from a ladder by a piece of falling timber and badly hurt.

Just how the fire originated is not known. The opinion in East Durham is that Mr. Brown's store was robbed and then fired to cover up the crime.

During the winter of 1897 Mr James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay county, W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice so as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of ointments and two and a half gallons of whisky in bathing it, but nothing gave relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in but a week's time, and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Creelman gives up the fight in Ohio and says that McLean will be defeated. Hanna and boodle will do it.

Brooklyn won the final game of the exhibition series with Philadelphia on Saturday, 10 to 5.

The committee of forty of the gold Democrats of Maryland announce that they will support the Republican state and legislative tickets in November.

Admiral Dewey, on the advice of his physician, has canceled the dates for his visit to Philadelphia and to Atlanta and will accept no more invitations of this sort before next spring.

A business block in south Chicago burned Sunday, entailing a loss of \$120,000 and painfully injuring twelve persons. Fourteen buildings were burned. An old landmark was destroyed in the Grand Central Hotel. It was a frame building, and was consumed rapidly. The guests had barely time to save themselves, and fled with little apparel.

The northern part of Montana is covered four or five feet deep in snow. For four or five days last week it snowed almost unceasingly, and is ten or twelve feet deep in drifts. The bodies of eight sheep herders have been found in Toton county and fifteen others are missing. In Toton county 20,000 sheep perished, and it is believed that twenty persons have lost their lives.

A dispatch, Oct. 23, from Atchison, Kan., says: Two robbers last night shot and killed one man and wounded another in a store at Doniphan, which they later robbed. Today the desperadoes ambushed and killed a policeman and wounded another man, both members of a posse pursuing them. Tonight the robbers are surrounded, six miles north of Atchison, and an attempt to arrest them will be made at daylight.

Gen. Otis has replied to the three insurgent officers who entered Angeles last Friday with a request, made through Gen. MacArthur, for permission for a Filipino commission, headed by a Filipino major general to visit Gen. Otis in order to discuss peace terms and to arrange for the delivery of more American prisoners, that the desired interview cannot be granted, because the suggested propositions of the Filipinos are vague, indefinite, and unmilitary, and because the Americans must continue to decline to receive any representative of the so-called Filipino government.

A Columbia, S. C., dispatch of Oct. 19th says: The entire Wallace circus was arrested at Greenwood, S. C., late last night when about to load for Augusta. The loading was stopped and the showmen were in a serious fix. A farmer named S. H. Horne tried, it seems, to buck a game in a side show. After losing over \$600, he decided, as luck or the gamblers were against him, to appeal to the law. He employed a lawyer and swore out warrants for several of the men by name "and others." All the drivers were arrested as they reached the train with their teams. After waiting an hour or two, the managers paid Horne \$625. He withdrew the charges and the circus men were released.

A dispatch from Carthage, Miss., Oct. 21, says: For the fendish murder of the five members of the Gambrel family at Saint Annes in this (Leake) county, two men have paid the death penalty—one by burning at the stake, the other by hanging. Two negroes are under arrest beyond the confines of this county, and a posse is said to be in pursuit of two white men. This last statement, however, is contradicted from another point and developments must be awaited. Last night John Oliver Gray, a negro, was captured after being chased for miles in the swamps. He confessed that he was one of the party that did the murderous work, and the posse made short work of him. He was hanged and his swaying body riddled with bullets. Gray, in his confession, implicated two white men and these men, according to report, are being pursued, having, it is said, left the neighborhood.

Pneumonia is one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases. It always results from a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and perhaps prevent an attack of pneumonia. It is in fact made especially for that ailment and has become famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Can you afford to neglect your cold when so reliable a remedy can be had for a trifle?

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A Rare Coincidence.

While lunching picnic fashion upon the Mer de Glace a party of tourists were surprised by a woman who, letter in hand, emerged from the neighboring hotel. The party consisted of husband and wife, two daughters, a young girl friend who was traveling with them and a courier and guide. The woman eyed the crowd for a minute, and, then, rushing straight up to the young girl, she asked her to mail the letter. "It will get there so much sooner if you don't mind carrying it down with you," said the woman; "otherwise I shall have to wait until tomorrow when the regular postman comes." The whole proceeding was so sudden and so characteristic of women that the girl was inclined to laugh, but she pocketed the letter and promised to mail it as requested.

"Your face was your fortune that time," remarked the man of the party on the way down. "That woman looked us over well before she picked upon you. I suppose she saw that you were one who could be trusted—not to forget to mail letters."

Now the point of this story is not that the girl forgot to mail the letter, for she didn't, nor that it was the man of the party who had to remind her of it, for she needed no reminding, but that just before posting the missive the girl happened to glance at its superscription. It was directed to her mother. The girl could hardly believe her eyes, yet there it was in good, plain American writing, the name of her own dear mother, whom she hadn't seen for so many months and at her own home address. The girl sent a letter home upon her own account and learned that the woman was an old friend whom the mother had not seen for many years and whom the girl had never seen, though often heard of. When the two, woman and girl, afterward met to know each other for the first time, they agreed that the Mer de Glace had supplied them with the choicest sample of coincidence in their experience.—New York Sun.

A Test For Right or Left Handedness.

It is noted editorially in The Medico Legal Journal, New York, that in many criminal cases it becomes necessary to know whether a man is right or left handed. Quoting Dr. Hall of Denver, a high authority, the writer says:

"The matter has generally been settled by the production of witnesses, who have testified freely in many cases to a given condition when an equal number of witnesses have been brought forward who have testified to an opposite condition. In many cases the question could be better settled by an examination of the prisoner, if such an examination could be obtained, or of the corpse, in case this became desirable by a study of the cicatrices upon the hands, such as are inflicted by every man who handles tools of every kind, but especially the pocketknife. Although most left handed boys are taught to write with the right hand, I believe the knife is commonly handled with the left hand in such cases by the left handed, and many tools are used in a similar manner in various trades. In women the study could not be expected to be of so much value, and still it has proved to be fairly conclusive in many cases."

Lovemaking in Public.

It is evident from her letter to The Ladies' Home Journal that Miss Lillian Bell finds much in Paris to interest and amuse her. Among other things that are rather novel to an American "one sees," she writes, "the comical sight of a French bride and bridegroom, in all the glory of their bridal array—white satin, veil and orange blossoms—driving through the streets in open cabs and hugging and kissing each other with an unctuous freedom which is apt to throw a conservative American into a spasm of laughter. Indeed the frank and candid way that lovemaking goes on in public among the lower classes is so amazing that at first you think you never in this world will become accustomed to it, but you get accustomed to a great many strange sights in Paris. If a kiss explodes with unusual violence in a cab near mine, it sometimes scares the horse, but it no longer disturbs me in the least. My nervousness over that sort of thing has entirely worn off."

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

The Raleigh fair was a financial success. Ed. Turner, alias Anderson, shot and killed Thomas Pyatt Saturday night at a house of ill-fame a few miles east of Marion. The murderer fled.

There is considerable excitement in Roxboro over sm'-l-pox. A pest house has been established. There was one case at Roxboro, a negro named Joe Macklemore, who went there from South Boston, Va., where there are said to be fifteen cases.

Chairman Travis, of the penitentiary executive board, says he has no doubt that Supt. Day will, as he has promised, make a report Nov. 1st, showing the financial status. At present none of the directors know anything as to the finances.

A special, Oct. 23, from Madison says: While Will H. Opper and Riley Pierson were removing timbers from the new cotton mill at Avalon, both were struck by an upright piece of timber, which killed Opper at once and fatally wounded Pierson. Pierson is married.

The State veterinarian is directed to make a study of the conditions for horse breeding in the Blue Ridge section of North Carolina, to ascertain what breed is best adapted, the purpose being to get in some new blood. It is believed that the "French coach" horse will prove to be the best.

Artist Ellicott, of Washington, D. C., who is making the statue of Senator Z. B. Vance, informed the committee that it will be completed by March or April. The unveiling will occur at Raleigh on May the 20th, 1900. It is proposed that all the national guard of the State shall parade, and that there shall be a large body of Maryland and Virginia troops and of Confederate veterans in attendance.

Chapel Hill News: A woman, who gave her name as Mrs. Charles Smith, with two children, one a boy about 6 years old and the other a two-months old baby, passed through this place Monday. She rolls the baby in a carriage. She said she was from Norfolk, that her husband left her and having no means of support she was making her way to her people in Greensboro. She claims to have left Norfolk about two weeks ago and has rolled the carriage all the way except about nine miles. She and her children were tolerably well dressed and very good looking.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The advance in price of cotton and the low price in tobacco will doubtless result in an increased acreage of the former and a consequent falling off of the latter another season. That is the talk now throughout eastern North Carolina. The tobacco men feel that they missed it in not raising cotton, and next year by dropping tobacco and putting in all cotton they may miss it just as badly or worse. It is not a safe plan to carry all of one's eggs to market in one basket though. In other words the farmer should not depend upon one market crop alone. He may strike it right now and then but the chances are that he may often miss it.

LaGRANGE ITEMS.

Movement for a Railroad From LaGrange to Snow Hill. A Theft of \$609.

FREE PRESS BUREAU, LaGRANGE, Oct. 24, 1899.

In the old warehouse Mess. Parker & Kennedy, the proprietors, had stolen from a drawer in their office Monday morning \$609. A colored boy who bought a ticket and went to Goldsboro was suspected, but has not been apprehended. These gentlemen had the money in the office to pay for tobacco, hence the large sum. We hope the money may be recovered and the thief punished.

At the request of Hon. Jas. A. Bryan, president of the A. & N. C. railroad, a delegation of the citizens of LaGrange will go to Newbern on Thursday, October 26, to meet the directors and other delegations, to discuss the feasibility of building a railroad from here to Snow Hill. A meeting of our citizens will be held Wednesday night and the sense of the meeting will be ascertained and delegated to a committee to confer with the president and directors on above data. Now is the time for our citizens to pull together and seize this golden opportunity.