

## BATTLE ROYAL AT LADYSMITH

Twelve Thousand Britishers and Twenty Thousand Boers Engaged.

## MAY PROVE DECISIVE BATTLE

Report From Holland That the British Have Surrendered is Not Confirmed—Boers' Guns Silenced, but Burghers Started on the Advance Undismayed and Undaunted.

LADYSMITH, Oct. 30, 11:50 a. m.—Firing commenced at 5 a. m. this morning, the Boers shelling Ladysmith with 40-pounders. After seven shots, the British gunners succeeded in silencing the Boer force. A force is now advancing on the British left flank.

BERLIN, Oct. 30.—A report has been received from Holland saying the whole British army at Ladysmith has surrendered and the troops are now prisoners.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the Associated Press from Ladysmith this morning, which was sent at express rates, came through in the remarkable time of two hours.

A dispatch from the Durban Times at 9:55 this morning supplements the Associated Press dispatch with the information that the Boers' shells were chiefly directed at the station and that no damage was done up to the time the message from Durban was forwarded; that the heavy guns of the Boers, from which so much was expected, should be silenced so speedily as indicated in the Associated Press dispatch from Ladysmith is a matter of great surprise, but the subsequent advance of the burgher force on the British left flank shows the attackers were in no way dismayed thereby, and were still full of self-confidence and the daring they have exhibited on various occasions.

Apparently the Boers have concentrated for a supreme effort at Ladysmith. They have withdrawn their forces from other points, which they consider momentarily to be of less importance.

The perseverance the Boers have shown in transporting heavy ordnance and posting it in commanding positions has forced admiration even from their enemies. Unless the present attack is merely a feint to occupy the British

while the invaders are cutting off from the southward, the battle which opened this morning may decide the issue of the war so far as fighting in the open is concerned, as, unless the 18,000 or 20,000 Boers about Ladysmith are able to destroy 12,000 British, they can hardly hope to cope with General Buller's army corps, so it may be expected the Boers will return to the attack of Ladysmith if they were beaten off so long, as they must be fully cognizant that news of their success will bring thousands of sympathizers and adventurers to their standard.

Active operations the last few days have shown the cavalry under modern conditions, armed with long-range weapons in an entirely new light, proving them able to work as infantry both alone and in conjunction with foot soldiers.

### His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hard. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

### Was Shot for a Bear.

GLENDALE, Oct. 29.—Another case of a man being mistaken for a bear occurred about five miles east of here yesterday. The result is that Gilbert Gilkerson, a Swede, is crippled for life by a shot from a 44 caliber Winchester in the hands of Chris Hansen, a 17-year-old boy, with whom he was out hunting. The two had separated and agreed to meet at a certain point. Gilbertson reached the place first and sat down to wait. Hagan coming up, mistook him for a bear and fired at short range, the ball taking effect squarely in the left shoulder and badly shattering it. Gilbertson is a poor man with a small family, and should he survive will be a cripple for life.

### Your Face

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparils and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

## COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED

To Investigate Commercial China—At Least President McKinley Will Ask for an Appropriation for Such a Purpose.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: President McKinley is expected to renew in his forthcoming message his recommendation that an appropriation be made for a commission to investigate the commercial and industrial condition of the Chinese empire.

No radical change in the policy of the United States, with respect to China is contemplated by the president, but it is proposed to safeguard American interests in every way. No discriminating treatment of American citizens or American trade will be permitted for an instant, and undoubtedly the inauguration of the exclusion policy on the part of the foreign governments possessing spheres of influence in China will be bitterly opposed by this government. However, such a contingency as the latter is not expected.

As soon as the insurrection is quelled, it is the intention of the department, unless future developments should arise, to withdraw the larger ships, though the two monitors, Monadnock and Monterey, will remain at Manila as a naval guard for that city.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner 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 liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in 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. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

### Townsend Not Guilty.

PENDLETON, Oct. 29.—The jury in the Tim Townsend murder case returned a verdict today of not guilty. They had been out twenty four hours. Although it was admitted that Townsend killed William Hale, shooting him with a Winchester rifle, the verdict of acquittal was apparently based upon the claim made by the defense that Hale was on the point of killing Tom Tuttle, Townsend's friend, and therefore in the act of committing a felony in a dwelling-house, in which case the law excuses killing.

### No Sight to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate the stomach, liver and kid-

neys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 2

On the 10th of December, 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor M. E. Church, South, Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., contracted a severe cold which was attended from the beginning by violent coughing. He says: "After resorting to a number of so called 'specifics,' usually kept in the house, to no purpose, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. I most cheerfully recommend it to the public." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

## FAIRHAVEN CANNERY BURNED

All Machinery and Stock, Including Fifteen Thousand Cases of Canned Salmon, Went Up in Smoke.

FAIRHAVEN, Wash., Oct. 30.—The Aberdeen Packing Company's cannery burned this morning at 1 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The cannery and contents were insured for \$70,000, \$20,000 of which was on the buildings. There were 15,000 cases of canned salmon in the building, very little of which will be saved. A million and a half of labels, 12,000 empty boxes, \$2000 worth of lacquer, 5000 cases of empty cans and other cannery material were burned.

The machinery was the best of its kind, and included a canmaking outfit. Out of the \$15,000 worth, only the boilers and retorts will be worth anything. The rest is warped and destroyed. The cannery was 265 feet long and 185 feet wide, and this year the product put up was 70,000 cases.

The fire originated from an explosion, probably in the lacquer room, and in a few minutes the building was all in flames. There was no wind, and the weather was damp and foggy, otherwise the entire water front would have burned. The Fairhaven Canning Co's. storehouse, near by, was partly burned, and part of the \$40,000 worth of sockeye salmon in it damaged, but it is fully covered by insurance.

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Nickeling—It has nickeled urn, name plate and foot rails. We have a complete stock of them on hand, call and see our stock before buying elsewhere.

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"Pickwick"

Nearly every well-dressed stout man you meet on our streets wears "Pickwick suits. If he doesn't he ought to. He would save money. "Pickwick Suits are equal to the best merchant tailor made." But the prices? There's where you'll notice a difference.

Pickwick Suits, \$10.00 to \$25.00

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Next time you happen in our Cloak Departments ask to see some of those nobby short jackets, made of a brown herringbone stripe, plaid back cheviot; they are without doubt the neatest little jackets shown this season at the price. The lapels are faced with satin to match. The fit is perfect, giving one that jaunty, well-dressed air; the price is only



\$10.00.

## Golf Capes.

The assortment is daily growing less. If you would have one of these in-every-way-correct Golf Capes, you must call soon. Manufacturers tell us the market is almost exhausted in this material and they are experiencing any amount of trouble in the filling of their orders. Navy blue Golf Cape, plaid self-lining; plaid hood, edged with fringe, only

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## "Is God's Good Blessing"

"I feel that God has blessed Dr. Acker with special knowledge to prepare that grand medicine called Acker's English Remedy for Throat and Lung Troubles. It saves children every time when they are attacked by croup. Every mother should know about it, and I will tell about my experience. I had a darling boy of four years to die with croup. My doctor did all he could, but the child could not be made to vomit. That was before I knew of Acker's English Remedy. After I did hear of it, I got a bottle. When our little eighteen-months-old girl was stricken with croup, I gave her this medicine, and inside of twenty minutes she vomited and was better right away. During the winter she had croup four times, and it brought her through each time all right. I, myself, had bronchitis pretty bad, and Acker's English Remedy cured me completely. Before I close, I want to tell you of my neighbor's boy, named Jobe Nana. He had bronchitis, too. He got worse all the time. My husband went over to his house and told him about my case. Then his mother went to town, got a 50-cent bottle of Acker's English Remedy, and he took it. He came over to our house a few days later and said he was all right, and also said two doses relieved him from the start. You can understand by my letter why I think so much of Acker's English Remedy. I repeat that God's blessing must surely have been bestowed upon Dr. Acker."



(Signed) MRS. JOHN YEAGER, Rochester, Pa.

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