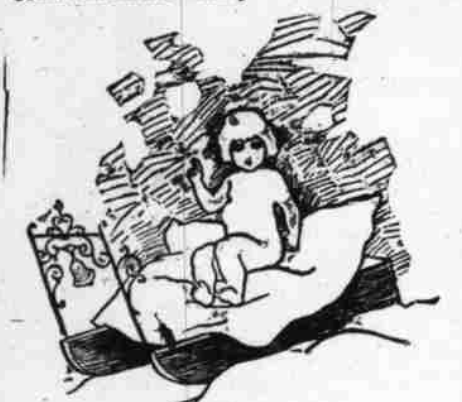


The baby's coming is often looked forward to as a time of dread and danger. Many women are physically unfit to become mothers. They are sick and weak.



In a womanly way and may well look with fear toward the maternity. Intelligent preparation for this time is most essential. An athlete's "trains" for months before his trial. Most women do not "train" at all and yet their trial is to be fifty times as severe as the athlete's.

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WHEN THE TIDE IS LOW. LIZZIE CLARK HARDY.

Some time at eve when the tide is low I shall slip my mooring and sail away. With no response to the friendly hail of kindred craft in the busy bay. In the silent lurch of the twilight pale, When the night stoops down to embrace the bay. And the voices call in the waters' flow.

Some time at eve when the tide is low I shall slip my mooring and sail away. Through purple shadows that darkly trail. Over the ebbing tide of the Unknown Sea. I shall fare me away, with a dip of gale And a ripple of waters to tell the tale. Of a lonely voyager, sailing away. To Mystic Isles, where at anchor lay The craft of those who have sailed before.

O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore. A few who have watched me sail away Will miss my craft from the busy bay. Some friendly barks that were anchored near. Some loving souls that my heart held dear. In silent sorrow will drop a tear. But I shall have peacefully furled my sail. In moorings sheltered from storm or gale. And greeted the friends who have sailed before.

O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore. SUNDAY SELECTIONS. — Truth is by its very nature intolerant, for every truth is the denial of its opposing error.—Luther.

"The household in which God dwells, however poor it may be in other respects, is nevertheless, rich in essential things." — Never lay out all you can afford; for he who lays out everything he can afford lays out more than he can afford.—Arabian Nights.

— If we strive to become what we strive to appear, manners may often be rendered useful guides to the performance of our duties.—Sidney Smith.

— There were many rooms in Noah's ark, but only one condition. There are many denominations among evangelical Christians, but there is but one door into the kingdom of heaven, which is, "I am the door; by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved." — The Christian life is a going to the Father. Some travel swiftly, some are long upon the road, some meet many pleasant adventures by the way, others pass through fire and peril; but through the path be short or winding and through the path be quick or slow, it is a going to the Father.—Professor Drummond.

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WAR IN FULL SWING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Reported That the British Have Gained a Great Victory Over the Boers.

ATTACKS UPON MAFEKING.

The Boers Repulsed But Fighting Still Continues—Another Armored Train Blown Up—No Engagement at Ladysmith—More Troops.

LONDON, October 14.—Further details are at hand regarding the destruction of the armored train at Kraapan. These show that Captain Nesbitt, who was in command of the train, was warned at Maribogo that the Boers held the line. He replied that he was bound to proceed. Nearing Kraapan the train dashed into a covert that had been blown up by the Boers, who were lying in wait for the train. The Boer artillery immediately opened fire and a desperate fight appears to have ensued, lasting four hours, with the odds against the British. The precise details are uncertain.

It seems, however, that a police patrol, attracted by the firing, approached within about two hundred yards of Kraapan, saw the train dived, with the Boers' artillery still pounding at it, but noticed no response. The Boers seemed afraid to approach until the police patrol feared, as there was no sign of life near the train, that the entire force had perished in a desperate attempt to get back to Mafeking. It is reported that the Boers lost heavily, but there is no means of verifying this. Two miles of rails were torn up.

The Rumored Battle in Natal.

There is no authoritative confirmation of the report that a battle has been fought in Natal between Gen. Sir George Stewart White and the Orange Free State troops, although there is no question that the Boers have crossed the frontier at several points. They are said to have eighteen guns; but as it is reported the engagement began before the Boers had formed a laager or thrown up earthworks, the British cavalry and artillery are liable to have had the best of the fighting.

It is even already reported that the British have gained a great victory, that two thousand Boers were killed, and that the British were very slight, but this may be without foundation, as another report has been published to the effect that Lord Roberts was in receipt of news of a great British victory, which was stated in the London Press representative questioned him regarding the alleged dispatch he replied: "I am sorry that I have not received anything of the sort."

A Disquieting Report. LONDON, October 14.—In connection with a rumored attack upon Mafeking a disquieting report comes from Pretoria, to the effect that the Boers and Marico commandos have crossed the border and entered the Rooigrand territory between Lichtenburg and Mafeking, blowing up the bridge over the Malopu river and destroying a train load of dynamite and the track. As Mafeking depends upon Rooigrand for its water supply, the significance of this move is evident.

The Boers, it is reported, have seized the railway station between Vryburg and Kimberley. Fighting is still continuing in the neighborhood. According to reports from the front the Boers have made several attacks upon Mafeking, all of which have been repulsed.

Another Train Blown Up. The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a dispatch from Cape Town, dated this morning, saying that the Boers have blown up another armored train, carrying the Boer operators from Mafeking.

Captured by the Boers. The following official dispatch has been received from Cape Town, where it was filed at 2:35 P. M. to-day: "The engine driver and one native escaped from the armored train. The former was wounded in the hand. He reports that Captain Nesbitt was slightly wounded and that the party in the train, whose number he does not know, was captured by the Boers. He believes that the prisoners were unharmed."

"The armored train that was sent to Vryburg from Kimberley with the two seven-pounders, last night, was captured in safety, having transferred the guns to the train that was destroyed."

No Engagement at Ladysmith. The following dispatch from Ladysmith has been received at the War Office to-day: "General Sir George Stewart White went in the direction of Van Reenen's Pass at 3 o'clock A. M. yesterday, Friday, but failed to draw the Boers to the pass. He returned to Ladysmith where he now is. No engagement occurred."

DURBAN, October 14.—Two armored trains were captured in the hands of the Boers in the direction of Ladysmith. The transports Gaul and Henzada arrived to-day from India.

The transport Wardha, with a contingent of Lancasters, was compelled to put back here. She encountered a severe gale off East London, southeast of King Williamstown and was considerably damaged, losing nearly one hundred boxes.

The report that fighting has taken place at Kraapan, has been officially confirmed. The Boers have occupied Spitz-Kop near New Castle.

Authentic news has reached here that three thousand Boers encamped on the Ingogo battlefield last evening.

REV. WM. S. LACY, D. D. Died Yesterday at Home of His Brother in Raleigh, N. C.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., October 14.—Rev. William S. Lacy, D. D. died this morning at the home of his brother, Labor Commissioner B. R. Lacy, after a lingering illness of consumption. He was the son of the late Rev. Dr. Drevy Lacy, who was for eighteen years pastor of the Raleigh Presbyterian church, and for ten years president of Davidson College. Dr. Lacy had been for eleven years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Norfolk, Va., but resigned in August last on account of failing health.

A special cable to the Chicago Tribune from Berlin, says: News comes from Apia that the natives have proclaimed Queen Liliuokalani, despite the recent agreement of the United States, Germany and Great Britain to abolish the office.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL.

Re-opening Celebration—Visit of Inspection—Prominent Business Men—Reception at Elizabeth City.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NORFOLK, VA., October 14.—The re-opening of the old Dismal Swamp canal was celebrated to-day and the canal officially opened to traffic. A party of one hundred prominent railway and steamship officials, representing many of the great lines of the Atlantic seaboard, went over the canal on the steamer Ocean View. The start was made from Norfolk this morning at 8:30 o'clock, and Elizabeth City, N. C., was reached about 5 o'clock.

The fleet of inspection included the steamer Ocean View, tug Nettie, of Norfolk, and the torpedo boat Talbot. All three were locked through the locks at one lockage. The reception at Elizabeth City was an ovation. As the fleet reached the wharf, all the mill and boat wharves at Elizabeth City let loose at once, the wharves were crowded with cheering thousands, the brass bands of the city played and the mayor and his staff received the guests with an address of welcome. This was followed by a banquet at Hotel Arlington. The party then returned to Norfolk on a special train, where the Norfolk and Southern railway.

The canal begins at Deep creek, connects with Pasquotank river and is twenty-two miles long. Traffic through it has opened in good shape and barges drawing eight feet are going through without difficulty. The new water way enables all light draft shipping to take the inland channel and avoid the dreaded Diamond Shoals. It also opens up to improvement thousands of acres of fertile land and a great area of good hard wood and pine timber.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

Race Between Naval Vessels from United States to the Philippines—Vessels Sail This Week.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, October 14.—The Navy Department has been informed that the New Orleans will be able to sail from New York navy yard for Manila next Friday. The boilers were found to be in a much better condition than was at first reported. The navy people are watching with interest what promises to be one of the finest ocean races on record between naval vessels from the United States to the Philippines. The Nashville got away to-day, starting from San Juan and bound first to Suez. The Marietta sails Monday from Lambert's Point in Hampton Roads. The fast Brooklyn is also expected to sail Monday from Norfolk, while as before stated, the New Orleans sails Friday. These ships all go by way of Suez. From the other side of the continent there will start during the coming week the Panzer, which will try at our store. He is substituted for the Badger, and then the Newark. Although handicapped by nearly a week, these vessels have the shortest course, and the naval officers here believe that the Newark will land the Newark at Manila ahead of the faster eastern bound ships.

Miss Ruth Underhill, of the Nassau Golf Club, Gloucester, L. I., is the champion of women golfers of the United States. On the links of the Philadelphia Country Club, she defeated Mrs. Caleb F. Fox, of the Huntington Valley Country Club, Rydal, Pa., by a score of 2 up, with 1 hole to play, thus becoming the national champion.

The steamer W. P. Ketcham ran down the little schooner Typo in Lake Harcon yesterday. The Typo was instantly sunk, and four of her crew were drowned.

Advertisement for Syrup of Figs. Includes text: "ACTS GENTLY ON THE KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS. CLEANS THE SYSTEM EFFECTUALLY. DISPELS COLDS, BRUISES, OVERCOMES HEADACHES & FEVERS. HABITUAL CONSTIPATION PERMANENTLY ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS."

Advertisement for Virginia Meal. Lists prices for various quantities: 800 BUSHELS VIRGINIA WATER GROUND MEAL, 300 BARS BARS RED SEAL FLOUR, 800 ROLLS BAGGING, 900 BUNDLES TIES, 400 FISH BARRELS, 100 CASES TOMATOES, 50 CASES TABLE PEACHES, 50 CASES PIE PEACHES, 100 BOXES SOAP, 25 BOXES PEPPER, 15 BOXES SPICE.

Advertisement for B. O. Stone, Wholesale Grocer. Lists items: Hatchet Tobacco, 8¢; Best 6¢; Best 5¢.

Advertisement for Hughes' Tonic. Text: "Improved, Palatable. Splendid general tonic. Better Than Quinine, Because It Regulates Liver and Bowels, Invigorates the Whole System."

Advertisement for Seasonable Goods. Lists items: MULLETS, new catch. Best Cream Cheese, Martin's Gilt Edge Butter, Bagging and Ties. SALT.

Advertisement for Rob Roy Flour. Text: "Sole agents for Rob Roy Flour. McNair & Pearsall, Louisville, Ky."

Advertisement for Rising Breast. Text: "RISING BREAST. woman who uses 'MOTHER'S FRIEND' need fear the suffering and danger of child-birth—for it robs this ordeal of its horror and insures safety to mother and child. One bottle 'Mother's Friend' is worth its weight in gold to every woman, and will be sent free in plain envelope by Bradfield Regulator Company, Atlanta, Ga."



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