

A BATTLE EXPECTED TO SPEAK TO-NIGHT

British Force only Four Miles From Boers Who Surround Ladysmith.

PLOTTING IN FREE STATE.

Movement to Replace Steyn With a British Sympathizer—Native Chiefs Loyal to the British—Three Columns Converging on Ladysmith.

By Telegraph to The News.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—Scouts from Modderspruit having reported the Boers in force on the Helpmakaar road, White ordered out a strong force of artillery mounted infantry and cavalry. A small patrol of mounted infantry was shelled by the Boers nine miles from Ladysmith and the Boer position was finally located three miles beyond Modderspruit. The British force is now four miles from the Boers.

RELATED TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A number of related telegrams were received this morning.

One from Buluwayo, dated the 16th, said Lieutenant Llewellyn's force of police and railway men was holding the Boers in check near Lotabasi. Chief Khama expected to be attacked and had appealed for assistance. Chief Linchwe is loyal to the British.

On the 17th an armored train killed eight Boers.

A Cape Town dispatch says word has been received that the Boers have evacuated Kilipdam and are apparently reinforcing their forces for attacking Mafeking.

PREPARED TO BOMBARD LADYSMITH.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—Three columns of Boers are closing upon Ladysmith. White is expecting an attack. The Boers are taking their time and choosing good positions. They are hauling up their artillery so they can bombard the British entrenchments. They have more and heavier guns than White expected. Scouts have learned this.

EXPLOSIVE BULLETS FOUND.

PRETORIA, Oct. 28.—Krieger states that several cases of "dum dum" bullets found in Dundee after the British evacuated. He says the younger Boers are anxious to use them, but are restrained from doing so.

BULLER ARRIVES TOMORROW.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—General Sir Buller is expected to arrive tomorrow and take command of the British forces in South Africa.

FOR BOER PRISONERS.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—A dispatch from Simons Town says the prison ship "Penelope" is being fitted for the reception of Boer prisoners and that the cruiser "Powerful" is expected to leave Durban soon, presumably to convey the prisoners to Simons Town.

TROUBLE IN ORANGE FREE STATE.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—Reliable advices from Bloemfontein are to the effect that serious dissensions have occurred. A number of the government's leaders support the movement on foot to depose President Steyn of the Orange Free State, and install Frazier in his place. Frazier favors making an agreement with the British, if the independence of the Free State is guaranteed.

PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—It is reported that Kimberley is suffering from a plague of locusts.

SHOT THE GUARD.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A Ladysmith dispatch says when the Boers arrived at Dundee, they found two of the guards armed and they shot several with pistols. Other members were dragged from houses and shot.

A BRITISH RUSE.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—During the retreat from Glencoe, the Boers pulled the vacated position which the British had left. The water proofs behind were rudely rigged to resemble the Boers then charged the waterproofs and found the birds had been several hours previous.

ENGLISH NURSES PUT OUT.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—Dispatches from Johannesburg say: English nurses have been put out of the hospitals here. Dr. Mangoldt insists that Englishmen are not fit to nurse Dutch.

DR. HOWERTON AT Y. M. C. A.

On account of illness, Dr. Chreitzberg has cancelled his engagement at the Y. M. C. A. for tomorrow and Dr. Howerton will speak instead at 5 o'clock. Dr. Howerton's talks are always full of thought and his talk Sunday will be of interest to all who are fortunate as to hear him.

Hon. John Barrett, Former Minister to Siam, to Deliver an Address.

JUST BACK FROM TEXAS.

An Experience With the Yellow Fever Quarantine—Former Consul General Jernigan Highly Commended—Mr. Barrett's Fight Against the Fever.

Hon. John Barrett, former United States Minister to Siam, is at the Buford. He and Mr. D. A. Tompkins have just returned from a trip to Dallas, Texas, where, by invitation, they delivered addresses before the Texas State Industrial Convention. They were to have addressed the Cotton Growers' Convention at Atlanta, but were delayed by the quarantine in Louisiana, and arrived in Atlanta after the convention was over.

Mr. Barrett has consented to deliver an address before the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce at the new court house tonight at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Barrett has lived in the Orient for years, and believes there are great possibilities for American trade in the Orient. He represented several leading newspapers at Manila and is an ardent advocate of the administration's policy of imperialism. He has written numerous articles for the leading magazines advocating the retention of the Philippines.

He has made a special study of the trade and markets of the far East, and has addressed many of the leading commercial bodies of the United States on oriental trade conditions.

All are invited to hear his address at the court house tonight. This will be of interest not only to business men and manufacturers, but also to the ladies, who are especially invited to attend. While the address is under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, all are invited to hear Mr. Barrett.

While resident in Siam Mr. Barrett knew the McGilverys, who formerly resided in Charlotte.

PRaise OF MR. JERNIGAN.

He also knew Hon. Thomas R. Jernigan, formerly editor of the Raleigh State Chronicle, who was U. S. Consul General at Shanghai. He says Mr. Jernigan was recognized as the ablest representative of the United States he ever had at Shanghai, and there was universal regret at his displacement. No man in the diplomatic service has ever had greater influence with the Chinese, Mr. Barrett says. Sir Richard Nonan, for twenty-five years British Chief Justice, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Jernigan was the ablest diplomatic representative that the United States had in the East. This endorsement is very gratifying to Mr. Jernigan's many friends in North Carolina.

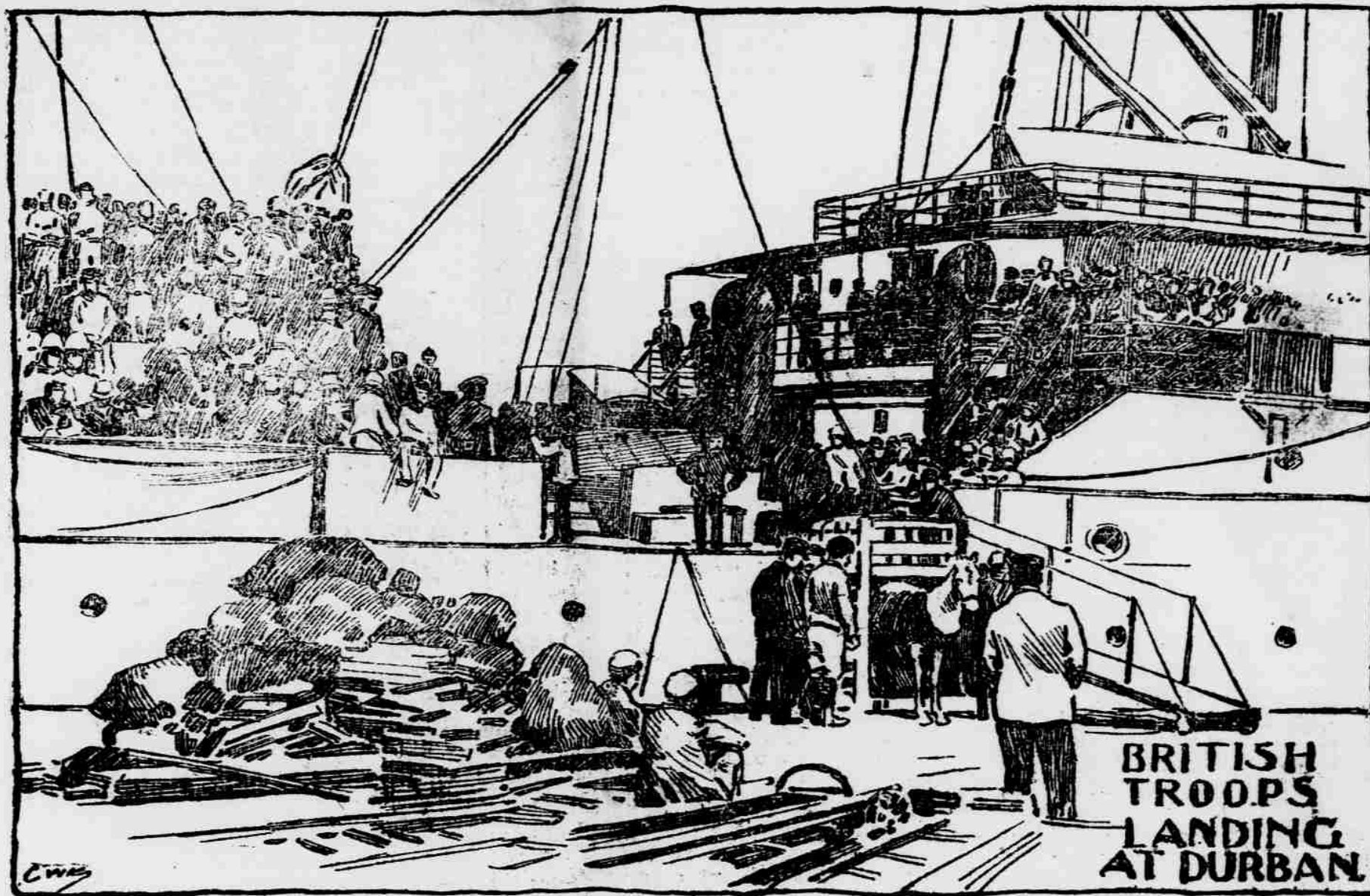
THE YELLOW FEVER SCARE.

The press reports have given little idea of the conditions in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi under the present quarantine conditions. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Tompkins could make their way from Texas across Louisiana only in a closed Pullman car, the doors and windows shut fast and locked. When they arrived at the Mississippi border, the Louisiana train crew left the train, a Mississippi engineer ran to the line and pulled the sleeper across, while on the other side another train crew took up the run. "One who has not been there can hardly have a conception of the damage to trade by this quarantine," Mr. Barrett remarked. No person from Louisiana can enter Texas within ten days of the time he leaves Louisiana.

FIGHTING THE FEVER.

This was not Mr. Barrett's first experience with yellow fever. He has seen its horrors and been in close contact with the dread disease. In 1888 he was traveling through the South representing a syndicate of leading northern newspapers. He heard of the fever epidemic at Decatur, Alabama, which was cut off from the outside world. He was then a youngster, only 22 years old, and thought it would be a great adventure to enter the fever-stricken city and write up his experiences there. There was a line of shot-guns around the town. But the young correspondent was not to be deterred. He bribed an old negro to smuggle him into the place and he rode into Decatur under a load of turnips. Once inside, there was no re-crossing the lines. For three weeks he stayed there and fought the fever in one of the most fatal epidemics the South has ever known. The horrors of confinement within the plague lines still remain fresh in his memory.

"It was a horrible experience," he says, "but it taught me nerve and courage."



DURBAN, THE CHIEF PORT OF NATAL.

England is landing most of her troops at Durban, from which a railroad runs north to Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal; Ladysmith, Newcastle and Charlestown, the latter being near the Transvaal border.

TWO COTTON THIEVES.

They Visit Mr. McDonald's Home and Drive off With Two Bales of Cotton.

Cotton thieves visited the home of Mr. Morris McDonald some time last night and drove away with two bales of Mr. McDonald's cotton that had just been ginned and was lying near the barn. A messenger came to town early this morning and informed Mr. McDonald of the theft. He immediately reported it to Chief Orr, and in less than two hours the stolen cotton was located and the thieves were on the run.

As soon as the matter was reported to Chief Orr, he notified the nearby towns by telephone. Strange to say Huntersville, the very point the men took the cotton, was the only place that was not heard from. A little later a message from that town stated that two men driving a two-horse team, had brought the cotton into town early this morning and had disposed of it to one of the Huntersville merchants. With this information Chief Orr immediately started in pursuit of the thieves, and up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon nothing had been heard from him. It is more than probable that the thieves will be landed before night. The two bales stolen weighed 448 and 472 pounds respectively.

LEE'S COLLEGE MOVES

Elegant New Quarters in Piedmont Building.

The fourth floor of the Piedmont building which has been in the hands of workmen for some months, has been put into shape and Lee's Business College moved in today. The entire fourth floor is devoted to school purposes. There is a large society and lecture hall which would hold several hundred. The shorthand, commercial and typewriter rooms are all conveniently furnished and have excellent light.

The school will open Monday morning in their new quarters.

MR. DAVE YATES INJURED.

Mr. D. S. Yates, while riding out in the country on his wheel yesterday afternoon, was very painfully, but not seriously hurt. While coasting down a steep hill he applied the foot brake too vigorously, causing him to be thrown five or ten feet over the handle bars, breaking a ligament in the left knee, spraining the left wrist and cutting his right elbow. Mr. Yates will be confined to bed for some time.

NEW COLORED MINSTREL COMPANY.

The Carolina Minstrel Company is the latest amateur theatrical organization among the colored people. The company will give a performance at the opera house some time during the month of November. It is composed of some excellent talent and there is no doubt but what the first performance will attract a large audience.

BOY'S MEETING SUNDAY.

Mr. H. A. Banks will lead the boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday. The service will begin at 2:30 o'clock. All boys are invited to be present at this service.

DEPENDS ON DEMOCRATS.

Quay Expects to Get in by Southern Votes.

By Telegraph to The News.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Pennsylvania stories which reach here indicate that Senator Quay does not place entire reliance in his contest in the Senate upon his fellow partisans. He is said to have received the assurances of a number of Southern Senators which justify him in counting upon their votes in the decisive hour. He recalled his attitude on the Force bill fight in the Fifty-first Congress and says he had much to do with saving the day for the Democrats.

TO RELIEVE SOLDIERS.

Shafter Suggests That they be Mustered Out in 'Frisco.

By Telegraph to The News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—A conference of Red Cross members, citizens and army officers was held today to consider means of relief of the destitute soldiers, General Shafter said he would recommend the discharge of all men in San Francisco hereafter, instead of at Manila. Therefore they would receive their pay here, instead of elsewhere, and have a chance to procure transportation before their money was all spent. Many soldiers discharged at Manila have spent all the pay received in the way ports before reaching this city.

DISPERSING BRIGANDS.

Ten Killed, Many Wounded and Twenty Captured.

By Telegraph to The News.

MANILA, Oct. 28.—Detachments from the Sixth Infantry have recently been engaged in dispersing the bands of brigands operating in the island of Negros. Captain Simons took the village of Tulsos near Sandaros. Captain Evans defeated another band, killing ten, wounding many and capturing twenty. There were no American losses.

OLYMPIA OPERA CO.

The Olympia Opera Company open a four night's engagement in this city on Monday evening.

They come highly recommended by the State press and we may be sure of a good season of light opera.

The opening bill is Boccaccio an opera full of sparkling music and brim full of good comedy.

Dan Young and Tom Whyte, the comedians of the company are at their best and a hearty laugh is assured.

Mr. Whyte's song, "She has no papa now" is a great hit and will be whistled by every body the next day.

E. L. Weston, the tenor of the company, is considered to be one of the best in the country and never fails to receive three and four encores with his solos.

The chorus is strong and the ensembles are a feature with this company. The costumes are all new and very handsome.

"LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE."

At the First Presbyterian church tomorrow evening, Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton will preach a special sermon. His subject will be, "Liberty of Conscience." A large congregation will no doubt be present to hear this important subject discussed.

CHANGES AT THE CENTRAL.

Mr. Lucas to be Sole Proprietor—Mr. Thigpen to Remain Chief Clerk—Other Changes.

By Telegraph to The News.

Next Wednesday the Central hotel starts out under new management. Col. B. W. Sperry retires in order to take charge of the Hotel Lanier in Macon and Mr. Robert L. Lucas, who has been associated with Col. Sperry, will assume the entire management of the house. Mr. Lucas will give up office work and will devote his entire time to the outside management of the hotel.

Mr. W. G. Thigpen who came to Charlotte with Col. Sperry from Macon, will continue as chief clerk. Mr. F. W. Green who is also from Macon, has resigned the position of night clerk and will accept the chief's place at the Elks Club under Mr. A. G. Allen, who will have charge of the Elks cafe; also the safe at the Manufacturers Club. Mr. Green's successor has not as yet been named.

Mr. W. W. Sperry, who has held the position of caterer at the Central, will return to Macon with his uncle. He will be succeeded by Mr. Lewis, of Wilmington, who is said to be one of the best in his line in the South. Mr. Lewis will report for duty the first of November. Several other additions will be made to the office force in the near future.

Mr. Lucas will start out with the best wishes of a host of friends in Charlotte. He has proven himself to be a young man of splendid executive ability and the Central, under his management, will continue to be one of the leading hotels of the South.

Mr. Lucas returned this morning from Savannah, where he has been for the past few days on business.

WEIGHS 165 POUNDS.

And is Only Ten Years Old—A Mecklenburg Prodigy.

Quite a sensation was created at the cotton platform this morning by the appearance of a ten year old boy who weighed 165 pounds in his boots.

The young gentleman was placed on the cotton weigher's scales and tipped the beam at 164 1-2 pounds.

The young man comes from Berryhill township and is a son of Mr. C. H. McCoy. Berryhill has quite a reputation for producing sensations and what she undertakes is always the best.

The young boy is only ten years old and in height is 4 feet 6 inches. The platform was thrown into consternation and wonder by his arrival.

"THE REAL WIDOW BROWN." Next Friday night the 3rd of November, Charlotte theatre goes will have an opportunity of witnessing "The Real Widow Brown," a roaring comedy which is said to be a rare treat, and one that will linger in the memory of all who love pure comedy. There is a plot, not too deep, and it affords excellent opportunities for the well selected company to display their dramatic and fun-making abilities to the best advantage. Interspersed throughout the play are the latest musical, singing and dancing specialties. This attraction is scoring a huge success.

BOSTON HISTORIAN DEAD. By Telegraph to The News.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—John Codman Ropes, the military historian, died at his residence last night.

MORMON TEACHINGS.

Disciples of Polygamy are Gaining a Foothold in North Carolina.

THE ISSUE A LIVE ONE.

Discussed at a Baptist Union Meeting in Rowan County—What an Elder Admitted to a Charlotte Pastor—How One Church Came to Disband.

Dr. A. C. Barron, pastor of Tryon Street Baptist church, returned this morning from the Baptist Union meeting at Phenix's church, Rowan county. Rev. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte; Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of Concord; Rev. Mr. Wyatt and other ministers, were in attendance.

This church is located in a section of the county where the Mormons have been unusually active, and where they have succeeded in proselyting a number of members from the other churches. A Mormon elder lives in sight of the church. He has taken occasion several times to insult the pastor, Rev. Mr. Talbot. After this faithful pastor had concluded his service and was leaving the church, this Mormon elder would meet him and call out, "Why do you preach as you do? You know you told your people nothing but a pack of lies."

Therefore Mormonism was one of the liveliest questions discussed at the meeting.

The growth of Mormonism in this State is alarming to the evangelical denominations. Scores of missionaries are being sent out by the Mormons and are at work all over the State. They confine their efforts almost entirely to the country and mountain districts. They hope to gain a foothold among the ignorant and illiterate and through them to capture the State. It is announced that the North Carolina Mormon Conference is to be held at Goldsboro soon, and that it will reveal a surprising increase in membership.

One of the elders after much questioning and evasion, acknowledged to Rev. L. R. Pruett, of this city, that the Mormons believe in polygamy as much as they ever did and have ceased to practice it, only because the laws of the United States make it a crime with heavy punishments.

The ministers who are familiar with their doctrines claim that the Mormons secretly teach:

1. That Christ was a polygamist and that Mary, Martha and others were his wives.

2. That the marriage relation continues in heaven, and only the married can enter there.

3. That no woman can be saved unless she is sealed to man in marriage. They do not openly state these doctrines, but they are taught nevertheless. In Union county quite a number of members had been secured for a Mormon church. All the articles were agreed to until they reached the one providing that every member should give a tenth of all he possesses. The church disbanded right there.

MECKLENBURG MINES.

Parties Here Yesterday From Virginia Prospecting.

Charlotte is gaining in reputation every day as a mining centre and outsiders are visiting this section more and more frequently for the purpose of investigating the mining and mineral interests of the section. Yesterday Mr. R. P. Orr, a banker, Mr. Albert and Mr. Bishop, all of Virginia, were here for the purpose of inspecting some mines near the city and for investigating the mineral interests of this section.

These gentlemen were taken in charge by Messrs. Abbott and Stephens and the afternoon was spent in the surrounding country in examining Mecklenburg mines and minerals.

These parties are interested also in like interests in the State of Virginia, and in other sections of this State. They were well pleased with the outlook in this section, but have as yet reached no definite conclusions as to their future course.

DR. KING AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. B. King, president of Elizabeth College, will preach in Tryon Street Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Chreitzberg, the pastor, is too unwell to preach tomorrow. There will be no night services.

ROSEBERRY DEFEATS KELVIN.

By Telegraph to The News.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Lord Roseberry was chosen rector of Glasgow University by a vote of 829 to Lord Kelvin's 515.