

BATTLE HAS BEGUN

Boers and British Engaged in Contest for Town of Ladysmith.

KILLER REPORTED DEAD.

At the British War Office Claim He Has Not Reached Cape Town—New Division of Ten Thousand Men Now in Process of Formation.

LADYSMITH, Oct. 30.—The long-expected battle has begun. The Boers opened fire with their artillery on the British camp. After several shots had been fired the British silenced the Boer guns.

The Boers are advancing on the left flank. The Boers now surround the town on three sides.

BRITISH IN FINE SPIRITS. White's men are in splendid spirits. The men have almost entirely recovered from the exhaustion of the forced march from Glencoe.

The advance posts of the Boers are only two and a half miles away. They are stationed heavy guns, which fact causes uneasiness, as Yule reports that the Boers have improved their artillery fire since the battle of Dundee.

BRITISH REPORTED PRISONERS. BERLIN, Oct. 30.—A report received from Holland says the whole British army at Ladysmith has surrendered and that the troops are now prisoners of war.

SHELLING THE STATION. LONDON, Oct. 30.—A dispatch from Berlin this morning supplements the Ladysmith dispatch with the information that the Boer shells were directed solely at the station and that no damage was done at the time the Durban message was sent.

BRITISH ORDERED TO RETIRE. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 30.—The Boers have been harassing the British under Lord Methuen and Wilson at Ladysmith, in Rhodesia. Having ascertained the numbers of the enemy the British were ordered to retire to the Fort.

RISK OF WAR WITH RUSSIA. ANTWERP, Oct. 30.—It is stated at the Lloyds are asking ten and a half per cent. risk on the chance of a war between England and Russia this year.

10,000 REINFORCEMENTS. LONDON, Oct. 30.—The War Office has ordered the formation of another division of ten thousand men to be ready in readiness to embark for South Africa. This will be immediately sent to General Buller, upon his arrival, adding that reinforcements are necessary.

BULLER'S ARRIVAL. The War Office states that General Buller has not arrived at Cape Town. Nevertheless some of the Paris papers announce his arrival, adding that he was assassinated immediately upon his landing.

JAMESON AT DURBAN. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 30.—Jameson arrived at Durban today.

ESTIMATED BOER LOSSES. KIMBERLEY, Oct. 30.—The Boer losses in the recent skirmishes are estimated at twelve killed and forty-five wounded.

EXPECTED TO BE DECISIVE. PARIS, Oct. 30.—The Echo de Paris prints an interview with Leyde expressing the opinion that the impending action at Ladysmith will be a decisive one. Although Europe sympathized with the Transvaal, he was aware of the fact that the Powers would not interfere if the Boers were beaten.

RHODES FEELS SAFE. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 30.—Dispatches from Kimberley say that Cecil Rhodes implemented the troops after the recent fight there, and said if there was a man whom the Boers would like to capture it was himself, but he felt perfectly safe in Kimberley.

DR. BARRON IN CONCORD. Rev. A. C. Barron and Rev. B. Lacy, of Concord, exchanged pulpits last night. Mr. Hoge preached acceptably to a good congregation at the street church.

DR. BARRON'S VISIT TO CONCORD. Dr. Barron's visit to Concord was made in order to deliver an address to the "Cheerful Workers," a mission society of young people in the Baptist church. Mrs. B. Lacy Hoge is the loving spirit and has over a hundred young people in the society, who are deeply interested in missions. The service is always largely attended, and Sunday night was no exception. There were songs, recitations and addresses.

The Baptists of Concord have recently enlarged and improved their house of worship, until they have one of the largest and best churches in Concord. Mr. Hoge, the pastor, until two years ago was a lawyer but is now one of the best preachers in the

NEAR THE CITY.

Two Coal Cars and a Caboose Lifted From the Southern's Track.

There was a right costly wreck on the Southern yesterday morning just outside the city limits, near the junction compress. Two freight trains, Northbound, known as first and second sections No. 72, were standing in a side track near the junction. The first section had just gone into the sidetrack when the second section also pulled in. Only a short distance separated the two trains. The engine of the second section went back to the cab in order to get himself a cup of coffee. While he was enjoying his coffee, his train moved off. Thinking that the fireman was just moving further into the side track, he did not pay much attention to it. In a few minutes, there was a crash and locking to the front of his train, the engine saw cars tumbling down the embankment.

The engine of the second section struck the caboose, lifting it from the track and sent it tumbling down the embankment. Next to the caboose were two empty coal cars that were en route to be overhauled. These followed the caboose, and in their descent tore up the ground for some little distance. The engine suffered but little; only four ribs in the pilot were injured.

The wrecking force was early on the scene and the accident only delayed one or two of the early morning trains. The trouble occurred at about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and it seems that no one was to blame as it was the result of the air brakes of the second section slipping, causing the train to run down upon the first section.

HIS COURAGE FAILED.

Called on Wife to Run Thief Out of Corn Crib.

An excellent story on a well known gentleman living in the country about 7 miles from Charlotte, was told a News reporter this morning. The story would indicate that a man would do well to call his wife the braver half as well as the better half.

A few nights ago the gentleman in the story had found out that somebody was stealing corn from his crib and he was consequently on the lookout. Friday night he went to see how things were progressing and found that there was really a thief in the crib, for he could hear him shucking the corn. The gentleman got his gun and was all ready to fire but he got shaky in the knees and didn't have strength of voice to call the thief out while the fellow on the inside continued shucking the corn.

Finally the man with the gun thought himself of a little plan. He rushed to the house and told his wife the trouble and got her to come out and take the thief in charge, in the meantime the fellow in the crib probably finding out that he had a woman after him made a break and when his pursuers returned he was gone. A noise of one departing was heard far up in the woods and the husband with his wife at his side raised his gun and fired in that direction, but the thief escaped.

THE CENTRAL'S NEW CLERK.

Mr. Charles E. Hooper, who is interested in the New Albany hotel at Albany, Ga., has accepted the position of day clerk at the Central. Mr. Hooper is one of the best known and most popular hotel men in the South. The past summer he was connected with the St. Cloud at Asbury Park, and was very popular with the large number of Southerners that visited that famous summer resort.

Mr. Hooper is a friend of Mr. Lucas, the proprietor of the Central, and the traveling public will be glad to learn that he will be found behind the Central's register.

Mr. Hooper and Mr. Thigpen will divide the day watch, and two more popular clerks cannot be found in any hotel either North or South. Mr. Hooper will arrive on the 5th of November and will assume his duties at once.

HUNTERSVILLE NOTES.

The walls of the new addition to the Anchor mills at Huntersville are nearing completion. The window frames are now being placed in position. The new portion of the mill will be ready for the machinery the first of December.

Mr. J. L. Choat, who purchased the cotton that was stolen from Mr. Moore's McDonald's place early Saturday morning, is out about \$50. He recovered \$20 from the negro who was arrested but the white man, who took the bulk of the money made good his escape. When the officer attempted to arrest the man, he pulled his gun and fled through the woods. Nothing has been heard from him up to this afternoon.

BOERS GETTING AMMUNITION.



GEN JOUBERT



WAR PREPARATIONS OF THE BOERS AND GENERAL JOUBERT.

While England and the Transvaal were crossing diplomatic swords the sturdy burghers of the South African Republic were getting armed to the teeth. Many tons of ammunition and other war supplies reached them recently, and practically every man and boy capable of bearing arms is ready to fight at a moment's notice. General Joubert, who is a veteran of the Transvaal's two wars with England and vice president of the republic, is the leading military genius of the republic.

SEVEN GAMBLERS CAUGHT.

Playing in Negro Store on Caldwell Street—All Arrested.

The Charlotte police succeeded in making a big and successful haul on a crowd of gamblers Saturday night that reflects great credit upon them. Chief Orr, Sergeant Baker and Officer Pitts, got wind of the affair and went around to Frank Green's store on South Caldwell where the gambling was in progress.

The negro Green keeps the store and has a little side room in the rear where the crowd was when found Saturday night. The officers surrounded the room and then Chief Orr made a rush for the first door. He ran right over the fellow who was watching at the door and doubled him up into a black knot on the floor. The chief then rushed through the crowd and slapped his hand down on the money and dice that the crowd was using. He then began to shove niggers right and left, trying to keep them from escaping. Officer Pitts was at the rear door but had stepped aside after one of the parties, and the whole crowd made for the door and all got there at the same time. The three officers succeeding in getting the whole crowd except one, and he was captured later. The negroes arrested are: Joe Rankin, Frank Green, Henry Kelly, Jim Shepperd, Tom Reid, Jack Cunningham and Frank Brevard. The whole crowd was bound over this morning under a bond of \$25 each, and their cases will be tried in the criminal court next month.

YOUNG'S ADVANCE RETARDED

Marching Under Difficulties—"Laguna de Bay" Aground.

By Telegraph to the News. MANILA, Oct. 30.—Gen. Young is advancing upon Grabanatan under difficulties. The country is furrowed with rivers and deep ravines, the bridges are destroyed, the mud is deep, rations are short, transportation supplies are delayed by low water, and the poor condition of the roads retards the advance. The Spaniards report that there are insurgents at Gabanatan.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay dispersed a force of insurgents engaged in the construction of trenches beyond Santa Rosa. The boat was fired upon by a party of insurgents bearing a white flag. She is now aground.

DRAYMEN'S PARADE.

James Byers, the colored drayman, tells the News that he is now making arrangements to have a draymen's parade the 9th of November. Byers states that he has the co-operation of all the colored draymen of the city and he hopes to make a most creditable showing on that date. To this end he asks that our merchants do all in their power to help the cause along.

This is an annual affair, and in years past this has been a big day with the colored people. Byers says that he has already seen most of the draymen, and he is sure of a good parade.

HAVE LEFT FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Messrs Robert and Warren Moore, of this county, who enlisted some time ago, and who were sent to Ohio, write to their brother, George Moore, that they leave for San Francisco today. They are with the Forty-second U. S. Volunteers.

DIED IN LILESVILLE.

Mrs. Betty White Wadsworth Recently of Charlotte—Funeral at 3:30.

Mrs. Betty White Wadsworth, wife of Mr. T. A. Wadsworth, died in Lilesville, S. C., yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth had moved from Charlotte to Lilesville only a short time ago. Mrs. Wadsworth was taken sick four weeks ago. Since she was stricken in Lilesville kind friends and neighbors did all that they possibly could for her comfort, but death ended her career yesterday morning.

Mrs. Wadsworth was forty-three years of age. She was married fifteen years ago to Mr. T. A. Wadsworth, who with two children, Texie, aged thirteen, and Edwin, aged ten, survive her. Mrs. Wadsworth's membership was with Tryon Street Methodist church. She had obtained her letter of membership, but had not deposited it in Lilesville as she had been there only a short time when she was taken ill.

Deceased had two sisters living in Charlotte, Miss Cornelia and Miss Rosa White. The body was brought to Charlotte last night, and met by a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased.

The funeral took place at 3:30 this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Wadsworth's sisters on East Sixth Street, Rev. Mr. Gay officiating. The deceased was a most lovable Christian woman. She was a kind wife and mother and a valuable friend. She had always led an upright Christian life and death had no terrors for her.

HOBART VERY ILL.

Vice President's Condition is Reported Serious.

By Telegraph to the News. PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 30.—Vice President Hobart passed a restless night and this morning reports were flying that the patient could not live more than a few hours. This was denied at the home of the Hobart family. It was admitted that his condition was such last night that it caused the whole family to sit at his bedside throughout the night. Immediate friends were also there, including Brigadier General Congdon. He said this morning that Mr. Hobart's condition was such as to cause grave fears to his family.

WAS LOST, BUT IS FOUND.

Jack Gibson, colored, who assisted in shooting the walls and windows all to pieces at a big dance in Groveton sometime ago, and who escaped at the time, has been captured. Officers Earnhardt and Farrington got on to a clue last week and logged their game Saturday night. Gibson is under a \$25 bond.

MEETING AT EAST SIDE CON-

TINUED. Rev. Mr. Allison preached a very impressive sermon to a full and appreciative congregation last night at East Side. The meeting will continue for a while at 7:30 o'clock each night.

LOOKING OUT FOR THE THIEF.

Chief Orr has been notified by the chief of police of Greensboro to look out for a thief who entered the store of the Carolina Shoe Company in Greensboro and made a wholesale seizure of shoes. The thief obtained between twenty and thirty pairs of shoes.

THE FIRE THIS MORNING.

Wavara Home on East Vance St. Badly Damaged by the Flames.

The city fire departments were called out this morning for the first time in several weeks. The blaze was on East Vance street. The dwelling house occupied by Mrs. Waverley and owned by Mr. G. L. Norman was discovered to be on fire at about 9:30 o'clock. The alarm was responded to quickly by both companies. When they reached the scene, the building was in a light blaze. The roof, which was of shingles, burned like powder, and for a time it looked as if the burning house and one or two nearby would be destroyed. Good work on the part of both companies kept the flames within easy reach of the firemen and soon the blaze was under control. Not, however, until the roof of the Waverley dwelling was burned and the stables of Mr. C. McNelis, which adjoined the Waverley house. Mr. Norman carried \$450 insurance on the Waverley house. Mr. McNelis had no insurance on his barn. The origin of the fire seems to be in doubt. Those who first discovered the blaze say that it caught in the roof of the Waverley house. Others say that the first blaze was in the McNelis stable. When the fire department arrived the fire was mostly confined to the dwelling and the stable was burning only when it adjoined the dwelling.

FATAL B. & O. WRECK.

Engineer Killed and Fireman Fatally Injured—Open Switch.

By Telegraph to the News. NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 30.—A Baltimore and Ohio passenger train was wrecked between Carbon and Lowellville, Pa., this morning. The engineer was killed and the fireman fatally injured. It is reported that several passengers were killed. An open switch is said to have been the cause of the disaster.

GO OUT OF COMMISSION.

"Texas" and "Indiana" to be Taken Out of Active Navy.

By Telegraph to the News. NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 30.—It is said at the navy yard today that the Texas will positively go out of commission here. Two reasons are given: 1st, there is not enough appropriation to repair her; 2nd, the crew of long-term men will be sent to the Philippines fleet, and it is impossible to enlist men to serve four years in their places. Officials here say the Indiana will also be put out of commission and the crew sent to Manila.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

Sunday morning at Tryon Street Baptist church, the pastor, Dr. Barron, baptized two persons and received three others. Several others await baptism. Rev. J. F. Reeves, of Yorkville, S. C., has accepted the call of the Baptist church of Statesville, and begins work there next Sunday. The subject, "Liberty of Conscience," was ably discussed by Dr. J. R. Howerton at the First Presbyterian church last night. A large congregation was present and thoroughly enjoyed the discourse.

Mr. W. M. Bacheller, of Hamilton, Ohio, is at the Central hotel today.

PYTHIANS ARE MAD.

Stanly Enterprise Charged a Party With Drunkenness and Disorder.

TWO SUITS FOR LIBEL.

Are Threatened at Once—Charlotte and Salisbury Knights are Collecting Affidavits to Defute the Charge—Some of the Party Were Church Officers.

Six days ago the Pythians of Albemarle Lodge, Charlotte; of the two lodges in Salisbury; of the Norwood Lodge and Knights from a number of other places in the State, went to Albemarle, Stanly county, and instituted a new lodge of Knights of Pythias. The people of that growing town received them cordially, a banquet was tendered them, and they were loud in their praises of the people of Stanly.

Everything was serene and lovely until the Stanly Enterprise, the Albemarle newspaper, came out a few days ago. That paper contained the following article:

"We regret that so brilliant an affair as that of the organization of a K. of P. lodge for Albemarle on Tuesday night of last week should have ended so disgracefully on the part of a few of the visiting 'brethren.' Some of Stanly's nicest and most highly respected ladies were on the train Wednesday morning which was bearing the return Pythians. To say that the crowd acted disgracefully puts the fact in a mild way. Derisive remarks were made about the young ladies of Albemarle, and the disorderly and drunken set that were making the disturbance had to be run out of the coach by the conductor because they were unfit for respectable company. We have not heard a name mentioned, but the lodge here and all Albemarle should demand an apology from the guilty ones. It is an insult beneath the dignity of the noble order represented, and one that deserves utmost condemnation from our people. We can safely say that the knight errants of the new lodge organized here will not disgrace the colors in such a way."

To say that the Pythians who took part in the institution were surprised and deeply indignant, is putting it mildly. Nothing that has been printed in this section in many a day has aroused such resentment. Several copies of the paper containing the offensive article were received here yesterday, and this morning the Pythians, of whom there are over four hundred in Charlotte, were discussing it generally.

The party which went from Charlotte comprised several officers of local churches and substantial citizens. There was not a drinking man in the party.

Mr. W. M. Lyles, Deputy Grand Chancellor for this district, and Mr. T. W. Dixon, Prelate of Mecklenburg Lodge, intend to sue the Stanly Enterprise for libel, unless the most complete reparation is made for the injury. A signed denial will be sent the Enterprise tonight.

The Salisbury Pythians have also taken action in the matter, as the following from the Salisbury Sun shows:

"The Knights of Pythians of the city were thrown into considerable excitement yesterday by an article which appeared in the Stanly Enterprise of this week, charging some of the members returning from Albemarle Wednesday morning of last week, at which place they had assisted in organizing a new lodge Knights of Pythias on Tuesday night.

"Every Knight in the party, who have been approached and asked about it, denies the charge.

"A Sun man, who is a Pythian, was on board the train in the car in which the bad conduct is alleged to have occurred and saw nothing of it. A communication was received this morning from Mr. J. F. Kirk, acting K. R. and S., of Norwood Lodge No. 31, enclosing a clipping of the article suggesting that it be investigated and refuted.

"The Knights are greatly aroused over the matter and there is talk of instituting a suit for libel against Editor Bivens, of the paper."

A telephone message this morning from Salisbury states that Mr. Cicero Barker, a prominent citizen, has secured affidavits from the conductor, flagman and brakeman of the train, stating that they observed no such disorder as stated and there was no whiskey aboard the train.

No intoxicants are allowed at any Pythian function, and this makes the Knights all the more indignant at the charge of drunkenness and disorder.

Mrs. James G. McCorkle, of Spartanburg, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Mason, on North Graham street.