

SITUATION SERIOUS.

Cape Town Reports the Boers Liable to Over-Run Natal.

REPORT SAYS WHITE IS SAFE

If He Remains Still in Ladysmith—World Special Says Boers Have Cut Off Railroad and Telegraph Connection with Ladysmith.

By Telegraph to The News.
NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—An Evening World special, dated Ladysmith, November 1st, says that the railroad southward from the town is interrupted, also the telegraph line to Durban via Colenso. A Boer command of six hundred were seen passing southward from Lombards Kop. They kept behind Bulwain. The big guns of the Boers are still in position. Others are probably mounted near at hand. No hostilities are in progress at present.

The British consider Ladysmith impregnable.
Four naval guns are mounted here, and they occupy strong positions so that further developments are awaited with confidence. The British troops will fight.

The Boers will meet a warm reception if they attack the town, as the garrison is quite ready for them.

The Boer loss at Reinfontein is seventy killed, two hundred wounded.

The Evening World says: "The above dispatch was received today. This is the first news direct from Ladysmith that settles all doubt as to the British being hemmed in. It shows that the Boers are now south of Ladysmith and the railroad and telegraph lines are in their hands. Their guns were in position Wednesday to shell the place."

LADYSMITH QUIET.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg yesterday afternoon says: "Ladysmith is quiet this morning. All the women and children left there last night, escorted by armored trains."

MAY OVERRUN NATAL.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A Cape Town dispatch says the situation in Natal is serious, as the Boers are liable to overrun the country.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE.

LISBON, Nov. 4.—Captain Slocom, the United States military attaché here, left today for South Africa, to officially view the military operations there.

WHITE MUST KEEP QUIET.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—J. D. Robinson, the South African millionaire, writes that General White will be perfectly safe if he sits still in Ladysmith and is not induced by the Boer attack yesterday to be drawn out with a view of inflicting defeat on the enemy. That is the expression of universal hope, but previous experiences with Boer tactics leaves room for uneasiness the coming week. Buller's troops will begin to arrive next Saturday.

BOERS SICK OF WAR.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 4.—A doctor who attended the wounded at the front, says the met numbers of Boers who said they were sick of war, and wished to quit. They admitted that their forces had suffered heavy losses.

CAPE COLONY INVADED.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 4.—The Boers have entered Norval's point, near Colesburg, just over the line from the Free State in Cape Colony, destroying bridges and railroads.

BRIDGE SEIZED.

COLESBURG, Nov. 4.—The Free State Boers have seized the bridge at Notisa's Drift.

LATEST FROM WHITE.

DURBAN, Nov. 4.—A message from Ladysmith today, dated Wednesday morning, the latest news from the beleaguered army, says: "All the batteries are silent. Not a single movement is perceptible on the part of the Boers."

BRITISH EVACUATE COLENZO.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The War Office announced this afternoon: "The Colonial Office has received information that the British forces have evacuated Colenso, and concentrated farther south." There is no news of an engagement in that neighborhood.

LUDLOW COMING HOME.

By Telegraph to The News.
HAVANA, Nov. 4.—General Ludlow, commander of the City of Havana, sailed today for New York, probably to land there, after quarantine Thursday. He goes first on a vacation. He may stay three weeks.

Lieutenant San Diego Maceo, a son of Antonio Maceo, is on his way to Manila to fight the Philippine rebels.

In an interview at Omaha he said that he hoped some day to be President of Cuba.

SCHOOL BOUNDARIES.

Patrons Made Complaints to the School Board Today.

The county board of school commissioners met this morning in Superintendent Hunter's office in the court house.

The members of the board are: J. G. Baird, chairman; W. S. Pharr and S. S. Herron, Superintendent Hunter, is secretary of the board.

The chief matter of business before the board was one that had been giving considerable trouble for some time, namely, the hearing of complaints from school patrons in regard to the establishment and changing of school boundaries.

The discussion in regard to making arrangement with Cabarrus county of the school lines in the northeastern part of Mecklenburg and the adjoining part of Cabarrus was up again. This is a matter, though, for the school trustees, and so the board could not take action.

There were several verbal petitions in addition to the above from school patrons, who were dissatisfied with the location of the school boundaries in their respective districts.

The Mulberry district and several adjoining districts seem to be deepest involved in the boundary question.

The location of the school lines is of very great importance to the patrons of the schools, and it is found very difficult to locate the lines that every patron shall find the school house of his own district more conveniently reached in every case than a school in an adjoining district.

FOUR GLORIOUS VICTORIES.

Flags, Ammunition and Sick Insurgents Captured.

By Telegraph to The News.

MANILA, Nov. 4.—The cavalry under Captain Charles E. Rivers surprised a garrison of fifty insurgents at Bongabong yesterday and pursued them two miles, capturing flags, ammunition and records.

Captain Costner's scouts killed five insurgents.

Colonel Hayes captured some ammunition and found thirty sick and wounded rebels hidden in the grass.

Captain Cameron's troop found fourteen wounded Filipinos abandoned and starving. Examination in the train of Bell's fight shows twenty rebels killed.

TONIGHT CLOSES ENGAGEMENT.

This evening the Olympia Opera Company closes its engagement in Charlotte. The troupe came to this city well recommended. It has sustained this reputation. While the attendance has not been large at any one of the performances it has not been because the company was not deserving. The bad weather the first of the week caused small houses. A number of other attractions in the city drew largely from the big receipts that would have otherwise fallen this company's way.

Tonight the company will present "The Bright Paul Jones." This is by special request. A large crowd no doubt will attend.

TO LEAVE CHARLOTTE.

Mr. J. Q. Beck, for the last five years dispatcher for the Southern, has severed his connection with the company and will leave Tuesday night for Laramie, Wyoming. The Union Pacific can be congratulated on securing his services again, as he is one of the ablest and most accurate dispatchers in the country. Charlotte citizens will very much regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Beck, who have won for themselves many warm friends here.

NEWS OF CHILD'S DEATH.

Mr. J. A. Piper, manager of Brown's cigar stand on South Tryon street, received a telegram from Mr. Theo. Brown, in Durham, this morning stating that Mr. and Mrs. Brown's only child had died this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are well known in Durham. They have been married only about two years.

DESIGNER FIFE QUITE ILL.

By Telegraph to The News.
GLASGOW, Nov. 4.—Wm. Fife, designer of "Shamrock," arrived at Fairlie this morning. He is seriously ill, and was carried from the train on his bed. It will be impossible for Fife to design the challenger next year.

WAS A GOOD SHOW.

"The Real Widow Brown" has come and gone. She and her excellent company delighted a good size audience at the opera house last night. The play was devoid of a plot. It was a farce comedy interspersed with pleasing specialties. The audience was kept in the laughing humor throughout. The costumes were new and pretty, and each one took his or her part well.

Miss Mary Dien Scott, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Little, of Steel Creek.

DIAMOND MINES AT KIMBERLEY.



STREET IN KIMBERLEY, THE DIAMOND CITY. At Kimberley are the greatest diamond fields in the world. It is estimated that \$400,000,000 worth of diamonds have been taken from the Kimberley mines. Cecil Rhodes is the prominent figure in the development of these properties. The Boers hate Rhodes and it is reported that a large price has been placed upon his head by Kruger.

AGAIN SAFE IN JAIL.

Wade Young, Alias Will Harris, Captured in Chester Yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Johnston returned this morning from Chester where he went last night for Will Harris, the white man who escaped from the Mecklenburg jail some time ago.

Harris has been loafing around Chester since his escape from jail. His people live about 16 miles from that town, and naturally he lost no time in getting there, thinking he would be safer.

Harris, who says his right name is Wade Young, states that he returned to Charlotte two weeks ago to-day, that he walked about the town but no one seemed to recognize him. He remained in Charlotte from Saturday night until Monday night. At the depot Monday night, he saw four officers and his first thought was they were after him. He left the station and walked around to the street, crossing where he boarded the 10:15 o'clock train for Chester. This incident Young says frightened him, and he decided that it would be safer for him to make himself scarce around Charlotte.

Sheriff Wallace learned several days ago that Harris (or Young) had been seen near his old home. He wired the Chester authorities to be on the lookout for him. The officer that arrested him at the time he was charged with the theft of Mr. E. S. Davidson's wheel, was again detailed to re-arrest him. This he did, in short order, and late yesterday afternoon he wired Sheriff Wallace that Young was in his custody.

Young, it will be remembered by News readers, was arrested at the same time Chief Orr landed the negro postoffice crook, Sam Archer. It was thought then that Young had something to do with Archer's wholesale robberies, and it is now almost certain that he was an accomplice.

Young will be put in "Murderer's row" in the county jail and will hardly have another opportunity to deface the walls of Mecklenburg's prison house.

NEWS OFFICE TO ENLARGE.

The growth of the News during the last few years has rendered it necessary that more room be obtained and Mr. W. C. Wilkinson, proprietor of the building, is making arrangements to have the work begun at an early day. The addition will be built in the rear of the present building.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER.

Mr. W. H. Torrence has just closed a sale with Mr. M. F. Kirby for a house and lot belonging to Mr. J. A. Henderson.

The lot is located on East Tenth street. The house is a cottage containing four rooms.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH.

The Baptist Young People's Union meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and continues forty-five minutes. Quite a number have joined the Union recently. Nine others will be admitted to membership tomorrow. The topic for tomorrow is, "A New Name," Genesis 32:24-28, and Revelation 2:17. Mr. F. W. Leland leads the meeting.

THE D. O. K. K. MEETING.

The D. O. K. K. held their regular meeting last night. They are preparing for a great meeting on the 17th, when Knights will be here from all over the State. Very unique invitations to the banquet and meeting were issued to-day.

Mr. D. N. Cashin has returned from his trip to Gastonia.

IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

Mecklenburg Lodge Demands a Complete Retraction From Editor Bivins.

The regular meeting of Mecklenburg Lodge, Knights of Pythias, last night, discussed the alleged libelous article that appeared in the Stanly Enterprise a few days ago.

The following article from Editor J. D. Bivins that appeared in this week's Stanly Enterprise was read:

"The Enterprise published an article last week reflecting on the conduct of a few individuals supposed to be members of the Order of K. of P. The Pythians individually and as a whole have joined in resenting the same. We published it believing it to be true, and believing it to be our duty. We meant no reflection on the order and could not see how our words would be so construed. However, we are instrumental in bringing about a state of affairs we did not anticipate, and for which an apology is due. Rev. N. R. Richardson is our informant, and while our article was stronger than he would have written, we based our charges on what he had to say. He spoke from evidence given him by his wife, supported by evidence from four other parties who were passengers on the train on that day. From the light of all that is before us and after consultation with our informants we wish to say that our evidence shows no conduct on the part of the Pythians that was more than a jolly set of companions on a picnic occasion would have carried on; and besides, proof is not conclusive that the disorderly ones were Pythians, nor that any of them were drunk. We think our article was harsh and unjust to the Pythians as a body, and there is no evidence against any one individual. We not only retract from the article, so far as we are personally or otherwise concerned, but hereby apologize to the various lodges represented in the brilliant organization here."

After some debate the lodge decided that the alleged "retraction" was unsatisfactory and did not retract.

The Chancellor, Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal were directed to write the editor a letter stating that his statement was unsatisfactory, and would not be accepted by Mecklenburg lodge.

The following letter was accordingly mailed Editor Bivins to-day:

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 4.
Mr. J. D. Bivins, Editor, Albemarle, N. C.

Dear Sir:—We note with much interest your letter to our Brother, W. M. Lyles, and also what you say in communication published in the Charlotte Observer on November 3rd, in reference to the charges which you published some days ago reflecting upon the Pythians who recently visited your town. Your first publication in which you stated that the Pythians acted "disgracefully," made positive statements that were very damaging and that reflected on every Pythian who was in the party.

The members of our lodge who attended sent you a prompt and complete denial, and demanded that you retract the slander. Your article is only an explanation and is not a complete retraction. You still reflect on the Pythians. You say that your statement was made on the word of Rev. N. R. Richardson, who "spoke from evidence given him by his wife and four other parties who were passengers on the train that day." This shows plainly that you believe there was evidence of disorder and drunkenness, though you say it was not "conclusive" as to any "particular person."

We demand to know if there is any evidence whatever that any of the Pythians on that train were drunk, or acted in the "most disgraceful manner." If there is such evidence, we demand to know who the disorderly and drunken persons were, and where they were from.

The Knights of Pythias retain only gentlemen in their ranks and if any member has acted in an ungentlemanly manner, he will be promptly expelled.

We demand that you either furnish the exact evidence, giving names of witnesses, names of disorderly persons and the extent of the offense; or that you state in your newspaper that there is no such evidence. You published this libel on your own responsibility, and we hold you accountable for it. We demand a complete retraction, or the proof of your charges; and if the charges are false and you persist in them, we will seek a remedy in the courts.

MRS. SEAWELL NOT SO WELL.
Mr. Luke Seawell left this morning for New York. Mrs. Seawell, who has been in New York for several weeks under treatment, is not so well. It is thought that another operation will be necessary.

Mr. Seawell will remain with her until she recovers sufficiently to return home.

Miss Mary Harty left this morning for Albemarle to visit her sister, Mrs. John C. Leslie.

FLOURISHING SUBURB

How the City is Building Up Around the Handsome Elizabeth College.

MANY NEW RESIDENCES.

Attractive Houses Already Built and Now in Course of Erection—Expected That This Suburb Will Soon Have Rapid Transit to the City.

The growth of Charlotte's southern and eastern suburbs is something wonderful.

Within a few years Dilworth has sprung up and now the entire eastern suburbs of the city, including all of the territory adjacent to Elizabeth College, is springing rapidly up into a thickly settled suburb of handsome houses.

Among some of the many buildings either being erected or about to be erected are the following:

Dr. Rakestraw's residence, one of the finest in Charlotte, on Elizabeth avenue.

Mr. Morrison is building a handsome home near the head of Elizabeth avenue.

Mr. Berryhill is building a fine residence on Kingston avenue facing the college.

Mr. Theis, superintendent of the Halle gold mine, is now completing a beautiful home at "Central Park," on the Providence road south of Elizabeth College.

Mr. Leisch is erecting a neat cottage near the above place.

Dr. Wakefield has bought a large lot on the Providence road, which passes just south of Elizabeth and will build a handsome dwelling next spring.

Mr. B. D. Heath has plans completed for the finest suburban residence out of Charlotte.

Dr. Fitts is also putting up a neat residence on the Providence road.

Mr. J. R. Purefoy is erecting a row of cottages in the same vicinity.

Mr. Walter Myers is building a fine house near Mr. McD. Watkins', not far from the college.

One of the most attractive places east of the city is the Piedmont Park, which is in the center of a large section of building lots.

Mr. J. S. Myers, who owns a large tract east of the city, has sold nearly every lot that he has facing on the Providence road, except some on the outer limit of the property.

The growth of this eastern suburb has been and is very remarkable, and it will soon be one of the finest suburban sites in the country.

There is good ground for the belief that this section will in the near future be furnished with an electric or automobile service second to none. There are at present two companies interested in the establishing of such a service in this section.

MOVED FROM HOSPITAL TO-DAY.

Mr. Richard P. Springs, son of Mr. Alex. Springs, proprietor of the Arlington hotel, was to-day moved from the hospital to the hotel, his condition being sufficiently improved to render it possible to move him.

Mr. Springs has been in the hospital for seven weeks, suffering from typhoid pneumonia.

MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION MONDAY.

There will be a meeting of the Ministers' Association of this city in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

This is the first meeting of the association since last spring and a full attendance of ministers is requested. Business of importance will come before the association.

MARRIAGE IN PROVIDENCE.

Mr. R. N. Hood and Miss Cora Russell will be married Wednesday, November 8th, at 6 p. m., at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. C. Russell, of Providence. Rev. T. P. Bonner will be the officiating clergyman.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the Mecklenburg Presbytery in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT.

Elsewhere is printed President Wittkowsky's call for a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All the members are expected to be present.

HOBART SLEEPING.

By Telegraph to The News.
PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 4.—Hobart slept well last night and is still sleeping under the influence of opiates. The family is encouraged.