

FROM THE GRAVE.

Letter of Wauchope Lays Blame of Magersfontein Defeat on Methuen.

ALL LONDON EXPECTANT.

The War Office Will Give Out no News Regarding Buller's Movement—Battle Supposed to be Going on.—Boers Lose Heavily in Trying to Take a Hill.

By Telegraph to the News. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16.—A profound sensation has been caused here by the publication in the Post of what is declared to be a letter written by General Wauchope, remonstrating against the plan of battle which compelled him to lead the "Black Watch" into the battle of Magersfontein, a battle which he disapproved, over the plans of which he and General Methuen disagreed. It comes like an accusing voice from the grave.

THE BATTLE IN PROGRESS. LONDON, Jan. 16.—All England is silent, awaiting the news from Buller. The War Office is absolutely silent as to his movements. The belief prevails that a battle has been fought and is still raging at three points on the Tugela river, Potgieter's Drift, Colenso and by Warren's division. Dispatches continue to show that the general feeling at Plesier, Maritzburg and East-coast is that Ladysmith will be relieved shortly.

INCREASE IN GERMAN NAVY. BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The bill providing for an increase in the German navy has been submitted to the federal council.

75 BODIES BROUGHT HOME.

Uncle Sam Had 1200 Coffins Left Over at Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Jan. 16.—The bodies of seventy-five American soldiers in metallic coffins were taken north yesterday on the transport "McClelland." These bodies were left over when the other soldiers were disinterred last January. It was evidently expected by the authorities that more soldiers would die in the hospitals than actually did die, for the quartermaster has over twelve hundred coffins on hand. The next transport will take a thousand of these north. Some will be shipped to the Philippines. Among the lot is one coffin containing the body of a soldier killed at El Caney. This coffin is not marked and it will be necessary to open the unused coffins to determine which one contains the body.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE

Twenty Firemen Succumbed in a New York Fire This Morning.

By Telegraph to the News. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A big tenement house in Delancey street was burned this morning. A great cloud of smoke poured out of the building. Five firemen at one time went into the basement, reeled back out of the black clouds and fell exhausted in the arms of their comrades. Five more went in and came out in the same way. This continued until twenty firemen were overcome by the smoke.

ORDER FAVORABLE REPORT.

Construction of Nicaragua Canal Recommended by Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today directed the chairman, Senator John C. Morgan, to report with favorable recommendation the bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

BIG FERRY BOAT AGROUND. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A ferry boat from South Brooklyn, with a hundred and seventy-five passengers aboard, ran aground this morning in a fog on Governor's Island. Soldiers carried a number of passengers ashore. The boat finally got out of the mud.

THE SMALL-POX SCARE.

Broke up Pritchard's Meeting—Many Cases at Greensboro.

Senator Pritchard was to have opened the Republican campaign in Rockingham today with a battery of "black-and-tan" speakers and a gathering of Republicans and darkies. But the "opening gun" was spiked by the small-pox before it could be fired.

There is small-pox at Hamlet, a little town in Richmond county near Rockingham, and the fear of the spread of the contagion has caused the Rockingham people to cancel all public meetings. Several Republicans were here last night en route to Rockingham but turned back when they heard the meeting was called off.

WHITE SUPREMACY FLAG RAISED A Rockingham special to the Raleigh News says there are seven well developed cases of small-pox at Hamlet and three others quite sick who doubtless have the same disease. The parties are all negroes and employes on the material train which is side tracked there.

Hand bills signed by Cameron Morrison have been out some time announcing that after court adjourned at Rockingham yesterday Sheriff Wright would raise the "white supremacy flag" over the court house. Several prominent speakers were invited and on hand. This was done in view of the fact that Senator Pritchard would speak there today. A large crowd assembled. Dr. J. M. Covington, the health officer, reported the presence of small-pox at Hamlet, and that parties from Hamlet were present. He ordered the crowd to disperse and go home. The speaking was called off. Senator Pritchard will speak at the next term of court, but the boys will raise the flag before hand just the same. No court will be held this term. The town has quarantined against Hamlet.

A telegram from another Rockingham correspondent says that Pritchard would not have had any crowd but the Superintendent of Health thought all assemblies were dangerous.

CHARLOTTE'S LONE CASE. Whenever a small-pox case strays into Charlotte, it is promptly caught and caged in the pest house, and the disease is never allowed to spread here.

Dr. Hawley, the city health officer, tells the News that the negro case now in the pest house, the only case in Mecklenburg county, is getting along very well. He is recovering fast. News was received today that Maxton and other towns have quarantined against Hamlet. There are seven cases at Hamlet.

Persons coming down from Greensboro this morning report that town a good deal excited over the small-pox situation, which is much worse than was supposed a few days ago. It is claimed that one physician saw more than twenty cases yesterday. Dr. Westerbaker, the small-pox expert of the United States Hospital Marine Service, who investigated the first outbreak of small-pox in Charlotte several years ago, is on the ground. He has examined several cases and says it is genuine small-pox, but is in mild form. A mass meeting was held yesterday afternoon, at which Dr. Westerbaker spoke, advising the citizens not to be alarmed and telling them there was little danger if prompt precautions were taken. Last night the Board of Aldermen held a special meeting, and took measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

TELEPHONE TO THE BLACK CAT.

The Black Cat Mine, which is operated by Mr. C. B. Geissenhamer, is to be in telephonic communication soon with Charlotte. The road leading to the mine—a stretch of three miles from the county road—is to be macadamized, which will make the trip not only easy, but pleasant. The telephone is to pass by Squire Wolfe's house along toward and through Mint Hill, making in all a circuit of fifteen miles.

The new superintendent at the Black Cat Mine is a Montana miner, and he is well up in his business. The ore being gotten out is rich.

WESTMINSTER'S FIRST WEDDING.

Westminster Presbyterian church has had its matrimonial christening. The first marriage to occur in the church was recorded last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Sadie Adams, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mr. John McDonald, of this county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Dorritee, in the presence of a few friends.

PROPOSITION TO CONSOLIDATE.

A move was made on the checker board of clubs today, to bring the Chamber of Commerce and the North State Club together, the proposition is coming from the former. Matter is in embryo yet. It will be discussed fully at a meeting to be held tomorrow night, when the fate of the "Old North State" will be decided.

Mr. George E. Wilson has returned from New York. Mrs. Wilson will be home later. Miss Annie Ficklin, of Washington, is at Col. H. C. Jones'.

THE PRESBYTERIANS

Meeting of Representative Presbyterians to be Held at the 1st Church Tonight.

CIRCULAR TO CHURCHMEN.

The Meeting is Looking Toward a Mass Meeting A General Assembly as it Were of Presbyterians at Some Future Day.

Rev. Dr. Howerton had announced a meeting of the young men of his congregation for tonight, to define a plan of work whereby to attract and reach the young men who are of, but not in the church. He asks the News to recall this announcement on account of a meeting to be held tonight in the First Presbyterian church parlors, which is explained in the following circular:

Circular. The following circular letter issued yesterday explains the object of the meeting:

CHARLOTTE, N. C. January 15, 1900. My Dear Sir: As has been intimated we contemplate holding a mass-meeting of the Presbyterians of Charlotte at an early date, to discuss the general interests of Presbyterianism in this city. At a joint meeting of the officers of the several Presbyterian Churches of Charlotte this matter was discussed and a committee appointed to perfect plans for this end. On Tuesday night, January 16th, we propose to meet in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church, some fifty or more representative Presbyterians, to consult regarding the plans which the committee has formulated. We ask you as a Presbyterian to allow no ordinary excuse to prevent your attending, as this meeting may mean much to the cause of our beloved Church in Charlotte.

Respectfully Yours, GEORGE B. HANNA, JNO. R. PHARR, D. W. OATES, P. S. GILCHRIST, Dr. A. J. CROWELL, Dr. J. R. IRWIN, Committee.

HANDSOME ROOM.

The Chamber of Commerce Will Soon be at Home.

President Wittkowsky, of the Chamber of Commerce, today showed the city editor the Chamber's new room over the Southern Railway's up-town ticket office. The room, formerly used as a sample room for the Central Hotel, has been handsomely papered; a small platform that will accommodate the officers of the Chamber has been erected against the north wall; a committee room has been cut off from the main room in the rear, being thrown into it by sliding doors and a toilet room and cloak room has been made to the right of the committee room. The rooms will be carpeted in velvet, comfortable chairs provided; a large stove is already in, and in a week more the Chamber will be "at home."

BURGLARY.

Augusta Brewing Company's Office Broken Open.

The office of the Augusta Brewing Company was broken into last night. The window was prized open by means of an iron bar, and the office ransacked. The safe was found open, so the burglar saved his dynamite for other safes yet to conquer. The money drawer contained a dollar in coppers, which were taken; also some valuable papers and checks. Mr. McWhirter is the office clerk. He and Officers Pitts and Bradley have been looking about the cotton platform today for the missing papers, but up to the hour of going to press had not discovered any trail of them.

BAKER TO COME BACK.

A letter was received this morning from W. F. Baker, of gambling-case fame, saying he was coming back and have every name connected with the recent scrape, published. He is in Atlanta. He says he knows he will be fined \$100 for gambling, but that he is coming any way, to defend his wife's character and to have justice done all parts.

(Mr. James Cooper, of Texas, is here on a visit to Mr. T. S. Cooper. Miss Georgia Lowe is at Mr. W. T. Jordan's.

MARRIAGE.

Miss Maud McGinnis and W. M. Grier Wed Thursday Night.

The marriage of Miss Maud McGinnis and Mr. William Moffatt Grier, which is to take place Thursday night, will be an even of interest to many friends here and in Due West, S. C., where both parties are well known. The ceremony is to be performed by Rev. J. T. Chalmers, D. D., at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. W. B. McGinnis, on North Graham street. There will be no attendants. The bride is the only daughter of the late E. D. McGinnis, and is a sister of Messrs. W. B. and E. D. Jr., and Dr. Robt. McGinnis, of Baltimore. She is a young woman of fine traits of character, a jewel in the home; an inspiration in her church. She is loved and admired by all with whom she is thrown in contact. The groom is a son of the late Rev. Dr. Grier, the distinguished minister of the A. R. P. church. He spent some time in Charlotte, being in the office of the Y. C. S. He is a worthy son of a worthy sire—is true, faithful, capable and is to be congratulated on winning such a bride.

SOCIAL.

Events That Look Small but Mean Much.

A well known hardware salesman is to take unto himself a wife. His happy event will take place early in March. Names are withheld for the present.

Miss Bessie Severs, daughter of Mr. W. W. Severs, of Seversville, gave a birthday party last night, which was a pleasant affair; Miss Severs is fifteen years old.

The Married People's Club will be entertained Friday night by Mrs. W. S. Liddell and Mrs. M. A. Bland, at Mrs. Bland's.

Mrs. C. M. Carson entertains at dinner tomorrow Mrs. J. H. Carson, Mrs. John Walter Miller, Mrs. J. E. Carson, Mrs. Edmund McDonald, Mrs. W. D. Cowles, Mrs. Amos J. Walker, Miss Susie Williams and Mrs. C. C. Hook.

"Disgusting men!" said a society girl yesterday in speaking of the death of a man. "The men are completely spoiled by the girls, and I for one am glad the girls are having the afternoon euches. The men ought to give a ball or a german."

MEAT INSPECTOR.

Judge Battle Urges the Importance of an Inspector.

Imposing sentence on Dr. A. M. Fitz and P. C. McIntyre, this morning, Judge Battle called attention to an important piece of evidence in the case as bearing on public interests.

While there was evidence on the part of the defence that the hogs, charged to have been allowed to cruelly freeze and starve, not challenged, yet there same time, were sold to the public, bought of same man the tortured hogs were purchased of and at about the same time were sold to the public. This, of course, imperiled the health of the community, and might have had far-reaching and disastrous consequences. Such menaces to health might be reached by the appointment of a public meat inspector, such as they have in other cities, which is given to them under the board of police regulations. One ounce of preventative is always worth tons of cure. Dr. Fitz was fined \$25, and McIntyre \$50.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Mr. Joseph H. Craighill, organist of the First Presbyterian church, will give an organ recital at the church Friday night, assisted by Mr. Walter Scott. The programme will be as follows: Andante (5th Symphony) . . . Beethoven. The Kingdom Blest Dick. Song Without Words Deshayes. Funeral March Chopin. Twilight—from "Im Walde" Symphony Raff. Fanfare Lemmens. A Dream of Paradise Grey. Fantasie Tours. Overture to Wilhelm Tell Rossini-Buck. The recital is free.

QUARANTINED AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

Mr. J. Wiley Skook, who came in last night on his way to Rockingham to hear Pritchard, got no further than Charlotte. A telegram overtook him here saying that Rockingham was quarantined against the constitutional amendment and that the meeting was declared off. He went to Statesville this morning.

BOERS ATTEMPT TO RUSH A HILL. RENESEBURG, Jan. 15. (Delayed in Transmission.)—Boers this morning attempted to rush a hill held by a company. The Boers lost twenty-one killed and about fifty wounded.

2 BARN IN FLAMES.

Mr. Leon Potts' Barn and That of a Negro Named Ray Burned in Berryhill.

INCENDIARIES AT WORK.

Ray Lost his Live Stock and all of His Implements and Wagon—Mr. Potts Saved His Horses but Lost all Forage and Farming Implements.

The barn-burner got in his mid-night work in Berryhill last night. Mr. Leon Potts, of this city, has a place five miles from town, on the Yorkville road. A colored man named Eugene Chambers lives on the place, and opposite him, across the road is Bob Ray, another negro.

This morning at 2 o'clock Ray was aroused by the reflection of a light in his house, and jumping up discovered that his barn was in flames. He raised the alarm and Chambers and all the other negroes on both places congregated at Ray's to try and save his live stock, implements and forage in the barn. They fought the fire manfully, but to no purpose, the flames having almost enveloped the building before the fire was discovered. Ray lost his horse, buggy, wagon, fodder and implements. He was not insured. The loss represents to him about \$250. His mule was so badly burned that it will die.

While he and the other negroes were watching the progress of the flames, some one cried out: "Lord, look a'yonder. Mr. Potts' barn is on fire." The crowd ran as fast as possible across the road to Mr. Potts' place, and to the barn. The flames had good headway, but the crowd managed to save the horses. The forage and farming implements were all burned. Mr. Potts' loss was in the neighborhood of \$400. The fire was incendiary. A convincing proof of this was, that a horse which belonged to another negro in the neighborhood, and which was in Ray's barn, had been lead out of the barn and turned loose and Ray's horse and mule shut up in the stable.

The people of the neighborhood are very much excited over the affair. They are on the hunt for the guilty party, or parties.

LEE-JACKSON

Joint Memorial Service for Saturday.

A Lee-Jackson memorial service is to be held by the U. D. C.'s and Children of the Confederacy Saturday after at 3:30 o'clock, at the Presbyterian College. Lee's birthday is on the 19th, and Jackson's on the 21st of this month. Both heroes will be honored by a joint celebration in the nature of a memorial service. The annual business meeting of the U. D. C.'s will be held Thursday and the memorial service Saturday at 3:30 in the college chapel. The programme will be as follows: Funeral March Chopin. Recitation, "Stonewall Jackson's Way" Miss Laura Watkins. Song, "The Jacket of Gray," Miss Leinbach. Eulogy of Jackson, Judge Lightfoot, Miss Louie Jones. Selection from "Sentinel Song," Miss Rachel Howerton. "Bonnie Blue Flag," Miss Julia Alexander. Music in Camp, Miss Daisy Pearce. Ashes of Glory, Julia Jackson Christian. Dixie, (Audience Standing.)

MRS. PRESTON COMING.

Mrs. John A. Preston's host of friends in Charlotte will hear with heart-felt pleasure that she is to revisit Charlotte. She comes tomorrow night, and will spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. A. J. McKelway, in Dilworth. Mrs. Preston is loved not only for her own sake, but for the love this people bore Dr. Preston. There are no hearts and homes to which she is not welcome.

SOLD OUT.

The Dodd sale of stock today at Cochrane's stables was one of the most successful ever held in the city. Mr. Dodd conducted the sale. Not a mule nor horse was left on the turf. The prices ranged from \$50 to \$125. The sale was largely attended. Mr. Dodd will bring in another horse.

TRUE BILLS.

The grand jury today found a true bill against Jim Sims, Ben Neece and W. H. Horah, for gambling. This is another chapter in the Baker trial.

30 DAYS IN JAIL.

Was the Sentence of Mayor McCall in Whittaker Case—Whittaker Appeals.

The case against Mr. A. W. Whittaker, for an assault on Mr. J. W. Keerans, was heard in Mayor McCall's court this morning.

A large audience was present and the examination of each witness was listened to with much interest.

Mr. Keerans was present and testified that he was assaulted by Mr. Whittaker on North Tryon street last evening about 5:30 o'clock, as he was returning to his home from his day's work; that he was stricken a blow before he was conscious of the fact that Mr. Whittaker was anywhere near. Other witnesses testified to about the same facts. After the examination of witnesses, Mr. W. C. Maxwell, a law partner of Mr. Keerans, addressed the court. His arraignment of Whittaker was severe. He insisted that nothing short of the most severe punishment could be administered; that the case was one that demanded this and that he hoped the mayor would send the prisoner to jail.

After Mr. Maxwell's argument, Mr. Whittaker made a statement, in which he denied that the assault was made secretly. He claimed that he met Mr. Keerans and called his attention to a certain newspaper article and that he struck Mr. Keerans during the conversation concerning the article. He denied that he held any malice against Mr. Keerans and that he hoped the mayor would deal mercifully with him.

Mayor McCall stated that the case was a serious one and said the judgement of the court was that Mr. Whittaker be sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

WHITTAKER APPEALS.

After the sentence by Mayor McCall Mr. Whittaker appealed and asked that the case be transferred to the Criminal court. He gave the required bond, \$100, and the papers were sent to the court this afternoon. The case will be heard tomorrow.

Up to this afternoon Mr. Whittaker was unable to secure counsel. The butchers and meat men of the city have arranged to get a lawyer for him by the time the trial is called tomorrow. They say that Whittaker should have counsel and that he shall have a lawyer.

MILL NEWS.

Well Known Mill Men in Town Today.

Quite a number of well known mill men were in the city this morning. Mr. R. H. Bay, secretary and treasurer of the McAdenville mill, came in last night to meet two of them—Mr. Frank Mebane and R. Lindheim, of the Cons. Export & Commission Company, of Greensboro and New York—commission men with whom his mill deals.

Mr. Robt. L. Steele, of Rockingham, came up this morning to meet Messrs. Mebane and Lindheim, who also represent his mill in the commission world. Messrs. Mebane and Lindheim went to McAdenville today at noon with Mr. Ray.

Mr. R. E. Costner, of Lincolnton, and Mr. D. M. Carpenter, of the mill at Maiden, are also here today. Mr. Carpenter came to meet his commission man, Mr. Woodards, of James D. Mitchell & Co.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins returned to the city this morning. The new board of directors of the Alpha Mill are meeting this afternoon at the Manufacturers' Club.

THE NEW SHOPTON ROAD.

Superintendent Little's convict force, which has been on the Yorkville road for several months, began work today on the new road to Shopton, leading from Dr. Strong's place, the survey having been made yesterday by Mr. Spratt. The camp will not be moved from the Yorkville road for three weeks yet, part of the force being still employed on that road.

A MARRIAGE FOR THURSDAY.

A marriage, which is booked for early in February, and which will interest the many friends of the young couple, will be that of Miss Chess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rutledge, to Mr. Will Dudley, a popular young man of this city. The bride-elect is a member of the Catholic church, the groom, a Protestant. The marriage will be a home affair.

DEATHS TODAY.

Mr. M. M. Huey died this morning at 20 minutes after 11 o'clock at his home, on North Caldwell street. Deceased was 79 years of age. He was a member of the A. R. P. church, and leaves a wife and five children. The funeral takes place tomorrow. Miss Knowles died this afternoon at her home, on Palmer street.

REALTY.

Some time ago Mr. W. R. Matthews sold the W. A. Bason property on the corner of McDowell and Fourth streets to Mr. S. Wittkowsky. Last evening Mr. Wittkowsky sold the property, Mr. Matthews being the agent, to Mr. C. H. Wilmoth. Consideration, \$2,150.