

## A BRITISH SUCCESS.

### Warren's Force Defeats Small Force, Killing Twenty and Capturing Fifteen.

## WILD RUMORS ARE AFLOAT.

### But Nothing Has Been Received to Confirm the Report of the Relief of Ladysmith—Cabinet Outlines the Speech from the Throne.

By Telegram to the News.  
SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 18.—(Delayed in transmission.) The war balloon made two ascents today, locating the Boer positions, which they had marked by refusing all day to return the fire of our guns. Lytleton's Brigade was pushed forward today and is close to the Boer trenches. The two armies now touch and began to exchange rifle fire tonight. Under cover of the firing Buller pushed his line out ready for attack, but not a shot came back from the Boer guns.

## GEN. WARREN'S VICTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The War Office today issued a bulletin from General Warren dated last night stating that Lord Dundonald's horse had a battle with the Boers at West Acton Holmes yesterday. Warren reinforced him, and drove the Boers back and occupied the kopjes about the town, holding the positions captured. The Boer commandant had twenty men killed. Fifteen Boers were captured. The British loss was slight.

## WILD RUMORS OF LADYSMITH'S RELIEF.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—It is rumored on the Stock Exchange that, after eighteen hours fighting, Ladysmith had been relieved, and that Gen. Warren was killed in the battle. Nothing tends to verify the rumor is obtainable. It had no appreciable effect on stocks. Official dispatches from Buller render the report of the relief of Ladysmith as at all unlikely, but experts are not inclined to take it as true until the War Office confirms the news.

## WAR OFFICE CONFIDENT.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Messages from the front appear to confirm the general impression that events in Natal will move quickly. Nothing up to the date supports the report that the relief of Ladysmith is an accomplished fact. But it is believed on excellent authority that the situation is now being cleared at the War Office with entire confidence, and that the beleaguered town is considered practically relieved, although there is no attempt to understate the danger and difficulty of Buller's task.

## MAKING VICTORIA'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A cabinet meeting was held today for the purpose of arranging a legislative programme for the coming session of Parliament and to outline the Queen's speech.

## BAZAAR FOR POOR SWISS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The Bazaar of the Swiss Ladies Society at Brand's Hall, North Clark and Erie streets, for the purpose of raising funds for the Swiss Benevolent Society, opened today and will continue until the 21st. The funds of the latter society have been found inadequate to meet the needs of dependent Swiss people and the board of directors, through the Swiss consul, made an appeal to the Swiss women to form an organization to raise money for the aid society. There are about 8,000 people of Swiss descent in this city, and the society has disbursed over \$20,000 in cash for the poor and taken care of 1,200 sick people in the hospitals. When the appeal for aid for the sufferers from Chicago fire was sent out the first relief corps of Europe was organized in Switzerland and a large sum was raised there and placed at the disposal of the Swiss consul in Chicago. The fund was not exhausted, and with the consent of the government of Switzerland the present benevolent society was organized in 1872. It is expected the people of Chicago will now appreciate the good deeds of Switzerland in 1847.

## FIRST LEGAL EXECUTION IN CHICKASAW NATION.

ARMORE, I. T., Jan. 19.—This is the day set for the hanging of Charles S. Bias, colored, for the murder of George Wright, colored, in February, 1898. Bias was convicted at the November term, 1898, and appealed the case, and the civil court of appeals affirmed the decision of the lower court. Marshal Hanner was directed to keep Bias in custody until today, and then hang him. Unless President McKinley interferes at the last moment, this will be the first legal execution under the jurisdiction of the United States laws in the Chickasaw nation.

He leaves here tonight for Columbia and goes from there to Jacksonville.

## VETERANS BRING FLAG.

### The U. D. C. Invite the Veterans and Their Colors to the Lee-Jackson Reunion.

The call in the News for a large turnout of Daughters of the Confederacy to the meeting yesterday afternoon, filled the room. The absence of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, president, and Mrs. A. Burwell, recording secretary, was regretted, as both contribute largely to the enthusiasm and interest of the meetings, always. Mrs. Rufus Barringer, first vice-president, presided. The principal business of the afternoon was the election of officers, and the paying of dues. As stated in the News, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Barringer have been elected to their respective positions for life. The officers elected were: Mrs. A. L. Smith, first vice-president; Mrs. A. Burwell, re-elected recording secretary; Miss Feribe Grier, corresponding secretary; Miss Julia Alexander, re-elected treasurer. Resolutions of respect were read to the late Mrs. Preston B. Wilkes, a copy sent the family, and a copy spread on the minutes of the chapter.

The beautiful and historic gavel recently sent the chapter by Mrs. William Overman, of Salisbury, was presented by Miss Julia Alexander, and Mrs. Overman given a rising-vote of thanks.

The chapter passed a resolution inviting Mecklenburg Camp Confederate Veterans to attend the Lee-Jackson memorial services at the Presbyterian College tomorrow afternoon. The chapter earnestly desires the veterans to be present, and suggests that they bring the flag presented them last May by the Children of the Confederacy.

## "OLIVETTE."

### Will be Here on the 26th inst—Those on Board.

A party of electrical experts and representatives of the press, from New York, are to pass through Charlotte on the morning of the 26th. The party leave New York today in the private Pullman car "Olivette," for New Orleans, going via Cincinnati and Birmingham, arriving in New Orleans Monday at 11:30 p. m. The party will remain in the Crescent City until Wednesday, when they start northward, making the return trip by Atlanta and Charlotte. The trip is taken for the purpose of inspecting the electric car lighting system with which the "Olivette" is equipped. A test of the electric refrigerator car will be made at Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans.

Mr. John T. Dickinson, general agent of the Electric Axle Light & Power Co., of New Orleans, is in charge of the electrical part of the party.

## RAILROAD NOTES.

Mr. W. H. Peddle, of the Southern, passed through Charlotte this morning en route to Atlanta.

The Southern Florida flyers pass through Charlotte at such unseasonable hours that few have the pleasure of seeing them. They are said to be the handsomest trains ever run South. The northbound arrives about the midnight hour and the southbound gets in at 4:20 a. m.

Travel South is better than for years. A large amount of the Florida travel is, this year, going to Havana. The Southern sells tickets straight through to the Cuban capital.

## THANKS TO MR. HISS.

Mr. George B. Hiss, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association, sends the News a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the association, published in neat and attractive style. The book also contains the names of the officers, members—active and associate—and other notes of interest. The membership at present is 154. Active members, 88; associate, 66. The next annual meeting of the association will be held in Charlotte, May 10th, 1900.

The machinery for the new mill at Shelby was shipped last week. The engine is to pull in this week. The Star thinks the mill will be in operation by

## POSTPONED.

Mr. Walter Scott is an atmospheric Jonah. Every time he selects a date for a function or concert, it is a never-failing sign of falling weather. Tonight he was to assist Mr. J. H. Craigbill in an organ recital at the First Presbyterian church. The rain keeps up so steadily that the gentlemen have decided to postpone the recital until tonight week.

Forecast: Look out for showers.

## FIRST VISIT IN 33 YEARS.

Mr. James Cannon, of Arkansas, is spending today with his niece, Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth. Mr. Cannon was born at Poplar Tent. He left this country 33 years ago for the West, and is now on his first visit back to his old home. Mr. Cannon is well known by Confederate veterans in this city and section. There will be a re-union of the gray when it is learned that Mr. Cannon is here.

## FESPERMAN CAUGHT.

### Arrested by Chief of Police Orr, of this City, in Kershaw, S. C., This Morning.

## PRISONER COMES TONIGHT.

### The Chief Will Likely Leave the Train With His Man Before Reaching the Station to Avoid the Crowd Which Will Collect—Fesperman will be Safe.

Yesterday afternoon there was a stir in police circles, it being learned that a letter had been received here from Mack Fesperman, the negro who murdered his wife Tuesday night. The matter was kept quiet, but murder will out. The News reporter got on the trail and discovered the following facts:

The credit of catching Fesperman belongs to Policeman M. E. Crowell. Officer Crowell knew that Fesperman had been living, since leaving his wife, at the house of Fannie Oglesby, corner of Eighth and College streets. The thought occurred to him that Fesperman would write to the woman. Yesterday morning he told the mail carrier to look out for a letter for the Oglesby woman; and that if she got a letter of any kind to let him know. "Why, I delivered a letter to her an hour ago," said the carrier, "but I did not notice the postmark." Officer Crowell at once notified the chief, who told him to go and get the woman and the letter. Officer Crowell demanded the letter from the woman. She denied having gotten one. He told her that he knew she had gotten a letter from Fesperman and if she did not produce it he would put her in jail for trying to conceal the whereabouts of the murderer. The woman commenced crying and begged not to be put up; said the children had destroyed the letter, but she would tell him the contents. Fesperman had written that he was at Kershaw, and for her to send his trunk to his mother, in Paw Creek, and to write to him under the name of John Keeler, at Kershaw.

Chief Orr left this morning for Kershaw. Those who know him will not be surprised at the information conveyed in the following:

## FESPERMAN CAUGHT.

### Special to the News.

KERSHAW, S. C., Jan. 19.—Mack Fesperman, colored, wanted in Charlotte, for the murder of his wife, Irene Fesperman, was arrested here today by W. S. Orr, chief of police of Charlotte. Chief Orr leaves for Charlotte this evening with his prisoner.

Chief Orr will be met by several officers. He will possibly leave the train with his prisoner before getting to the station, to avoid the crowd. The chief is always cautious, and he will protect any prisoner with his life. By this time tomorrow Fesperman will be in Mecklenburg jail.

## THE BRYANT-SUMNER CARDS.

The following cards, handsomely engraved, were received this morning: Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Hoke invite you to be present at the marriage of their cousin, Eva Granbery Sumner, to Mr. Henry Edward Cowan Bryant, Thursday evening, February 1st, Nineteen hundred, at six o'clock, Saint Luke's Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

## PICTURES OF LEE.

J. Lubin, of the Piedmont Furniture Company, of West Trade street, today gave out pictures of General Lee, as souvenirs, and most appropriate ones they were, of the day. The banks' doors were closed with them. Under the "Legal Holiday" notice appeared the face of Lee. This was a happy thought in Mr. Lubin. The pictures will be treasured.

## MEETING TONIGHT.

President Wittkowsky, of the Chamber of Commerce today issue a call for a meeting of the executive committee tonight at 8 o'clock, at the North State Club. "Matters of importance, needing immediate attention," says the president, "are to be discussed."

## SENATORS IN CAUCUS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Republican senators are holding a caucus today to consider electing officers of the Senate. It is expected that some action will be taken upon the report of Chairman Addison who was authorized to appoint a committee on the proposed recognition.

## FASHIONABLE LIFE.

### The Social Game Goes on, the Red and Black Winning Alternately.

## MISSES CHARKSON AT HOME.

### A Pretty Card Party at Their Home on Ninth Street—A Beautiful Dining Given Today by Miss Lucile Reilley, Whose 16th Birthday it is.

The last, but by no means least, delightful card party of the week was given this afternoon by Misses Elizabeth and Saide Clarkson, in honor of the Sans Souci, to which they belong, at their hospitable and attractive home, on East Ninth street.

Cards are unique in that fresh enthusiasm and interest is around with each shuffle, the players always hoping that each deal may bring the coveted, courted good luck, believing that into each hand some trumps must fall; some hands must be bright and cheery. So it was with the fascinated and fascinating players this afternoon. Luck came to all in turn, but to some more than others. The tinkle of the silver bell at the head table was never listened for more intently. The game was never more enjoyed. The score cards were in shape of a fleur-de-lis, and were tinted pink. After cards, the prize—a tylish picture of a golf player, framed in red—was given; also a souvenir to each guest. The luncheon, which medicines the crowd, always to siffience if not to sleep, came next and delicious and delicate it was. The invited were: Misses Violet and Julia Alexander, Lena and Ada Heath, Bessie and Julia Robertson, Nellie Tate, Emma Fielding, Kathrine Jordan, Mary Mayer, Adele, Anne Parks and Selene Hutchison, Anna Locke Hutchison, Ethel Holt, Daisy McDonald, Nellie and Leone Ryder, Mary Armand and Bettie Nash, Anita DeRossette, Georgia Brenizer, Laura Hammond, Hallie Lucas, Hope Spencer, Lillian Smith, Nannie Ward, Susie Hall, Eva Sumner, Saide and Alice Jones, Maud Beall, Annie Ficklin, Josephine Parker, Goodwin, Weller, Ella McAden, Charlee Hutchison, Addie Williams, Grace and Minnie Cochrane, Sadie Young, Frances and Helen Mallory, Grace King, Mamie Springs, Lettie and Virginia Shober, Alice Holland, Adele Wittkowsky, Fan Burwell, Lottie Tomlinson, Sadie Baruch, Maggie Kelly; Messames T. B. Alexander, Jr., Graham Weddington, A. L. Thompson, Edwin Gresham, Julian Gorham, E. T. Candler, Percy M. Thompson, C. Furber Jones, J. Renwick Wilkes, John Scott, A. T. Duffey, Landrum Brown, J. P. Wilson, S. O. Brookes, B. D. Springs, George Tate, J. V. Q. Weaver.

The Tuesday night Whist Club was revived at Mrs. J. A. Solomon's. The club, which sprang into existence last winter, met and will hereafter meet every Tuesday night. The membership then as now consists of: Mr. and Mrs. Solomons, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Church, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth; Messrs. C. E. Frick and J. S. Cothran. The next meeting is at Mrs. Scott's.

## CHESTER'S NEW MILL.

### Capital, \$125,000; G. A. Gray, of Gastonia, Elected President.

Special to the News.  
CHESTER, S. C., Jan. 19.—Chester will soon have another enterprise. A mill was organized here yesterday with capital stock of \$100,000, with privilege of increasing to \$200,000. A site was bought, one mile west of the city on the Pinckney Ferry road. Mr. George W. Gray, of Gastonia, N. C., was elected president; Thomas H. White, of Chester, secretary and treasurer.

This will build up a new part of Chester, as both of our other mills are located in the extreme eastern part of the place. Mr. Gray is known to be one of the best mill men in the Southern States, and our people feel sure that this mill will meet with success.

## CONCORD'S \$800,000.

Special to the News.  
CONCORD, Jan. 19.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odell Manufacturing Company, of Concord, was held here yesterday. The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m., by calling Dr. Hogg, of Raleigh, to the chair. The reports of the president and secretary-treasurer were read, making an excellent showing, both as to the physical and financial condition of the plant. The report shows that the plant now stands at \$800,000, hence South Carolina cannot claim all of the big mills.

The old officers were re-elected. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was paid. A vote of thanks was tendered the officers for their able management. But what added still more to the pleasure of receiving the large dividend was the unsurpassed dinner and tea, given by Mrs. J. M. and Mrs. W. R. Odell, to the visiting stockholders. The elegant appointments and style of serving the delicious viands; the graciousness of manner and genuine hospitality of these ladies were enjoyed as a great privilege by those so fortunate as to be participants. One of the visiting stockholders, a Baltimorean, did such ample justice to the good things before him that it was suggested by another stockholder that he, the Baltimore gentleman was evidently trying to see if the inner man, that no room would be left for even a small-pox microbe to find lodgement in him. S. W.

—Only four prisoners remain in the county jail. The Criminal Court cleared the building.

## A RIVER OF GOLD.

### Company Organized That Will Dredge the Catawba in Search for Gold.

## NINE MILES UNDER LEASE.

### The Machinery to be Placed at Walker's Ferry at the Head of Paw Creek—Contract Given for the Dredge Boat—Mr. T. F. Walker the Promoter.

The Catawba is not only to be harnessed but dredged.

The former movement has been agitated from time to time and is now the question of the hour in more than one Wall Street office.

The promoter in the latter enterprise is Mr. Thos. F. Walker, of this city.

A year or more ago Mr. Walker worked in and about the mines along the river at the head of Paw Creek, and "made fine wages all summer dredging gold out of the river." This "put him to thinking," he says, and his thinking resulted in the formation of a company to be known as The Catawba Place Mining Co., with William L. Scott, of Wilmington, Delaware, president and secretary; W. C. Kenum, of Georgia, manager of the Dredge boat; T. F. Walker, assistant manager. The company is to dredge the Catawba in the search for gold. The company has already secured a lease on nine miles of the river. When Mr. Walker dredged the river several summers ago, even with crude appliances, he got out a ton of earth a day. The new machinery which the company has purchased is guaranteed to wash a ton a minute.

"Is there really any gold in the river?" asked the reporter of Mr. Walker. "Why, there is just plenty of it," he answered.

Contractors are to be sent out from Wilmington, Delaware, to build the dredge boat. Work on it is to begin right away, and the machinery to be placed as soon as possible. Messrs. Scott and Kenum of the Dredge Boat Company arrived here last night on No. 38, the vestibule, and spent part of today here going out to Walker's Ferry, the point where the machinery is to be placed at noon.

The News hopes that the Catawba may prove a river of gold to Mr. Walker and his associates.

## GREAT ATTRACTION.

### The Blatchford, Kavanagh and Roney's Boys Concert.

The Star Course committee last night decided to add the Blatchford Kavanagh and Roney's boys Concert Company to their list of attractions. This morning they arranged with the advance agent for an appearance here of "The Boys" on February first.

"The Boys" sang at the International Y. M. C. A. convention in Grand Rapids last May and captured the association men. Chicago had them to open their members' course this fall and five hundred people stood up in the concert hall in their desire to hear them. This is their first Southern tour and Richmond, Portsmouth, Roanoke, Asheville, and other associations have jumped at the chance to get them. Secretary Van Horn, of Asheville, says that it is worth the admission to hear Harry Cockrell alone. The admission will be a dollar, with a concession of 25 cents to holders of Star Course tickets. A canvass made today by Physical Director Thompson and the advance agent resulted in the placing of many tickets.

## SOCIAL.

Dr. and Mrs. Keerans entertained at a handsomely appointed dining last night. The color scheme was pink. Eight courses were served. The guests were: Messrs. Leon Clarke, of Statesville; W. E. Parker, H. W. Wilson, Earle Pegram, H. L. Sanders, Julian Julian Gillespie and Jim Van Ness.

## LECTURE TOUR.

Prof. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson, spent last night in the city on his way to Chapel Hill, where he lectures tonight. From there he goes to St. Mary's, Raleigh, where he is booked for a lecture tomorrow.

—"All things come to them that wait," said Squire Maxwell today. "Squire Bailes has always been a thorn in my flesh, because he could 'marry' without license. But I guess he won't now, after the action of the South Carolina Legislature yesterday."