

HOLDING BACK NEWS

War Office Witholds Long Despatches Received From Roberts.

TWO REPORTS CONFLICT.

London Rejoice Over Dundonald's "Success," While Berlin Hears That Buller Has Been Defeated—Have Boers Captured Two British Battalions?

By Telegraph to the News.
LONDON, Jan. 23.—Great excitement and enthusiasm were caused here today by a dispatch from Durban saying that Lord Dundonald's "flying column" of sixteen hundred Hussars and Light Artillery had entered Ladysmith. Though not officially confirmed, the public was ready to believe it on account of Dundonald's dashing success at Acton Homes and the fact that no details have been received from him since the statement that he was feeling his way towards Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The War Office, it is positively known, has received long cables from Roberts. These are believed to contain the details of the great battle fought yesterday in Natal by Buller's forces.

Nothing has been made public at the War Office and all cables containing news of operations in Natal since yesterday morning have been held up at Cape Town.

PRISONERS WELL TREATED.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 23.—An Englishman who arrived here today from Bloemfontein reports that the British prisoners in the Free State capital are well treated. He says the Boers admit that a number of the prisoners taken of Magersfontein were men without arms who were in the act of filling water bottles at the riverside. The water was for their comrades. The men, after quenching their thirst, intended to return and resume fighting.

MCDONALD GOES TO MODDER RIVER.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 23.—General Hector McDonald has started for Modder River.

LADYSMITH FEVER STRICKEN.

DURBAN, Jan. 23.—General White's weekly report from Ladysmith shows that the cases of enteric fever average ten a day. The report shows 113 serious cases in camp.

BOERS HOLD THEIR POSITIONS.

PRETORIA, Jan. 23.—The British attacked the Boers this morning and there was heavy fighting. The Boers are holding their positions.

"BUNDESRATH" RELEASED.

DURBAN, Jan. 23.—The German steamship "Bundesrath" was released today and will sail for the East Coast.

TWO BATTALIONS REPORTED CAPTURED.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—It is reported on the stock exchange today that two battalions of British troops have been captured by the Boers.

RUMOR OF BULLER'S DEFEAT.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—There is a rumor on the Bourse today that General Buller has suffered defeat.

WHY DID GOUGH LEAVE METHUEN'S COMMAND?

LONDON, Jan. 23.—In reference to the alleged refusal of Colonel Gough to obey General Methuen's orders at the battle of Modder River, it is authoritatively stated that no accusation has been made on either side, though it is evident that there must have been serious disagreement, else Gough would not have left Methuen's command.

CAPTAINS, 5 LIEUTS. WOUNDED.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the War Office from Seaman's Camp gives the names of six captains and five lieutenants wounded in the fighting January 20th. One captain has since died.

SANTA CRUZ DESERTED.

Bodies of Lawton and Logan Expected at San Francisco This Week.

By Telegraph to the News.
MANILA, Jan. 23.—The Americans have occupied Santa Cruz on Laguna de Bay. It was reported that many insurgents were concentrated there, but the town was found deserted.

MAY ARRIVE THURSDAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The transport "Thomas," carrying the bodies of General Lawton and Major Logan, is expected to arrive from the Philippines Thursday or Friday. Mrs. Lawton accompanies the body of her husband.

Miss Mary Wiser, of Virginia, arrived here this morning to visit at Mrs. John Johnston's. Tomorrow morning she and Miss Evelyn Johnston go to Rock Hill, S. C., to visit Mrs. Thomas Johnston.

ADDRESS TO BUSINESS MEN.

Mr. Helper, of Baltimore, to Speak in Winston To-Night and Here Thursday Night.

Mr. S. Wittkowsky, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who is ever alive to the interests of the Chamber and all that it represents, has arranged to have Mr. Alexander Helper, secretary of the Retailers' Association of Baltimore, to deliver an address before the Chamber Thursday night. Mr. Helper left Baltimore Monday for Winston-Salem, where, by invitation, he delivers an address tonight before the Board of Trade of that city, on "The Necessity of Commercial Organizations in Promoting and Upholding Trade and Manufacturing Interests." "I hope what I shall say will be of some practical good to that big and hustling city of my native State," writes Mr. Helper. On the principle that what benefits one "big and hustling city" of the Old North State, will benefit another, Mr. Wittkowsky asks Mr. Helper to repeat his lecture here. He has kindly consented to do so. Mr. Wittkowsky was this morning completing arrangements for the lecture. Charlotte business men will hear Mr. Helper gladly. The Chamber of Commerce has just been launched, and the members are desirous of gaining all the information possible as how to keep the ship afloat. Mr. Helper arrives here tomorrow morning. He is a brother of Mrs. E. W. Mooring, of this city.

MILL NEWS.

The Victor Holds Its Annual Meeting—Notes.

The stockholders of the Victor cotton mill held their annual meeting in the Merchants and Farmers National Bank today at noon. Mr. J. D. Church was called to the chair.

On examination it was found that the mill was in fine shape and the statement as made by the secretary was entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. A. C. Hutcheson, who has filled the position of secretary and treasurer for a number of years, desired re-election and Mr. John M. Sharp of Statesville, was elected to succeed him. The following named compose the board of directors: Geo. E. Wilson, C. N. G. Eutz, John H. M. Aeden, J. D. Church, and M. P. Pe Stram.

Mr. W. A. Marton, superintendent of the Clover cotton mills, Clover, S. C., spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, who was in Charlotte week before last soliciting stocks for Lowell's first cotton mill, is meeting with success. The mill will be built. Mr. Robinson will give an order for first for 5,000 spindles.

Mr. Geo. A. Howell, of the Edna cotton mill, spent Sunday in the city and Mr. John Milligan, superintendent of the mill, was here yesterday. The Edna is to add 3,000 spindles.

Mr. S. Wittkowsky returned last night from Blacksburg, S. C., to attend a meeting of the Blacksburg Mill Company. Stock is being gotten right along and application for a charter has been made.

MISS GRIFFITH HEAD NURSE.

Miss Daisy Griffith arrived home this morning to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Griffith. Miss Griffith left here a year or more ago for New York to take a course as a trained nurse. She showed such quickness and aptitude that she rose rapidly in her profession and today is head nurse in the Post-graduate Hospital in New York city. Miss Griffith's friends will be delighted to know of her success.

A FINE SHOWING.

The increase in attendance at the Charlotte graded schools is not exceeded in any city in the South, not even the Gate city. The present enrollment is 1,608 at the white school; 1,006 at the colored. Daily attendance at the white, 1,303; at the colored, 900. Superintendent Graham is proud of these figures and well they may be. Charlotte is right up to the top in her public schools.

MARCH TO BRING NEW CITIZENS.

General Secretary Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A., in answer to a letter from parties in Boston, Mass., sent them a copy of the sketches of Charlotte, No. 3, and also wrote them. Today he received another letter saying that there was every probability that a number of families would, eventually, locate here and that some of them would come and look over Charlotte in March.

HIS FIRST OUTING.

Morehead Jones, the young son of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones, who has been ill for so many months, was taken out for a drive this morning. This was his first airing, and the little fellow enjoyed it thoroughly. Not only his own friends, but those of his parents were rejoiced to see the boy out. He has been a patient and brave little sufferer.

Mr. Clem Wright, of Greensboro, is in the city today.

THE SPARKLE OF LIFE

Pleasures Many That Go to Make the Day Bright and the Night Joyous.

MRS. LEISEL'S LUNCHEON.

A Beautiful Course Affair Served by a Chef From a Pullman Diner to Six Charming Women—Other Social Events of Interest and Beauty.

Around one of the most stylishly and elegantly appointed tables the writer has ever seen in the city, six charming women gathered today at 2 o'clock at Mrs. Julius Leisel's. The names? Mrs. R. Y. McAllen, Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., Mrs. George Fitzsimons, Mrs. H. S. Chadwick, Mrs. L. A. Dods-worth, and last but not least, the hostess. The dining room is one of the most artistic in the city. It is "after the German School" in decorative effect, mantel, buffet and wall cabinets holding magnificent steins with German mottoes; German ware and silver. The table is of Flemish oak, and is elegant. Today there was one large square richly embroidered, in the center, and resting on it was a silver candelabra with white candles. On one corner was a vase of pink and white carnations; on the opposite corner, a vase of pink and white roses. At each plate was a rich display of silver and glass, there being twelve spoons and forks, and six wine glasses—the tall green and gold Austria champagne goblet, costly santonie, claret, sherry and liquors in costly exquisite Bohemia glass. The individual salts were of Bohemia glass, and the bon bon holders of the same beautiful ware. Mrs. Leisel wore a pretty and becoming house dress of green. The lunch, which was served by a chef from one of the Pullman dining cars, was as follows:

- Green turtle soup, croutons.
- Oyster crabs, crackers.
- Lamb chops, water cress.
- Tartar sauce, cracker biscuits.
- Asparagus tips on toast.
- Turkey, potato balls, celery.
- Hot rolls.
- Tomatoes, stuffed with celery.
- Mayonnaise dressing.
- Cakes.
- Strawberries.
- Creme de Menthe.

A popular young man from Charlotte is to go to Baltimore in the early spring for his bride, so the story goes. He has an elegant new home ready and waiting.

The owners of the "soft hands" who deal the cards have decided that if the sheriff should come after them, that they will get even with him: "We will all kiss him," said the girls in chorus.

The mail last evening brought this cute little invitation, dictated by the five-year-old herself: "Come at my house Wednesday afternoon, at free to five. Harriet Howell Orr. Guess why?"

Miss Della N. Williams gave a pretty luncheon yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, entertaining Misses Daisy Stuart and Bessie Davis; Messrs. J. A. Williams and R. W. Vermillion, the latter of Portsmouth.

The Sans Souci will be entertained Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 by Misses Violet and Julia Alexander. In the evening the young men invited to meet the Sans Souci, will call.

Misses Mary and Fannie Andrews entertained last night, in delightful style, at tea the following named friends: Misses Bessie Gibson and Marie Wheeler, Lt. John Gumm, and Messrs. J. H. Ham, H. L. Sanders and W. H. Hammer.

The Elks will give their brother Elk, Mr. J. A. Bell, a handsome pair of cut glass water bottles, as a wedding present.

FIRE BUGS USE KEROSENE.

The fire bug seems to have gotten loose in the southern part of the city. Mr. J. S. Simpson's house, on B and Vance street, was partially burned Saturday morning. Last night a blaze was discovered under a house 301, Hill street, the wood having been saturated with kerosene. The house is occupied by a white family. The fire was discovered in time to prevent any damage. This morning a blaze from the same cause, kerosene on the wood under the house, was discovered at 300, Hill Alley. This house is occupied by a colored woman.

The following marriage licenses were granted by Register of Deeds McDonald today: W. D. Sinson and Miss Ruth C. Neely; Mr. L. M. Hunter and Miss Dora Austin.

GEN. BROOKE HERE

Former Governor General of Cuba En Route to Washington With His Family.

The former Governor General of Cuba, General John R. Brooke, and his family, were in Charlotte this morning en route to Washington.

As News readers are aware, General Brooke was succeeded by Major General Leonard Wood, who now holds the first position in the island of Cuba. General Brooke was accompanied by Mrs. Brooke and two daughters. His private secretary was also a member of the party. They arrived at Miami about ten days ago and remained there for several days. From there they went to St. Augustine, where several days were spent. While the reporter was unable to secure an interview with General Brooke, he, however, had the pleasure of an introduction. As the party had not breakfasted when they reached Charlotte, they were anxious to get to the diner.

General Brooke seemed to be in the enjoyment of perfect health. All the members of the family also seemed to be in the best of health and spirits. The party will arrive in Washington at 9:15 o'clock tonight, where they will reside for the present.

Miss Brooke, General Brooke's youngest daughter, who has been so much admired in the Cuban capital, was with her father. She is a tall blonde with beautiful figure and one of the sweetest of faces. Her devotion to her father, it is said, is beautiful. This morning she sat next him while they were at breakfast and both seemed supremely happy.

JAMES YOUNG

The Gifted Artist Here Thursday Night.

James Young is the theatrical attraction of the week. This gifted artist, who is a favorite in Charlotte, will appear here Thursday night, in his new play, "Lord Byron."

Byron's entrance into society took place under the reign of that dandyism, which was mainly characterized by the hollowest and vainest pretensions to external personal perfections, and by the affection of the possession of culture, art and taste. With this went hand in hand a sovereign contempt of true worth, as soon as worth refused to wear the tinsel and uniform of the last fashion. Miss Rida Louise Johnson, the dramatist, who has written a play dealing with the striking incidents in the life of Lord Byron, has shown a clear insight into this peculiar phase of the character of those times. Mr. James Young, the popular star who has produced the play, has given the utmost attention to these same details, and the result has been a magnificent scenic display and a play of manners that ranks among the most important productions of the decade.

MRS. LAUDIE GETS \$500.

The Superior Court has been engaged since yesterday on the case of C. L. Laudie and wife vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company. The evidence was completed yesterday afternoon and the argument of counsel begun this morning. The case was given to the jury at noon and at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon the verdict was announced. The issues were: Was the plaintiff injured by the negligence of the defendant? The answer was yes. What damage has she sustained? Answer, \$500.

The case of R. L. Stogner and wife against the Western Union Telegraph Company was called this afternoon.

ASSAULT WITH A RAZOR.

Jim Johnston, colored, who lives near the power house, last night assaulted his wife with a razor, trying to cut her throat. The Red Maria, having on board Officers Bradley, Black and Pitts, went dashing to the scene, but the negro had fled. He haunts from South Carolina, and has by this time no doubt, stepped over the line.

GOD NEWS FROM LT. SEIGLE.

Lt. Seigle writes a friend in Charlotte, that he has entirely recovered, has been discharged from the hospital and is under orders to go to Manila. He has gained 32 pounds. At present he is in charge of a company of recruits.

MISS SHELTON TO MARRY.

Many will recall, most pleasantly, Miss Ethel Sheldon, of Akron, Ohio, who visited Mrs. Adele Wittkowsky a year or so ago, and will be interested to learn that she is to be married Thursday. The groom-elect is to be Mr. A. H. Commins, of Akron.

—Mr. Sam Smith, for several years in the office of the Standard Oil Co., in this city, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with Mr. Kriebel, of Leonard & Cell's, who has an office and oil depot in this city.

—Mr. Wm. Anderson, of this city, and Capt. F. Dilling, of King's Mountain, have returned from their hunt in Florida. They killed "something," as they intended—seven deer, turkeys and birds galore.

GRAHAM --- OATES.

Dr. W. A. Graham and Miss Bonnie Oates to be Married This Evening at 6:30.

SEQUEL OF SONG & FLOWER.

Notes of a "Charming Bird" Brought Love Into the Life of the Singer and a Listener—Roses at Her Feet From the Prince Charming.

Three years ago, on a beautiful moonlight night in June, there stepped upon the stage at association hall, a girl, "divinely tall, most divinely fair," with regal bearing and artless grace, who was to make her debut as a singer. She sang with such beauty and power that her audience was electrified and she received a perfect ovation as the last trill of "That Charming Bird," which she so beautifully imitated, died in her throat. As she left the stage a superb bouquet of La France roses, tied with long streamers of pink satin ribbon, was thrown at her feet.

Who that heard the singer; who that saw the roses, could read the tale of love that was to follow the song and the flowers? 'Twas but a song; 'twas but a rose; tonight a beautiful bride, a proud and handsome groom, the former Miss Bonnie Oates; the latter Dr. William A. Graham.

No wedding that has ever occurred in Charlotte has been of more moment in the fashionable life of the city than that of this evening. Interesting conjecture preceded the formal announcement of the wedding, society being kept in the interesting state of divining and anticipating for some weeks. The social prominence of the couple makes their marriage one of note as well as interest.

The Second Presbyterian church, where the sequel of the song and the rose will be written and read, is simply but effectively decorated for the interesting and happy event. Tall palms everstand the pulpit, and bend their branches as if ready to catch up the words of love, hope and promise to be uttered 'neath their tropical loveliness. The seats immediately in front of the pulpit will be ribboned for the relatives, only. As there is no reception to follow the ceremony, the bride and groom leaving on the first train north-bound, full dress will be worn only by the members of the two families. The church, however, will be filled with one of the most fashionable and brilliant audiences, in its personnel, ever gathered on a similar occasion. Few grooms have ever led a handsomer, more accomplished or more attractive bride to the altar, and where is the bride who has ever uttered the soft, "I will," to a man of nobler type, prouder lineage?

The hour of the ceremony is 6:30. The wedding march is to be played by Miss Addie Williams, the opening notes being the signal for the bridal party to enter. The ushers will, as usual, herald the coming of the bride and groom. They will enter tonight in the following order: Mr. W. W. Watt on the right aisle, Mr. W. H. Twitty on the left; Mr. John B. Oates, brother of the bride, right; Mr. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, left; Captain David Clarke, right; Mr. J. L. Cox left; Mr. Joseph Maclean, brother-in-law of the groom, right; Mr. J. L. Prior, of Atlanta, left. The ushers cross in front of the pulpit and stand in a half circle, facing the audience. Down the right aisle comes the groom with his best man and kinsman, Mr. Norfleet Webb, of Hillsboro. He pauses at the end of the aisle, while the maid of honor, Miss Berta Oates, the bride's sister, in white organdie, and carrying carnations, enters down the left aisle. She stops where the semi-circle of ushers begins, and all eyes turn to the left door, through which, leaning on the arm of her distinguished and gallant kinsman, General W. C. Oates, of Alabama, ex-Congressman and Governor, the bride is to enter. The curtain has not been rung up on the bridal tableau, but the mind's eye sees a fair picture: the vision of a tall and handsome bride, regal in her superb wedding gown of ivory satin on train, with a deep founce of Duchesse point, extending entirely around the train and being caught in a graceful fall from the waist to the edge of the skirt in front; and with high-cut waist, around which overlying a soft vest of chiffon is a fall of Duchesse, which carried across the shoulders, finds its way, with mantle effect down the exquisite train. Holding the veil on the beautifully-poised head, is a diamond pin worn by the bride's mother when a bride, and at her throat an exquisite brooch of diamonds and pearls, the gift of the groom. She carries an armful of bride's roses with long white ribbons. With that grace and dignity that so well become her, she passes on to the altar and her waiting lover, who, with eager joy, steps

forward to meet and claim her. The two stand before Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., and the beautiful words of the marriage ceremony fall upon the ear. The bridal party pass from the church to the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. M. Oates, on North Tryon street, where the relatives gather to offer congratulations. Such is the picture; such the event which is to fill up the measure of happiness for two young people tonight.

THE BRIDE.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Col. R. M. Oates. She is not only handsome and charming, but a woman of unusual gifts and character. She reigns as queen in the song world in this State, her voice being of that phenomenal type that would have commanded recognition in the musical centres of the country had she continued her studies instead of falling in love. But she was "only a girl," after all, and when the Prince Charming came along, the song-bird listened to the voice of love instead of that of the director, else this story had not been written.

THE GROOM.

And who that knows the man to whom she has given her heart and life can blame her?

Dr. Graham is the son of Dr. Joseph Graham and Mrs. Bettie Hill Graham, and grandson of the late Governor Graham, formerly United States Senator, and Secretary of the Navy. In him the finest qualities of gentleman and man are met: a man of fine sense, which has given him one of the largest practices of any young physician in the State, highest refinement, gentle but firm, courteous in manner, and with a purity of purpose and loftiness of idea that make him a worthy son of sire and grandsire.

He and his lovely bride have received superb gifts from scores of friends in and out of the State. The groom's parents and relatives sent a magnificent trunk of silver, including several dozens of spoons, forks and knives; the bride's mother and sisters an elegant silver service, silver butter plates and spreaders, and silver gravy boat and plate. The display of silver and cut glass has seldom been exceeded in quantity or richness on any bridal occasion in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham will leave tonight for New York, where they will remain for a fortnight, stopping at the Imperial. On their return they will live at the hotel.

HUNTER--AUSTIN.

Engineer L. J. Hunter and Miss Dora Austin Marry To-Night.

Mr. Len M. Hunter and Miss Dora Austin are to be married tonight at 8:30 at the home of the bride in this city. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The marriage will not be pretentious in any way. It will be a quite home affair, simple, but pretty. The bride and groom will enter the parlor, which is tastefully decorated, together, and will covenant to "love and honor," before Dr. Stagg and the pleasant company of witnesses bidden to the marriage. The bride is a popular and most estimable young woman. She has those traits that will make her a good wife, and Mr. Hunter is to be congratulated upon winning her. The groom is an engineer on the Southern, his home at present being in Greenville, S. C. He is one of the best known and most reliable men of the city, on the Southern. He has a host of friends along the main line of life, and the B. L. E. rings its bell and says: "Good Luck."

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter leave tonight for Greenville, where they will be given a reception tomorrow evening by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hunter, who are here to attend the wedding, and who go to Greenville with them tonight.

ARRANGING TO BRING HIS BRIDE.

Mr. J. W. Thomas, representing the Miller Manufacturing Company, of Milwaukee, arrived here yesterday to arrange for his permanent headquarters here. Mr. Thomas is not to come to Charlotte alone. He is to bring his bride with him—Miss Bertha C. Ringel, of New York city, who is to be married on the 1st of February. Mr. Thomas has rented one of Mr. S. Wittkowsky's houses, on Graham street. He and his wife will be pleasantly received here.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEET.

On Tuesday night, the 30th instant, at 8 o'clock, there will be a meeting at the Mecklenburg Historical Society at the Library rooms. Business of importance will be transacted. Dr. J. B. Alexander has consented to deliver his lecture "Why President Davis was not tried for Treason."

—The Craighill-Scott organ, recital takes place at the First Presbyterian church Friday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pickens are to rent their house and return to Mr. W. M. Finger's to live.