

SPION'S KOP TAKEN.

After a Long, Hard Fight, Warren Achieves a Splendid Victory.

ALL ENGLAND REJOICES.

Boers Realize the Strategic Importance of the Hill and Make a Desperate Attempt to Recapture it—British Think They Can Hold the Position.

By Telegram to The News.
SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 24.—Warren carried Spion Kop by storm Tuesday night. The Boers made a desperate attempt for its recapture and all day the battle raged in fury. Warren's loss is heavy. General Woodgate was wounded. Warren's left flank began the attack, slowly fighting its way to the last position held by the Boers. The field artillery supported Warren. The kopje was finally taken by the South African Light House. They pushed up an exceedingly precipitous slope the last short stretch. The British infantry now occupy all the strong positions. Warren believes the Boer positions beyond Spion Kop are untenable.

PARTICULARS OF BATTLE OF SPION KOP.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The following tells of the fight before the capture of Spion Kop:
SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 23, 9:30 p. m.—The battle continues today. The infantry fire is concentrated on the crest of a hill near the centre. The Boers are holding the responding crest in the valley. It is virtually an artillery bombardment, the Boers replying occasionally and moving their guns when they are located by British, seldom firing more than three shots from one place.

A corps of stretcher bearers raised by Major Stuart Wortley behaved well during the fighting, after volunteering bringing the wounded out under heavy fire. The casualties yesterday included: Capt. Raitt, of the Queen's Own, killed; Capt. Warden, Lieutenants Smith and Dubisson, severely wounded; Capt. Hall, of the Yorkshires, killed; Lieutenant Barlow, severely wounded.

At 8 o'clock the Boers raised the white flag on the summit of a high hill, but both sides continued firing.
On January 20th Major Childie, with the South African Horse climbed a steep hill. Private Tobin got up to the summit ten minutes before the rest and began waving his hat, thus drawing the enemy's fire. Lord Dundonald reinforced Major Childie. The Boers continued shelling. Major Childie was killed, and four men wounded. Maj. Childie had a strong presentiment that he would be killed and asked his brother officers to put the following words over his grave:

"It is well with the child—
It is the child. It is well."
"This was done. Dundonald read the funeral service.

Lord Dundonald says the Boers will be very effective, and the Boers will not face their fire.

"The honors of the engagement at Acton Homes were with the Imperial Light House and Natal Carbiners."
IMPERILS THE WHOLE BOER POSITION.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The important capture of Spion Kop by the British much dwelt upon by military experts here. It commands the road to Ollivier's Hock Pass. The securing of this pass will probably follow. This imperils the position of the whole Boer army around Ladysmith, cutting off all roads of retreat on the east to the Free State. Experts say that if Buller seizes Oliver's Hock Pass and throws a strong force into the Free State the relief of Ladysmith would not only follow of itself, but it would force Joubert to evacuate the whole of northern Natal and retreat into the Transvaal.

Warren's division is connected by railway with Frere through Springfield. Buller's division is now on the left. Clery's division in the centre. Little's division on the right and Dundonald's cavalry is still operating on the extreme left flank near Acton Homes.

WARREN'S SUCCESS PROVISIONAL.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—The jubilation over Warren's victory is chastened by the realization that his success is only provisional. As appears clear from Buller's dispatch the Boers recognize the strategic importance of Spion Kop and at the time the message was sent they had not abandoned the idea of its recapture.

Nevertheless a heavy load of anxiety is removed in Natal and the general expectation is that, as the British succeeded in keeping the hill all day long, they will manage to hold it.

HUNDREDS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Hundreds were killed and wounded on both sides in

the night battle at Spion Kop. Buller fears that our loss is considerable. In the first two days fighting Warren had six hundred wounded. The night battle was very stubborn. Warren surprised the small Boer garrison, who fled. Buller reports that his men are in splendid condition.

MR. HELPER'S LECTURE

Postponed From To-Night Until To-Morrow Night—A Business Man's Treat.

Mr. Alexander Helper, secretary of the Retailers' Association of Baltimore city, arrived here last night, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mooring, of North Tryon street, Mrs. Mooring being his sister. Mr. Helper is a native Tar Heel. He was born in Salisbury. During the war he was clerk of the Arsenal under Capt. A. G. Brenizer whom Stoneman relieved of his command. "The bright boy has developed into a bright useful man," said Capt. Brenizer today. Shortly after the war Mr. Helper went North and began using his pen in the interest of "Dixie," which like Bob Taylor, he "loves best because it is the best." Mr. Helper spent 19 years, he says, writing up and making known the advantages of the Southland. He comes back to the State of his birth feeling that as far as possible, he has done his part in bringing into note the State's advantages, industrial, agricultural, mineral and climatic, and with pride the State welcomes back her son.

Mr. Helper lectured Monday night before the Board of Trade of Winston-Salem. Tomorrow night he will lecture before the Chamber of Commerce of this city, in the Chambers, new hall, next to the Central hotel. The finishing touches are being added to the hall today, and Mr. Helper will have the honor of christening it. The lecture was postponed from tonight on account of James Young being at the opera house. Mr. S. Wittkowsky, president of the Chamber, asks the News to say that all business men of the city or all interested in the business interests of the city are invited. Ladies, will also be cordially welcomed. The lecture will be at 8 o'clock.

CHINA'S NEW EMPEROR.

Kwangau Retires in Favor of Nine-Year-Old Nut Sing.

By Telegram to The News.
SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.—The North China Herald publishes an edict, signed last night by the Emperor Kwangau, appointing as Emperor in his place Nut Sing, the nine-year-old son of Prince Tuano.

At intervals of a few months for several years there have come reports of the abdication of the Emperor, but this seems to be official. The real governing power is the Dowager Empress, who has controlled the weak Emperor all through his reign.

ARMED MEN INVADE LOUISVILLE.

By Telegram to The News.
FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25.—A train carrying over a thousand men armed with Winchester arrived this morning. Governor Taylor said the men were not soldiers. He disclaims any knowledge of them.

COUNTY POLITICS.

Providence township has two A's. to bring before the people of the State; Aycock and Ardrey, for governor and lieutenant governor. She likes alliteration.

It is said that Mr. J. C. Smith will enter the contest against County Treasurer Walker. There are also whisperings to the effect that Dr. Walker will wrestle once more with Register of Deeds McDonald.

FIRE IN FREDONIA.

By Telegram to The News.
DUNKIRK, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A block was burned in Fredonia today, including the bank, trolley power house, with all the cars, and many business houses. One person was burned to death.

RAILROAD.

The schedules on the S. A. L. are to be revised, undergoing some changes about the first of February. A number of elegant new cars are being built for the road, to be operated between Atlanta and Washington.

PANTS GOODS ADVANCING.

Some are asking why the pants manufacturers are all rushing North. A man on the inside says it is because prices are advancing, being urged on by the commission men. Representatives from Charlotte's four factories have either just returned or just gone to the market.

CHURCH SOCIABLES.

The Young People's Christian Union of the Second A. R. P. church will have a sociable tonight at the Tabernacle. Tomorrow night the Juniors of the First A. R. P. church give an entertainment at the residence of Mr. R. G. Brice on East Sixth street.

AMERICAN VICTORY.

Schwan Routed Five Hundred Insurgents, and Killed Sixty-Seven.

MAJ. HAYES IN THE FIGHT.

His Cavalry Drove the Insurgents Out of Majay Jay—San Diego Occupied by Americans Our Casualties One Killed, Fourteen Wounded.

By Telegram to The News.
MANILA, Jan. 25.—Schwan captured San Diego Sunday, routing five hundred insurgents and killing sixty-seven. Schwan's casualties were one killed, fourteen wounded.

The Southern advance of the Americans caused the concentration of 2,000 insurgents at Majay Jay. Thursday Schwan occupied the heights north of the town, but an impassable ravine separated the forces and a reconnaissance failed to discover any ford.

The 30th and 39th Infantry volunteered to attempt a charge, but Schwan refused to allow it. Mulford's Battalion of the 39th then made a detour through the forest and crossed the ravine. The cavalry occupied a commanding position. Meanwhile Colonel Hayes' cavalry coming up the Takabas road forced the insurgents to retreat eastward without making a fight.

Majay Jay was magnificently fortified the ravines and trenches being full of entanglements.

GOT \$1,000 A NIGHT.

Blatchford Kavanagh Commanded That Amount—"Roney's Boys."

Not a few questions have been asked concerning the Blatchford Kavanagh and "Roney's Boys" Concert Company, which, as News readers know, has with in the past week been added to the Y. M. C. A. attractions. A word as to their history, who and what they are: Mr. Henry B. Roney is the famous musical director of Chicago. He was musical director of the National "Roney's Boys," having been trained church choirs and 21 professional singers. In 1888 he discovered Blatchford Kavanagh's wonderful voice, Kavanagh being a member of a boy choir. He took the boy in hand and gave him such instruction that he made him the most famous boy soprano in the world. He was known as the "Boy Patti" and sang for \$1,000 a night. In '90 he was compelled to retire from the concert stage as his voice was changing. After eight years of musical silence he began his career as a baritone and has already appeared in over 200 concerts in twelve States.

The boys who called themselves "Roney's Boys," became trained and drilled by the famous teacher, are: Harry Cockrell, aged 10 years, soprano; Jamie Crippen, aged 11, contralto; Arthur Goff, another 10-year-old, cornetist; and Percy Sudborough, aged 14, violinist.

Y. M. T. C. MEETING.

The Y. M. T. C., No. 1, will meet tonight at Epworth church. All the members, and especially the officers, are earnestly urged to be present, as this is the time for our quarterly election of officers. "Come out, brothers, and lets have at least a quorum," says the president. All persons interested in temperance will be cordially welcomed.

STOCK TO BE MOVED TO CHARLOTTE.

M. W. Cranford & Co., of Davidson, have disposed of their entire stock of general merchandise to Mr. E. C. Miller, of Charlotte. The stock is to be moved to Charlotte, within the next few days. Mr. Miller was one of the firm of M. W. Cranford & Co.

ONE NIGHT LATER.

Owing to there being two parties to-morrow night—one at the Misses Alexander's; the other at Mrs. Taliaferro's—Mr. Craighill has postponed his organ recital until Saturday night. This is the second and last postponement.

BACK FROM MARKET.

Mr. Charles W. Parker, of the E. M. Andrews Furniture Company, returned yesterday from the markets. New York and Boston, where he had been for a couple of weeks buying spring goods. He reports trade opening up well for the spring.

\$27 CLEAR.

The St. Cecilia held a business meeting this morning at Mrs. W. B. Ryder's rooms at the Central. The gross receipts of the concert night before last were \$100; the expense, \$73, leaving \$27 for the Humane Society.

FIRE AND ROBBERY.

Home of Mr. J. A. Berryhill Robbed and Then Set on Fire

KEROSENE OIL WAS USED.

Family Were at Dinner When They First Discovered the Smoke—Two Rooms Were Burning at the Same Time—The House Saved.

Mr. John A. Berryhill's new home on Kingston Avenue, facing Elizabeth College, was discovered to be on fire shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Berryhill, the children and Miss Nannie Marks were at dinner when they first discovered the smell of smoke. Mrs. Berryhill went to the front room and as she entered she saw that the bureau was in a light blaze. The smell of kerosene was very perceptible all through the room. While Mrs. Berryhill ran out for assistance, the other occupants of the house discovered fire in the room just back of the front room. In the bureau the children had two small iron banks, one containing about \$4 and the other \$1. These banks were found on the floor and their contents were gone. It then dawned upon Mrs. Berryhill that her home had been robbed and that the robbers in their attempt to conceal their work had intentionally fired the house.

As soon as Mrs. Berryhill could, she telephoned to the fire department. Chief Glenn with several of his men went out in the patrol wagon. By the time they reached the scene some parties passing had volunteered their service, and soon had the flames under control.

There is no question but what the robbers intended to fire the house. That they used kerosene to accomplish the deed is another well established fact. The kerosene can is kept on the back porch and an examination showed conclusively that it had been used.

The police have the case and will bend all their energies to catch the guilty party or parties.

Mr. Berryhill carried insurance on the building, but there was none on the furniture. He and family moved to their new home just three weeks ago.

JAMES YOUNG TO-NIGHT.

One of Charlotte's Favorites in Miss Johnson's New Play, "Lord Byron."

The vast influence once exercised by the works of Byron had to a certain extent waned, but various signs may be discerned which seem to point to a revival of the old interest, not indeed in the fervour, hardly admitting of calm and thoughtful appreciation, which greeted the appearance of "Childe Harold," but in a more chastened and intelligent fashion, which will lead, after all abatements are made, to see in Byron the most vigorous, the most original, poetical genius which England has produced since Milton. As announced, Mr. James Young, one of the most popular actors who has ever been seen in the South, is to produce a new play tonight dealing with the life of the poet in some of its most thrilling incidents. The play is from the pen of Miss Rida Louise Johnson who has spent over three years on the work. Historically accurate, the production will appeal to men and women of literary inclination, but "there is a mode in plays as well as clothes," and in order to measure up to the standard of the times, the play will be presented in a most magnificent scenic investiture.

The cast given yesterday is guarantee of histrionic ability sufficient to play the play as it should be.

GEN. CARR IN CHARLOTTE.

Certain the Amendment Will Carry, but Warn Democrats Against Over-Confidence.

Gen. Julian S. Carr spent last night in the city on his way to Durham from South Carolina, where he went to look after some investments.

He is greatly interested in the constitutional amendment. "I have no doubt of our ultimate success," he said; "the amendment will surely be carried, but it will be only after a hard-fought campaign. The Republican-Unionist forces are being marshalled for the fight. The Democrats must not be over-confident."

The General is in fine health and spirits. A number of his friends called on him at the hotel. He has quite a following in this section for senator, but he is not making an active campaign for the senatorship, as he considers the adoption of the constitutional amendment more important than the personal success of any candidate.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

Miss Burwell's Chafing Dish Party—In Honor of Miss Margery Lockhart.—Theatre Party To-Night.

"There is nothing half so jolly as a Chaffin Dish party," said Miss Fan Armistead Burwell when trying to decide what kind of a compliment, in the entertaining line, she would pay Miss Margery Lockhart, of Wadesboro, whom she chose to honor.

The wicks were lighted at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Miss Burwell's pretty dining room, and the "rabbit" and other good bits served in most tempting style. Euchre interested the young ladies for an hour, then followed a literary game in which a prize was to be offered. The guests were: Misses Lockhart, Alice Holland, Lena Heath, Mary Mayer, Faye Griffith, Bessie and Julia Robertson, Jane Andrews, of Raleigh; Mary Armond Nash, Anita DeRossett, of Wilmington; Ella McAden, Adele Hutchison, Sadie, and Edna Hirschinger, Eva Sumner, Leona Ryder; Mrs. S. O. Brookes and Mrs. A. S. Duffey.

Mr. Henry McAden's guests who will occupy an imaginary "box" tonight at James Young are: Misses Leona Ryder, Lucy and Fan McAden, Saida and Alice Jones, Saide Young, Annie Ficklin, of Washington; Margaret Cannon, of Concord; May Oates; Mesdames R. Y. McAden, W. J. Martin, of Davidson, and Mrs. A. H. Harris; Dr. C. A. Bland, Messrs. Albert Summey, Julian Gillespie, John and James Van Ness, Louis Burwell, Frank Harty, Sam Hawkins, Willoughby Chambers, Giles McAden, Chase Brenizer, M. A. Lyon, John S. Carson, James Stowe, Nisbit Latta and Claude Brown. After the theatre Mr. McAden will be "mine host" at the Manufacturer's Club, at a stylish and elegant lunch.

Miss Lucy McAden issued invitations yesterday afternoon for an entertainment Tuesday night.

The ushers at the Bryant-Sumner marriage today week, in Lincolnton, will be: Messrs. Albert Summey, H. C. Dresser, W. H. Twitty, H. A. Banks and Louis Guion, of Charlotte; and Blair Jenkins, of Lincolnton. Mr. Victor Bryant, of Durham, brother of the groom, will be best man. Judge W. A. Hoke will give the bride away.

The next meeting of the Sosos will be at Mrs. W. S. Laddell's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott entertained the Tuesday night Whist Club last night.

The Married Peoples Club will enjoy its euchre at Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Church's tomorrow night.

THE CATHOLIC LEGION.

A Social Evening Followed by the Election of Officers.

Last night, the Catholic Benevolent Society gave a smoker followed by a luncheon, to quite a number of their friends, in their hall in the basement of the Catholic church. A number of invitations sent out, and there was very few who did not avail themselves of the pleasure of attending, as the society has a reputation of having a good time. Among the guests were the Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid; Rev. F. Anthony, of Greensboro, and Rev. Father Francis, of this city. Mr. Julius Schuchnor delivered the address of welcome; after which the Bishop made a short talk in behalf of the society, of which he is a member. As a result of the lecture, the Legion is ten members stronger today than it was yesterday. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chas. A. Williams, president; J. Harry Phelan, vice president; Jno. F. Williams, treasurer; Julius Schuchnor, orator; C. McNelis, chancellor; Thos. L. Lery, secretary.

HAD SMALL-POX.

Another Negro Sent to the Pest House Yesterday Afternoon.

Lee Bailey, colored, was sent to the pest house yesterday afternoon with a case of varioloid that was "mighty" close kin to small-pox.

Bailey worked at Valaer's soda water factory. Yesterday morning, seeing his face broken out so badly with an eruption, Mr. Valaer sent for a physician. He thought that the negro had small-pox, and reported the case to Drs. Hawley and Strong, city and county physicians, as soon as he could see them, which was in the afternoon. He also told them that he had vaccinated some of the hands at the factory, but that some refused to be vaccinated. As soon as Dr. Hawley heard of the matter he went to the factory and vaccinated the unvaccinated. Bailey thinks he caught the disease at the depot, it being his work to go there to load and unload freight. Dr. Hawley does not anticipate any spread of the disease amongst the soda water factory hands.

CATHCART --- HARRIS.

Stylish Home Wedding Near Pineville Yesterday Evening at 7 O'clock.

DECORATIONS BEAUTIFUL.

The Bride a Sister of Mr. H. W. Harris, of This City—The Groom a Prominent Business Man of Columbia—Number of Charlotte People Attended.

Miss Mattie Harris, a sister of Mr. H. W. Harris, of this city, was married last evening at 7 o'clock to Mr. John Cathcart, of Adger, S. C., at the beautiful home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, near Pineville, N. C. The wedding was one of the prettiest that has ever been witnessed in that section of the county. The house was decorated with palms and ferns, the parlor where the ceremony was performed being especially tasty and attractive in its arrangement. A large company of relatives and friends filled the spacious residence, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Promptly at 7 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor. The bride and groom were preceded by the bride's sister, the maid of honor, Miss Belle Harris, in white organdie and carrying pink carnations, and the groom's brother, Mr. Charles Cathcart, of Columbia, S. C., best man. They separated, leaving a space in the centre of the room, which was immediately filled by the happy lovers. The words that bound their lives as one, were pronounced by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. C. E. McDonald, of Winnsboro, S. C. The nuptial prayer and benediction were uttered by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Steele Creek. The ceremony was beautifully impressive. Congratulations followed, and then one of the most sumptuous wedding suppers ever provided for wedding guests. The decorations in the dining room were entirely of white, the table in its snow-drap beauty challenging the admiration of all.

The bride wore a long gown of white silk, en train, and trimmed in chiffon and lace. She carried bride's roses. Her veil which fell gracefully about her person, was fastened to her hair with an exquisite pearl brooch, the gift of the groom. She made a lovely bride, and her friends were outspoken in their admiration. She has fine traits and is one of the most generally beloved young women of her township. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the Palmetto State. He is esteemed for his many excellent qualities. Those from Charlotte who attended the wedding were: Mr. H. W. Harris and family; Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Strong; Miss Emma Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin and Miss Margaret Caldwell. Mr. Robert Harris, of Norfolk, was also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart left last night for their future home at Adger, where a reception will be tendered to-night.

GIBBON-RESPASS.

Handsome engraved cards are out today reading as follows:
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Respass invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Kate Van Buren, to Mr. Edward M. Gibbon, Wednesday evening, February seventh, nineteen hundred, at five o'clock, at their residence, Spring and Boulevard Streets, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbon will be at home Tuesday in March. Mr. Gibbon is related to Mrs. Annie Lardner and Dr. R. L. Gibbon, of this city.

NEW GENT'S FURNISHING STORE.

Mr. Louis Rosenbaum and son, Mr. Charles Rosenbaum, of Newbern, are to open a gent's furnishing store in the city. They are here today looking for a suitable location.

Mr. E. T. Hunt, of Clear Creek, Texas, passed through the city this morning on his way to Greensboro, where he is to locate. Mr. Hunt is a brother of Mr. C. W. Hunt, of this city. He left North Carolina eleven years ago for Texas.

DINING.

Dr. C. G. McManaway who is more at home with D. D's at present, than with M. D's, today entertained in handsome style at dinner, at his home on East Sixth street, Rev. Dr. Barron, Rev. Mr. Vines, Mr. Wolfsohn and Dr. F. M. Winchester.

—Mr. R. B. Hunter, county superintendent of education, is out on his road of visitations to the schools of the county.