

WILL NOT SIGN.

Governor Taylor Decides Not to Ratify the Louisville Agreement.

THE LONDON LEGISLATURE

Adopts Resolution Pledging Its Unqualified Support to Taylor—Chairman of the Republican Caucus Says They Play as Well Have the Fight Out Now.

By Telegraph to The News. LONDON, Ky., Feb. 8.—Not hearing anything from Frankfort as to the result of last night's conference, the House met today and passed resolutions of confidence in Taylor, pledging its united, earnest, loyal and enthusiastic support, urging him to stand firm, and letting the appeal to all Kentuckians go forth that we will never compromise with dishonor, nor yield one iota in this battle for civil liberty and the rights of the people as expressed at the polls in November. Chairman Slack, of the Republican House caucus, said this morning that he rather leaned towards compromise, but he declared the Democrats seemed to want all the best of it, and he was now for a fight to the finish. He said: "The fight will have to come sooner or later. It had as well be commenced now, so it can be got through with." Much indignation is expressed at Lieutenant Governor Marshall signing the Louisville agreement.

WILL NOT SIGN THE TREATY.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 8.—Governor Taylor has not signed the Louisville peace agreement nor will he, as it now stands, nor will any action be taken today. This was determined at a conference that lasted until two o'clock this morning, when all of Taylor's legal advisers were present. Judge Yost made a vigorous protest against signing the treaty. He said if Governor Taylor signed the agreement it should be of his own making, and provide for the convening of the Legislature and repeal of the Goebel election law, passage of a substitute, the settlement of contests by vote of the House and Senate in separate session; the settlement of minor contests by fair trial before the election commission; the Republican incumbents being allowed to take any legal steps they think proper.

HOISERY MEN MEET.

The Price of Yarn to be Advanced to Keep Pace With Cotton.

The Southern Hosiery Yarn Spinners' Association met this morning at 10 o'clock at the Manufacturers' Club. As some of the most representative spinners were to arrive at noon, the meeting adjourned with transacting any business until after dinner. The Association is now in session. Among others the following named members were registered:

J. B. McMillan, Talladega Cotton Factory, Talladega, Ala.; J. H. Hicks, Highland City Mills, Talladega; J. F. Lovejoy, Newman Cotton Mills, Newman, Ga.; J. W. Hanson, Barnesville Manufacturing Company, Barnesville, Ga.; M. L. Smith, Clover Cotton Manufacturing Company, Clover, S. C.; Charles Iceman, McCall Manufacturing Company, McCall, S. C.; J. C. Rankin, Spencer Mountain Mills, Lowell; G. B. Spencer, Scotland Cotton Mills, Laurinburg; R. M. Oates, Jr., Gold Crown Hosiery Mills, Charlotte; C. W. Johnson, Anchor Mills, Huntersville; J. F. Taylor, Kingston Cotton Mills, Kingston.

Mr. William D'Olier, the well known commission merchant, of Philadelphia, is in attendance.

Mr. Hanson, of Brunswick, Ga., has joined the association since its last meeting here, December 14. It will be remembered that at that meeting a schedule of prices was adopted on the basis of 16 cents for No. 10 hosiery yarn.

"Will the price be advanced today?" a prominent member of the association was asked. "It is more than likely that it will," said he, "on account of the recent sharp advance of cotton."

The rule of the association has been to meet every 30 days here in Charlotte. Hereafter it will meet every 60 days. The tone of the market is buoyant, and spinners and commission men wore bright faces. The meeting today will probably not adjourn until the last call for supper.

"Why is a police detective like the scene of General Buller's recent defeat in the Transvaal?" asked a gentleman, "at the fountain?" "Give it up," said the crowd. "Because he is a spon kop." The proprietor was immediately compelled to set 'em up."

Nelson, the young son of Mrs. M. F. Lyles, is ill with pneumonia.

BULLER GAINS A FOOHOLD.

After a Loss of 233 Men He Secures a Position North of the Tugela.

By Telegraph to The News. SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Feb. 8.—Gen. Buller has clinched his position north of the Tugela river. He has mounted heavy guns and infantry are now entrenched to support them.

GATACRE REPULSES BOERS.

STREKSTROM, Feb. 8.—The Boer attack yesterday on Per Hoek proved only a feint. The main attack developed later, was directed against this place, and Boers, with three guns, shelled the British position and started to advance. Gatacre rushed reinforcements to the front. The Boers retreated, British cavalry pursuing.

BULLER'S POSITION.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Wednesday Night, Feb. 7.—The British position at Vaal Krans ridge has been made secure. Infantry advanced today along the ridge, driving the Boers before them. The Vaal Krans ridge forms a continuation of Brakfontein Range and is several miles east of Potgeiter's Drift.

HALF WERE NATIVES.

Over half the Boer troops were natives. The enemy held on until the British reached the top of the kopje, when they fled.

BRITISH LOSS 233.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Buller has telegraphed the War Office that the approximate British casualties in the fighting at Potgeiter's Drift till Tuesday noon were 233.

TATE & BROWN.

Mr. J. C. Tate and Mr. Claude Brown Become Partners.

An interesting change in mercantile circles went into effect this morning. Mr. J. C. Tate, of the Long-Tate Clothing Company, sold his interest in that company to Mr. W. L. Long, one of the members of the company, and purchased a half interest in Mr. Claude Brown's men's furnishing business. The name of the new firm will be Tate & Brown. Negotiations were begun yesterday, looking to this change, but final agreement was not made until this morning. Mr. Tate and Mr. Brown began taking stock at once. By this deal Mr. Tate severs his connection entirely with the Long-Tate Clothing Company, Mr. Long buying his entire interest. The Long-Tate Clothing Company is a stock company and the name will remain as at present. The only two stockholders now are Mr. Long and Mr. John R. Pharr. The business will continue as heretofore. Mr. Tate will be manager of Tate & Brown's business. They will continue business at the present stand, but will make changes not only in the stock, but in the appearance of the building. A handsome plate glass front is to be put in, and new fixtures in the interior. The new firm will keep a complete and "swell" stock of men's furnishings. Mr. Tate has had 14 years' experience in the business, as clerk and proprietor, and to his experience adds taste and popularity that are winners in the race for success. Mr. Brown will be here now and then, and will assist Mr. Tate in the buying.

MR. BRYAN ACCEPTS.

Will Speak in Raleigh Tuesday Night, the 13th.

The News this morning received the following telegram from Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and Democratic National Committee man from this State: "Mr. Bryan accepts the invitation to speak in Raleigh Tuesday night, February 13. Everybody invited."

"JOSEPHUS DANIELS."

An effort is being made to get Mr. Bryan to come to Charlotte, if possible, but it is not known whether it will be successful. He has a large number of engagements ahead.

Mr. Bryan will be warmly welcomed to North Carolina. A number are expected to go from here to Raleigh to hear the Democratic leader.

GRETNA GREEN AFFAIR.

There was a runaway marriage in Long Creek Tuesday evening, which interested the people of that township greatly. The bride was Miss Rena McCall, daughter of Mr. Alex. McCall; and the groom, Mr. Lorenzo Ferris. The former is 17 years old; the latter 16. They drove to South Carolina, to "Squire Bailes" and were there made boy and wife. They returned home yesterday morning and are living at his father's.

MRS. PEARSON'S MEETINGS.

Mrs. Pearson meets with the ladies from 4 to 5 this afternoon and tomorrow at the First Presbyterian church. Numbers of ladies have heard her talks this week, and all have felt strengthened and helped. She will talk especially to young women tomorrow afternoon, and asks that as many as possible be present.

TRUESDALE HANGED.

Came Near Dying of Collapse and Had to be Dragged to the Scaffold.

NITRO-GLYCERINE GIVEN HIM

Drop Fell at 10:27 and it Was Sixteen Minutes Before He Was Declared Dead—Truesdale Murdered His Mistress the Night of August 23, 1899.

William Truesdale, the negro murderer, was hanged in the county jail this morning.

Around the jail was the usual great crowd that gathers on such occasions—hundreds of negroes, men, women and children—several scores of white men; all of whom know they will be denied admittance to the jail, but who hang around waiting with breathless interest for any intimation of what is going on within. Inside the jail, crowded on a narrow landing, on top of the steel cells and standing in the narrow rooms, were the sheriff, his deputies, the chief of police, his officers, the doctors, newspaper men; and the congregation of the morbidly curious who go to a hanging for the sensation of seeing a man die.

UTTERLY COLLAPSED.

When the time came for the hanging Truesdale was in a state of utter collapse. His nerves had given away completely and he was on the verge of heart failure. The doctors were called in, and administered hypodermic injections of nitro-glycerine. The sheriff's assistants then dressed him. He was as limp as a dish cloth, was in a profound stupor and his breathing was very labored. He could not walk to the scaffold, and had to be carried from his cell.

DRAGGED TO THE SCAFFOLD.

When he arrived at the door at the foot of the scaffold stairs, he held back and resisted strenuously. He had to be bound hand and foot, and it took half a dozen men to drag him up the stairs to the scaffold and put him in position. A scuffling was put in position above the scaffold and Officers Cunningham and Black stood on it and held Truesdale in position while the trap was sprung.

DIED IN A STUPOR.

"Have you anything to say, Will?" asked one of the officers. There was no answer. The sheriff repeated the question. Truesdale showed no signs of consciousness.

No minister was there to officiate, there were no closing songs, no service, no last words, no confession.

Just as Chief of Police Orr knocked out the block and sprung the trigger, there were a few "good-byes" from the crowd. That was all.

Truesdale was already on the verge of death when the black cap was fitted over his eyes.

DIED FROM STRANGULATION.

The trap was sprung at 10:27 o'clock. His body was so limp that the fall did not break his neck and he died slowly from strangulation. There were convulsions and the body writhed. The doctors examined him time and time again, but still the spark of life lingered.

It was sixteen minutes after the drop fell when the county physician said: "I hereby pronounce William Truesdale dead, dead, dead."

The body was in a few minutes cut down and placed in the pine coffin. It is understood that the remains will be carried to his old home, Camden, S. C., for interment. Truesdale told Sheriff Wallace that his mother had promised to come this morning, but she did not appear.

HE NEVER CONFESSED.

Truesdale affirmed his innocence up to this morning. He never confessed the crime, and his nerve did not give way until about an hour before the hanging.

Rev. B. F. Hargett, the white Baptist minister, who visited Truesdale in his cell several times, said to a News reporter today:

"I called to see Truesdale yesterday and had a private interview with him. To my question, 'Did you, or did you not, kill that girl?' he answered, 'No, I did not.' I told him not to die with a lie on his lips; it would do him no good after he was dead. He still protested his innocence and said that he was ready to go. This morning Sheriff Wallace went with me to his cell. He said: 'Get up, Will, the preacher wants to talk with you and pray for you.' Will said, 'Tell him to pray, but I am ready, sheriff, when you are.' He was carried to the scaffold and in an unconscious state met his death."

THE CRIME.

On the same day Julius Alexander was hanged, August 24 last, there was a ghastly find near the Victor Mills, just beyond the city limits. A negro man discovered the mutilated body of a negro woman in the woods just north of the cotton mill. The body was al-

most naked. There were deep cuts about the eyes, seemingly made by a knife and the head was crushed with some heavy instrument. Her clothes were found about a hundred yards away. The police went to work on the case at once, and one clue after another came into their possession until in a few hours they had traced the crime to Truesdale. The woman was Jane Brown (alias Ida Hobson) and had been Truesdale's mistress. She followed Truesdale from Greensboro to Charlotte, and tried to compel him to provide for her. He got her board at Emma Leeper's. The night before the murder he took the woman out for a walk. That was the last seen of her until the body was identified at the corner's inquest next day. Truesdale was arrested. The woman's purse and money were found on his person, and his shirt bore blood-stains that he had vainly tried to wash out. The chain of evidence was complete at every point.

FUNERAL OF MISS KEESLER.

Friends Pay the Last Tribute of Respect This Afternoon—Interment at Rock Hill.

The funeral of Miss Marie Keesler, who breathed her last yesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock, as announced in the News, will be held this afternoon at 4:30, at the residence of Mr. E. L. Keesler, on East Sixth street. The announcement of the death of this bright young girl filled many hearts with sorrow and was a sad surprise to many. Her intimate friends knew of her decline, but the outer circle did not realize that the end was so near. She was so young—only 18—and so full of life and brightness, one could not associate death with her, yet today she sleeps. Loved ones had watched her since the first symptoms of her illness—last December. Her young life began to decline as the year was winging its flight. She lived to greet, but not to enjoy, the New Year, for her days and nights have been filled with pain and suffering since its dawn. But sorrow and sighing are o'er—she rests, she sleeps, and calm and beautiful is her sleep. There will be tears on the roses that cover her bier, but tears of sorrow do not despair, for she is "not lost, but gone before." Her bright, lovely young spirit has joined "the choir invisible—of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence; whose music is the gladness of the world."

Lottie Marie Keesler was born the 19th of September, 1882, in Rock Hill, S. C. She made her home always with her brother, Mr. E. L. Keesler, and came to Charlotte when quite a child. By her sweet disposition and bright, attractive ways she surrounded herself with a circle of interested friends, and by these and others her death is deplored. She connected herself some years ago with the Episcopal church, her membership at the time of her death being at St. Peter's, this city. She leaves two brothers, Messrs. E. L. and S. R. Keesler, and five sisters: Mrs. J. S. Rhaine, of Camden, S. C.; Miss Saida Keesler, who lives with Mr. S. R. Keesler, in Greenwood, Miss.; Mrs. E. V. Durham and Misses Janie and Mozelle Keesler, of Charlotte.

Among the many beautiful floral offerings which were sent to the house today, was one from the young ladies at Tapp, Long & Co's. The remains will be taken to Rock Hill, S. C., tomorrow morning for burial, other members of the family being buried there.

The pall bearers will be: Messrs. Fred Nash, Ed. McDonald, Hubert Ramsour, Pat Williams, Marshal Collins and Torrence LeGrand.

WAGNER.

Last evening Dr. Charles R. Fisher gave a recital in Elizabeth College chapel, illustrative of Wagner's works. This was by way of supplement to the Wagner evening, recently given by the Diatelian Literary Society.

CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Carson, of Baltimore, who has been here preaching at East Avenue Tabernacle, returned to Baltimore this morning.

Mr. Montgomery, who is to be pastor at the Tabernacle, arrives next week.

AFTER THE LOAVES AND FISHES.

Mr. W. M. Ross, of Ardreys, was in the city yesterday to get the 8 1/2 market on his cotton. Mr. Ross is lucky to not having disposed of his cotton sooner. He has several bales in hand yet.

COLD WAVE EN ROUTE.

Weather Observer Davis' greeting this morning had a chilling effect. Said he: "There's a cold wave coming tomorrow. It started in the northwest and is traveling toward us as fast as it's windy majesty will allow. It will be much colder tomorrow."

CHARLOTTE WORK.

Mr. W. E. Glenn, the contractor, has been awarded the contract for building the new Southern Railway passenger station at Harriman, Tenn. Architect Milburn made the plans.

PRACTICAL HOLINESS

Evangelist Pearson Takes as His Text First Peter, First Chapter, 16th Verse.

TWO KINDS OF HOLINESS.

Holiness of God and Holiness of Man—Topic Announced for Tonight—A Special Sermon on "Mother's Influence" on Friday Night.

Appropriately, the opening hymn of the service last night was, "Nearer My God to Thee," for who could have heard the sermons the great evangelist has been preaching since Sunday night and not felt nearer to God? Other hymns introductory to the service proper were, "Work for the Night is Coming," "Oh! Happy Day," and "Faith is the victory." Prayers were offered by Revs. Messrs. Turrentine, Surratt and Bissell. The collection was introduced last night for the first time—collection for incidental expenses. Mr. Pearson announced that he would not vary the programme as at first arranged, viz: That the services would be held this week in the Second church, and next week in the First. "Drs. Howerton and Stagg have shown the sweetest, loveliest and best of spirit in the matter, and have left it with me, so I concluded not to alter the programme. We will go on here until Saturday night. Sunday night I will preach at the First church, and throughout the week following. The place is a matter of small import. Tomorrow night I will preach on, 'The Work of Christ on the Throne.' The work on the throne supplements the work on the cross. Friday night I will speak on, 'Mothers' Influence,' but I don't want any one to get the idea that the service is for mothers only. I want the fathers to come out and hear what I have to say to the mothers, and Saturday night I want the mothers to be here and hear what I have to say to the fathers. Friday night I want the mothers close to me, and so we'll use this main block of seats for the women. Saturday night we will reverse this order and use it for men—all sorts of men. I hope there will be much praying about these two services—all the services, in fact. Let us bow now and have a word of prayer." Note the change of tone in the preacher's voice! Force, energy and declaration give place to tenderness, reverence and humility in addressing Him who sits upon the throne, as "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts."

"We thank Thee for the atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross, for His intercession in heaven," said the preacher. "Bless these, thy people, save them from error on the one hand, and from worldliness on the other. May this be a head-instructive service, and a benefit to all our souls. Amen."

"I now call your attention to 1st Peter 1:16, said the preacher: 'Be ye Holy, for I am Holy.' The preceding verse reads: 'But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.' So you see, my friends, this thing of holiness ought to go into our characters. I want to talk on 'Practical Holiness.' There is a great deal of impractical holiness in the land. There are two things to note in this text:

"First, The holiness of God revealed—'I am holy.'"

"Second, The holiness of Christians commanded—'Be ye holy.'"

"First, as to the holiness of God: 'What is holiness?' There is not a more difficult word in the English language or on earth. Why? Because it is an unearthly word, a word God coined. The idea is not in the world. We cannot give any definition that conveys all the meaning of it. One idea is 'consecration'; another freedom from sin—Adam was holy when he was put in the garden of Eden; he was created free from sin.

"Another idea is absolute moral purity. In that sense God is holy and, in a sense, none other can be.

"Now the next question: 'What are the characteristics of God's Holiness?' "First, That it is an essential attribute of His being. He can't be the God of the Bible and not be holy. Holiness is not essential to an angel—the devil settled that—nor to a man, but it is to God. God is omnipotent—holiness is omnipotent; God is omniscient—holiness is omniscient. So with all of God's attributes. It is the crowning glory of all of His attributes. It is the perfection of His being. Does He cast the angels out of heaven who kept not their first estate? Yes, and does it in absolute holiness. Does He send the flood and sweep the earth? He does it in absolute holiness. Does He permit His Son to die on the cross? He does it in absolute holiness. Dear, dying man, does He assign you a place in the nethermost hell? He does it in absolute holiness. God, who created and redeemed us, is to judge us, and will do

so in absolute holiness.

"Another peculiarity about the holiness of God: It is absolutely unswerving. It did not swerve a hair's breadth, though Adam and his race were to be involved in misery and woe. We see in Moses a man pre-eminently a type of Christ, and yet in His dealings with him God's holiness did not swerve. Again in Christ's agony on the cross, when His sweat was as drops of blood; when He cried, 'My God! my God! Why hast thou forsaken me?' the holiness of God did not swerve a hair's breadth. Thank God for that blessed fact! Oh! it is the joy of the angels in heaven and of good men on earth, but what a doom to the man who spurns the love of Christ and rejects the holiness of His gospel; that impugnes God's motives, criticises His government! To illustrate: The sun is the centre of gravity. Suppose it should swerve a hair's breadth from that centre, what would follow? It would wreck the universe. So in the moral universe, holiness is the moral centre. Should God deviate a hair's breadth the moral universe would be wrecked. So much for the characteristics of God's holiness!"

"Again: 'How has God revealed His holiness?' In just three ways: "First, The Sabbath. He blessed the Sabbath. He rested that day—Gen. 2:3. Now, what's the idea? If God would reveal His holiness to man, there must be a time when men can commune with Him, have fellowship with Him, so my friends, he who disregard the Sabbath is striking a blow at the fundamental teachings of religion.

"Second, There must be a place where God dwells, where man can approach Him. What made the holy of holies so holy? The presence of God. What is holiness, so far as you and I are concerned? It is God dwelling in us, and you have just as much of holiness as you have of God. It is God dwelling in you.

"Again, The next great revelation God makes of His holiness is in the incarnation—Luke 1:35. Here is a holy person. There was no sin in Him. Here we have personal holiness. Heretofore it had been abstract, now it is personal, practical. What is practical holiness? It was Jesus Christ doing the will of God on earth in the flesh. That was the rule of His conduct. What's 'practical holiness?' For you to do the will of God in your thinking, in your business, in your living and in your home, and that's the gist of Christianity; that's the gist of our religion in that we should live redeemed, godly, Christ-like lives on earth.

"One other thought: Christ is the connecting link between us and God and in Him we find human and divine holiness. There is no chance of our living in the presence of that holy God, but by the holiness of Christ. As we grip the holiness of God, we grip what sin is, what salvation is, and what Christ's work on the cross and throne was."

"Now I come down to the second question: 'How is holiness commanded?' We can't afford to dodge this because some sinless perfection cranks are going about the country abusing it. What hinders our practical holiness? Three things:

"First, Failure to lay our besetting sins aside. We can't make any progress toward practical holiness as long as this is true. What is a besetting sin? A sin that sticks close to us. Every one has them. We must look to God for grace and help.

"Another thing that hinders is an unwillingness to let God search us. The Psalmist says: 'Search me, O God.' Are you willing to get alone with God and just open your heart and let God search you? To say: 'Search me, O Lord, and if I am dishonest, sordid, or guilty of gossip, or of talking about my neighbor, or of impugning motives, or untrue as wife or husband; if I practice shark tricks in trade; if I am not keeping the Sabbath; if I am cherishing any animosity, show it to me!' Oh! dying man, you've got to come face to face with God some time. Don't talk to me about searching yourself. You can't do it.

"Another thing that hinders is a life of practical holiness: Failure to confess our sins, even when we know them. Christians, let me give you a word of advice: The moment you give way to your temper, or tongue, or any sin, breathe a confession right there to God, and as soon as you can get on your knees and confess to God. Don't let it lie there corroding on the conscience.

"Now to the next question: 'What helps us to live a life of practical holiness?' One thing is faith. That may sound trite, but listen: Ephesians 2:8—'For by grace are ye saved through faith.' Let's look at this. In the first place you are to put your faith in Christ's willingness to help. He sees your besetting sins and longs to help you, to guide you and keep you from this con- tinual back-sliding, and falling from grace, but the question is, do you want grace, but the question is, do you want it? Will you say with the poor leper: 'If thou wilt thou canst make me clean?' If you doubt it there is no such thing as your gaining a victory and start living a life of practical holiness. Start each day with the idea, that the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for me,

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