

ALMOST IN SIGHT.

Buller is Moving Forward Rapidly to the Relief of Ladysmith.

GEN. MACDONALD WOUNDED.

Boers Attack Clements at Arundel—Plumer Repulsed by Boers at Crocodile Pools—Queen Happy Over Unconfirmed Report of Ladysmith's Relief.

By Telegraph to the News. LONDON, Feb. 21.—Ladysmith has been relieved. It was announced at the Windsor Town Council today that the Queen had heard the news.

BULLER CROSSES THE TUGELA.

A dispatch from Durban says the forces of Buller have been crossing the Tugela at Colenso all night long and he now has four thousand men on the north bank of the river. Hart's brigade is all on the north bank. Determined efforts are being made by the engineers to repair the railroad bridge so that trains may run. A pontoon bridge has been constructed over the ford at the foot of Hlangwana and heavy artillery is being taken over it. The Boers are not offering strong resistance, occasionally firing from Grobler's Kloof. Buller is endeavoring to mount big guns on Hlangwana, which can be used on the ridges north of the Tugela and along the line of the railway as far as Nelthorpe with good effect. It is believed that Buller will continue his forward movement to Ladysmith without rest.

The Boers are still retiring, leaving the rear guard merely as a patrol. HELIOGRAPH FROM LADYSMITH. LADYSMITH, Feb. 20. (By Helio-graph to Colenso.)—The Boers have removed Long Tom from Bulwana Hill. Buller's naval guns are now reaching the Boer position. We expect relief within two days.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The report that Ladysmith has been relieved is again current on the Berlin Bourse and London Stock Exchange. Although it is possible the report is true, no news has been received to confirm it. The War Office says it is unable to confirm the report, but the public believe the Queen has again forestalled the authorities.

RELIEF A MATTER OF HOURS.

Another heliographed dispatch from Ladysmith says Buller has captured Ploy's hill, which is plainly visible. This has put everybody in the highest spirits. It is believed Buller will next occupy Ashvogel Krantz, on the north bank of the Tugela, commanding the railway to Nelthorpe, half way to Ladysmith and also perhaps reach the summit of Bulwana hill. We believe relief is only a matter of hours.

CRONJE IN BAD POSITION.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A private telegram here from Berlin this afternoon declares that General Cronje is in a bad position, bearing out yesterday's Berlin rumor that Cronje was surrounded.

WINDSOR A LITTLE PREVIOUS.

WINDSOR, England, Feb. 21.—The announcement is posted in the town hall that Ladysmith has been relieved.

TO INQUIRE INTO SEIZURES.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 21.—United States Consul Hollis has sent a circular letter to the merchants here, stating that he is instructed to inquire into the recent seizures of merchandise from New York. He is prepared to receive sworn declarations from parties interested.

MACDONALD REPORTED WOUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—It is reported that General Macdonald, commander of the Highland Brigade, was severely wounded in the battle yesterday.

NIGHT BATTLE AT CROCODILE POOLS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—No news has been received up to this afternoon in regard to Cronje's army, though there are persistent rumors that an engagement is in progress. It is reported that Col. Plumer, who is moving to the relief of Ladysmith, surprised the Boers in a night attack at Crocodile Pools. The Boers at the pools were strongly entrenched. While struggling through barbed wire entanglements, the British alarmed the Boer dogs. The Boers began firing. The British then made a bayonet charge. The Boers exploded the dynamite mines and the British retreated.

BOERS ATTACK CLEMENTS.

ARUNDEL, Feb. 21.—The Boers made a determined attack on General Clements' camp today. Their big gun and Vicker Maxim harassed the British infantry for several hours. Both were finally silenced by the British five-inch gun, and the attack repulsed.

The graded schools will have holiday tomorrow in honor of Washington's birthday.

SUES SENATOR SULLIVAN.

Pullman Conductor Wants Fifty Thousand from the Mississippi Senator.

Pullman Car Conductor Coles, whose run is between Washington and Charlotte, informs a News reporter that he will enter suit against Senator Sullivan, of Mississippi, for \$50,000 damages. Mr. Coles charges that Senator Sullivan while on his car Monday night abused him unmercifully and struck him several times, blackening his eye and inflicting several other injuries. Mr. Coles further charges that Senator Sullivan was intoxicated and had been since he left Washington. When asked for additional information in regard to the occurrence, Mr. Coles stated that he did not care to discuss the matter; that Senator Sullivan had apologized to him and attempted to hush the matter, but as it was one of such a serious nature he thought he should pay heavily for his bad conduct.

HOLIDAY AT POSTOFFICE.

Thursday, February 22nd, being a legal holiday, the following schedule will be observed at the postoffice: Carriers will make their regular morning deliveries, and also the second deliveries in the business portion of the city, but there will be no afternoon deliveries.

Money order, stamp, and general delivery windows will open at 10 a. m., and closed at 1 p. m.

The public is respectfully requested to call during the hours mentioned; as the clerks will leave the office promptly at 1 p. m., there will be no one to attend to the windows.

All mail mail posted at the postoffice or in the street-letter boxes in the business portion of the city will be collected and dispatched as usual.

Respectfully,
JONAS W. MULLEN, Postmaster.

DAMAGE TO TRUCKERS.

A gentleman who is just from the Eastern portion of North Carolina tells a News reporter that the severe cold wave of last Saturday worked untold harm to the truck farmers of that section. The News' informant states that most of the lettuce and cabbage was ruined. Just how serious the damage is cannot be ascertained until warmer weather comes, when the plants will show for themselves how much injury they received from the cold weather.

THINKS OSBORNE WILL WIN.

Friends of Hon. F. I. Osborne are of the opinion that he will secure the place on the Philippine Commission. Mr. Osborne is still in Washington. Nothing has been heard from either he or Senator Pritchard in regard to the matter.

Hon. Clark Howell, of Atlanta, another Southern man who has been spoken of in connection with the place, passed through Charlotte last night en route to Washington.

EXPRESS AGENT COMMITS SUICIDE.

By Telegraph to the News.

CATSKILL, N. Y., Feb. 21.—F. R. Mungen, for twelve years manager of the American Express Company here, was found dead early this morning, with a bullet in his temple. The body was found in Prospect Park. His accounts had just been placed under inspection. His friends scout the idea that he was an embezzler.

—Manager Nat Gray says he will inform the public when the opera house will be closed. He says we will still have a place of amusement for some months yet.

—The session of the First Presbyterian church will meet tonight and directly after prayer meeting services an opportunity will be given any one to connect themselves with this church.

WILL BE GUESTS OF THE CENTRAL.

The Philadelphia base ball team, which comes to Charlotte shortly for spring practice, will stop at the Central. It is understood that the club will bring about 30 men to Charlotte. This number does not include several newspaper men.

DR. CAPEHART'S BROTHER BETTER.

A letter received from Dr. Capehart who is in Washington, attending his brother, states that his brother is better and that he expects to return to Charlotte Friday. On his arrival, Dr. Capehart found his brother some better and he has been improving daily.

THANKS TO THE FIREMEN.

Mrs. M. C. Palmer asks the News to thank the firemen and all who assisted at the fire which almost consumed her residence yesterday. Mrs. Palmer had but little insurance on either her home or the furniture.

M. TODD BETTER.

Mr. Baxter Todd, who has been quite sick for some time, is much better today. He hopes to be out as soon as the weather clears up.

THE FIRST AMERICAN.

Washington's Birthday to be Appropriately Celebrated in Charlotte.

ELIZABETH IS PATRIOTIC.

Programme of Exercises at This Institution—The Daughters of the American Revolution to Entertain at the Presbyterian College.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated in fine style at Elizabeth College both tomorrow morning and evening. The college will give a holiday purely for patriotic instruction and pleasure.

At 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the chapel "The History of Washington in Song and Recitation," will be the feature. This will be under the management of Miss Emma Haines.

In the evening a colonial banquet and reception will be given by the members of the Eucharistian Literary Society, the faculty and students in the college parlors and dining hall. Every one who attends will be expected to be dressed in 17th century costume. The features of the evening will be the cherry tree, hatchet, flags, unvanquishing of Washington's picture, and the following addresses and toasts:

Address by Miss Koenig, president of the Eucharistian Society.

"The Father of His Country," First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.—President King.

"The Colonial Dame"—"Embodiment of purity and simplicity."—Miss Abbott.

"In times of war"—"Be a hero in the strife."—Prof. Fisher.

"Our Country"—"United we stand, divided we fall."

"Stars and stripes."

"Long may it wave o'er the land of the free, the home of the brave."—Prof. Fritz.

"Relation with the fair sex."—

"Young men have ever more special care that womanish allurements prove not a snare."—Miss Graham.

"Our truthful Forefather."—The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."—Dr. Fisher.

"Past and Present."—The voices of the present say come, the voices of the past say wait."—Prof. Hayward.

D. A. R. CELEBRATION.

Tomorrow at noon, the presentation of portraits of George Washington to the various schools of Charlotte by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will take place in the chapel of the Presbyterian College. In addition to the presentation of portraits, the offer of cash prizes for the best written paper on some historical subject by the same Chapter D. A. R.'s will be one of the features of the entertainment.

Those in charge of the exercises have arranged an attractive programme for the occasion which will be as follows:

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Bridgers.

Music—America—first and last.

Reading—Boyhood of George Washington.

Presentation of portraits of George Washington to the various schools of Charlotte.

Acceptance of portraits by Rev. J. R. Bridgers, Rev. Mr. King, Prof. Alexander Graham, Prof. J. G. Baird.

Music—Star Spangled Banner.

Reading—The insignia of the D. A. R.

Prizes offered to pupils of the 9th and 10th grades, public school.

Music—Carolina! Carolina!

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

NEITHER COULD VACCINATE HER.

One of the operatives of the Gingham Mill—a woman—when asked if she would allow Dr. Hawley, the city physician to vaccinate her replied that she would not. When asked if she would consent to Dr. Strong vaccinating her she replied that he would have to be what his name implied if he did. So far as heard from this woman has not bared her arm.

ROCK THROWN AT VESTIBULE.

Some evil inclined person threw a rock at the northbound vestibule last night just as the train reached the city limits. The stone struck a glass in a sleeper and barely missed a lady who was sitting near by.

Chief Orr was notified and he detailed an officer to look out for the guilty party. Up to this afternoon no arrest had been made. Usually in such cases the offender is a child.

HIGH WATER MARK.

The rains this morning caused the creeks to the east and west of the city to overflow their banks. Irwin's creek was a good big stream today at noon. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the waters were still very high.

PRESSED BRICK FACTORY.

Names of Those Who are Interested in the Move.

The News yesterday mentioned the fact that some parties were figuring on establishing a pressed brick factory in Charlotte. While all the details have not been arranged, enough is known that the new enterprise will, in all probability soon be numbered among Charlotte's new industries for 1900.

Those who are interested are Messrs. R. O. Colt, J. E. Reilly and Edwin Cuthbertson. Those who are acquainted with the facts say that such an enterprise will be a big thing for Charlotte. As it is now, when Charlotte people want brick of superb quality and especially pressed brick, points north are called upon to furnish them. It is generally conceded that such brick can be made in Charlotte and the heavy freight rates be saved to the contractors and builders.

ALL WERE VACCINATED.

The Tombs Cleared of Vaccination Ordinance Offenders.

Mayor McCall was confronted this morning with several cases of plain drunks. To each of the sinners he gave a short lecture and imposed the following fines:

John Carter, plain drunk, \$3.

Brian Daugherty, drunk and down \$5.

Tom Montgomery, plain drunk—no trimmings, \$3.

Jim Burns, drunk and disorderly, \$5.

The vaccination offenders, at least most of them, submitted to vaccination and were allowed to go to their respective homes. In the case of Mr. G. L. Helms and wife, an exception was made on the ground that a physician stated that neither was in condition physically, to undergo the ordeal.

The number who refused to submit was 31. Of this number 29 were vaccinated.

MT. PLEASANT COLLEGE NOT TO BE MOVED JUST YET.

Dr. H. C. Holland, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, has returned from Salisbury, where he went to attend the meeting of the Synod of his church which held a called meeting in that city yesterday. As the News stated yesterday, the question of moving the college from Mt. Pleasant to either Hickory or Salisbury, at this time was not thought advisable. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the matter of removing the North Carolina College, being of such grave importance to the highest interests of the Church and Christian education, be it

"Resolved, That it is injudicious to remove the college from Mt. Pleasant at this time, and that a committee of five be appointed to further consider all bids, overtures and papers on the subject, and to report at the next annual meeting of the Synod in May, 1900."

SOME VACCINATION QUESTIONS.

To the Editor of The News.

Why don't the city authorities have compulsory vaccination among the negroes where 99 per cent of the small-pox originates and why don't they vaccinate the clerks in the large stores, where there is ten times more danger of contagion than in the cotton mills? Why do the city authorities always bedevil the cotton mill hands and let the balance of the town go free? Now, I want to know if a mill hand is not fully as good as a negro. All the money paid by the mills goes into the hands of the Charlotte merchants. Does Mayor McCall want to break up the mills? It looks like it.

SPEEDER HAND.

BURIED IN HIS NATIVE SOIL.

The body of Mr. Robert McKay, a private in the Second South Carolina Regiment, who died near Havana, Cuba, passed through Charlotte this morning en route to Ridgeway, S. C., the home of deceased parents. Mr. McKay died March 30, 1899, while his regiment was on garrison duty near Havana. His body with a number of others who died while in Cuba, were recently brought to Norfolk on one of the transports. At the request of his family the remains were not interred at Arlington, but were sent home.

WORTHY DONATIONS.

In fifty of the principal schools of the State tomorrow, a copy of Stuart's Washington portraits will be donated by the Vice-Regent of the Mount Vernon Association for North Carolina, Mrs. L. Morehead Walker, of Greensboro. Mr. R. F. Dalton, of High Point, has donated the oak moulding to be used for the framing and Mr. C. G. Wright, of Greensboro, has donated the glass for each of the frames.

"BIRTHDAY TEA."

The Light Bearers of Calvary Methodist church will give a "Birth-day Tea" at the parsonage, 616, South Church street, tomorrow evening beginning at 7:30. All who desire a pleasant hour with this company are cordially invited. The proceeds go to the missionary cause.

MILL HANDS FLED.

Sight of Vaccinating Physicians Clears the Gingham Mill of This City.

WORK AT A STANDSTILL.

A School Near the Mill Was Broken up and the Teacher Joined the "Bird Gang"—Out of 400 Operatives About Thirty Were Vaccinated.

Pandemonium reigned at the Gingham mill this morning.

It was indeed a laughable sight to see over 400 frightened operatives scramble for the doors and windows in their efforts to evade the vaccinating physicians.

Yesterday afternoon the News stated that Drs. Hawley and Strong would visit the Gingham mill with their knives and virus. The operatives read this notice and the visit of the physicians was looked for all the morning.

About 10 o'clock a carriage with curtains closely drawn, drew up at the office of the mill. Chief Orr went in and informed the superintendent of the object of his visit. While this was going on in the office the operatives had caught wind of the coming of the officers and physicians and had made all necessary preparations for a quick flight. The windows had been raised and the doors were slightly ajar. Just as soon as Chief Orr made his appearance in the mill the scramble begun. Men, women and children made for the doors and windows, and in an incredible length of time there was not a corporal's guard left in the building. Those who did remain submitted to the vaccination ordinance without any further trouble. Those who did were 39 in number. The balance of the 400, like sheep, scattered to pastures new.

Before Chief Orr went into the mill he took the precaution to place one of his men at each of the main doors. They remained there and that is about all they did do. The frightened operatives ran over the officers, trampled them under foot and then scattered in every direction. The officers were glad to escape with their lives.

After the mill hands had escaped, they gathered in a field near the mill and held a caucus. They decided that they would leave town before they would be vaccinated and so told the officers. All during this time the rain was coming down in torrents. The downpour did not in the least dampen their ardor. When the noon hour arrived they were, seemingly, in the same frame of mind. The superintendent could not coax them in the mill. As a result, the mill is, this afternoon, practically at a standstill. The superintendent informs the News that 400 of his looms are idle and he is unable to induce the operatives to resume work.

While the stampede was in progress at the Gingham mill a ludicrous scene was enacted at a school house near the mill. Officer Pitts and one assistant went to the front door of the school building and knocked. Prof. Furr, who has charge of the school, came to the door and learned the object of the officer's visit. In less time than it takes to tell it, Prof. Furr dived through a window and the next seen of him, he was crossing a high point some distance from the school building. They do say that one could have played marbles on the professor's coat-tail, notwithstanding the terrible downpour in progress at the time.

The children took in the situation and followed in the wake of their teacher, however, never catching him, for he had too much the lead and was making record-breaking time. The windows of the school building were raised and the little fellows dived through them like frogs into a pond.

In a very few minutes the school building was cleared of children and the officers stood in amazement. No matter how long and loud the school bell rings out this afternoon, the occupants of these desks will not answer to the roll call—they are absent, and not accounted for.

Both the situation at the mill and the school house provoked great laughter. It was out of the question to attempt to stop either the children or the mill operatives and this the officers knew.

Another attempt will be made, but not until the situation clears up somewhat.

DEATH IN CRAB ORCHARD.

Mr. C. L. Mulwee died at his home in Crab Orchard township yesterday afternoon after an illness of one week. Deceased was 32 years old and leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss. His mother and one sister also survive.

Mr. Mulwee was a member of Hickory Grove Methodist church and the funeral took place from that church today. The interment was in the churchyard.

BENEFIT CONCERT.

To be Given Monday Night in Aid of St. Peter's Hospital.

On Monday night, February 26th, a concert in aid of St. Peter's Hospital, will be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall. The programme will consist of choral numbers by the St. Cecilia Society and the Elizabeth College orchestra, piano selections, by Miss Ruth McLinn and vocal solos by Miss Van Etten, of Elizabeth College and Mr. Badham.

Miss McLinn's finished work is well known by Charlotte audiences, and Miss Van Etten's voice produced such a favorable impression at the "Library" concert last October that many will, no doubt, be glad to hear her again. By request, she will repeat the "Shadow Song," from "Dinorah."

Mr. Badham has, on more than one occasion, proved himself an appreciated vocalist in Charlotte. The work of the St. Cecilia Society has been heard in public only once; and a second appearance of the members is desired by all interested in Charlotte's musical development.

THOSE REFUSED THE VIRUS.

Mr. J. C. McCabe, who has a store near the Gingham mill, was arrested this morning charged with interfering with officers while in discharge of their duty. It is claimed that McCabe would not submit to being vaccinated and was loud in his denunciation of the methods used by the city in enforcing the vaccinating ordinance.

McCabe was brought to the office of the chief of police where he gave bond for his appearance tomorrow morning.

Warrants were also served on Ego, Tucker, Jim Warren, Robert Woodward and Hattie Baker, charged with refusing to be vaccinated.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER.

Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Commissioner of Labor Statistics, who has been in the city for several days, returned this morning to his home in Raleigh. He is one of the most popular and efficient of State officers. Mr. Lacy is now a candidate for State Treasurer, to succeed Mr. W. H. Worth. He has a strong following in the central part of the State, and will enter the convention with a good backing.

He has quite a number of relatives in Charlotte.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TEA.

The young people of Tryon Street M. E. church will give a tea tomorrow night, February 22nd, at Mr. C. C. Kennedy, for the benefit of Foreign Missions. Refreshments will be served during the evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission 10 cents. There will be music, recitations and questions appropriate to the occasion.—Washington's birthday.

STREET RAILWAY FIGURES.

In North Carolina there are only 39 1/2 miles of street railway. The number of passengers hauled last year was 2,763,742 and the net receipts were \$143,658. Charlotte's net increase was \$10,043. Wilmington's road transported 725,877. Raleigh 527,935. Winston 331,166. Pinehurst 7,833. Asheville 726,780, and Charlotte 615,826.

ACCIDENT TO MR. MILLER.

Mr. E. C. Miller, of the Miller Dry Goods Company, had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon. He was riding horseback from his home near Stanley Creek to the station. He had only a few minutes to catch the train, therefore was riding fast. His horse stumbled and Mr. Miller was thrown over the animal's head. He received several painful bruises but is able to be at his place of business today.

DR. MUNDAY HAS RESIGNED.

The Baptists of Charlotte will hear with regret that Rev. J. A. Munday, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Reidsville, has resigned and will accept a call that was recently tendered him by the congregation of Cabell Street church in Lynchburg.

Dr. Munday is pleasantly remembered in Charlotte and his friends learn with regret that he is to leave the State.

A GOOD SHOW.

A good audience witnessed the presentation of "Side Tracked," at the opera house last night. The play was a bright one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The situations were ludicrous and the singing and dancing were good. Mr. E. J. O'Connor, one of Charlotte's favorites, was easily the star of the evening. His work was exceptionally good.

CANDY STEW TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Missionary Society of Brevard Street Methodist church will give a candy stew tomorrow night in the basement of the new church. An admission of 10 cents will entitle the person to a plate of candy.

TO ATTEND THE JUNIOR SPEAKING.

Mrs. John R. Irwin will chaperone a party of girls, Misses Mary Irwin, Katie Wakefield, Fay Ross and Dora Satter, to Davidson College this afternoon, to attend the annual Junior speaking.