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FIGHTING AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS. Prominent Republican will Vote

rounded by British Artillery and Troops.

THE BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.

Report That Cronje Has Surrendered Officially Denied -Bombardment of Ladysmith Fiercely Renewed-Gen. Buller Again Repulsed-Boer Government Alarmed.

By Telegraph to The News.

News in a special edition, issued this of Johns Hopkins University last night morning, says Cronje has surrendered. that Secretary Root had requested Dr. REPORT NOT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The War Office to Porto Rico as a special commission-Cronje has surrendered. Military men lating to taxation. do not believe Cronje has surrendered, details of the six days' battle at Paard- kins and is regarded as an authority eberg Drift show that Cronje is sur- on questions of finance and taxation. rounded and the Boers under his command are fighting desperately, against a force of British three times

REPORTED MESSAGE A MISTAKE wounded reaches a thousand.

eipt of this message, Kitchener proeded to the Boer laager to arrange ied. Kitchener then ordered the bom- A. Bland. ardment of the Boer position.

Forst of all the powerful British guns were concentrated on a spot about mile square. The exploding shells aised great clouds of smoke, completeconcealing the bed of the river. The nells searched every bush and ravine. he execution was terrible and the ar deafening.

WITH SPIRIT OF MADNESS. spirit the Beers attemptthe naval gun-"snip" ners who were firing at a range of only thousand yards. But one outcome of

he battle seems possible. Cronje and ais brave men are doomed. BULLER REPULSED AGAIN. FRETORIA, Feb. 22.—(Delayed ansmission.)—The heavy fighting has en renewed along the Tugela River.

eneral Buller has again been repuls-POFRS CROSS THE RIVER. CHIEVELEY CAMP, Feb. 21.-(Deved in transmission.)-Five hundred Boers have recressed the Tugela, making a stand on the south bank. ater they retired. The Boers are shalling the northern slopes of Hlang-

wana Hill. It is unknown whether the Boers intend to seriously resist the British march. CRONJE STILL FIGHTING. LONDON, Feb. 23.-The latest reorts from Paardeberg state that Cron-

e is still fighting with bulldog tenacity By Telegraph to the News. against odds of three to one. His laager rtillery, and troops. The report that Cronje has surren-

ered is officially denied. MORE ACTIVE.

LADYSMITH,, Wednesday, Feb. 21. -(Delayed in transmission.)-The ombardment today has been more active than for weeks. There are no signs of the Boers withdrawing.

6,000 TO BLOEMFONTEIN. LONDON, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from

Lorenzo Marques of vesterday's date says six thousand Boers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein. BOERS HAVE NO WATER. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 22 .- (After-

noon.)-The correspondent of the Sun learns that Commandant Cronje s surrounded at Petrusburg, forty miles east of Jacobsdal. The Boers have no water; are on an open flat and are fighting desperately. They have small chance of escape. They number about nine thousand. The casualties on both sides are heavy.

147 KILLED REPORTED. LONDON, Feb. 23.—The War Office gives the names of 147 killed at Paarleberg Sunday. They are distributed in several regiments. The Seforth Highlanders suffered heaviest, having thirty-five killed. The Canadians had eighteen killed.

ANOTHER TOWN OCCUPIED. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 23.-Mooifontein, near Colesberg, has been occupied by a British force from Arundel. The Boers were driven out of the place.

re Boer force.

AGAINST THE BILL.

By Telegraph to the News. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Congress-Cronje's Force Entirely Sur- man Dick, Republican from Ohio, an-Porto Rico bill now pending in the

Some significance is attached to this announcement owing to his relations with President McKinley and Senator Hanna.

Mr. Dick is chairman of the Republican State Committee of Ohio, and may succeed Hanna as chairman of the national Republican committee. The defeat of the Porto Rico bill is regarded as probable.

GOES TO PORTO RICO.

Dr. Hollander to Revise Laws Regarding Taxation.

By Telegraph to the News. BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.-It was an-LONDON, Feb 23-The London Daily nounced at the banquet of the alumni

says it has received no report that er to revise the laws of the island re-Dr. Hollander is one of the leading but say he will fight to the death. The members of the faculty of Johns Hop-

Hollander, professor of Finance, to go

MR. BRENIZER'S BIRTHDAY. Mr. Chase Brenizer entertained

number of friends at his home on East Ninth street last night. The dinner The estimate of the killed and was in honor of his birthday. As his 370,000 per week; Forest City, 152,000 and the "GreatFather of our Country's" per week; at Forest City 12,000 pounds Kitchener received what purported falls on the same day, it was perfectly per week; total, 752,000. nessage from Cronje, saying he natural that the souvenirs of the occaw no course but to surrender. On re- sion bore the face of George Washington.

The following were Mr. Brenizer's or his capitulation, but met a mes- guests: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth, enger who announced that Cronje Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris; Misses Luaid the whole thing was a mistake, cy McAden, Saida Jones, Sadie Young, nd that he proposed to fight until he and Messrs. Louis Burwell and Dr. C

The evening was one of real pleas-

FUNERAL OF MISS DUCKWORTH The funeral of Miss Olie Duckworth who died suddenly yesterday afternoon

at the home of her parents in Seversville, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Frank Siler, of Trinity Methodist church will conduct the

Deceased was the daughter of Mi and Mrs. H. C. Duckworth. She was 16 cotton a year, and the cost of the cotyears old and was a most lovable char- ton is \$1,000,000. The property is acter. While a child, she joined the valued at \$3,000,000. Methodist church at Seversville and lived a most exemplary life. Her death and the pond covers 108 acres of land, is one of the saddest of the year.

MR. GRIFFIN HERE.

Mr. W. E. Griffin, the well known several days.

NEW YORK REPUBLICAN CON-VENTION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Members of now wholly girdled by the British the Republican State Committee are meeting at the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day. They will probably select New York as the meeting place for OMBARDMENT AT LADYSMITH the convention and April 13th as the

NEW SECRETARY OF THE D. A

TOMPKINS CO. Mr. J. M. Beaty, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Fairfield Cotton Mills at Winnsboro, S. C., has been elected secretary of the D. A. Tompkins Company of this city. Mr. Beaty and family will move to Charlotte the first of next week. 100

TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT ALARMED.

By Telegraph to the News. LORENZO, MARQUES, Feb. 23.-The Transvaal government is reported to be seriously alarmed at the defeat at Kimberley and the retreat of

"ALBANY" READY TO SAIL. By Telegraph to the News. LONDON, Feb. 23.-The American cruiser "Albany" will sail for the United States March 1st.

pastor of the A. R. P. East Avenue ficers will take place. A good attend-Mission, will address the Y. M. C. A. ance is much desired. meeting on Sunday.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE TO MEET. COLENSO, Feb. 23.—The Boer shelling of Ladysmith is believed to be morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in on West Trade street. One of the firm members of his family are in bed with The Loyal Temperance Legion will Laundry which will soon be in operamerely covering the retreat of the en- room No. 1, Hunt building. All inter- informs the News that the plant will the grippe. Mr. Ross was very ill Asbury will go north in a few days to German placed with Messrs. C. N. G. ested are cordially invited to attend. be in operation by the first of April. last night but is some better to-day. purchase the necessary machinery.

MOVING FORWARD.

Mr. Harrill Tells of the Big Cotton Mills in Rutherford County.

CHANGES IN A FEW YEARS.

Largest Department Store in the ses of Longevity in Rutherford and Buncombe-Oldest Man in the World Born in Buncombe.

Mr. John Harrill has just returned from Caroleen and Henrietta. He says where land twenty years ago sold for \$1 an acre, it is now worth from \$20 to \$100 an acre. He claims that Rutherford county is now the banner county in the State in number of spindles and in the manufacture of cotton.

He says he used to run a cotton mill across the river from Caroleen, with about 200 or 300 spindles, and worked two bales per day. He thought then that was a big thing in that country where land was \$1 an acre. The number of spindles now in the county is as

Caroleen and Henrietta, 71,150; Forest City, 13,000; Rutherfordton. 6,240; total, 90,390.

Yards of goods made, No. 1, 225,000 per week; yards of goods made, No. 2,

Cotton manufactured at Caroleen in

yarn not woven up at the 42,000 lbs. per week; at Forst City 12,000 pounds per week; total 54,000 pounds. Total for the year 2,808,000 pounds.

The 500 factory houses there have an average value of \$600 each; amount to \$300,000. The valuation of the property is \$3,000,000.

They have the finest store at No. 1 in the South. It is 130x105 feet. The first story is 16 feet high, the second 12 feet high. It is made of brick, finished finside in oiled woods. There are six departments. There are five churches at Caroleen and Henrietta, and 1,600 school children, between the ages of 6 and 21 years.

The mills consume 25,000 bales of

The dam at Caroleen is 30 feet high over the dam is 500 feet long and is made of iron.

Charlotte not only as a splendid sales- is 92 years old, is still stout and firmly in the principles advocated by or 14 miles from Rutherfordton. One the noted Nebraskan and is one of the lady in Rutherford county is 101 years most impressive of conversationalists. old. She does her own cooking. Her Mr. Griffin will be in Charlotte for name is Mrs. Holifield. The oldest man in the world was born in Buncombe county. He was born in 1788 and lives now in Texas, where he has a large cattle ranch.

NEW LIFE INSURANCE CO. The South Atlantic Life Insurance empany was formally organized in Richmond on the 20th inst. Virginia and Nonth Carolina capital is backing the enterprise. Col. J. S. Carr, of Durham, was elected 3rd vice president while Mr. W. B. Chisholm, of Charlotte, is on the board of directors. The company starts with a capital of \$250,000.

MR. WHITNEY HERE. Hon. W. C. Whitney, formerly secretary of the Navy in President Cleve-S. C., where he has a beautiful winter home. Mr. Whitney's son, W. C. Whitney, Jr., has been at Aiken, for some

MR. WALLACE INJURED. Mr. M. M. Wallace sustained an in jury at the fire at Mrs. M. C. Palmer's and is laid up. The doctor thinks he will be able to be out soon. Mr. Wallace is one of the call men of the fire department in addition to being of the firm of Miller & Wallace.

There will be a meeting of the Queen City Guards at the company's armory REV. MR. MONTGOMERY TO SPEAK in the city hall tonight at which time Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, the new the election of non commissioned of-

> FENTED THE HARTY BUILDING. The proprietors of the Leon Steam

MR. KIMBALL DEAD.

A Brave Confederate Gone to His Reward.

The body of Mr. Henry I. Kimball passed through Charlotte this morning en route to Statesville where the interment will take place to-morrow. Mr. Kimball's death occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, in Rock Hill. Deceased was 64 years old and was

a Confederate veteran, having been a member of the Twelfth North Carolina regiment. He was a native of this State but has been-living in Rock Hill for several years, at the home of his State-Some Remarkable Ca. son, Mr. S. J. Kimball, the well known

Last week, the deceased was elected Street Commissioner for Rock Hill and up to five minutes before his death was actively engaged at his business.

Yesterday he was looking after some work when for some reason he entered a house near where his force become necessary for me, in the inof hands were employed. He was suddenly seized with a pain in his heart and fell dead.

Deceased leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. One of his sons is in enforcement of the vaccination ordin-Kentucky but will reach Statesville to-morrow in time to be present at the funeral.

FORMERLY LIVED HERE.

Mr. Gardiner Disappointed in Love, Commits Suicide.

suicide in Mechanicsville, S. C., last if he had been familiar with them, I and went to Wadesboro, where he seeks to give color and emphasis to lived some time. He recently moved the "Cock-and-bull-stories," which about 55 years old and during his resithe east of the city.

grape wife.

city. One of the leading spirits in the being vaccinated by the score. new enterprise informs the News man that his idea is to form a stock com- the mill folks have not taken up the pany for the purpose of handling only cudgel in defense of the little school small articles such as are usually children at the City Graded Schools found in 5 and 10 cent stores North. who were the first victims of this vac-He believes that such a store in Char-cination law? There are about 2.500 lotte will pay handsomely and is wil- children in these schools, every one of ling to risk both his money and judg- whom has had to bare his little arm

including the river bed. The bridge ALABAMA COTTON MILL MEN HERE.

Mr. N. P. Renfro, president of the If you want to live to be 110 years First National Bank of Opelika, Ala., traveling man who represents a large old, you must live either in Rutherford and Mr. R. N. Harderway, another snuff concern in New Jersey is at the or Buncombe county, says Mr. Har- capalist of Opelika, are in the city Central. Mr. Griffin is well known in rill. He says Mr. W. L. Long's father to-day looking at cotton mill machinery. They have already been to man but one of the original Bryan healthy and rides a horse to town two Lincolnton to examine the mills at men of North Carolina. He believes or three times a year. His home is 12 that point. These gentlemen contemplate the erection of a cotton mill at Opelika in the near future. Mr. R. S. Reinhardt accompanied them from Lincolnton this morning.

COAL THIEVES ARRESTED.

bond of \$25, both were sent to jail to the law was "onconstitutional," etc. await the next session of the criminal

CENTRAL'S NEW CLERK. Mr. J. T. Matthews, the new clerk a the Central, was formerly with the smallpox. And I would modestly sug-Benbowo House, Greensboro, where he gest to my Brother Baldwin that he was quite popular with the traveling could do more good by advising his fand's Cabinet, passed through Char- public; and since the Benbow was parishioners to quietly submit to the Notice this morning en route to Aiken, burned, he has been with the Hotel Jones, in Winston. He is a brother of the city officials for doing their duty as she had been "ailing for a good Mr. W. R. Matthews, of this city. He comes highly recommended.

> FURNITURE ATTACHED. The household and kitchen furniture of Mr. A. Chesterman, who formerly

made Charlotte his home, was attached today by four different creditors. Mr and Mrs. Chesterman left Charlotte Sunday for Richmond, where they expect to locate. Constable Irwin has the furniture in the old court house.

NOW STATIONED IN AUGUSTA. near the city, leaves tomorrow night Charlotte.

for Augutsa. Maj. Rutzler is now with the American Cotton Bale Company ANOTHER PRESSED BRICK PLANT and he says he likes his job very A STRICKEN FAMILY.

THE MAYOR WRITES.

Mr. McCall Says the Mill People Have Not Been Discriminated Against.

REPLY TO MR. BALDWIN.

More Than a Thousand Negroes Have Been Vaccinated - He Thinks it the Duty of the People to Support the Authorities in the Matter of Vaccination.

Mr. Editor: I am sorry that it has terest of truth, to have to publicly correct a wrong impression which seems to have gone out with reference to the ance, and I would not do so, but for the gross and wanton misrepresentation of the facts in an inflammatory article which appeared in your valuable paper on yesterday evening signed by Mr. J. A. Baldwin, a minister of the Gospel, who preaches directly to the mill operatives, and with whom he, no doubt, has considerable influence. In the first place Mr. Bald-Mr. James Gardner who at one time win is totally ignorant of the facts made Charlotte his home, committed about which he talks so glibly, because night by taking strychnine. Mr. Gard- know he would never have written ner left Charlotte about two years ago this ill-timed article. He evidently

to Mechanicsville from that place. A have been put in motion by some felspecial from Darlington says that dis- low who imagines that he has been appointment in love was the cause "discriminated against" in the ending at 2 o'clock at the home of his of his taking his life. Deceased was forcement of the ordinance referred to. mother on West Third street. The truth is, we never thought of | dence in Charlotte conducted a re to discriminating against the mill people. In fact the ordinance has been I is stated that Mr. Gardner willed enforced upon all classes. Mr. Baldall of his property to the girl who re- win is not aware of the fact that we jected him. He took the poison in some had been busy for a whole week vaccinating the colored people before we began at the cotton mills. No parade DEPARTMENT STORE TALKED OF. of this has been made in the city pa-Seevral prominent business men have pers because the colored people, be it under consideration the establishment said to their credit, have offered pracof a large department store in this tically no resistance, and they are still

Why is it that these friends (?) of to the vaccination knife, and they are the children of all classes in the city. The doctors tell me that outside of these schools they have vaccinated about 500 whites and about 1,000 negroes. Does this look like discrimination against mill hands?

If Mr. Baldwin will furnish us with list of the clerks, bookkeepers, agents, business men, professional men and "Nigger Cooks" who have not been vaccinated, we will see to it that they are vaccinated or "exhaust the judiciary" in the effort.

Again we have spared no pains to be kind and considerate toward the poorer classes of our city in the enforcement of this ordinance. We first gave them a chance to be vaccinated voluntarily Straughter French and John Pharr, and hundreds of them did so. And both colored, were before Mayor Mc- then we went to the mills and told the Call this morning charged with the operatives that we would allow them larceny of some coal, the property of to select their own doctors without the Standard Ice and Fuel Company, any cost to them, and this numbers of Both were arrested at an early hour them did. In fact we have had no this morning by Officers Roberts, Ir-trouble except in communities where vin and Rigler. Failing to give a some "Smart Aleck" had advised that

My idea of good citizenship is that we should uphold the authorities in enforcing a law which is intended to mitigate and stamp out this most loathsome of infectious diseases-"Powers that be," instead of lecturing he thought she (be wife) were dead and circulating articles which are bit." calculated to stir up bad blood and incite those people to insurrection and resistance to law and order.

J. D. McCALL, Mayor.

WILL MAKE CHARLOTTE HER HOME.

Miss Anna L. DeVane, of Fayette ville, N. C., is at the home of N. M Lawrence, 900 South Tryon street, Miss DeVane is a graduate of St. Luke's hospital South Bathlehem, Pa., and has had three years experience as a train-Maj. Geo. Rutzler who has been ed nurse in institutional and private spending several days with his family work. She comes to make her home in

MARRIED PEOPLE'S CLUB.

Handsomely Entertained at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jordan.

The Married People's Club was handsomely entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oates at the home of the former last night. The game was euchre and the prize winners were-Gentlemen, Mr. J. D. Church and Mr. J. L. Cox; ladies-Mrs. J. P. Wilson and Miss Lucy Oates. Mrs. H. L. Adams won the visitor's prize.

An elegant luncheon followed this

interesting game

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Church; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Murrill: Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Sampson; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Springs; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe; Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Brevard; Mrs. Tucker, of New York; Mr. and L. A. Dodsworth; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Franklin; Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Renwick Wilkes; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ryder; Mrs. L. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott; Mrs. Weil, of New York; Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bland; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fitzsimons: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Miller, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Liddell; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. London, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Walker; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Reese; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ct Eccles; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Adams; Mr and Mrs. Villalonga; Misses Lucy Oates, Mary Mayer, Sadie Baruch, Lucy McAden, Faye Griffith, Eva Liddell, Alice Holland, Lena Heath and Miss Mary Dumbell.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN. Mr. Lindsay Adams, a well known oung man, of this city, died this

Deceased had been in poor health for the past year. Last night, at bed time he seemed to be better than for several days. One of the family on going into his room, shortly after 2 o'clock found that he was dead. He had only been dead a short while for the body was still warm.

Deceased was a son of the late Mr. Lindsay Adams of this city. He was eighteen years old. His relatives who survive him are his mother, his sisters, Mrs. H. S. Cochrane and Miss Maggie Adams and three brothers, John, James and Wheeler Adams, who live in Charlotte and Mr. Will Adams, whose home is in Illinois.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence on West Third street.

LULL IN VACCINATION.

There was a lull in the vaccination field today. The interest that centered in the McCabe case which was heard yesterday morning, was brought to a sudden end by the case being appealed to the superior court. While the vaccinating physicians are still doing some work, they are not doing the wholesale business that they did several days ago. This, the physicians say, is due to the fact that a large majority of the citizens of Charlotte have been vaccinated.

The vaccinating at the Louise Mill still continues. The mill has employed a special physician to do the work and the hands are submitting without the this troublesome matter is about at an this troublesome matteris about at an

ALIVE AND AN THE COURT.

George Berryhill, a well known old darkey of this city, was out yesterday soliciting funds to bury his wife. . The police suspected that the old negro was telling a fairy tale and arrested him. This morning just as George was going into the court room to tell of the great injustice that had been done him, he was confronted by his "better half." He never attempted to offer any explanation. Just simply acknowledged the corn and went back to the tombs. When seen by a News reporter this morning, Berryhill said

SEEKING LIGHT.

An old darkey from the country was in the city this morning. He says the object of his visit was to ascertain whether or not the vaccination ordinance now in force in Charlotte applies to the Catawba river section. He says his wife prevailed on him to come to Charlotte and find out the truth. Up in his section the old darkey says, the "niggers" are taking to the woods. Whenever they see a man from Charlotte they think right away that he is the "smallpox physician."

HAD NO INSURANCE IN THE MU-TUAL.

It was stated several days ago that Mr. J. C. Garrison of Uncas, who lost In addition to the pressed brick his house by fire, the night of Februplant that the News spoke of several ary 15th, carried some insurance in days ago, it is learned that Mr. S. J. the Farmers' Mutual. Mr. Garrison Asbury will, in the near future begin wishes this statement corrected, as he Butt & Co., nearly 14 years ago.