HARD FIGHTING FOR ROBERTS.

Fifty Thousand Boers Massed at Winburg, and Other Forces Near.

KRUGER AT MAJUBA HILL

Trusts in God and the Justice of Among Soldiers During Ladysmith Seige-Cronje on His Way to Cape Town.

By Telegraph to the News.

LONDON, March 2.-Fifty thousand Boers are at Winburg, thirty-five miles northeast of Bloemfontein. Desperate fighting is ahead of Roberts. Seven thousand Boers are now east of his army and south of Bloemfontein. Another force is reported in the southwest, threatening his lines of commun-

SUFFERING IN LADYSMITH.

LONDON, March 2 .- A Ladysmith correspondent telegraphs that the place could possibly have held out six weeks olnger, but sickness and the paucity of ammunition would have limited the power of repelling assaults. Of the original twelve thousand soldiers and natives of the town and eight thousand soldiers passed through the hospital. A TERRIPLE SIX WEEKS.

The death rate was low until Jan ary. The increase was due to the lack | ca for some years." of medicine. It is impossible to exaggerate the privations of the sick since the middle of January. Once a man was down he was practically lost. The rations of the fighting men just sufficed to keep them together for the last fort-

PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENCE. The majority of the field batteries were unhorsed and the guns permanently posted. Cavalry and drivers were converted into infantry. The line of defense was constructed with the view of final contingency if the outer

works were carried. 1195 CASUALTIES.

Since the siege began 259 have been killed 346 died of disease and 590 were wounded. This list does not include the casualties among the citizens. KRUGER PREACHES AT MAJUBA

HILL. PRETORIA, March 1, via Lorenzo Marquez, March 2.—President Kruger addressed a vast congregation at Depper church, Majuba Hill, today. He said the dark clouds were still hovering over the land, but faith in Almighty God and the justice of their cause would carry the federal forces to mony, the memebers of the company a successful issue in the campaign. DEWITT DISAPPOINTED CRONJE'S

HOPES. LONDON, March 2.-A special correspondent from Paardeberg says: "A curious piece of news was just related to me by Cronje's aide-de-camp. It appears that Cronje was daily in heliographic communication with Gen. De witt, who, he supposed, was bringing up reinforcements. Cronje finally heliographed him that unless relieved immediately he would feel bound to sur render. Dewitt replied with a cheering message, urging him to hold on longer and he would soon be relieved; but he totally failed to effect any diversion of

the British.' CRONJE ON THE WAY TO CAPE TOWN.

ORANGE RIVER, March 2.-Cronje and his wife passed here Thursday night, bound for Cape Town. Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the public seeing him. Even the officers were ordered off the station and the refreshment room kept closed before his arrival, the Kimberley passengers being obliged to go without food.

Cronje looked dejected and miserable, and much grayer than a few months ago. He entered the refreshhis interpreter, the son of Gen. Pretty-

IN THE DEPTHS OF DEJECTION.

Cronje covered his face with his hands a few moments as he engaged in

ADVANCE ON BLOEMFONTEIN. here that the advance on Bloemfontein the house has been taken by Mrs. M. of sitting in new pews. The Carolina has already begun. French's cavalry M. McCallum, who will continue it as Manufacturing Company this week has been engaged by a Boer force east a boarding house. Mrs. Hargrave and turned out the seats and they have of Paardeberg. Port of the Boer army daughter, Mrs. Gertrude H. Herring, been placed and are neat and comforwill guard the passes of the Dakensburg, to prevent Buller's troops breaking through. Kelly-Kenny has sent a brigade to strengthen Robert's communications south.

camp has advanced five miles.

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Filipinos Ambushed by Detachment of 38th Infautry.

By Telegraph to the News.

MANILA, March 2.-Col. Anderson, with the Thirty-eighth Infantry, employing the insurgents' tactics, ambushed the Filipinos near Batangaz. Through spies he learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass along a certain road. He posted his soldiers concealed in the trees lining the road. When the enemy arrived the Americans volleyed unexpectedly, killing twenty-four and wounded thirty. They captured several. The blow has His Cause - 1195 Casualties dismayed the Filipinos in that vicinity.

AS TO DR. LINDLEY.

He Went From the Rocky River Church as Missionary.

The Monthly Bulletin published at Lincolnton has the following: "Our Presbytery feels special con-

cern in the war in South Africa. Rev. Daniel Lindley went there as a missionary from the First church, Charlotte, N. C., in 1835, and found Paul Kruger a lad, whom he trained and who has developed a sturdy life that strains the resources of the British Empire. Dr. Lindley labored along the Tugela River and Zululand, where I sent letters to him as stated clerk of Presbytery in the seventies, written by the venerable Dr. Morrison."

Mr. D. F. Dixon, of this city, tells the News that Dr. Lindley went from the Rocky River (Cabarrus county) church, and not from the First church two thousand civilians, one thousand of this city. "I know this to be true," said Mr. Dixon, "for I heard Dr. Lindley preach his last sermon at Rocky River, before leaving for Africa. I remember, too, when he came back on a visit, after having been in South Afri-

MORTUARY REPORT.

Mr. M. Thomas, superintendent of the cemetery, renders the following report for the month of February: Elmwood: Total number of deaths,

15. Male adults 9, female 3, children 3 Causes of death: Still born 2; old age 1; rectal stricture 1; rupture kidney 1; congested lungs 1; cancer 2; fatty degeneration of heart 1; asthma 1; tuberculois 1; consumption 2; peritonitis 1; dyphtheria 1.

Pinewood (colored): Total number of deaths 17. Male adults 8; female 4; children 5. Causes of death: Unknown that night. He will go to Salisbury 1; still born 1; paralysis 2; pneumonia 3; chronic diarrhea 1; phthisis 1; lock jaw 1; heart failure 2; acute nephritis 1; tuberculosis 1; bowel trouble 1; bronchitis 1.

CAM BAILEY'S WEDDING CAKE. Mr. Cam Bailey has played the star engagement of his life. He has taken unto himself a wife-Miss Lilian Rose Nau. Miss Nau and Mr. Bailey are both members of the Peters Company in which he appeared here recently. Rev. D. A. Blanck performed the cerebeing the happy witnesses. The best man was Mr. W. B. Waddie. The atendants were Miss Minnie Nau and Mr. Earl Alcorn, members of the company. A reception followed the wedding. Mr. Bailey sends the News piece of the wedding cake, and in return the News sends him "good luck" in this and all other engagements in which he plays a part.

TO LIVE IN SALISBURY.

morning for Salisbury, where they will reside while the doctor is presiding elder of that district. Mrs. Bays and Miss Trust Co., yesterday purchased the A Bays have resided here, while W. Calvin farm adjoining the Phifer the doctor came and went. The ar- estate on the north-east suburbs. The rangement was not found satisfactory, so they will rent their place here and live, temporarily in Salisbury. They leave many good friends Mr. George A. Howell the Kaufman here, and will no doubt make just as many in their new home.

TO MEET ON "THE IDES." The real estate men of the city held an informal meeting yesterday afternoon in Abbott & Stephens' office to take steps toward organizing an exchange. Nothing special was done, except to decide that an exchange is needed, and that another meeting be held on the ides of March for permament room accompanied by his wife, nent organization. The object of the exchange is for mutual protection, and man of the staff, taking his seat at the to agree on a uniform form of con-

> CHANGED HANDS. Mrs. J. Hargrave who has been run ning a boarding house on South Church

> > MILL NEWS.

will reside with Mrs. Hargrave.

A costly accident to the machinery occurred at the Victor mill last even-ROBERTS ADVANCES FIVE MILES. ing: the crank on the engine broke. No CSFONTEIN, March 2.—Roberts' one was hurt, but the break will cause morning from Hendersonville. His a shut-down of a week.

USED INSURGENTS' TACTICS A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

President Recommends That Customs be Extended in Porto Rico.

AMOUNT IS TWO MILLIONS.

Law Carrying Out This Suggestion Will Probably be Enacted an Argument in Pavor of Seating Quay.

By Telegraph to the News.

WASHINGTON, March 2.- The President sent a message to Congress today recommending that 'Congress appropriate the money received from cus toms in Porto Rico to be used for general purposes for the benefit of the Porto Ricans. The amount approximates two million dollars.

The Senate has taken up the Quay case. Senator Hoar is arguing in the affirmative.

The recommendation in the President's message regarding Porto Rico will be enacted into law today.

The action of the President was quite a surprise to the Democrats, but leaders.

(The Porto Rican tariff bill, which was passed by the House Wednesday, provides for a tariff of fifteen per cent. on products of the United States imported into Porto Rico, and on Porto Rican products "enterting the United States." An amendment limits its operation to a period of two years.)

EISHOP GALLAWAY'S ITINERARY. Mention was made yesterday of the meeting of the executive committee of the Western North Carolina Conference, at Tryon Street Methodist church, to arrange for the approaching visit of Bishop C. B. Galloway, who comes in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement. Bishop Galloway will be in Winston, Sunday, March 11th; Greensboro, Monday, the 12th, and will reach Charlotte at noon on the 13th, speaking in Tryon Street church Wednesday, and Asheville Friday.

The presiding elders and pastors of the various districts and churches are to meet prior to the bishop's arrival and spend a day discussing the different phrases of the movement, plans and methods for promoting it.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE SUB-SCRIPTION.

The subscription lists for the new Presbyterian College, were being taken to the subscribers for their signature and amounts, today. For the benefit of those subscribing the News is asked to say that the series in the B. & L. Associations into which the subscriptions are to be paid open as follows: Next series in Mechanics Perpetual, Saturday, March 3rd; Mutual, April 7th. In the Charlotte the new series began Monday, February 5th.

REALTY.

Mr. J. M. Carr, yesterday sold house and lot in Belmont to Mr. Wade McCall - consideration \$700 - and Rev. Dr. Bays and family left this bought a house and lot from Superintendent McCall, of the county home. The Southern Real Estate Loan and property consists of 70 acres with

frontage of 2,000 feet on the macadam The same company also sold to lot on South Tryon adjoining Mr. M C. Mayer. Consideration \$3,250.

CAROLINA WOMAN IN NEW YORK.

Miss Dora Duty Jones and sister Miss Alice Jones, formerly of Greensboro, are spending the winter in New York. They are stopping at 37 W. 32nd street. Miss Jones is giving lectures on art in the salons of the old Knickerbocker families on Washington Square. She is a brilliant and gifted woman, and deserves the success and distinction which she has won amongst this cultured circle of New York society.

CHURCH. The members of Epworth Methodist LONDON, March 2.—It is understood street, has retired from business, and church will have the pleasure Sunday

Stations of the cross will be said at the Catholic church tonight, this being the first Friday night in lent.

Mr. George Stephens got back this mother is there.

DEATH OF MR. M'DONALD.

Passed Away Yesterday at His Home in Arkansas.

A telegram received in the city yesterday afternoon announced the death in Parksdale, Ashley county, Ark., of Mr. John A. McDonald, formerly ot this State, and a brother of Messrs. R. E. Edmund and James McDonald, of this city. Mr. McDonald died yesterday morning. He was a civil engineer and FELL BETWEEN THE CARS. went west 15 years ago, believing that there was "millions in" the public land grants. He owned some thousands of acres but had never realized anything from his hold. He was a Democrat and at the time of his death was county Today-Senator Hoar Making surveyor, having been elected by 800 votes more than any other Democrat had ever received. Mr. McDonald leaves a wife and two children who live in Maryland. Besides his brothers in this city, he leaves a brother and sister-Mr. Charles McDonald and Miss Mary McDonald-in Concord; and a sister, Mrs. Kate Coleman in Belleville, Canada, Mr. McDonald died on the anniversary of his mother's birthday He will be buried in Parkdale.

AN INHUMAN FATHER.

Warren in the Tombs for Cruelty to His Family.

was anticipated by the Republican in one bed and Warren, with his bottle of whiskey, were in another. The inhuman father and husband had created so much disturbance that the poor mother was on the verge of hysone of the frightened children to go get some much needed rest.

When the officers arrived at the house, Warren was cursing and abustown he never ceased cursing. This take place. morning, for the first time, it seemed to dawn upon Warren what a brute he had made of himself. He could not friends in Charlotte who deeply symface the crowd in the court room, therefore sent word to the mayor that he was unable to appear on account of feeling too unwell.

MEASURING THE GROUND. Architects Hook & Sawyer had their tape, lines and rules at the Presbyterian College yesterday afternoon, taking measurements for plans which they will submit for the new building. Other architects will be on the scene from day to day until the last plan is drawn and submitted. The general consensus of opinion and preference is that the old building must be razed to the ground and the new college be new from the ground.

TO BE A TRAINED NURSE. Miss Willie Hill leaves Monday night

for New York city, to enter the Mt Lebanon hospital, as a trained nurse. She will take a two-years course, and will then be fitted to fill positions in any hospital wheresoever she may choose to go. Miss Hill has had this work in view for some time, as mentioned a month ago in the News. She likes it, and with her quickness, gentleness and yet firmness will no doubt succeed well. Her address will be: 150th Street and West Chester Avenue, New York.

TRUE, IT IS.

Reddy Carter, a colored boy of 14 rears, went into 'Squire Maxwell's office this morning with blood streaming from his hand and tears from his eyes. 'What's the 'matter?" roared the squire. "I was set upon and beat by Sweet McKinnie," said the wounded one, "and want's a warrant for him." The 'squire immediately issued one and Constable Irwin went out and brought "Sweet" to justice. The latter realized in the amount of the fine that every "Sweet has its bitter."

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP A WIN NER.

County Commissioner Kuykenda was in the city today. He tells a News reporter that his township, Providence, has reaped more benefit from the rise in cotton than any in Mecklenburg. A number of Providence farmers are still holding on to their cot ton in the hope that prices will go still higher. A large number, however, turned loose last week.

THE DOUBLE TRACK.

The 4 C's. are to resume work next week on the double track, taking up the pick at the place where they laid (lawyer) and expired. He only left a seventh, and Col. Maxwell an added the pick at the place where they laid (hook-seller) to his doting mother-init down-the graded school-some weeks ago. A hundred hands will be law. put to work on the track, and the work continued toward and up Tryon street as rapidly as possible.

Forecast for the 36 hours ending a 8 p. m., Saturday. For Charlotte and vicinity: Fai weather tonight and Saturday. Warmer

Saturday.

B. S. CLARK KILLED

Sad Accident to a Well Known Young Man of This City.

Was a Flagman on the C, C. & A. Branch of the Southern-Body Interment.

A telegram received by Mr. N. W. Clark this morning contained the sad information that his brother, Mr. Bradford S. Clark, was killed at an early hour last night by falling from a freight car 28 miles this side of Columbia. The telegram gave no further information except that the (sweet old lady) exploded, causing two body was taken to Columbia and would there remain until Mr. Clark arrived from Charlotte this morning.

The young man who met such an untimely death was about 22 years old. He had been in the employ of the A case of real down-right meanness Southern for a year or more and left was before Mayor McCall this morning. | Charlotte yesterday afternoon on his Last night the police were called to a regular run which is between Charhouse near the Gingham mill. A man lotte and Augusta. At a point 28 miles by the name of William Warren was from Columbia, Mr. Clark fell between found inside in a drunken condition. the cars and was almost instantly His wife, who is an invalid, was lying killed. The train was stopped and the crew went back and found the young man lying partially on the track. His body was horribly crushed and he only lived a few minutes. It was taken to Columbia and messages were sent to terics. As a last resort, she had asked the deceased parents who reside in Abbeville, S. C., and another to Mr. Clark after the police in order that quiet in this city, announcing the sad acci- in the perfection of ease and style. The

Mr. Clark left on the early morning train for Columbia, where he was met by another brother and the two acing both his wife and children, He was companied the remains to Abbeville, taken to the tombs and all the way up where the funeral and interment will

> Mr. Clark, of this city, is in the employ of Mr. E. W. Mellon. He has many pathize with him.

> > PARLOR AND STAGE.

Miss Dowd's Evening of Stories -Mrs. Hook's Dining in Honor of Miss Atkinson, of Virginia-Sapho.

Miss Nan Dowd is nothing if not mart and original. Yesterday she entertained the "Just for Fun Club," and engaged the interest and ingenuity of the "Just for Fun's members, their sweethearts and husbands with a guessing game. There were ten tables, for which she wrote the short stories given below, the guessers to substitute for the words in parenthesis, the names of Charlotte people. Mr. Julian Little and Miss Little were the fortunate guessers, winning each a pretty little courtship scene, one American; one Dutch (but not a bore):

Table 1: A (piano tuner) horse ate some (sweet singer) that were poisoned, then ran over a (dress-maker) dog, and fell down, then struck a (dress-maker) in its foot and howled. A bad boy gave it a (merchant) on the head and killed it. The grave was covered with (merchant) wreaths.

Table 2: A good (druggist) once crossed the ((druggist) and lost four sheep. His wife who (doctor) said: "O, (city sport)! just sound your (lawyer) and they will return. Next time just (architect) them together.' This wise woman was named Mar-

garet, but her husband (merchant) Polly. Table 3: A (decided brunette) girl who had (wealthy man) than heart,

married a rich (merchant) with a (lady teacher) nose, (clerk in Mc-Aden's) eyes and (loveable member of Trinity church) ears. She put a (gents' clothing dealer) seed in his pie one day and he choked to death.

Table 4: A (express agent) sat in his royal (Methodist family) and drank from a golden (temperance lady.) His friend, the (good Baptist) of Bolinbroke, took a little wine (doctor.) But just then the (jeweler) called them to come and walk down by the (dentist) so they got a bite of (doctor) wafer and went.

Table 5: A wild (society sport) and a (doctor) (preacher) fought near a (insurance man) and so frightened the (real estate agent) that he fell over a (lawyer) and expired. He only left a seventh, and Col. Maxwell an adden-(book-seller) to his doting mother-in-

Table 6: One (librarian) evening I heard a man (doctor) a vow that the next (druggist) he received, he would throw hot (book-keeper) on the offender or run a (gas collector) weapon through his heart or else give him a (livery man) eye. Was he not one of (clerk in clothing store) sons?

Table 7: Why do so many (doctor)

prefer clothes from (dry goods dealer)? Do the silks from these (dressmaker) more, or are the clothes from (graded school teacher) more expensive? I don't like to send (lawyer) for any of my purchases. I guess the merchants here (druggist) were of the same mind. Table 8: A (widow) maiden, who was

a good (lawyer) and also a good (member of Tryon Street M. E. church) often went to a certain (shoe dealer) for berries, but one day she got caught in a little (lady clerk) of rain and she made her brother (News reporter)-as he was called-carry her home in a wheel-barrow.

Table 9: "Great (druggist)!" said an old bachelor one day. "In these (lives at Dilworth) days I am so much (Meth-Was Badly Mangled-Remains odist girl) than ever before. Old age (popular bachelor) on us so suddenly. Taken to Abbeville, S. C., for I must catch (millionaire) of something to make me appear more youthful. I will get my (shoe dealer) to find me some bloom of youth.

Table 10: A (city sport) and a (grocer) agreed to see which could eat the most (city sport). They each ate a (ocalist) and died. They were buried by a woman named (Y. M. C. A. worker) (Methodist steward.) Next day a (preacher) to run over a bicycle (railroad superintendent) and a lame rooster that never could (doctor.) It is a wonder that the explosion did not (ocalist) and forest, but it simply ruined a (photographer) belonging to a poor (express agent), who lived by the (professor.) "How much will you (banker)," asked his wife, who was a (musician) woman, "to repair our loss?" He cruelly replied: "Ever since" I (architect) I have had troubles, and was just thinking (preacher) of money would have to be spent to cover

Mrs. C. C. Hook gave an elaborate and beautiful dining last night in honor of Miss Edith Atkins, of Boydton, Va. There were 12 courses, each served uest of honor—a fair and beautiful daughter of the Old Dominion, whose charms of face vie with those of manner-wore an exquisite after-six dinned dress of one of the new pastel tints which became her wonderously. Around the hospitable board were: Miss Atkins, to Mrs. Hook's right; Misses Daisy and Francis McDonald, May Oates and Katharine Jordan: Messrs. W. R. Foreman, John Wilber Jenkins, J. S. Cothran, S. W. Cramer, and John Van Ness

Yes, "Sapho" is a bad girl, but so was "A Lady of Quality," that beautiful Julia Arthur starred in at Wallack's. There is no new badness in Sapho-nothing to which New York is a stranger. The house is sold up to March 12th. Standing room only is to be had. The sidewalk is blocked nightly from 7 to 8:30 with a pushing crowd eager to get foothold only inside the theatre. The orchestra chairs and boxes are filled with elegantes-women and men in magnificent opera apparel, who look at the naughty Sapho through their jeweled lorgnettes and glasses with the same wicked interest as the occupants of the highest seat in the "circle." Human nature is the same in box or gallery. On the night of Miss Nethersole's arrest, the house was packed. After seven curtain calls she came to the front of the stage and said: "May I ask one question?-does this mean that you are with me?"

"Yes! yes!" came from galleries and orchestra, amidst a storm of applause. Again the curtain was rung up about six times. Miss Nethersole was compelled to come forward again. A hush fell over the house, and she said: "With my public with me I will fight them all.'

"Bravo! bravo!" yelled the house; amidst a deafening sound of applause and cheers of every kind. Sapho is bad-but there have been

others. with w

OIL MEN MEET.

The employes of the Wilmington division of the Standard Oil Company, of which the Charlotte office is a branch, met at the Buford Hotel this morning to discuss affairs of interest to the trade. There were present: Messrs. W. R. Barksdale, manager of this division, Baker Waters and F. E. Powell, of Baltimore; John S. Waters, of Wilmington; J. Flem Johnston, of Gastonia; J. E. Farra and R. H. Merritt'-all of whom travel the Wilmington division.

WAR PICTURES.

Col. D. G. Maxwell and others are to urnish photographs for Judge Clark's sketches of North Carolina Regiments. Rev. (colonel) E.A.Osborne, of this city, wrote an article on the Fourth Regiment; Col. H. C. Jones on the Fifty-

THE DATEST CUT.

Mr. J. F. McGowan one of the best known "cutters" of New York, . has taken charge of the tailoring establishment of Messrs. Tate & Brown. Mr. McGowan arrived yesterday and will begin showing his goods tomorrow. Messrs. Tate & Brown have recently added this department to their gent's furnishings.