

LONDON IN SHAMROCK

The City to be Dressed in the Irish Emblem at the Wish of the Queen.

BOERS NOW IN A BAD TRAP

Cape Colony Forces Almost Surrounded—"Thetis" Chasing the "Kaiser" to Catch Boer Commissioners—Rhodes Done With the Bund.

By Telegram to the News. BLOEMFONTEIN, March 16.—General Pretorius is succeeding admirably as military governor.

Lord Roberts is reported about to issue fresh proclamations which it is expected will have the effect of precluding further opposition on the part of the Free State.

CAPE COLONY BOERS IN A TRAP. LONDON, March 16.—The Boer forces operating in northern Cape Colony are in a trap.

With Gatacre on their front at Beaufort West, the Boers are being driven to the east, they are retreating to Bloemfontein.

"THETIS" CHASING THE "KAISER". LONDON, March 16.—The news from Cape Colony is that the British man of war "Thetis" is chasing the German steamship "Kaiser."

MAKING ANXIOUSLY AWAITING RELIEF. LONDON, March 16.—The garrison continues cheerful in spite of short rations and disappointment at the failure of the relief expedition to reach here.

LONDON TO BE DRESSED IN SHAMROCK. LONDON, March 16.—The whole city will be dressed in shamrocks tomorrow.

CLEMENTS SURPRISES BOERS. VAUZYL, March 15.—Delayed in transmission.—Clements crossed the Orange River this morning at Norvall's Point.

RHODES DECLARES REPUBLICS MUST BE ABOLISHED. CAPE TOWN, March 16.—In an interview today Cecil Rhodes says he feels strongly that "we cannot have peace in South Africa so long as we have in the republics the rallying ground of disloyalty and dissatisfaction."

ROBERTS WILL LEAD INTO PRETORIA. LONDON, March 16.—Lord Roberts made a quaint speech to the guards today, when he expressed pride at their splendid march of thirty-eight miles in twenty-eight hours.

ALLEGED ASSASSINS OF GOEBEL WILL BE GIVEN SPEEDY TRIAL. By Telegram to the News. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 16.—Sheriff Sutter, accompanied by two deputies, arrived here pursuant to an order issued by Judge Moore for the transfer of Bowers, Whitaker, Culton and Capt. Davis, alleged accessories in the assassination of Goebel.

CONNECTICUT VILLAGE ABLAZE. By Telegram to the News. FALLS VILLAGE, Conn., March 16.—The entire business portion of this place is ablaze and seems to be doomed.

MAD DOG IN STEELE CREEK. There has been a great mad-dog excitement in Steele Creek. Several dogs went mad and bit five cows and six hogs belonging to different parties.

B. R. LACY, PRESIDENT.

The "Sunday School Politician" Elected by the Convention To Day—Officers for the Year.

The weather last night afflicted the attendance at the evening session of the Sunday school convention greatly. The workers present however had a profitable pleasant session.

After devotional exercises, Prof. Hammil taught next Sunday's lesson, making a clear and comprehensive object lesson.

Dr. Long, president, is still sick. The reports of Field Secretary J. W. Bryan and Treasurer J. H. Southgate were read. The executive committee and nominating committee also made reports.

President B. R. Lacy, Raleigh; vice-president, Charles Ross, Asheboro; recording secretary, R. N. Simmons, Raleigh; treasurer, J. H. Southgate, Durham; statistical secretary, H. N. Snow, Durham.

The selection of a field secretary for the ensuing year was left to the executive committee. An executive committee, of 15, was appointed, with Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, as chairman.

Mr. John E. Ray, of Raleigh, spoke on "Heart Power in Teaching." Pledges for the ensuing year were taken, amounting to about \$700.

This afternoon Mr. J. H. Weathers, of Raleigh, is holding a primary teachers' institute.

GENUINE CASE

Mr. McGinn's Cook, Has Small-Pox Beyond a Doubt.

The cook at Mr. I. H. McGinn's has developed a genuine case—though mild—of small-pox. Mrs. McGinn sent for Chief Orr last night. Dr. Strong went to see the woman and pronounced the eruption on her face small-pox, unmistakably.

BIG BLAZE IN MOHAWK.

Number of Principal Buildings Burned and Records Destroyed.

By Telegram to the News. UTICA, N. Y., March 16.—The Mohawk Valley Hotel block at Mohawk was burned at 4 o'clock this morning. It contained five stores, the postoffice, a number of offices, the opera house and Masonic hall.

Nothing except the mail was saved. All the town records, the Masonic records and charter were burned. The loss foots up a hundred thousand dollars. Forty boarders in the hotel escaped uninjured.

3,000 STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

By Telegram to the News. WILKESBARRE, March 16.—Three thousand striking miners of the Susquehanna Coal Company returned to work this morning.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. J. K. Thompson, of Texas, who is on a visit to his father, Rev. G. T. Thompson, of Sharon, has been invited to preach at the Concord Presbyterian church Sunday and goes there tomorrow.

Rev. Mr. Spears, of Kentucky, who was invited to preach at Providence and Banks churches, left for home yesterday. He preached two fine sermons, and made a good impression.

Tomorrow being St. Patrick's day, there will be service at St. Peter's Catholic church at 8 a. m. Stations of the cross, as usual tonight.

MR. SAM BELL DEAD?

A Telegram Received Last Night Saying That "S. L. Bell" Was Killed.

IS IT MRS. CHESS BELL'S SON?

His Initials Are S. M. Bell and Those of the Telegram Were "S. L." but His Mother's Name and Street Were Given. Was Killed in R. R. Wreck.

A telegram was received in the city last night at 9 o'clock directed to Mrs. Chess Bell, of this city, and saying: "S. L. Bell was killed today in a railroad wreck at Index, Washington (State). The message was signed by the superintendent of the railway on which the accident occurred.

Mrs. Bell was not in the city. She has been at the old home seven miles south of Charlotte for a week past. The telegram was delivered to her son, Mr. Ed. Bell. The initials did not correspond with those of Mr. Sam Bell of this city—a son of Mrs. Charles Bell—his name being Samuel M. Bell, and the family have this faint hope—although the telegram gave Mrs. Bell's name, street and number of house—possibly that the killed man may not be their loved one.

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If the worst is true and the dead man is the Sam Bell known here, sad indeed will it be, for no young man in the county was more popular or esteemed. He was just 22, full of life and promise; strong in mind, body and principle, and brave and fearless.

REALTY.

Mr. George Stephens and the Highland Park Manufacturing Company yesterday swapped lands. Mr. Stephens getting four lots on Louise avenue east of the city; the Highland Park Company his farm southeast of town.

20TH OF MAY COMMITTEE.

President Wittkowsky and Secretary Hiss, of the Chamber of Commerce, have asked several committeemen of the Chamber to meet with them tonight to discuss the appointing of a committee on the 20th of May celebration. The only person at present decided on for the committee is Dr. Joseph Graham.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS TO MEET.

The North Carolina Funeral Directors' Association will meet in Raleigh April 4th and 5th. Mr. J. M. Harry, of this city, who is a member of the association, will be present. A professional embalmer will be on hand, arriving on the 3rd.

Mrs. Lulu Bangle a niece of Mr. P. A. Bangle, arrived from Los Angeles, Cal., last week and will reside with her uncle.

BRIDE'S ROSES.

Mrs. R. M. Oates, Jr., Gave a Beautiful and Brilliant Reception Yesterday.

THE BRIDE'S OF THE SEASON.

Five, Charming Women Wore the Conventional Satin and Duchesse—The Penitential Purple, the Color of the Dining Room—Those Assisting.

Brides roses are not affected by rain either indoors or out, consequently the steady down-pour yesterday afternoon did not prevent the brides of the season—Mrs. E. P. Keerans, Mrs. A. C. Avery, Jr., of Morganton, Mrs. John G. Bryce, Mrs. William A. Graham and Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant—whom Mrs. R. M. Oates, Jr., chose to honor, from appearing at the afternoon in all their bridal beauty and splendor.

The brides' gowns were not the less beautiful for having been seen before. White satin and Duchesse never grow old. As long as there is a bride to wear it, 'twill be new in its beauty and elegance.

The hostesses were white point d'esprit over pink silk, with garnitures of point Duchesse and black velvet. The front of the dress was almost covered with the superb Duchesse lounce which adorned Mrs. Oates' wedding gown.

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Purple is the penitential color, and the hostess being an Episcopalian, that color was appropriately chosen for the dining room decorations.

The center square of lace rested a large bowl of pansies, and about on the table were small bowls of violets. Two dainty Dresden lamps and two silver candelabra mingled their glow with that from the chandelier, and the effect was brilliant and beautiful.

The Saturday Morning Club will meet with Mrs. T. S. Franklin tomorrow, at Mrs. Brady's.

DEATH OF MRS. DORIAN.

Mrs. Betha Dorian died today at five minutes after 12 o'clock in Atherton. Deceased had been ill only a short time. She was a devout member of the Catholic church, and was a thoroughly good woman.

A MIDWAY PLAISANCE.

If there is a 20th of May celebration, there will be a Midway Plaisance. The Chamber of Commerce is taking steps toward having this as one of the main features of the celebration.

FIRST CHURCH YOUNG FOLKS.

The Randolph Society of the First Presbyterian church will have a sociable Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. That night the young men of the church have a sociable.

NO APRIL FOOL.

Mr. W. E. Gaither, of Salisbury, comes here the 1st of April to take charge of the clerical work in the Queen City Telephone Company's office.

—Mr. John McGowan is very ill at his home in the city.

MR. ANDREWS HURT.

His Dog Jumped Off the Platform of the Car, Pulling Him Off With It.

DAZED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

He Does Not Remember Anything But Catching Hold of the Handle of the Car Door as he Fell—All Else is a Blank—His Back and Head Were Hurt.

Mr. Frank H. Andrews met with a singular and painful accident last night. He and Mr. R. A. Dunn had been off on a hunt.

Mr. Andrews transferred at the square with his dog. It is against the rule to take a dog inside the car, so he stood on the rear platform.

Not finding Drs. Register or Montgomery in their office, Mr. Baker ran back to the Observer office to see about Mr. Andrews.

Mrs. F. I. Osborne invited a number of Mrs. Van Wagenen's friends to spend the afternoon with her yesterday.

Mrs. J. B. Kenney entertained at dinner today, at the Central, Miss Mollie Erwin, of Asheville; Mrs. Herbert Battle, of Winston; Mrs. H. S. Bryan, and Mrs. R. L. Gibbon.

THE OXFORDS.

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