

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. In a proclamation today he guarantees the Burgers payment for arms and property confiscated.

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. Reports are current here that President Steyn is willing to surrender.

CAPE COLONY BOERS IN A TRAP. LONDON, March 16.—The Boer forces operating in northern Cape Colony are in a trap. The British are hurrying to him in the Burgers and crush them at one blow.

With Gatacre on their front at Beaufort, Clements at Norval's Point on the left, they are retreating to Bloemfontein. Two thousand English guardsmen are rushing from Bloemfontein to cut them off.

"THETIS" CHASING THE "KAISER". LONDON, March 16.—The news from Lorenzo Marquez, that the British man of war "Thetis" is chasing the German steamship "Kaiser," and may take off the Boer commissioners, Abram Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, has caused great excitement here.

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. The health of the garrison and non-combatants is satisfactory.

LONDON TO BE DRESSED IN SHAMROCK. LONDON, March 16.—The whole city will be dressed in shamrocks tomorrow. The Queen's shamrock order has developed a craze. A hundred bales of the plant have been sold at Covent Garden.

CLEMENTS SURPRISES BOERS. VAUZYL, March 15. (Delayed in Transmission.)—Clements crossed the Orange River this morning at Norval's Point, surprising the Boers, who occupied the hills beyond. An immediate advance into the Free State in force is certain.

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. I do not think we can safely federate till we have had some years of crown and colony government. Personally, I have done with the Afrikaander Bund."

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. "Through a small mistake," he said, "I have been unable to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade as I intended, but I promise you I will lead you into Pretoria."

CARRIED TO FRANKFORT. 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.

The prisoners will be taken to Frankfort at once and given a speedy trial.

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. The local fire department cannot cope with the conflagration. The flames are raging unchecked, threatening to devour the principal portion of the town. Aid summoned from Winsted will scarcely reach here on account of the storm.

R. R. LACY, PRESIDENT.

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

The weather last night affected the attendance at the evening session of the Sunday school convention greatly. The workers present however had a profitable pleasant session. Mr. N. B. Broughton, presided. Dr. Hammill gave a talk on "The Miracles of Christ, treating the subject under three heads: Charismatic; Moral; Time and Place. After a talk which was, like all of Dr. Hammill's talks, full of suggestions and ideas, strong and clear, the session adjourned until this morning.

TODAYS. After devotional exercises, Prof. Hammill 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, after which an election of officers for the ensuing year was gone into and resulted as follows:

President, B. R. Lacy, Raleigh; vice-president, Charles Ross, Asheville; 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. High Point was selected as the next place of meeting; time to be named by the executive committee.

Mr. John E. Ray, of Raleigh, spoke on "Heart Power in Teaching." Pledges for the ensuing year were taken, amounting to about \$700. A resolution of thanks to the people of Charlotte, and the railroads, was unanimously adopted.

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. Mrs. McGinn had, at first, been opposed to the woman being examined by the county physician, preferring her family physician, but when the woman broke out so unmistakably she notified the officers at once. The woman misled Dr. Rakestraw by saying she had not been in Paw Creek in three weeks. It was proved that she had been there inside of two weeks. She occupies a house in Mr. McGinn's yard, and is at present there, it being impossible to have her moved today, as Joe Carter, the small-pox "mover," is out at Paw Creek moving the ten lepers from Alex. McRae's house, to the house a mile from Paw Creek, secured for them. The McRae woman—Mr. McGinn's cook—will be moved to the pest house tomorrow; also the house girl who has been sleeping with her. The latter has not broken out with the disease, but she will be held in the house of detention. A cook who has had small-pox will be furnished Mr. McGinn and family.

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. They sent telegrams of inquiry last night and this morning to Index, and Seattle, but up to 3 o'clock had received no further information, so they sit in the shadow of a sorrow which may and yet may not be theirs. Mr. Sam M. Bell, enlisted in Company M, Queen City Guards of this city, when the Spanish-American war broke out, and left here with his company on that memorable May morn. On his return with his company, he secured a position as machinist on board the Philadelphia, leaving about six months ago for service. The ship had been in Pacific waters. The last letter Mrs. Bell received from her son was written two or three weeks ago from San Francisco. He stated that they were to leave in a few days for Seattle. That was the last news they had of him until the telegram of last night with its distressing tidings. Index is 75 miles from Seattle. His family are conjecturing what he could have been doing there, but being in the mechanical department of the service, he was not subjected to the same rules as the regular sailors, and was possibly taking a trip to see the country. All is conjecture as yet, of course. The fact that Mrs. Bell's name, street and number were given correctly is almost conclusive evidence that it was her son S. M. Bell that was killed, and yet hoping against hope, she and the rest of the family think it possible that when it was found that a Mr. Bell of the Navy was killed, the railroad authorities telegraphed to Washington City to the navy department, and that there might have been a mistake in the names sent them—Mrs. Charles Bell's name being given probably in place of the mother of "S. L. Bell."

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. He was a member of the A. R. P. church of this city, and was an exemplary Christian.

His brother, Mr. Oscar Bell died six months ago.

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.

Brown & Co. recently bought some property east of the city from Mr. Geo. Stephens. They have employed Mr. W. C. Gadd to grade and level it.

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.

Miss Lula 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. Neither did the rain cause many "regrets." Those receiving cards, knowing, by previous delightful experiences, the pleasure of an evening at Mrs. Oates' tucked their silks and satins under gossamers and golfs and braved the storm to meet Mrs. Oates and her bridal quintette.

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 flounce which adorned Mrs. Oates' wedding gown. Her jewels—diamonds—were magnificent. She was as radiant in manner as in garb and received and entertained her guests with the charming unaffectedness, and grace and ease of the gentlewoman. 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, it will be new in its beauty and elegance. The wearers of "the conventional" yesterday were charming women—five who will be faithful, loyal and true; "the wife being still more dear than the bride."

Purple is the penitential color, and the hostess being an Episcopalian, that color was appropriately chosen for the dining room decorations. The chandelier ribbons were purple and white, alternating, the purple extending to two corners and the white to two, beginning and ending in graceful and generous loops. Large flat bows of purple and white ribbon ornamented opposite corners of the table. On the centre 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 dining room was in the capable hands of Mrs. H. S. Bryan, Mrs. J. B. Kenney, Mrs. H. A. Murrill, Mrs. C. M. Carson and Mrs. A. B. Reese. The tea room, in its mural decorations, draperies and furnishings, suggestive of the famed Turkish parlor at the Waldorf, was an attractive nook. Mrs. J. L. Chambers sat at the tea table and proved her right to be there by the graceful manner of her serving. Her assistants were Misses Ethel Holt, May Oates, Mary Morrison, Josephine Notermann—fair and charming waitresses. The affair was one of the most brilliant events of the winter. There comes to one, in recalling it, the vision of a beautiful scene; the faint fragrance of brides roses.

The invitations included, besides the receiving party: Mesdames A. L. Smith, John W. Miller, J. A. Durham, J. D. Church, J. M. Oates, Luke Seawell, J. T. Ross, J. R. Lee, J. A. Gorham, J. F. Orr, W. R. Taliaferro, R. H. Jordan, John Van Landingham, J. F. and J. R. Wilkes, E. C. Johnston, Geo. Shannon, George Herbert, Herbert Battle, Winston, Daniel Burwell, Norfolk; J. E. Reilly, Holmes; G. B. King, C. L. T. Fisher, J. P. Wilson, L. A. Dodsworth, H. S. Chadwick, C. W. Parker, G. F. Rutzler, George E. Wilson, F. D. Sampson, A. S. Thompson, R. O. Colt, George Fitzsimons, J. V. A. Weaver, M. A. Bland, C. C. Hook, W. S. Liddell, E. C. Register, B. D. Heath, J. A. Bell, T. S. Franklin, R. L. Gibbon, W. C. Dowd, Old, L. B. Johnson, S. B. Alexander, Jr., C. L. Hoffman, Eva Bryce Tucker, of New York; A. H. Harris, E. T. Cansler, S. O. Brookes, W. B. Ryder, R. M. Brannon, F. B. McDowell, D. W. Oates, J. E. Oates, F. Torrence, J. M. Atkinson and Nora Bell Well, Lucian H. Walker, P. M. Thompson, W. T. Jordan, J. L. Villalongo, Julius Leisel, W. C. Maxwell, L. N. Schiff, B. D. Springs, R. L. Jones, J. E. and R. C. Carson, R. M. Miller, Jr., M. P. Peggam, Jr., Platt D. Walker, Vinton Liddell, J. M. Scott, S. B. Jones, J. A. Solomons, R. J. Brewer, Misses Mollie Erwin, Asheville; Fan Burwell, Hattie Elliott, Maggie Rankin, Josephine Parker, of Michigan; Mary Mayer, Adele Brenizer, Anna Locke Hutchison, Saide Young.

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