

## WEARING THE GREEN

All England To Day Honors the Bravery of Her Majesty's Irish Troops.

## MANY READY TO SURRENDER.

Boers in Basutoland Only Waiting to Hear Roberts' Terms—Unconfirmed Report of the Relief of Mafeking—How Loyalists Fooled Boers at Lady Gray.

By Telegraph to the News. LONDON, March 17.—Dispatches from all points indicate the complete collapse of the Boer resistance. Hundreds of Free Staters are surrendering to Roberts. The Basutoland forces are waiting for his terms to do likewise. General Lucas, Meyer and Schalkberg of the Transvaal army, have laid down their arms. All say the cause is hopeless. A new offer of peace is expected from Kruger.

SPRINGFONTEIN OCCUPIED. BETHULIE, March 16.—(Delayed in Transmission)—Gatacre's scouts have entered Springfontein. The main column is following and will soon enter the town. The country is clear of Boers.

REPORTS THAT MAFEKING HAS BEEN RELIEVED. LONDON, Mar. 17.—It is persistently reported here that Mafeking has been relieved. The War Office does not confirm the report, but it comes from sources deemed authoritative.

OLIVER ABANDONS POSITION. Dispatches from Burghersdorp state that Commandant Oliver has evacuated his position in front of the British north of the Orange river. Several Boers have surrendered.

## LONDON "WEARING OF THE GREEN."

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Shamrocks are everywhere in London to-day. Every Englishman wears a shamrock in his button hole. The omnibus drivers ride under green flags. All for once have turned the red, white and blue into the green. Everywhere tribute is being paid to Irish gallantry. The green flag flies from Windsor Castle. CANADIAN MILITIA WEARS SHAMROCKS.

HALIFAX, Mar. 17.—In compliance with the Queen's order, orders were issued yesterday that the militia could wear shamrocks. Those forming the escort to Stratton's Horse wore shamrocks yesterday instead of to-day as that was the only opportunity the militia will have to appear in a public parade.

## LARGE FORCE READY TO SURRENDER.

LONDON, March 17.—The British commander of Basutoland says that eight hundred Boers from Bloemfontein have arrived there and a big contingent from Alwal North are only waiting the terms of the British proclamation to surrender. It is also rumored that President Steyn is willing to surrender.

## BOUGHT QUANTITIES OF SHAMROCK AND CLOVER.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—There was a great rush to Covent Garden this morning to secure shamrocks and the supply was soon exhausted, sprays bringing twenty-four to thirty shillings the dozen. It is estimated that during the week twenty tons of genuine Irish shamrocks and sixty tons of clover have been sold.

## BOERS TRICKED INTO SURRENDER.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—The surrender of Lady Gray was due to the ruse of a few loyalists, who notified the rebels that Major Hook had ordered the surrender of the town by five o'clock. The loyalists immediately despatched a messenger to inform Major Hook of the situation. Meanwhile the Union Jack was hoisted, and the rebels instructed to salute the flag. The loyalists picketed the town until the force of Hook arrived.

## 400 BOERS SURRENDER.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—In response to Roberts' proclamation four hundred Free Staters surrendered yesterday.

LONDON, Mar. 17.—Buller's scouts are in constant touch with the Boers at Van Reenen's Pass, and the Biggarsburg Range. They report the Boers in strong force in that neighborhood.

## GREATEST ON RECORD.

Celebration of St Patrick's Day in New York.

By Telegraph to the News. NEW YORK, March 17.—The display to-day is expected to exceed all previous St. Patrick's days. The parade is under the lead of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Street Commissioner Nagle has cleared the entire route of the heavy snow fall. The sixty-ninth has the right of the line. There are forty-seven other divisions in the parade.

## "QUO VADIS."

A Superb Play Given by High-class Artists.

Chas. W. Chase's dramatic version of "Quo Vadis," the masterpiece of Henry Sienkiewicz, the Polish romancer, as presented last night by Aiden Benedict's company, ranks as the important theatrical production of not one, but many seasons. From the first to the last curtain fall there was an "arbitrament of elegance" about the play seldom seen. The players were artists—not tyros—each of whom had a comprehensive idea, not only of his or her part, but of the whole, the result being a smooth, finished, elegant play. Had Charlotte known yesterday what it knew last night about the merits of this company, there would not have been standing room in the theatre. The town is not unappreciative, but it gets taken in now and then on "Indiana Romances" and such like, and gets timid. The actors of last night did their work fully as well as those now presenting Ben Hur in New York. J. S. Macey had a fine conception of the part of "Nero"—"Bronzebeard." His vocalization was capital. He Neroized his voice to perfection. The imitation was excellent. Lauren Reese, as "Petronius," the arbiter of elegance, was Apollo-like in face and figure. He was an ideal Petronius in every look and move. S. Fleming, as the erasing, vengeful, yet repentant, Greek Philosopher, "Chilo," was one of the strongest characters. He did good work. In William Lee, Benedict found a fine "Ursus." Hattie Bernard Chase, who took the part of "Lygia," the Christian maid, was pretty and graceful, and displayed more than ordinary talent, but she was hardly the idea of a Christian maid of the Neroian age. She was coquettish rather than timid and shrinking. Edwina Oldcastle, as the wily, snake like "Poppoea," gave one, in her conception of the part, a good idea of Nero's heartless wife. John F. Palmer, as "Vincius," was thoroughly in earnest, and did conscientious work. There was not an indifferent player in the cast. The scenery was surprising and the costumes historically correct, as well as beautiful.

Chase has followed the lines of the book well. All the drama lacks is Petronius' beautiful slave, Eunice, who lived and loved; who loved and died.

## ADJOURNED.

## Sunday School Convention Sang "God Be With You" Last Night.

At the afternoon session yesterday of the Sunday School convention Mrs. T. S. Franklin read an excellent paper on "Music in the Primary Department." She was followed by Miss Meta E. Beall, of Greensboro, who spoke on "Kindergarten Methods." These two papers took up the hour and the convention adjourned after hearing them. The speaker for the night was Dr. Hammil. He spoke on "Personal Work in the Sunday School." "Personal work," said Dr. Hammil, "is a divine means in the hands of God's children; it is the means which God has placed in the hands of His children to save the world. There are two parables which bear especially upon this work; the pounds, and the talents." Dr. Hammil urged the workers present to take time for God and eternity. Prof. A. B. Blair, of Guilford, made a few remarks, expressing the pleasure the committee had experienced in meeting in Charlotte, after which the hymn, "God Be With You" was sung and the convention stood adjourned.

## KENTUCKY TRIALS.

## State Officers Want Opportunity to Prove Their Innocence.

By Telegraph to the News. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 17.—The Goebelle effort to convict the Republican State officers fell flat to-day. Powers and Cotton were told they might have their liberty if they would agree to waive the examining trials but they refused. They declared they would not accept bail till the evidence had been brought out and their innocence shown.

## ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

The friends of Capt. W. I. Everett, of Rockingham, are putting his name forward in connection with the State Treasurership. Mr. Everett is president of the Falls Manufacturing Company; is one of the pioneer mill men of this section, and is a man who has the highest respect in business and political circles. He is at present clerk of Richmond county.

## NEW GROCERY STORE.

Mr. T. W. Austin, who returned recently from Shreveport, Va., has opened a grocery store in the Gibbon building on North Tryon street, in the room next to Sarratt & Blakeley. Mr. Austin began business this morning. He is a well known and popular young man and deserves to succeed.

## VANCE MONUMENT.

Mrs. Vance Examines the Work and Pronounces it Perfect.

## TO STAND IN CAPITOL SQUARE

Senator Pritchard Presents a Petition from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce—Private Bills Introduced by Atwater and Kitchen—Tar Heel Visitors.

Special to the News. WASHINGTON, March 17.—A special committee has arrived in Washington, representing the North Carolina Legislature. The law-makers arrived yesterday morning on the Norfolk steambath, reaching the city about 8 o'clock, after a rough voyage. They are in the city for the purpose of inspecting the Vance monument, which is to be unveiled at Raleigh at some future date, to be selected by the committee after consultation with the sculptor, Mr. Henry J. Elliott. Those who have seen the work of Mr. Elliott, pronounce it in every way satisfactory, and to be a perfect likeness of the great North Carolina statesman. Many Senators and Representatives in Congress, friends of the Senator, have seen the model, and they are all of the opinion that the work will prove satisfactory to the North Carolina Legislature. Mrs. Vance herself, who is in the city, was at the studio of Sculptor Elliott for two hours on Thursday, and viewed the model critically. She was very well satisfied with the work and pronounced it perfect in every detail. The statue will be placed about twenty-five feet from the eastern entrance to the Capitol Square in Raleigh, and will face Newbern avenue. The site has been decided upon, it is said, by the committee in charge of the matter.

The date of the unveiling cannot yet be stated. It will be decided by the special committee in charge, and will depend upon the convenience of the sculptor who has the contract for the statue, and in whose studio the special committee examined the model yesterday. The committee will probably return to Raleigh tonight.

Gen. Julian S. Carr was in the city Thursday last. The general is prominently mentioned as a possible United States Senator from North Carolina to succeed Butler. The general is here on personal business. He says that he is satisfied the proposed constitutional amendment will carry in North Carolina by a big majority. He left for New York city later.

Representative Atwater has introduced a bill by request for the relief of the estate of Vest Smith, deceased, of Wake county, North Carolina.

Mr. Kitchen has introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of William Davis and William H. Flynt. This bill involves a claim growing out of the seizure of property during the war.

Senator Pritchard has presented memorials to the House from the W. H. King Drug Company, and other druggists at Raleigh, asking for the repeal of the stamp tax on proprietary medicines, perfumeries and cosmetics, and also petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte for an appropriation to be made to continue the work of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

Mr. J. D. Boushall, of Raleigh, and R. H. Speight, of North Carolina, were at the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday, both gentlemen being here on business.

## DEATH OF MR. REID, OF CONCORD.

Mr. John McNeely received a phone message from Concord today, telling him of the death, at that place, this morning at 4 o'clock, of his uncle, Mr. Joel Reid. Deceased was 65 years of age. He was for many years in the drug business in Concord, but recently retired from business. He accumulated quite a neat fortune. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves a wife and children. Mr. Reid was also an uncle of Mrs. John F. Jamison, of this city.

## MISS VAN ETTEN TO LEAVE.

Miss Jane Van Ethen, who has been teaching vocal music in Elizabeth College, has resigned her position to take up work in Chicago. She will leave for Chicago this evening. Miss Van Ethen is a lady of rare gifts, a remarkably fine vocalist and a good teacher. The college has taken steps to have her place immediately filled by another very excellent and competent vocalist, who will arrive in a few days.

## MAD DOG BIT A MULE.

Mr. V. Y. Brawley, of Crab Orchard, who was here to-day, reports that a mule belonging to Mr. C. W. Hodges, of Brudette, was bitten by a mad dog, which has probably bitten other animals in the neighborhood.

## MR. JORDAN'S SIDE.

Says He Was Not Engaged to Miss Mollie Little; He Told He Was to Be Married.

## SHE WROTE TO OTHER MEN.

Mr. Jim Wilson Also Received Love Letters From Her While She Was Writing to Jordan—Mr. Wilson Found Her "Tender Hearted" and Withdrew.

Mr. Charles Jordan, the young man for whom Miss Mollie Little killed herself, was in town today. His bride was with him. Mr. Jordan talked freely to the News reporter in regard to the sad affair. He deplores it, but does not hold himself to blame. Said he: "I had not been to see Miss Little in six months but once, and that time in response to repeated letters from her. I was not engaged to her, and never had been. I told her I was going to marry Laura Wallace. She accused me, in her letter of marrying for money. I would have married Laura if she had had a penny."

Here Laura—Mrs. Jordan—said: "Well, if she thought you were marrying money when you got me, she was badly mistaken."

Mr. Jordan continued: "She wrote letters to Jim Wilson all during the time she said she was loving me. She was in love once with Bob Smith, and when he died she tried to kill herself about him."

Mr. Wilson was seen afterward. He said he had been to see Miss Little, but seeing that she was so tender-hearted he concluded not to go back any more, because he did not want to get married. She wrote him love letters during the time she was writing to Charlie Jordan several, of which he has. He said the woman was not crazy, but was in bad health, and was tender-hearted.

## SOCIAL.

## Miss Louise Wadsworth Gave an At Home Yesterday—A Pretty Affair.

Miss Louise Wadsworth gave an afternoon yesterday to the sweet sixteen set, which was a complete and pretty affair. The dainty little hostess wore pink organdie and was graceful and charming. Her guests were: Misses Lottie Gray, in green; organdie and ribbons to match; Dora Barron, blue and white silk; Lucile Rielly, lavender organdie, violets and jonquills; Annie Blair, pink organdie, trimmed with narrow black velvet; Alice Cowles, white organdie over blue silk; Grace Andrews, white organdie, lace insertion; Laura Watkins, blue; Louie Jones, white, with blue ribbons; Willie Durant, pink, with white carnations; Mary Irwin, white over blue; Marie Wheeler, black silk skirt, blue silk waist; Mary Moody, blue and black silk; Sadie Belle Mayer, blue. Misses Margaret Reese and Annie Louise Hutchison, in white organdie and pink ribbons, received the cards. The dining room color was pink. The table was beautiful in its decorations of carnations, pink candles, lace and smilax. Punch was served by Miss Gray. She and Miss Cowles furnished music for dancing. The "Sweethearts" were invited after dusk. The affair was the swell event in the sixteen-year-old circle.

## PARDON REFUSED.

## The President Would Not Grant Pardon to Mr. Holland.

Mrs. J. R. Holland left Charlotte night before last to meet her husband, Mr. J. R. Holland, in New York today. Mr. Holland's term expired yesterday and he left Albany once more a free man. His friends have for sometime been trying to get the President to pardon him, thus restoring his citizenship, but this he refused to do. Mr. and Mrs. Holland will remain in New York several days with their son, Mr. Ralph Holland, not reaching home probably before the middle of next week.

## INSURANCE.

Mr. Clarence W. Thomas, representing Mr. George A. Gibson, resident manager at Richmond, Va., of the Fidelity & Casualty Company, of New York, is in the city on business for his company.

Mr. Henry Evans, vice-president of the Continental Insurance Company, of New York, represented here by C. N. G. Butt & Co., has been elected a director in the Atlanta & Charlotte Railroad Company.

## NO TIDINGS YET.

Mrs. Bell and Family Still in Distressing Uncertainty.

So far the distressing uncertainty in regard to the death of Mr. Sam M. Bell has not been settled. Mrs. Bell, the mother of Mr. Bell, returned from the country yesterday afternoon, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Jessie McDonald and son, Mr. Ed. Bell, who had gone out to break the sad news to her. The shock, followed by the uncertainty, was dreadful, and has almost prostrated the aged and devoted mother. In response to a telegram sent yesterday to the captain of the Philadelphia, at San Francisco, a message was received by Mr. J. W. Cuthbertson last night, which said that the Philadelphia had sailed for South America on the 11th. As this was Mr. Bell's ship, and he was naturally supposed to be on it, the matter becomes more mystifying. If Mr. Bell had not written in his last letter to his mother that he intended going to Seattle there would be more hope that he was on his ship. But he may have left the service, and gone toward Seattle or Index to locate. A number of telegrams have been sent to the railroad authorities in Seattle, Index and Spokane; also to Washington and to Captain Reiter, of the Philadelphia, at San Diego, Cal., hoping that a message may catch him at that point. The message to Captain Reiter was: "Is Sam M. Bell on board? Reported killed in railroad wreck?" Mr. McLaughlin, a son-in-law of Mrs. Bell, is in Milwaukee. He has been wired and will go to Seattle or Index to identify the body. In the mean time all the family can do is to wait and hope.

## TWENTIETH OF MAY.

## Committee Appointed on Celebration for This Year.

The News stated yesterday that a meeting would be held last night by members of the Chamber of Commerce to take steps in regard to the 20th of May celebration. A committee from the Elks met with the Chamber of Commerce representatives, and it was decided that they would act together in getting up the celebration. A committee from the Chamber, consisting of Dr. Joseph Graham, chairman, and Messrs. C. H. Campbell, J. M. Scott, O. L. Barringer and George Stephens, was appointed to act with the Elks. As stated yesterday, one of the features of the celebration will be a Midway Pleasance. Mr. George W. Gaskill, of Ohio, representing a carnival committee, will arrive here Monday to confer with the Chamber in regard to this matter. It is the intention of the Chamber to have the largest celebration ever held here. There will be military and firemen's tournaments, trades displays and a miniature world's fair.

The city is ripe for a big celebration and let's have it.

## EPISCOPALIANS.

## Convocation of Charlotte Met at Southern Pines.

Rev. Messrs. E. A. Osborne and Walter Smith have returned from Southern Pines, where they have been attending the convocation of Charlotte, which met there on Wednesday last. The convocation met at the call of the Dean Rev. E. A. Osborne, in Emanuel church, of which Rev. H. T. Gregory is Rector. Besides the dean and rector, there were present: Rev. Messrs. Fetter, Smith and Parkman; and Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Marvin, of Raleigh, who came to attend the consecration of the church.

The convocation lasted two days. Services and business sessions were held on both days. On Tuesday night the Bishop preached and confirmed two persons. The chief business transacted by the convocation was an effort to secure an evangelist to a mission work within the limits of the convocation. On Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Mr. Gregory took the clergy on the trolley car for a ride to Pinehurst.

Wednesday Bishop Cheshire consecrated the church, which was recently finished.

The corner stone was laid in 1891. It is a neat, pretty church, and the consecration services were interesting and impressive.

## MR. EDMONDS ACCEPTS.

Mr. George B. Hiss, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, this morning received a letter from Mr. R. H. Edmonds, editor and general manager of the Manufacturers' Record, accepting the invitation extended him by the board of governors of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association to address the association at its annual meeting in May. "I appreciate the honor which you have shown me, and accept with pleasure," writes Mr. Edmonds.

Misses Belle Hall and Frank Smith will be in Belk's millinery department this spring.

## ENTERED INTO REST

Rev. Chalmers Moore Died Yesterday Morning at Heath Springs, S. C.

## WAS WELL-KNOWN HERE.

He Was a Man of Unusual Beauty and Purity of Character and a Prominent Divine of the Presbyterian Faith—He Had Been in Bad Health for Years.

Rev. Chalmers Moore, a well known divine of the Presbyterian Church, died yesterday morning at his home, at Heath Springs, S. C. Deceased had been in bad health for several years, in fact he was never robust and strong. For the last three months Mr. Moore had been failing rapidly, and to those nearest and dearest to him, his death was not a surprise—those who had seen him fade from day to day. His wife and other relatives were at his bedside when the end came.

Chalmers Moore was born in Franklin, this State. He was graduated at Davidson College in 1884, and went from there to the Union Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C. Afterward he went to the Union Theological Seminary at Hampton Sidney, Va., belonging to the class of '87. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg in '87, and ordained by the Presbytery of West Hanover the same year. He was stated supply of the church in Petersburg, Va., for 17 months, after which he went to Louisville, where he was first called as pastor. He remained there three years, and went from there to the Hopewell church, remaining there three years. He was pastor at Bryson City eighteen months, and went from there to Heath Springs, S. C., to take charge of a bunch of churches: Heath Springs, Liberty Hill and Calvin. These were his last charges. Mr. Moore married Miss Nora Neal, daughter of Dr. Neal, of Sugar Creek, who survive him. They had no children. Deceased was a man of beautiful spirit—pure and gentle. He became a Christian early in life, and was always found working for the Master. He was universally beloved and his death is deplored. Mr. Moore's father was pastor of the church at Franklin for years. He was a first cousin of Mr. W. M. Moore, business manager of the Presbyterian Standard.

## MASQUERADE PARTY.

## The Young People About Kingwood Enjoying Life

The rural districts were enlivened last night by a very pleasant social affair. Misses Nancy McDonald and Daisy King were the hostesses, and Kingwood was the place. These young ladies entertained the young people of the community at an old-fashioned masquerade party. The following characters were represented: "Vassar Girl," Miss Mary Maxwell; "The Ghosts," Miss Mattie Cross and Gertrude Lafferty; "Old Beggar Lady," Miss Myrtle Wolfe; "Sister of Charity," Miss Bertha Morris; "Aunt Samantha," Miss Bird Cross; "Old Maid from Choice," Miss Kate Newell; "The Fat Lady from Jollytown," Miss Patsy Morris; "The Melancholy Sister," John McDonald; "Sixteenth Century Lady," Miss Daisy King; "Mrs. David Harum," Robt. Lafferty; "The Dashing Young Widows," The Nancys. The men, fearing to veil their lovely faces, lest they might not make good impressions, decided to be in full evening dress. They were: Messrs. Williamson and Will Moore. Dayton and John Wolfe, Will and Marion Farrow, Will Newell, Hubert Ramser, Zeb Cox, Luke Johnston Beebe, Wilkinson, Bland Hammond, Vernon Porter, Robert H. Lafferty, John McDonald and Richard King.

The "Sister of Charity" was voted the best representation and the "Fat Old Lady of Jollytown" the most comical and popular. After the other pleasure of the evening refreshments were served in the usual hospitable lavish way of the country. At an early hour "good-mornings" were exchanged and the happy party faced the cold air beneath the bright rays of the full moon.

## DEATH IN ATHERTON.

Henry, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kriminger, of Atherton, died this morning at 2 o'clock, and was buried this afternoon at 4. Deceased had been ill for several days. Rev. Mr. Baldwin conducted the funeral services.

## DR. CAPEHEART ILL.

Dr. Capeheart, who has been quite sick for several days, was taken to St. Peter's Hospital this morning. He had high fever and chills.