

DESPERATE PLIGHT.

Mafeking Cannot Wait Much Longer for the Promised Relief.

GERMANY "HANDS OFF."

Regards Salisbury's Reply as a Warning to Powers who Would Intervene—Riots at Peace Meetings in England—Olivier Retreats toward Kronsstad.

By telegraph to The News. LONDON, March 19.—Mafeking has not been relieved, so far as is known here. It is probable that the converging of troops toward Mafeking indicates a much more serious purpose than merely its relief.

DANGEROUS TO HOLD PEACE MEETINGS

LONDON, March 19.—Scenes of violence continue to mark the meetings held by advocates of peace. It is almost impossible to hold a peace meeting in any town in England now.

MAFEKING IN DESPERATE PLIGHT

LONDON, March 19.—Mafeking still holds out. The city is in a desperate plight. Plumer's force from the north recomputed within fourteen miles of this place.

BURGHERS RETURN TO THEIR FARMS.

LONDON, March 17.—It is credibly reported that three quarters of the Free State troops have returned to their farms. The Free State Burgers still holding out are said to be poor whites who have nothing to lose.

GERMANY WILL NOT INTERVENE.

BERLIN, March 19.—The Foreign Office positively declares the statement untrue that Germany and the United States will continue peace negotiations with England in regard to South Africa.

OLIVIER'S RETREAT.

LONDON, March 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Alwal North states that Commandant Olivier has retreated towards Kronsstad. He commanded the inhabitants of Rousville, whereupon the inhabitants appealed to Gen. Erabant for assistance, which for the moment Erabant was unable to give.

SENTENCED TO A BOAT.

CAPE TOWN, March 19.—Owing to the quarrelsomeness of Col. Schiel, the German officer in charge of the Boer artillery, who was wounded and taken prisoner at Elandsbaag, has been removed from the prisoners' camp to transport.

SOCIETY OF ANARCHISTS.

Taylor Crowd Organizing a Secret Band to Resist Prosecution of Their Friends.

By telegraph to The News. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 19.—Powers, Davis, Hazelip and Cutton did not have an examination to-day as promised by Judge Moore. When the prisoners are arraigned the prosecution will ask a continuance till Thursday on the ground that many witnesses cannot be present till then.

GREAT STRIKE ON.

By Telegraph to The News. CHICAGO, March 19.—After the conference between representatives of the International Association of Machinists and the administrative council of the National Metal Trades association, ended at 1:30 yesterday morning, President James O'Connell, of the union, declared that strikes would be called immediately in all parts of the United States and Canada.

SMALLPOX SCARE AT PRINCETON.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 19.—Talks with Yale authorities indicate that the grounds for the small pox scare were greatly exaggerated. The case at Eddy and Middletown is now attending physician in the case in Wall Street also pronounced that measles.

MR. CRAIG GOES WEST.

Mr. J. H. Craig left this morning for Hot Springs, Ark. He will visit other points in Arkansas, and will be absent probably for several months.

REALTY.

J. W. Alexander & Co. Saturday sold the Preston house, on West Tenth street to Mr. W. W. Rankin, of Mooresville.

TO BE BURIED IN SEATTLE.

The Body of Mr. Sam Bell Cannot Be Shipped.

Mrs. Charles Bell and family have heard nothing more as to the identity of the dead man supposed to be Mr. Sam M. Bell. The accident occurred on the Great Northern. Mrs. Bell and family wired the superintendent of the road to send the body to St. Paul, where Mr. James McLaughlin, Mrs. Bell's son-in-law, was to meet and identify it.

MRS. M'CORD DEAD.

Entered to Rest Saturday Afternoon—Buried Yesterday.

Mrs. Amelia McCord, wife of Mr. T. T. McCord, died at 3:30 Saturday afternoon at her home, at Sandifer, Paw Creek township. Mrs. McCord had been an invalid for a year, and at almost any time during the 12 months her death would not have been a surprise to her family.

A SUNDAY ROBBERY.

Negro Boys Begged, Stole, Ran Away and Were Twice Captured.

Some excitement was caused yesterday afternoon by a robbery committed by two negro boys, and the subsequent chase and capture of the little thieves.

They went to Mr. George Williams' on Liberty street, and begged some bread, but did not succeed in stealing anything. From there they went to Mrs. Jessie McDonald's and asked for some food, saying they were very hungry.

It was Sunday afternoon, there was nobody in the front part of the house, and while the girl went back to get them a lunch, they saw their opportunity and made a raid. They stole a suit of clothes and several other articles, ran with them to the railroad and put them in a box car.

But the boys did not enjoy their liberty long. The patrol wagon came along and after a chase caught four negro boys. The two who had been begging and stealing were identified, the stolen articles located and returned, and the young culprits were soon behind the bars in the station house.

WORKING INSURANCE.

Mr. Edward W. Phifer, of Columbia, S. C., a native Charlotte boy, has given up railroading and gone into railroad insurance. He works as far South as Jacksonville. Mr. Phifer will be here in a few days on a business trip. He is already succeeding well in the work. He is not only bright and capable, but succeeds at anything he undertakes.

MORE SOLDIERS GO TO MANILA.

NORFOLK, Va., March 17.—The new army transport "Summer" sailed to-day for New York to take on nine hundred soldiers at Fort Stovum, for the Philippines.

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President Hadley told the students this morning at the Chapel that the community was unduly excited, but recommended them to be vaccinated. Regular exercises at the University will not be suspended.

A SAD HOUSEHOLD.

Dr. T. C. Neal, of Sugar Creek, "Loses Two Sons-in-Law in as Many Days.

DEATH OF MR. L. P. MURPHY.

Died Suddenly Yesterday at His Home in Union, S. C., of Heart Disease—His Wife Was Visiting Her Father at Sugar Creek When She Heard the Sad News.

Scarcely had the News reached Dr. T. C. Neal and family at Sugar Creek, of the death of Rev. Chalmers Moore, Dr. Neal's son-in-law, when another telegram followed closely upon its heels, announcing the death of Mr. L. P. Murphy, of Union, S. C., another of Dr. Neal's sons-in-law.

TO PAY THE DEBT.

Tryon Street Methodist Church Makes a Good Resolve.

Tryon Street Methodist church has been resting under the shadow of a \$5,000 debt for some years. Yesterday Dr. Christberg proposed to the congregation that an effort be made to raise the debt, and that at once. He called for different expressions in regard to the matter.

MISSIONARY TEA.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity church will give a missionary tea in the basement of the church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time the ladies will contribute a free will offering for the 20th Century fund.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Mrs. B. D. Heath has revived Chronothanatoletion. It is to be given on the 17th of April. Those taking part are asked to meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 in the parlor at Tryon Street Methodist church.

BAPTISMAL PARTY.

A pretty baptismal scene was witnessed this afternoon at Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Miller, Jr.'s. Their little daughter, Sara Elizabeth, was baptized. Rev. Dr. Howerton was assisted in the sacrament by Rev. Dr. Stagg. Mr. and Mrs. Miller invited a number of friends to be present. A handsome lunch was served after the baptismal service.

CHURCH SOCIABLES.

The social of the A. R. P. church, which was postponed last week, will be given in the parlor of the First A. R. P. church Thursday evening.

SMALL-POX PATIENTS' ESCAPE.

Dr. McLaughlin, of Paw Creek, learned after arriving here today, that some of the negroes who had small-pox at Paw Creek, and who were moved a mile from the station, had escaped and had come to town. He quickly notified Dr. Strong and the police and the utmost vigilance will be used to catch them—but not the pox.

FLAMES IN HIS FACE.

Dr. Joseph Graham's Beard and Hair Singed.

Dr. Joseph Graham had an unpleasant experience Saturday night. Mr. George Fitzsimons, as he was on his way home, stopped at Dr. Graham's for Mrs. Fitzsimons, who was waiting there for him. The boy who attends to the furnace had gone off without filling up the furnace. Mr. Fitzsimons went down to fill it up for Dr. Graham. He did not notice that the coal box was full of soft coal instead of hard, and shoveled it in the furnace. Some minutes later, Dr. Graham heard something like an explosion in the basement. He went down to investigate. He opened the furnace door to see if the fire was all right. As he did so, there was an explosion of coal gas within the furnace, and the flames burst out of the door into Dr. Graham's face. His hair, beard and eyebrows were singed. Fortunately, he had on his glasses or his eyes would have been burned also. If the explosion had taken place later in the night most likely the house would have been set on fire.

"MY FIRST BATTLE."

An Old Confederate to Tell His Story To-morrow Night.

Dr. Guerrant, the famous Kentucky evangelist, who held a series of meetings about two years ago in the Second Presbyterian church, will arrive here tonight, and will tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, give a lecture in the Second church on "Home Mission Work in the Mountains." The lecture is free, and all interested in mission work are invited to hear him. At night Dr. Guerrant lectures in the Y. M. C. A. hall. His subject will be "My First Battle." The proceeds will be for the benefit of home missions. Dr. Guerrant was a physician before the civil war. He entered the Confederate service and fought his first battle under Morgan. He was as good a soldier as ever wore the gray. After the war Dr. Guerrant entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church, and has become one of the most successful evangelists in the Presbyterian Church. Every Presbyterian in the city, as well as every Confederate veteran, and all others interested in the work in the mountains should hear Dr. Guerrant tomorrow night.

EDUCATE THE WOMEN

Prominent Baptists Urged This Point Yesterday.

Rev. John E. White, Rev. O. L. Stringfield and Prof. Walter Sikes, of the faculty of Wake Forest College, spent yesterday in Charlotte, presenting the cause of the Baptist Female University, of Raleigh, to the Baptists of this city. Messrs. White and Bailey spoke at Tryon Street church yesterday morning. They emphasized the cause of Christian education, and especially of the education of women, saying that it was more important to educate the women of the land than the men. They made strong talks and moved upon the hearts and purses of the Baptists present to the amount of \$600. Messrs. Stringfield and Sikes spoke at Olivet and Twelfth Street church, presenting the same cause. Twelfth Street church recently gave \$100 to the University. There is a debt on the University and the effort is being made to pay it.

20TH OF MAY TALK.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce met this morning to consider co-operating with various other organizations in the city in regard to the 20th of May celebration. The matter was continued over until tomorrow, in order to discuss it with Mr. Gaskill, of the Carnival Company, who arrives tomorrow morning.

A GENTLEMAN FROM WAXHAW.

Wm. Davis, white, hailing from Waxhaw, was arrested today by Officers Bradley and Sikes for forcible trespass at one of the mills. He was there, it is said, trying to entice the hands away. On being ordered to leave, he refused. The police were sent for and took him in. A pistol was found on his person, so he went to jail in default of \$50 bond.

POLICE DATA.

A negro named Kirkpatrick was arrested today by Officer Roberts for stealing from Mr. G. A. Lawing. Mr. P. C. McIntyre and Amos Harrison, colored, had a fight today. Officer Pitts called a halt before any damage was done.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

He and His Wife Passed Through Charlotte En Route to Savannah, Ga.

THE HERO OF MANILA BAY.

He is Younger Than His Picture Represents Him; is Genial, Cordial and Delightful—Asked if This Was Bagley's Home—Mrs. Dewey is Handsome.

The hero of Manila has been in Charlotte.

He and his wife passed through the city this morning, en route to Savannah, where they go to attend the Dewey celebration.

MR. KEISTLER ASSAULTED.

Lloyd Pettus and Frank Trott Get Into Trouble.

Mr. David Keistler, of J. H. Weddington & Co., went to Paw Creek yesterday to see his father. On his return—he was walking—he walked down the railroad track. Lloyd Pettus and Frank Trott, two young white men of the city, passed him in a buggy. One of them dropped his hat. He ordered Mr. Keistler to pick it up. Upon the latter refusing to do so, they began cursing him, and Pettus jumped out of the buggy and made for him.

Mr. Keistler warded off the blow and was about to get Pettus down when Trott came to Pettus' assistance. Mr. Keistler received a laceration in the head. He got both boys down, when Trott drew his knife on him. Just at this point Mr. John McGee came along and went to Mr. Keistler's assistance. Pettus and Trott then returned to the buggy. They were bound over to court to-day by Squire Maxwell in the sum of \$50 each.

LAST OF THE STAR COURSE.

Dr. Henson Will Be the Final Attraction.

The Y. M. C. A. Star Course will close next Friday night with a lecture by Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., LL. D., of Chicago, who takes the place of DeWitt Miller in the course. Dr. Henson is the brilliant pastor of the First Baptist church, of Chicago, and a lecturer of national reputation. His lectures abound with vivid illustrations and are rich in wit and humor. In a former visit to Charlotte he lectured on "Fools," a lecture replete with humor, satire and eloquence. The lecture on "Backbone," which he gives this time, will be equally as good. A popular price of 50 cents for admission will be made.

PROF. ALEX GRAHAM.

The Raleigh News and Observer has the following of Charlotte's superintendent of public schools: "The address of Prof. Alexander Graham at the laying of the corner stone of the new school building in Charlotte, is a model. He is one of the State's best men, and one of the brightest and readiest."

GONE TO GEORGIA.

Mr. Young DeArmond, a nephew of Mrs. J. Y. Weddington, has gone to Southern Georgia on account of his health. He will work on a turpentine farm. Mr. DeArmond is an excellent young man, and his friends hope he will soon be restored to health.

MILL NEWS.

Changes in Textile Establishments the Talk.

There is talk of an interesting character in mill circles. It is to the effect that Mr. Goff, of the Standard Supply Company, of Providence, R. I., has bought the controlling stock of Textile Mill Supply Company. Mr. Jo Farnan, treasurer of the company, was seen today in regard to the matter. He said that he had heard the reports current on the streets, but was not in a position to either affirm or deny them. Said he: "There has been no transfer of stock."

It is further understood that Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., has disposed of his stock in the Charlotte Supply Company, which he purchased from Mr. D. A. Tompkins for \$25,000, to the Standard, of Providence. Other rumors in connection with textile concern are rife.

DEATH OF MRS. MILLEN.

The Aged Sufferer Passed to Her Reward Yesterday.

Mrs. Eliza Milten died yesterday morning at 11:30, at her home, 510 South College street, at the advanced age of 87 years. Mrs. Milten had been a great sufferer. She had had palsy for years, and for the year past a cancer on her face, which caused her death. She was poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith, and she has entered now into her inheritance. For several years she had been cared for by the Epworth League of Tryon Street Methodist church, and wanted for nothing that could minister to her bodily comfort. Death was a great relief to her. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Davis. The funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Tryon Street Methodist church, of which deceased was a member. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. A. Helvin, M. F. Kirby, David R. Everett, J. C. Boyette, Wm. R. Clark and T. L. Ritch.