

TO CRUSH BOERS.

Plan of Roberts and Kitchener to Move on Transvaal from Three Sides.

WAS CHECKEE AT LOBATSO.

Making Relief Column Under Plumer Has Hard Fighting—Report of Repulse at Kroonsstadt Has Not Been Credited in London.

By telegraph to The News.
LONDON, March 22.—Col. Plumer's column marching to the relief of Mafeking is held in check at Lobatsi by a strong force of Boers. Another Boer force is marching to aid in the attack on Plumer. Dispatches from Lobatsi say the British were almost surprised by the Boers and that heavy fighting is going on.

GREAT PLAN DEVELOPING.

LONDON, March 22.—The great plan of Roberts and Kitchener is gradually becoming clear. They will prepare it in the next three weeks. Then Buller with forty thousand men will advance from Natal. At the same time Methuen with twenty thousand men will advance toward Mafeking, entering the Transvaal from the west, while Roberts, being joined by all the available forces, aggregating a hundred thousand, with four hundred guns, will advance northward from Bloemfontein. Thus they will be in position to envelope any force the Boers can possibly bring against them. It is believed that thus catching the Boers between the fires will bring the war speedy to a conclusion.

NOT BELIEVED IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 22.—The report from Kroonsstadt that the Boers had defeated the British troops under Gatacre is not believed here. A dispatch to the News from Springfontein Tuesday says: "Gatacre and all are well." The last advices also placed Gatacre thirty miles north of Bethulie, where the Boers report that the great loss was inflicted.

Reports of skirmishing at Lobatsi caused much anxiety. While apparently no serious loss has been suffered by Plumer and his force, his ability to reach Mafeking is doubted. Further news is anxiously awaited, as six days have elapsed since a big engagement may have occurred.

THE LOBATSI BATTLE.

LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch from Lobatsi, dated the 16th, says the Boers under Commander Synman advanced in force from Mafeking toward Lobatsi. Further dispatches from Lobatsi say the Boers, who had been repulsed with loss again attacked. A British lieutenant was killed. The Boer account says the British fled. The Boers took four prisoners, fifteen cases of ammunition and a number of guns and horses.

MANY BOERS SURRENDER.

LONDON, March 22.—Roberts telegraphs under date of yesterday that so many Burgheers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of his last proclamation that he has sent small columns in various directions to register names and take over arms. A cavalry brigade has gone eastward to Thabanchu. A detachment from Springfontein has occupied Smithfield, where some Transvaalers and a wagon with arms and ammunition were captured.

\$2,000 IN HIS POCKET.

Mysterious Stranger Dies in a New York Hotel.

By telegraph to the News.
NEW YORK, March 22.—A crucifix, bank-book, and over two thousand dollars were found in the pocket of a stranger, registered as P. L. Doty, New York city, found asphyxiated at the Ashland House this morning. The bank-book was of the First National Bank, Port Jarvis. The officers said the depositor was P. J. Duffy, a Catholic priest.

2,000 STRIKE FOR NINE HOURS.

By telegraph to the News.
CLEVELAND, March 22.—Between fifteen hundred and two thousand machinists left their shops this morning, pursuant to last night's meeting. Many non-unionists joined the strike. The demand is for nine hours, and the same pay they now are receiving for ten hours. The strike will affect fifty-five machine shops and manufacturers.

BARRED OUT BY PLAGUE.

By telegraph to the News.
VICTORIA, March 22.—The quarantine department has ordered the detention, until further notice, of all vessels from San Francisco, for daylight inspection on account of the plague.

AND RETURNS.

He Arrived in Charlotte This Morning—Is Thin and Gray.

Mr. J. R. Holland, ex-cashier of the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank, arrived home this morning on the vestibule. He was accompanied by his wife, who had gone to New York last week to meet him. His arrival today was a surprise, as he was not expected until tomorrow. None of the family were at the station to meet him. He walked across the yard from the train toward the cab stands without speaking to any one, and without being recognized until he reached the corner of the depot. The first person to speak to him was Alex. Hall, the Buford porter, who, thinking him a stranger, said: "Buford Hotel, sir." Mr. Holland recognized Alex. and spoke to him.

He and Mrs. Holland got into a carriage and were driven to their residence, on East avenue. They had not notified the family of their coming, and took them entirely by surprise. Mr. W. E. Shaw, brother of Mrs. Holland, was the only person outside of the family who saw him today. Mr. Holland has changed since leaving Charlotte five years ago. He is much thinner and his hair is perfectly gray. He has made no plans for the future. He will remain in Charlotte at least for some time.

OPERA IN ENGLISH.

To Be Given at the Exclusive Metropolitan Opera House.

By telegraph to the News.
NEW YORK, March 22.—Manager Maurice Grau, of the Maurice Grau Opera Company, and Henry W. Savage, of the Castle Square Opera Company, have perfected definite and positive arrangements to give grand opera in English at the Metropolitan opera house. The agreement is for a term of years, and the company will be known as the Metropolitan English Opera Company.

The chorus will number seventy youthful, well-schooled voices, largely drawn from the Castle Square chorus and the American chorus of the Metropolitan.

PREACHER A MURDERER.

Killed His Wife and Five Children and Burned His House.

Special Telegram to the News.
RALEIGH, March 22.—Tom Jones, a negro preacher, murdered his wife, Ella Jones, and her five children with an axe last night, and burned the house. Their bodies were destroyed. Two children escaped and told of the crime. Jones was found with blood on him and has been lodged in jail.

SUPERIOR COURT.

The Superior Court has been occupied today with the following cases:
G. P. McWhirter vs. J. Lee Campbell. Plaintiff takes a non suit; G. and A. Bargamin vs. G. S. Johnson.

John Brown vs. Mary Brown, action for divorce. Jury returned verdict for plaintiff, granting divorce.

THE SQUARE BRICK.

Charlman McNinch, of the street committee hopes to have Independence Square paved with vitrified brick in time for the 20th of May celebration. The brick will be furnished by the Virginia Paving and Brick Company, and vitrified brick known as the "Chilhowie brick" will be used. It is "as hard as rock," said Mr. McNinch, "and will be better than asphalt."

BY THE 20TH.

The street car 4-C's, track force has reached the C. C. & A. crossing on South Tryon and will by tomorrow be some distance this side. The double track is coming up Tryon rapidly. Mr. Latta will push the work so as to have Tryon double tracked in time for the 20th.

PROTRACTED MEETING.

A protracted meeting began at Broad street Methodist church last Sunday night and will continue 10 days. Rev. Mr. Gay, the pastor, is doing the preaching, and is doing it with results. Mr. J. D. Ford is leading the singing.

A DISTINGUISHED SIRE.

Miss Elizabeth Colton was at the station this morning to meet her friend, Miss Marion Whitney, and party, of New Haven, who were en route to California. Miss Whitney's father was known as "The Greatest American Scholar."

BURNED TO DEATH.

South Carolina Regulators Torture a White Woman to Death.

SHE LIVED WITH NEGROES.

White - Cappers Decided on a Swift and Terrible Punishment—Shocking Affair Occurred Near Chesterfield Court House, South Carolina.

By telegraph to the News.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 22.—News was received this morning of the burning of a white woman at the stake by regulators near Chesterfield Court House.

U. T. Steen, John Jackson, Benjamin Jackson and Harvey Jackson were arrested at midnight charged with the deed.

The name of the victim of this atrocious deed was Cassie Boone. She was a white girl of the neighborhood, and for some time it has been reported that she has been living with negro men.

It is supposed that a band of white caps got together, decided that they must take the law in their own hands, and then captured and murdered the woman in the most horrible and atrocious manner.

GREYNA GREEN.

Miss Ledwell and Mr. Austin Run Away and Marry.

Miss Hallie Ledwell is the daughter of Rev. Thomas Ledwell and a very attractive young woman, at least so Mr. Zeb Austin has been thinking for some time. He began paying court to her some months ago, but had not the pleasure of the paternal blessing nor approval. He and Miss Hallie accordingly resorted to the old and tried way of settling romantic argument between daughter and father when the latter's veto stands between the girl and the broom-stick, and yesterday afternoon went to "Squire" W. O. Bales, where they were married. They left town at 3 o'clock and got back by night. The young lady left home yesterday morning to spend the day with friends. She succeeded in getting her Sunday-gown-meetin' dress from home about 12 o'clock, and was soon in bridal array. Mr. and Mrs. Austin are living at his father's.

NO EVIDENCE OF SMALLPOX YET.

Dr. Hawley, city physician, who has been in doors for about three weeks with grip, is out again. His first professional visit was paid yesterday afternoon to Mrs. I. H. McGinn. As McGinn was a smallpox suspect, Dr. Hawley told her that she was not broken out at all, and that it would be three days yet before it could be told whether or not she was taking the disease. "If you are not broken out in that time," said he, "you haven't got smallpox."

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Pearly May, the 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ritch, died this morning at 7:45 o'clock at their home at Belmont Springs, after an illness of two weeks. The funeral services were conducted from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Sikes. The interment was at Elmwood cemetery.

A. & M. TRUSTEES MEET.

Hon. A. Leazer, of Mooresville, and Mr. D. A. Tompkins, members of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Agricultural & Mechanical College, left for Raleigh this morning to attend a meeting of the committee tonight.

AGNES SCOTT CLOSED.

Agnes Scott Institute has closed on account of scarlet fever breaking out in the school, and the girls are scattering to their homes. Miss Annie Wilcox has returned and Miss Fannie Moore Burwell will arrive Saturday morning.

THREE FINGERS OFF.

Mr. M. A. Alexander, son of "Squire" John O. Alexander, got three fingers off yesterday afternoon at Mr. D. P. Lee's saw mill, in Sharon. Constable Porter, who was there at the time, brought the news of the accident last evening.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. W. L. Butt, of North Caldwell street, entertains a few friends this afternoon.

Miss Florence Oliver is to be at home tomorrow night to some of her young friends.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

This is the Day the Democratic Primaries Will Be Held in This County.

POLLING PLACES NAMED.

The Rules Governing the Primaries Issued Yesterday by Order of Chairman McCall—Hours Here and at Davidson the Same.

The Democratic primaries will be held Tuesday next, March 27th, in this county, for the nomination of all State officials and Congressman; election of the precinct executive committees and delegates to the county, congressional and State conventions.

The primaries will be held in Charlotte and Davidson from 4 to 8 p. m., and in all other precincts in the county from 2 to 4 p. m.

The rules governing the primaries were issued yesterday afternoon by order of J. D. McCall, chairman, and F. M. Shannonhouse, secretary, and are as follows:

Precinct executive committee: There shall be a precinct executive committee, to consist of five active Democrats, and this committee, when elected, shall elect one of their number as chairman, who shall preside over all its meetings. They shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committee. In case no precinct executive committee is elected for 30 days, the county executive committee shall appoint said committee from the Democratic voters of said precinct.

County executive committee: The chairmen of the several precinct executive committees shall compose the county executive committee, which shall meet at same time and place as the county convention and elect a chairman of said county executive committee. The chairman need not be a member of the committee. A quorum of such precinct chairmen, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

Primaries: As ordered by the county executive committee at its last meeting on January 10th, 1900, primaries will be held in all the precincts of the county on Tuesday next, March 27th, 1900, at the usual voting places, in the city of Charlotte and Davidson from the hours of 4 o'clock p. m. to 8 o'clock p. m., and in all other precincts in the county from 2 o'clock p. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. At every precinct meeting in the county there shall be a vote taken for the different candidates for office whose names shall be proposed, and the delegates shall vote in the county convention their respective precincts in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the convention that proportion of the vote to which the precinct may be entitled, which he received in the precinct in the precinct meeting.

Delegates to county convention: Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the county convention one vote for every 25 votes and one vote for fractions of over 13 votes cast by precinct for Watson for Governor in 1896, provided that every precinct shall be entitled to cast at least one vote in the county convention, and each precinct may send as many delegates as it may see fit.

Delegates to congressional convention: Each precinct shall be entitled to elect to the congressional convention one delegate and one alternate for every 50 Democratic votes, and one delegate and one alternate for fractions of over 25 votes cast for Watson for Governor in 1896. In case a precinct does not elect delegates to the congressional convention, the county convention will appoint delegates to represent that precinct.

Delegates to State convention: Each precinct shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate for every 150 Democratic votes, and one delegate and one alternate for fractions over 75 votes cast for Watson for Governor in 1896.

POLLING PLACES.

The polling places and executive committees for Charlotte township are as follows:

Ward 1, precinct 1—Polling place, mayor's court room, city hall. Executive committee: W. M. Lyles, chairman; J. H. Wear, B. F. Withers, J. B. McLaughlin, Jr., Thos. M. Shaw.

Precinct 2—Polling place, R. A. Beatty's store, corner Caldwell and Ninth streets. Committee: W. W. Phifer, chairman; T. L. Ritch, W. F. Moody, W. C. Maxwell and Heriot Clarkson.

Precinct 3—Polling place, Kesiah's blacksmith shop. D. A. Johnston, chairman of committee.

Ward 2, precinct 1—Polling place, court house. Committee: J. R. Winchester, chairman; J. P. Caldwell, E. T. Cansler, M. L. Davis and H. G. Link.

Precinct 2—Polling place, 801 South Brevard street. Committee: W. C. Dowd, chairman; George J. Williams,

J. S. Withers, W. C. Wilson and W. L. Smith.

Precinct 3—Polling place, pavilion, Latta Park. Committee: T. J. Wilson, chairman; F. B. McDowell, W. W. Rankin, W. R. Talliaferro.

Ward 3, precinct 1—Polling place, Garibaldi's store. Committee: R. J. Brevard, chairman.

Precinct 2—Polling place, store, corner Third and Graham streets. Committee: H. C. Irwin, chairman; S. H. Hilton, J. H. Hatch, W. S. Strange, Luke Seawell.

Precinct 3—Polling place, Sever's store. Committee: H. D. Duckworth, chairman.

Ward 4, precinct 1—Polling place, old court house. Committee: E. S. Williams, chairman; D. G. Maxwell, W. E. Culpepper, J. H. Emery.

Precinct 2—Polling place, House's store, corner Eleventh and Smith streets. Committee: T. S. Franklin, chairman; S. S. McNinch, T. P. Ross, J. D. McCall T. R. Anderson.

Precinct 3—Polling place, Hilton's store. Committee: C. C. Moore, chairman.

A new executive committee will be elected, by ballot, at each precinct, at the primaries.

MILL NEWS.

Gastonia to Begin the Erection of Three New Mills.

Gastonia is humming. The foundation for the Loray mill—the million-dollar hummer—has been dug and brick-laying will begin very soon. The Reid brick Company, of this city, has the contract for ten million brick for the mill, and will begin turning them out in about 30 days. The Southern Railroad is laying two side-tracks to the mill.

Brick-laying for the new Arlington mill, also at Gastonia, will be going on very soon. The Southern will run a side-track also to this mill.

Contracts will be let next week for the new Trenton mill, No. 2, at Gastonia.

Secretary Hiss of the Cotton Spinners Association, today received letters from the following named gentlemen, accepting invitation extended them by the board of governors of the association to make addresses at the annual meeting here in May: Messrs. A. H. Lowe, of Fitchburg, Mass., ex-president of the New England Cotton Spinners Association; Arnold B. Sanfer, Boston, president of the American Cotton Yarn Exchange; and Thomas C. Search, Philadelphia, president of the National Manufacturing Association.

MR. LACY TO-NIGHT.

All White Men Urged to Attend the Speaking.

B. R. Lacy, Esq., candidate for the State Treasury, was advertised to speak in Charlotte tomorrow night. The date of the speaking was changed yesterday afternoon to tonight. Mr. Lacy arrived here last night. He will discuss the political questions of the day at the court house tonight. All white men in the city are asked to hear him. It is important that the people should keep themselves informed on the questions of the day. Mr. Lacy is a strong clear-headed thinker and makes a business-like talk.

DR. HENSON AT HOME.

Dr. Henson who lectures on "Backbone" in the Y. M. C. A. Star Course tomorrow night is nowhere more popular than in his own home city. The Chicago Inter-Ocean says: "The Rev. Dr. Henson was at his best last night at Farwell Hall, where a crowded audience cheered him, and laughed with him, even when the laugh was turned against themselves. Underneath the humor which rippled delightfully in an unbroken stream there was a solid substratum of sound common sense and wholesome philosophy."

Tickets for this lecture are on sale at Jordan's drug store at the popular price of fifty cents. Patrons of the lecture should remember that it will begin at 8:15 o'clock sharp.

PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED.

Dr. Frank Robinson, of Lowell, spent last night at the Central. He came to talk Presbyterian College. The plans for the college are to be submitted to the committee on plans on April 3rd. Some of the best architects in the county will submit plans.

INSURED FOR \$6,000.

Mr. L. P. Murphy, who died Sunday, at Union, S. C., and who, as known, was a son-in-law of Dr. T. C. Neal, was insured for \$6,000. Mrs. Murphy stood the trip well, considering her own illness and her sad errand. She has not recovered, however, from the shock.

ORDERED TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Mr. J. Hirschinger received a telegram yesterday evening about 5 o'clock from his son Lieutenant Herbert Hirschinger stating that he had been ordered to San Francisco. His ship will leave Brooklyn Navy yard in a few days.

SKULL CRUSHED.

James Cassidy Hit in the Head With Iron Pin by an Unknown Negro.

FELLED TO THE GROUND.

He Was Picked Up Bleeding from the Nose and Mouth—His Condition was Considered Serious—Last Light, but Resting Comfortably To-Day.

James Cassidy, a brother of John Cassidy, who was killed on the railroad track several years ago, came near being killed yesterday afternoon by an unknown negro. Cassidy had worked at the boiler mill, but his time expired yesterday or the day before. He was about the mill yesterday afternoon, in company with several other boys. A negro came along and he and Cassidy got into a dispute over some trivial matter. Cassidy struck at with his fist to hit the negro but missed him. The negro stooped and picked up an iron pin lying by the track threw it at Cassidy, striking him just over the right eye. The skull was crushed in and the boy fell to the earth bleeding at the nose and mouth. A doctor was summoned and the boy's wounds attended to. His condition was at first thought serious, but he was better today.

FUNERAL TO-DAY.

Mr. Malcolm Robinson Was Buried This Afternoon.

Mr. Malcolm Robinson, whose sudden death from heart failure was noted in yesterday's News, will be buried this afternoon, the funeral services being held at 4 o'clock at the residence, East 6th street, near A. by Rev. Dr. Chritzberg. Mr. Robinson, of Iron Station, a brother of deceased, came down this morning to attend the funeral. The deceased was a member of Company G, Second North Carolina Regiment—Capt. Durham's company, later he joined Company A, Fourth Virginia, and was mustered out of service from that company.

Mr. Will Maynard, who went hunting with Mr. Robinson asks that it be stated that Mrs. Robinson volunteered to go with him; he did not persuade him to go nor insist on his going. He feared that some one might think it strange in his asking him to go when he knew he had heart trouble.

INSURANCE.

Mr. Joseph M. O'Yung, special agent of the South Eastern Tariff Association is in Charlotte for several days. Mr. Young used to make frequent trips to Charlotte but this is his first since Christmas one year ago. Mr. Young is a bright underwriter as also is his father, Col. John O'Yung, who is correspondent of the Insurance Herald.

Mr. Holmes Cummins, special agent for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., arrived in the city today from Asheville. Mr. Cummins and wife formerly boarded at the Belmont. Mrs. Cummins will spend more time in Asheville, where she has been for several weeks.

TALKING CARNIVAL.

The committee from the Elks met with the Chamber of Commerce 20th of May committee today to further discuss the carnival. The Midway Plaisance—the Carnival—will be in the hands, exclusively, of the Elks, if given at all.

There will be a called meeting of the Elks tonight to decide as to the carnival: to have, or not to have it. The matter is practically settled—to have—but the committee wants the sanction of the lodge in the matter.

BENNETT-DUNCAN.

Miss Tenney Duncan, of this city, and Mr. Thomas M. Bennett, of Greenville, S. C., were married last night at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. R. A. Duncan, Rev. C. L. Hoffmann officiating. Mr. N. L. Bennett, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Zoda Anderson, of Spartanburg, S. C., maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett left last night for Florida. Both parties are popular and well known. They have the best wishes of many friends.

REALTY.

Mr. J. A. Bell, commissioner, yesterday sold two tracts of land near Davidson, in the case of Hood & Brown vs. Gillespie, colored. One known as the Fortner place and containing 213 acres, was bought by Mr. J. R. Withers, of Davidson for \$1,655; the other known as the Gillespie home place was bought by Mr. H. J. Brown for \$1,100.