Roberts' Troops Pursuing 5,000 Boers on the Basutoland Border.

State's Executive Council -100,000 Rounds of Ammunition Captured at Smithfield - Gen. Woodgate Dead.

Telegraph to the News.

LONDON, March 24.-Five thousand ocrs, with sixteen guns, retreating long the Basutoland border, are in mminent danger of being hemmed in and meeting the fate of Cronje army. t is believed a force specially dispatched by Roberts is charging them and hat French will head them off. ROBERTS' REPORT OF THE SITUA-TION.

LONDON, March 24.—Roberts cables the War Office from Bloemfontein today: "No special news to report. The country south of this place is generally settling down. A number of arms have been delivered up and the people are beginning to recognize the advantage of bringing in supplies for sale. The movement of troops in the western disrict is being attended by good re-

BIG HAUL AT SMITHFIELD. LONDON, March 24.—Scouts from Springfontein entered Smithfield Wednesday all captured a hundred thousand rounds of ammunition. They met with no opposition.

Basutos are closely watching his move ments within ten miles of the border.

Frazer, a member of the late execuwho surrendered Bloemfontein to Roberts, is appointed to administer the affairs of the Orange Free State. General Woodgate, who was wounded at Spion Kop, is dead.

WANTS MORE TROOPS. KIMBERLY, March 23 .- (Delayed in transmission.) -- The Imperial Yeomanmarched ten miles to the westward to- band for the 20th of May week. val of additional troops.

WAS BURIED ALIVE.

Corpse Shows Evidence of Terrible Struggle in the Coffin.

By Telegraph to the News. HILADELPHIA, March Mullican Hill, this morning, the start-

body was buried.

DROWNED IN A CELLAR

Peculiar Fate That Overtook New York Firemen.

By Telegraph to the News. NEW YORK, March 24.—Angunusual hre occurred in a factory on A Forty-Fourth street this morning. The floor fell and recipitated seven firemen into the cellar, where a great deal of water had accumulated.

Three of the firemen were drowned The others escaped. One of those will escaped was injured.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Ey Telegraph to the News. NEW YORK, March 244 The follow ing is the weekly statement of the As Reserves, increase \$3,130,375 Loans, decrease 12,560,700 Deposits, decrease 13,966,390 Legal tender, increase 670,000 Specie, Decrease 1,030,700

THE CHILDS VAULT. Mrs. Bessie Childs, of Columbia, is to build a vault for the remains of her husband, Mr. Sandy Childs. The contract has been given and work will begin next month. The vault will be built of granite, six car loads having already arrived in Columbia. Mr. Childs' remains are at present in the Hoke family vault in Lincolnton. It was his wish to be buried in a vault.

REPORTED SHOOTING.

Rev. Mr. Williamson, former pastor of Sugar Crek church, went from here had been accidently shot and was not Ohio.

April. Mr. Huck's family is now in holding tour. He will be back in Charker of the interment was at expected to live.

Rev. Mr. Sikes. The interment was at live. expected to live.

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ATTACK THE JAIL.

Virginians Want to Lynch a Confessed Murderer.

By Telegraph to the News. RICHMOND, Va., March 24.-The jail at Emporia, where the negro who confessed that he was implicated in the killing of Justice Saunders, is confined, was again threatened by a mob after midnight; and the State troops, FRAZER GIVEN AN OFFICE, who had been withdrawn, were brought back.

At 2 o'clock this morning, Major Cutchings, in command of the troops, was Formerly One of the Free informed the leaders of the mob that if the jail is attacked he will order the soldiers to shoot to kill. It was thought at that hour that the firm attitude of the commander would insure order.

TRANSIT TUNNEL BEGUN.

Mayor Throws First Spade Full of Dirt, While Flags Wave and Bands Play.

By Telegraph to the News.

NEW YORK, March 24.-City Hall Park was thronged with a great crowd of the party has grown quite bitter. this morning to witness the beginning of the fapid transit underground road. There was the finest display of flags ever seen in the city.

Mayor-Van Wyck took the first in Congress. spadeful of dirt from the excavation. He was followed by Contractor McDon- | Senate. But it is reasonably safe to

ald, President Orr and others. The bands discoursed delightful mu-

FLOODS IN MICHIGAN.

Many Towns Threatened by a Serious Overflow.

By Telegraph to the News. DETROIT, Mich., March 24.-The dred fighters have been located, fleeing in the Grand, Raisin and Huron rivers un- bill through, regardless of opposition in the direction of Sand River. The til the villages along the banks are in would probably result in failure.

The passage of the relief appropriaserious danger.

The Grand overflowed at Eaton Rapids by reason of an ice blockade above tive council, who was one of the men the city. The basements of the business section are filled with water. Huge blocks of ice are packed above the city. A sudden movement would sweep the mass of ice and water through the

MUSIC FOR THE 20TH.

Mr. Davis. leader of the Davis Orry, under command of Lord Chesham, chestra, is desirous of getting up a day and discovered the Colonial Dutch | course Charlotte cannot have a celerebels being dirven northward by bration without a band,, and a good Kitchener's troops. The advance from one. Mr. Davis thinks it would cost | East Avenue Tabernacle, to without here is being delayed by the non-arri- about \$1800 to get the kind of musi- they cordially invite the public. The cians desired. The men would have to admission will be free. Mr. Knox's be brought here for rehearsals three or subject will be, "Cain, Pharroah, & four days before the week of the cel- Company." Mr. Knox is not only a good of water, and a "Lamb" was frisking to take hold of this matter. He thinks gifts have found recognition on the came down to the "Brooks" edge to if they will help it can be pushed to a lecture platform as well as in the pul-drink, and a "Swan" stood with its successful finish.

> DINING CAR AND ENGINE COL-LIDE.

There was a smashing of china in ling discovery was made that a boy had the Southern Railroad passenger yard been buried alive. An undertaker was last night a little after 10 o'clock. Dinenhuning the bodies of the member of ing car 122 was on the side-track. It the Smetzer family, preparation to re- slipped away, presumably from a fault in the air brakes, and ran down the The coffin contained the skeleton of track toward the coal chute, colliding a boy. Its condition bore evidence of an with the shifting engine. Two of the awful struggle after the supposed dead colored cooks were in the car. They were thrown violently, forward and both slightly injured. The china was smashed to "smithereens." There was scarcely a whole plate left.

HAD THE SAME NAMES.

Mr. Thoms W. Andrews who died representative of the E. M. Andrews Furniture and Music Co. The names were the same and the surviving Mr. Andrews asks the News to say, in rehe is still alive and standing on his

TO SPEAK HERE LATER. Cal. John S. Cunningham in a private letter thanks his friends in Meck- war; at the same time preserving the la Sumney. On the draw, Mrs. Chamlemburg for their encouragement and mames of the dead heroes of the cause bers got the prize-a picture-done by support. He was unable to accept the first invitation of the White Supremacy Club, but will probably speak here at a later date.

MOVING DIRT! Mr. John Jamison, of the S. A. L. eating house, at Hamiet, is in the city Circulation, increase 391,399 today. He says he Seabcard is movng dirt at Hamlet preparatory to laying rails for the new road from Che-

raw to Columbia. A big force of hands is at work in the Hamlet yard.

DR. BOWMAN CRITICALLY ILL. The many friends of Rev. Dr. W. C. Bowman, formerly of Charlotte will Whitlock Banner and Miss Josephine to 11. The Mi. Pleasant correspondent of the takes place at 8 a. m. Wednesday, Concord Standard says: "Rev. Dr. W. March 28th. S. Bowman's condition is critical."

NEW COMERS.

From an Agreement Than Ever Before.

HOPELESS

Effort to Drive the Bill Through Miss Mollie Erwin, of Asheville. the Senate Would Probably Fail-Number of Republican Senators Have Announced Themselves for Free Trade.

By Telegraph to the News.

WASHINGTON, March 24.-The Republicans are further from an agreement than ever on the Porto Rico ques-

The feeling between the two factions

If there is not a change in the situation soon the chances are that there will be some unusually exciting times

The bill has the right of way in the say that it cannot be disposed of inside of ten days, even if the Republicans should, in the meantime, reach an

Quite a number of Republican Senators have already announced themselves in favor of free trade, and others are afraid that they would go against the wishes of their constituents if they voted for the bill. The Democrats are almost a unit against it; and the majority in the Senate is so small that an attempt to rush the

tion bill does not appear to have improved the situation.

TUESDAY'S LECTURE.

Rev. J. Knox Montgomery to Give the W. C. T. U. an Evening.

The Christian Conference committee has given Tuesday evening to the W. C. T. U. The ladies of the union have arranged to have an address at Tryon Street Methodist church, by Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, paster of ebration. Mr. Davis wants the ladies preacher, but he is an orator whose on the "Green" "Hill" side. A "Harte" The has lectured in many of the long legs in the cool water. The bulllarge cities, and from all of which come frogs made music in the "Cane" brake, Mississippi Leader says of his lecture lowing of cattle could be heard. A on "Cain, Pharcah & Co.:" "Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, an eloquent divine in the pasture. Though his "Couch" of Cinn. O., gave a masterly address on was so pleasant and the "Day" so love-"Clain Pharaoh and Co.,' and the only regret was that every minister, christian and layman within our borders drawing "Nye." He wore a dark blue could not have heard him. We doubt if "Spencer" and the hat on his head was the convention was ever so wholly delighted with an address at any previ- which had a corn "Cobbe" in its mouth. cus time."

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. asks all to come out and hear the lecture.

ROSTER OF MECKLENBURG SOL-

Confederate Veterans will be glad to several days ago is not Mr. Thomas know that the roster of the 21 compa- feeling like a "Newman," Smith joined W. Andrews, the well known traveling nies furnished by Mecklenburg county his family and as "Knight" was "Cumin the late war, 1861-'65, has left the ming" on, they sought their "Holmes," News' press in pamphlet form. Dr. J. B. Alexander wa's historian and Capt. W. B. Taylor and 'Squire S. H. Hilsponse to a number of inquiries ,that ton his aides. The three have expended no little time and effort on getting up the roster, and can feel proud of the work, for they have given Mecklen burg camp and the sons and daughters of Velterans a valuable souvenir of the W. Stagg, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Miss Elforever dear.

> OPENS TEXTILE SCHOOL APRIL.

pils are studying calculations, etc., at Miss Berta Oates and Mrs. B. D. Lee's College.

CARDS FOR THE 28TH.

Miss Caroline Wilder has received an invitation to the marriage of Dr. Chas. of Trinity Methodist church. Hours regret to learn of his critical fillness. Fawcett, of Mount Airy. The marriage

JUDGE MCNEILL HERE. Judge T. A. McNeill spent last night at their home, near the Louise mill, af-Mr. E. E. Hulick has rented the at the Buford and left this morning for ter an illness of four days. The funer-Orr home on East Avenue and will Jackson, where he holds court next al services were conducted this morn-

PORTO RICO TARIFF. "THESMITHFAMILY."

Republicans To - Day Further A Story for an Afternoon Guessing Party by Miss Annie Rankin.

DIVISION. A PREITY ENTERTAINMENT.

the Guest of Honor-Four Ta. bles of Guessers-A Clever "Get Up" of Miss Rankin's - Do You Know all the Authors?

A unique and delightful programme was prepared by Misses Annie and Maggie Rankin for the friends whom they invited to spend the afternoon with them yesterday to meet Miss Mollie Erwin, of Asheville. The Misses Rankin are at all times interesting, and their home ever a pleasant place to spend an evening, but they excelled themselves yesterday afternoon in the charming manner in which they entertained. There were four tables, on each of which was a copy of the story of "The Smith Family," given below, and which was original with Miss Annie Rankin. Blanks were left where the name of authors appear (in the printed list) the task and pleasure of the guests being to supply the names omitted.

STORY.

Weary of city life, the Smith family decided to take a "Holiday" excursion into the country. Mrs. Smith called the "Butler" and told him to tell the "Cook" they would not be back for dinner. Mary put on her "Hood" and Mann," and a little "Fuller than the ought to have been, but being a "Longfellow" he could "Seymour" than the others, and so avoided the "Pitt" into which poor little Susan fell. But when they crossed the "Ford," in trying to "Dodge" a bumblebee he lost his balance and fell into the stream. A "Miller, who lived near, came and fished him out. He sat down under a "Hawthorn" hedge and finding it a "Dryden" soon fell asleep. The sun moved around and was soon blazing down on his head, "Browning" him to a beautiful tan. He awoke with a "Savage" growl, exclaiming, the "Dickens!" "Howit" "Burns!" It was "Still" and peaceful, the air was laden with the fragrance of "Crabbe" apple blossoms, a "Wren' was dipping himself in a clean "Pool" strong endorsements in the press. The and from the neighboring "Fields" the milkmaid was letting down the "Barr" ly, Smith felt "Moody" and "Cross." Presently a "Clodhopper" was seen a "Marvel." He was driving a "Hogg," His walk was "Swift," if not graceful, and he was eating a piece of "Bacon." "Have a 'Chaucer?' " he asked politely. Of "Goldsmith" had none, but mindful of the "Akenside," he offered him a piece of "Sterling" silver in exchange for his lunch. Full of "Pope" and

singing a "Carroll," which ended in "Auld Lang Syne."

After "Auld Lang Syne," the merry, but puzzled and bewildered guessers. exchanged cards, and Miss Rankin read the story, supplying the correct names. Five cards were correct: Mrs. J. L. Chambers, Mrs. C. M. Carson, Mrs. J. Miss Rankin, and therefore, a prize indeed. Mrs. Chambers gracefully pre-IN sented the prize to Miss Erwin. Lunch followed and was dainty and delicious. On the 10th of April the textile There was not only coffee and repartee, school connected with Lee's Business but coffee and violets, each saucer be-College will be opened for students. It ing a bowl of violets. Other guests beis understood that a native of Mecklen- sides those mentioned above were: Durg who has won high honors in the Mrs! R. L. Gibbon, Miss Fannie Stagg, ter He school at Philadelphia will be Mrs. H. S. Bryan, Mrs. R. M. Oates, Jr., chief instructor. Already several pu- Mrs. A. B. Reese, Miss Addie Williams,

> Mr. and Mrs. Frank Siler will be "at home" Monday night, to the officials

GEORGE DEWEY DEAD. George Dewey, the 8-months-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCall, died yesterday morning at 10:45 o'clock

"BACKBONE"

Dr Henson Says it is Needed in the Pulpit as Well as in Politics

"Backbone," was the subject of a very enjoyable lecture last night at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. Dr. Henson, The speaker was introduced by Rev. Dr. Howerton who said:

"Dr. Henson was here three years ago.

He has grown since then as every live man does. He is known all over this United States, and we are not, therefore I think it more appropriate that I introduce the audience to Dr. Henson." As he said this, Dr. Henson arose and expressed his thanks very graceful. He said by way of introduction he felt very much at home in the Southland, having been born and reared there, a statement which put him at once en rapport with his aduience. The doctor emphasized in a very strong week, the first service being the mass lecture, full of wit, fun, sense and meeting at the association hall tomor-"backbone," the need of backbone in every calling, beginning with the pulpit. He paid tributes to the Pilgrim Fathers; to different Biblical and polit- was organized in the year 1864. Durical characters who had stood un- ing the year before, a Christian confermoved amidst the wrong for the right; ence had been held with special referdeplored the fact that Adam had not ence to condition of the country. The had more backbone; also the lack of programme of this conference read in family government these days, and the this wise: "Religion in the heart occugeneral lack of stamener of human pied one session; religion in the home kind. "It, takes backbone, said the another; religion in the church anothspeaker to preach to a rich and fash- er, and religion in the nation the last." ionable church in any of the large This citizens' conference had represencities, to look those rich pew holders tatives from eleven different denomiin the face and say, 'thou art the ations of Christians, and from seven of man.' You just try to preach about di- the States of the country. The discusverce in Chicago; or the saloon busi- sion under the head of "Religion in the ness, or card playing, or church doc- Nation" resulted in steps being taken to trine, and the first thing you know form the National Reform Association. your deacons will wait on you and tell It has been entirely free from denomyou that you may be good but you are inationalists, sectarianism, sectionalnot wise. People don't believe in doc- ism, party lines of any kind, and from trine any more. What the world most every manner of church interference or Johnnie his "Holland" blouse, and needs is what it least wants to hear control. It has been fully endorsed, away they went, "Gay" and happy as about. "We can do without genius, ably advocated, and carnestly supporta "King." Mr. Smith was a "Sterne without learning, without art, but we ed by the best men in every orthodox cannot do without Backbone."

kept his audience on the qui vive of in- to secular, and in favor of Christian terest, and amused to almost a state of civil government. It is opposed to the 'giggles." He must come again.

DEATH OF MR. TRELOAR.

in Grove City, Fla.

lotte, but who for some years had been vorce laws, and such like. It asks that living at Grove City, Fla., died there these be guaranteed and protected by yesterday afternoon, so a telegram to law and fundamental law, for if it is his mother, received last night, stated. right to have such institutions, it is Mr. Treloar was a son of the late Wm. right to have them protected by law. Trelear. He was born and reared in Charlotte and was 29 years of age. He all national and State license for the had not been very well lately, but his sale of liquor, or State authorization of brother, Mr. Gus Treloar, of New York, anything that is dishonoring to God or who was with him, felt no alarm about harmful to liquor. It is in favor of him. His death was very sudden and, State guardianship of everything estherefore, a great shock. Mr., Treloar sential to the welfare of society. That was a young man of bright parts. He the nation may secure this end, the ashad a pleasant address and was quick sociation asks that it be amended in and clever in business. He had a num- its constitution so as to recognize God ber of friends in Charlotte, all of whom as the source of all power, Jesus Christ regret to hear of his death. He leaves as the men of the nation, and the Bible a wife, several brothers and sisters and as the supreme law in all legislation.

TO EQUIP "R. J. R." TOBACCO WORKS.

Mr. S. J. Smith, of the Electrical Engineering Co., has just returned from They are Invited at the Mass a trip to Lynchburg, Winston and other places. At Winston he secured the contract for equipping the great R. J. Reynolds tobacco factory with electric that, contrary to the usual custom, alldynamos. When the electric plant is ladies will be admitted at the Y. M. C. installed, this will be one of the best A. comorrow. They are earnestly reequipped plug tobacco factories in the quested to attend the service, which

ter of having a carnival independent of to assist the Y. M. C. A. orchestra in the 20th of May committee. They have the music. This meeting is under the decided to make the having of the car- auspices of the Ministerial Associaton nival depend on the 20th celebration. of the city. Dr. George will preach at and therefore on the amount that can this service. His theme will be: be raised for it. They mean to have it "Christ's Right to Reign Because He

CHURCH NOTES. Street Baptist church tomorrow morn- the National Reform Association. He

There will be no service at Tryon Roberts from the National Congress. Street Methodist church

CONFEDERIATES REUNION. 'Squire Hilton tells the News that ly able to present the same. the rate to Confederate Veterans to Nishville, in June, will be one cent a mile-\$10.80 round trip. Tickets on Carson who went to New York last sale May 30, 31; June 1st, 2nd and Monday night, are at the Grand. They

IN HONOR OF MISS KENNEDY. A break party will be given Monday mons and Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth, and afternoon in horor of Miss May Ken- the four went to Webber & Feilds even nedy, of Macon, who is the guest of before Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Carson had Miss Lena Heath. Miss Kennedy will decided on a boarding place. They have probably leave Tuesday for her Geor- been on the go ever since, and are engia home.

CAPT. CALDWELL ILL. Capt. Wm. Caldwell is very sick at his home, at Croft. His daughter, Mrs. that county officers are to be nomiported here today that one of his sons move his family to Charlotte the first week. He is on a two-weeks' courttheir way to Croft.

CONFERENCE.

The National Reform Association Engaged in Non-Sectarian Work.

THE IDEAS ON WHICH BASED.

The Fundamental Principles of Christian Civil Government Discussed Under Different Heads-Rev. Dr. George, the Field Sec. Here for a Week.

The National Reform Association will hold a conference in this city next row afternoon.

The National Reform Association church in the land, and by good men The lecturer is a fine story teller. He not in the church at all. It is opposed union of church and State. It seeks for the application of Christianity to the State, in the State sphere, as cetainly as to the home in the home sphere, and when secularists and anarchists are pleading loudly for the removal of the A Charlotte Boy Died Yesterday Christian features of our national life, this association stands unyieldingly for the Christian Sabbath; the Bible in the Mr. Paul Trelcar, formerly of Char- schools of the country; Christian di-

The association stands firmly against

LADIES INVITED.

Meeting To-Morrow

The News is requested to announce will be held in the main auditorium at 4:30 c'clock. The choirs of the city are requested to be present at 4:30 The Elks have reconsidered the mat- sharp to occup seats on the platform and will do so if the citizens will help. Died to Redeem." In the evening he will preach at Trinity church on "Christian as Against Secular Govern-Miss May Oates will sing at Tryon ment." Dr. George is field secretary of was a leading spirit in the expulsion of tomorrow Tomorrow the people of the city will be given an opportunity of hearing a presentation of the great question of Christian government, by one eminent-

SEEING NEW YORK. Mrs. S. G. Jones and Mrs. J. E. failed to get in at 37 West 32. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Jones were joined the day they landed by Mrs. J. A. Solojoying the city to the fullest extent.

NOT FOR COUNTY OFFICERS. There seems to be an impresson later.