

OST 350 MEN AND SIX GUNS.

Col. Broadwood's Force Were Caught in a Boer Ambuscade and Suffered Severely.

ING BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

Roberts Reports the Boer Force at Eight to Ten Thousand, and the British Probably Outnumber Them - French's Force Hurried to the Front - Is Bloemfontein's Water Supply Cut Off?

LONDON, April 2.—The War Office reports that Col. Broadwood lost seven guns and all his baggage in an ambush of Boers. His casualties number 350.

BRITISH OFFICERS ESCAPE.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, April 2.—Capt. Haldane and Lieut. Hemesurier, British officers, have arrived here, they escaped from Pretoria, where they were held as prisoners.

STORY OF THE DEFEAT.

BUSHMAN KOP, March 31. (Delayed Transmission.)—The British force commanded by Col. Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, household cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Col. Hlecher, which had been garrisoning Thaba N'Chu, was obliged in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers to leave last night. Col. Broadwood marched to the Modder river, where he camped at 4 o'clock this morning. At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a point nearby. Col. Broadwood sent off a convoy with the batteries, while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard. The convoy arrived at a deep spruit where the Boers were concealed and the entire body walked into an ambush and were captured together with six guns.

DISPATCH FROM ROBERTS.

LONDON, April 2.—Roberts' dispatch dated April 1st, says: "Broadwood was told today that the Ninth division with mounted infantry would march at daylight to support him, that if he considered it necessary he should retire from the water works. He moved there during the night and bivouacked. At dawn today the enemy attacked on three sides. In retiring he crossed a deep nullah in which the Boers had concealed themselves. Passing the drift the Boers fired and shot down the artillery horses at short range. Several guns were captured; the remainder galloped away, and covered Roberts' horse, which suffered heavily.

"Broadwood estimates his loss at 350, including 200 missing. Hearing Broadwood was hard pressed, I immediately dispatched General French with the two remaining cavalry brigades to follow and support the Ninth division. The strength of the enemy is estimated at eight or ten thousand."

STEYN STIRRING UP FREE STATES.

MASERU, BASUTOLAND, March 31.—President Steyn is reported to have gone to Ladybrand to stir up the burghers there to renewed resistance. The Boers have removed from the immediate vicinity of Plattsberg and taken up a commanding position adjacent.

The Dutch who surrendered their arms at Ladybrand are now suffering seizures of their live stock.

BOTHA WAS JOUBERT'S CHOICE.

PRETORIA, March 30.—President Kruger said in public today that the last expressed desire of the late commandant, General Joubert, was that he should be succeeded as commandant general by Louis Botha.

NO MORE "FREE STATE RAILWAYS."

CAPE TOWN, April 1.—Army orders were issued today declaring the abolition of the title "Free State Railways" and superseding this by the title "Imperial Military Railways."

BIG ENGAGEMENT IN PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 2.—It is believed from Roberts' dispatch that a big engagement is in progress. Although it is difficult to estimate the number of British engaged, they probably exceed eight or ten thousand estimated Boers. The scene of the British disaster seems to be Aeldie Spruit, where the Bloemfontein crosses a tributary of the Modder river.

WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF.

LONDON, April 2.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Bloemfontein telegraphs that Broadwood's guns have been recaptured. He also says the water supply of Bloemfontein is cut off. The War Office has no confirmation of either. De Wet commanded the Boers who ambushed Broadwood.

TO FIGHT FITZSIMMONS.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Bob Fitzsimmons and Gus Ruhlin will be matched tomorrow to fight about June 1 at Westchester.

RUSSIA IS SATISFIED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2.—It is announced that Russia is satisfied with the Porte's acceptance of her demands for railway concessions in Asia Minor.

WEBSTER DAVIS RESIGNS.

He Will Lecture in the Interest of the Boers.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Hon. Webster Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, tendered his resignation to the President today. It is announced that he will lecture in the interest of the Boers in the principal cities.

Mr. Davis has spent several months in South Africa, having been with both the British and Boer armies. He was present at the battle of Epion Kop, near Ladysmith.

20,000 ON STRIKE.

All Mines in Pittsburg District Likely to Be Closed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 2.—There is satisfaction over the wage scale. Twenty thousand miners refused to go to work this morning. Ten thousand more will join the strikers tomorrow. This will practically close every mine in the district.

The miners claim that, if their demands are not granted the strike will become general.

CORFAN TROUBLE SETTLED.

Russia's Request for Land in Foreign Quarter Granted.

YOKOHOMA, April 2.—It is now reported that Corea has firmly resisted the Russian demand for land at Masampo. Russia then withdrew the demand and substituted a request for a piece of ground within the foreign settlement at Masampo. This request was granted, but the question is regarded as settled.

COLOR COMPLICATIONS IN SANTIAGO.

SANTIAGO, DE CUBA, April 1.—The funeral of Mayor Valiente took place this afternoon with elaborate ceremonies. Col. Whiteside and several other United States officers acted as honorary pall bearers. The military and civil procession extended two miles.

The death of Senor Valiente materially changes the political situation. His re-election was considered assured, but now there is a prospect of a hard fight between the rival candidates of the black and white parties. Recent developments have shown that the color line will be closely drawn and there may be trouble as the whites declare their intention to organize an annexation party rather than to accept negro domination.

GONE TO HENDERSONVILLE.

Mrs. C. Furber Jones and children left this morning for Hendersonville, where they will remain throughout the summer. Mr. Jones' business keeps him in and about Hendersonville, so they go there to be with him. They will likely sell their house in Dilworth.

TELEGRAMS BOILED DOWN.

Franklin Circuit Court, which will try the alleged assassins of Guebel, met at Frankfurt, Ky., today.

The Borhrevink expedition, which has been at work in Antarctic waters since 1898, reports that it located the magnetic pole in the Southern ocean.

Congressman Hay, of Virginia, has prepared a plan to re-organize the militia of all the States, so as to do away with the need of a standing army.

SUMNER HOURS.

The early closing move goes into effect tonight. September 1st the stores will close at 7 o'clock. The Bee Hive had advertised its millinery opening tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday nights, hence the store will not close at 7 on those nights, but will begin closing at 7 on Friday night.

CHARLOTTE—STATESVILLE.

Cards will be out Wednesday announcing the marriage of Mr. Glen Dowd of this city, and Miss Fannie Tunstall, of Statesville. Mr. Dowd is a brother of Mr. W. C. Dowd, editor of The News, and is at present employed at Dowd & King's. He has a host of friends here who will rejoice to know that he is to win such a charming woman for his wife. Miss Tunstall has often visited Miss Lizzie Scott, and is well known here.

TO ELECT OFFICERS.

The Elk Club will hold its annual meeting tonight for the election of officers. Mr. M. A. Lyon is the present president. Mr. W. H. Van Ness' name is mentioned in connection with the presidency.

DEATH OF GEN. CAMERON.

A telegram from Richmond, Va., reports the death of General Frances Hawkes Cameron, formerly Adjutant General of North Carolina, which occurred Saturday night.

ESTATE WORTH \$175,000.

The estate of the late S. P. Alexander amounts to more than at first supposed. The application filed for the probating of the will estimates the estate at \$175,000.

MR. GLENN HERE.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, spent yesterday at the Buford, and left this morning for Shelby, where today he addressed the Democratic county convention.

Mr. M. B. Williamson was painfully hurt today while in the stable on East Trade street. A mule stepped on his foot.

CLEVELAND VOTERS.

The Largest Convention in the County's History Was Held To-Day.

DOCTOR DIXON FOR AUDITOR.

Resolution Adopted Demanding Senatorial Primaries—Hon. R. B. Glenn Makes a Ringing Address to 2,000 Citizens in the Big Tabernacle Building.

Special to The News.

SHELBY, April 2.—The greatest county convention ever held in Cleveland county was held here today. The Democrats gathered in force, and when the convention was called to order six hundred delegates were present. The meeting was very enthusiastic.

The convention unanimously endorsed Dr. B. F. Dixon for the nomination for Auditor on the State Democratic ticket.

The convention adopted resolutions declaring for primaries for the selection of a United States Senator to succeed Marion Butler.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, made a splendid speech to an audience of two thousand in the large tabernacle building. The audience was stirred by his splendid speech.

MILL NEWS.

The Bear Movement Will Be Checked—Notes and Personals.

The Magnolia Mill, Mr. A. C. Sumnerville, owner, will be on the run now in a short time. Part of the machinery is here and the rest is on the road. This mill, as will be remembered, was changed from a webbing mill to a spinning mill.

Mr. J. A. Blythe, of Philadelphia, was registered at the Central today.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins left Saturday night for Mississippi, on textile business.

The board of governors of the Cotton Spinners' Association at their meeting Saturday night, discussed, as foreshadowed in Saturday's News, the price of yarns, and the movement on the part of some commission men to bear the market. The association and the rest of the commission men will keep prices stiff, however, and the bear movement will not gain further strength.

The banquet in May was discussed and additional details arranged. The Southern Electrical Company offered to contribute an electrical display for the table and banquet room, which offer was eagerly accepted. The banquet is to be held at the Central Hotel.

OFFICERS WOULD NOT TAKE A DARE.

This morning about 11:30 a call was sent to the police office for officers to go to the Victor Mill settlement. Officers Barnhardt and Jetton responded. West Fuller, white, was holding high carnival. Crazy by drink, he had terrorized the hill. When his wife saw the officers coming, she took her stand at the door and said they could not come in. Officer Jetton entertained her, while Officer Barnhardt went up stairs for Fuller. The latter was standing at the top of the stairs with an uplifted plank in his hand. He dared the officers to come up. Both took the dare, and in a few minutes had the gentleman in limbo.

TOMORROW THE DAY.

The executive committee of the Presbyterian College will meet tonight at the First Presbyterian Church, for the transaction of business relating to the college. Tomorrow morning at 10:30 the plans for the new building will be submitted to the building committee, at the Second church. The Charlotte architects, Hook & Sawyer, Hayden, Wheeler & Schwend and Milburn, will submit plans; also architects from Raleigh, Columbia, S. C., Washington, D. C., and other places.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Myrtle Estelle, the 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hood, died yesterday afternoon at her home near Morehead street after an illness of a week. The funeral services were conducted this morning by Rev. Mr. Siler, of Trinity Methodist church. The interment was in Cabarrus county.

GO TO THE LAKE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carson leave Wednesday or Thursday for Lake Waccamaw, where they will spend the summer. Mr. Carson has had two rooms added to Capt. Potts' house and he and Mrs. Carson are to make their home, for a part of the year, there.

REEL TEAM TO MEET.

Chief Glenn asks the News to call the Charlotte Reel team together tonight at 8 o'clock, at the city hall. He wishes to discuss the Twentieth with the team; to see what is to be done in reference to the celebration.

—The weather is fooling itself; it thinks it's Easter.

DIED ON THE TRAIN.

Mr. Arthur E. Rice, of Leicester, England, Made His Last Trip Yesterday Morning.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BERTH.

He Was En Route to Los Angeles, Cal., for His Health, But Did Not Live Even to Reach Charlotte—His Name and Address on His Person.

Mr. Arthur E. Rice, of Leicester, England, died yesterday on the Southern southbound vestibule, between Charlotte and Salisbury. Mr. Rice was a consumptive, and was en route to Los Angeles, California, hoping, with the never-failing hope of the consumptive, to yet regain his health, in that equable climate. He boarded the sleeper at New York, occupying a berth in one of the tourists' cars. He was almost in a dying condition when he got to Washington. The porter of the car and conductor looked after him and did what they could for him. He was suffering very much, and the porter remained with him after reaching Salisbury, for some time, but was called out to attend to some train duty. When he went back he found Mr. Rice dead. The last gasp for breath had been given; the journey was over. Anticipating his possible death en route, Mr. Rice had written several addresses in his note book, reading as follows:

"Mr. Arthur Edward Rice, Kirby House, Barkley, Leicester. In case of accident or death, notify W. H. Demorest, 25 Catherine street, New York, or Mrs. Rice, No. 30 De Montfort Street, Leicester, England; or Mr. Owston, Solicitor Prior Lane, Leicester, or cable Rice, Leicester, England."

In his pocket was a photograph of his wife, on the back of which was written: "Met July 16th, 1892; engaged August 30th, '92; married September 13th, '93; also 'My darling Marie; my little girl—Arthur's little girl.'" Mr. Rice was connected with the firm of J. L. Rice & Co., brokers, of Newark and Marble streets, Leicester, England. As soon as the train reached Charlotte, his body was removed to J. M. Harry & Co.'s, and Superintendent Ryder wired Mr. W. H. Demorest, of New York, as by direction of the dead man. A telegram later from Mr. Demorest said that he would arrive here tonight to take charge of the body. Deceased looked to be about 35 years of age.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo is to preach in Tryon Street Methodist Church Easter Sunday. He has been promising Tryon Street Church a Sunday for months, and writes Dr. Chretzberg that he will keep his promise at that time.

The quarterly communion of the Second Presbyterian Church will be held next Sunday morning.

There were three accessions to Westminster Presbyterian Church yesterday. The services were full of interest.

The Ministers' Conference was to have met this morning, but there was no quorum.

The memorial services to Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman, yesterday at the Lutheran church, were largely attended and were impressively solemn and interesting.

MISS FAISON, THE SOLOIST.

Miss Lizzie Faison, daughter of Dr. J. W. Faison, of this city, has developed in her studies at Peace, a pretty soprano. She sang a solo yesterday in the Presbyterian church in Raleigh, and has other choir work ahead. Miss Faison has the Yates voice—clear, pathetic and sweet.

TO HOLD A MEETING IN SALISBURY.

Rev. Dr. Barron went to Salisbury this morning, where tonight he begins a series of services in the Baptist church. He will return home Saturday. Dr. Barron is one of the best evangelists in this part of the country. His heart and soul are in the work.

RETURNED FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Dr. F. M. Winchester and wife returned yesterday from Philadelphia, where they have been for a couple of months. Mrs. Winchester was treated at the hospital. Dr. Winchester took a special course at the Jefferson Hospital.

SOCIAL.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be at home to their friends Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. Every one cordially invited.

The Saturday Morning Club meets next with Miss Lizzie Scott.

Neat cards in the latest style were issued today, reading as follows: "Please come to my birthday party Monday, April second, hours four to six. Marie Lentz, 411 North Poplar Street."

GLASS FRONT.

The work of remodeling the front of Tate & Brown's store began this morning. The new glass front arrived Saturday, and is large and handsome. The remodeling will be much improved by the glass front.

THE ST. CECILIA.

The Concert Saturday Night a Musical Treat.

The concert given Saturday night by the St. Cecilia, assisted by the New York Ladies' Trio, was a close second in musical enjoyment to the first concert given by the society and which marked it as one of the musical factors of the city. The audience had expected much from the New York Trio and was not disappointed. Miss Hilda Newman, pianist; Miss Branth, violinist and Miss Flavie Van Hende, cellist, were each artists, and their playing was marked by that finish that one would expect from soloists who had been associated in orchestral work with such masters as Seidl, Thomas and Damrosch.

In the first selection—a trio of numbers—Adagio, Scherzo and Finale from Godard, the last two anchored the artists in the hearts of the listeners. Their execution in these numbers was fine, the climax in the Finale arousing enthusiasm and delight. Miss Newman's skill as a pianist was accentuated by her exquisite rendition of Leschetizky's "Tarantelle." Her technique was perfect. The St. Cecilia in the pretty cantata, "The Birth of the Opal" and in the choral accompaniment to "The Lost Chord" the solo work in which was done by Miss Carlsmith, again gave pleasure to the musical ear of the city. The cantata is as dainty in tone as its name would suggest, and the colors were as beautifully blended under the skilled baton of Mrs. Ryder, as the beautiful lights of the stone. The aria from Sampson and Delilah, so well known to the concert stage, was given by Miss Carlsmith, the contralto soloist. Her voice has capabilities in depth, height, and tone, and in dramatic effect, but is marred by a nasal twang that she will no doubt overcome by proper study. Miss Branth and Miss Van Den Hende, captured the house with their violin and cello selections, and were vociferously encored. They both handled their instruments in a masterly manner. The concert throughout was a treat. Mrs. Ryder has similar ones ahead for the future.

"THE SHELDON THEORY."

Rev. Frank Siler After the Secular Press.

Rev. Frank Siler, of Trinity Methodist church, preached yesterday on "Christ the Way." He said that the necessary reference from John 14:6 is that Christ is the Christian's example in His strict obedience to His Father's will. In the course of his remarks he referred to the "Sheldon Theory," popularly so-called, which, as he understood, meant nothing more and nothing less than the application to daily life of the teachings of Jesus. "The general criticism of the movement," said Mr. Siler, "particularly the recent experiment of Mr. Sheldon in the running of a Christian daily, by the secular press, cannot fail to convince the unbiased thinker that the secular press of this country from the purely business standpoint does not believe a Christian, daily to be the thing because it is not painted; that, therefore, in the great majority of the secular papers we have not journals of a high order standing for the information and enlightenment of the public mind and conscience, but simply newspaper run mainly as business enterprises for the money there is in it."

PRESBYTERIAN MEETINGS.

The Home Missions Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery will meet tomorrow morning at the First Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock.

Mecklenburg Presbytery will meet at Olney church, in Gaston county, Tuesday, April 10th, at 7 p. m.

The Southern, Seaboard Air Line and Carolina & Northwestern Railroads will sell round-trip tickets to all representative and visitors to Presbytery from Wadesboro, Norwood, Salisbury, Statesville, Newton, Rutherfordton and Blacksburg, and all intermediate points to Ridie (Pleasant Ridge being old name) on April 9th, 10th and 11th, with final limit on 16th.

T. J. ALLISON, Stated Clerk.

MR. ELLIOTT'S FUTURE HOME.

Mr. J. A. Elliott has purchased the property on East Seventh street, between the railroad and Mrs. George S. Hall's place. He will move the house at present on the lot to the lower part of the lot, next to the railroad, and will repair it and occupy it until he builds one on the lot next to the Hall place. He will divide the property up into lots.

REALTY.

Saturday afternoon J. W. Alexander & Co. sold to S. S. McNinch five or six acres on North Tryon street extended for W. S. Forbes and W. L. Boyd, of Richmond, Va. Consideration \$6,000. This same company also sold to Mrs. Julia A. Gibson a lot on South Tryon street.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Mr. A. Jones Hunter recalls that today is the anniversary of "Grant breaking Lee's lines before Petersburg, and of our beginning our retreat." Friday is the 35th anniversary of the surrender.

OPEN AT NIGHTS.

Tapp, Long & Co., and Belk Bros. begin their millinery openings tomorrow. Their stores will not begin the early closing until the openings are over.

RAISING THE DEBT.

Tryon Street Methodist Church Yesterday Began the 20th Century Move.

\$3,000 RAISED YESTERDAY.

The Service Was One of the Best Ever Held in the Church—The Amount Subscribed Was the Largest Ever Given by the Church at One Service.

Tryon Street Methodists are feeling good today over their debt-raising service yesterday. As known, yesterday morning was set apart as the time for paying the debt of the church—\$5,000 in round numbers. The day was bright and pretty, and the majority of the membership turned out to lend a helping hand in the matter of clearing the debt. Dr. Chretzberg preached a strong but pointed sermon on giving, taking as a basis for his remarks, Deuteronomy 16:10—"Thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a free will offering of their hand." After the sermon the debt-raising was begun. A large board, on which were subscription cards—

from 50 cents to \$50—was placed on the pulpit. The subscriptions were made by these cards. Mr. J. P. Spencer and Mr. B. D. Heath gave \$500 each; Mr. C. W. Tillett, Mrs. M. E. Hall, Mr. W. V. Hagood and Mr. E. M. Andrews, a \$100 each. The other subscriptions varied from \$50 to 50 cents—many in that range representing sacrifice and labor. The board was cleared of cards to the amount, in round numbers, of \$3,500.

This is the best collection ever taken up at a single service in this church. Dr. Chretzberg and people are rejoicing accordingly. The rest of the debt will be wiped out before the 20th century dawns. The members of Tryon Street church are determined that this must be done.

INSURANCE.

Mr. B. H. Dillon, who succeeds Mr. Oscar Lewis as inspector of the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company, arrived in the city this morning and will make his headquarters in Charlotte. Mr. Dillon will have the Carolinas as his territory.

Mr. J. D. Church leaves tonight for New York. He will be joined in Washington by Mrs. Church. They will make their home at the Majestic, which overlooks Central Park. Mr. Church's office will be in the 32-story building nearly opposite the Astor House—on the 23rd floor. Mr. M. A. Lyon, who is now manager of the branch house of the New York Life, in this city, has as his cashier, Mr. Fennimore, of Columbus, Ohio, who has already entered upon his duties.

MOVING AROUND.

Mr. W. E. Robertson Saturday moved his office from the old court house to No. 9, Piedmont building. "Squire Maxwell is trying to get Mr. Jake Newell, who is now a lawyer, to move here and take the vacated office next to him. He says he is obliged to have a lawyer at hand. Mr. J. N. Kenney was formerly an occupant of the old court house, but his shingle now hangs out of Mr. Walter R. Henry's former office.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Ernest Moore will conduct the young men's prayer meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night. Interesting services were held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. Prof. Hanna, Mr. Thompson and others spoke to the boys and Mr. F. Taylor addressed the men's meeting on "The Importance of Bible Study."

MECKLENBURG ELECTION BOARD.

Mr. Walter Neal, of Laurinburg, chairman of the State Board of Education, today appointed supervisors of the election throughout the State. The supervisors for Mecklenburg are: J. H. Swedersford, Thomas J. Smith, Pineville, and W. S. Caldwell, Huntersville. These three constitute the election board of the county. They appoint registrars and judges of election.

KICKED IN THE HEAD.

Mrs. Lucy Nethers and little Orphelia Hart, daughter of Mrs. Janie Hart, had an unpleasant experience Saturday. They went out to the country and on their return the horse got to kicking, but struck Orphelia in the head, hurting her painfully, but not seriously.

MRS. COLE'S SISTER ILL.

Mrs. I. O. Cole received a telegram last night announcing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Ida Williams, at her home, Cape Charles, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Cole will leave tonight unless they hear better news.

DR. WOOD HAS PNEUMONIA.

Dr. W. A. Wood, of Statesville, is ill with pneumonia. His children have been summoned to him, and are now all in Statesville. Dr. Wood has been very feeble for some time and his family and friends are very anxious about him.

Mr. David Badham left today for Knoxville, Tenn. He will be absent two weeks.