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ON TO KROONSTADT.

General Movement of British Troops In This Direction.

TAKES DEWET'S DORP.

Cordon Being Stretched Around Boers On Three Sides.—A British Reverse at Boshof.—Relief of Wepener Becomes Only Incident in General Movement.

By Telegraph to the News.

LONDON, April 25.—British operations to the east of Bloemfontein are increasing in importance with each day's news. What at first appeared to be a diversion for the relief of Wepener, has developed into an operation on a large scale. Saving the garrison of Wepener has become only an incident in the general movement, having for its object the enveloping of all the Boers on Roberts' flank, and which will probably merge into a general advance on Kroonstadt before it is finished. A cordon is now being stretched around the Boers on three sides. The British have about forty thousand men; the Boers not over fifteen thousand, and so they must move quickly to escape being surrounded. One line of retreat to Ladybrand remains open and escape or capture should be determined in the next few days. This will have an important bearing on the war.

DEWET'S DORP OCCUPIED.

LONDON, April 25.—Roberts cables that Chermisde occupied Dewet's Dorp this morning.

BRITISH REPULSE AT BOSHOEF-KROONSTADT.

April 23. Delayed in transmission.) The sharp fighting of Saturday resulted in the British force in the vicinity of Boshof retreating. The British left fifteen dead and three wounded on the field. The Boers captured ten prisoners.

MAZRU, April 24. (Delayed in transmission.)

On breaking bivouac this morning Generals Brabant and Hart discovered that the Boers, who had fallen back yesterday toward Wepener, had advanced during the night several miles nearer the Staruss farm to a favorable position for resistance.

Colonel Dalgetty was severely attacked this morning by six guns probably with the intention of preventing him from assisting the relief column. It seemed yesterday that Colonel Dalgetty would be practically relieved, but the offensive attitude of the Boers this morning shows the idea to be erroneous.

HERSCHEL, April 25.

It is reported that the British occupied Wepener unopposed. Also it is said the Boers are unable to escape north and that great events are expected.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

The 81st Anniversary to be Celebrated To-Morrow Night.

The 81st anniversary of American Odd Fellowship is to be celebrated by the lodges throughout the country to-morrow night. The local celebration will take place in the hall of 88, at 8:30. Mr. J. A. Bell, past grand, will preside. The programme for the evening will consist of short addresses by local orators, music by the Rebeckas, the lodge ceremonies, and finally brethren, refreshments. There are three lodges in Charlotte: Catawba River Encampment, No. 21; Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 9, and Charlotte Lodge, No. 88.

HISTORICAL.

Mr. L. M. Smith, secretary of the Gastonia Lodge furnished these statistics in regard to Odd Fellowship: The first lodge was organized in Baltimore April 26, 1819, and was known as Washington Lodge No. 1. The order in America now numbers 12,000 lodges and has a membership of over a million. The largest voluntary offerings of the order during the last quarter of the century were made during the Chicago fire 1871; Johnston flood May '89, and the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis, and Shreveport, '73. The order in North Carolina has a membership of 5,473 persons.

CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Cave, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Paducah, Ky., will arrive here tonight from Atlanta and will be the guest for the night of Rev. J. L. Bridges. Tomorrow morning he leaves for Wilmington, where on Sunday he will preach in the Presbyterian church. Dr. Cave is known and admired here.

TO MOVE HERE.

Mr. Josiah W. Hunter, of Newells, yesterday rented the Yates house, 319 West Ninth street, from J. Arthur Henderson & Bro., and will move here with his family at once.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

Mr. Edward W. Stitt to Claim His Bride After Seven Years Serving.

A BEAUTIFUL LILY WEDDING.

Miss Laura Wadsworth to Give Her Hand and Heart to One of Charlotte's Most Successful Young Business Men—To be Married To-Night.

A seven years' courtship will end this evening in a beautiful marriage at Tryon Street Methodist church. To him, the happy groom, the "seven year serving" for his "Rachel" has "seemed unto him but a few days for the love he had for her," and she, lovely maiden, "well favoured" and gracious, is worthy of twice seven years' devotion.

The vows that will be heard before the altar of Tryon Street church this evening will be spoken by Mr. Edward W. Stitt and Miss Laura Cannon Wadsworth.

Love's old sweet song is ever new. The sentiment has spun forever "down the ringing grooves of change," and yet to what heart does it not come as a new inspiration, a new power, a new happiness? The popular young couple who, when twilight falls, will be taking the vows of a new life upon them have inspired an interest in social circles flattering even to their charming personalities. Since the first whisperings that Cupid's busy little tongue "passed down one aisle and up the other," fixing a time and a season for the nuptials, interest, eager and keen, has been manifested in the event by society in this and other cities where the affianced are known. Elegant presents have been arriving from friends near and distant for a week past, and about the Wadsworth home there has been that delightful air of wedding preparation which, in its fascinating power, is unconsciously assuring that all the "good loves" to come will be "the beautiful" which a reasonable society will witness and enjoy to-night, will be a "Lily wedding." The chancel of the church, in the artistic hands of Bush, the florist, will be tropical in its wealth and beauty of foliage. Tall palms in majestic silence will spread their green leaves to the air as if dedicating their graceful beauty to the goddess of love, at whose shrine they are so often found. This "kiss of green" will be studied with the pearl of nature's floral carpet—the Easter lily—beautifully appropriate as a setting for a bridal scene. White and green are the colors of the wedding, and effectively will they be expressed.

The hour of the ceremony is 7 o'clock. Promptly at that hour the bridal party will enter the church, the organ, in charge of Miss Addie Williams, pealing forth the familiar Mendelssohn. The ushers, as usual, will announce the bridal pageant, Messrs. George Wadsworth and M. A. Lyon passing down the right aisle, and Messrs. J. P. Stowe and Jones Yorke, of Concord, down the left. They will cross, standing on opposite sides of the chancel. Then come the attendants, singly, down the two aisles, Miss Nan Cannon, of Concord, on the right, Mr. E. A. Lee left; Miss Berta Oates, left, Mr. Julian Little, right; Miss Adele Wittkowsky, right, Mr. J. L. Cox, left; Miss Alice Holland, left, Mr. Baxter Ross, right; Miss Saide Hirschinger, right, Mr. J. W. Wadsworth, left; Miss Ada Bradley, of Knoxville, Tenn., left, Mr. J. C. Tate, right; Miss Margaret Cannon, of Concord, right, Mr. Albert Summey, left; Miss Madge Wadsworth, maid of honor, and Miss Louise Wadsworth, sisters of the bride, enter next, the former down the left, the latter down the right aisle. The groom and his best man, Mr. W. H. Twitty, come from the north door, passing down the left aisle. As they near the chancel, the bride, on the arm of her eldest brother, Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth, leaves the south door. With that grace and dignity that has at all times marked her bearing, she goes forward to meet her betrothed, who awaits her. The brother, on whose arm she leans, gives with her only to give her to him to whom she is to plight troth and fealty. The words that will make the two husband and wife will be said by that distinguished divine of the Methodist Church, Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., who has come all the way from California, where he was sojourning for a time, to officiate at the marriage. As soon as the nuptial blessing and benediction are given, the introductory strains to Lohengrin's "Faithful and True" will be the signal for the attendants on the right to move nearer the chancel, leaving the bridal aisle clear for the bride and groom. The bridal party will go from the church to the Wadsworth residence, on North College street. Mrs. Wadsworth had issued five or six hundred invitations to the reception, but these were recalled on account of the illness of her mother. No one will be invited to the house except the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Stitt leave at 9 o'clock for New York. They will be at the Imperial Hotel.

The bride is the second daughter of the late John W. Wadsworth. She is

WHAT AN ADVERTISER SAYS.

MR. W. C. DOWD,
Editor of the "News."

Dear Sir:
The page ad. we had in the "News" last Friday was the best paying advertisement we have had. I made it a point to question the throngs of purchasers that filled our store Saturday from morning until late at night. The result was that hundreds of our customers saw the bargains we offered in the "News." The good results of this ad. are still coming in.
Very truly,
J. L. TAPP,
for Tapp, Long and Co.

LOWER COURT SUSTAINED.

Case of Means vs. C. C. Railroad Tried Six Times.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Maggie Means, administratrix of Taylor Means, her husband, vs. the Carolina Central Railroad Company. To the legal profession this case has been one of the most interesting ever tried in Mecklenburg county. It has been tried six times—three times in the Superior Court, and three times in the Supreme Court. The final decision of the court is in favor of the plaintiff. This case was an action brought in 1895, in the Superior Court, of this county, for damages sustained by the plaintiff for the wrongful and negligent killing of her husband by the railroad company. Taylor Means was a brakeman on a mixed train of the defendant company, and his duties were to attend to the rear coach and shanty car and look after the passenger. The engineer on this train performed both the duties of engineer and conductor. The case developed the fact that the engineer ordered Means to take up tickets one night and take them to the engine to him; and, obeying this command, Means went to the engine, and while attempting to return to his place of duty fell between the tender and a flat car, and was run over and killed.

The acts of negligence alleged by the defendant were: (1) the want of a conductor; (2) wrongful command; (3) not stopping train and waiting for Means to return to coach; (4) want of ladder on tender. The court, decided in favor of defendant two times and in favor of plaintiff four times. This is possibly the most thoroughly mixed case that has ever come before the court in Mecklenburg county. The plaintiff was represented by Messrs. Brevard Nixon and Osborne, Maxwell & Keeran; defendant by Messrs. Burwell, Walker & Cansler.

ANSWERED ROLL CALL.

Another Confederate Veteran has Passed Over the River.

Policeman Black this morning received news of the death of Mr. Joshua P. Glover, an old friend and comrade in the "real" war. Mr. Glover died Friday last, of dropsy, at his home, near Troy, Tenn. Deceased was born in Steele Creek township, this county, May 10th, 1826. He entered the Confederate army at the first call to arms, leaving here as a member of the Charlotte Grays, the late Lee Hand captain. He was a brave soldier, daring all that a Confederate soldier could dare, and facing cannon and shot with the bravery of a warrior of the gray. When the first charge was made at Gettysburg, Mr. Glover laughed and said to Capt. Hand: "Won't we have a lot of good Yankee coffee when we scale those stone walls?" Capt. Hand said in reply: "Who but Josh Glover would ever have thought of us scaling those walls?"

In 1861 Mr. Glover and family went to Obion county, Tennessee, to live. Mr. Glover was twice married. His last wife and ten children survive. Deceased was well known throughout this county, and he had made many warm friends in his adopted home. He was considered a man of noble traits; independent thought, and strong individuality, brave and true. He held the respect of all with whom he was thrown. He was buried last Saturday.

SECRET SERVICE.

An Officer Here to Look After Counterfeiters.

Mr. Wm. J. McManus, of the treasury department, United States Secret Service, arrived here night before last, and is at the Leland. His daughter is with him and his wife will arrive in a few days. Mr. McManus is to look after counterfeiters in the two Carolinas, having charge of what is known as the Charlotte division.

Mr. McManus is the oldest, (by appointment) officer in the Secret Service. He was born in Troy, N. Y., and has been in Philadelphia for six years. Postmaster Mullen gave him, today, a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration, which interested him greatly.

EXCITEMENT ON NORTH GRAHAM.

There was a great mad dog scare on North Graham street last night, at Mr. D. H. Anderson's. The neighbors were called in. Mr. Clyde Sims brought his gun and he and Mr. Anderson kept up a fusillade that finally resulted in a dead dog. The shooting brought the coppers to the scene. They expected to find several dead burglars, but it was only a dog.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

If He Consents to Visit Charlotte the Southern Will Run A Special Train.

PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL.

Representative Citizens will Meet Him in Greensboro and Escort Him to Charlotte.—A Banquet at 5 a Plate will be Given in Honor of the President.

Mr. C. H. Campbell, chief of the 20th of May celebration, returned this morning from his visits, in the interest of the celebration, to Richmond and Washington. He saw Senator Pritchard in Washington and in ten minutes' time had secured the Spanish gun for the celebration. The gun is of bronze and the inscriptions are: "Barcelona 24th; De Mayo De 1769;" "El Dominante;" "Estant de America All Conlaton;" "5877—187 Peso Caso."

Mr. Campbell and Senator Pritchard called at the White House, saw the President's private secretary, and arranged for the visit of the Charlotte delegation next Monday. If the President consents to come to Charlotte, the Southern Railway will place a special train at his disposal. The Presidential special will leave Washington Sunday night, May 20th, and reach here early Monday morning. A party of representative citizens will go to Greensboro to meet the President, and escort him to Charlotte. The Chamber of Commerce will be appropriately decorated and will be used as a reception room for the President. As he will be here only a day, arriving in the morning and leaving at night, he will not be assigned rooms at the hotel. In the evening just prior to his departure (if he comes) a banquet will be served in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Covers will be laid for 50 persons, at \$5 a cover.

A delegation composed of citizens of Charlotte, as heretofore published in the columns of this paper, will leave Charlotte Sunday night, the 29th inst., on their trip to Washington to formally present the invitation to President McKinley to come to Charlotte during the week of the 20th of May celebration. The Southern Railway will attach a special buffet Pullman to train No. 38 for the use of this delegation, and on account of this occasion the roads will grant the rate of one first class fare for the round-trip to this delegation. The party will remain in Washington until Monday night and return on the same car and train, No. 37.

Lieutenant Edwin A. Anderson, of the ordnance department of the U. S. Navy, who is to attend the celebration, will arrive Monday, 21st. There is a possibility of Charlotte getting the Portsmouth band for the 20th. It comes high, but we must have music.

Mr. W. R. Joyner, chief of Atlanta fire department, writes Chief Campbell today: "I met several citizens from Charlotte in Washington a few days since, and shall endeavor to visit your city during the 20th."

NOSE SPLITTING ESCAPE.

Mr. Fred Johnson Caught by Telephone Wire.

Mr. Fred Johnson, son of Mr. G. S. Johnson, came very near being killed day before yesterday. He has been flagging for several months on the Seaboard, between here and Rutherfordton. Monday he was on top of the freight when the train was speeding along toward Lincolnton. A telephone line had been run across the track, but not sufficiently high as Mr. Johnson learned. The train was going at the speed of 25 miles an hour. Mr. Johnson did not see the wire, and it caught him just under the nose, throwing him violently on the ground. He would have fallen to the ground had he not caught hold of the running board and held on until the train could be stopped. His nose was split open and his lip badly torn. The doctor said if he had been caught under the chin he would have been killed.

THIEVES STEAL MEAT.

Armour Packing House Entered Last Night After Midnight.

WINDOW GLASS BROKEN.

Safe Combination and Hinges Broken but Door not Opened.—Several Hundred Pounds of Meat and Lard Passed Out of a Side Window.

The Armour Packing House, corner of Fifth and A streets, was broken into last night, some time between midnight and day light. Mr. R. E. Parden, the shipping clerk, made this discovery this morning at 6 o'clock, when he went to open up for the day. The glass was broken out of the front window on Fifth street, which gave the thieves an entrance at once into the office. There were no iron gratings to bend or break, and the thieves had no trouble in gaining an entrance into the building, the arc light at the corner helping, instead of preventing their operations. The incandescent light that was hanging over the book-keeper's desk, was broken and therefore extinguished. The thieves then went to work in the safe. The hinges were broken and the combination knocked off, but an entrance was not effected. A hammer was used in the breaking of the combination. The desks were ransacked but nothing taken out of them. A clock was the only thing taken from the office. The side window opening on the alley between the packing house and the cottage adjoining, was raised, and several hundred pounds of meat and lard passed through the window to a cart that had been pushed close up to the window. Nothing else was taken. Day before yesterday a large shipment of meat came in and six strange negroes were employed to unload it. These negroes knew where the meat was located and it is supposed that the robbery was committed by one or more of them.

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SOCIAL.

Brilliant Reception at Elizabeth.

The reception at Elizabeth, College last night was a brilliant affair and socially delightful. The hall was flooded with light, and merry with the sound of happy voices and musical with the strains of the Italian band. The reception committee consisting of Messrs. Hodnett, Crowell, Simpson and Bennett, met the guest at the door. The introducing committee—Messrs. Haines, Schupert, Pool, Reneman, Brown, M. Lang, Minie and Rebecca Neuberger—passed the guests through the receiving line, the latter consisting of President and Mrs. King and the faculty of the college. Mrs. King wore black velvet, and roses; Miss McLinn, pink silk; Miss Cline, white organdie over silk; Mrs. Hayward, white silk; Miss Abbott, black satin and velvet; pink roses; Miss Seidenburg, gray silk; Miss Caldwell, white organdie; Miss Umburger, white organdie, pink carnations; Miss Graham, black net over black silk, pink roses. The tea room colors were white and crimson. The tea was served by Misses Scharfer, Schultze, Haines, Stewart, Koening, Banister and Seagle. The Junior colors—white and green—added beauty to the dining room. Here the honors were gracefully done by Misses Van Landingham, Hains, Deal, Barron, Yowitz, Probst, Thompson, Banister, M. and R. Holloway, Grier, Summer.

Mrs. L. A. Dodsword gave a very stylish and delightful luncheon yesterday at her home on East Avenue, in honor of Mrs. James W. Osborne, of New York. The flowers were American Beauties, and the table was rich in its appointments. The guests were: Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. F. I. Osborne, Mrs. Calvin Cowles, Mrs. S. B. Jones, Mrs. John G. Bryce, Mrs. E. M. Brannon, Mrs. H. S. Chadwick and Miss Sadie Young.

The Married People's Pleasure Club will be entertained tomorrow night by Mrs. F. D. Sampson and Mrs. J. G. Bryce, at Mrs. Sampson's.

The Carr-Patton wedding, which is to be one of the most brilliant social events ever recorded in the State, takes place in Durham tonight. The bride—Miss Lalla Carr—a daughter of Col. Julius S. Carr—presented her bridesmaids with their dresses for the occasion. They are of Renaissance lace of exquisite daintiness and Astor-Vanderbilt costliness.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING CO.

The Southern Publishing Company, under the management of Mr. James Gattis, has opened an office at No. 10 West Sixth street. The company will do a large business in handling subscription books.