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BUNCH OF RUMORS.

British Victories, Death of Kruger and Relief of Mafeking the Fairy Stories.

CABLEGRAM FROM ROBERTS.

Wires From Hamilton of a Small British Success in Which 12 Boers Were Killed and 40 Wounded—Report of Mafeking Relief Not Confirmed.

LONDON, May 3.—The War Office has received the following cablegram from Roberts:

"Hamilton, Tuesday, May 1.—Drove the enemy out of strong positions with comparatively small loss to us. The Boers dispersed in several directions. The Boers admit twelve killed and forty wounded. Among the former is Lieutenant Gunther, a German. Among the wounded is Maximoff, commander of the "Foreign Legion." Twenty-one out of fifty-two of the enemy's casualties occurred among members of the "Foreign Legion."

SIEGE REPORTED ABANDONED.

LONDON, May 3.—The Central News hears that Commandant Eloff has left Mafeking, practically abandoning the siege.

LATEST FROM BADEN POWELL.

LONDON, May 3.—Col Baden-Powell reports from Mafeking, under date of April 20th, that all are well there. He says he complained to Synman about the shooting of native women. Synman had not replied. Provisions are carefully saved. Diminished rations are given to nine thousand souls.

AMERICAN ARRESTED FOR THE CRIME.

PRETORIA, May 3.—An American has been arrested in connection with the blowing up of the Bechill arsenal, for which all the remaining British subjects were expelled from the Transvaal. Babies, one of the proprietors of the engineering works at Johannesburg recently blown up, was removed to jail on a charge of murder. Ball was not accepted.

"SPHERES" IN MOROCCO.

PARIS, May 3.—Le Gaulois says a convention between France and Spain defining their respective spheres of influence in Morocco has been prepared and is ready for signature.

SPREAD OF BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Exists in a Dozen Parts of the World—Many Deaths Reported.

LONDON, May 3.—Telegrams to London papers continue to show remarkable spread of the bubonic plague in at least a dozen parts of the world. The summary of localities where the plague is found includes: Mauritius, Bombay, Calcutta, Port Said, Teheran, Manila, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Sydney, Noume, New Caledonia, Brisbane and Buenos Ayres.

REFUSES BIG OFFICE IN PORTO RICO.

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 3.—Frank Bergen said today he had written a letter declining the appointment as Chief Justice of Porto Rico. The letter is addressed to Attorney General Griggs. He will be pitted against Congressman Fowler for Congress.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT.

CINCINNATI, O., May 3.—The Price Current says conditions generally continue favorable, and the wheat outlook is maintained. Spring wheat has a good start. There may possibly be reduced acreage.

THE POWERS ASSENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 3.—Agents of the Powers have sent a note to the Porte assenting to the increase in import duties.

IN THE SENATE TODAY.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The Senate is considering the army appropriation bill. The Clark case will be taken up Thursday next.

STANDARD OIL RAISES WAGES.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Standard Oil Company raised wages and lowered hours in the case of seven thousand employes.

FOUR AMERICANS KILLED, SIXTEEN WOUNDED.

MÁNILA, May 3.—Four Americans were killed and sixteen wounded and left on the field at Panay.

MR. W. W. GREEN, OF RALEIGH, THE POPULAR TRAVELING MAN, IS IN THE CITY.

Mr. Green is now representing the Wells-Whitehead Tobacco Company, of Wilson.

A HIGH COMPLIMENT.

Lieut. Seigle Mentioned in Glowing Terms in a Manila Paper.

Capt. T. R. Robertson is smoking the genuine Manila cigars today. He received a box of these cigars today from Lieutenant T. B. Seigle. Capt. Robertson has also a recent copy of the Manila Freedom.

The following notice concerning Lieutenant Thad B. Seigle is from this paper, dated February 23th:

"When the Pennsylvania came from the United States on her last trip she had for her quartermaster Lieutenant Thad B. Seigle. It is not this officer's first visit to Manila. He came as a private with Battery L, Third Artillery, which landed from the Ohio in the third expedition to the Philippines. Lieutenant Seigle was unfortunate in his first adventures. He lost his health and was forced to return to the United States soon after the assault and capture of Manila.

"The Lieutenant has entirely recovered from his illness and is now ready to engage in another active campaign."

NO CANAL LEGISLATION.

Nicaragua Measure to be Held Up by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The prevailing opinion among the Senators is that the Nicaragua Canal will not be acted upon by the Senate at the present session.

It is rumored that the President has expressed a desire that it go over until next session.

The passage of the bill by the House was regarded as a matter of political expediency. The Republicans could pass the bill through the House, and by blocking it in the Senate leave things just as they are, and defeat the canal as well as by voting solidly against the bill. The passage of the bill yesterday was largely for its campaign effect.

Senator Aldrich says Congress will adjourn not later than June 12th, possibly earlier. There will be little legislation outside of appropriation bills, as soon as they are disposed of, Congress will adjourn.

16,000 BUILDERS OUT.

All the Members of the Trades Council Called Out To-Day.

PHILADELPHIA, May 3.—The Allied Building Trades Council today ordered that all its members wherever brotherhood carpenters are working. Secretary Allen says about twelve hundred additional men quit work this morning. This makes about sixteen thousand strikers now out.

SOCIAL MEETING AT Y. M. C. A.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held tomorrow evening. Some constitutional changes will be considered. A new feature will be introduced in the form of a social time and refreshments. Every effort will be made to make an enjoyable evening and it is hoped that the members will come in large numbers. The new parlor croquet game will be found very interesting.

Rev. Frank Siler will address the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday at 5 p. m. Mr. W. S. Stallings, general secretary of the Augusta, Ga., Y. M. C. A. is spending the day in the city, being entertained by Mr. A. S. Thompson.

THE SANDERS BUILDING.

The work of tearing down the old building on Mr. L. W. Sanders' property on South Tryon has been inaugurated. Hook & Sawyer, the architects of the new building to be erected, say that it will be a very handsome affair. There will be a basement and three stories with a very stylish false story on top, making the building have a stylish appearance. The Postal Telegraph Company will have the first floor fitted up as an office.

CUT FROM TREE UNDER WHICH LEE SURRENDERED.

Mr. P. Riegins, of Dilworth is the possessor of a walking stick which was cut from the celebrated tree under which General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Va.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT DE RITA.

Rev. H. F. Christyberg, who has returned from Monroe, will preach at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at Trinity church on the Derita circuit. A meeting of the quarterly conference will also be held. Dr. Christyberg will preach Sunday afternoon also at the regular hour.

STOCK EXCHANGE BUOYANT.

LONDON, May 3.—Prices are buoyant on the stock exchange today, after the dull opening, due to the variety of rumors, all, however, requiring confirmation, including that of a British victory in South Africa, the death of President Kruger, and the relief of Mafeking.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Charlotte's System and Facilities for Educating Her Youth Unsurpassed.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR CLOSING.

Enrollment in the White and Colored Graded Schools Never Larger—A Brief Resume of the Schools, Past, Present and Future.

As the time of commencement draws near the interest in the schools and colleges, in which respect Charlotte is well in the lead, begins to grow very noticeable.

The commencement at the graded school is being talked of already among all of the pupils as well as the citizens in general who are coming more and more to realize the important function performed by the Charlotte public schools.

The closing exercises of the Charlotte Graded School will take place on May 18th. Hon. Alfred Moore Waddell, of Wilmington, will be the chief speaker on the programme.

The invitations read as follows:

The Class of Nineteen hundred of Charlotte Public High School, Charlotte, N. C.

invite your attendance at the Annual Commencement Exercises, at eight o'clock, Friday evening, May the eighteenth, Y. M. C. A. Hall.

The graduating class roll is as follows: Annie Laura Austin, Frances Ruby Anderson, Eunice Anderson, Eloise Mooring Beaman, Isabel Montgomery Beall, Julia Elizabeth Crowell, Hillard Francis Chreltzberg, Hallie Oscar Hall, Willie Ghmore Durant, Louise Erwin, Mary Burns Ezell, Sarah Cornelia Freeman, William David Finger, Hattie Dickson, Graham, Lucy Leonora Hyndman, Susan Annie Hooper, Irma Virginia Hunt, Lita March Kelly, Flax Reid LeGrande, Sadie Belle Mayer, Thomas Cowan McAden, Armond Moore, Gorgia Talbot Pegram, Lillie Belle Pickard, Martha Alma Russell, Edna Teresa Rigler, Charles Burdette Ross, William Thomas Sadler, Margaret Leonora Sloan, Mabel Mazzelle Wilson, Margaret Herndon Willis, Wilbur Huntington.

The past, present and future of the Charlotte graded schools is a subject dear to the hearts of every citizen. While the past has been something to be very proud of, the present and future are still more promising. The Charlotte school was organized, says Superintendent Graham in September 1882. Prof. T. J. Mitchell, of Ohio, was the first superintendent of the Charlotte schools. He was followed by Prof. T. Corlew, of Alabama and then on February 20, 1883 the present superintendent, Professor Alexander Graham, took charge, coming to Charlotte from Fayetteville.

The school began with an enrollment of 400 in the white school which number today has reached the large total of 1,650 school children.

The first class to be graduated and receive diplomas left the school in May 1892. There were seven graduates that year. Miss Minnie Cuthbertson was valedictorian but her place in speaking was supplied by Miss Sadie Hirshinger. The number of graduates and the valedictorians for the ensuing years are as follows:

Number graduates 1893—22. Miss Fannie Moore, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1894—26. Miss Margie Donnelly, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1895—23. Miss Sallie Kelly, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1896—25. Miss Mary Darsey, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1897—35. Miss Jessie Henderson, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1898—28. Mr. Henry G. Lucas, valedictorian.

Number graduates 1899—22. Mr. Claude Williams, valedictorian.

This year there will be 34 graduates, this being the largest class to complete the course with the exception of that of 1897.

The commencement exercises this year will be especially interesting. Col. Alfred Moore Waddell, of Wilmington, who delivers the literary address, would alone insure the success of the exercises.

With one of the finest school buildings south of Baltimore being now erected and with present prospects of the schools, white and colored, could not possess a brighter future.

Superintendent Graham and his very efficient corps of faithful teachers have given Charlotte a system of schools that cannot be surpassed anywhere in point of discipline, systematic courses and thorough work. Under the direction of Herr Benheim the teachers of the school are now being trained in a very excellent method of drawing and this course will probably be added to the already excellent course by next year.

The work if the various citizens who have served on the school board is one of the sources whence the perfection of the present schools had their origin

and too much credit cannot be given them gentlemen.

The school on the 18th of the present month will close one of the most successful years of its existence under the management of Superintendent Graham.

Charlotte, individually and collectively will rally to the support of the schools and soon have it said that the public schools of Charlotte, N. C., are unequalled in point of excellence by any school system North or South.

RESULTS OF THE WRECK.

The Body of the Negro Meckle Carried to Columbia.

The collision of yesterday continues to be of unusual interest today. Last night William Aikens, of Columbia, S. C., a member of the order to which the negro fireman, Meckle, belonged, reached Charlotte and returned with the body of Meckle to Columbia, where the burial takes place. Meckle leaves a family in Columbia.

The engines that figured in the collision are at the Southern yard and will be repaired.

Mr. A. L. Syfan, who was injured in the collision was taken to the Arlington Hotel, where he is receiving every attention. His injuries are not serious and he will likely fully recover in a very short time. The railroad authorities intend to investigate fully the cause of the collision and place the responsibility where it belongs.

COUNTERFEIT NOTES.

Mr. McClanus Receives Notice to be on the Lookout.

Mr. W. J. McManus in charge of the Secret Service's office in this city, received information this morning from Washington of a dangerous \$20 note that is now in circulation. It is printed on engraved plates, and the work upon the face and back is of a high order of excellence. It is a trifle shorter than the genuine, though this should not be used as an absolute test. The width is the same as the genuine.

The most noticeable defects in the note are in the portrait of Hamilton; the nose instead of being round on the end is brought to a sharp point; the chin instead of being double, as in the genuine, is square; the head from the back of the hair to the top of the nose, on the line of the ear, is a fraction of an inch wider than the genuine; the work on the coat gives a flat effect and merges into the background in the lower part of the portrait. In fact, the portrait as a whole does not stand out clearly, being almost a monotone with the background.

COAL TRAIN WRECKED.

Reported Smash-Up Caused by Spreading Rails.

News reached here of a serious wreck on the road between Mooresville and Winston yesterday afternoon.

The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails beneath the cars, but fortunately no one was injured in the smash up.

A coal train of ten or fifteen cars was speeding along between Winston and Mooresville when the rails spread as is supposed just beneath the central section of the train. The coal cars were badly smashed up, ten of them being piled in the debris caused by the wreck. The only damage was to the cars, the crew, escaped injury. The wreck was soon cleared away and the track repaired.

HOTELS WILL BE CROWDED.

The hotels of Charlotte will be taxed to their utmost to accommodate the crowds in Charlotte, this month.

The Central has already engaged every room not only for the Gala week, but also for the Cotton Spinners' Convention, May 10th and 11th.

The "Just For Fun" Club will not meet this afternoon but will postpone their meeting until next week as several of the club are out of the city.

Col. R. L. Abernethy arrived in the city today and will address the meeting tonight at the Brick Row, where the Democratic speaking takes place.

SUCCESSFUL CANNING FACTORY.

Mr. W. E. Neal, president of the Apex Canning Company, is in the city. His plant was burned some time ago, but they are building a larger and better one, and will be in shape for the coming season. They put up the "Baby Brand" of tomatoes, okra, peaches, etc., and have a large sale in Charlotte.

Mr. Neal says the company will put up an even better class of goods this season. This is a strictly home enterprise at Apex, and its success brings up the question, why hasn't Charlotte a good canning factory? Such an enterprise ought to pay good dividends here.

EAST SIDE ENTERTAINMENT.

A large crowd gathered at East Side Chapel last evening to enjoy an entertainment given especially for the pleasure of the members of the Sunday school. Misses Edna White, Lela Paullner and Bessie Curlee are due great credit for the evening's pleasure. Excellent music and recitations were given and the young ladies and children, all dressed in white, presented a very pleasing spectacle.

MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Splendid Opening Concert Given at Spartanburg Last Night.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

Artists Compelled to Respond to Repeated Recalls—Fine Work of Soloists—Boston Festival Orchestra—Choral Society's Fine Rendition.

Special to the News.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 2.—The opening concert of the sixth annual musical festival under the auspices of Converse Musical College, was given tonight, and was a superb herald of what is to follow. Every train today has brought visitors, and tonight the city is full to overflowing with those who love music or musicians. The centre of attraction is the immense auditorium at Converse College, where the festivals are held. The building has a seating capacity of 2,000, and it was full tonight. The choral society numbers nearly 200 voices. It has been drilled by Dr. R. H. Peters, of Converse College, and is today the leading choral society of the South Atlantic States. Spartanburg gives itself over to the festival from the night of the opening concert until the grand finale. The hospitality of the people is unbounded and the pleasure of being here proportionate.

The programme of the night began with the overture to "Rienzi"—the first opera staged by Wagner. The character and style of the music was Wagnerian to an unmistakable degree. Even the tyro in Wagnerian studies would have recognized the great master in it. As rendered by the Boston Festival orchestra, under the skilled baton of Conductor Emil Mollenhauer, it was perfect. The orchestra is one of the musical prizes of this country. The organization dates back 12 years. The artists and instruments know each other and they work toward one object: perfect accord, harmony, sympathy and musical reciprocity. The orchestra is well balanced and the orchestration, under Conductor Mollenhauer, extraordinary.

The first vocal number was the Grand Aria, from "Rienzi," superbly rendered by Miss Gertrude May Stein, the famous contralto of New York. She has a voice rich in volume, exquisite timbre, and wonderful in range. Although a contralto, she sustained F sharp (5th time) tonight with tremendous power and purity of tone. Her bars, and struck G immediately after with the same power. There is a finish about her singing that denotes the artist.

Following Miss Stein came Mr. Gwilym Miles, the Welsh baritone, who has a beautiful voice—round, soft and musical, and of dramatic inclination. He chose as his theme a descriptive ballad—"Young Lochinvar"—written by Chadwick, one of America's composers, and a friend of Mr. Miles. The audience manifested its appreciation by an outburst of applause that must have been flattering even to a New York artist.

As dainty and sweet as a beautiful girl was "The Song of the Spheres," given by string orchestra. Aeolian strains filled the hall, and the ears of delighted listeners.

An Italian jewel was next handed from the casket of musical gems. It was the aria, "I Martiri," from Donizetti, rendered in such beautiful style by Miss Provan, soprano, that the audience lost itself in recalls. Miss Provan has a soprano of sweet, vibrant tones, smooth and flexible. The selection was full of color and she was equal to the vocalization required. For a soprano her chest tones are remarkable.

Mr. Evan Williams, the celebrated church tenor of New York, was heard for the first time, in the next number—the recitative—"Deeper and Deeper Still," and aria—"Wait Her Angels," from Handel's Jephtha. Mr. Williams has a voice of exquisite tonal qualities—rich and full, and perfectly suited to the grandeur and solemnity of Handel's hymns. The recitative was beautiful—a degree, but strains of the aria—"Wait Her Angels"—came to one through the stillness of the night as faint echoes from "the choir invisible." The audience would not be satisfied until the artist returned. He gave as an encore another gem: "All Through the Night," with harp accompaniment.

SPANISH RIFLE COMING

Trophy of Late War with Spain to be Here for 20th.

Charlotte is to have among the many other attractions a Spanish bronze rifle, a trophy of the late war between Spain and the United States. The following letter will explain the matter more fully:

New York Arsenal, Governor's Island, New York Harbor, New York City, April 30.

The Mayor of Charlotte, N. C.: Sir, I am instructed by the chief of the Ordnance, U. S. A., to issue to you one 6.4 mm. rifle, Spanish trophy, weighing 5.87 pounds. This gun will be placed on the wharf at this arsenal, and all expenses for freight, etc., from that point to destination are to be paid by the consignee. Will you please inform me by what route shipment is desired.

Respectfully,
JOHN G. BUTLER,
Major Ordnance Department, U. S. A.,
Commanding.

FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Dr. Fitts and Others Interested—Also Rural Delivery.

Dr. A. W. Fitts who lives near Elizabeth College together with other prominent members of the community are making a strong effort for a public school in that neighborhood. The site selected is on the main road near the doctor's residence. If the school is obtained, which it is almost certain to be, it will open next fall. This would be a great convenience for the entire section and it is hoped that it will succeed.

An effort for a rural mail delivery system for that section is also being made. This includes all of the territory for eight or ten miles east of Charlotte.

CLEANLINESS NEXT TO GODLINESS.

About the only case of interest before Mayor McCall this morning was the case of two little white boys, who live in the Belmont neighborhood. The boys had been performing their ablutions in the creek east of the city from which a part of the city water is drawn.

While his honor was mindful of the Biblical formula that "cleanliness is next to godliness," he also remembered that there is a proper time and place for all human events and hence the boys were fined, but on promise of no further offence in that line they were turned loose.

MEETING AT TWELFTH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

This evening a protracted meeting of some time will begin in Twelfth Street Baptist church, at 8 p. m. Rev. L. R. Pruett, the pastor, will do the preaching, and services will be held every evening at the above named hour. All members of the church and Christian workers are invited to take part in the meetings.

The subject of the first sermon this evening will be "The Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room."

ELIZABETH COLLEGE NOTES.

President King, of Elizabeth College, left this morning for Albemarle, where he goes to attend the meeting of the Lutheran Synod next week. Dr. Hoi-tis city, went over yesterday.

Rev. A. G. Voit, of Wilmington, N. C., who lectured at Elizabeth College last night, also left for Albemarle this morning.

Dr. Voit's lecture last night was along the line of higher education and was a gem of thought, inspiring to those who heard it.

REAL ESTATE MOVING.

A prominent real estate man speaking of the present rush of business says that there is probably more real estate being handled at present than for some time. A great amount is being handled by citizens of Charlotte rather than outside. Judging from the past the business will continue good.

A PORTUGUESE WOMAN.

On the southbound train this morning was a very handsome looking Portuguese lady, evidently of high rank. She had the foreign tongue and native hue of the inhabitants of Portugal. She is on her way from Washington to San Francisco, Cal.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is requested that every member attend as they want to arrange for the annual white ribbon tea.

RECRUITING OFFICE HERE.

Lieutenant Z. B. Vance is in Charlotte and will open a recruiting office here in the First National Bank building tomorrow morning. Lieutenant Vance is a member of the Eleventh Infantry, U. S. A. Mr. H. J. David is also a member of the recruiting party.

LEAGUE SOCIALE.

The Epworth League of Tryon Street M. E. church will have a social meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the church parlor. Entrance on Sixth street. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, which will include refreshments. Leagueurs and their friends are invited.