

State Library Co

REBELLION SPREADS

Boxers' Enlist Large Army and Threaten Expulsion of All Foreigners.

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER.

Claim the Support of the Empress Dowager and the Entire Manchurian Army—Russian Minister Requests That Gunboats be Sent to Taku.

By Telegraph to The News. SHANGHAI, May 29.—The Russian Minister at Peking has telegraphed, asking that all available gunboats be sent to Taku. It is believed Russia is about to land troops at Taku from Port Arthur, where twenty thousand are in readiness. The Chinese are reported to be sending large masses of troops overland from Hunan and Kiang, but Generalissimo refuses to assume command on the plea of sickness. The "Boxers" assert that they are confident of receiving the support of the Dowager Empress, Princes Kang Yi and Ching Tam and the entire Manchurian army. Throughout the north the "Boxers" are enlisting hordes of desperadoes. They are intent on expelling everything foreign.

BELGIANS CUT OFF.

LONDON, May 29.—A news agency dispatch from Tien Tsin reports the situation very serious on account of the spread of the "Boxers" rising. The retreat of several Belgians with the families are cut off at Chang Sin Fien. The Belgians were defending themselves in the hills at last accounts but there were doubts about their safety.

BURNING FENG TAI.

The Boxers are burning Feng Tai. The British guard numbers only twenty-five men in addition to the volunteers to protect Tien Tsin. Several missionaries have been cut off at Pao Ting Fu.

RAILROAD CLEARED.

A Tien Tsin dispatch to-day says two hundred Chinese soldiers have cleared the railway to Peking. Service was resumed to-day. The commander of the Japanese gunboat "Atagokan" has sent thirty guards here.

FREE STATE ANNEXED.

Preparations to Blow up Johannesburg—Boers Pray and Fast

By Telegraph to The News. LONDON, May 29.—Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation formally annexing the Orange Free State. It will be called hereafter the Orange River State.

AN ALLEGED INTERVIEW.

Her Underlay, proprietor of a German newspaper at Johannesburg, interviewed Kruger a few days ago about the mines. Kruger told him Johannesburg was at an end and the mines would be blown up.

OCCUPIED SEERUST.

LONDON, May 29.—Pretoria advises say the British occupied Seerust Monday and a large force moved on Lichtenburg.

DAYS OF HUMILIATION.

Kruger ordered that Sunday, Monday and Tuesday be observed as special days of humiliation and confession and for prayers for the preservation of the country's independence.

15 MILES FROM JOHANNESBURG.

KLIP RIVER, Monday. (Delayed in transmission.) The Boers, after preparing a good position, fled on an early train, their last detachment being nearly captured by Pilkinton's West Australians. Prisoners taken state that there is no intention of blowing up the mines, declaring the threat was made simply with the intention of frightening away the Burgheers. The British advance is now within fifteen miles of Johannesburg.

CAUGHT BOER COMMUNICATIONS.

CAPETOWN, May 29.—It is rumored here that Gen. French has caught the Boer communications between Heidelberg and Roksburg, within fifteen miles of Johannesburg.

VA. BOND FORGER GETS TWELVE YEARS.

By Telegraph to The News. NEW YORK, May 29.—Julius Schroeder, the mantlemaker of New York, who got \$110,000 from various banks in this city on forged bonds of the State of Virginia, was to-day sentenced by Judge Newberger to twelve years and six months in Sing Sing prison.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION ENDED.

By Telegraph to The News. CARACAS, Venezuela, May 29.—Gen. Hernandez, the revolutionary leader, has been captured by the government forces and the revolution is ended.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Men of High Degree Who Handle Axes.

The meeting last night of White Oak Camp, No. 2, Woodmen of the World, was not only interesting to the members of the camp, but instructive. The lecture delivered by Sovereign Commander, J. C. Root, of Omaha, Neb., was full of interesting facts and figures. The order now numbers nearly 200,000 members. It has paid out in the last nine years over \$6,000,000 in death losses to widows and orphans; there are over 3,500 camps of the order in the United States; the net increase of the order last year was over 37,000 members and over 15,000 during the first three months of this year. The order is now the fifth largest order in the United States. Mr. Root referred to the monument proposition, the constitution of the order requiring a monument of the value of \$100 to be erected upon the grave of every deceased member. Over 3,000 of these monuments have been placed over the country. After Mr. Root's lecture, short addresses were also made by General John W. Browning, of Denver, Col., and Mr. A. C. Fine, of Norfolk, Va. Messrs. Root, Browning and Fine left this morning for Richmond where they hold a meeting tonight similar to that of last night. From Richmond they go to Norfolk.

REALTY.

The Fox Property Sold—Mr. Henderson Buys 42 Lots.

An interesting deal in real estate was closed yesterday evening about 6:30. Mrs. Julia D. Fox sold her beautiful property on West Trade, corner Edgar, Abbott & Stephens negotiated the sale. The property, 119x182 feet, was divided into four lots; three on Trade and one on Poplar. Mr. C. Gresham bought one of the Trade street lots—the one adjoining his place; Dr. E. C. Register got the other two which included the corner, and Mr. E. W. Mellon bought the Poplar street lot which touches his property. The property brought about \$150,000. A Brown & Co. sold the following lots today in Villa Heights: Q. A. Davis, two lots; J. M. Woodside, two lots; D. A. Woodside, one lot and J. W. Allen one lot. Mrs. Laura V. Krueger, of Atlanta, yesterday sold 42 lots on the corner of Third and South Cedar streets to Mr. J. Arthur Henderson. The property fronts 478 ft. on Cedar street.

AT ELIZABETH.

Miss Koenig Gives Her Recital To-Night.

To-night Miss Nea Beatrice Koenig gives a pianoforte recital at Elizabeth College, assisted by Misses Dora A. Koenig and Annie Belle Wise. The programme is as follows: Prelude and Fugue in G, Bach No. 99, No. 9. S. Schumann Scatop. op. 31, No. 3—Allegro—Scherzo—Minuet—Presto con fuoco, Beethoven Miss N. B. KOENIG. Andante and Allegro, from op. 137 No. 1, Schubert MISS D. A. KOENIG. Scherzo, op. 31, Chopin MISS N. B. KOENIG. (b) Barcarolle and Pizzicati, Delibes (c) Kurawiak, Wieniawski MISS D. A. KOENIG. D Minor Concerto, Allegro Appassionato—Adagio—Finale, Mendelssohn Solo Piano, Miss N. B. Koenig Piano 11, Miss A. B. Wise

SOCIAL.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Fisher, gave a delightful and beautiful tea last evening in their suite of rooms at Elizabeth College. The artistic taste of the Doctor and his charming wife was manifest in the arrangement, the furnishings, the arrangement, the every thing that went to make the ensemble of artistic effect in their pretty rooms. The tea table was a poem in its appointments. The china was of the most delicate pattern; the silver elegant, and the menu the most delicious. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher are ideal hostesses, as well as artists.

MR. E. W. STUTT'S MONDAY.

Mrs. E. W. Stutt's Monday are proving delightful. Her parlor is a popular and charming rendezvous. Next Monday is the last.

OPEN JUNE 4TH.

The theatrical season at the park auditorium will open June 4th as announced last week in the News. The Rentrows have been engaged for the season. Messrs. Peters and King, of the present company, are in charge, and promise first class comedy for the summer nights to come. The bill will be changed every third night. The admission will be free. Reserved seats only will be charged for, and they only 10 cents. The Rentrows are popular here and always draw well. They will help hot and weary humanity to while away many a dull summer evening.

MR. LANDIS' CHANGE.

June 1st will find Mr. F. O. Landis with a line of Sharpe & Domes' samples in hand. Mr. Landis, for nine years past, has been traveling for the Arlington Chemical Company and the New York Pharmaceutical Association. He goes with Sharp & Domes as his territory will then be nearer Charlotte.

OFF TO THE REUNION FESPERMAN TO HANG

The Confederate Veterans of Mecklenburg Camp and the Drum Corps.

SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR.

Presented the Veterans by Julia Jackson Chapter Children of the Confederacy—An Interesting and Beautiful Scene at the Station.

Two streamers on two coaches on the Statesville train this morning attracted special attention. One read: "Mecklenburg Camp, 382, Confederate Veterans;" the other, "Charlotte Drum Corps, Pride of the South." The Veterans and the drum corps were bound for the great Confederate reunion at Louisville. The Veterans assembled at the city hall, and escorted by the drum corps marched to the Southern station. There they lined up to receive from Julia Jackson Chapter, Children of the Confederacy the Southern Cross of Honor.

The Cross is of iron. On one side is the motto, "Deo Vindicti—1861-1865," and the battle flag. On the other: "The Southern Cross of Honor, United Confederate Veterans." Each cross was pinned on a grey jacket by a Child of the Confederacy, and proudly the old Veterans looked as they received them. Accompanying this badge of honor was the following letter, which was directed: "To Members Mecklenburg Camp, United Confederate Veterans:"

LETTER. "Confederate Veterans: "In all ages, it has been the custom of every civilized nation to bestow upon the members of its army and navy such as peculiarly deserve it, crosses and medals of honor, such as the Iron Cross of Germany, the Victoria cross of England.

"The bravery and valor of the men of the Confederacy has seldom been equalled, surpassed never. There is no grateful government to recognize the heroism of the men who wore the grey. The United Daughters of the Confederacy, realizing this fact, have originated the Southern cross of the Legion of Honor. This honor the Julia Jackson Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy now confers upon you, a cross to be handed down from one generation to another as a priceless heritage, bought, as it was, with the blood of their fathers, and though of no intrinsic value within itself, to stand as a record for all time of the men who represented all that was lofty in principle, pure in patriotism and dauntless in courage.

"These crosses are bestowed by the Children in loving admiration for, and devotion to the heroes of a "Cause not lost, but made glorious by the blood of martyr."

"MARGARET BRANCH SEXTON, Leader Julia Jackson Chapter Children of the Confederacy." The roster of those who went has previously been given. Every veteran was on hand. The grey jackets were decorated with badges galore. Veteran J. F. Orr, carried a hornet's nest on a large stick.

The drum corps numbered 21 drums and fifes. The boys were all "Happy Hi Hubbards." They were in great good humor. Although they are to beat counter to a corps of 60 members from Louisville, they expect to return as they went—"The Pride of the South."

Miss Feriba Grier, sponsor for this camp was attended by her maids, Misses Smith and Beall.

MORRISON—MAXWELL.

A marriage enlivened the commencement festivities at Davidson this afternoon. Miss Susie Maxwell, a sister of Mr. Todd Maxwell, of this city, was the bride, and Mr. Frank Morrison, of Concord the groom. The ceremony took place at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride, Rev. C. W. Maxwell, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. T. Graham. The bride and groom are popular and highly esteemed, in their respective homes and their marriage will interest a large circle of friends. Mr. Todd Maxwell went to Davidson at 2 o'clock to attend the wedding.

TRINITY.

The commencement exercises at Trinity College will begin June 3rd, and continue until the 6th. The programme will be as follows: Sunday, June 3, 11 a. m., baccalaureate address, President John C. Kilgo; Tuesday, 11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, Dr. Lyman Abbott, New York City; Tuesday 4 p. m., alumni address, Dr. W. G. Broadshaw, High Point; Tuesday 8:30 p. m., literary address, Hon. John Temple Graves, Atlanta, Ga.; Wednesday, 10:30 a. m., graduating exercises.

AT Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY.

Mr. D. Allen Tedder spoke on "omnipanions" at the Boys meeting of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday and Mr. S. E. Hodges, a Davidson College student, gave an address on "Prayer" at the men's meeting taking the place of Mr. J. K. Coit at his request. Mr. Hodges will spend the summer in mission work in the mountains.

Will Pay the Penalty, Thursday, on the Gallows, for Murdering his Wife.

SAYS HE IS READY TO GO.

He Has Made all His Arrangements for Death and Burial—The Neptunes Will Furnish His Coffin—Requested the Sheriff to Get Him a New Suit.

Mack Fesperman, colored, who killed his wife, Irene Fesperman, will pay the penalty for his crime Thursday morning. He will be executed between the hours of 10 and 12.

Fesperman was tried at the April term of Mecklenburg criminal court, found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced by Judge Moore to die on the gallows the 31st of May.

A News reporter went to the jail this morning and found Fesperman busily writing on a tablet. When asked if he was preparing anything for the newspapers he said that he was only trying his hand at drawing. Turning the tablet to the reporter a splendid drawing of a tree and flowers was to be seen. When asked to say something he quickly responded that there was now nothing that he could say that would be beneficial to him or to the people of Charlotte. Continuing, he said: "I feel perfectly resigned to my fate. There is nothing left for me to do but to make my peace with God. This I have done. I have nothing against any one on earth. Even my own sister, who swore my life away and was largely responsible for my wife's actions, has been forgiven. I do not feel that I have the slightest ill feeling against any one. This is true because I have given my heart to Christ. I have asked Him to take care of my little child and I know He will."

During this talk Fesperman did not display the slightest signs of nervousness. He said that he did not think he had a fair trial. He also stated that from the Judge's charge to the jury he could not see how the 12 jurors arrived at the conclusion that he was guilty of murder in the first degree. "But," said he, "these twelve men will have to answer to God for the way they have treated me. They probably were honestly mistaken but I was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. This they did not give me. But I have carried the matter to God in prayer. He has given me assurance that my soul will be taken care of after the people of Charlotte have destroyed my life."

The condemned man then reviewed his life. Said he: "I have lived in Charlotte since I was ten years old. Have been a member of the Neptune Fire Company for nearly seven years, and have followed my trade—shoemaking since a mere boy. I have never been in court, never had any trouble of any kind until I married seven years ago. While my wife, poor woman, is dead and gone, God knows she was not faithful. She made my life a burden and because I could no longer stand it I am to be hung. Other people have done what I did and the people thought it alright but I guess they (the people) think that I am a negro and cannot feel as they do about family matters, but I am thankful that God has put it in my heart to forgive these and I will go to the gallows with no hard feeling against any man, woman or child in Charlotte."

Fesperman talked freely about the disposition of his body. The Neptune Fire Company, of which he is a member, will see to it that he is given a decent burial. Yesterday, Fesperman asked Sheriff Wallace to please get him a suit of clothes. He has asked that his body be buried at Salem Baptist church, colored, in Paw Creek township. His mother lives near by and he has two or three children buried there. His father and one brother live at Matthews and he has a brother who lives in Cabarrus county.

RESPITED.

The Governor Respites Fesperman Until June 22.

After the above was in type, at 4:30 this afternoon, Mr. C. A. Matthews wired the Governor in regard to Fesperman, and at 5 o'clock received the following: RALEIGH, May 29.—To C. A. Matthews, Charlotte, N. C.: Respited Mack Fesperman until Friday, the twenty-second of June. D. L. RUSSELL, Governor.

MEAD WILL BE CAPTAIN.

Philip R. Mead, the well known baseballist who is to play on the Charlotte team this season comes next week. Mead was captain and short stop on the Tarboro team last year. He will be captain of the Charlotte team. He is the son of Rev. Mr. Mead, the Episcopal minister at Chapel Hill, and one of the best ball players in the State.

ST. CECILIA CONCERT.

A Delightful Programme of the Summer Farewell.

Hushed will be the harp of the St. Cecilia Society after Friday night until autumn. Mrs. Ryder, the able direction, has arranged a charming programme for the musical au revoir—one that will appeal to all lovers of music, and which, in its rendition, will win the badge of blue from the critique as well as approval of the popular taste and ear.

PROGRAMME.

"Summer Night" Benwald St. Cecilia Society. Piano—Solo—Polonaise—Paderewski Mr. Craighill. "The Lost Chord," Sullivan—Bartlett, St. Cecilia Society with Mrs. F. P. Smith as soloist. Soprano Solo—Cavatine from "Queen of Sheba"—Gounod. Mrs. Smith. (a) "May Bells," Mendelssohn; (b) Spinning Chorus from Flying Dutchman, Wagner—St. Cecilia Society. Piano Solo Waltz—Chopin Mr. Craighill. Soprano Solo (a)—Traison—Chaminade; (b)—"There Are None Like to Thee,"—Hope Temple; (c)—"Oh! For a Burst of Song,"—Altsien. Mrs. Smith. St. John's Eve. St. Cecilia Society with Mrs. Smith. A rehearsal will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at Mr. D. W. Oates' residence. Members are asked to be present.

THE GRAY JACKET.

Suggested That It be Made the Official Organ of the U. D. C.

Mrs. J. L. Sexton, president of Julia Jackson Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. William Overman, of Salisbury, secretary of the U. D. C.'s, which she and the Children are rolling as a sweet morsel under their Confederate tongues. Mrs. Overman writes that she has read the first issue of "The Grey Jacket," the magazine published by Julia Jackson Chapter, and finds the writing of the Children fascinating. She suggests that "The Grey Jacket" be made the official organ of the U. D. C.'s, as well as the Children's Chapters of the State a compliment which Mrs. Sexton and the Children appreciate more than words can tell. The matter will likely be brought before Stonewall Jackson, U. D. C.'s, and other Chapters of the State. Julia Jackson Chapter is the banner Children's Chapter of the South.

TO DAVIDSON COMMENCEMENT.

A large and merry crowd went to Davidson College this morning to attend commencement. Mrs. George E. Wilson chaperoned a party of young ladies consisting of: Misses Annie, Wilson, Rena Johnson, Lizzie Faison, Rose McDonald, Faye Ross, Kate Wakefield, Mary Irwin, Fannie B. Moore, Page Carter, Midge McAden, and Willie Durant. With Mrs. J. F. Robertson were Misses Douglas Robertson and Laura Watkins. Others on board the train, bound for commencement were: Mr. P. M. Brown and Son, John Bass; Rev. R. J. Johnston, of Lincolnton, Rev. Wm. Black, Monroe; Rev. R. L. Williams of Wallace; Rev. C. N. Wharton, Warrenton; Mr. W. H. Sprunt and son, of Wilmington.

SOCIAL EVENT IN HEBREW CIRCLES.

Handsome cards were received to-day announcing an interesting marriage in Hebrew circles: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baumgarten request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Rosa to Mr. Aaron Lewis Drucker, Tuesday afternoon, June the twelfth, nineteen hundred, at four o'clock. 300 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. At Home after June twenty-third, 118 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, N. J.

"MUSIC, SPHERE DESCENDED MAID."

Miss Cora Wallace has been engaged as alto at Tryon Street Baptist church, while Miss Cleve Stephens is at the organ. Sunday next closes Miss Leinbach's engagement at the Second Presbyterian church for the summer. She returns to the choir in the fall. During the summer, Mrs. F. P. Smith will be the soprano. Mrs. Smith will return to New York in the fall to continue her studies. She is to make oratorio and concert work a specialty.

M. DE GALLIFET TO RESIGN.

PARIS, May 29.—It is generally believed that Minister of War Gallifet will insist on resigning as a consequence of yesterday's incident in the Chamber of Deputies. Although minister is credited with the intention of replacing him as soon as possible, and it is said Gallifet's resignation and the appointment of his successor will be announced simultaneously.

Mrs. Jno. D. Shaw and Miss Esdale Shaw.

Mrs. Jno. D. Shaw and Miss Esdale Shaw, Miss Mamie Steele, of Rockingham, are in the city to-day. Misses Shaw and Steele are visiting Mrs. T. C. Guthrie.

GRADUATES OF 1900

Commencement Exercises Last Night and To-Day at the Presbyterian College.

EVENING WITH GRADUATES.

The College Chapel Filled Last Night to Overflowing—Presentation of Bibles and Diplomas to Graduates—Address by Dr. Stagg.

Pink and green, the colors of the Presbyterian College, were beautifully in evidence in the college chapel last night, on the occasion of the commencement exercises, class of 1900. This hall, which has witnessed the graduation of hundreds of bright women, was filled to overflowing last night. The sentiment that makes the sweet girl graduate interesting is as old as knowledge itself, and worthy of its niche of honor. The class of 1900 and their Junior, Soph and Fresh sisters occupied seats on either side of the rostrum. The graduates wore the conventional orange and white ribbons, and were pleasing and attractive types of sweet simplicity. The programme for the evening was as follows: Opening march, Misses Foil and Beattie; Prayer, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D.; Presentation of Bibles, Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D.; Weber-Freischutz Overture, Misses Jessie Henderson, Clara Boyd, Rebekah Chambers, Hattie Orr, Fannie Stricker (Organ). Presentation of Diplomas, Rev. G. W. Belk. Class: Misses Mary E. Barnett, Mary Graham, Jessie B. Henderson, Effie L. Kirkpatrick, (Music.) Kate Newell, (Music). Mendelssohn—"In His Hands are all the Corners of the Earth." (Vocal Duet.) Misses Alexander and Tate. Presentation of Music Certificates, Rev. Frank Siler, Misses Jessie Henderson, Lucile N. Hoffman, Mary Law, Fannie Stricker. Kowalski—"Saluta a Pesth. (Duo.) Misses Hoffman and Henderson. Address by Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D. Denza—"Our Voice," Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman. Benediction, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D.

In his address, which was characteristically bright and full of gray matter, Dr. Stagg dwelt on the subjective side of truth. He emphasized the importance of knowing and understanding self; of encouraging mental development; of striving for the truth and having attained thereto; to preserve the cap-stone of the monument of character is purity of mind. The musical selections were interpreted with classical taste and finish. In voice and finger the pupils gave evidence of careful and skillful training. Prof. McCoy and Miss Linebach could but feel a high degree of satisfaction at the excellent result of their musical labors.

HONOR ROLL.

President Bridges read the honor roll of 1899-1900. Bible Class: Junior Bible—Average 95 and over—Marion Craig, Margaret McClintock, Rebekah Chambers, Kathleen Rankin, Clara Colton. Average 90 and above: Estelle Vernon, Carrie Beall, Glendy Martin, Myrtle Wolfe, Norman Alexander. Sophomore Bible Class—99 and above—Sadie Grier, Ursula Blankenship, Loula Williams, Kate Newell, Irene Johnston, Mamie Brumfield, 98 and above: Beth McClintock, Louise Oates, Leona Edwards, Beulah Wallace, Cynthia Kirkpatrick, Manira Hoon, Rob Miller. 95 and above: Daisy Wallace. 90 and above: Sarah Reed, Clara Boyd, Madge Sadler. Freshman Bible Class, average 99—Pearl Mills, Manira Hoon, Ella Booker, Onie Lee Rodman, Ross Johnston, Lucile Reiley. Average 97 and above: Bessie Scott, Nellie Norwood, Martha Burwell, Janie Houghton, Fannie Horsley, Alice Houghton. Sub-Fresh Bible—90 and above—Sallie Graham, Abner Nash, Kate Walters. Preparatory Bible Class—97 and above—Mary Williams, Helen Bridges, 90 and above—Arla Howerton. Latin—Senior Class—97 and above—Jessie Henderson, Mamie Barnette, Mary Graham. Sophomore Class—96 and above—Leona Edwards, 90 and above: Lula Blankenship. Beginners' Class—97—Violet Holland. Science Classes—Physics—95 and above—Maggie Belk McClintock. Botany—Ursula Blankenship, Pearl Mills, Manira Hoon. Geology—Mamie Barnett (100), Louise Oates, Beth McClintock, Beulah Wallace, Leona Edwards, Daisy Pearce. Zoology—Louise Oates, Beth McClintock, Beulah Wallace, Leona Edwards, Pearl Mills, Loula Williams. Physical Geography—Beatrice Bulla, 100, 98 and above: Mary Ragan, Sallie Graham, Abner Nash. Psychology—90 and above—Clara Colton, Ursula Blankenship, Maggie Belle McClintock. Logic and Ethics—Above 95—Jessie Henderson, Mary Graham, Mary Barnett. Mathematics—Trigonometry—97 and

(CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE.)