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ULTIMATUM RUMOR.

Reported That the Czar Will Command England to Make Peace. Confidence in Roberts Rises. Presents for Prisoners.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Czar and Czarina started last evening for Moscow. Extraordinarily persistent rumors are current in Moscow that on Russian Easter Sunday the Czar will issue a manifesto containing an ultimatum to Great Britain demanding that she conclude peace with the Boers forthwith under threat of occupying Cabul and Herat if Great Britain fails to comply. This report is connected by some persons with the fact that no reservists are at present allowed to take unlimited leave, but probably the orders to the reservists are connected with the projected summer manoeuvres in the central provinces in which 200,000 troops will participate, and at which Emperor William is expected to be present.

Confidence in Roberts Rises.
London, April 14.—The reassuring reports from Bloemfontein published in this morning's papers have done much to restore confidence in London. All the correspondents seem agreed that Lord Roberts knows what he is about. The critics of the afternoon papers eagerly speculate on the possibilities of the Boer commands at Wepener being cut off. This seems quite possible, as the force from Bloemfontein is advancing by way of Dewetsdorp, Gen. Chermiside's force moving towards the Third division by way of Reddersburg, and Gen. Brabant's force is moving from Aliwal North by way of Rouxville and Bushman Kop, while across the border a strong force of Basutos are closely watching events. In the meanwhile, Gen. Ruddle's division is concentrating at Springfontein, Lord Methuen's force is trying to get to Hoopstad and it is believed that Gen. Hunter's division will strengthen the British left at Fourteen Streams.

The weakening of Gen. Buller's force by the withdrawal of the Union and Irish brigades now under Gen. Hunter, is attributed to the fact that the general commanding in Natal has decided that the forcing of his troops is impracticable and that he will merely attempt to maintain the status quo until Lord Roberts' main advance opens his road through Laings Nek. Beyond the mysterious Cape Town hint regarding the early expectation of good news about Mafeking, there is no further information at hand in connection with that beleaguered town, which must be in great straits.

Presents for Prisoners.
Pretoria, April 13.—United States Consul Adelbert S. Hay has received six and one half tons of presents for British military prisoners, mostly from England and the Cape, comprising luxuries, groceries, cigars, cigarettes and beds for the hospitals. They have been admitted duty free to the Transvaal, and every facility afforded which has greatly gratified Mr. Hay. He recently visited the prisoners at Waterval and says that he found everything as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Good Friday was observed as a holiday throughout the republic.

Prisoners Off for St. Helena.
Cape Town, April 14.—The transport Lake Erie, with upwards of 500 Transvaal prisoners, including French, German and Russian members of the foreign legation captured at Hoshof, sailed for St. Helena today.

Cronje at St. Helena.
St. Helena, April 14.—Gen. Cronje, his wife and three of his staff of the former Boer commando, who with other Boer prisoners, who arrived here on the Niobe and Wilkie, April 10th, were landed today, accompanied by Col. Reef. They were met by the governor and commander-in-chief at St. Helena, Robert Sterndale and Mrs. Sterndale, at the castle, where the party remained for an hour, afterwards proceeding to the Kent building. Gen. Cronje looks well and appears cheerful. The other Boer prisoners will disembark Monday.

Lord Rosslyn Captured.
London, April 15.—A dispatch from Bloemfontein dated April 15, says: "A patrol of Royal Irish, with whom was Lord Rosslyn has been sent to Kroonstad."
Leemokop, southeast of Bloemfontein, April 15.—The Boer command which is still in the southern district, and which,

it was feared, had been cut off, has rendered a good account of itself with the Basutoland police who had invaded the Orange Free State. Four British scouts who were captured, say that Bloemfontein is hard pressed for water. They add that all the private wells were guarded and civilians were not permitted to use them until the troops were supplied.

If Pretoria Is Captured.
London, April 15.—It appears from every indication that the Boers are preparing in the event of Pretoria being captured to make a last stand along a line reaching from Leydenberg. A traveller recently arrived at Bloemfontein says that the Boers are energetically working to persuade the Swazis that the British cause is lost and are seeking to ingratiate themselves, hoping to secure a footing in Swaziland peacefully, or to seize hold of the country if necessary.

EASTER SERVICES YESTERDAY
Services Appropriate to the Occasion Held in the Methodist, Christian and Episcopal Churches.
The churches of Kinston, with the exception of the Baptist and Presbyterian, observed Easter with decorations and appropriate services. The Presbyterian pastor was not in Kinston.

METHODIST CHURCH.
At the Methodist church the decorations were elaborate and beautiful, reflecting great credit upon the ladies in charge. The singing was notably sweet and harmonious. The voluntary was an Easter anthem: "Shout the Glad Tiding," the solo part of which was sung by Miss Irma Williams in strains as lovely and sweet as has probably ever been sung in a Kinston church. The offertory "Unto thee, Oh, Lord," was also very beautiful.

At evening services the new Easter anthem "My Redeemer Liveth," was rendered by the same excellent choir. Rev. D. H. Tuttle preached strong and forceful sermons appropriate to the occasion at both morning and evening services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
The Christian church was very nicely and appropriately decorated by the ladies for the occasion. At the morning services, the pastor, Rev. W. G. Johnston, preached a very able sermon, his subject being "The Glory of the Resurrection." The Christian choir is always a good one, but the two anthems sung yesterday were especially complimented.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
The Episcopalians could not observe Easter as elaborately this year as has previously been their custom, owing to their church having been burned. The ladies very prettily decorated the grand jury room at the court house and what was lacking in not having a beautiful church was made up by the two eloquent and strong sermons delivered by the rector, J. H. Griffith. The subject of the morning service was "Christ Our Passover, Is Sacrificed for Us, Therefore Let Us Keep the Feast." The subject of the evening service was "The Historical Side of Easter." Children's services were held in the afternoon and the amount of \$20 was presented as their offering for Easter. Besides this amount \$30 has been raised by the children since the beginning of Lent toward the building of the new church.

Welcome to the Fair!
Sunday's Newbern Journal. Tomorrow will usher in the first day of the Thirteenth Annual Newbern Fair. The promise for this fair is that it will be up to everything credited to it, in the way of exhibits, races, entertainments and social features. The record of Newbern as a Fair city is not local, is not confined even to North Carolina, for its Annual Fair is recognized as a superior one, and its several departments are always attractive to visitors, even to those who visit the great fairs of northern cities. As usual during Fair Week, Newbern throws open her doors to the coming guests, and not only welcomes, but entertains. Throughout the week, there will be recreation and pleasure for every one, with plenty to choose from in the way of amusements. The promise is for not only a good fair, but good weather in which to enjoy it, and after the chilling months just past, the change of temperature will prove most agreeable to Newbern's thousands of visitors. In the name of the Fair Association and the citizens of Newbern, the Journal bids all welcome to the Thirteenth Annual Fair!

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

At Raleigh Saturday Lehigh beat A. & M. College playing ball, 6 to 5.

At Greensboro Saturday the University beat Oak Ridge playing ball, 6 to 4.

The Sanford Express says that 200 or 300 employes at Hope Mills are sick with the grip.

The University students have petitioned President Alderman not to resign to go to Louisiana.

Senator Pettigrew is to be the star performer at the Populist State convention at Raleigh on Wednesday. He is to make the address.

The senate committee on public buildings and grounds has authorized a favorable report on the bill for a new public building at Durham to cost \$60,000.

Greensboro Female College commencement exercises take place May 29 and 30. Rev. James Atkins, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the annual sermon.

Miss Lalla Ruth, the daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will be married to Mr. William Foley Patton, of Pennsylvania, on the 25th of this month.

Judge Simonton sends to Standing Master Shepherd his decision as to the matter of the production of the books of private corporations in the railway tax assessment case. The judge says the books must be produced.

Secretary Mebane has published a program of the Teachers' Assembly, to be held at Morehead June 12th to 17th, inclusive. Many prominent educators will talk on subjects of interest and benefit to the cause of education.

The Populists of Mecklenburg county met in Charlotte Saturday, 35 persons taking part. The convention took a decided stand against local fusion with the Republican party and refused to commit itself on the question of fusion as a State issue.

The Craven county Populist convention was held in Newbern Saturday. The only business done was to elect all the delegates present (only 16) as delegates to the State convention. A prominent politician of Newbern offered to wager \$50 that not more than twenty-five white men in Craven county would vote against the amendment. He found no takers.

No less than twenty-two new cotton mills, with a subscribed capital of \$2,565,000, have been chartered by this State from January 1, 1900, to date. They are located as follows: Winston-Salem, Graham, King's Mountain (2), Fayetteville, Lexington (2), Gastonia (2), Enfield, Henderson (2), Lowell, Smithfield, Spray, Troy, Hickory, Cherryville, Oxford, Charlotte, and Sanford.

The State Journal, a Republican paper, edited by J. M. Allen at Raleigh, appeared last week as an advocate of the franchise amendment. Its editor says "the question is not asked in eastern North Carolina 'Are you a Democrat or Republican?' but 'Are you a white man or a negro?' Many of the white people do not know what Democratic or Republican principles are, and do not care to know so long as present conditions exist."

The State has chartered the Montauk Water and Electric Power Co. The capital stock is \$100,000 and leave is given to increase it to \$250,000. The stockholders are M. W. Ransom, E. B. Barbee, W. H. Day, W. C. Riddick, J. P. Leach, W. L. Powell and Whitt A. Johnson. The company proposes to dam the Roanoke river between Gaston and Eaton's Ferry, and on the south side of that stream between these points to establish factories, using water-power; also to build the mountain electric lines of power to Littleton or other points in Halifax and Warren counties.

Washington Messenger-Intelligencer: A gentleman from Parmele called to tell us that Lane Hodges, accompanied by his wife and child, and Nannie Perry, passed through Parmele Tuesday bound for Salt Lake City to make it their future home. From further inquiry we learn that Hodges is a citizen of Old Ford, this county, has been a zealous advocate of Mormonism, and that he owned a small farm, which he abandoned before leaving, and Miss Perry is the daughter of Cornelius Perry, the brave Confederate soldier and color bearer of Gen. Grimes' regiment; the old soldier is nearly heart-broken.

Good printing at low prices. The Free Press furnishes it.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH.

First Services Held There Yesterday. It Will Cost About \$16,000. Short Description of This Handsome Edifice.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard yesterday held the first services in the new Baptist church.

The formal dedicatory sermon will not be preached until the church is cleared of all indebtedness.

The services yesterday were very appropriate to the occasion, Mr. Blanchard choosing his text from the chapter of the bible telling of David starting and Solomon finishing a temple for the Lord.

The church only lacks now, for completion, carpeting, putting in of one memorial window and some pulpit furniture.

Next June will be three years since work was first commenced on the present handsome edifice. When first started it was intended that the building should cost about \$8,000. It has cost \$15,000, and when entirely completed the total cost will amount to nearly \$16,000. This sum of money was probably expended to as much advantage toward getting an ideal auditorium as could possibly have been done. There are other churches in the State costing more money, but this is probably as handsome a church as there is in the State, and its arrangement is such as to make it probably superior to any auditorium in the State.

The inside dimensions of the church are: Length 74 feet, width 48 feet, pitch 30 feet. The length of the church runs north and south. The pulpit platform, baptistry, and alcove for choir and organ is on the side of the building. The seats are arranged in a circle so as to put every one of the congregation at the same radius to the pulpit platform. The seats and their arrangement have received the commendation of every one. They are perfect both in their arrangement and comfortableness.

When it comes to the floor this is the most distinct improvement over the floors of most other auditoriums. No one in the congregation has to crane their neck to see the speaker. The floor is bowl shaped, a gradual slant from the back and the sides towards the pulpit.

The church has 19 windows, seven of them memorial windows, as follows: Large window in south end in memory of Pinckney Hardee, given by Mrs. Emily Hardee Kennedy; a window in west side given by B. Y. P. U.; two windows in same side given by the Baptist Sunday school; on same side of church a window in memory of Jas. M. Wooten, a deacon in the Baptist church for 40 years, given principally by deacons in the church at the present time; a window in east side of the building to the memory of Jesse Jackson, given by his children; a window in same side of building will be put in to the memory of Roberts Hardee Hodges, by Mrs. S. E. Hardee.

All the windows are beautiful and the large one in the south end is probably as handsome, if not the handsomest in the State.

The church is lighted by three large chandeliers, the middle one containing 25 electric lights. This was generously given by Mr. Kleber Denmark. The two other chandeliers contain nineteen electric lights each. There is also a light in each of the two tower entrances.

There are three entrances, two entrances in the south end and an entrance in the northwest corner of the church. There are also two dressing rooms, each having an entrance. One of these rooms will be fitted up for a study for the pastor. The expense of slating the building was borne by Mr. W. L. Kennedy.

The church is heated by hot air process. It has a seating capacity of 700, being at least a third larger than any other church in Kinston.

The building of this magnificent structure will ever be a glowing monument to the members of the Baptist church at this place, and especially to the indefatigable efforts of the present pastor, Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

Kentucky Governorship Contest.
Louisville, Ky., April 14.—Attorneys Lewis McQuown and Helm Bruce, representing respectively Governors Beekham and Taylor, left Louisville for Washington today and on Monday in the supreme court of the United States they will file the record in the suit for the Kentucky governorship. At the same time, the attorneys will make a motion to advance the case on the docket and will urge the court to take up the case and decide it as quickly as possible. The suit will be argued before the supreme court by Messrs. McQuown and Ex-Chief Justice William S. Fryor, for the Democrats, and by Helm Bruce and Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley for the Republicans.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans in Oregon have fused on a State ticket and in favor of Bryan.

It was officially announced at Sydney, N. S. W., Friday that 111 cases and 38 deaths had occurred there from bubonic plague.

The Paris exposition was formally opened Saturday, but it will be a month before anything much except buildings is to be seen.

The officers and sailors of the British warship Powerful, were "Hobsonized" by the English women on their return from South Africa.

At Savannah, Ga., three little negro children were burned to death in their home Saturday. Their mother had gone off and left them alone.

A war department statement shows much smaller comparative loss by our troops in the Spanish war than of the British in the South African war.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. will, on July 1st, begin operating the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern road which will add 921 miles to its trackage.

The house committee on militia has decided to fix at \$1,000,000 the amount allowed annually to the militia of the several states in place of the \$400,000 now allowed.

United States Senator Daniel, in an interview, authorizes a positive denial of the statement that he opposes the proposition to call a constitutional convention in Virginia.

Referring to the use of his name in connection with the presidential nomination, Secretary Long is understood to have informed a number of his friends that if the nomination were tendered him he would accept it.

The house on Friday, by a vote of 240 to 15, adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Fourteen Republicans and one Democrat voted against it.

At Richmond, Va., Friday, Richard McCarthy, a clever electrician and noted as a singer, was found drowned in the dock. He is supposed to have walked overboard while half asleep, an officer having found him near by and in that condition a short time before his body was discovered.

Senator Morgan carried the Alabama primaries by an overwhelming majority for re-election to the U. S. senate. He carried Gov. Johnson's home county by a vote of 3 to 1. He will have perhaps one hundred of the 120 votes in the Democratic legislative caucus. It is said indications are that Alabama will send a delegation to the national convention opposed to Bryan and the Chicago platform.

The navy department has signed a contract with the Holland Submarine Torpedo Boat company for the addition of some of their boats to the navy. By the terms of the contract the government pays \$150,000 for the Holland. It also agrees to pay \$175,000 each for any boats of the Holland type it may purchase hereafter, provided that the boats shall be similar in dimensions to the new Holland, which will be larger than the old one.

At Wheeling, W. Va., Friday, by the explosion of two boilers in the furnace of the Riverside plant of the National Tube company, the boilers were hurled 150 feet in the air, three buildings and boilers in the steel works and water-works were destroyed and 15 men injured, including R. K. Satterfield, who was terribly scalded. The damage will exceed \$25,000, and if the metal in the blast furnace chills an additional loss of \$100,000. Three thousand men are thrown out of work for ten days.

Question Answered.
Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliaryness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration, of Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. For sale by Temple-Marston Drug Co.