

## THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

### A SERIES OF ENGLISH VICTORIES AT HEAVY LOSS.

**A Horrible Crime and a Horrible Punishment in Tennessee—Burned a Mother and Four Children and is Burned at the Stake.**

The progress of the war in South Africa during the past week has witnessed a series of victories for the British, but they were tolerably well paid for in the lives of their soldiers, and particularly in the lives of their officers, who led their forces in the most daring manner and made good targets for the accurate Boer marksmen. The result so far has doubtless been disappointing to the Boers, who have been much buoyed by the recollection of Majuba Hill, where there was such a great slaughter of English soldiers, though the Boers largely outnumbered them and had great advantage in position. So far they haven't found another Majuba Hill, though the English force in South Africa at present is only one-third as large as the Boer force. This rude awakening is doubtless responsible for the unconfirmed report that President Kruger, who has himself led his troops in some of the engagements, was ready to make unconditional surrender. While he has by this time probably arrived at the conclusion that this is the inevitable result, since he is receiving no assistance in his fight, and since the English have already shown him that they are superior soldiers to his burghers, it is incredible that he has thought of making such a surrender at this time. He needn't be in any hurry. It will be a month before the English re-inforcement, headed by General Buller, arrives on the field, and until his arrival General White, now in command, has orders to fight only on the defensive. And while Kruger doubtless sees the inevitable by this time, he will hardly surrender before a more signal defeat than has yet been met, or than is likely to be administered by the present English force.

There has been much news sent out from the seat of war that is unreliable. The following is an unconfirmed story: London, Oct. 20.—The Daily News' Cape Town correspondent says: "It is rumored here that news has reached Deaux Junction that the Boers attacked. The defenders, seeing the enemy retreating, pursued them for some distance. Then a feint was made, and they commenced to retire on the town, allowing themselves to be driven in by the Boers, who, eager to retrieve their positions again advanced to the attack and were drawn over Lydita mines, laid for the defence of the town. It is reported that 1,500 Boers were killed by the explosion."

Memphis, Tenn., October 20.—A special to the Scimitar, from Canton, Miss says: "The little town of St. Anne, twenty miles east of Canton, in Lake county, was last night the scene of a tragedy—a sequel to the burning of the Gambrel family the night before. Joe Leflore, a negro who was captured by a posse, confessed that he in company with other negroes, had tied Mrs. Gambrel and her four children to the floor of the house, saturated the surroundings with kerosene and burned them alive. The negro after a confession of the crime, was promptly roped to a stake and burned to a crisp while the citizens looked on in silence. "Another negro, Bob Smith, was saved in the nick of time, as there was doubt as to his guilt. "The Gambrel tragedy occurred Thursday morning and it was first thought that the fire was the result of an accident. A casual investigation was made and it was soon established beyond doubt that the family had been murdered and the house fired. "Poses were immediately formed to scour the country and follow-

ed every possible clue. Before the posses left St. Anne it was discovered that Joe Leflore, a negro who lived in the neighborhood and had heretofore borne a good reputation, had disappeared. Early last evening Leflore was captured several miles from the scene of the murder. "At first the murderer denied any knowledge of the affair, but he finally broke down and confessed that he and Bob and Andrew Smith, two other negroes, were guilty. He hoped for no mercy and told with a brutal frankness all the details of the crime. In the yard where the Gambrel residence had stood Leflore was tied to a stake and burned alive. No one sent a merciful bullet into his body to kill him. Andrew Smith escaped from the mob while Leflore was being burned and his not been captured. Bob Smith was tied to another stake and a fire started, though he was finally released as there was a possibility of his proving his innocence. "Andrew Smith will be recaptured and if it is proven that he and his brother Bob are guilty, it thought no power can save them from a similar fate meted out to Leflore."

**A Dream of John Wesley's.** John Wesley once, in a crisis of the night found himself, as he thought, at the gates of hell. He knocked and asked who was within "Are there any Protestants here?" he asked. "Yes," was the answer "a great many." "Any Roman Catholics?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Church of England men?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Presbyterians?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Wesleyans?" "Yes, a great many."

Disappointed and discouraged, especially at the last reply, he traced his steps upwards, and found himself at the gates of Paradise, and he repeated the same questions "Any Wesleyans here?" "No." "Any Presbyterians?" "No." "Any Church of England men?" "No." "Any Roman Catholics?" "No." "Who have you, then here?" he asked in astonishment. "We know nothing here," was the reply, "of any of the names of which you have mention. The only names of which we know anything here is "Christians." "We are all Christians here, and of those we have a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and peoples, and tongues."

**Compensation.** Thou horseless things! thou modern toy! That worketh by a lever. Created since I was a boy. I'll love thee never! never! Unwieldy, meaningless thou art, Antithesis of beauty! A coarse machine, without a heart, But fit for a base-born duty. Yet stay, My lady love inside, No reins—do they endeavor. Get, up! Among side street now glide, —While I hug on forever! —Life, to an Automobile.

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## HAPPENINGS IN N. CAROLINA

### AN EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE IN EAST DURHAM.

**Will of Late A. F. Page—Young White Man Hanged at Newton—Smash-Up on the N. & W.**

**\$8,000 Fire in East Durham.** Durham, N. C., Oct. 23.—Special.—East Durham was visited a big fire at an early hour this morning and about \$8,000 worth of property went up in smoke. Mr. S. J. Gooch, one of the firemen, was struck by a piece of falling timber, and knocked from a second-story window. He was severely injured, but it is thought now, will recover.

The fire originated in rear of R. J. Brown's store, and was discovered at 4:45 o'clock this morning. R. A. Crabtree, who roomed in his brother's drug store, and B. F. Abernethy in the Thomas & Campbell branch, barely escaped with their lives. When Mr. Crabtree awoke fire was falling on his bed from the ceiling. He carried nothing out but his clothing he pulled off last night, and lost \$15 he had in the room.

It is the general opinion that the store of Mr. Brown was robbed and then fired to cover the crime. The fact that Mr. Brown was known to have money in the store gives color to this theory.

**Will of Late A. F. Page.** The will of the late A. Frank Page was admitted to probate yesterday.

To his grandchildren, of whom there are eighteen in number, Mr. Page made a bequest of \$5,000, which is to be divided among them as they become of age.

The deceased made a liberal donation to the Methodist Orphanage. The Academy of music is given to the trustees of the Orphanage, which is to be held in trust, and one-half of the net rents and profits are to be shared by Mrs. Lula B. Page, the widow of the deceased, during her lifetime.

The remainder of the estate is willed to Mrs. Lula B. Page.

The estate of the late Mr. Page is valued at \$60,000 by the executors, who are Mrs. Lula B. Page, Mr. Joseph G. Brown and Mr. R. T. Gray. Mr. Page made provision for his children during the last few years of his life. To them he gave his valuable railroad vast lumber interests and other property. While he held his property intact, Mr. Page's estate was valued at more than \$200,000.—Raleigh Post.

### Young White Man Hanged at Newton.

Avery Kale, a 19-year-old white man was hanged at Newton last Thursday for the murder of George Navis. It was a deliberate premeditated murder. Kale made his escape and had enlisted in the army and was at Jacksonville Fla. when his whereabouts became known and he was brought back tried and convicted. The jury joined in a request to the Governor to commute the sentence to life imprisonment, as did a good many citizens; as many more, however, asked that the law take its course. He was twice respited, but the Governor finally allowed the sentence to be executed.

Winston, N. C., Oct. 20.—(Special.) Brakeman Campbell, of Luray, Va., and two negro tramps were beating their way, were killed last evening by a wreck of the southbound freight train near Stoneville, on the Winston-Salem division of the Norfolk and Western road. It was the worst wreck that has ever occurred on this division.

It is charged that the engineer was running ahead of schedule time. One of the brakes fell and cars run together, piling eighteen of them in a heap. The engineer and firemen jumped from engine. Both were badly shaken up, but their injuries are not serious. Conductor Snow remained on the engine and was not hurt. He succeeded in stopping it.

## Hon. F. M. Simmons Worthy and Commendable.

(Wilmington Messenger.) Hon. F. M. Simmons, the efficient chairman of the Democratic State Committee, published a letter in the Asheville Citizen relative to the State Senate. He would like to be chosen to succeed Marion Butler, but believes that the chief duty of North Carolinians in this crisis is first to pass the amendment, to the success of which he will give his best energies of mind and body. This declaration of purpose is commendable and worthy of emulation. We give his own words:

"But there is now pending before the people a question which over-shadows the question of who shall fill this office, or any office, and all offices, upon which depends in a very large degree, future prosperity of the State, and until that question is settled, there should be no dividing or distracting scramble over this office. To the success of this great and beneficent measure I shall devote all of such time as I can spare from what is to me the necessary work of making a living, and leave the people to make their own selection of a Senator and in such manner as they may think wise and proper."

The Messenger does not engage in the business of nominating, but it may say that Mr. Simmons is a man of ability, and unwavering Democrat, and merits well at the hands of the party.

On Wednesday of last week the dead body of Dock Ingram, col., of Lilesville township, was found in Pee Dee river. Ingram had been missed a week and his body was found by persons who were searching for him. It is supposed, that he fell out of a boat in which he was crossing the river and drowned. There is no suspicion of foul play.—Messenger and Intelligencer.

While Will H. Opper and Riley Pierson were removing timbers from the new cotton mill at Avalon, both were struck by an upright piece of timber, which killed Opper at once and fatally wounded Pierson.

A ray of sunshine in a dungeon cell is more appreciated by the lonely prisoner than the world of sunshine to the man outside who is free to come and go. The time to show your charity and good will towards man is when he is struggling against adversity. When everything seems hopeless and there are many to condemn and few to speak a good word in his behalf, when misfortunes pile up in his life thick and fast until his very existence is one great struggle against overpowering calamities is the time to speak a kindly word and lend a helping hand. No words of yours can make a man happier who is making money, with whom nothing is going wrong and everything is bright. A man can take care of himself then. It is when he is down that he most needs help and then it is that ninety nine times out of a hundred he gets the "cold shoulder" and the "stony stare."—Monroe Enquirer.

"I wish to express my thanks to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, for having put on the market such a wonderful medicine," says W. W. Massingill, of Beaumont, Texas. There are many thousands of mothers whose children have been saved from attacks of dysentery and cholera infantum who must also feel thankful. It is for sale by S. Biggs.

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## The Veteran's Story.

(For the Children's Column.)

A few years ago while at the house of an uncle of mine on a visit, I often observed a white headed old man working around the farm. He worked silently and seldom spoke. He was nearly seventy years old, but he worked as hard as any hand on the farm. One morning I started to a spring not very far from the house. The crops had been laid by and the wheat gathered into the barns. As I approached the spring I saw the old man sitting down on a log, his chin resting on his hand, and seemingly lost in thought. I sat down near him and somehow we began talking about the war. I asked him if he had ever killed a man in the war that he knew of. He said, "Yes, I will tell you about it. One day just before the Battle of the Clouds, the sharpshooters of the two armies were firing at each other right and left. I was behind a big rock lying pretty flat, but as the fire became hotter and hotter, I sat up to see better. The minute I did, there was a 'bang!' and a minie ball whizzed by my ear. I saw the smoke come from behind the corner of a rail fence, and I flattened out behind that rock like a pancake and shot at the place I saw the smoke come from. Then I put my cap on the end of my gun and raised it a little above the rock and when I took it down there was a bullet hole in it. Then I knew I wanted to show just as little of my head above the rock as I could if I didn't want my brains scattered all over it. We shot at each other considerably without either one doing any damage. Once as I started to shoot at the Yankee, he shot first and scattered rock dust all in my eyes. Well, that made me mad and when I saw a bit of blue between the rails, I took good aim and fired. No more shots came from behind the rail fence and I was pretty sure I had hit him. So I got up and walked over to the fence and looked over. I saw a sad sight. It comes before me often in my dreams. It was a handsome young boy, lying on his back, his white face and half closed eyes looking up into the sky, and his blood dying the ground. He must have been squatting down and have fallen backwards when I hit him. I felt like a murderer and I'll never forget that sight as long as I live. Always after that when I was about to shoot at a Yankee I would think of that boy and I would shoot over his head. I often think of his poor mother and her grief when she learned that her boy was dead. I was thinking of that poor young fellow that I killed when you came up. God grant that the time may never come again when a man has to kill his countrymen in battle." And the old man seemed lost in thought again.

CHS. P. RUSSELL.

## Fine For Smoking In Street.

At one time if you smoked on the streets of Harrisburg after dark it cost you \$1. Back in 1829, when Samuel Pool was president of the town council and J. Montgomery was clerk, it was deemed dangerous to permit people to smoke on the streets after dark, and the council passed this ordinance: "Whereas, the frequent use of cigars in the streets, lanes and alleys of the borough in the evening renders insecure every man's house and stable, and much danger is to be apprehended from fire, therefore be it ordained, etc., that after the due promulgation of this ordinance it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to use or carry along any of the streets, lanes or alleys in this borough a lighted cigar or pipe after sundown under a penalty of \$1 for every such offense."—Harrisburg Telegraph.

## Cows With Earrings.

A cow is the last creature one would expect to see with earrings, yet every cow in Belgium has got to wear them now. The director general of agriculture has issued a regulation that all animals of the bovine species are to wear earrings as soon as they have attained the age of 8 months. This is a hygienic measure, intended to prevent the introduction into Belgium of animals suffering from tuberculosis.

Breeders are to be obliged to keep an exact account of all animals raised by them, and the ring (on which is engraved a number) is fastened in the animal's ear for the purpose of preventing or helping to prevent the substitution of one animal for another.

## General Grant's Characteristics.

He was possessed of a moral and physical courage which was equal to every emergency in which he was placed. He was calm amid excitement, patient under trials, sure in judgment, clear in foresight, never depressed by reverses or unduly elated by success. He was fruitful in expedients and had a facility of resource and a faculty of adapting the means at hand to the accomplishment of an end which never failed him. He possessed an intuitive knowledge of topography, which prevented him from ever becoming confused as to locality or direction in conducting even the most complicated movements in the field. His singular self reliance enabled him at critical junctures to decide instantly questions of vital moment without dangerous delay in seeking advice from others and to assume the gravest responsibilities without asking any one to share them.

His habits of life were simple, and he enjoyed a physical constitution which enabled him to endure every form of fatigue and privation incident to military service in the field. His soldiers always knew that he was ready to rough it with them and share their hardships on the march. He wore no better clothes than they, and often ate no better food. There was nothing in his manner to suggest that there was any gulf between him and the men who were winning his victories. He never tired of giving unstinted praise to his subordinates. He was at all times loyal to them. His fidelity produced a reciprocal effect and is one of the chief reasons why they became so loyally attached to him. He was never betrayed by success into boasting of his triumphs. He never underrated himself in a battle; he never overrated himself in a report.—General Horace Porter in Century.

## Archaeology and the Bible.

Oriental archaeology affords us a test and a measure for Old Testament history; it is not a substitute for it. There are large portions of Old Testament history which can only be illustrated by archaeological research not covered by it—portions which from the necessity of the case do not admit of monumental confirmation. The scenes of home life in the history of the patriarchs, for example, can never be the subject of an inscription. All the archaeologists can do is to illustrate them from the life of other orientals and to show that they contain nothing which is inconsistent with either history or geography. So, again, the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert are not likely to be recorded on the monuments of the past, but it can be shown that these wanderings are the necessary interlude between the exodus from Egypt and the conquest of Canaan and that for both the latter events there is sufficient archaeological testimony. Archaeology is the handmaid of the Bible, not its substitute.—Professor Sayre in Homiletic Review.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay County, Va. struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought about a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by S. Biggs.

## A Wife Says:

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