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## PEACE DELEGATES ADVISE SURRENDER

### Defeat of the Boers at Vaal May End the War.

## ARE STILL MOVING NORTH

### Buller Reports the Enemy's Retreat. Treachery is Alleged—Boers Flying White Flag Attack British Foragers. Battle Reported From Mafeking.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, May 16.—A Portuguese official dispatch says an encounter has occurred at Mafeking and that the Boers have been repulsed with heavy losses.

LONDON, May 16.—The most important developments today is the statement cabled from Cape Town announcing that the Boer delegates had advised the Transvaalers to surrender if defeated at the Vaal. This remarkable announcement is vouchered for on good authority and evidently obtains more credence in Cape Town than would a mere rumor.

The occupation of Glencoe was merely a logical result of General Buller's advance. As usual the Boers are reported to be flying precipitately, but also as usual the accounts add that their transport trains were removed in safety, which is a contradiction of any statement that the Boers were panic-stricken. Nothing further has been heard from Mafeking and it is reasonable to suppose that the conditions there are unchanged. The prolongation of the siege only intensifies Great Britain's anxiety to hear of its relief.

## Boers Resort to Treachery.

LONDON, May 16.—The war office has posted the following from Lord Roberts: "Two officers and six men of Prince Alexis guards, while out on a few miles from Kroonstadt, visited a farm flying a white flag, the owner of which surrendered himself with arms and ammunition. They then approached another farm also flying a white flag, when within 40 yards the enclosure they were fired upon by 15 or 16 Boers concealed behind the farm wall. Two of the men were killed, Lieutenant F. B. Walton was wounded and Lieutenant W. B. Deverton and two non-commissioned officers were taken prisoners."

## Buller Occupies Glencoe.

LONDON, May 16.—The war office has posted the following from General Buller: "We have occupied Glencoe. The Transvaalers have now evacuated Biggarsburg. The Free States on the Drakensberg are much reduced in numbers. The Carolina Lydenburg and Pretoria commands, tricked north from Hatikulo on May 13 and 14 with 11 guns. The last train with ambulance left there at dawn May 15."

## ALABAMA COAL IN DEMAND.

### Several Companies to Be Formed—New Fields to Be Opened.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 16.—There is a very heavy demand on the coal mines in this district. The reports from Cincinnati, Louisville and other points that coal families are likely to result if the rivers go down and prevent the shipments to large towns of coal from Pennsylvania do not give much encouragement to the operators in Alabama, for the latter have as much business as they can handle.

New companies are being organized and other preparations being made to keep or increase the production. Miners are in demand at several of the collieries in this state. Other companies are to be organized shortly.

## CAT CAUSES SERIOUS FIRE.

### Upsets Lamp in the Residence of R. E. L. Miller.

ATLANTA, May 16.—A cat turned a lampover in a second story bed chamber of R. E. L. Miller's residence, 64 East Ellis street, with the result that the upper portion of the house was badly damaged by fire and the adjoining residence of W. R. Lipscomb on the left and that of Mrs. William Benson on the right to the operators in Alabama, for the latter have as much business as they can handle.

## Two Days' Crime Record.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 16.—Following is a record of two days' crime in this community: Leonard Whitten, a negro hack driver, was assassinated by a negro passenger. Rash Zeigler, a Montgomery negro, was killed at Tallapoosa. Bob Dickson of Lowndesboro shot and killed a negro. A white man named Colles was knocked in the head on Commerce street and is in a critical condition. The citizen of Sandy Ridge was knocked in the head and robbed of money and valuables.

## Talbotton Road in New Hands.

TALBOTTON, Ga., May 16.—The Talbotton railroad has changed hands again. Edgar T. Smith, temporary receiver, retiring and W. T. Dennis of this place taking charge of the road as superintendent and general manager, succeeded Captain F. S. Thornton, former superintendent before the receiver was appointed.

## Native Christians Massacred.

TREN TSN, China, May 16.—More "Boxer" outrages are reported 60 miles north of Tien Tsin, where a number of native Christians have been massacred. The British admiral has arrived here and proceeded to Peking.

## TOWN HAS BEEN LOCATED.

### Laying of Cornerstone Attended With Appropriate Ceremonies.

CHEKAW, S. C., May 15.—The laying of the cornerstone of the new town of McBoe, on the Seaboard Air Line, 28 miles from here, was attended with appropriate ceremonies and was witnessed by a large crowd.

This is to be the site of the new southern resort. It is the center of 40,000 acres of pine land bought by the syndicate when the building of the road was first determined upon. A town is to be immediately laid out, sanitariums built, lots sold, cottages and stores built. The location is 480 feet above the sea level, and it is predicted by some it will have within a year or two a population of 6,000.

## INDIAN VETERANS ORGANIZE

### Soo-Noo-Ku Camp Organized by Colonel J. M. Ray.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 15.—Colonel James M. Ray of Asheville has organized a band of Cherokee Indians into a camp of Confederate veterans composed of men who served in Colonel Thomas' legion. The organization was effected on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the surrender of these Indians, as they were among the last confederates to lay down their arms. The officers of the camp are: Soo-Ato-Owl, commander; James Elythe, adjutant; Rev. John Jackson, chaplain; James Reg, color bearer.

The camp is given the name of "Soo-Noo-Ku" and will attend the Louisville reunion.

## AN EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX.

### It is Sweeping Over Southern Portion of Burke.

MORGANTON, N. C., May 15.—A terrible scourge of smallpox is sweeping the Hunting creek section of the southern portion of Burke county. In a scope of country there about 8 miles long and 3 miles wide there have been about 50 cases. The disease is among the white families of that community. Nothing so far has been done to check it. Vaccination has been offered, but the people refuse to take it. Physicians are endeavoring to ease alive on their bodies and in their clothes go abroad and scatter it. The state institutions here are in danger.

## J. F. Curry Suicides.

SHELBY, N. C., May 15.—J. F. Curry of this place, after sending his children from his house, shot himself through the head. The first shot failed to produce instant death, and the children, hearing the report, ran into the room as the father was trying to fire another bullet into his brain. The pistol was taken from him and a physician summoned, but Curry died in a few hours. The cause of the suicide is believed to be ill health and despondency over the death of his wife, who died about a year ago.

## Charleston's Exposition.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Elliott bill, providing for a government building and exhibit at the Charleston exposition, now pending before the house committee on appropriations, is modeled after the Buffalo exposition bill, which passed some time ago, and after similar acts of congress. In some respects the bill may be amended by the committee, but these will be purely formal amendments touching the government exhibit. The present indications are that the bill will be approved by the committee.

## To Prevent a Lynching.

RALEIGH, May 15.—Tom Smith, a negro, has been brought here from Goldsboro and jailed for the third time to prevent lynching. He is charged with murder in Johnston county. He was first brought here directly after arrest, was tried there and convicted, appealed, was given a new trial, was brought here again, moved the trial to Wayne county, was again convicted and again appealed. The appeal is now pending in the supreme court.

## May Remove to Atlanta.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15.—The board of directors of the Presbyterian theological seminary spent a considerable time last night in discussing the proposition of removal to Atlanta. There have been 27 young men attending the seminary this year, nine in the graduating class, six in the middle, 11 in the junior class and one post graduate. The seminary has an endowment of \$300,000, which yields an income of \$19,000.

## An Old Deed Found.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 14.—James Collins, an aged citizen of this county, while rummaging among some old papers a few days ago, discovered a land grant, from Colonial Governor Pinckney to Thomas Church, for a tract of land near Charleston church, which land has been owned by the Collins and their descendants since the date of this deed, 1768. Thomas Collins was the great grandfather of James Collins.

## Rhodes Cut His Own Throat.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 14.—William Rhodes, aged about 36 years, living near Godwin, was found on the premises in the rear of his house with a fatal wound in the side of his neck. Rhodes' young wife had been seriously ill for some time, and this domestic trouble had so overwhelmed him with gloom and despondency that he fired of life.

## For Branch Soldiers' Homes.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—A large delegation from Charleston, S. C., appeared today before the house committee on military affairs in behalf of the project to establish a branch soldiers' home at Charleston harbor, or near Castle Pinckney, and within sight of Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and other historic monuments of that locality.

## Desperate Convict Killed.

RALEIGH, May 13.—George Horn, a desperate negro federal convict, sent to the penitentiary here from Charlotte, was killed by Warden Green, on whom he was advancing with a club. He was shot in the leg and an artery was severed. He was brought to the hospital here, where death resulted.

## AN OBJECT LESSON OF THE CONVENTION

### Product of Industrial Schools and Textile Exhibits.

## GOODS FOR THE FAR EAST

### An Interesting Comparison is Made of American and English Made Cloth. Progress of the Negro in Evidence by Normal School Exhibit.

CHATTANOOGA, May 16.—The Southern Industrial convention in a body, accompanied by a large delegation of Chattanooga citizens, devoted the forenoon to an inspection of the industries located in this city.

General Joseph Wheeler has arrived. He will deliver an address on "The South and Its Relations to the Trade of the Philippines and the Orient." The great object lesson of the convention is the exhibit in the auditorium, where the seasons are held, of products of industrial schools and the textile exhibits by the Philadelphia Commercial museum.

One of the best exhibits is made by the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Normal, Ala., an institution for negroes, which is sustained, partially, by government appropriation. In this college are now about 600 students from 30 different states and several from Africa, of both sexes. In its 25 years of existence the college has graduated 584 students from its mechanical department and 890 from the literary.

The President of the college, Professor W. H. Council, will address the convention on a phase of the race problem. The delegates were deeply impressed with the progress shown among the negro students along this industrial and other lines.

The Philadelphia museum has a large exhibit of textile, such as the southern manufacturers can produce in competition with other countries. Dr. Wilson, in charge of the exhibit, says that the goods will appear before the convention and explain their plan of gaining and disseminating information to those wanting to branch out into foreign markets. Among the articles displayed are several miles made in England for the Chinese trade, dress goods made in Turkey, English made goods for the Turkish market, samples of goods made in America and offered in the Smyrna market, has refused an account of inferior to the products of the southern textile mills and a piece of cloth, in which the American manufacturer has not profitably engaged.

Hon. James A. Wilson, secretary of Agriculture, addressed the convention on "The Agricultural Interests of the South."

## WIPED OUT BY YELLOW FEVER

### All But Three Members of an Opera Company Dead.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 16.—One of the most disastrous accidents that ever befell an opera company was the almost complete destruction by yellow fever of an Italian opera company which gave performances recently in the city of Manoria, Amazonas, and other cities on the Central Brazil.

Signor Alovini was first taken with the fever. Shortly after his death the leading prima donna, who was a well-developed symptoms of the fever, which frightened her into hysterics. In a paroxysm she bit her tongue through and bled to death.

Twelve members of the company were taken with the fever and died, the only survivors. Those who escaped took their departure from the country for Genoa.

## CLAIM AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15.—Governor McWeniger has received a letter from United States Comptroller Trassell, demanding the payment of the claim against the state of South Carolina for ordinance stores, clothing, camp and garrison equipage taken by force by Colonel Cunningham, Seventeenth South Carolina militia, Dec. 30, 1860, noting under the order of Governor Pickens, nearly \$840,479.89. The claim grows out of the war of secession.

To Defeat the Catawba.

ROCK HILL, S. C., May 14.—At a meeting held here the Catawba Power company was organized, with W. G. Wylie of New York president. The company is capitalized at \$100,000, and will put in one or two years, returning to Carolina, of \$840,479.89. The claim grows out of the war of secession.

## NEGRO MILL OPERATIVE.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., May 14.—Another knitting mill has been projected by Andrews & Conghenor and J. E. Bowers. This mill will work negro operatives entirely. Andrews & Bowers have been north and purchased machinery, and will place it as soon as the building can be erected.

## Peculiar Accident.

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 14.—W. T. Bruce is the victim of a peculiar accident. He had a pistol in the seat of his buggy and in getting out the pistol fell, striking the edge of the buggy and firing. The ball entered the right thigh, coming out 3 inches above the point of entrance.

## Port Royal Naval Station.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Tillman secured the adoption by the committee on naval affairs of an amendment to the naval bill contemplating the removal of the naval station now at Port Royal to a point at or near Charleston.

## Held For Abduction.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 13.—Wolfer Blake, who eloped and married the 13-year-old daughter of J. S. Bridges of the Spartan mills, has been committed to jail by Magistrate Kirby in default of \$600 bond, charged with abduction.

## Through to Durham.

DURHAM, N. C., May 11.—Through train service has been inaugurated by the Seaboard Air Line between Petersburg, Va., and this place.



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## COTTON MEN IN SESSION.

### Resolutions Passed Advocating Construction of Nicaraguan Canal.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 15.—The Southern Cotton Spinners' convention met at noon and heard an address by D. A. Tompkins, which was the chief feature of the day.

The following resolutions, introduced by Mr. Tompkins, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Southern Cotton Spinners' association recommend to congress the enacting of legislation carrying such compensation as will stimulate the development of American shipping interest under the American flag to an extent necessary to handle American commerce on the high seas in time of peace, and which will provide at the same time such transport and auxiliary services as may be needed in time of war; whereas, it appears that one of the principal difficulties lying in the construction of the Nicaraguan canal, and subject to such other treaties as may be desirable to secure the neutrality of the canal in time of war, and to free it as a commercial facility from all necessities of war, that the government should be sole owner and reserve the right to fortify the canal in the event of any violation of those neutralizing treaties.

Resolved, That this association hereby express itself in favor of the construction of a canal under the provisions of the Hay-Panama treaty and subject to such other treaties as may be desirable to secure the neutrality of the canal in time of war, and to free it as a commercial facility from all necessities of war, that the government should be sole owner and reserve the right to fortify the canal in the event of any violation of those neutralizing treaties.

Resolved, That we approve the action of the house of representatives in the passage of the Nicaraguan canal bill and recommend speedy action on the part of the senate.

Resolved, That in view of the growing material interest which the south has in the extension of trade with other eastern Asiatic countries for the purpose of the further developments of American trade in those lands.

The association met this afternoon at Lincoln, where the members inspected a new mill recently established there to spin fine yarns, returning in time for the banquet, which was given the association by the Manufacturers' club.

## LIVINGSTON FAVORS BILL.

### He Advocates Government Building at the Charleston Exposition.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Colonel Livingston has come out in the committee on appropriations as the champion of their proposed South Carolina Interstate and West Indian expedition, against Chairman Cannon, who had served notice upon the Carolinians that he would oppose the proposition for a government building and exhibit. Colonel Livingston favors a government building at the exposition, while the other members of the committee seem to hold to the same views, and there is every reason to believe the appropriation will be made.

The bill asks for an appropriation of \$200,000, the expenditure to be used to raise another \$200,000. The showing made by the visiting delegation was an excellent one.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Boers Will Resist Further Advance of the British.

LONDON, May 15.—The war office has furnished tardy confirmation of General Buller's movement on the Biggarsburg in a dispatch from General Buller at Kemp's Farm as follows:

"In accordance with instructions to keep the enemy occupied at Biggarsburg on May 11, I concentrated the Third cavalry brigade of the Second division and some corps of artillery at Sunday's river drift on the Helpmaak road and directed Colonel Bethuen to advance on Greytown with the Bethuen mounted infantry, the Umvoti mounted rifles and the Imperial Light Infantry. On May 12 we moved to Waschbank and Bethuen, with General Hildyard from Blandalsagte, occupied Indoga mountain.

"On May 13 I sent General Hamilton with three companies of the 3rd Cavalry Brigade to occupy a hill on each side of the main road and Bethuen attacked by the Pomeroy road from three sides. The enemy hurriedly abandoned the position and retreated to the west of the Helpmaak, whence we hope to dislodge them, as many of them have retired. We have gained the summit of the Berg and the enemy has been severely wounded. I am advancing on Beth and Hildyard moves on Wesel's Nek.

"Our small loss, I think, was certainly due to the excellent troop leading of General Hildyard and Lord Donaldson and Colonel Bethuen.

A second dispatch says:

"The enemy evacuated Helpmaak Nek during the night, leaving a rear guard of about 1,000 men in front of us. These we have forced back throughout the day under considerable difficulties, as they fired all the grass on top of the berg as they retreated, and the wind blew unfavorable to us, we were scarcely able to see all. Only a few men were wounded. I am advancing on Beth and Hildyard moves on Wesel's Nek.

"We have taken a few prisoners. Our casualties are small."

A third dispatch says:

"Donaldson reported late last night he had driven the rear guard on to the main body of the enemy, near Buralanden, where they occupied in force a strong position with three powerful guns, which we took with the composite regiment, maneuvered to the right around their left flank and they retired. Donaldson then halted. He was 25 miles as the crow flies from his previous position, and had covered nearly 40 miles during the day in a waterless country, most of the time being through smoke. From prisoners I learn that the enemy numbered over 2,000 at Helpmaak, and being joined by those who left Van Janders they must total nearly 3,000 men.

"Hildyard reports the occupation of Wasel's Nek and repairing the line."

Judging from the above dispatches the British advance is little more than an arduous march. The Boers who were active at first later appear to have shown the same readiness to retreat which they exhibited in the movements of the federals in the Free State.

Apparently the burghers are about to evacuate Natal and concentrate for the defense of Laing's Nek, northward, and Van Renssen's pass, westward.

The recognition of Dundee by the British places the coal supplies there in their hands. There is little news of a definite character. Interest for the moment is almost entirely centered in Mafeking, where the wife of the mayor has received a cablegram setting forth that all was well on May 4.

The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller at Dundee:

"We have occupied Dundee. About 2,500 of the enemy have left for Glencoe, where they are entrenched. Their wagons left by DeJagers drift and the Dannhauser road. Their Kaffirs said they were going to the Nek. Almost every house in Dundee is completely looted. The machinery of the Dundee collieries is destroyed. The houses of the town are damaged, but are structurally intact."

News from Mafeking is expected speedily. The war office is reported to have expressed the opinion that news of raising the siege of that place may be expected by Wednesday.

Steyn's Brother Surrenders.

BRANDSBURG, May 15.—General Ruddle has completely checkmated the attempt of the Boers to come south again and the enemy is retreating before a persistent advance of the British. Many have been captured or are surrendering, among them President Steyn's brother, The Ladybrand district is clear of Boers. They have evacuated Mowat's Nek and are now near Linsley.

What remains of the Free State force could be easily dispersed if General Hildyard's division were sent from Natal over the mountains to Harrismit, but Ruddle's division, with cavalry, seems entirely competent to deal with it without assistance.

Refugees From Mafeking.

PLEMBERS' CAMP, May 15.—Twelve hundred and eighty refugees from Mafeking have reached here. Patrols who have returned from the northern borders of the Free State report no signs of Boers. The Boers regularly patrol the neighborhood of Mafeking, but do not seem disposed to be aggressive.

Boers Lost 25 Men.

MAFEEKING, May 15.—The Boers Saturday opened fire on the Kaffir location at Mafeking. They were in turn attacked during the night of Saturday and on Sunday found themselves surrounded. The Boers lost seven killed and 18 wounded. The British loss is reported to have been heavy.

Concentrating at the Vaal.

KROONSTADT, May 15.—It is reported that the whole of the Boer forces are concentrating on the Vaal, drawing from Breda and south-western borders. It is complained that not more than 2,000 Free States will fight on the Vaal.

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Kitchen cloths must of course be washed daily, otherwise they harbor germs and become unwholesome. They should be made of bleached-cotton, in a square of suitable size. When you wash them, if you will add a tablespoonful of

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## FOR JERICHO'S HONOR

### HOW 'LISH BILLINGS UPHELD HIS TOWN'S GOOD NAME.

Old Squar' Henshaw Thought He Had an Easy Time, but Pluck and Strategy Proved a Little Too Much For Him.

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Fur a year or more old Squar' Henshaw of Goose Creek had bin comin over to Jericho once a week to make trouble. He was known as the greatest checker player in four counties, and men had come a hundred miles to play with him and been downed. That's whar he hurt our feelin's. He'd trap into the postoffice in a keersless way and talk about the weather and butter and eggs, and bimeby, jest as he 'pear'd to be goin home, he'd pull up and say:

"Oh, by the way, mebbe this town of Jericho has got a critter who knows a checkerboard from a corn sheller."

We had a few checker players, but none of 'em dared tackle the squar', and the way he bragged and blowed and trod us into the dust was painful to bear. One day he bore on harder than usual. After his usual bluff he turned to the crowd and says:

"Mebbe thar's one man in Jericho with one drop of patriot's blood in his body—one man and one drop. Mebbe that man would hev fit ag'in tyrant if he'd been livin in 1776. Mebbe that man, bein as he was'n alive in 1776, but is now, is willin to pour out that one drop of blood fur the honor of this town. If thar be sich a critter here, let him speak up!"

We all knowed that he meant checkers, and thar was an awful silence fur a minit or two. Then 'Lish Billings keersfully picks a cobweb off his hat and softly says:

"Squar' Henshaw, I'm that critter. I've got that blood, and I'm willin to shed her fur Jericho as ag'in Goose Creek."

"You don't mean it?" gasps the squar'.

"I do."

"And you'll play me a game of checkers?"

"I will."

The squar' spected to win that game in half an hour. He kept gruntin and gurglin, like a hog scratchin his back on a barbed wire fence, but bimeby that balm look went off his face.

'Lish was holdin him right to it and not even breathin hard. Thar was a bet of a bushel of turnips ag'in a bag of carrots as to who would git the best king, and long about noon, when 'Lish got it, sich cheers went up from the Jericho side that the water in some of the town wells riz a foot higher than was ever known before. Deacon Spooner couldn't be held. He went out doors and waved his cane with one hand and his hat with the other and sobbed:

"It's a pint in favor of Jericho!"

The game had skassy more than begun up to noon. The squar' then made up his mind that he had a job on hand, and when play was resumed after dinner he kept talkin to 'Lish in a keersless way to confuse his mind. He asked him about that Alaskan boundary dispute, the Darwin theory, the surrender of Burgoyne and heaps of other things, but 'Lish jest sits there with his tongue out a tittle farther and never lets on to bear a word. At 6 o'clock at night he was one king ahead, and as they stopped the game fur supper the town of Jericho was wild with enthusiasm. When they begun ag'in, Squar' Henshaw started up that grunt:

"I would be glad to oblige you, Brown, but we are not in shape for it."

—Chicago Tribune.

## THE FIRST BABY.

### Its Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event of married life. The young wife who is to become a mother delights to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle upon her breast and lazily she shall hear it hiss the sweet and holy name, "mother." But her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An indescribable fear of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon dissipates her joyfulness.

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