

State Library

The Wilson News.

VOLUME XXIX.

WILSON, N. C., DECEMBER 14, 1899.

NUMBER 49

BOERS CHECK THE BRITISH

Two Days of The Fiercest Fighting—
British Loss Heavy.

BOERS Poured AN INCESSANT HAIL OF LEAD

Twelve Thousand Boers In Battle Array—A
Cabinet Crisis Reported In Cape
Colony.

London, Dec. 13.—After two days of the fiercest fighting Gen. Methuen's advance has ended, the Boers checking the British advance just beyond Modder river. The rifle fire was so hot that the British melted away before the deadly hail. The loss of the British is cabled as very heavy, probably the heaviest that Gen. Methuen has so far suffered. The contest began Sunday morning when the British artillery aided the naval guns in furiously cannonading the Boer position at Magerfontein Kopje. The fight lasted all day, and the Boers replied with spirit.

On Monday the battle was promptly resumed. The Boers slackened fire during the morning, and at noon Gen. Methuen ordered a charge up the hills. The men rushed up, covered by artillery. The Boers were not driven from their position, but clung to their position doggedly. As the British swung up the hill the protecting fire ceased. Then opened such a deadly rifle fire that the men could not stand it. An unseen foe fired from the trenches in front and on both flanks. The lines wavered, but, spurred on by the officers, dashed forward and again halted. The trenches poured an incessant hail of lead, and this time the advance was checked for good. The troops broke and fled, leaving the Boers masters of the field.

Twelve Thousand Boers.

London, December 13.—An official Bulletin from Gen. Methuen says his attack on the Boers Monday failed to dislodge them from their strong position. The contest ended at dark, and extended over a front of six miles. The Boers number twelve thousand. The British loss is heavy but they hold their own.

Major Gen. Wanhope is among those killed in the recent fighting.

Captured Forty-One British.

Pretoria, December 12.—In the battle with Gen. Methuen at Modder River today forty-one British prisoners were captured.

Gen. Buller's Advance.

London, December 13.—General Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems actually to have begun. Military attaches have left Cape Town to join Buller via Durban.

Cape Colony Intrigues.

London, December 13.—There are reports of a Cabinet crisis in Cape Town, where it is said Milner is about to act in consequence of disclosures involving the loyalty of ministers.

Governor General Wood.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Official announcement will be made shortly of the selection of General Wood as military governor of Cuba to succeed Brooke, who will return to the United States.

THE SCHOOL MUDDLE.

Superintendent Mebane Explains Matters—The
State of Affairs.

State Superintendent of Education Mebane has received from the Attorney General a ruling as to the condition of county school boards. Regarding it he says:

"According to this ruling it becomes my duty to recognize the old boards in every county where said boards request recognition and desire to act, and in all cases where the old boards do not care to resume the duties of the county school board, the boards appointed by the Legislature will be regarded as the legal board of school directors as heretofore.

"All the acts of the new boards as de facto officers in accordance with the general school law are valid.

As to County Superintendents: The Attorney-General says: "Superintendents elected by the new board, in those counties where the old board retired under your advice, are the legal ones.

"The township trustees and their official duties are not affected in any way by the decision of the Supreme Court.

"The district committees and their contracts with teachers are not touched by this decision.

"Certificates issued in accordance with the general school law by the county superintendent who was elected by the de facto board of directors are good for one year from the date of their issue.

"In short, the school system will be carried on as it now is, except as to questions that may arise relative to the rights of certain individual officers, which can only be determined when all the facts in the case are known.

In Goes Taylor.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 13.—The inauguration of Taylor as governor took place yesterday. The inaugural parade marched through the principal streets of the capital and large crowds were everywhere assembled.

Notice of contest was served this morning on all Republicans elected to State offices other than governor and lieutenant governor. Taylor was sworn in as governor by Chief Justice Hazleberg at the state house.

It is not yet known that Goebel will contest Taylor's seat before the General Assembly.

EX-GOV. HOLT'S WIDOW DEAD.

Passed Away Sunday—Remains Laid to Rest in
Graham.

Graham, N. C., December 13.—Mrs Louise Holt, widow of the late ex-Governor Thomas M. Holt, died very suddenly Sunday morning at her home near Haw River.

The deceased was aged 63 years and is survived by one son and three daughters. The interment was made in the Graham cemetery Monday afternoon.

Jim Crow Rooms.

New Bern, Dec. 13.—The separate car law is being used by the management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to the waiting-rooms at the station. A big hand points to one door with the legend, "For White People," another sign points to a room saying: "For Colored People."

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Session Closed Monday Night Some
Great Sermons.

WHERE THE PREACHERS WILL GO NEXT YEAR

The Assignments Read By Bishop Hendrix—
Close Rev. J. B. Hurley Comes Back
To Wilson.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 12.—The Sabbath session of the North Carolina Conference was the most glowing in the history of the organization. The largest crowd of people ever in Washington was attracted to the city on this occasion, and all were greatly gratified with the spiritual blessings from the eminent divines.

From the text, "The Personality of Christ," Bishop Hendrix discoursed a magnificent sermon, teeming with beautiful and spiritual phraseology. At the close of his impressive service Bishop Hendrix ordained the following class of deacons:

J H McCracken, B E Stanfield, J C Humble, J M Benson, N C Yearby, J H Garris, S E Mercer, Charles W Ray, G B Starling.

Seven ministers have gone to their Heavenly reward since the last conference, and memoirs on the following were read:

Jesse A Cunningham, Nathan A. Hooker, Thomas B Reeks, Robert P Troy, L J Holden, Peter L Herman, John T Abernethy.

On a motion by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates a memoir of W. H. Branson, who was scalded to death at New Bern, was ordered to be prepared, and published in the Conference Journal.

Rev. John C. Kilgo, D. D., President of Trinity College, conducted the evening service and delivered a sermon of great eloquence.

At the close of the sermon Bishop Hendrix, with the assistance of Revs W H Moore and R A Willis ordained the following Elders: H A Humble, Y E Wright, R L Davis, D B Parker, Rufus Bradley, E W Fox.

A resolution discouraging the use of tobacco was offered by "Father Batts," and passed by a unanimous vote. Committees on various topics reported, and many subjects of interest were disposed of. The closing session of this grand conference convened at 7 o'clock Monday night. At its close the Bishop arose and made appropriate closing remarks. He hoped that every preacher would go cheerfully to the work assigned him and try to do the best year's work of his life. He then read the appoints.

The Assignments.

The assignments of presiding elders was listened to with interest. The presiding elders are:

Raleigh District,	J T Gibbs,
Durham	E A Yates,
Fayetteville	B R Hall,
Rockingham	W H Moore,
Wilmington	R F Bumpass,
New Bern	W S Rone,
Elizabeth City	R A Willis,
Warrenton	J E Underwood,
Washington	F A Bishop.

The assignment of pastors to the Washington District, in which is Wilson, is as follows:

Washington Station, L L Nash.
Washington Circuit, Y E Wright.
Aurora, W Y Everton.
Swan Quarter, G D Moses.

Mattamuskeet, J G Johnson.
Fairfield Station, J M Terrell.
Greenville Station, N M Watson.
Ayden Circuit, A D Betts.
Grimesland and Vanceboro, R A Bruton.

Bethel and Jamesville, J E Bristowe.

Tarboro Station, H B Anderson.
Conetoe Circuit, R R Grant.

South Edgecombe, C L Reed.
Rocky Mount Station, R J Moorman.

South Rocky Mount and Marvin Chapel Supply—Nashville Circuit, H A Humble.

Springhope, L H Joyner.
Wilson Station, J B Hurley.
Fremont Circuit, F B McCall.

Portsmouth and Ocracoke, B H Black.

It will be seen that Rev B R. Hall leaves this district and goes to Fayetteville District, being succeeded by Rev F A Bishop. Edenton Street, Raleigh, has G. F. Smith assigned, while G T Adams goes to the Central Methodist, T N Ivey continues in charge of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. W C Norman goes to Trinity Church, Durham, with A B Tyer at Main street and D N Cabiness at Carr Creek and Branson.

Kinston, D H Tuttle; Edenton, R H Willis; Battleboro and Whitakers, E E Rose. J C Wooten is transferred to the Pacific Conference; F D Swindell is in Goldsboro; N M Journey is still the agent of the Craven Memorial Fund; W L Cunningham goes to Fayetteville, N H D Wilson is at Chapel Hill; Wilmington has J N Cole at Grace St., J J Porter at Baden St., J H Hall at Fifth St and J W Potter at Market St. R B John goes to Centenary, New Bern.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN KILLED.

A Freight Wreck on the Pennsylvania—The
Cause.

New York, December 12.—The rear car of a west bound freight on the Pennsylvania railroad jumped the track near Monmouth Junction and blocked the east bound track. The east bound freight crashed into the wreck, and the engine was badly damaged. Cars were piled up and engineer Steigher, and fireman Hencker were killed. The road was blocked for several hours. A third freight ran into the wreckage and was smashed up. Brakeman Zogbaum was mortally injured.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

Examination of Witnesses Begins—Talking
About Currency.

Washington, December 13.—After a short secret session of the house special committee the doors opened and Roberts was informed that his demurrer as to the jurisdiction of the committee was overruled. The examination of witnesses by Schroeder, of Utah began. C. M. Owen swore to the polygamous wives of Roberts.

In the house the debate on the currency bill was continued.

When Holiday Comes.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It is practically decided that the holiday recess of congress will be from December twenty-first to January third. No formal action has yet been taken.

Senator Morgan will try for an early vote on his resolutions checking trusts.

HIS BODY GUARD DESTROYED

But Aguinaldo is in the Mountains—
Spanish Released.

NO ORGANIZED REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES

But Robber Bands Infest the Islands—A Number of Spanish Friars
Are Released.

Manila, December 13.—Major March, of the thirty-third volunteers reports to Gen. Young that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's body guard in action.

Gen. Gregoria del Pilar was killed and Gen. Concepcion captured.

Major March liberated 575 Spanish prisoners including a hundred and fifty Friars. The American loss is two killed and nine wounded.

Lepanto province is clear of rebels. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains without a command.

Only Robber Bands.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Gen. Otis in reporting the state of affairs in the Philippines says that troops are now pursuing scattered bands of robbers in various sections and meet with little resistance, that there is no concentrated force of any importance. He also says that organized rebellion no longer exists. Aguinaldo has not yet been caught up with.

MEETS IN RALEIGH.

Next Democratic State Convention—On the
11th of April.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Greensboro wanted the next meeting of the Democratic State Convention and made a hard fight for it, but Raleigh won by a vote of 24 to 17.

The State Executive Committee were in session last night and determined to hold the State convention on April 11, 1900 in this city.

In discussing the matter of campaign literature chairman Simmons disavowed the idea of establishing a campaign "organ" and paid a glowing tribute to the newspaper men of the State. He declared that the great victory of last year was more largely due to their patriotic and laborious work than to any other cause. He was authorized to open the campaign on such lines as he deemed best.

Several resolutions were then offered providing for a primary election for United States Senator. After much discussion the following was adopted as a substitute for all other resolutions:

"Resolved, That the question for selection of a candidate for United States Senator be referred to the people in the call for the next State Democratic Convention for such action as that convention may deem best."

The following resolution was also adopted:

"Resolved, That the committee recommend to the various Congressional committees of the State that the various Congressional conventions be not called until after the August election."

This completed the business for which the committee was called together and it adjourned.

A wood trust among the dealers who supply Greenville is causing dissatisfaction with the consumers.