

## GREAT BATTLE NOW

### RAGING AT LADYSMITH

## Klidam Surrenders to the Boers and Kimberly is Surrounded

### British Silence Boer Batteries at Ladysmith Only for them to Break Forth When British Firing Ceases--If Boers Have Destroyed Bridge at Celenso White is Cut Off.

Cape Town, Nov. 2.—A big battle is raging around Ladysmith. The struggle is close to the town, and is working a terrible slaughter among the Boers. Part of their forces are retreating before the British who are cutting them into pieces. The principal Boer position on the mountains, overlooking the town, is being stormed. It was shelled by a naval brigade from the battleship Powerful, doing great execution. This attack, following the artillery fire, compelled the enemy to retreat with great slaughter.

The Boers destroyed the railroad bridge at Celenso, cutting off escape. BOERS BREAK OUT ANEW. New York, Nov. 2.—Journal Special from Ladysmith.—The Boers have unmasked new batteries, which were easily silenced, only to break out again, whenever the British fire slackens. It is thought that the bombardment, which was not serious, was designed simply to distract attention while the Boers were being moved to the rear of the town. The naval brigade now has four long range guns mounted.

WHITES RETREAT POSSIBLY CUT OFF. London, Nov. 2.—If the Boers destroy the bridge at Celenso, General White cannot retreat south, and reinforcements cannot be rushed to him over the Tugela, as it is now broad and swollen. An additional contingent of land troops, it is understood, with a force of Blue-jackets, were guarding the bridge, and the news of a sharp engagement there will not be surprising.

ALL THE BOERS. Paris, Nov. 2.—A society for the aid of the Boers has been started at Rochefort, Brumont and others are interested. Three hundred volunteers are already enrolled.

TO CUT COMMUNICATION. London, Nov. 2.—A despatch from Ladysmith dated Tuesday says that the Boers are marching south and southeast, their object being to cut the railway near Celenso and cut communication between Pietermaritzburg and Durban. This movement was foreseen, and arrangements have been made for defence of the line. Fears that telegraphic communication with Ladysmith are already cut off are unfounded. The War Office heard from General White this morning, via Cape Town, but the contents of despatch are unknown.

BRITISH LOSS. London, Nov. 2.—The War Office

received a despatch from Ladysmith this morning which reported that General White was well and holding his position. Another despatch from Ladysmith says that twenty British are dead and one hundred wounded were counted at the scene of Monday's disaster while 500 prisoners were sent to Pretoria.

BOERS SURROUND KIMBERLEY. London, Nov. 2.—A despatch from Durban yesterday says: According to Burgler-herp advices three thousand Boers collected at Beulie bridge. These forces are probably under command of Duroit. A despatch from Kiplana, dated October 29, says a small Boer force compelled the surrender of the town. Mr. Farnsworth escaped from Hope Town and reports six thousand Boers have surrounded Kimberly, and communication with that place is difficult and dangerous. Troops and people are hoping for relief. The discipline of the Boers is indifferent, but they are well mounted.

ROBEY LOSES HEAVY. London, Nov. 2.—An official telegram on the condition of the wounded at Kimberly says that the British commander there learned from various sources that the Boer losses in the late sortie of British troops at Kimberly was very heavy.

TAKEN POMEROY. Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 2.—It is reported that the Boers occupying parts of the Zulu land. They have taken Pomeroxy, fifty miles from Greytown.

HEAVY CHAS. Cape Town, Nov. 2.—Frustrating advices from the northern frontier state that the Boers are bringing heavy guns across Drakenberg mountains to join in the bombardment of Ladysmith.

MILITARY DEPOT. Cape Town, Nov. 2.—The immense military depot is forming at Celenso and vast stores and provisions sent there four thousand miles. Hurry orders to General Buller are reported. General Buller's intention is to throw twelve thousand men into Orange Free State at this point within a fortnight, provided that General White holds his position at Ladysmith.

BOMBARDMENT PROCEEDS. London, Nov. 2.—A despatch from General White at nine twenty this morning announces that Lieutenant Egerton, H. M. S. Powerful, was wounded with a piece of shell in the right foot. This proves that the bombardment at Ladysmith is proceeding.

heart, is the widow of General Hazen and one of the most charming hostesses and the cleverest woman in Washington. She is very beautiful, about 50 years of age. She looks as young as the average woman does at 30 or 35. She and her mother live in the home originally built by Rose Shephard. It is one of the handsomest houses in Washington.

LOVED BEFORE THEY MET. Sly Cupid Did His Work by Mail Across the Continent. Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 31.—The romance of a matrimonial agency had its happy culmination here tonight when at the home of Henry Miller, his daughter, Miss Amanda C. Miller, became the bride of Horace P. Robinson, who came all the way from Vancouver, B. C., to claim her. Rev. J. Ellis Bell, of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few guests.

About a year ago, through the matrimonial bureau, Miss Miller and her future husband began a correspondence. They exchanged photographs, and the impression created on each side was such that they became the most ardent of long-distance lovers. The engagement followed speedily, and then, when the blushing bride-elect had written across the continent naming the day, Robinson sent on money for the purchase of her trousseau.

Sickness came near marring their plans. Miss Miller by a spell of fever lost all her hair, but the generous groom-expectant remitted enough funds to buy a wig, rather than have the wedding postponed.

Last Friday night Mr. Robinson arrived from his far away home on Puget Sound and next day he and his affianced first saw each other and ratified the vows made by mail. Great interest in the affair has been manifested in town where the bride has lived all her 30 years.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. A new storm has appeared in the south, central over Montgomery, Ala. Threatening with rain prevails in the Mississippi valley and snowing at St. Louis. The first type of real winter appears on the map this morning. The high area and cold wave in the west have moved southward, with freezing temperatures as far south as upper Texas. The lowest temperatures reported were 6 degrees above zero at North Platte and 12 degrees at Huron.

Plenty of Bananas at Dughi's.

STAMPER ASHORE. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 2.—The steamer Comet went ashore at Whale's head. The passengers and crew are safe. The vessel may prove a total loss.

COTTON. New York, Nov. 2.—Cotton bids: Nov. 14; Dec. 17; Feb. 22; Jan. 21.

VENERABLE LAUNCHED. Chatham, Nov. 2.—The battleship Venable, 14,700 tons, was successfully launched today.

RECITAL POSTPONED. The violin recital, which was to have been given at St. Mary's tomorrow night, has been postponed until Thursday, the 9th instant.

REMARKABLE PROPHECY. A Prediction Made Three Hundred Years Ago Being Fulfilled

Editor of Times-Visitor: In reading an old book number of Putnam's Monthly Magazine, published in 1855, we find an allusion to a strange prophecy, published in the Almanac Propheetique printed in Paris in 1698, by Abram Sawarin, nearly 300 years ago. The prediction made was: "That the United States would separate from England—the mother country. That the 'new sea' or civilization would rise in political power and physical development unequalled by any power on the earth. That after a time the mother and son would become completely reconciled and enter into an alliance that would cause their sovereignty to extend over all other nations. That after the world's subjugation, peace, plenty, commerce and industry will flourish throughout the earth. That a new era will come on the earth which these powerful nations will not only govern, but actually possess the entire globe. That justice is eternal. Civilization can only arise from the destruction of barbarism. That barbarism and idolatrous worship will forever disappear before the united 'Governer and Son.' That they will together establish Christianity over the whole face of the earth."

This prediction at so early a date, part of which having come to pass, is to say the least unanswerable. This looks like what is called "man-of-4-string." Those who are watching the movements of nations at the present time, can easily see that the remaining portion of this strange forecast will reach its final consummation sometime in the cycles yet ahead. How soon as one can tell. This is an age of wonderful and rapid changes. An age of surprises, transitions, evolution, combinations and unexpected fulfillments.

E. C. P.

MR. CHAS GATTIS TO WED. The following invitation has been received:

"Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Mitchell request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Anna Isabel to Mr. Charles Hawkins Gattis, on Wednesday, November 15th, 1899, at noon, 717th Street and Brewster Avenue, Philadelphia.

"At home after December 1st, Raleigh, N. C."

Mr. Gattis is one of Raleigh's most energetic and successful young men and holds a splendid position in the city ticket office of the Seaboard Air Line. The bride-elect possesses remarkable beauty and is greatly beloved in Raleigh. She has frequently visited her sister, Mrs. D. S. Hamilton, in this city.

## WHEN CENTURY BEGINS

Turners N. C. Almanac Will Answer the Question.

The question as to when the Twentieth Century begins is being much discussed, and, with permission, this paper gives below two items from the old reliable Turner's North Carolina Almanac which will settle the question in the minds of all North Carolinians:

WHY IS NOT 1900 A LEAP YEAR? When the change was made from "old style" to "new style," by dropping eleven days out of the year, it was known that the exact length of the year was not 365 1/4 days, but 365 days, five hours, forty-eight minutes and fifty seconds, and this difference of eleven minutes, ten seconds, was sought to be equalized by declaring that the years ending in centuries should not be leap years excepting when they were divisible by four hundred, as other leap years are thus divisible by four. This 1900 is not a leap year, but the years 2000 and 2400 will be.

WHEN DOES THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BEGIN? As a century in years, as in bicycle riding, begins at the beginning of No. 1, and is finished at the end of the hundredth year or mile, the Christian era began Jan. 1, in the year 1, and the first century ended Dec. 31, A. D. 100. The nineteenth century will end at 12 p. m. Dec. 31, 1899, and the twentieth century begins at the opening of January 1901.

A DOCTOR HELD FOR MURDER. A despatch from Valhalla, Ga., to the Savannah News says: "The arrest and incarceration of Dr. L. U. Rantz, of Dupont, on the charge of murder, has caused a sensation throughout this whole section. The charge is based upon a fatal mistake which Dr. Rantz is alleged to have made in performing an operation upon Miss Maggie Moore in the western part of Clinch county. It is alleged that the Doctor severed a vital organ, in no way connected with the disease of the young woman, and the grand jury indicted him for murder. He was kept under guard at Homerville pending a preliminary hearing, but was put in prison there before the court adjourned. Dr. Rantz is a prominent young physician and has been connected with the Plant System's hospital department. He has a large circle of wealthy and influential friends and his incarceration in prison has added to the sensation which the charges against him produced."

## EVIDENCE TODAY

Testimony of Mrs. Buffaloe is Corroborated

BY THREE WITNESSES

Mrs. Hicks, Col. Hicks and Dr. Knox Substantiate the Testimony Given by the Plaintiff Yesterday.

The trial of the suit of Mrs. Julia H. Buffaloe for divorce from Dr. A. J. Buffaloe was resumed this morning in the civil court. The only witnesses examined this morning were Mrs. W. J. Hicks, Col. W. J. Hicks and Dr. A. W. Knox, all for the plaintiff.

Mrs. W. J. Hicks, mother of the plaintiff, was the first witness today. She testified largely in corroboration of the plaintiff's evidence yesterday. The plaintiff never complained to the witness of the treatment she received from her husband until October, 1897, when she said that Dr. Buffaloe was continually quarrelling with her. This was when Dr. Buffaloe whipped the child. The plaintiff was very much afraid of her husband and trembled when he came into the room. Col. Hicks told Dr. Buffaloe that if he and his wife could not get along together then Mrs. Buffaloe had a home at his house. Dr. Buffaloe told his wife in the presence of the witness that he would have to order her out of the house. The witness attested to Dr. Buffaloe leaving the house and not sitting up with his wife in her illness on a specific night.

Mr. Bushby: "Was it not necessary for Dr. Buffaloe to get sleep that night so as to attend to his duties next day?" Answer: "I do not think that his practice was so large as to be interfered with much."

The witness said that she furnished Mrs. Buffaloe and her child with shoes and clothes at different times because they were in need of them. She gave the plaintiff three different dresses and her brother one.

The food which Dr. Buffaloe furnished at his home was good, substantial food to a person who was well.

Mr. Bushby: "Did you ever say anything to try to reconcile husband and wife?" Answer: "I never said anything but once or twice to Dr. Buffaloe. I asked him to call another physician when she was very ill. Col. Hicks always did the talking."

Mr. Bushby: "You knew of these discussions between husband and wife; did you do anything to prevent separation and make reconciliation?" Answer: "I did not talk to them at all because I was afraid I would say too much. Col. Hicks did the talking."

On continuation of cross examination the witness said that the first intimation she had that her daughter's relations were not pleasant was in November, 1895. At that time the plaintiff said that Dr. Buffaloe was unkind and quarrelled.

The evidence of Col. W. J. Hicks was given in a straightforward manner and was merely corroboratory of the testimony of the plaintiff printed in this paper yesterday. He substantiated various statements which she made.

Dr. A. W. Knox was a strong witness for the plaintiff. His statement as to her health substantiated the plaintiff's evidence. The testimony of this witness was given strongly. In referring to an accusation which the plaintiff said the defendant made he branded the defendant's alleged charge as false and cowardly, and it made him would hold the accuser responsible.

This afternoon the matter of various depositions taken for the plaintiff in Baltimore were introduced. There was considerable discussion of counsel on their admission. The defense will probably begin its evidence this afternoon, but had not begun at three o'clock.

Dr. Buffaloe will go on the stand either late this afternoon or tomorrow in his own behalf.

The case of the plaintiff was strengthened today by the strong corroboratory testimony.

## TENTS STOOD

Road Convicts Kept Dry in Monday's Storm.

Supervisor W. C. McMackin says that the tents used by the county road convicts stood Monday's storm excellently. Although the wind was fierce the inmates of the tents suffered no inconvenience and remains perfectly secure and dry. All the tents stood except the one used for a dining room, and no one was under it when it was pulled down. This tent would have stood also but the telephone was located in it and the wires running to it were attached to a tree which was blown down, pulling the tent with it.

## MAKING A NEW START.

Yesterday afternoon a young man from the country walked into a business house in this city and handed the proprietor 50 cents, saying he picked that amount from the floor of the store two years ago. Recently he professed religion and joined the church, determined to lead a better life in the future. In thinking over his past life the fact of his having wrongfully taken this 50 cents occurred to him, and he immediately determined to make the proper restitution. The young man was greatly distressed when he was informed that the gentleman who occupied the store two years ago had since retired from business, but he was firm in his resolve to return the money to its rightful owner and extracted a promise from the proprietor of the place to see that the 50 cents was restored to the former occupant of the store. He then left with a lightened purse and a clear conscience. Such instances as these are rare and is not yet extinct.—Greenboro Patriot.

## DISABLED SCHOONER.

Cape Henry, Nov. 2.—A steaming ship passed the Capes this morning towing the disabled schooner Stella R. Kaplan.

## SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 2.—A despatch from Charleston announces the abandonment of the schooner Annie T. Bailey, of Fernandina. The crew were saved. The schooner was abandoned twelve miles off Flying Pan Shoals lightship.

## COLORED FAIR

Races Today Were an Interesting Feature on the Program

The Colored Fair was largely attended today and every one seemed to have a fine time. The parade went to the grounds shortly after noon and the grounds had quite a throng of colored people. Addresses were delivered in the grand stand by John C. Daney, of Wilmington, and others.

The racing was the feature of the day and consisted in running and trotting races. Two horses were entered in the running race. One was a black owned by Mr. Ed. Denton, and the other a sorrel. The fact that the sorrel's rider only caught an occasional glimpse of the black means way detracted from the enthusiasm of the spectators. The black won the race in 1:54.

The trotting race had three entries and Tonia won it in 2:34.

The judges of the race were Messrs. John Mangum, Rawley Galloway and George Harlan.

The fair will continue through tomorrow.

## RELATIONSHIP

A Matter Attracting Attention at the State Capitol.

"I met a young widow with a grown step-daughter, and the widow married me. Then my father, who was a widower, met my step-daughter and married her. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father in law, and made my step-daughter my mother and my father my step-mother. Then my step-mother, the step-daughter of my wife, had a son. That boy, was, of course, my brother, because he was my father's son. He was also the son of my wife's step-daughter, and therefore her grand-son. That made me grand-father to my step-son. Then my wife had a son, my mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son, is also his grand-mother, because he is her step-son's child. My father is the brother in law of my child, because his step-son is his wife. I am the brother of my own son, who is also the child of my step-grand-mother. I am my mother's brother in law, my wife is her child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew, and I am my own grand-father."

The above was found on a desk in the Capitol this morning. The writer was a contributor to The Free England Mirror, published in an insane asylum. The author was an inmate of the asylum as a result of his attempts to explain the solution to others. The matter is creating deep interest at the Capitol.

## ATTRACTION AT THE ACADEMY

Wagonwheels and Kemper's mammoth revival of "The Winter's Tale" with Kathryn Kidder in the dual role of Antiochus and Charles B. Hanford as King Leontes, and a company of exceptional ability, will be the attraction of the Academy of Music on Friday night, November 3rd. It was a judicious choice that Miss Kidder made

when she selected these two characters, and the fact that Mary Anderson's impersonation of them carried a practically undisputed Shakespearean prize through a season of one hundred and fifty nights at the Lyceum Theatre in London, furnished a significant endorsement of the wisdom of the Wagonwheels and Kemper's present revival. Two car loads of scenery are used and a company of thirty-seven people are employed in the production.

Reserved seats now on sale at Bobbitt Wayne's drug store.

## TOO MUCH PROSPERITY.

The farmers around Akron are even plaining because their potatoes grow so big this year they have no title ones to feed to the pigs. This hasn't been made a campaign argument yet.—Sioux City Journal.

"Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

## FIRE AT ROCKINGHAM

Large Store of Mr. A. L. McDonald Burned to the Ground.

Mr. W. C. McMackin received the news today that the store and building of his son-in-law, Mr. A. L. McDonald, at Rockingham, was totally destroyed by fire last night. He had a \$20,000 stock of goods in the store. It was a brick building with several office rooms. There was some insurance, but not enough to cover the loss.

## SHOOTING STARS

A Remarkable Event to Happen Here Nov. 14th.

Capt. W. H. Hood said this morning that the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the United States Army would be significant in more respects than one, since, according to Prof. Lamont, it will be marked by one of the most brilliant displays in the heavens ever seen here.

Prof. Lamont, professor of astronomy in Wake Forest College, says that twelve o'clock of the morning of November 14th, and continuing until dawn, there will be the greatest display of shooting stars, so-called, ever seen by men now living in this section. The event will attract much attention and all earnestly hope that the night may be clear so that this brilliant phenomena may be seen.

## THE CORNFED PHILOSOPHER.

"Of course, the only truly happy man is the man who devotes his life to doing good for others," said the Cornfed Philosopher. "That is the only occupation a man can engage in which people will let him have his own way."—Indianapolis Journal.

## DUNANDO INJURED.

Paris, Nov. 2.—A collision of trains at Thomas today resulted in two killed and ten others injured. Among the latter is Gunoce Dunando, a member of the Chamber of Deputies. He had both legs cut off.

Plenty of fresh grapes at Dughi's.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY'S MARRIAGE

The Admiral's First Announcement of the Event

Special dispatch to The Atlanta Journal.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Admiral Dewey's announcement of his engagement to Mrs. Hazen, daughter of Mrs. Washington McLean and sister of John R. McLean, has caused much comment here. By appointment the delegation from Nashville who had come to Washington to invite Dewey to be present in that city upon the arrival of the First Tennessee regiment, called upon the Admiral at his new home. He received the delegation in the library, the invitation being extended by Representative Gaines, of Nashville. The Admiral, in answer to the invitation, said that he was acquainted with many of the First Tennessee and would be delighted to be present at their coming, but doubted whether he would be able to do so. The Philippine Commission, he said to them, was meeting in Washington and it was very necessary for him to be present, should they desire to consult him.

The Admiral then walked up and down the floor two or three times, and finally stopping in front of the delegation, his face wreathed in smiles, said:

"There is one other reason, gentlemen, why I may not be able to be present." Here he began blushing like a school-boy. The delegation waited a few moments, and impetuously the Admiral blurted out the announcement in this fashion:

"The fact of the matter is, I have just this day secured the promise of one of the most charming little women in the world to become Mrs. Dewey." Dr. Whorton, a member of the delegation, who had been with Admiral Dewey at Annapolis, rushed forward, and giving an old-fashioned embrace, heartily congratulated him. The other congratulations were dignified.

The Admiral then proceeded to tell the delegation that they were the second to learn of his prospective happiness.

"The first person to whom I announced my engagement was ex-Secretary Hillary Herbert, my confidential friend, as well as my loyal counsel," said the Admiral. The engagement, he said, would be announced publicly very soon.

The Admiral did not enjoin upon any member of the delegation to keep his engagement to Mrs. Hazen secret. Mrs. Hazen, who has won the Admiral's