

# THE TIMES-VISITOR

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## TO AID THE BOERS

**Twenty Two Hundred Americans off for Transvaal**

## METHUNE'S MEN STRONGER

**Reported that Buller is Ready to Advance—Boers are Running Excursions to Pretoria to the Boer Camps.**

Portland, Dec. 9.—Special cars and trains expected today and tomorrow over the Grand Trunk Line, most of the passengers of which are believed to be bound for Transvaal to help the Boers. These are mainly Dutchmen, Germans and Frenchmen and come from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago and other Western cities. They have been traveling through Canada on the Grand Trunk Line. They are not moving as an organized force, but the government of Canada is on the watch and has reason to suspect that the men are really bound for South Africa, and are proceeding on a carefully prepared plan of action.

London, Dec. 9.—A Pretoria dispatch of December 8 says three thousand British troops proceed on armored traps advancing on Colenso from Naauwpoort.

London, Dec. 9.—Renders from Bloemfontein tell everybody compelled to do duty in the army. It is stated that the Free States have decided not to defend Bloemfontein as it is not fortified, but to make a stand at Bainveld, southwest of Bloemfontein.

Mosder River, Dec. 9.—Methuen's troops have been encamping for a week at Jena and are now in full condition. The new wooden bridge over the river is almost completed. There was an exchange of shots on the outskirts early this morning, and also yesterday. These shots show that the Boer outposts are only four or five miles from the main camp in the direction of Jena. The Boers are entrenched on the hills from Bloemfontein south, also at Koppies, overlooking the railroad.

Bear Head Lagoon, Ladysmith, Dec. 9.—The British stormed and carried Hill Landerstock, putting a big crew sent gun out of action and capturing a small Maxim.

London, Dec. 9.—A despatch from Queenstown states that Gauree seized a number of rifles and ammunition, including dummy cartridges, found in two stores.

Cape Town, Dec. 9.—The peace commission is again reporting from Pretoria, accompanied by an envoy of associates with the Schreiner Ministry.

Durban, Dec. 9.—The authorities ordered out 2,200 stretcher bearers to service from the immobile. This caused great excitement. It is believed to foreshadow the early advance of Buller.

Frore Camp, Dec. 9.—The Boers are running special excursion trains to Pretoria to the Boer camps, and many women are coming in to see the sights and also to look after husbands and sons.

Cape Town, Dec. 9.—A report is in circulation that President Steyn is failing mentally. He has recommended Frazer his opponent to the Pres.

London, Dec. 9.—The war officials decline to discuss the report from Cape Town, saying that Major Elliot is among natives in Grapeland East.

## ROBERTS GIVE UP.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The sessions of the special committee of the House on the Roberts case are still on, but there is a growing belief that there is little chance for his gaining his suit. Roberts himself says that he regards the case as hopeless.

## HARD ON MOLINEUX

**His Counsel Admits that He Wrote the Burns Letters.**

New York, Dec. 9.—The admission that Molineux wrote the Burns letter is the most striking feature of the trial so far, the prosecution claiming that the whole question of the Burns-Cornish letter rests upon it. There are a number of letters, all written on Robins' egg blue paper of various mediums, signed by Cornish or Barnet. Up till yesterday the defense steadily denied that the Burns letter was written by Molineux, and after the servant girl Mamie Melchior was found Molineux's counsel admitted it.

## DR. NORMAN'S SUCCESSOR.

**Rev. Geo. F. Smith of Louisburg May be Sent Here by Bishop**

"Who will be the new pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church to succeed Dr. Norman?" asked a Times-Visitor reporter of a steward of that church this afternoon.

"We do not know definitely," was the response, "but I have heard it suggested that possibly Rev. Geo. F. Smith, who has just completed a 4-years' pastorate at Louisburg, may be sent here. He was formerly of Greenville, where he also served four years, and is a very popular preacher."

"I am told that he is very much on the order of Dr. Norman and is a fine pastor, that being his strongest point, and is also a capital preacher. He is an excellent man and if sent here would give satisfaction, no doubt."

## TOLSTOI ILL.

Paris, Dec. 9.—A Moscow telegram says Tolstoi is seriously ill.

## TAYLOR HAS CERTIFICATE.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—The commissioners have signed Taylor's certificate as governor.

## ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT

R. & G. Stockholders to Meet Here Again Dec. 21st.

The meeting of the Raleigh and Gaston stockholders was held, pursuant to notice published in the office of the company in this city at noon today. Col. Rutherford Cannon presided. Mr. Chas. E. Johnson and R. C. Hoffman were appointed a committee on proxies and they reported present in person or by proxy 14,953 shares out of a total of 15,000 shares. There were present President John Stetson Williams, Vice-President E. St. John, Judge Leigh R. Watts, J. W. Midendorf, W. H. Blackford, R. C. Hoffman, Judge Cross, Secretary John M. Sherwood, A. W. Waddell, W. E. Flory, Attorneys Page of New York and Grover of Norfolk, and from Raleigh Mr. J. B. Battle, Mr. W. C. Stromton, Mr. A. M. McElroy, Mr. C. E. Johnson.

Judge Watts moved to adjourn until December 21st, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The officials left on their private cars this afternoon for Portsmouth.

## LOCAL DASHES

The Democratic State Committee meets here next Monday.

Miss Kate Holliday is the guest of Miss Hinckley.

Miss Lizzie Briggs went to Wake Forest today.

Mrs. Waddell is the guest of her sister Mrs. Palmer Johnson.

Mrs. F. W. Gregory, neophyte of Mrs. Hinckley, Halifax county, is in the city, staying at Mr. Reid's boarding house on West Martin street. She is a witness at the present term of the United States Court.

The Raleigh Blade uses over half a column of its space in giving a list of persons prescribed as a married colored couple of this city, and concludes with the words, "continued in our next issue." The persons named include almost every kind of household article and we dug around from a child for the greatest up to table sets, and in two instances money is named, the sum being \$4 and \$5 in cash.

Last night Raleigh Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: F. W. Hinckley, Attkl. Priest; M. E. Jones, King; A. B. Andrews, Jr., Scribe; T. W. Blake, Treasurer; D. F. Hampton, Secretary; W. E. Faision, Captain of the Guard.

The publishers have been keeping the police active hunting after the weak link element and nearly every eight some of them have to be called to the station house. But the moonshiners were not alone on at least two occasions, when two deputy U. S. Marshals succeeded to the seductive influence of the unlawful spirits they are carried to suppress, and had to be kicked away on benches in the station house cells.

In the Secretary of State's office today a reporter for this paper saw a document which was two hundred and twelve years old. It is the MSS. copy of the last will and testament of one Lorenzo Cesario of Chowan, and bears the ancient date of December 25th, 1687.

The report of the Committee on Orphans stated that 175 children are in the home. An expenditure of 50 per cent. more would double the accommodations. There are 10,000 orphans in the State, of whom only 1,000 are in the orphans. The new building for girls between 5 and 8 years will accommodate 36. At their last meeting the trustees decided to erect a J. H. Mills Memorial Hall, which shall have workrooms to teach boys trades. N. B. Broughton collected for this \$2,587 in ten minutes in subscriptions.

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The grand jury of the Federal Court there are two colored men. One of them, Frank Delman, is chosen secretary of the jury, and has been filling the position most acceptably we are told.

The colored newspaper of Raleigh, the Blade, will be taken up again the taking of bonds. The negroes are getting scarce since the new city ordinance has been passed. They are now licensed and have to pay a tax of \$5 per year. Very likely the boys will charge 10 cents for a shave."

Rev. R. H. W. Louk, the presiding elder of this Raleigh district of the A. M. E. Church, says he raised \$11,000 during the conference year just closed, which is a larger sum than was raised by any other presiding elder in the conference.

The present grand jury of the United States Court is composed entirely of men, not one of them having served on the grand jury previously, but it is stated that they have made better progress than any jury of late years. W. C. Williams, of Little River Academy, Cumberland county, is foreman, and W. F. Debnam, of Raleigh, clerk.

All the pulpit of the various churches here will be filled tomorrow by Methodist preachers, members attending the conference.

## BIT A MAN'S EAR OFF

**Major Powell Commits A Countryman to Jail for This Offense.**

Major Powell today committed a white countryman, named Wesley Pearce, to jail in default of bond, on the charge of assault and brawny. It is a peculiar case.

Last night Pearce, who is said to have been partially intoxicated, went to the store of Mr. T. P. Johnson, on South Wilmington street, and, picking up enough eggs to fill both hands started off. When the storekeeper called upon him to stop he broke into a run.

Mr. Johnson ran after the thief and finally caught up with him, and in the scuffle which ensued the countryman got the left ear of the storekeeper in his mouth and bit off a portion of it, completely severing it. The part chewed off could not be found, and it is not known if the man swallowed it.

Major Powell exacted a bond of \$100 for assault and a \$25 bond for larceny at the defendant today, refusing to release him. He was committed to jail. The grand jury of Wake Superior court has issued a bill of indictment against the plaintiff.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 9.—The inspection party,

State Correspondence.

Commencing tomorrow Sunday, December 10, 1899, the Southern Railway will operate through traffic on three new lines on its own line via Alabamia, S. C., into and out of Savannah, Georgia.

Car services will be operated in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah, and the Florida East Coast Railway to and from points on the east coast of Florida, with direct connections made to Key West, Fla., via Miami, Fla., in connection with the Florida East Coast Steamship line, and in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah and to and from other points in Florida, including points on the west coast, with direct connections to and from Key West and Havana, via Tampa, Fla., in connection with the Plant steamship line.

The 1,050 miles from New York to Jacksonville will be run by the New York and Florida limited in twenty-four hours, which is a much faster schedule than from New York and Cincinnati.

This train will leave New York at 12:30 p.m. and will arrive in Jacksonville at 1 o'clock the following afternoon.

**CONNECTING LINE.**

Before discussing the first trip of a passenger over this new line of the Southern Railway it will be interesting to note the reason why this road is to be built. The reason is to make it possible for the passenger to travel from the west coast to the east coast without changing cars. The 1,050 miles from New York to Jacksonville will be run by the New York and Florida limited in twenty-four hours, which is a much faster schedule than from New York and Cincinnati.

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