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BRITISH MEET HEAVY REVERSE

Boers Drive Them Back in Disorder at Stormburg

BRITISH FORCE FELL INTO A BOER TRAP

They were Treacherously Guided and Attacked an Impregnable Position, Suddenly Finding Themselves in the Center of the Boer's Fire.

London, Dec. 11.—Great anxiety is felt over the Gataers disaster. Apparently the British were set to an impossible task, and treacherously guided, after trying to march under arms for sixteen hours, they attacked the wrong part of the Boer position, where the hill was impregnable, and where the Boers had six thousand, instead of two thousand, as the stories reported.

Melrose, Dec. 10.—(Delayed.)—War in the Grand Royal Irish Rifles and Northumberland Fusiliers climbed the hill at Stormburg they found that they were in the center of the enemy with a rapid fire rifle pouring in from three directions. They were ordered to retire; the artillery covered their retreat. The troops arrived here after thirty hours work, including an engagement of three hours. Estimates of the Boer's force at Stormburg is six thousand.

Melrose, Dec. 11.—Though deeply chastened by their defeat by the Boers at Stormburg, Gataers' army is disheartened but is preparing today to give the Boers a warm reception if they attack. Every effort is being made by the Boers to push their advantage and carry this camp by assault. Reinforcements for Gataers are being rushed to him at break-neck speed. The British army hopes that the enemy will attempt to attack for the men are smarting under their defeat and are eager for revenge.

London, Dec. 11.—A Melrose telegram of yesterday afternoon estimates Gataers' forces at twenty five hundred. The disorder during the retreat was owing to the fatigue of the men and the constant shelling by the Boers.

ORANGE RIVER, Dec. 10.—(Delayed.)—Half the Canadian contingent has gone to the front. They have had some stiff work but are in fine shape and anxious to get into the fighting.

ROER GUNS SWEPT OUT.
Molander River, Dec. 11.—Gen. Pale-Carew's howitzer battery and naval gun crew drove the fire of twelve Boer guns and completely unmasked the enemy's position, sweeping their trenches. The British guns completely out-range the Boer guns.

AMERICANS DEPARTED.
Pellast, Dec. 11.—Two American commercial travelers arrived here and say that they were detained at Queenstown on suspicion of being Boer spies. They say the United States Consul obtained their release. They are making inquiry into the matter.

MRS. HOLT DEAD

The Widow of Ex-Governor Holt Passes Away Suddenly.

Mrs. A. W. Hayward and Mrs. C. B. Wright were summoned yesterday by telegram announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. Holt. Mrs. Holt passed away suddenly about midnight at the home of her brother in law, Mr. James Holt, at Burlington, where she was visiting. She was apparently well until Saturday night and some of her children were with her. She was the widow of the late Governor Thomas M. Holt and a sister of the late Adolphus Moore. She came from one of the most distinguished families in North Carolina. She was dearly loved by all who knew her in Raleigh and the news of her death was received here with universal and profound sorrow. She was a noble Christian woman, possessing those virtues which constitute the highest type of womanly character.

Mrs. Holt leaves three children, Mrs. C. B. Wright and Mrs. A. W. Hayward, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Leard, of New York. They all reached their old home in time for the funeral this afternoon. Other relatives went up last afternoon and today. Mr. C. M. Busley of this city, was one of the pall-bearers.

NEW LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Alpha Gamma Delta or the Mystic Three, a purely literary society, was organized at the Carrollton Hotel last night—composed of a select few of the brightest, brightest, intellectual luminaries in the great literary constellation of Raleigh. It is the object of this society to discuss past and present, great social and political and industrial question affecting the future prosperity of the Old North State, and more particularly the City of Oaks. Meeting held semi-occasionally, at the call of the Great I Am.

FERTILIZER RATF CASE.

Judge Fred Moore arrived in the city this morning at 10 o'clock in hearing argument in the fertilizer rate case of the North Carolina Corporation Commission against the various railroad systems comprising the Seaboard Air Line.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR.

The Presbyterian bazaar will be opened next Thursday in the room over the Co-Operative Store, 121 Fayetteville street. Plenty of refreshments served, also Christmas presents for sale. The public is cordially invited to go and patronize the many nice things the ladies have for sale.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Meeting Tonight—An Early Convention Probable.

Tonight in the Senate Chamber the Democratic State Committee will meet. Many members arrived today. This is a most important session, as the call will be issued for the State convention. It is probable that the convention will be held very early, maybe in April.

GREENSBORO'S REQUEST.

The afternoon train from Greensboro brought down a delegation of citizens of the Elm City, headed by Mayor Taylor, who will tonight request the Democratic Executive Committee to call the next State convention to meet in Greensboro. It is thought altogether improbable that the invitation of the Greensboro citizens will be accepted. Among those who accompanied Mayor Taylor were Alfred M. Seales, Esq., Clem. G. Wright, and Irwin Avery. The Greensboro delegation and all other visitors are welcomed to Raleigh, but those coming on such a mission as this may take an early train for home.

BACK FROM ASHEVILLE

Baptist Report a Most Successful State Convention.

The gentlemen who have been attending the Baptist State Convention in Asheville returned home today. They report a most delightful session. Next year the convention will meet in Raleigh upon invitation of the First Baptist church. The convention met here in 1892 upon invitation of the Baptist Tabernacle.

Saturday's session of the convention was most interesting.

A resolution of thanks to Miss Fannie E. S. Heck for her faithful labors in the cause of education was passed by a rising vote.

The Board of Home Missions will meet December 21st at Raleigh.

Mr. Davis offered a resolution against the seating of Congressman Roberts of Utah, which was adopted.

The resolution adopted as a committee to consider the question of an educational commission to report in 1900, R. W. Spilman, C. E. Taylor, J. C. Sears, J. A. Campbell, W. J. Terrell.

Prof. J. M. Mitchell, of Wake Forest, corresponding secretary, read his report. All outstanding obligations have been paid and the board is out of debt. The number of beneficiaries will be increased to 40. Last year there were 31. The usual aid is \$8 per month, payable in five years. Receipts were \$2,458.72. expenditures, \$2,135.95.

Rev. C. E. Taylor stated that there was a falling off in the number of young men from Wake Forest. Last year there were 15 less than in 1898.

The report of J. D. Bonshall, of Raleigh, treasurer for the year ending December 1, 1899, was distributed in printed form, and adopted. The receipts for State missions were \$20,074.03; for foreign missions, \$9,291.42; for home missions, \$5,098.72; for education, \$3,271.76; for Sunday school and colportage, \$372,655; for administrative, \$2,306.16; students' aid fund (Louisville), \$5,000; for Baptist Book Store, \$81,290.28; total cash contributions, \$372,606.22.

The following executive committee of the Baptist Young People's union was announced by J. W. Bailey: J. R. White, W. M. Vines, Livingston Johnson, J. F. Watson, C. W. Blanchard, R. T. Vann, C. S. Blackwell.

The following Ministerial Relief Board was announced: W. C. Tyree, president; T. E. Check, secretary and treasurer; J. E. MacDuffie, corresponding secretary; C. J. Parker, O. C. Horton, J. A. Riggsho, H. A. Panslow, A. S. Harlaw, A. H. Riggsho, D. L. Gove and J. P. Timberlake.

The report of the committee to nominate a Board of Education reported the following names:

C. E. Taylor, J. W. Lynch, W. L. Peck, J. F. Leguina, W. B. Royal, John Mitchell, D. W. Allen, W. R. Cullum, C. E. Brewer, J. C. Caddell, J. M. Brewer, T. E. Holding, J. B. Carley, J. H. Gore, W. B. Dunn, B. E. Sheld, J. L. Lake, W. B. Daniel, J. C. Fowler, D. W. Johnson, W. C. Parker, L. R. Mills, J. B. Brewer, J. B. Powers, R. E. Royall, F. M. Purfoy, N. Y. Gully, E. A. Sikes.

CAUSED BY INSANITY

New York, Dec. 11.—From sudden insanity Pillsbury Hickey shot himself and jumped from the third story. The fall was broken at the top of a sign. He will hardly recover. He had a fear of insanity.

SLATER BETTER.

New York, Dec. 11.—Slater, who was shot by Rosser in the bicycle races, is likely to recover. The wound is not so serious as supposed.

COTTON.

New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton Jan. 7.34; March 7.41; May 7.48.

STOCKS DROP HEAVILY

New York, Dec. 11.—There were wild scenes on the stock exchange today. There was a lively decline in the big stocks. Calling loans helped to precipitate the decline. Sugar dropped three quickly, tobacco seven, Tennessee coal seven, Brooklyn traction six, and they rallied in some instances six points.

NARROW ESCAPE.

New York, Dec. 11.—The pilot boat James Gordon Bennett was towed in today from Sandy Hook. It hit the dummy shell at Sandy Hook proving grounds Saturday. The crew narrowly escaped.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM.

Messrs. John R. Upchurch and Company have opened a real estate collection agency and employment office in the Fraps' building. While this firm was dealing in the buying and selling of real estate, they will give special attention to the renting of houses and the collection of rents. Mr. Upchurch will also pay attention to matters claiming his attention as a magistrate.

REV. DR. SIMMS, PASTOR OF TABERNACLE RESIGNS

Resignation Takes Effect in January—Total Surprise to Congregation.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Simms has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle. His resignation was read to the congregation yesterday morning by Rev. T. H. Leavitt. It was a great surprise to all. Every Baptist member in Raleigh has resigned during the last four or five months. When the resignation was read in the church one of the deacons said: "What is the matter with the Baptist preachers in Raleigh?" A member of the congregation then replied: "Better ask what is the matter with the people in Raleigh."

Upon motion Dr. Simms' resignation was referred to the deacons to report to the church conference.

Dr. Simms stated in his resignation that he had intended to resign last August but some church work was on hand at the time which he feared his departure would interrupt. He stated further that he had no plans for the future but trusted upon the Lord. The resignation is to take effect the last of January, 1900.

Dr. Simms came to Raleigh in August, 1897 from Dallas, Texas, and assumed the pastorate of the Baptist Tabernacle.

MASONIC EVENT

Centennial Celebration of the Anniversary of Washington's Death.

The Masons of this city and State are taking deep interest in the ceremonies to be held at Mount Vernon, Va., on the 14th instant, commemorative of the Centennial anniversary of the death of George Washington, who was a distinguished Mason.

Mr. John C. Dreyer will leave tonight to make preparations at the Elbert House, Washington, for the North Carolina delegation. The following Grand officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will attend the ceremonies: Dr. R. J. Noble, of Sevier; Mr. J. T. Dreyer, of Guilford; Mr. S. Reister, of York; Dr. H. L. Clark, of Hamilton; Mr. Walter S. Lydell, of Charlotte; Hon. F. D. Winston, of Wake; Mr. Martin S. Willard, of Wilmington; Mr. E. D. Jones, of Guilf; Mr. T. C. Lynn, of Salisbury; Mr. S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro.

AGAINST MOLINEUX

New York, Dec. 11.—Maime Molineux, at the Molineux trial, identified her present letters and says she has a large quantity of this paper in New York, N. Y. She says that she knew Fred, Kohl, he had a blonde beard, as did the man who purchased the silver hat for her in the Newark jewelry store. Molineux worked for Molineux seven years.

CURRENCY BILL UP

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Every one is waiting the opening debate on the currency bill, which begins today. It will occupy the legislative week until Friday. Saturday the bill will be read by paragraphs for amendments under the two-minute rule. The week in the Senate is for routine work in short sessions. The House took up the financial bill.

Senator Mason is addressing the Senate on a resolution of sympathy for the Boers.

TO RESUME HIS RESIDENCE IN RALEIGH.

Alderman John C. Dreyer arrived in the city this morning from Richmond, where he has been spending much of his time of late in establishing his insurance business in that State.

Since the Craig law went into effect Mr. Dreyer's company has done no new business in this State, but we learn that it will soon be "domesticated" under the terms of that law, and Mr. Dreyer is now arranging to take up his residence permanently in Raleigh, and will after the first of January spend nearly or quite all of his time in this city. He will occupy the residence owned by him on North Wilmington street, next door to Dr. R. H. Lewis' residence.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT ACADEMY.

The Woodward-Warren Company has been well engaged for Christmas week at the Academy. This is the best repertoire company in the South and is meeting with big success. The company numbers twenty people and each one is a capable artist. The Bristol (Tenn.) News of November 28th, has the following of the appearance of the company in that city:

"The Woodward-Warren Company made their second appearance last night to a full house, and the audience 'certainly got their money's worth' if you can judge by the encores they gave the company. 'Why Jones Left Home' was the name of the play. Mr. Woodward and Miss Warren have already become favorites with Bristol theater goers. They put on one of the best popular price shows ever seen in Bristol; and there are plenty of companies on the road that charge one dollar, not as good. As the specialties are clean and up-to-date and put on by as good artists in their line as can be found.

PENZANCE DEAD.

London, Dec. 11.—Lord Penzance is dead. He has been Judge of the Provincial Court of Canterbury and York for twenty-four years.

NEW WAGE SCHEDULE.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 11.—The new wage schedule, making an increase of ten per cent, went into effect today. Seventy five thousand will receive the benefit.

MR. BARRETT ON MORMONISM

Doctrine of Joseph Smith Discussed Last Evening

ITS ORIGIN AND GROWTH

Two Mormon Elders Still Here—Another Woman Baptized Sunday—A Mormon Sister Turned Out Here For "Fighting."

Rev. W. C. Barrett delivered two most interesting and instructive discourses at the Fayetteville Street Baptist church yesterday. In the morning he discussed the work of the Baptist State convention at Asheville, and in the evening he devoted his time to the origin and history of the Mormon church. Since the work of the Mormon elders in Raleigh is confined to the section of the city in which the Fayetteville street church is located, the discourse was very appropriate. Only a flock from that church the Mormons are holding services regularly. Mr. Barrett gave an impartial sketch of Mormonism. He began with Joseph Smith, the founder, telling of his early career and subsequent birth. His early career was given up to the time when he claims that Christ and an angel appeared to him and told him where to find the golden plates from which Smith claims the book of Mormon was translated. Smith moved his first Mormon colony into Ohio, thence to Missouri, then to Illinois, where Smith was killed in the town which he founded. Mr. Barrett reiterated two charges against Smith's character which have never been expunged, namely, of immorality, dishonesty and theft.

The book of Mormon purports to be a history of the last tribes of Israel who left Palestine 600 years before Christ and the Mormons allege, came to this country. They were divided into two classes, the Nephites, who were the righteous, and the Lamanites, who were the latter finally annihilated, but God's people had written this history, the book of Mormon, which was preserved in a hill in New York and recovered by Smith. Mr. Barrett in closing summed up several logical reasons why the Mormon faith was impossible.

The Mormons claim that eleven men wrote various portions of the book at different times, yet the style throughout is exactly the same. This is unparalleled in literature and is impossible.

Christ's sermons are reported verbatim in the New Testament. This is at variance with the life of Christ for he never preached a sermon, he was a teacher, his teachings were based on the things which he transferred around him and the life of the people he came in contact with. If he had appeared on this continent his sermons would have been adapted to the people and he would not have repeated exactly what he did to the Hebrews.

The words in italics in our version of the Bible are also in italics in the book of Mormon which shows that the latter was copied and not written at a different period.

Then the book of Mormon is really written with the manuscript of the Spaulding novel, in possession of Smith, which had never been published, its basis for the book.

Mr. Barrett also brought out at least half a dozen other strong points. It was a purely logical discussion of Mormonism but Mr. Barrett promised his congregation that next Sunday night he would speak on Mormon doctrines.

KNOWS MISS FORESTS.

Elder Emery has great regard for Congressman Roberts. He says that he is a great self-made man. Emery says he is acquainted also with the Congressman's fair daughter and he pointed to the following clipping from the social columns of the Atlanta Constitution with evident pride:

"So far the only member of Roberts' family that has been seen in company with the distinguished polygamist is his daughter, Miss Ada Roberts, a young woman of prepossessing appearance, who is acting at present as her father's secretary."

"She is the type of woman generally conceded to be fine looking, being of brunette type, and possessing of superior intelligence that shows out in a pair of dark brown eyes. She has taught for several years in the graded schools of Utah, and is an expert stenographer. In manner she is vivacious and exceedingly pleasant, having a manner indicative of

LOCAL DASHES

Mr. H. W. Glover, traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line, is in the city. He made argument before the Corporation Commission on the fertilizer rate in the interest of the Seaboard Air Line.

Mr. Claude Dockery returned to the city this morning.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield returned to the city this morning.

Mr. T. R. Mosley returned yesterday from Asheville.

Mr. Victor H. Bowler left yesterday for New York.

Major Samuel Telfair returned to the city yesterday.

The Rescued Circle of King's Daughters will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. James McKinnon.

Maj. John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, came in this morning.

Mr. J. D. Bonshall returned to the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitaker returned yesterday from a week's trip to New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. J. S. Allen went to Wilson's Mills this morning.

Miss Kate Gregory, post-office inspector, came in this morning.

Mr. Cameron MacRae returned to the city this morning.

Mr. Charles Horne, of Clayton, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. P. H. Cooper left this morning on business connected with his company.

Mr. H. B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch, is in the city to attend the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

A High School and a Lumber Company Today

Three companies were incorporated by the Secretary of State today:

John C. Mallonee, John J. Mallonee, M. L. Carson and J. N. Mallonee filed articles of agreement for the incorporation of the Piedmont Lumber Company of Charlotte for thirty years, with a capital stock of \$100,000, with right to increase to \$250,000.

The Ruffin High School, for the education of youths of Ruffin, Rockingham county, for thirty years, with a capital stock of \$883,500, and right to increase the same to \$2,000,000.

IKE DONKEY HEARD FROM.

To the Editor: Oh, ye men of political fancy ye heroes of election polls, listen to me as I speak to you in behalf of an oppressed people, who are pouring forth their pleas for the sake of humanity. Whether we are drifting? Nay, few can tell after the sun has buried its head behind the hills but we are left in utter darkness to tread our way to loved ones and friends at home, only to be guided by an occasional electric spark, suspended in mid air as an advertisement for an up-to-date city.

We stand along in our attempts to avoid mud baths and watery graves, when within the twinkling of an eye, and without warning, we find ourselves performing a patriotic feat unknown to the college athlete, as we come in contact with one of the water pipes protruding about two feet above the ground level. If such death traps are allowed to remain on our sidewalks I would suggest to the commission to invest a little of that fifty thousand in tallow candles and have placed on each one as a danger signal.

Have you no sympathy for the rising generation whose aim in life is to shine? They who milk and scrub the very foundation of your body? The poor little urchin has at last come to realize the condition of an oppressed people and you daily hear him in his wisest of distress, expressing sympathy for the Archdeprea.

Yes, a nuisance? Old commission of modern ideas? Where was our attorney that he might have given information, and thus avoided an unconstitutional ordinance? Together you should gather in your Parish for the numerous subscribers you allow to exist, and the revenue from same would perhaps bring about a resolution for property tax on 1900—prevent their breathing a word.

Water, water, water! When I was a school boy my geography taught me that this vast domain consisted of two-thirds water, and one of the most perplexing problem for me to solve was where all the people quartered. Now as the years have rolled by I am perplexed to know where we are to be watered. Settling the water question. For near twenty months this question seems to have been the black signal to all our intelligences with such much vocabulary, but just simply settle the water if you have to use the yells of goose eggs and the people will settle the question.

SHAW GOT HEAVY SENTENCE

Federal Court met this morning at 9:30 o'clock, Judge T. R. Purnell presiding. The most interesting case disposed of was that of William Turner alias Wm. Shaw, for mailing obscene letters. He was given two years in the penitentiary. A number of moonshine cases were disposed of as follows:

James Johnson and Charles Horn, violating federal regulations, not pros. with leave.

Benton Jones, illicit distilling, verdict, not pros. with leave.

Hugh Mc-Koy, illicit distilling, verdict, guilty. Defendant having been in jail four months was discharged.

George W. Strout, retailing, judgment, 30 days in jail and \$100 fine.

Same Cameron, distilling and concealing. Judgment, 60 days in jail and \$100 fine.

Wiley Davis, retailing. Plead guilty. Judgment, 30 days in jail and \$100 fine.

Wm. Turner, alias Wm. Shaw, mailing obscene letters. Plead guilty. Judgment, 2 years in North Carolina State penitentiary.

Br Brooks, retailing, verdict, guilty.

James Morgan, working at illicit distillery. Plead guilty. Judgment, defendant to pay cost and give bond for appearance at next term of court.

HERE IS SOMETHING NEW.

New York, Dec. 8.—Dr. A. C. Dixon's church in Brooklyn, thinks it can learn a thing or two from the power garden, and is about to put its new idea in operation. In short, the church is to open a roof garden for evangelized work and Bible study.

There is to be a new Hanson Place Baptist Church, and the roof auditorium, which is an idea of its pastor's, will be opened with appropriate ceremonies.

"Our intention," Dr. Dixon has said, "is to have a roof auditorium for summer meetings. It will probably have a roof, but with the sides all open for perfect ventilation. It is to be well lighted, and above the dust, noise and heat of the city. This will accommodate 1,500 people, and give us a chance to carry on services for the three months of the summer, when all of the churches are closed."

LOST.—A gold breast pin containing initials "A. T. M." engraved on plate. Last on Newbern avenue or Hillsboro street. Finder will please return it to this office.

RALEIGH'S LIGHTS

There is no denying the fact that Raleigh has poor service for the electric lights. However, as is frequently the case, when such conditions are reached as to where the fault lies. Several interested gentlemen have made a careful examination of the Raleigh Electric plant here and they agree that the trouble lies in the insufficiency of the engine for the work required. Experts also agree that this is the trouble. The boilers are sufficient and the other machinery is adequate for the engine is not sufficient and no matter how hard the efforts of the company and the engineers may work the service cannot be what is demanded until a larger engine is out in. No man could do better under the circumstances than his President William Andrews. Last Saturday he went to the power house early and worked all night and all day Sunday night Sunday night, without going home for a moment. Hounded as he is by an insufficient engine, President Andrews has succeeded admirably in the face of such difficulties. It is strange that the Raleigh Electric Company does not realize that it will be cheaper in the long run to put in an engine large enough rather than struggle on and be blamed on every side as is the case now. The blame, however, cannot be attached to President Andrews, for he has done far more than should have been expected of the President of the company, and it cannot be his fault when the company does not give him an engine sufficient for the work.

RAIN TONIGHT.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Rain to night and early Tuesday, followed by clearing, colder Tuesday evening.

The storm which was central Saturday morning over Kansas has moved very slowly eastward, and now lies between Memphis and Chicago. It has increased in force, and is accompanied by an area of cloud and rain covering the entire United States east of the Rocky Mountains. Some of the total rainfalls reported are very large, notably in the lower Mississippi valley. Vicksburg received 5.52 inches, Meridian 3.22. Mobile 2.32, and many other places over an inch. Fair, cold weather prevails on the Rocky Mountain Slope.