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SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS JUBILANT

Roberts and Kitchner Arouse British Enthusiasm

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

Heavy Firing Heard—Winston Churchill—Orange Free States Greatly Dissatisfied and are Deserting the Boers

London, Dec. 29.—The despatches received from all parts of South Africa emphasize the fact that there is great enthusiasm among troops and the public over the appointment of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. The announcement that the latter will be chief of Roberts' staff has largely dispelled the depression in Cape Colony on account of the recent reverse, while the soldiers anticipate everything from the presence of "Bobs" from success in battle to cheap beer.

Advices from Cape Town of December 24th state that an investigation shows that the reported disaffection among the Dutch in the Victoria West district is overdrawn. It is pointed out that the farmers are mostly landowners and will not risk their farms by rising.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marques of December 23rd says that a curious story is current there to the effect that Matt Steyn, brother of the President of the Orange Free State, and eight hundred Free States have definitely refused to continue the war. Matt Steyn, acting as their spokesman, told the President that he was only authorized to intervene in the interests of peace and that the burghers did not feel bound by his "unauthorized" consent, especially as they run the risk of confiscation of their property, and they simply desired to be permitted to farm in peace, and therefore requested to immediately return to their farms.

Durban, South Africa, Dec. 29. Lieutenant Winston Churchill, who after his escape from the Boers came here, says that President Kruger's price for peace includes a guarantee for the total independence of the Transvaal, an indemnity of \$10,000,000, the possession of Natal and Kimberley and all that part of Cape Colony now occupied by his troops.

This is not in the shape of an official proposal as no such negotiations have been begun, but comes from those who have heard President Kruger's demands.

Lady Smith, Dec. 29.—Delayed in transmission the shelling of Lady Smith by the Boers has greatly increased during the last few days. Their twelve pounder, which had been giving such torrents of shell from the heights to the west of the town of Keizer, was silenced by a British sortie, but has since more become active. A shell fired today from the Boer stronghold killed one and wounded several other British soldiers here. Other shells fired from Keizer wounded numbers of the British, but no fatality was reported from there.

Big guns, in the direction of Colenso, can be heard at frequent intervals every day.

KAFFIRS.
Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 29.—A message from Pretoria, says: "The best starved Kaffirs are leaving for Boer laager."

BOERS' PLAN.
London, Dec. 29.—A Cape Town correspondent says the rising of the Tugela should enable General Buller to send most of the Boers, who are south of Colenso, within the next few days. Natal interference in destruction of the bridge has made the real difference in the safety of the Boer position, and that the Boer crossing which they have established further north in the direction of Pieters station, does not make up for this disadvantage. The Boers have entrenched themselves both east and west of the British camp.

BATTLE RAGING.
Cradock, Cape Colony, Dec. 29.—It is supposed a battle is raging at Stormberg. Heavy firing is heard from that direction.

GOLD TAX.
Pretoria, Dec. 29.—A new gold tax of thirty per cent is imposed on companies working mines, and during the war the government appropriates fifty per cent of the output of the mines it works itself.

BOERS TAKE TWO FORTS.
London, Dec. 29.—A despatch received here says that the Boers commanded by Visser captured two British forts at Kurum, northwest of Kimberley, in Bechuanaland, December 17th.

CASUALTIES.
Lady Smith, Dec. 29.—The casualties here since the siege began are 70 killed and 255 wounded. Apparently the Boers will not make an assault, but will try to starve out the garrison.

ALL WELL.
Mooker River, Dec. 24.—In reply to a telegraphic inquiry as to the health of the garrison at Kimberley, it was signalled, "all is well." The Ninth Lancers gave a concert last night. The camp was crowded and great enthusiasm was manifested during the singing of the National Anthem.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Premier Waldeck Rousseau, Minister of War, Callfax, Minister of Marine, Lanesseau, President of the Chamber, and Lanesseau held a conference today and approved the naval programme, which it is believed will include the building of twelve of the most powerful battleships afloat. An expenditure of four hundred million francs to increase the navy is contemplated.

C. O. Ball has opened a fresh meat market in first stall on left hand side and will be glad to supply his friends with anything in that line. Beef, Pork, and Bologna Sausages, etc. Call on him.

COLDEST OF WINTER

Three Bodies From a Wreck Washed Ashore at Hatteras.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—The coldest weather of the winter prevails today throughout Virginia, and North Carolina. It is 24 here and at points on Pamlico and Currituck sounds it is zero.

Three bodies from the Aristo wreck were washed ashore today, south of Cape Hatteras.

SUCIDE AT SMITHFIELD.
Mr. B. R. Hood, a white man of Smithfield, committed suicide there at one o'clock this afternoon by taking laudanum.

NOTED CATHOLIC DIVINE DEAD.
New York, Dec. 29.—Father Mallon, the noted Roman Catholic divine, died at Brooklyn this morning. He was 78 years of age.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.
Denver, Col., Dec. 29.—The Cheyenne East Express on the Union Pacific ran into a Boulder Valley train at Brighton, Colorado, this morning. The baggage-man was killed and eleven persons injured.

COTTON.
New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton Jan. 7.55; Feb. 7.42; March 7.47; April 7.51; May 7.54.

STREET GOSSIP
Comments Gleaned from Chats by the Wayside.

Mr. R. A. Jackson, of Elm Hill town, today exhibited at the Observer office today a set of beautiful plumage, which he captured Christmas morning near his residence. The bird is as large as a drake, has a bill four inches long and is called a Woodcock. Seen to-day in the woods near his home.

Lawyers are here to see Treasurer Worth on behalf of the Sheriff Sturgill, of Ashe, who has never paid the taxes due in 1898. The Treasurer has sued him and his bondsmen. He got judgment against Sturgill. The lawyers say the latter will pay. There is also judgment against the sheriff of Haywood.

The ladies of the Woman's Exchange, on Fayetteville street, who have a regular sale tomorrow for parties who will receive on New Year's Day and several other days. The ladies of the Exchange will greatly appreciate your patronage.

The Middle Man, one of the best plays in the West-land-Warrent Company's repertoire, will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight. Curtain rises at 8:15.

The Raleigh school committee held their regular meeting at 4 p. m. in the Mayor's hall today.

The additional engine has been installed in the Raleigh Electric Company's plant and will be operated tonight.

SON CONVERTED MOTHER.
Mrs. Moody Never Heard Evangelist Preach Until He Was Famous.

New York, Dec. 24.—Edward Kimball, the church-school minister, who was responsible for bringing Dwight L. Moody into the church, told today how the great evangelist converted his own mother.

For many years Mrs. Moody's mother never visited her son's church, and the pupil as his life work. The mother never saw or heard her son preach until, long years after he was world renowned, in 1875 he returned to his home in North Andover, Mass., shortly after coming back to America from one of his great London successes. The family still lived on the old farm and still drove to town to Sunday morning in the old farm wagon. The mother started a daughter by saying to her:

"I don't suppose there would be room in the wagon for me this morning, would there?"

"No one had ever thought of the mother unbending and going to hear her son."

"Of course there will be room, mother," said the daughter, and the mother was taken down to church with the rest.

Mrs. Moody preached from the Fifty-first Psalm, and preached with a fervor that was highly respected by the press. The son was completely overcome, and turning to B. P. Jacobs, now of Chicago, said with emotion:

"You pity Jacobus! I can't."

COLLISION.
The East Mail Runs Into an Engine in the Yards in Salisbury.

There came near being a serious accident in the Southern yards in Salisbury last night, says today's Charlotte Ole. servant.

A large engine, which was to take out No. 12, the local from Atlanta and Charlotte, when it reached Salisbury, was standing on the side track, near the station, the head light facing north. The engine either did not pull far enough on the side track, or the engine slipped back out to the main line. No. 25, the fast mail from the north, came thundering along, and struck the engine. The tender was knocked down, the engine overturned, and the train was wrecked. The passengers were badly shaken up and frightened.

The accident might have been a very serious one. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the damage to the railroad property was considerable.

UTLEY-STRAIN WEDDING.
The marriage of Mr. Willie W. Utley and Miss Missiam Strain took place last Wednesday at the Swift Creek Baptist church, also county, the Rev. A. D. Hunter, officiating.

IMPORTANT TO TAXPAYERS.
In addition to the one per cent penalty now charged on city taxes, there will be another one per cent after Saturday, December 30th. Better pay up and save further costs.

OPEN ALL NIGHT

Raleigh Postoffice Increases in Efficiency

Postmaster Bailey will Tender the Position to Mr W. R. Hedden—Begins January 1st.

NIGHT CLERKSHIP CREATED

The police committee met at a regular meeting in the Mayor's office, President Chairman Parrish, Aldermen W. L. and Hedden.

The meeting was called for the purpose of passing on the applications for liquor licenses. The board of all licensees will meet at 5 p. m. and adopt the report of the police committee. They recommended that licenses be granted to the following:

M. W. Woodard, 236 W. Columbia; S. T. Smith, Exchange Place; H. E. Canfield, Exchange Place; N. D. Carroll, Williamson street; John F. Smith, Exchange Place; Debra and Dixon, South Hargett street; E. V. Denton, Fayetteville street; A. O. Woodford, Hargett street; Garret and Bartlett, Martin street; Parham and Joyner, Wilmington street; L. S. Redfield, Williamson street; J. E. Harshbarger, Wilmington street; L. N. White, Wilmington street; P. B. Griffin, Exchange Place; J. R. Ferrall and Company, Fayetteville street; L. C. Hill, Williamson street; H. L. and P. D. Williams, Wilmington street; C. W. Hower, Wilmington street; J. J. Johnson, Williamson street; Charles and Simpson, Fayetteville street; N. H. Hilsenrath, 291 E. Hargett street; Avon Wine Co., Fayetteville street; Theo. Pennell, Fayetteville street; L. J. Waller, Salisbury and Martin streets.

Two retail licenses were granted, one to M. H. Hilsenrath, Fayetteville street, and T. R. Jones, S. Hargett street.

The applications for retail licenses numbered 8120 each to the limit of 81450. Hilsenrath's license received 81450.

Ernie Charles, of West Columbia street, and Messrs. Brothers, of East Hargett, have not asked for a renewal of their licenses.

The committee extended the time of W. D. Jordan's license on East Martin street thirty days. Some of the property owners object to renewing the license for that length of time.

EDDINGS-KING
Marriage in Wakefield at High Noon Yesterday

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eddings, at Wakefield, was the scene of a beautiful marriage ceremony at high noon yesterday, in which their charming daughter, Miss Maggie May Eddings, played her part to Mr. James E. King of this city. The large drawing room was artistically decorated for the occasion and the host of relatives and friends thronged to the matrimonial scene.

The bride, attired in a handsome dress, with a shower of bride's roses in her hand, entered with her maid of honor, Miss Lee Whitley, of Wakefield, and the groom entered, accompanied by his brother, Mr. E. L. King, of Raleigh, as best man, while the wedding march peaked forth under the skilled touch of Miss Renée Chambliss. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. D. H. Hunter, pastor of the Baptist church at Wakefield.

After the ceremony the guests were in wheel into the dining hall, where a banquet concert was partaken of in honor of the event.

The presents were most numerous and handsome and attested the widespread popularity of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. King arrived in Raleigh last night and were welcomed to their home of East street by numerous friends.

Mr. King is one of Raleigh's most successful young men, and the bride is a young lady of rare charms.

BADLY BURNED
Two Accidents that Came Near Being Very Serious.

Mr. Brown, overseer in a cotton mill here, met with a serious accident Thursday night at Mr. Bretwell's, where he was working. He lost his arm in a lump of cotton which he was carrying.

Master Joe Douglas, son of Mr. W. C. Douglas, had a narrow escape from serious injury. He had on a dough face with a head when the head caught fire and but for the prompt assistance he would have been badly disfigured.

ARE WE AIDING ENGLAND?
Crisis Montgomery Said to be Doing British Policy Duty.

According to information received by Senator Mason, the United States cannot Montgomery is doing policy duty for the British on the African coast. The Senator proposes to make his information the subject of a resolution of inquiry in the Senate.

Senator Mason's informant is an officer on board the Montgomery, whose name of course is not to be made public for fear of the wrath that would be visited upon him by the Navy Department officials. According to this officer the British have taken away all their ships from the colony of Sierra Leone, on the western coast of Africa, and sent them to the east coast to cruise in the neighborhood of Delagoa Bay, where among other things, they are seizing American flour. When the ships went away the negroes in Sierra Leone showed signs of uprising, and the Montgomery is said to have kept in the neighborhood for the apparent purpose of overawing the discontented people. While engaged in this alleged policy duty, the American officers and men are suffering great discomfort and are suffering great discomfort and are threatened with fever. Sierra Leone being known as "the white man's grave." It is said that there is no reason for keeping the Montgomery in the vicinity of Sierra Leone.

Senator Mason's resolution will ask the Secretary of the Navy if the Montgomery is remaining at Sierra Leone in pursuance of any understanding with Great Britain, and if not, why the cruiser should be kept in that vicinity.—Washington Post, 28th.

NEW MASONIC LODGE.
Officers of Raleigh Lodge Selected Last Night.

A new lodge of Masons was organized here last night under the dispensation from Grand Master Nolen. It is named Raleigh Lodge, and has 24 charter members, all formerly of W. G. Hill Lodge, Mr. W. E. Faison, of the State labor bureau, is master; W. T. Harding, junior warden, and H. C. Butler, junior warden.

GRANTING LICENSE

Twenty-seven Applications Acted On Favorably

Only one Application Held Up and His Time Extended for Thirty Days to Investigate.

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STRONG PLAY TONIGHT
A Fine Performance by the Woodward-Warren Company Last Night.

One of the best plays in the repertoire of the Woodward-Warren Company, The Middle Man, will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight. Every bill this excellent company have presented this work has been a great success and has given entire satisfaction. No better played and more interesting play in the Academy of Music than this which has left the performances of the Woodward-Warren Company. Such performances as they are giving nightly should keep the house full till the S. R. O. sign would have to be hung out.

The play last night was "The Strange Story," and it was a winner from start to finish.

It was a play full of good and clean humor. The ludicrous situations never failed to bring roars of laughter from the audience.

The cast was strong and well proved an artist in his or her role. The company certainly understands how to amuse the last bill of the season of the play.

Miss Charles Middleton was "the strategist" and proved herself an artist in the many laughable situations in which she was placed. Her impersonations of other characters, which she was forced to assume, were remarkably clever.

Mr. Guy Woodward took the part of Major Howard, and as usual made it one of the best, laughable and interesting characters in the play.

Miss Howard, daughter of the Major, was extremely clever. She is a most charming and never fails to be a favorite with the audience.

Mr. Guy Hunter as the Rev. Martin, a snooty, pompous person, was at his best and did a clever piece of acting.

Mr. Van Ertzen as Mr. O'Brien, a son of "Old Ernie," did the part to perfection.

Miss Eddings and Miss Warren were both very pleasing in their roles.

Mr. Keiffer scored a big hit in his solo, "The Math and the Flame." It received a tremendous encore. He certainly has a magnificent tenor voice. Miss Diamond was also charming in her specialties.

Miss Clayton made a big hit in her specialty songs. "The Art" one of the latest songs out, to which she appended a verse of her own composition about the electric lights of Raleigh, which are giving so much trouble, brought down the house.

The Hark and Ecker musical performance was fine, as usual.

You should not fail to see the Middle Man tonight.

A matinee will be given tomorrow at 2:30 p. m., commencing at 2:50. "The Middle Man Call" will be presented.

MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATION.
The Masonic Temple at Rocky Mount will be dedicated on the 31st prox. It is a beautiful structure. Its cost is \$16,000. The Masons of the State are participating greatly. Raleigh Masons are not behind in this respect, and they will possibly be the next to erect and dedicate a Masonic temple.

Bananas are scarce all over the world, but Dugli has a plenty.

FAMILIAR FACES

What Your Friends and Their Friends are Doing

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Temple, who have been visiting Dr. R. H. Temple in Raleigh, have returned home.

Dr. R. J. Noble returned to Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. A. O. Jones has just returned from a visit to Raleigh and other points.

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