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BRITISH CROSS TUGELA RIVER

Warren's Pontoon Bridge Used by Advancing Army

ENTHUSIASM IN LONDON INTENSE

British Rejoice that Army Can Cross River—Sixteen Men Ambushed by Boers and After Fierce Fight Completely Overwhelmed.

Rensburg, Jan. 17.—A patrol of sixteen men of the New South Wales Lancers and the South Australians were ambushed yesterday by the Boers and overwhelmed after a severe fight. Eight of the patrol escaped and have arrived at camp. Six were captured. There was one dead Australian and one wounded found at the scene of the fight. A number of dead Boer bodies were found, showing the fierceness of the fight. It appears that the Australians encountered the first body of Boers, and finding retreat cut off, they galloped near by a kopje, hoping to beat the Boers, but arriving found another body of Boers concealed there.

BULLISH CAUSES ENTHUSIASM.

London, Jan. 18.—There is wild enthusiasm over the news that General Buller has crossed the Tugela and is fighting his way to Ladysmith. At last a large British column is on its way into Zululand to work around the extreme eastern flank of the Boers, and then head for the Utrecht and the Vryheid districts.

WARREN'S FORCES ATTACK.

Springfield, Natal, Jan. 17.—General Warren's division fought the Tugela at Wagon Drift in gallant fashion, facing a hot fire from the Boer artillery and infantry. The Boers, however, made no determined effort to contest the crossing and fell back, when firing began on their main position. At the north bank a detachment from the farm house, called Ahngerefontein, full of the enemy, who had remained to harass the British. They first on approach of General Warren's troops after firing one volley, General Warren later overtook the position of Spions Kop, opposite the Boers camp and five miles north of the river. As yet the Boers have not replied to the British bombardment. They are evidently strongly entrenched.

BULLER'S FORCE ADVANCING.

London, Jan. 18.—A Cape Town special says it is positively reported that Ladysmith has been relieved. The war office has received a despatch from General Roberts stating that he has received a despatch from General Buller giving the information that one brigade and a Howitzer battery have crossed the Tugela at Porgiers Drift, five miles further west. General Warren has thrown a pontoon bridge over the river by means of which a portion of his force crossed on Wednesday. The remainder is expected to be on the north bank by Friday. General Warren hopes to be able to turn the Boer position, which is five miles off to the right. The front is being strongly entrenched.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

Body of Mr. J. D. Davis Arrived This Afternoon.

The body of Mr. J. D. Davis, who was killed in an accident near Greenville, S. C. yesterday, an account of which was given in yesterday's Times-Visitor, arrived on the delayed Southern Railway train from Greenville this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

The annual meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held Friday (tomorrow) afternoon, January 19th, at 4 p. m., at Mrs. Annie Parker's, on East Edenton street.

WESTMORELAND SKIPPED.

William Westmoreland, the janitor of the Supreme Court Building, who was recently allowed to seek friends in this city for the purpose of raising the amount of his bond, and whose disappearance was predicted in *The Times-Visitor* several days since, has not yet returned up. He has jumped the mine and it is reported has taken flight into Virginia. It is stated that another warrant will be issued for his arrest on another charge.

Rev. W. C. Blanchard, of Kinston, is in the city today.

The meeting of the Populist State Executive Committee tonight at 8 o'clock promises to be well attended. Many of the members arrived last night and today. The committee will decide the time and place for the next State convention and it is said that the pending constitutional amendment will also be discussed.

SENATOR BUTLER HERE

Talks of the Proposed National Park in North Carolina.

Senator Marion Butler arrived in Raleigh this morning to attend the meeting of the Populist State Executive Committee, which is to be held in this city tonight.

Senator Butler, in speaking of the National Park, which it is proposed to establish in Western North Carolina, said that the movement might easily be considered a success. He said that the first step, that of securing the appointment of a Commission from Congress, authorized to report on the matter, was assured, and that the only question is as to whether the report of the Commission will be favorable.

This is good. It is safe to say that a Commission once in Western North Carolina among its mountains and people can make but one sort of report and that the most favorable.

Senator Butler will probably return to Washington on one.

A SWITCHMAN KILLED.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—L. I. Lassiter, of Conway, N. C., employed as a switchman in the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad yards, at Pinner's Point, was instantly killed this morning. In attempting to uncouple cars of a moving train his foot became caught in a frog, throwing him beneath the wheels. His body was horribly mangled.

"PEG LEG" WILLIAMS' TROUBLE

Sprius Habens Corpus Proceedings but Remains in Jail.

Madison, Ga., Jan. 17.—Sheriff Edgar Fears on yesterday carried "Peg-Leg" Williams to Union Point before Judge Hart on a writ of habeas corpus sworn out by his attorneys, Messrs. Jas. Davidson, of Greensboro, and Albin G. Foster, of this city.

The State was represented by Colonels Edward W. Butler and H. G. Lewis.

The contention of Williams' lawyers that the crime with which he was charged, soliciting emigration without a license, while prohibited by the State legislature, was unconstitutional, according to the constitution of the United States.

Judge Hart overruled the contention, but on account of the sanitary condition of the Morgan county jail ordered Williams turned over to the sheriff of Greene county, to be held by him until the courts of higher authority could pass upon his case.

WEBSTER'S STATUE PRESENTED

Washington, Jan. 18.—The presentation of the statue of Daniel Webster to the United States by Stilson Hatchard, owner of the Washington Times, took place this morning in the Lyric Opera House. The leading officers of the government, Senators and members of the House attended the exercises in the auditorium and invited to proceed later to Scott Circle, where the unveiling took place. The principal address was delivered by Senator Lodge.

AUDITORIUM COMMITTEE

Meets Monday Night—Invite Suggestions From Any Citizen

There will be a meeting at the Mayor's office next Monday afternoon at five o'clock of the Auditorium Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday night, of which Mr. R. B. Ramey is chairman. Any citizen of Raleigh, whether a member of the Chamber of Commerce or not, who may have valuable suggestions to offer concerning location and manner of securing funds for the construction of an auditorium, is cordially invited to be present. Suggestions through the mail prior to that time will also be gladly received and considered.

ANNA GOULD'S HUSBAND

Count Boni de Castellane Fails to Meet His Obligations

Paris, Jan. 18.—The Matin today says that Count Boni de Castellane, husband of Anna Gould, has been posted at Bourse for failure to meet his obligations. It is announced today that the Count, with his wife, is making a trip to New York, on an effort to get out of his financial trouble alleged to be caused by speculation in the stock exchange, where he is said to have lost six hundred thousand dollars recently in industrial stocks. Seven or eight brokers are interested. It is expected that the Count will raise money in America, with which to pay off his obligations.

The Marquis de Castellane denies that his son has failed to meet his obligations. He says that his son never speculated, and explains that the fact that his son and wife are on their way to America, is taken advantage of to start these false rumors.

McLAURIN FOR THE SENATE.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 18.—The Legislature today elected Ex-Governor McLaughlin as United States Senator for the long term, and re-elected W. V. A. Sullivan for the short term.

TO CEASE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Attorney General Knowlton, formally suggests to the Legislature that confinement for life supplant the death penalty for murder in this State.

CENSUS BILL CONSIDERED.

Washington, Jan. 18.—On account of the unwellness of the Webster statue Congress convened at 1 o'clock. The Census bill was considered.

I. O. O. F. ENCAMPMENT.

Regular meeting Litchford-McKer Encampment this evening at 8 o'clock. Work in the degrees. Every patriarch urged to be present.

PHIL. THIEM, C. P.

ADOPTED PLAN AND ADJOURNED

Tobacco Growers' Association's Successful Meeting

WILL FIGHT TRUST TO THE FINISH

Demand for Fair and Just Prices—The Scheme Whereby Better Prices Can be Obtained for their Products, as Adopted this Morning.

The Tobacco Growers' Association met in Metropolitan Hall this morning, being called to order by President J. Brynn Grimes, and Mr. T. V. Parker acting as secretary. There were about sixty delegates present.

The following resolution was presented by the Committee on Resolutions:

"Whereas, The Tobacco Growers have to sell their tobacco to leaf dealers or manufacturers, therefore,

"Resolved, That we petition Congress for such legislation as will give any one the liberty to dispose of his tobacco in any quantity or to any person."

The resolution called forth discussion, at the conclusion of which it was tabled.

A substitute was presented as follows:

"Whereas, the growers of leaf tobacco are not receiving a just compensation for their product and believing this state of affairs has been brought about by unlawful combinations and conspiracies, we do hereby most earnestly solicit the aid and assistance of all organizations and our legislative bodies, both State and National, and the press in the advancement of agriculture, and in correcting this unfair and unjust state of affairs."

This seemed to meet with approval on all sides and after all of those who desired to speak had their say, the resolution was adopted.

The Association took up the proposition of Mr. Jordan and it was adopted. The resolution carrying with it the adoption of Mr. Jordan's plan, is, in its revised form, as follows:

"The Tobacco Growers of North Carolina in session at Raleigh, N. C., January 18th, 1900.

We, the undersigned committee, respectfully recommend to this Association the following contract or contract in substance:

"We agree to enter into a contract with J. F. Jordan and his associates to sell to them our tobacco raised during the next five years at an advance of not less than 15 per cent. over the prices of the same grade of tobacco during the last five years, the said price to be fixed by a commission, a majority of whom shall represent the seller.

"We further agree to take stock with said Jordan and his associates, a corporation which shall be formed for the purpose of manipulating and disposing of less than 15 per cent. of the value of our said tobacco. The details of this agreement shall be hereafter arranged so as to carry out the true intent and meaning of this agreement. If we make default in this agreement in any particular we agree to forfeit to said corporation the said stock taken. And we further recommend for our mutual benefit that the farmers of North Carolina reduce their crop at least 25 per cent. below the past year's production. We invite the co-operation of Virginia, South Carolina and other sections which grow bright tobacco.

The Association then discussed plans for the future, and after short talks and promises to do all in their power to make the county organizations perfectly in accord with the State Association it was moved and adopted that the Tobacco Growers' Association adjourn to meet again at the call of the President.

RAIN TONIGHT; FAIR TOMORROW.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Rain and warmer tonight; fair Friday.

The storm center still remains over the Gulf States and this morning a trough of relatively low pressure extends from Florida to the Lakes. Rain has fallen throughout the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and along the southeast Atlantic coast, the heaviest fall reported being 1.12 inches at Savannah. Light snow is reported from some of the upper Lake stations. The barometer is unusually high in the northeast, and another from the northwest. West of the Mississippi the weather is clear and cool.

MUSICAL.

All lovers of good music should not fail to go to the musical this evening at the residence of Mrs. Ernest Martin. The programme will consist of vocal solos, instrumental solos, recitations and violin solos by some of the very best talent of the city. This entertainment is given for the benefit of the Ladies' Improvement Society of the First Baptist church, and it is hoped by the management that there will be a large attendance. Remember the time—this evening at eight o'clock. Public most cordially invited. No admission charged, but a voluntary collection will be taken.

POLICE BOAT SUNK.

Buffalo, Jan. 18.—The police boat "Governor Morton" was found sunk in the harbor yesterday. The sinking is believed to have been the work of a gang of thieves out of revenge. The boat was out of commission, and had no watchmen aboard.

RUSSIAN CRUISER ASHORE.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—The Russian iron clad cruiser "Poltava," ten thousand tons, is ashore in a dangerous position near Libau, on the Baltic.

FATAL TRAGEDY IN DURHAM

Two White Men Shot, One Killed

CORONER'S INQUEST THIS AFTERNOON

An Unknown Negro Shot Sherron and Waring in Smoky Hollow Early This Morning—Mysterious Affair.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 18.—Shortly after midnight a tragedy was committed at Smoky Hollow, a disgraceful and ill reported locality of this city. Willard Sherron and George Waring, two white men, painters by trade, were shot, the first fatally and the second dangerously.

The tragedy was witnessed by three men, R. J. Riley, G. W. Gates and Dred Snider. They stated soon after the tragedy that they were returning home from a place in Smoky Hollow. When they were in front of the house occupied by Albin Guldner, a negro woman, they saw two white men and a negro quarreling. They stopped to investigate when the negro pulled a pistol and began to shoot. Both the men ran and the negro shot five times and ran the other way. Albin pursued him until the railroad was reached and the negro made his escape.

Riley at once reported the matter to the police, and two policemen and a reporter of the Herald went immediately to the scene. They found George Waring, one of the wounded men, leaning against a fence, and he was sent in a carriage to the police station, where his wounds were attended to by Dr. Johnson. Willard Sherron was found lying in the yard in front of the house of Henry Hampton, in what was thought to be a dying condition.

He was taken from the ground, carried into the house and a physician sent for. In the meantime all was done for him possible and he made a statement, which was heard by several parties, including Horace Jones, a colored horse trader, of whom the shooting, although he at no time admitted that he did not know who shot him, and Dr. Johnson soon arrived and both agreed, after an examination, that Sherron was fatally hurt.

Waring's wound will not prove fatal. The ball entered under the right arm and grazed the neck. He says that he and Sherron had been in a negro house and were on their way home. They stopped in front of Albin Guldner's to listen to the dance, and while they were standing there a negro man came out of the house and began to curse them. Waring said he struck the man, who was a negro, and immediately he began to shoot. Both he and Sherron ran and it was then that the latter was shot in the back. He said the negro ran off, but he did not know who way.

Willard Sherron died at 4:02 o'clock this morning in the police station. He is well known here where he has lived for a number of years. He is a married man and lives on Wartin street, with a wife, father, mother and brother. He leaves a wife and one child, a father, mother, and several brothers and sisters. He was a member of Company D, First North Carolina Regiment in the Spanish American war.

George Waring has not lived in Durham but some four or five weeks. He says that he came from Cleveland, O., and that he is a nephew of Colonel Waring of the street cleaning department of New York city. He worked for Sherron.

A short while after Sherron made the statement last night that Horace Jones did the shooting, every police in the city was looking for the man. Officer Crabtree found him in his room on Sugar Hill. He was carried to the police station. Charles Hines, the barber, was with Jones and he said that the two men had been together since 9 o'clock last night, in the neighborhood of Smoky Hollow during the night.

This morning Coroner J. Frank Madry, local editor of the Herald, had a post mortem examination of Sherron made and found that the bullet, .28 calibre, had entered his back on the right side and coursed upward and lodged in the cervical on the right side of his neck. This would seem to show plainly that he was shot from behind.

Waring continues to improve.

One of the most remarkable incidents of this mysterious affair is the statement made by Sherron after the shooting that the negro Jones did the shooting. Jones proved conclusively today that he was not in the Smoky Hollow section last night, and he was released.

Four or five negroes have been arrested up to 3 o'clock this afternoon upon suspicion.

Coroner Madry began holding an inquest over the body of Sherron at 2:30 this afternoon, and at this hour the inquest is still being held.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Joe Kelly, a colored brickman about 35 years old, was crushed to death between freight cars in the Norfolk and Western yards last night. His body will be sent to Carthage, N. C., this evening via the Seaboard Air Line. Coroner E. P. Olden had a jury of inquest will inquire into the circumstances of the death of Kelly tomorrow at 11 a. m., at the office of High Constable Pettis, Williams street.

ITALIANS AT VENEZUELA.

Paris, Jan. 18.—A despatch to the Figaro, from Rome, says that owing to the trouble reported in Venezuela, two Italian warships have been ordered there today.

LOCAL NOTES

Items of Persons and Things Gleaned on The Streets.

The Durham Herald states that Mr. J. C. Smith, of this city, is on a visit to Mrs. Sina Peard in Durham.

Mrs. F. W. Phillips, of this city, who has been on a short visit to Mrs. Bruce R. Payne in Durham, has returned home.

The concert to be given on the 25th inst., for the benefit of the drum corps of Confederate Veterans, is to be a great success. Some novel numbers will be presented that will make the occasion most enjoyable.

The meeting tonight of the Populist Executive Committee, has brought a number of the members to Raleigh.

This morning in the Mayor's Court Jane Bram was fined \$5.25 by Mayor Powell, for an affray with Hilliard Bram last night on the Bowery.

Be sure to attend the musical at Mrs. Ernest Martin's tonight. It is for the benefit of the Improvement Society of the First Baptist church, and some of the best talent in the city will take part.

The banks will be closed tomorrow, the day being a State legal holiday in honor of General Robert E. Lee.

News from Chatham county reports the small-pox near Siler City about under control. There are three mild cases near Camlock.

Mrs. Bryan, of Branford, Conn., has Miss Annie Williams, of Raleigh, visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Stamps, on Oakwood avenue.

Miss Melvin and Miss Eagle left today for New York city.

Manager Arendell of the State Penitentiary said today: "Not one cent has been taken from the penitentiary, and money to pay for the rent of any of the State farms."

Mr. H. A. London is in the city.

Mr. Ben Moore left for Frankfort county this morning.

Mr. J. T. Angier is in the city.

Miss Miriam Stamps has returned from Tarboro.

Mr. Ernest Lilly is in the city.

Mr. Don Gilliam, of Tarboro, is in the city.

Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith left this morning for New York city.

Mr. A. J. Thomas returned to Lenoir county today.

Dr. H. F. Freeman returned to Winton today.

Mr. E. B. Arendell left today to give Round-rod farms to select a signal of convicts to work on a railroad.

The W. L. Womble Hook and Ladder Company will meet tonight.

Last Monday night the Oceanic Society of Red Men initiated H. and elected 22 new members.

The German Club of the A. and M. College will give a dance at the College tomorrow night.

Miss Windham Trajner entertained the Afternoon Euchre Club on yesterday afternoon. Miss Trajner proved herself a charming hostess.

The flag signal service of the Weather Bureau, which was formerly raised over the City Hall tower and has for some time been discontinued, will be begun again, starting from this date.

MAGIC PERFORMER'S TROUBLE

Used His Gift to Steal Money and is Now in Jail.

Justice H. H. Roberts this morning bound over to court in default of \$500 bond, a negro, Alexander Williams, who is gifted in magic and slight-of-hand in stunts, and whose art has so gotten the best of him that he had begun using it to take money from those near him.

Three of his victims were in court today as witnesses against him, and it was clearly shown that on several occasions money which had been in the hands of the witnesses had suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, upon investigation to be found in the possession of the slight-of-hand trickster.

The evidence was such as to justify Judge Roberts in sending Williams to jail in default of a \$500 bond, to await trial at the March term of court, for the larceny of money by trick and fraud.

"SIDE TRACKED"

Side Tracked was presented at the Academy of Music last evening to a fair audience. The play abounded in humor and elicited applause from the spectators, especially from the galleries.

The play was light and could have been improved by the abbreviation of several features.

B. R. LACY FOR TREASURER.

(Concord Standard.)

The time is about here to give some thought to the matter of a Democratic State ticket.

Personally we have no desire for public office and have no pretensions to the places must be filled and if due attention is not given to get the best men in office a second or third grade of men will be apt to get the places.

An earnest solicitation comes from a personal friend in Raleigh in behalf of Mr. B. R. Lacy for State Treasurer. From all we know Mr. Lacy's superior for the position would be hard to find.

He has forged his way up from the ranks where brain must accompany brawn, and has carried the love and esteem of his associates with him as he rises.

His name has been familiarly before the State in the capacity of Commissioner of Labor, where fact is displayed, and he is cashier of the Mechanics' Dimes Savings Bank of Raleigh, in which his business fitness of Treasurer is manifest.

It seems altogether due Mr. Lacy that his candidacy should receive favorable consideration when the convention makes up our State ticket.

TRICK DOG.

One of the members of the "Side Tracked" Company, which showed here last night, was observed going to the station this morning accompanied by a small white poodle dog, the little canine trotting contentedly at his master's heels. Passengers are not allowed to take dogs with them into passenger coaches, but this little poodle when with his master and this is the way it was done. The man went into the waiting room and placed a small hand satchel on the floor. As soon as he opened the satchel the little dog jumped into it and curled up so it could be closed. The satchel was then locked and when the train arrived the man entered the coach stinging the satchel in his hand. At one end of the satchel was a slit, covered by a plug, so that the dog could get air, but could not be seen.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 18.—Official Bank of England rates is reduced a half per cent to 4 and a half. The bank's gold supplies increased nearly six millions.

BOX CAR FOR A PEST HOUSE.

Genleman from Hamlet today says that the pest house for small pox patients at that place consists of a box car on a side track two miles from the car. Fifteen negroes are said to be in the car and according to reports one or more of them makes an escape almost every night.

SIDEWALKS MUST BE PAVED

Street Committee Directs Police Serve Notices

MUST BE SERVED IN PERSON

Work Done in the City Cemetery—No Shade Trees Cut Down But 35 Trees Have Been Set Out There

A Times-Visitor reporter saw Alderman Hamilton, acting chairman of the street committee, today and talked with him in reference to the work on the sidewalks. This is the matter which specially needs the attention of the committee at present.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he had today directed the Chief of Police to notify all property owners where the sidewalks had been ordered to be put down pavement. If they fail to comply with these notices then the city will go ahead and do the work and the charter empowers the city to collect for the same within sixty days.

The street committee had acted under a misapprehension heretofore. They had had notices mailed to the property owners, but it is now decided that that does not constitute a legal notification, so the committee had directed the Chief of Police to have notices served on such property owners in person. Unless the property owners take advantage of the provision allowing them the 20 days, the work will be done now.

The committee is specially anxious to have the sidewalks from the Blind Institution placed in proper condition and they will spare no effort to have this done immediately.

A report has been circulated recently that some of the valuable shade trees in the city cemetery are being cut down. Alderman Hamilton is chairman of the cemetery committee, and in reference to such reports he stated: "No shade trees have been cut down in the city cemetery. Some shrubs, which were not ornamental and furnished no shade and interfered with some of the curbing and tomb stones have been removed. But instead of removing shade trees the committee has had 55 nice maples set out in the cemetery. All the bad walks have now been properly fixed, except one."

Great improvement has been made in the city cemetery, and it has been done at small cost. An appropriation of \$500 was made by the Board of Aldermen and this fund has not been exhausted.

Aldermen Hamilton, Correll and Gorman constitute the cemetery committee.

NEW CORPORATIONS

A Buggy Company at Oxford and a Hardware Company at Statesville.

Articles of agreement were today filed by Messrs. C. C. Canady, N. H. Canady, B. E. Taylor, C. W. Brown, J. M. Curran, E. T. White, H. G. Cooper, J. G. Hall, W. R. Ballow, Z. W. Lyon, J. D. Bullock, J. H. Bullock, B. S. Royster, J. G. Hunt, S. W. Minor, J. R. Rolter, and S. H. Canady, for the incorporation of the Taylor-Canady Buggy Company, for the manufacture, sale and repairing of vehicles at Oxford, N. C., capital stock \$28,000.

J. E. Evans, H. E. Flanigan, John R. Flanigan and James P. Flanigan today filed articles of agreement for the incorporation of the Flanigan-Evans Hardware Company, of Statesville, capital stock \$18,000.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

Will Only Meet Once a Month.—New Member Elected.

The Academy of Medicine met last night for the first time in the New Year. The newly elected officers were installed, and Dr. T. M. Jordan, formerly of Hookerton this State, who has established himself in Raleigh for the practice of medicine, was elected a Resident Fellow of the Academy.

It was agreed in meeting last night that in future the Academy will meet but once a month, instead of twice, which has long been the custom of that organization. The next meeting hereafter will be held on the evening of the First Wednesday in each month.

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