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CRONJE MUST SURRENDER

He is Completely Penned In on Every Side

QUEEN VICTORIA IS JUBILANT

British Have Entered Colenso—Railroad into Kimberly is now Open—Roberts' Proclamation to the Orange Free States is Having Effect.

London, Feb. 20.—Whatever news is received today the war office refuses to reveal. It is unofficially reported that General Kitchener is as brought the Boer General Cronje to bay and has engaged him in battle. It is inferred that the war office is merely waiting for despatches announcing the result of the battle. That story, however, though plausible may be premature. The hope, however, that Cronje is cut off from Bloemfontein continues to prevail in London, especially in view of the detailed despatches saying that the Orange Free States, when they say the extent of the British forces, were in favor of surrendering.

ROBERTS' DISPATCH

London, Feb. 20.—The War Office has issued a despatch from General Roberts, the main importance of which is the fact that it is dated at Paardeberg, on Monday. Paardeberg is thirty miles east of Jacobsdal. He announces that the railroad is open into Kimberly, and that General Methuen will proceed there forthwith. Large supplies will be forwarded.

QUEEN HAPPY

London, Feb. 20.—Queen Victoria announced that the Fourth Battalion of Lincolnshires are today under inspection at Osborne, and that she had received good news from South Africa this morning.

Her Majesty was plainly in high spirits, and smiled frequently, presumably at news from the war. The nature of the news is unknown, and nothing is allowed to transpire.

TRAIN FOR KIMBERLEY

Cape Town, Feb. 20.—First train for Kimberly, since it was invested by the Boers, left here last night.

FILING ON COLENSO

Durban, Feb. 20.—General Buller's guns opened fire on the Boer trenches at Colenso today, and their evacuation is considered certain.

CRONJE PENNED IN

London, Feb. 20.—General Roberts is between Cronje and Bloemfontein, according to a war office bulletin issued this afternoon. General Kelly-Kenny is behind Cronje and Roberts between him and the Orange Free State capital, which makes it reasonably certain that the Boer commander is in a precarious position.

WINDING UP IN KIMBERLEY

London, Feb. 20.—The news that places the Queen as much as is supposed to be that Cronje, with seven thousand troops and a thousand wagons, comprising the main part of his army, has been hopelessly surrounded in an open plain and must surrender or be annihilated.

General French probably got around his rear, with eight thousand horsemen and flying artillery, cutting off his retreat to Bloemfontein, while General Kitchener with Tucker's and Kelly-Kenny's brigades, has caught up with his flank. The British forces all told number twenty five thousand. If Cronje has not surrendered a fierce battle is probably raging.

COLENSO OCCUPIED

London, Feb. 20.—Lord Lansdowne announces that General Buller has occupied a position dominating Colenso and later that Gen. Hart occupied Colenso, after slight engagement.

Sterkstroom Camp, Feb. 20.—A force of twelve hundred Boers attacked, under command of Vandort with six guns, the camp of the Royal Scots and Cape Police. The British had two guns from the Seventy Seventh battery. The attack was at dawn, from a hill, north-west of the British position. The British shelled the Boers out of their position and drove them toward Jamestown Dordrecht. The British had no casualties. One Boer was killed. The shell fire on both sides was ineffective.

ROBERTS NEAR

London, Feb. 20.—General Roberts' despatch dated Paardeberg, shows that Roberts is less than fifty miles from Bloemfontein, thirty miles east of Jacobsdal.

FREE STATERS TURNING

Cape Town, Feb. 20.—A proclamation issued by General Roberts to the Orange Free States, after the British occupied Jacobsdal, is favorably received by the moderates, and is believed by English authorities, as likely to have a good effect. It is said here that in districts like Pauresmith and Phillipolis the Free Staters are decidedly averse to participating in the war.

TRIAL OF BANDITS

Manila, Feb. 20.—Military Commission will meet at Calamba tomorrow to try a Filipino member of the guerrilla band which attacked a squad of Americans February second, and killed a corporal. The charges are for murder and assault with intent to kill. The case is important as foreshadowing the policy of treating the guerrillas as bandits.

COTTON

New York, Feb. 20.—Cotton for April 960, July 854, August 840, September 874, November 841.

WELCOME THE UNDERTAKERS

Mr. C. M. Bushee has been invited to deliver the address of welcome to the undertakers convention here in April.

A BENZINE EXPLOSION

Mr. Joe Crowder's Narrow Escape From Serious Injury

While Working at Mr. F. A. Watson's He Knocked Over a Quart Bottle of Benzine Which Exploded.

Mr. Joe Crowder had a narrow escape from serious, if not fatal injury, this afternoon.

Today he was working on the roof of the store just above Mr. F. A. Watson's place, repairing some leaks on the roof. When he finished his work he noticed a light of back stairs leading down to the rear of Mr. Watson's store. He thought that this was the easiest way to come down, so he started descending the steps. He had his brainer, or little stove which is used in tinning, in his hand. In coming down the steps he did not notice a quart bottle of benzine on the third step from the bottom, and his stove struck the bottle, upsetting it. Of course as soon as the benzine came in contact with the stove it ignited and Mr. Crowder was completely enveloped in the flame. The benzine flashed up about fifteen feet. An alarm of fire was immediately turned in and the flames were prevented from spreading.

Meanwhile Mr. Crowder had been rescued and carried into Mr. Watson's store, where he was attended by Dr. W. I. Royster. Dr. Royster states that he is not seriously injured. His ankles and legs were scorched, his hands burned and his moustache and hair singed. He was removed to his home.

No damage to the property was done except the steps and the adjacent wood work was scorched and slightly charred.

Mr. Crowder and Miss Pattie Crawford were married Sunday before last by Rev. G. F. Smith.

A FINE SAFE

The Citizens National Bank Installs a Planet Shape Safe.

The Citizens National Bank of this city, which is ever progressive and up-to-date have installed a planet shaped Mosler-Corless safe. It is the only one of its kind in the State. It rests near the window on Fayetteville street and has attracted much attention all day.

The peculiar shape of the safe is not designed especially to attract attention, although it serves this purpose admirably. Its form is planet shape, and the whole safe is formed of just three pieces of metal, and they are secured together so ingeniously as to make it impossible to separate them, and they become practically integral parts. They are to all intents and purposes a solid mass of steel, nearly four times as thick as the walls of the usual bank safes, which is denominated a "built-up" or "plate" safe. When this Mosler-Corless safe is closed and locked it is one immense bomb proof against all tool attacks and proof against the introduction of explosives. It is a sphere within a sphere, and one is ground to the other to a metal to metal, air-tight joint.



The above cut is but a faint idea as to the shape and its massive mechanism. To be appreciated, it must be seen, as it fills up the large window at the bank, and is taller than the average man.

No other safe, it is claimed approaches in any way the strength and security of this safe, according to the report of the Government Commission of Naval and Army officers appointed recently to investigate this question, with a view to ascertaining definitely the safe or vault which offered the greatest security against expert burglars and mob violence. The present secretary of the Treasury is an avowed advocate of the Corless style of safe, and not only uses it in the Treasury Department, but before his appointment to office he adopted the Corless system in the First National Bank of Chicago, one of the largest banks in the United States.

To guard against lock-out, the locking mechanism of the safe is duplicated, and each one is protected by the latest improved time lock.

Mechanics who have looked at the safe regard it as the most formidable of anything of its kind ever viewed by them, and the agent of The Mosler Safe Company has been busy showing it to the public since its installation yesterday afternoon. The weight of the safe is fully 25,000 pounds, and it took up a whole car in shipment. Epehurch and Holder hauled the safe to the bank and it was removed from the car and placed on the brick pier especially prepared for it in less than one day.

TOOK A PRIZE

The Christmas Display of Epworth Sunday School was a Winner.

Superintendent William Brown, Jr., of the Epworth Sunday School, is just in receipt of a letter from the firm of J. and P. B. Myers, of New York, dealers in Christmas supplies, stating that the Epworth Sunday school, of which Mr. Brown is superintendent, had been awarded the second prize of \$5.00 for the second best display at a Christmas entertainment. This is a big compliment to Epworth School, as they were in competition with schools throughout the United States.

The Indiana Romance

will play here on the 27th, and in Louisburg on the 28th instant.

BIG PRESS BRICK PLANT FOR WAKE

It will be Located Fourteen Miles From Raleigh

CAPACITY TO TURN OUT 40,000 BRICK DAILY

An Enterprise of the Copperville Company of New York—Located on Cape Fear and Northern Railroad—Brick to be Shipped North.

A location has just been selected on the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad for the establishment of a brick plant, with capacity of forty thousand per day. The plant is to be fourteen miles from Raleigh and is to be a branch of the Copperville Company, of New York. It is established by northern capital and will be managed by agents of the New York Company.

Officials of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad and representatives of the New York men who are putting up the cash for this great enterprise, visited the country through which the road runs and on yesterday settled on a location near Middle Creek.

The plant near Raleigh is to be managed by Mr. Bowick, of the Copperville Company, and he with Mr. Campbell, a New York contractor, are greatly interested in the plant to be established near here.

The plant will manufacture press-brick. The capacity will be 40,000 a day, and the quality is to be kept up to the highest standard that is put on the market. A large number of men will be employed at the plant and each day five car loads will be shipped to various points north, via Raleigh, and over the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad. Work has already begun and the desires of the promoters of the enterprise is to ship the first brick north before the beginning of the building season.

It is stated that the clay in the neighborhood of the location just selected, is of the very best quality for making fine press brick and that the article to be turned out from this branch of the Copperville Company's works will be equal to anything that they put on the market. It will be shipped north and will be used almost exclusively by New York contractors, some of whom are interested financially in the company.

It will be a great thing for the section surrounding the location and will bring here money that otherwise would have remained elsewhere. The Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad's freight business has already increased to a great extent and the placing of the new plant for the manufacture of pressed brick along the line of the Raleigh and Cape Fear will so tax the capacity of the road that new freight cars will have to be secured. The road has done a great work in the section through which it runs and the development of that part of the country has only just begun.

LIQUOR DID IT

Nick Connors, of Wilson, Hustled Out of Town Today.

Nick Connors, who was yesterday fined \$7.25 by Mayor Powell for being drunk and disorderly on Sunday, and who had been previously warned by the police on Saturday when he was almost intoxicated, was in the Mayor's Court again today.

Yesterday when his case came up before the Mayor, Connors stated that he was from Wilson and that he needed only fifteen minutes to get out of town. And the Mayor accepted his promise to leave the capital City at once.

Last night the police found a character from the country. He was not only disorderly, but drunk; in fact, drunk didn't express it. So the man was taken to the Station House, where he was identified as the old reliable Nick.

This morning he was tried once more on the same old charge.

Mayor Powell found him guilty of being drunk and disorderly, suspended judgment and announced to Nick Connors that he would be given until 1 o'clock this afternoon to get out of town. This he promised to do, and there seems little doubt but that he will be well on his way to his old home with Raleigh dust well shaken from his feet.

Mayor Powell has a gift of ridding the city of drunk and disorderly persons and of assisting the offenders in sobering down. It is good for the city and better for the drunks—and nice for the city treasury.

CLOUDY WEATHER

The forecast of the weather bureau for Raleigh and vicinity is: Cloudy weather tonight and Wednesday; probably light rain by Wednesday night; warmer.

The storm yesterday central over Kansas has not changed its position materially, but has increased considerably in force with the barometric pressure below 29.60 inches. At the same time the sky has become overcast on a large number of stations; cloudy weather was reported this morning everywhere except along the Atlantic coast. The amount of precipitation in connection with this storm is yet very small. The temperature has risen in the central valley and is now above freezing as far north as St. Louis and Kansas City. The temperature has fallen a few degrees below zero again at Bismarck.

Mr. W. S. Primrose, Jr., returned this morning from Louisburg.

THE SCHUMANN CONCERT

A Rare Musical Treat That will Return Here Saturday.

When Raleigh people welcome a musical organization it is the best evidence known that the music is of the best and from most talented artists. This was the case last night and as a result, lovers of music will be given two opportunities on Saturday to hear the great treat that was given last night. There will be a notable performance, and an equally good program rendered at night, and the prices will be thirty-five and fifty cents.

The musical concert given last night by the Schumann Concert Company, was one of the most brilliant musical entertainments given in Raleigh this season. The members of the company are most talented young women and each one is excellent in the special numbers rendered by them.

It was the desire of all of these present last night that the company make a return engagement in Raleigh, and as it is the custom of the young women to rest on Saturday evening, that date was given up and the music lovers in Raleigh will have another opportunity to hear four charming musical artists.

Miss Agnes Pringle, the accomplished violinist, had three numbers on last night's program, and so excellently did she render each selection that she was repeatedly cheered. Her fingering and bow work are especially fine and the rendition of "Roverie" and "The Cradle Song" displayed her wonderful ability. She has great natural talent and easily ranks among the first violinists of the country.



Miss Grace Chaffin Caborn is a beautiful brunette, whose very appearance was the occasion for a hearty applause. She has a voice of wonderful power, yet with a tender sweetness and freshness that wins for her the hearts of her audience. She has perfect control of her voice and the ease with which she reaches them, delights her audience. Last night she sang the "Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana" as it has seldom been sung in Raleigh. It was the occasion of the heartiest applause.

Miss Zullene Scarles Balkson recited with most charming grace, the numbers assigned to her on last night's program. She is one of the most accomplished artists in her line, who have visited Raleigh in many years. Her ability to present both the serious and the comic is remarkable. Last night she captured the audience with her first number, "Will Dewey Run for President?" and later with "The Angel and the Shop-herd" and "A Street Car Incident" she displayed her great power of mimicry.

Miss Charlotte Selbeck Tarrant as a harpist is excellent. She has an exquisite touch and easily won the audience last night. Miss Tarrant has a beautiful instrument and plays it with natural grace.

The four young women who compose the Schumann Grand Concert Company were well selected. Each is an artist in her particular line. Miss Pringle, a violinist; Miss Caborn, a soprano soloist; Miss Balkson, as a reader; and Miss Tarrant, as a harpist. The program was excellent and the rendition of each number was charmingly executed.

The company plays a return engagement in Raleigh on Saturday evening. It is on a large guarantee which is required for each performance. Lovers of music, of beauty and of grace will welcome the return of the Schumann Company. There will be an entire change of program and popular prices will be charged.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION

Meeting Day After Tomorrow with Mrs. General D. H. Hill.

The meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution, which is to take place on Thursday, (Washington's Birthday) this week, promises to be one of the most enjoyable occasions that has been the pleasure of the members of the local chapter of Daughters to experience. The meeting is to be held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the chapter will be the guests of Mrs. General D. H. Hill, in West Raleigh.

The ladies have recently been selecting articles of note on the honor to the memory of the Commanders-in-Chief of the Revolution. The papers that have been selected are said to be from the ablest writers and are beautiful tributes to that man about whom was said the poet often misquoted "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his fellow-citizens."

Every member of the Daughters of the Revolution in this city is invited to take part in Thursday's meeting, especially visiting members of other chapters of that great organization.

A civil suit of Mr. J. M. Henderson against Mr. Pat Broadwell for the recovery of a black mare male, with sore legs, came up before Judge H. H. Roberts today. F. Craig Ebel, represented Mr. Henderson. It is said that the suit will be compromised.

MAKING PROGRESS WITH NEUSE MILL

First Floor Reached and Work Will be Pushed

TENEMENT HOUSES TO BE ERECTED SOON

Expert Mill Engineer Inspects the Neuse Cotton Mill and Selects Location for Lapper House—The Machinery Ordered.

Mr. Adlai Osborne, of Charlotte, Mill Engineer, representing Sexton & Robbins Company, of that city, who have charge and supervision of the erection of the Cotton Mill at the falls of Neuse, about three miles from Neuse Station on the Seaboard Air-Line, was in Raleigh yesterday returning from the mill site where he had been to locate the site for an outside building and to inspect the work that has been completed thus far. Mr. Osborne had a talk with Mr. C. G. Latta, of the Neuse River Cotton Mill Company, regarding the progress that is being made. He returned to Charlotte this morning.

A gentleman interested in the mill, stated that the stone work of the building has reached the first story and the first floor timbers have been partially laid. The work is being pushed rapidly, the stone work being done by Cooper Brothers, the iron work and wood work also being done by Raleigh firms. The wood work is divided between two firms. All of the contractors are proceeding with the portion of the work assigned to them respectively. The work is under the supervision of Mr. Fonville, who will be general superintendent of the construction of the building.

It is thought that sixty or ninety days will elapse before the mill is ready to receive the machinery. The order for the machinery was placed some time ago and it is fortunate for this company, as Mill machinery companies at this time are crowded with orders, and have sold machinery as far in advance as next October. As soon as the Neuse River Cotton Mill is in readiness to receive the machinery it will be ready to be placed in position. The machinery is of the latest improvements for spinning American cotton and will make its own yarn for weaving white goods. The mill will be in the manufacture of its white goods, use all of the yarn that the present contemplated equipment will supply. The stone dam, which has been constructed to give a fall of eighteen feet, is one of the best in the South. It is about 450 feet long, about twelve feet thick at the base and seven feet at the top, and ranges from six feet to ten and a half feet. The race is the same that was used for the paper mill that formerly occupied the site of the new Cotton Mill, and is about three hundred feet long. The water wheel has been reset and the race has been dug out and straightened. The dam was engineered by Prof. Riddick, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and constructed by Cooper Bros.

The main building is 200x75 feet 6 inches, and is to be three stories high, with a one story wing, 30x100 feet, and the larger house, separated from the wing and main building, is one story high and is forty-eight feet wide and fifty long. The building is so planned that the capacity of the mill may at any time, be almost doubled without additional building. It is to be one of the prettiest buildings in the South used for milling purposes and situated as it is, in one of the most picturesque spots in the State, the grey stone structure is quite unique.

The tenement houses will be built on the hill this side and across the river from the mill. This is done on account of the excellent water supply and the superior healthfulness of the south side of the river. The construction of the houses will begin within about sixty days, though the contracts for their erection have not yet been awarded.

SIXTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

The Mechanics and Investors Union of The City of Raleigh.

Our readers will be interested in the annual statement of the above company, this report is made to the State authorities, and by them it is ordered to be published for the information of the stockholders, and it will no doubt be read with pleasure and satisfaction. Raleigh feels a deep interest and a pride in all of the financial organizations, and rejoices in their success.

The Mechanics and Investors Union belongs to the people. Persons of small means can enjoy its benefits, both in being owners of the stock of the company, and if they wish to build, they can receive aid on liberal terms. As will be seen by their report, all the money as it is received is invested in bonds, secured says that the demand for loans is now so large that the directors have authorized mortgages on residence property, which is considered the safest and most reliable form of security. The secretary says that the demand for loans is now so large that the directors have authorized another sale of the full paid dividends paying coupon stock, at a price that will pay the owner seven per cent. per annum profit—free of tax, and which he says is one of the safest and best investments on the market. The officers of this company are careful and prudent men, and they all hold positions of responsibility in the financial and industrial enterprise of the city. The Times-Visitor congratulates the company on their continued success and prosperity.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The Chamber of Commerce will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the Mayor's hall.

The Old Maid's Convention is the thing for tonight. Many delegates arrived this afternoon and the prospects for a good attendance was never better. The seats are selling at the same price and at King's Drug Store.

Grand Sachem of the North Carolina Red Men J. R. Davis, of Wilmington, spent last night in the city and visited Occaneechee Tribe.

Dr. F. J. Murdock, of Salisbury delivered an excellent address before the A. & M. College students last evening.

Judge Thomas R. Purnell left today for the University of Pennsylvania, where he has been invited to attend the opening of that University. Representatives from Oxford and Cambridge Universities as well as several members of the United States Supreme Court and several other federal judges have accepted invitations to attend.

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HOME MARRIAGE

Miss Love and Mr. Edwards Married This Afternoon.

The marriage of Miss Emma Estelle Love, to Mr. James Matthew Edwards, was solemnized this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Love, on Oakwood Avenue.

The drawing room was beautifully and tastefully adorned with palms, and other potted plants. Many friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony. Miss Annie S. Love, a cousin of the bride, presided at the piano, and rendered Lohengrin wedding march. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. M. Sims.

The attendants were Miss Alice L. Love, sister of the bride, as maid of honor and Mr. John E. Davis, of this city, as best man. The maid of honor carried a cluster of carnations.

The bride was attired in a neat suit of violet and grey, and carried a bouquet of violets.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Edwards left via the Seaboard Air-Line.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Love and is a daughter among Raleigh's most attractive young women. She has a host of admirers here.

Mr. Edwards is the son of Mr. W. W. Edwards, of Apex, and is a prosperous and trusted young business man, who has been connected with the firm of Whiting Brothers for several years.

MARRIAGE AT WAKE FOREST

This evening at half past nine o'clock Miss Cora Dunn, of Wake Forest, and Mr. Delmar D. Epehurch, of this city, will be married at the home of Mrs. Vann, in Wake Forest. Rev. J. W. Lynch will perform the ceremony.

Mr. W. G. Epehurch and Mr. C. B. Williams went out to Wake Forest this evening to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Epehurch will reach Raleigh at 2:22 tomorrow morning. They will reside at 219 South McDowell Street.

MARRIED AT YARBORO

Miss Vickers of Reidsville and Mr. Ingram of Greensboro Wed Here

Miss Rona Vickers of Reidsville and Mr. J. S. Ingram, of Greensboro, were married by Rev. John E. White at noon today in the parlors of the Yarborough. The attendants were Miss Ada Vickers, a student at the Baptist Female University from Reidsville, and Mr. T. A. Baxter, of this city, and Miss Sallie Richey, of Durham and Mr. C. P. Sapp.

The bride was accompanied here by her aunt, Mrs. Rosa Vickers, of Reidsville. The groom is on the force of the Greensboro Telegram. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram left this afternoon for Greensboro.

A SETTLEMENT NOT IN SIGHT

A prolonged Contest in Kentucky Now Appears Inevitable.

Louisville Ky., Feb. 20.—By method of procedure decided upon by the Republicans last night, every State officer will be tied up by Saturday. No State business will be transacted after that date, and for some time to come.

The State Election Board will decide the minor State officer contests on that day and its verdict will unseat the Republicans.

Injunction will at once be asked for by the Republicans restraining the Democrats from taking possession of these minor offices. This action will go to the Court of Appeals, thence to the United States Supreme Court.

PORTO RICO BILL

Washington, Feb. 20.—The House of Representatives has taken up the Porto Rico bill. An effort was made to limit the debate, but it proved unsuccessful. Payne, of New York, now has the floor and is explaining the bill.

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