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CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM WAR

Ladysmith's Relief Announced From Hall and then Denied

BULLER PUSHING HIS WAY TO FRONT

General Cronje Reported Surrounded and Given Time Limit in Which to Surrender—Gen. MacDonald Wounded.

London, Feb. 21.—It is stated that Ladysmith has been relieved. This was announced at Windsor town council today when it was said that the Queen had heard the news.

BULLER'S ADVANCE.

London, Feb. 21.—(Noon).—A dispatch from Durban says that the force under General Buller have been crossing the Tugela, at Colenso, all night long. He now has four thousand men on the north bank of the river. Hart's brigade is all on the north bank. Determined efforts are being made by the engineers to repair the railroad bridge, so that trains may run. A pontoon bridge was constructed at the ford at the foot of Hlangwana, and the heavy artillery is being taken over it. The Boers are not offering strong resistance, though occasionally there is firing from Grobler's Kloof. General Buller is endeavoring to mount big guns at Hlangwana, which can be used on the ridges to the north of the Tugela and along the line of railway as far as Nelhorpe, with good effect. It is believed that General Buller will continue his forward movement to Ladysmith without rest. The Boers are still retiring, leaving their rear guard which appears merely as a patrol.

EXPECTING RELIEF.

Ladysmith, Feb. 20.—(Via Heliograph to Colenso).—The Boers have removed long tom from Bulwana hill. General Buller's naval guns are now reaching the Boer position. We expect relief within two days.

NO CONFIRMATION.

London, Feb. 21.—The report that Ladysmith has been relieved is again current in the Berlin bourse and London stock exchange. "Although it is possible that the report is true, no news has been received to confirm it. The war office says it is unable to confirm, but the public believe that the Queen has again forestalled the authorities.

GENERAL McDONALD WOUNDED.

London, February 21.—It is reported that Gen. MacDonald, commander of the Highland Brigade, was severely wounded in battle yesterday.

SURPRISED BOERS.

London, February 21.—No news has been received up to this afternoon in regard to Cronje's army, though there are persistent rumors that an engagement is in progress. It is reported that Col. Pummer, who is moving to the relief of Mafeking, surprised the Boers by a night attack on Crocodile Pool, where the Boers were strongly entrenched, and while struggling through the barbed wire entanglements the British force captured the Boer's flag. The Boers began firing the British then made a bayonet charge. The Boers exploded dynamite mines. At this point the British retreated.

BOERS REPULSED.

Arundel, February 21.—The Boers made a determined attack on General Clements' camp today. Their big gun and Vickers maxim harassed the British infantry for several hours. Both were finally silenced by British 5-inch gun attack and were repulsed.

BULLER NEARS LADYSMITH.

London, February 21.—Another telegraphed dispatch from Ladysmith says that General Buller's capture of Bloer's Hill which was plainly visible, has put everybody in the highest spirits. It is believed that Buller will next occupy Ashcroft Kraai, on the north bank of the Tugela, commanding the railway Nel Thorpe and half way to Ladysmith, also perhaps reach the summit of Bulwana Hill. We believe that relief is only a matter of a few hours.

CRONJE MUST SURRENDER.

London, February 21.—A private telegram received here from Berlin this afternoon declares that Gen. Cronje is in a bad position, bearing out yesterday's Berlin rumor that Gen. Cronje was surrounded and that a time limit has been given him to surrender.

LADYSMITH RELIEF POSTED.

Windsor, England, February 21.—The announcement has been posted on the town hall that Ladysmith has been relieved.

BROUGHT HOME TO REST

North Carolina Soldier Who Died in Cuba Buried Today.

Special to Times-Visitor.

Goldsober, Feb. 21.—The remains of Thomas Edwards, who went to Cuba as a volunteer in Company B, First North Carolina regiment, during the Spanish-American war and who died there of fever, have been transported by the Government and arrived here from New York by express yesterday afternoon. This morning they were given a military funeral by his comrades in arms from the army of the company in the Arlington Hotel. The interment was made in Willow Dale cemetery.

Mr. Edwards was one of the most popular of the volunteer soldiers at Camp Quemados, where he was in the command of General Fitzhugh Lee. He was one of the few in that camp who succumbed to the Cuban fever.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mr. W. Z. Blake left this morning for Richmond, Va.

Dr. H. H. Marshburn, of Pitt. N. C., was in the city today.

Fisherman's Luck tomorrow night. You should not fail to see it.

The Schumann Concert Company played to a large audience at Lounsburg last night.

Tomorrow being Washington's birthday, a legal holiday, the banks and public buildings will be closed.

Miss Lizzie Hood and sister, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, left on the Seaboard Air Line to visit relatives and friends.

A subscription dance will take place tomorrow night in the Henry Hall. It promises to be a most interesting event.

Get your seats reserved at the King Drug Company, for the Schumann Concert Company which appears at Metropolitan Hall Saturday afternoon and night. Prices 35 and 50 cents.

Mr. W. E. Jones left this morning for New York Philadelphia, Boston and Paris where he may consume thirty-two days in laying in the largest stock of shoes seen in Raleigh.

The closing of Chief Justice Gale, which Mr. Marshall DeLaney Haywood recently had made by the Randall Ething Company is now exhibited in the window of Watson's Art Store.

Messrs. Joseph Bagness, Clyde Falson and Thomas Lanier, all formerly members of the First N. C. Regiment in the late Spanish-American War, and citizens of Raleigh, enlisted at the recruiting office in this city, and left for New York city this morning. They will be assigned to heavy artillery and stationed at New York city or Sandy Hook.

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati will hold a meeting in this city tomorrow.

The non-resident members who have promised to attend are Hon. Wilson O. Lamb, of Williamston, N. C.; Major Graham Daves, of Newbern, N. C.; Mr. John Bradley Lord, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. W. D. Carstarphen, of Plymouth, N. C.; Dr. R. R. Lytle, of New York; Hon. Rufus K. Polk, member of Congress from Pennsylvania, and others.

NO LET UP ON THE AUDITORIUM

The Chamber of Commerce decides to Push the Matter

The Market House Plan Dropped—Another Suitable Site Will be Selected—To be Built by Private Subscriptions.

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night discussed the auditorium question. From the spirit manifested last night, it was demonstrated that there will be no let up on the matter of an auditorium until this much needed convenience is a reality. The proposition to utilize the Market House for the purpose was dropped and the consensus of opinion was to build the auditorium on some other site.

The Chamber desires that there be no delay in the matter, and with this view, the auditorium committee of the Chamber will meet this afternoon, at 5 o'clock in the Mayor's office, Mr. D. T. Johnson was added to the committee.

The chamber discussed the question of a site. The lot on the corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets, near Capitol Square, was offered for \$8,000. This is for two lots—the corner lot, now owned by the First Baptist Church (colored) and the Uphurcher lot adjoining it on Wilmington street front of 110 feet and a Morgan street front of 180 feet. But the price asked is considered entirely too high, especially as the corner lot of the two, 65 by 180 feet, was bought two years ago by its present owners for \$2,000. The price now asked is \$5,000. It was for this reason that the committee was directed to take options on other sites.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the chamber at a former meeting in regard to erecting the members of the Legislature during their session here in June, the president appointed the following committee: Messrs. C. M. Busbee, J. D. Boushall, R. T. Gray, N. B. Broughton, J. B. Hill, A. M. Powell, J. E. Pogue and W. N. Jones.

On recommendation of the executive committee, the chamber endorsed the following bills now before Congress for aid: 1. A bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the Commercial Museum of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania, and which now has the most complete organization and machinery of aiding in extending the commerce and manufacturing export trade in this country. It needs additional money to extend and complete its work, and has had a bill introduced in Congress asking an appropriation of \$200,000. 2. A bill asking certain changes in the law regarding the tenure of employment of the officers and employees of the Weather Bureau, improving its efficiency. 3. A resolution endorsing the movement and effort to have the United States Government establish a national park in Western North Carolina. The Appalachian Park Association wishes members and contributions to the cause. Membership is \$2.00. "A talk in regard to the industrial and social relations existing between the North and the South was made by Mr. C. A. Eastman, now of Raleigh, but until recently a resident of Boston. He was added to the committee on manufacturers.

TO HOLD CONTINUOUS SESSION

Twelve Months Work at the State University

NO CHANGE IN REGULAR SESSIONS

Provision by Which Regular Courses Can be Continued Through the Summer—Committee to Inaugurate Water Works.

The Trustees of the State University met at noon today in the Governor's office and was well attended. The report of President Edwin A. Alderman, showing the condition of the State University to be excellent, was read. It stated that the present session had enrolled 512 students, a larger number than has ever before been enrolled in one year. A number of subjects of greater or less importance were discussed, but the most important action taken was the granting of authority to the President to hold a permanent session of the University throughout the entire year. This is an experiment that has been a success at the University of Chicago and University of West Virginia, the only institutions of learning in the country, at which the experiment has been made. The regular college year will continue as it is today, but after the June Commencement college lectures will continue until September. This will be a grand opportunity for teachers who wish to take up the advanced course of the University and those who cannot attend the University during the winter. The majority of the faculty will remain at Chapel Hill throughout the college. A committee consisting of President Alderman, Dr. R. H. Lewis and Mr. Poobin, of Asheville, to act with Prof. J. W. Gore and Prof. Win. Cause, of the University, was appointed to proceed with the work of inaugurating a water work system in the college.

TO LIVE IN RALEIGH. Rev. A. G. House, we learn, will move his family from West Durham to Raleigh in a few days. Rev. House's family has been living here for something over a year and have made many friends and the announcement that they are to leave will be read by their host of friends with regret. Our best wishes go with Mr. House and his family.—Durham Herald.

CARRIED TO AUBURN.

Jackson Johns, a colored man, aged 75 years, who came here ten days ago from Auburn and was stopping with a colored family on the Fayetteville road, died yesterday. His body was carried to Auburn today for interment.

DEATH OF MISS EATMAN.

The body of Miss Gertrude Eatman, who died at Pilot Hill yesterday, at 12 o'clock, was taken to Asbury today for interment. The funeral was held at Epiphany Church, at that place.

THE EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

North Carolina Editors Will Attend New Orleans Mardi Gras Festivities.

Mr. H. B. Varner, the editor of the Lexington Dispatch, was in Charlotte last night. Mr. Varner is one of the delegates to the National Editorial Association convention, which will be held at New Orleans on the 1st and 2nd of March. The other seven delegates from this State are: H. A. London, Pittsburgh; W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; Rev. T. N. Ivey, Raleigh; J. B. Whitaker, Jr., Winston; J. R. Sheerill, Concord; M. C. Martin, Lenoir; and H. T. King, Greenville. This party will probably leave for New Orleans tomorrow and will be entertained at various places along the way. They will arrive in St. Louis on the 22nd inst. From there they will go to Memphis; from Memphis to Granada, Miss. thence to Jackson, and Vicksburg, Miss., and then to New Orleans, arriving there on the 26th. After the convention the members of the Editorial Association will take a trip through Texas and California before returning home.

NEW COTTON MILL

The Mills to Build Another Mill at Lexington.

The Weanona Cotton Mills file articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The business proposed is the buying and selling, spinning and weaving of cotton and cotton goods, also silk and wool. The incorporators are: W. E. Holt, Sr., and Ethel Holt, of Charlotte, and W. E. Holt, Jr., of Lexington. The place of business will be Lexington. The capital stock is \$500,000. The capital stock is \$150,000.

REGARDING SEIZED MERCHANDISE.

Lorenzo Marquez, February 21.—United States Consul Hollis has sent a circular letter to the merchants here stating that he is instructed to inquire into the recent seizure of merchandise from New York and is prepared to receive sworn declarations from parties interested.

EPRESS MANAGER SUICIDED.

Catskill, February 21.—F. B. Munger, for twelve years manager of the American National Express Companies here, was found early this morning, with a bullet hole in his temple, in Prospect Park. His accounts had just been placed under inspection. Friends scout that he is short.

BUSY IN MAYOR'S COURT

Assaults, Disorderly Conduct and Fast Driving Cases Heard

Mayor Powell had a busy day. Six offenders were arraigned, the charges of disorderly conduct, assault with deadly weapon, and fast driving being brought up. J. H. Sikes and William Bowman, a farmer and blacksmith respectively, from New Light township, charged with disorderly conduct, were given light punishment by the Mayor, as the men were ignorant of the existence of a law against using profanity on the streets. They were fined \$3.25 each. Mr. James H. Robbins and Dr. J. M. Ayer were fined \$4.25 each for fast driving on North Blount and East Morgan Streets yesterday afternoon. They were driving young horses hitched to a light rubber tire buggy and the cold weather put unusual spirit into the animals. Jerry Hinton was bound over to court on \$3000 bond for assault with a deadly weapon. He struck Henry Reeves a blow with a one pound weight and left Henry's face in a one-sided shape. After giving bond, Henry swore out a warrant for the arrest of Reeves for assault and this case will be heard later this afternoon.

DR. ALDERMAN TO SPEAK

Will Address National Department of Superintendence Next Week at Chicago.

President Alderman, of the University, who was in Raleigh today, delivers an address at Chicago on the 27th inst., before the National Department of Superintendence, which is a branch of the National Educational Association, his theme being "The Opportunity and Application of Scholarship in the Southern States." Walter H. Page, who will also speak, his subject being "The Neglected Art of Literary Expression." President Alderman will, while in Chicago, attend a meeting of the committee on a national university. This committee met at Washington last November. He says while he does not think there will be for a while at least a statutory national university, he believes there will be coordination of the various departments now under government direction at Washington.

THERE ARE FOUR DANIEL JONES

Three Protest Against Being Contouted with the Wife Beater.

Editor of the Times-Visitor.—Will you allow us, in your valuable paper, to say a few words in defense of our good names, which is all we have? "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." There are four Daniel Jones in Raleigh, and once and a while Mayor Powell has to chastise one, (and the same one every time) for wife whipping, stealing or some other crime which is not becoming a gentleman or a good citizen. He is commonly known as "Railroad Dan," as he worked on the railroad a long time. We the other three Daniel Jones have to stand the blame of one of our namesakes and appeal to you to allow us to set ourselves straight before the public.

We are hard working men and have never had any trouble in law or anything else in our lives. We are: Robert Daniel Jones, who drives a dray, and Daniel Jones, who uses to be sexton at Edenton Street M. E. Church, and Daniel Jones who is a mortar maker, and lives near Hungry Neck. We would like for the Times-Visitor to make some distinction next time, for we are sure he will be up to see the Mayor again soon. The people, colored and white, have been baking us about whipping our wives, which we do not do and the joke is not at all acceptable. We try to be honest colored gentlemen.

Yours, etc., The other three Daniels as above named.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, February 21.—February 22, March 1, April 27, May 27, June 27.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

Will be Presented Tomorrow Night at the Academy of Music.

The presentation of the comedy-drama, Fisherman's Luck, by the Home Dramatic club at the Academy of Music tomorrow night is an event which is being looked forward to with increasing interest. It promises to be one of the brightest productions ever presented by home talent. The rehearsals for the past nights show that there is strong talent in the cast and they are sure to score some big hits. A large number of seats have already been marked off and you had better secure one at once, if you have not already done so. The box sheet is at McGee's popular pharmacy.

STUDIES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The pastor of the Christian Church will give a study of the Sunday School lesson for next Sunday at his praise service tonight. The service will last about forty-five minutes. Everybody invited.

THE OLD MAIDS WON THE CHAPS

Cork Screw, Curly and Hoop Skirts are Winners

BACHELOR GIRLS GIVE A GOOD SHOW

Metropolitan Opera House Crowded to its Utmost Capacity—To be Repeated Soon at Wake Forest College.

Last night Metropolitan Hall was filled to its uttermost, so great was the curiosity of the people of Raleigh to hear the discussions of the old maids, about the sterner sex. That they were well entertained, was evinced by the hearty merriment and frequent applause of the audience.

The curtain rising on the first scene showed several antiquated maidens, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the S. A. L., and Southern trains, which were to bring the other delegates to the convention. When these trains were finally announced, there trooped upon the stage a motley crew of old time spinsters, with cork screw curls, hand boxes, dogs and bundles of every description. With them came the up to date bachelor maidens with kinks and golf sticks.

The second scene showed the first session of the Convention. Dr. Della Dixon, under the name of Angelina Electrotona Hypnotista Clark, of New York, presided. The secretary, Sophronia Susanna Ashed Doquiek, in the person of Miss Reynolds, of the Baptist University, convulsed the audience by her absent mindedness, humorous minutes, and her original witty worded poem of her sad experience with a deaf and dumb lover.

After the address of welcome and response were read from various states and experiences given.

Great consternation was caused in the Convention by the discovery of a heretofore concealed reporter. He was hurriedly pushed to the front and compelled to sing. Mr. Will Royall acted this part well and was most heartily applauded in his song. At the finish Miss Tiny Short, (Miss Triletta Kretzl) was so enraptured that she rushed forward and immediately proposed. He indited the sympathy of all present by pleading that it was "so sudden" and by asking, "what will mamma say." Nevertheless, she was successful and led him away in triumph.

In the next session of the Convention Miss Eliza Pool as Miss Squash Blossom, introduced her wonderful "Remodeling scope." This great invention made young again all who entered, save one, who would not tell her age. The young ladies who represented the convention old maids were most attractive and charming in appearance.

When the President entered, pretty little Miss Margaret Rogers tripped from the machine and charmed the audience with a song.

The music for the evening went from the ridiculous to the sublime. The opening chorus, "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," was ear splitting. Miss Louisa Briggs sang very sweetly a parody on "The Last Rose of Summer." In the last stanza Miss Eliza Pool introduced the patent trailer, which caused much merriment.

Mrs. Henry Gansler charmed the audience by her delightfully rendered songs. She was repeatedly cheered and responded gracefully. Raleigh is fortunate in having this new acquisition to its musicians.

Special mention should be made of the able manner with which Dr. Dixon, Miss Reynolds and Miss Pool sustained the difficult characters which they personated; and to Mrs. Brinson and Miss Elizabeth Briggs, who, as Lady Managers, mapped out the plan of organization for the Old Maids' Convention.

CONVENTION POEM.

To Raleigh I came, a stranger, This Convention to attend, As I've walked about your city I've seen such lovely men!

I've traveled into countries far, Beholding sights most rare, But never have I seen before A man like Dr. Ayer.

So nice he is to visiting girls, I'm sure that he'll take me, Aiding up and down the town, In his beautiful red "BUGGEE."

But if this pleasure is denied, I'll pass away the day, By smiling at that charming chap—Dear little Robbie Gray.

If he, upon my tender heart, Should ever seem to frown, I'll turn my battery of smiles, Upon the Shepherd, Brown.

But should these fishes fail to bite, There're Haywoods not a few, Named Edgar, Frank and Sherwood, Graham and Ernest, too.

Girls, if you like to argue well, These lawyers I'll reveal, Perrin Bushee and Robert Simms, V. Boyden and Joe Peele.

If these bachelors will not do, I'll mention in my ditty, Lawrence, A. Andrews, and Watson, Attorney for the city.

Housekeepers fine you wish to be? Then this advice is good—Catch a Stomach Brs., G. Uphurcher, Or haply Tom Pesend.

But some fine dresses will require, For them I would suggest—Northam, T. Denson and Pesend. You can find out the rest.

Of teachers there is quite a list, But ill put at the head—Royal and Pritchett and Brogden, And Pad Olustend.

The very name of Bachelor To one may be so dear, She will capture Col. Stark A., Before the end of the year.

Newspaper men are in this town Who would suit some mayhap—There's Freddie Merritt, Tommie Pence, And Mr. C. P. Sapp.

Then Henry Bagley, Willis Briggs, And Edgar Womble, or Mitchell at the B. F. U., Seeking the Governor.

Tom Blake and Freddie Mahler Are jewellers, I've heard, toll Who can mend the worst smashed watches, And broken hearts as well.

When to the Museum you go, Before you climb the stair Look for Allen, Asbury, Williams, And Graham, specimens rare!

The three Dr. R.'s we meet next, Royster, Rogers and Benn, Such nice delightful creatures, But awfully bashful men!

Of all the active men in town There's none like J. C. Browne—For when he cuts the big trees down The folks try in a fury.

Next in review the handsome Wards, Great sports about the city, To see them still unmarried dears, It surely is a pity.

Then if you every art employ This coyness may avail, To captivate the stony heart Of fickle Sam Hinsdale.

For Henry King there is a chance And also, as well for Norwood C., Since nobly they have done their part, Rewarded they should be.

If power you're always wished to wield In Presidential Chair, Then you may rule behind the throne By catching Hallie Ayer.

For those who seek perpetual youth We would insure among The ones to keep you happiest—Commissioner Dick Young.

If your forces you can Marshall, Then set your cap for Joe, Or if a failure this should prove Console yourself with Snow.

If after reading all this list There still should lack a score, Look in Higgins and in Briggses, And also Pool's Shoe Store.

Andrews and Vass, two modest youths—If they with love should thrill And sing—"O, come and be my bride," Then answer them, "Aye, Will!"

Our sister city boasts of wealth, And of her push and go, But Raleigh's wealthier by far, Two Durhams make it so.

And Webb now graces our town; But smiles reel off by yards, When 'ere we see adown the street The coming of Roberts.

Of all the men we've cited here None ever yet was wit, Who mastered our affections as Dear Dr. Everett.

Now girls, there are a goodly few, And life still has its joys, When we remember earth contains SO MANY HANDSOME BOYS.

After the reading of the above the following application for membership was read and promptly rejected:

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20, 1900. Convention of Old Maids: Dear Misses—Whereas, we the undersigned, being bachelor bankers of the city of Raleigh, have listened to your august deliberations with profound admiration, we do hereby beg, beseech, and earnestly implore that we be allowed to have seats in the Convention, a voice in the discussions and full rights of membership.

(Signed.)

WALTERS DURHAM, JAMES O. LITTELPOND, CHARLES BELVIN, JR., FRANK HAYWOOD, WATKINS ROBERTS, IRVIN JONES, LEE SKINNER, DICK LEWIS, ED. B. CROW, ALBERT P. BAUMAN, MILLER HUGHES, BURKE LITTLE, JOHN T. PULLEN.

Chairman.

Then the following was presented. It met with a storm of nos that shook the house like an earthquake:

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20, 1900. Most Respected and Worshipful Maidens,

We, the disappointed and envious bachelor Dentists of this city, do hereby send you our warmest greetings.

Whereas, in your experiences the hearts of men have proved stony and impervious to your various charms, we wish to extend to you our sincere sympathy. We have suffered the tortures of the Inquisition at the Court of King Capital, and with what is left of our shattered hearts we come to you for consolation.

Receive us into your membership, for we hereby pledge ourselves to unite with you in a war to the death against single blessedness.

(Signed.) J. M. FLEMING, N. J. CARROLL, J. M. AYER, D. E. EVERETT, Chief Instigator.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 20th day of February, 1900.

J. C. MARCOM, J. P.

This done the convention adjourned to meet again next year "in our new auditorium."

RETURNS TO WATER POWER.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 21.—A dam has just been completed across Rockfish creek, near Fayetteville N. C., at a cost of \$200,000. It will furnish power for Hope mills No. 2, this splendid factory, one of the finest cotton mills in the South, thus returning to its original principles of using water instead of steam. This is one of the largest water power developments in North Carolina.