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DUNDONALD ENTERS LADYSMITH

The Besieged British Garrison at Last Rescued—British Also Take Colesburg

England is Simply Wild With Joy--All Business is Forgotten--A Graphic Description of the Wretched Plight of Cronje's Men--Prominent Boer Prisoners.

London, March 1.—It is officially announced at the war office that General Lord Dundonald, with the Natal Carbineers and composite regiment, entered Ladysmith this morning.

ENTRANCE INTO LADYSMITH.

Ladysmith, March 1.—This morning a portion of the forces of General Buller, headed by General Dundonald, with a full force of Natal Carbineers and seven companies of other regiments, among them some Dublin Fusiliers and Lancashires, reached this city and raised the siege, which the Boers have so persistently maintained. They came via the road across Klip River and east of Caesar's Hill.

Everybody in Ladysmith had become worn out by the continuous strain. The people slept little and roused about, even careless of the efforts of the Boer snipers. For hours and hours their eyes had been glued anxiously to the telescope; but at last the glad news came. Rumors yesterday morning brought the information that General Buller expected to relieve the British garrison in Ladysmith within twenty-four hours, and the consequent rejoicing here was great.

After the capture of Pieter's Hill, the Boers simply disappeared as the British advanced. A general retiring movement had begun and General Dundonald sent a scouting party west on Tuesday night and reconnoitered all night. In consequence of this General Dundonald reported to General Buller that he could reach Ladysmith, and he was directed to do so. He had little difficulty in making his way through the ravines and around the hills and last evening he crossed the plain, following the railroad track and entered the city.

General Buller, who commanded the besieged garrison, had made preparations to rally out to aid the advance of the British, if necessary.

Dundonald reports that when the Lancashires charged Pieter's Hill Tuesday they overtook the Boers flying from the trenches and bayoneted them. Sixteen fleeing men were killed and twenty-three wounded.

BOER LOSSES.

London, March 1.—The Boer loss at Jamestown was 50 killed, 123 wounded, and 300 missing.

WELL AND CHEERFUL.

Faardeberg, March 1.—The Boers reported that their force southwest of the British is well and cheerful.

BRITISH ENTER COLESBURG.

Rensburg, March 1.—General Clements, escorted by a squadron of the Inniskillings, entered Colesburg Wednesday morning, and was received enthusiastically. The Boers are in full retreat, and a number of their leading men have been arrested. The inhabitants are well and not starving. They suffered many indignities at the hands of the Boers, but no violence. Colesburg Junction is also held by the British now.

ENGLAND WILD WITH JOY.

London, March 1.—There are universal rejoicing everywhere; thousands blocked the approaches to the Mansion House. The cheering was incessant. Grave old financiers shouted and waved flags, and business was entirely forgotten. Nothing could be done on the stock exchange. The members of the exchange devoted themselves to singing anthems. The market closed at one o'clock; nobody wanted to do business. Such was the day from one end of the metropolis to the other and joy reigned supreme. All over the kingdom these scenes were duplicated.

BOERS ATTACK.

London, March 1.—A Cape Town special says that a telegram received there from Mafeking says that the Boers made a severe and protracted assault on February 24th, but were driven off at all points. Sunday another attack was made, but by determined fighting the Boers were repulsed, losing forty killed and wounded.

REACHED BLOEMFONTEIN.

London, March 1.—It is reported that General Roberts has reached Bloemfontein. The war office is mute on the subject.

BOERS CAPTURED.

London, March 1.—General Roberts reports that the Boers captured at Paardeberg number 4,162.

PROMINENT PRISONERS.

Cape Town, March 1.—The Boer prisoners captured by General Roberts include Commandant Wolmarans, a member of the Transvaal executive council, two members of the Volksraad, two sons of Herr Fischer, a member of the Orange Free State executive council, Cronje and Wolmarans are Kruger's firmest and closest supporters.

THE SCENE OF BATTLE.

Paardeberg, March 1.—Two hours' inspection of the Boer laager was an ordeal. It was marvelous how any one could remain ten days among decomposed

ed horses and the entrails of cattle and sheep, roasting in the sun. Not a single wagon was intact, most of them being half-burned. There was scarcely any artillery ammunition. The position south was protected by remarkable trenches, looking like split dumb-bells, banked sand bags waist high with the ends deep overhanging. Many bags were filled with flour, bread and cartridges. The prisoners looked like an irregular horde than soldiers. Many graybearded men and boys were among them. They appear well fed, but tired, and carry a rough roll that used by their farm servants in carrying effects, when changing situations.

Cronje and about a dozen others alone look like men of position. Even the uniformed Orange Free Staters and artillerymen were ragged and nearly all the Free Staters express thankfulness at the present deliverance.

CHORAL SOCIETY TONIGHT

An Oratorio to be Given in Raleigh After Easter Week.

The newly organized Raleigh Choral Society will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium Building, at the State Institution for the Blind and the meeting promises to be one of great pleasure to the members of the Choral Society and will probably be the occasion of the announcement of the date of the musical festival to be given in this city during the latter part of April or the first of May.

The former meetings of the Choral Society, though there was a musical feature at the time, have been for the purpose of perfecting organization. Tonight active work will begin and the members will discuss the advisability of presenting an Oratorio, probably "The Messiah," or giving a Musical Festival and also as to whether Easter week or early in May would be the most advisable time for the presentation.

Mr. W. S. Primrose is president and Mr. Frank Ward, secretary, of the Society and already more than seventy-five talented musicians have enrolled themselves as members of the organization. Prof. Appy, of the Baptist Female University, is Director and has displayed his ability to perform the duties devolving upon the leader of a Choral Society.

It is an excellent organization as it now stands and is composed of the best solo and chorus singers of Raleigh. The meeting tonight is one in which all music lovers in this section of the State are interested, as the promise of an oratorio or musical festival from the Raleigh Choral Society is a guarantee of an event of unusual importance among musicians in this State.

SUING FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES

Case of S. S. Coley vs. N. C. Railroad Being Heard Today.

All day in civil court Attorneys Argo & Snow for the plaintiff and P. H. Russell and A. B. Andrews, Jr., for the defendant have been actively offering and rebutting testimony in the case of S. S. Coley vs. the North Carolina Railroad. The suit is for \$30,000 and was brought by Mr. Sam Coley, of this city, for damages sustained in an accident in Goldsboro, where Mr. Coley lost his right arm. Mr. Coley's wife and four small children are with him in the court room and are closely watching the case. The case will probably consume the remainder of the day and a good part of tomorrow's session.

The following cases were disposed of today: H. C. Lashlie vs. J. W. Boling and Orin Sugg, Continued by consent. For the City of Raleigh vs. the North Carolina Railroad Company. Continued by consent.

This case is brought by the city to recover the money which was lost by the city of Raleigh in the suit won over the city by Miss Hattie Dillon.

The case of Alfred Jones vs. the Raleigh Electric Company was yesterday afternoon decided in favor of Mr. Jones, and a judgment for \$225 ordered in his favor.

RATHER CONTRADICTIONARY.

Raleigh makes a remarkable showing from an insurance standpoint. For the year ending February 28th, the fire losses aggregated \$5,000, on which there was \$2,500 insurance. For the year before the losses aggregated \$1,100, and all but \$47 was covered by insurance. Probably the reason we have more fires and larger losses is because this is a larger town.—Charlotte News of yesterday.

The News was a little previous. It was quite amusing to read the paragraph above given in the News' editorial columns, then turn to the first page of the same paper and behold an account of a \$20,000 fire in Raleigh.

New York, March 1.—(Cotton—April, 9.17; May, 9.19; June, 9.18; July, 9.19; August, 9.13.)

J. N. N. Smith, a deputy sheriff of this county, was found drunk and down on the porch of a private residence this morning. He was hauled up before Mayor Powell and fined \$4.25.

FAIR--COLDER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, colder tonight; fair until Sunday.

The storm has moved northward to the vicinity of Washington, D. C., where the barometer is below 29.50 inches. Rains occurred throughout the entire country east of the Mississippi, and were heavy in the South; amounts over an inch fell at many Southern States. The weather has cleared in the west and is colder. The temperature this morning was below freezing at Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis and Cincinnati. A new storm in the northwest indicates a short duration of the cooler weather coming.

CALL FOR DIRECT PRESSURE

No Official Statement Made by the Raleigh Water Company.

To the Public: Every one in Raleigh knows that there was a great fire in this city on yesterday, and that the city and a number of citizens sustained great pecuniary loss. Everyone is equally aware of the fact that there was great complaint against the Water Company for the lack of pressure to throw water on the burning buildings. It is just as true that something was radically wrong with the company, and that the Fire Department, in which the city has the greatest confidence and pride, was handicapped and prevented from doing good service by the weakness of the Water Company and its utter failure to comply with the contract of the city. To outsiders it would appear that the Fire Department was not up to its usual high standard in the work of yesterday. This is not true; there could have been no more valiant service rendered or more conscientious.

There have elapsed since the fire more than twenty-four hours and the officers of the Water Company are aware of the fact that the city is indignant and that severe criticism has been made of the management of their part in the work of fighting the flames. But in the face of this the officers of the company avoid the issue on the grounds that their loss is not an official complaint.

If this is true and it is necessary for the Water Company to a realization of the condition that confronts them it would not be unwise for the Chief of the Fire Department, whose department otherwise will receive criticism from the uninformed, to lodge the report regarding the fire of yesterday and to state the facts regarding the pressure furnished at the beginning of the fire and at the close of the work of fighting the flames. It would not be unwise since the Water Company awaits such action before offering defense. It is surprising to the friends of the Water Company that they should delay a moment in making a statement to the public. It is harassing to the public that such a display of disregard and lack of consideration of the public interests and opinion should be made by the Water Company.

If the Water Company insists on the filing of an official report on their failure of yesterday, then let a report be filed. If the Chief of the Fire Department is of the opinion that the water pressure was all that he desired for the work of controlling the flames let him say so. And in the event that no other method will bring about the explanation demanded by the public interests, it is the duty of the Board of Aldermen to face the issue tomorrow night and order a thorough investigation of the conduct of the Water Company, and especially of the failure to meet the requirements at yesterday's fire.

GORTON'S FAMOUS MINSTRELS TONIGHT

This company is the best known minstrel organization in America, and this year boasts of an exceptionally strong list of minstrel stars, all white, who introduce all new and taking acts, specialties, dances, marches, musical absurdities, etc. Gorton's grand concert band is without doubt the finest on the road. Don't miss hearing them in concert. Prof. Joseph Gorton always directs the band at all concerts. This will be a musical treat which will be looked forward to with unusual interest.

"The American Girl" will be the next attraction at the Academy Monday night, March 5th. This is the strongest attraction that Mr. Scammon manages and wherever it has appeared this season has received fine notices. The play is from the pen of the Irish Donnelly, author of "Harkest Russia."

MR. WOOLLCOTT TO RETIRE.

After June 1st the business will be conducted by Mr. Walter Woolcott. The announcement is made that Mr. William Woolcott, the veteran dry goods merchant, will retire from the firm of Woolcott & Son, of this city, on June 1st.

Mr. William Woolcott has been identified with the business interest of this city for over a quarter of a century and he has been successful in building up one of the largest dry goods establishments in the State. He has proved himself a business man of great ability.

A number of years ago Mr. Walter Woolcott, son of Mr. William Woolcott, was taken in the firm and the business has since been conducted under the style of Woolcott & Son.

After June 1st the business will be conducted by Mr. Walter Woolcott, who is thoroughly identified with the business and who has all the business qualifications to continue the great success the firm has attained in business circles.

Owing to the retirement of the senior member of the firm, the entire stock will be closed out at cost to reduce its size.

CITY TO REQUIRE EARLY REPORTS

Annual Report for 98-99 Year Late From Printers

SECTION OF CHARTER WAR DISREGARDED

Two Reports Delayed Publication Almost a Year--Efforts to be Made Tomorrow Night to Have Annual Reports from Press at Early Date.

Sec. 76 of the revised charter of the City of Raleigh reads as follows: "That on the first Monday of March in each year all of the officers of the city shall make out and file with the city clerk a fair transcript of all receipts and disbursements in the departments over which they preside; all the officers of the city having any of the property of the city in their charge, shall report an inventory of the same, and each committee of the Board of Aldermen shall submit annual reports, all of which the Board of Aldermen shall cause to be printed in book form for the general information of citizens."

Notwithstanding the requirements of the above printed section of the revised charter of the City of Raleigh, the annual report of the Mayor and officers of the City of Raleigh for the fiscal year, 1898-99, ending March 1st, 1899 is just from the presses of the printers and is being distributed for the information of the citizens just one year after the close of the year for which the report is made.

It would appear that the failure of the appearance of the report at an earlier date was due to the negligence of all of those who have reports included in the recently bound little volume that has so neatly been published by the city.

As a matter of fact this is not true; the blame is not on all of the officials making reports, but on a few who neglected the publication of the report for one reason or another.

This is to be avoided this year if the efforts of some of the more progressive members of the Board of Aldermen come to naught.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen tomorrow night, a motion will be made by Aldermen John C. Drewry or Alderman David H. Hamilton, to require the reports to be handed in to Mayor Powell before the next meeting and a motion will also be made to require the incorporation in the new contract with the city printers that they shall return the copy and printed volumes to the city government within thirty days after the April meeting, and that the report in printed form be bound and ready for distribution by the desk of the Mayor on or before the meeting of the board for the month of May. That is the time limit to be given, though it is not probable that an effort will be made to get nearer the proper date and the report be issued by the April meeting.

It is of interest to the public to know that the reports incorporated in the annual report just issued were received at the time mentioned below, though due according to the city charter, on the first Monday in March.

Report of the Mayor, Mr. A. M. Powell, on March 31st, 1899. (Mayor Powell's report necessarily delayed by the delay in furnishing the important reports upon which his report is based.)

Report of the Finance Committee, C. C. McDonald, Chairman, John C. Drewry and H. W. Miller, received April 18th, 1899.

Report of H. E. Smith, City Clerk, received April, 1899.

Report of Street Committee, John C. Drewry, Chairman, Henry W. Miller, and L. Brown Pegram, received March 18th, 1899.

Report of the Chief of the Police Department, Mr. J. M. Norwood, Chief, received April 18th, 1899.

There was no report of the Police Committee printed transmitting the report of the Chief of Police.

Report of the Fire Committee, C. C. McDonald, Chairman, Jos. S. Correll and G. M. Spence, received April 18th, 1899.

Secretary, within a short time after the close of the present fiscal year and in this way the report may be compelled at once and under the new contract the printers required to deliver the report to the city government within a reasonable time.

This is a wise step on the part of the city fathers and should be commended. It is to be hoped that there will be a complete cooperation of the various departments and that the progressive city can send out the great report that is to be made and let the light shine.

Raleigh is the only city in the United States whose report had not been published within four months after the expiration of the last fiscal year.

The report of the Street Committee has been completed and is published in other columns of this afternoon's paper. The Chief of Police has his report ready for the printing tomorrow night and it is probable that the large gangs will be few.

ABOUT UMBRELLA BARBERS.

A Discontented Citizen Wants an Umbrella Protective Society.

"I've just been looking in the dictionary to see if I could find some language that will properly express my disgust and contempt for an umbrella barber," said a gentleman this morning, "and I have concluded that nothing but the Russian language would do the job. I read of a law once—it was either a Korean or Chinese law—which provided that a man who 'trabbed' an umbrella or anything else that did not belong to him, should have his head cut off. The general result was that you might hang an umbrella or a fence anywhere in the town or country and go back there the next day or week and find it. I wish such a law was in force in this country. Not very long since I had a bill presented—a running bill of less than six months time—and nine umbrellas were charged on it. I had bought them all and when I paid the bill I did not have a single one of those umbrellas.

Last Christmas I had a beautiful umbrella given to me. It was one that no one could claim or take by mistake. It had an artistically knurled handle, with a silver top on which my initials are clearly engraved. I do not know where it is now. If any honest person has it or knows where it is I would appreciate its return from such a source. If some 'nabber' has it I will give five dollars to any one who will give me a hint that will lead to finding out who he is. I mean this, and you may print it if you wish to.

"I think we ought to form a Society for the protection of umbrella owners."

A REVEREND ALSO A PROFESSOR

Rev. T. H. Leavitt Practicing Magnetic Healing Here

EX-RALEIGH PAOTOR ISSUES A CIRCULAR

His Absent Treatment the Cheaper—Declares Magnetic Healing is not a Religion But a Science—Can Cure Any Disease.

Rev. T. H. Leavitt, formerly pastor of the West Raleigh Baptist church, has branched out in a new direction. When Mr. Leavitt came to Raleigh he then possessed the distinction of having been chaplain of a Red Shirt brigade in the campaign of '98. He proved himself a speaker of considerable vim and force and made things warm while he was pastor. He attracted unusual attention last October by reason of the fact that he threatened the life of Mr. J. B. Chambers' bull dog and a peace warrant was sworn out against him. Judge H. H. Roberts heard the case and Rev. T. H. Leavitt was placed under a bond for six months to keep the peace against Mr. Chamberlain's bull dog.

Since his resignation Mr. Leavitt has continued to make Raleigh his home and upon invitation he has occupied various Baptist pulpits in Raleigh. But Mr. Leavitt now publicly announces that he has another occupation. He is practicing "magnetic healing" in any way and you can shuffle off any of the complaints to which humanity is heir for \$1 or \$5, a week if you visit the Professor, or you can get "absent treatment" for \$5 a month. It is cheaper to stay away, you perceive, from the quotations.

Mr. Leavitt has issued a circular on this subject headed thus: "Magnetic Healing." "Galebo Said," "The World Does Move," "It is an Age of Ignorance and Superstition. He Made that Statement at the Risk of His Life." On the first page of the circular, however, is a handsome picture of the young divine with the name, "Rev. T. H. Leavitt," thereunder, while at the conclusion of the circular it is "Prof." not "Rev." T. H. Leavitt.

"The Rev. or Prof., one is not a loss which to call him, starts out extremely modestly by ringing in poor old Columbus and the persecution he suffered for being in advance of his age, and continues thus:

"Electric and magnetic forces are blessing the world with great things. One of the most important and beneficial is, perhaps, the application of magnetic power in relieving and healing the sick as it is now taught by the several schools of Magnetic Healing in this and other countries."

The Prof. or Rev. says Magnetic Healing is "not a new religion but a science." He explains further and says: "According to our information upon this subject, this electric force exists as one of the constituent elements of life, as well as a part of the atmosphere. * * * But whether the electrician, the engineer or the psychologist brings into action un-

seen power, the power is always the same, because there is no power or force but God. The healer does not possess any peculiar power that is inherent in him that can be demonstrated by purely physical means, yet he does possess power. The basic principle of Magnetic Healing is found in Matthew 18, 14, and the entire structure is built upon this statement.

"The most complete explanation of this healing process, to which Rev. or Prof. Leavitt has seemingly fallen heir, is given by him thus:

"Sickness is one result of sin, and God in His infinite love and pity has graciously provided for the forgiveness of sin and the healing of every disease brought on either by our own transgression of the law or that of others which may have affected us.

"I do not claim to be a 'divine healer' nor do I claim any prerogatives over my fellowman, but believe that all men are equal and that God is equally interested in all, and that in spite of skepticism the great masses are finding their way back to God and earnestly enquiring the way to a better life, morally and physically. Because the electrician or the engineer complies with a divine law, one of vibration and the other of expansion, and makes the wheels hum and lights the streets and homes of the city, or makes the mighty train rush across the continent he is called him a 'divine engineer' or a 'divine electrician'."

"God is no respecter of persons. He is near us all (Acts 17:27). His Son, Jesus Christ, became one of us (Heb. 2:16, 17), and showed us how to live, and was the first to boldly to man the true science of life. Prieratoti has shrouded the teaching of the Man of Galilee in mystery, but the spirit of Truth has come and is leading into all Truth, and by a knowledge of the Truth is making men 'free indeed'."

At this point the Rev. or Prof. gives the patient and the suffering public a list of the complaints cured. Since the operation ranges from Rheumatism and consumption to Indigestion and Chills, perhaps it will suffice to mention only the diseases omitted, and the only ailment which appears to have been overlooked in the catalogue is House Maid's Knee. To those afflicted with this disease no hope seems to be held out.

Rev. or Prof. Leavitt gives several testimonials.

Lucey J. Dunn, of Hartsville, says that she was prostrated by a consumption, spent six weeks in Rex Hospital, and was given up by six doctors, but now she says she has run up against Magnetic Healing, she says "I feel like one risen from the dead."

Daisy A. Dunn, of the same place, was "nearly crazed" with a pain in her head until she tried "Dr." Leavitt's cure.

Mr. Martha Ward, of Rolesville, had a lame back for five years, but she is all right now.

These miracles are transpiring at the home of Prof. Leavitt in West Raleigh, or by his absent method.

JOHNSON-MCNEILL

Brilliant Church Wedding and Home Reception Last Evening.

Last evening at nine o'clock the First Baptist Church was the scene of a beautiful ceremony which united Miss Anna Gertrude Johnson, of this city, and Mr. James McNeill, of Wilkesboro, in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was tastefully decorated in pine, cedar and palms. The edifice was filled to the doors by the friends who had come to witness the ceremony. Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter officiated.

The bride, with her sister, Miss Emma Johnson, entered by the main aisle, preceded by the ushers and bridesmaids in alternate couples. The groom, with his brother, Mr. Robert McNeill, entered the church from the pastor's study, and met the bride at the altar.

The attendants were Miss Emma Johnson, sister of the bride, maid of honor, with Mr. Robert McNeill, of Jefferson, brother of the groom; Miss Mattie McNeill, of Wilkesboro, with Mr. Walter Durham, Miss Laura Newson, with Mr. Sanders Dent, of Trinity College; Miss Annie Jones, with Mr. Harvey Johnson, Miss Julia Johnson, of Charlotte, with Mr. Oscar Green; Miss Lizzie Folsdale, of Pittsburgh, with Mr. T. S. Pearce; Miss Florrie Craig, of Franklinton, with Mr. Clarence Johnson.

While the bridal party was entering the church Mr. S. M. Parish, at the organ, rendered the March from Tannhauser; "Because I Love You" was softly played during the ceremony and Mendelssohn's wedding march while the party was leaving.

The bride was attired in white satin with the regulation white bridal veil and carried white carnations. The bridesmaids wore white organdy and carried pink carnations.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Johnson, on Hillsboro street, a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. McNeill from 10 to 12. The residence was tastefully decorated. The reception party were in the east drawing room, while in the rear parlor dainty refreshments were served. The west parlor was given up to the numerous and handsome remembrances sent by relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill left at 2 o'clock for Wilkesboro, their future home. Raleigh sincerely regrets the loss of the bride, for she is beloved by all who know her and has been a most energetic worker in church and charity organizations. The choir of the First Baptist church, of which she was a member, presented her with two beautiful pictures. The groom is a son of ex-State Senator McNeill and is a young attorney of great promise. He is now assistant solicitor of his district.

DEATHS.

Eliza Trice, colored, died in this city today.

Moses Sims, colored, who works for the gas company and lives at 715 South Blount street, lost his three-year-old daughter Louise with pneumonia today. He has another child critically sick with the same disease.

Sanitary license tax for 1900 is now due.