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BRITISH ADVANCE ON BLOOMFONTEIN

Roberts' Army Advances Five Miles; Also French's Cavalry

BOERS SURROUNDING ROBERTS' FORCES

Forty Thousand Natives Face Him at the Northeast—Dewet Failed to Keep Heliograph Promise to Relieve Him—The Advance to Meet Desperate Fighting

London, March 2.—It is understood here that the advance on Bloemfontein has already begun. General French's cavalry has been engaged with the Boer force to the east of Paardeburg. A part of the Boer army will guard the passes at Dakenburg to prevent General Buller's troops breaking through. General Kelly-Kenny has been sent with a brigade to strengthen General Roberts and to insure communication from the south.

FOR THE PUERTO RICANS.

London, March 2.—Fifty thousand Boers at Windong, thirty-five miles northeast of Bloemfontein, will make desperate fighting ahead for General Roberts. There are seven thousand Boers now east of his army and south of Bloemfontein. Another force is also reported in the southwest, threatening his lines from communication with outside.

LADYSMITH'S-AWFUL PLIGHT.

London, March 2.—A Ladysmith correspondent telegraphs that the city could possibly have held out six weeks longer, but sickness and scarcity of ammunition would have limited the power of repelling the Boer's assaults. There were originally twelve thousand soldiers, two thousand civilians and four thousand natives in the town. Eight thousand soldiers passed through the hospital. The increase was due to lack of medicines. It is impossible to exaggerate the privations of the sick since the middle of January. Once a man was down his life was practically lost. The rations of the fighting men just sufficed to keep them together. The last fortnight saw the majority of the field batteries unhomed, the guns permanently posted, cavalry and drivers converted into the infantry. A line of defense was constructed with a view as a final contingency if the outer works were carried. Since the siege began there have been 250 killed, 346 died of disease, 500 wounded. This list does not include casualties among the citizens.

DEWET FAILED CRONJE.

London, March 2.—A Special correspondent at Paardeburg says: "A curious piece of news has just been related to me by General Cronje's aide de camp. It appears that General Cronje was daily in heliographic communication with General Dewet, who, he supposed, was bringing up reinforcements. General Cronje finally heliographed him that unless he was relieved immediately he would feel bound to surrender. General Dewet replied with a cheering message urging him to hold on longer, and saying that he would soon be relieved, but totally failed to affect any diversion."

PROTECTOR, MARCH 1.

Via Lorenzo Marquez, March 2.—President Kruger addressed a vast congregation at Dipper Church at Majuba Hill today. He said that dark clouds are still hovering over the land, but faith in the Almighty and in the justice in the cause would carry the Federal forces to a successful issue of the campaign.

ROBERTS' CAMP ADVANCED.

Oswinton, March 2.—General Roberts' camp has advanced five miles toward Bloemfontein.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY FACTORY

Package of Dynamite Found Suspended Between the Factory Doors

Lebanon, Pa., March 2.—A daring attempt to blow up the factory of W. H. Erb, at Palmyra, was prevented this morning by an employee. When Engineer Zimmerman went to work this morning he noticed a small object, suspended in the doorway in such a position as to be crushed between the doors in closing. He took it down and found that it was dynamite with two percussion caps in the ends of the package.

FOR PUERTO RICANS.

Washington, March 2.—The President sent a message to Congress today recommending the appropriation of the money received from the customs in Porto Rico to be used for general purposes for the benefit of the Porto Ricans. It approximates two million dollars.

ATTACKS GENERAL CORBIN

Serious Charges Made Against the Man Who Asks Higher Rank.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Although the House Military Committee has agreed to report the measure giving Adjutant General Corbin the rank and pay of major general, there is strong opposition to it in army circles. General Corbin has some very strong friends, but also bitter enemies, who are circulating stories reflecting most seriously upon him. These stories, it is alleged, are supported partially by some of the official records at the War Department. While it is admitted in military circles the position of Adjutant General just now calls for higher rank than that of brigadier general, opposition of a personal character is very pronounced. The President and Secretary Root are heartily in favor of the bill, as both have a partiality for Corbin. This probably is the cause of jealousy existing against him on the part of many army officers. In the distribution of the army patronage General Corbin was enabled to oblige many aspirants for the smaller places who were supported by strong political backing. This is not forgotten by the same political influence. A memorial which has been in circulation against General Corbin makes the most serious charges against him. Among other statements it says:

The smooth administration of the army under the proposed system would be jeopardized. Already there is now and then friction between the office of the Adjutant General and that of the commanding general of the army, due to the great power of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General should not be in any way a source of military control. His is a clerk's office, and he is simply the adjutant of the Secretary of War to promulgate his orders as coming from the President.

He should have no more rank than that of any other chief of a staff bureau; should properly have less rank, being, as before stated, in the position of a clerk. Secretary of War Stanton would not have tolerated an aspiring adjutant general one day. As Adjutant General, the increase of rank will not add to his ability to perform his true duties, which are the conveyance of the orders of the Secretary of War and the commanding general of the army. A fallacious idea of the position of the Adjutant General has arisen because of the fact that Mr. Secretary Alger placed so much power in his hands during the late war with Spain, being reduced to such action because of his ignorance of army matters at the time of his entrance into the Cabinet. The position of an adjutant of a regiment is far more military than that of the Adjutant General at Washington. The adjutant of a regiment has charge of the regiment at certain times, notwithstanding the higher rank of the staff and field below the colonel. Yet he is only a first lieutenant, acting for the colonel in order to enable him to review, etc.

The present incumbent, General H. C. Corbin, aspires to rank his brother staff chiefs to what end? The consultations with him of the Secretaries of War have inoculated him with an idea of his great worth, which will not bear investigation. He had some command of colored troops during the war, as his record will show, but as to his levels of valor, or even skill, there is no record. What the record does show is not creditable. The memorial goes on to make charges of the most heinous character against General Corbin which affect his personal action and his career as a soldier. They are indignantly denied by his friends. Copies of the memorial have been sent to various Senators and Representatives.

FIGHTING NEAR MANILA

Colonel Anderson With Thirty-Eighth Infantry Surprised the Insurgents.

Manila, March 2.—Colonel Anderson with the Thirty-Eighth Infantry employing insurgents' tactics, ambushed the Filipinos near Batangaz. Through spies he learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass on a certain road. He posted his soldiers and was concealed in trees lining the road when the enemy arrived. The Americans volleys unexpectedly, killing twenty-four, wounding thirty and capturing several. The blow has demoralized the Filipinos in that vicinity.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

State Superintendent Mehane went to Wilmington today to look into the practicability of having the next session of the Teachers' Assembly at the beach. He will talk with the Chamber of Commerce about the matter. Provision for 1,000 people will be necessary. He expects at least that number to attend and felt sure it will be the largest ever known. Mr. Mehane has a letter from the president of the Chamber of Commerce. Interest in the meeting and in education generally is greater in the State than ever before. Mr. Mehane says:

The Secretary of State has received a letter from a man in Kansas who writes as a member of a large commercial club that the committee on roads instructed me to write to you for a copy of the compiled road laws of your State, as we understand they are among the best in the land."

GOTTON FACTORY

Capitalists From Maine Invest Their Money in North Carolina.

The E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company, of Rowe's Shoals, on the Henry's Fork of the Catawba River, near Hickory, N. C., was incorporated today with a capital stock to be not less than \$135,000.

The incorporators are Ed. L. Shuford, of Hickory, Abel A. Shuford, of Hickory; E. W. Holbrook, of Springvale, Maine; Henry J. Holbrook, of Springvale, Maine; and Mrs. Kate Shuford, of Acworth, Georgia.

The purpose of the corporation is the manufacture and sale of cotton goods.

SHOULD NOT FEAR AN INVESTIGATION

The President of the Raleigh Water Company Displeas

What Assurance Have Citizens that There will be No Repetition of State of Affairs of Wednesday? Will the Aldermen Meet the Issue?

On Wednesday morning there was a fire in Raleigh and there was a deal of complaint against the Water Company from unofficial sources.

On Wednesday afternoon The Times-Visitor printed a full account of the fire, stated what was reported to be the excuse of the Water Company for failure to comply with the requirements of public opinion and the city contract, but withheld criticism until the officers of the Water Company could have reasonable time in which to make explanation.

On Thursday afternoon no statement had been made regarding the subject by the Water Company.

This time was considered sufficient and in yesterday's paper an article was published expressing regret that the Water Company should delay offering explanation and asking that, in the event that no satisfactory explanation should be given by this evening, the Board of Aldermen take the matter under consideration and order an investigation.

Every word of that article in yesterday's Times-Visitor is reiterated. There is not a single statement by which the author will not stand firm.

If there is anything that the Water Company does not relish that is another matter.

If the Water Company dislikes the gentle reference to the advisability of having an investigation of its management or conduct during Wednesday's fire, it is for that company to regret and not for this paper to retract a single word of the article referred to.

This morning this office was favored with a call from the President of the Raleigh Water Company.

He came to order that the visits of The Times-Visitor to his handsome residence be discontinued. It was so ordered.

This is a bit of his.

He has done this twice before on account of the publication of articles which did not meet with his approval.

If the President of the Raleigh Water Company is of the opinion that he can control the views of this paper by his subscription or in any other way, he has something to learn.

It is strange, to say the least, that he should rush to this office and begin a tirade about "tarring and feathering the editor and riding him out of town on a rail" for no other cause than that the paper desired some explanation from the Water Company as to why the force of its streams was not sufficient to sprinkle a second story window, and for the sake of the public solicited some assurance that there would be no repetition of such a state of affairs.

Both of the morning papers took the same position, and reports are now anxiously awaited as to the personal safety of the editors of those journals.

The Times-Visitor believes and insists that it is the duty of the Board of Aldermen to investigate the non-compliance of the Water Company with the exceedingly lenient contract with the city, since such a failure entails no punitions risks to the property owners in Raleigh.

What assurance have we in case of fire that the water supply will not again fail?

The Times-Visitor's position is just. In it we are upheld by the people of Raleigh who have the city's and their own interests at heart. It is their demand as well as ours, and it is for them that the demand is made.

The Board of Aldermen are the representatives of the people of the city. There is a duty confronting that body and it is reasonable to believe that they will take proper action regarding this matter, obtain the desired explanation and some safe assurance that there will be no recurrence of the lamentable state of affairs of Wednesday morning.

TWENTY-FIVE IN THE WRECK

East Moriches, March 2.—The steamer Gate City, which went ashore in the fog February 28th, broke in two early this morning. The crew are clinging to the wreck, and the life saving crew of the Perless has gone to aid them. Twenty-five men are still aboard the wreck.

THE CREW SAVED.

East Moriches, March 2.—The crew of the Gate City was taken off after seven hours of heroic work.

QUAY CASE CONSIDERED.

Washington, March 2.—The senate has taken up the Quay case, Senator Hoar is arguing the affirmative. The recommendation in the President's message in regard to Porto Rico will be enacted a law today.

HONORS FOR HIGGS & CO

Two Handsome Gold Medals Awarded by Last State Fair.

Messrs. Sherwood Higgs and Company have an exhibition at their establishment, two large, handsome gold medals awarded by the last State Fair.

One of these medals was awarded to Sherwood Higgs and Company for the best display of dry goods at the last State Fair. The other medal was awarded to the Chatham Manufacturing Company of Chatham County, for the best display of wooden blankets. It will be remembered by visitors to the last Fair, that the blankets of the Chatham Manufacturing Company were displayed by Messrs. Higgs and Company, and the exhibit was one of the most attractive and unique ever devised at any State Fair. This was known as the log cabin exhibit—it being both of rolled gray blankets, made by the Chatham Manufacturing Company. It was indeed a splendid exhibit and showed the progressive business spirit which has always characterized the firm of Higgs and Company, in whatever they undertake.

Just in front of the winter of log cabin scene was the dry goods exhibit of Messrs. Higgs and Company, which included some of the handsomest dress goods, tailor-made gowns. The latest headgear, etc., ever brought to this city.

The medals are beautiful works of art. On one side of each is the seal of North Carolina, in his relief, surrounded by the inscription: "The North Carolina Agricultural Society, 1899."

On the reverse side of the Higgs medal, surrounded by a raised wreath is the words: "Awarded for best display of dry goods." On the other side of the wreath is the words: "Awarded to Sherwood Higgs and Company, Raleigh, N. C."

The reverse side of the Chatham Manufacturing Company's medal is the same as the Higgs medal, except the lettering. The inscription on that one is as follows: "For best display of wooden blankets," awarded to Chatham Manufacturing Company, Edwin, N. C.

THE AMERICAN GIRL

The Play in the Academy of Music on Monday Evening.

THE AMERICAN GIRL, MARCH 5. "The American Girl" Manager A. Q. Scammon has certainly his master plan, and like the wise man he is, when he organized the company to produce it, he had in mind all the important members of the company are Lillie Lawson and Grace Hickey, each a consummate little actress and sweet songstress. They have absorbing parts to play in the piece and the delightful way in which they perform is captivating. As Jasmine, the American girl, Miss Jewell Dorell appears to splendid advantage. She plays the role with a sweet womanliness, and fulfills the emotional requirements intelligently, and should prove one of the hits of the season. Reserve seats row on sale.

MR. STEPHEN GRAHAM DEAD

Died at Kenansville Last Night—Was an Uncle of Col. T. S. Kenan

Mr. Stephen Graham died at his home in Kenansville on the night of March 1st, in the 70th year of his age. Mr. Graham was a representative type of the old time Southern gentleman, and has long been a respected and prominent citizen of Duplin county. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1841, and was a member of the Legislature of 1848-49. He was an uncle of Col. Thomas S. Kenan.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the firemen and citizens generally who rendered me such valuable assistance during the burning of my residence last Wednesday morning.

Sincerely,
MRS. GEO. H. WILLIAMS.

NEGRO POSTMASTER.

Another One Comes to Grief—Charged With Embezzlement.

C. W. Battle, negro postmaster, or rather expostmaster, at Battleboro, has been arrested and jailed at Halifax, charged with embezzlement of \$400 of money order funds and for failure to deposit postoffice funds. The warrant was sworn out by Inspector Jere Connolly and the papers were issued by Marshal Dockery last Saturday. Battle was unable to give bail. He committed the crime January 14th. A white man named Stabes succeeded him as postmaster.

Battle is the fifth negro postmaster to come to grief in a negro Congressional district. The white Republicans say they are sufficiently amused with their experiments with negro postmasters. The others in trouble were Barrett, at Rocky Mount; Pittman, at Tillery; Davis, at Lewiston; and a man at Rosevelt, in Beattie county. Of course the white Republicans try to put the blame on White, on the ground that he is paramount in his district.

WHAT ALDERMEN WILL DO TONIGHT

Meeting to be Called at 8 O'clock Promptly

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO DISCUSS

The Last Meeting of the Fiscal Year 1899-1900—New Alderman From Second Ward—Many New Year Resolutions to be Made.

The Board of Aldermen meet in the office of the Mayor this evening promptly at eight o'clock. The meeting in all probability will be the most important of the fiscal year of 1899-1900, and it may be rightly considered as a meeting of that year, though today is in a new year for the city.

At the meeting tonight the City Fathers will take up a number of matters of the greatest importance, and will receive the annual reports of the Committees of the Board, besides the reports of sub-committees appointed to report on various matters, and also the report of one committee on a matter that will soon engage the closest attention of every citizen who is interested in the welfare of the city.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board for the purpose of receiving bids for the sale of the Market House will hand in its report, which was printed exclusively in the Times-Visitor two days ago. In this report the Board of Aldermen have an important matter for discussion.

On the same subject the Board will hear a special committee of the Citizens' Mass Meeting regarding the matter of erecting an auditorium and this committee will endeavor to present a feasible plan for the accomplishment of the one object in which the whole city is so deeply interested.

The annual report of the Street Committee, which was published in this paper yesterday afternoon, will be submitted.

The Water Committee will make a report on certain matters regarding the Raleigh Water Company and also regarding certain sewerage connections that it is hoped can be made in an early date. This is a matter of vital importance to the city, and will consume the undivided attention of several members of the Board of Aldermen for some weeks to come. It is understood that the accomplishment of the plan adopted will require the expending of certain property for the outlet, and the sewerage connection that is to be established.

As stated in the Times-Visitor yesterday, the Board will make a Fiscal Year resolution to have all of the reports of the officers of the city in hand at an early date, and to cause the same to be printed and ready for its publication at the earliest possible moment. This is a matter of importance, as the record of the city is indispensable in the other cities of the country, and Raleigh cannot afford to let its light be hid under a bushel.

The resignation of Mr. Henry W. Miller, Alderman from the second division of the second ward and as Chairman of the Finance Committee will be tendered by Mr. John C. Drewry, the other member from that division, and a successor to Mr. Miller will be suggested by Mr. Drewry as is the custom in the Board. There is no doubt that Mr. Drewry's candidate will be elected by the Board.

A new Chairman of the Finance Committee will be named. It is concluded that Alderman W. E. Jones will be Mr. Miller's successor as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Jones is thoroughly acquainted with the financial affairs of the city, and is well fitted for the duty that falls upon him.

There will be a report of the Finance Committee that will be of unusual interest from at least one standpoint if it has not already been found to be true. It is understood that the committee has gone directly contrary to the position it took last August on a certain matter.

All of the other reports that have been prepared, including the report of the Chief of Police, will be made to the Board.

It is not known whether the Chief of the Fire Department will make any special report or complaint regarding the action of the Water Company at the time of the fire of Wednesday. This matter will probably be brought up at the meeting.

DIED IN NEW YORK

Dr. Aldert Smedes' Nurse Dies in Service of Tom Dixon.

Sallie Haywood, who was for years the trusted and faithful nurse in the family of the late Rev. Dr. Aldert Smedes, D. D., died yesterday. At the time of her death she was living with the Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., in New York.

The funeral will take place here on Saturday morning at eleven o'clock from the First Baptist Church, eastward.

FAIR—COOLER.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair and cool tonight and Saturday.

The storm has now passed into the Atlantic ocean off the coast of New England. The weather is generally fair throughout the south and west, and comparatively cool everywhere. Hurries of snow are reported at St. Paul, Davenport, Buffalo, and Cincinnati. A new high pressure area has appeared in the northwest, and the temperature has fallen below zero at Bisnarek.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Committee for Coming State Fair Appointed Today.

The first meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society for organization met at noon today. President McNamee presiding. Present: Messrs. R. H. Battle, W. S. Primm, W. E. Ashby, R. B. Haney, J. S. Wynne, W. C. McMaekin, Dr. D. E. Everett, Hon. H. W. Ayer, Prof. W. A. Withers, Pulaski Cowper, J. A. Olds, Perrin Busbee, J. C. Dewey, Maj. J. B. Hill, Col. J. C. Harris, J. E. Pogue, Secretary, and Capt. C. B. Deason, assistant secretary and treasurer.

President McNamee made a number of suggestions of importance to the Society. Subject of running machinery at the Fair was discussed.

Mr. J. E. Pogue was re-elected secretary, and Captain C. B. Deason assistant secretary and treasurer, the committee confining the action of the Society.

President McNamee, Mr. Ashby, Maj. Hill, Mr. Dewey and Dr. Everett were appointed a committee on improvement of the grounds.

Messrs. Battle, Cowper and Wynne, the committee on by-laws.

Messrs. Allen, Withers and W. C. Stronach constitute the committee on advance premium lists for farmers.

Messrs. McMaekin, Dewey and Nichols, committee on advance premium lists.

Subject of military encampment here during the Fair was discussed and Messrs. Harris, Olds and Ayer were appointed on the committee.

The department of athletic sports will be more fully developed at the coming Fair than heretofore.

The committee requested the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Captain C. B. Deason to attend the Newborn Fair and represent the interests of the State Fair there.

President McNamee said that he would appoint the chief marshal at an early date.

The auditing committee made a report which was extremely complimentary.

DIED IN BALTIMORE.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun contains the following announcement of the death of a native North Carolinian in that city:

Charles L. Coleman, aged 73 years, a retired member of the Baltimore police force, died yesterday at his home, 797 South Madison street, of a complication of diseases, after six weeks' illness. Mr. Coleman was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., and came to sea as a boy on the United States steam ship of war Jamestown and followed the sea for 25 years. After that he secured an appointment on the police force and served 20 years. He was retired two years ago. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Margaret Madeline Adams. She survives him, with three daughters and two sons—Mrs. Emma Fisher, Mrs. Annie Ayles, Mrs. Mary Garus, John F. Coleman and Charles Lewis Coleman, Jr.

GORTON'S MINSTREL'S LAST NIGHT.

Gorton's Minstrel's appeared at the Academy of Music last night.

The show lasted two hours, and twenty-five minutes, of which time probably two hours and fifteen minutes was given up to the most ordinary production of the year. There were one or two features of minor importance that were fairly good, but all in all the show was poor.

The jokes were old and crusty. The songs the same that have been so often reported before Raleigh audiences. The program had no new feature to delight the audience.

It was poor enough to cause the hope that the company will make complete change in personnel and program before making a return engagement.

Mrs. A. M. Powell and Miss Lena Vernon Powell have returned from Baltimore, where Miss Powell had her throat treated.

THEODORE THOMAS COMING.

He Will Appear With His Great Orchestra in Asheville.

President Charles McNamee, of the Agricultural Society, stated today that he hoped Raleigh would be represented at Asheville in the audience to hear the music festival by the Thomas Orchestra on March 21st and 22nd. There are 60 in this orchestra which is conducted by Theodore himself. Among those with him are Carlisle Gardner Clark, sopranoist; Dr. Ian Jackson, tenor; and Julian Walker, bass. This will indeed be a great occasion. Three concerts will be given, one on the evening of the twenty-first, one on the afternoon and the evening of the twenty-second.

LOCAL NOTES.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock Dr. H. F. Linscott, of the State University, will deliver a lecture at St. Mary's on "Home Her History and Her Romance." All the friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

The Wake County International Sunday School Convention will meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the Presbyterian church. Ministers, teachers and superintendents of the white churches of this city are invited to be present.

The winter guests at Pinehurst and at the Piney Woods Inn, at Southern Pines, have been invited by Governor and Mrs. Russell to attend the recital of Richard Wagner's "Euseb Arden" at the Executive Mansion tomorrow evening.

Mr. W. F. Broadshy, of Richmond County, came in on the S. A. L. yesterday morning, and will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. F. Page, on North Wilmington street.

Mr. Claude Deason, of this city, an honor graduate in the State University, class of 1899, opened the academy at Monroeville, Chatham county. He is a bright young man and has fine prospects.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 2.—Cotton: March 9.25; April 9.25; May 9.25; June 9.24; July 9.25.