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UNITED STATES OFFERS SERVICES AS MEDIATOR

No doubt that Salisbury Will Decline in as Cordial and Polite Terms as Those in Which Offer is Couched

FRENCH ENTERS BLOEMFONTEIN

Roberts So Cables the London War Office

HEAVY FIGHTING TODAY AT MAFEKING

Roberts Reports Heavy Losses Since Cronje Surrender---Brother of President Steyn a Prisoner---French Captures Railroad.

London, March 13.—The United States Government, in response to a request from President Kruger and President Steyn, has offered to the British Government its services as mediator between Great Britain and the Transvaal, with a view to effecting peace in South Africa.

Lord Salisbury has not yet replied to the tender of services.

It is learned that there is little doubt that he will decline the United States good offices in terms as cordial and polite as those in which the offer was couched.

U. S. CABINET CONSIDERS.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—A Cabinet meeting was held today to be made acquainted with the nature and extent of the proposals submitted by the Boer Presidents to Great Britain through the United States Government, but there is little prospect for an official statement to be issued after the meeting unless word is received that Ambassador Choate has presented the Kruger-Steyn note to the Foreign Office.

PEACE NOW ASSURED.

London, March 13.—The Government officers here believe that peace is now assured, and that the United States will act as mediator to bring it about.

PEACE MEETING BROKEN UP.

London, March 13.—An attempt to hold a peace meeting at Scarborough last night resulted in a riot. Husband Olive Scheiner yas the principal speaker. The police were unable to control the crowd, and the meeting was abandoned. The crowd then went around to various stores owned by promoters of the meeting and smashed the plate glass windows valued at five thousand dollars. The Mayor read the riot act but this had no effect. At one o'clock this morning the military was called out to disperse the mobs.

FRENCH'S COMMANDING POSITION.

London, March 13.—General Roberts wires from Venters Vlei this morning that he has directed General French if there is time to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight he received a report from him that after considerable opposition he had been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station and commanding Bloemfontein. A brother of President Steyn is a prisoner. General French is now starting with the Third Cavalry Brigade and Mounted Infantry to reinforce the Cavalry Division. The rest of the force will follow as quickly as possible.

FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Mafeking, March 13.—There has been heavy fighting here. The Boer wagons are trekking away. All is well.

FRENCH ENTERS BLOEMFONTEIN.

London, March 13.—General Roberts cables this morning that General French has entered Bloemfontein, and a previous despatch from General Roberts said there were 321 wounded and about sixty or seventy killed and missing. It tsl thought that these figures refer to the total casualties in General Roberts force since he started for Bloemfontein, and after the Cronje surrender.

SIEGE AT MAFEKING.

London, March 13.—A Mafeking despatch, dated the sixth, says: The siege continues, and that Col. Plumer is within four days' marth of the place.

ENGLAND WAS UNPREPARED.

Letter From Durban Tells Why the Boers Were First Victorious.

In a recent personal letter from a British resident of Durban, the writer gives a brief review of some causes and effects in connection with the South African war. He says:

As you are really interested, I shall try to answer your question as to why England has not done better so far in this war.

In the first place she was not prepared for it. This proves, I think, that she did not wish to force a war, though other nations give her the credit for it. The Boers began the war. They had an army of at least 70,000 men, and at the time war was declared we had not 10,000, including volunteers. They had it all planned out long ago, and have been preparing secretly for years. They confess and brag of this. The chose their own positions when we had no men fo stop them. The wonder is they have not done more than they have, with all the advantages on their side. They could have had the whole of Natal, including Durban, if they had been more prompt. The country favors their style of fighting. There is no other land in the world that is exaxetly like it. Then, there is the superior power of mobility they possess—every man is mounted. When did you ever hear of an army of perhaps 100,000 men all mounted? They have had many recruits, and may have as many men now as that.

They have lots of money, and the best guns and rifles to be had in the world. Unlike most nations, though they have no port of their own, this helps them, as we cannot stop goods from landing at Delagoa Bay, it being a neutral port, and connected by rail with Pretoria.

Even German experts say they fear no army would do any better under like circumstances. The task before our generals is, perhaps, as difficult a military problem as any commander has ever had to face, and can only be properly appreciated by those who have a thorough knowledge of the great peculiarities of the country and the strategical advantages on the side of our enemy. No one can say that our soldiers are at fault in pluck.

The difficulties of the situation are increased by the very lementable inferiority of our artillery, which is no less than a crime, for which somebody will be called to account.

Bismarck once said: "If we are obliged to stake the blood of our people against our enemies in the field, we are also bound to provide them with the best weapons of offense which money can procure."

Our guns, I am sorry to say, are ridiculously outclassed by those on the Boer side. However, "we are cast down, but not destroyed," and the reverses will do good. We have, alas, to confess that the war has revealed serious defects in the organization of our military system, and we can never be sufficiently thankful that its resources have been put to the test now and not in a more serious crisis.

HEAVY SNOW SLIPS

Canadian Pacific Trains Blocked—Houses Demolished and Occupants Killed.

Vancouvre, March 13.—No overland train of the Canadian Pacific has arrived here since Sunday. All traffic is suspended on account of mud snow slides in the interior. Heavy snow slides are reported in the Selkirk Mountains, carrying trees, immense rocks, and sweeping away truss bridge one hundred and fifty feet long. At Sandon six houses were demolished and one inmate buried. Three other occupants were seriously injured.

DIED

At her home in Newark, New Jersey, March 11, 1900, of typhoid-pneumonia, Mrs. Tily Clawson, wife of Clement C. Clawson, Esq., aged 38 years.

Mrs. Clawson was born in Raleigh, N. C., and with her husband was long a resident of this city, where she has relatives and many friends who sympathize with her husband in this sad bereavement.

SAFE READING.

From the New York Times.

More than $3,000,000 per year is paid in this city for the privilege of violating the law against the keeping of gambling resorts of various kinds without police interference.

LOCAL ITEMS

Col. John S. Cuningham, chairman of the Board of Agriculture, says that a meeting of the committee having the new building in charge will be held within the next ten days to examine into the defects reported in the building and have such steps taken as are necessary to remedy them. The contractor is N. Ittner, of Atlanta, and the contract price is $17,300.

Mr. Lee Hudson and Miss Mamie Johnson were married this afternoon by Justice of the Peace John Upchurch.

Yesterday morning 'Squire Barbee fined some country negro women for an affray. On their way home yesterday they renewed hostilities and were arraigned again this afternoon.

Mr. E. H. Droop, having recoverd from an attack of measles, has gone to Raleigh, N. C., for a week's visit. He played the accompaniments for Mr. Stanley Omsted's Wagner recital in that city last week, when Miss Minnie Tucker sang.—Washington Post.

The Concord Drug Company was incorporated by the Secretary of State today. John A. Simms, A. M. Brown and S. W. Williams are incorporators. The capital stock is to be $2,500. The company will do a retail drug business.

Mr. F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, is in the city.

Mr. A. D. Ward, of Newbern, arrived here this morning.

Col. John S. Cunningham will return to his home in Person county tonight.

W. E. JONES.—We are Not Afraid to.

FROM OLD KENTUCKY

Many Arrests Made Today Growing Out of Last Election.

Covington, Ky., March 13.—Magistrate Wheeler and Col. Satriger, indicted yesterday, charged with causing Gov. Bradley to call out the militia, are Republicans. The other eleven indicted are Democrats. Fire Chief Myers, Policeman Davis, Joseph Jansen, E. F. Sprague, E. W. Erhart, John Thompson, Greene McCoy, Ralph Mitchell, J. B. Somers, William Karrick, M. Williams have been indicted for obstructing the poll, ejecting Republican inspectors and destroying ballots before they were counted. All were released on $250 bail.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN.

Frankfort, Ky., March 13.—The Legislature will adjourn sine die some time before midnight. Apparently no apprehensions of further trouble for the present exists among the members of either party. Republican Lieutenant Governor Marshall held consultations this morning with Democratic Adjutant General Castleman and several Democratic members of the Legislature. The general situation was discussed.

COTTON.

New York, March 13.—Cotton: April 9.10; May, 9.31; June, 9.32; July, 9.30; August, 9.16; September, 8.28.

COL. CUNNINGHAM'S STRENGTH

His Popularity Growing Daily—He Has a Strong Following.

The friends of Col. John S. Cuningham are highly gratified at the increasing prospects for his nomination as the next Democratic candidate for Governor. From accounts in various parts of the State it is shown that he has a strong following among all classes of Democrats who believe that it would be the wisest step for the Democrats to nominate him for Governor.

The Cumberland county Democratic convention was largely attended and very enthusiastic. The delegates to the State convention were divided between Col. John S. Cunningham and Hon. C. B. Aycock. This was very flattering to Col. Cunningham as it was not expected that he would receive so much strength from Cumberland. This is but one of the indications how popular the candidacy of Col. Cunningham is growing.

It is stated today that Col. Cuningham will get a strong following not only from Cumberland, but from Anson, Randolph, Moore, Chatham, Surry, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Davie, Catawba, and many Western counties.

GNERAL COX IS IN TOWN

Repeats His Predictions Regarding Col. John S. Cunningham.

General W. R. Cox, Secretary of the United States Senate, is in the city. He has spoken in the highest terms of Colonel Cuningham's chances for the nomination and this morning reiterted every word that the Durham papers attributed to him. Today's Durham Herald says:

On his way to Oxford to see his son, who is attending the Horner school at that place, General W. R. Cox stopped over here yesterday a few hours and talked with friends.

He has the honor of being the youngest of the Confederate Generals, served as Congressman from the Raleigh district, and as clerk of the United States Senate for eight years, and expressed himself as being glad to get out of the political arena and retire to the quiet and silvan shades of his Edgecombe farm.

He spoke of the political situation in North Carolina, and the numerous candidates for State offices, all of whom he knew. Without expressing preference for any, he did not hesitate to say that the claims of Colonel John S. Cuningham for the Democratic nomination for Governor were of such a nature they would give him a large following, apart from Colonel Cuningham's personal friends, and that his chances for the nomination by the convention were as good as those of Mr. Aycock or any other aspirant.

GOT HIS OPERAS MIXED

The local editor of The News and Observer spent Sunday in Norfolk. In this morning's issue of that paper he states that the Wilbur Opera Company is playing a week's engagement at that place. Evidently, our friend got his opera girls mixed, as the Wilbur Opera Company is not in Norfolk, nor will it play in that place in the near future.

If the Sunday Atlanta Journal is to be relied upon, the Wilbur Opera Company closed an engagement in that city Saturday night and are enroute further South.

Col. Merritt might have seen some opera girls, but as to who they were he is evidently tangled.

FAIR-WARMER

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, warmer tonight; fair Wednesday.

A moderate storm is central over the Lake region, but very little precipitation has occurred in connection with it. Marquette is the only station which has reported any precipitation during the past 24 hours. The weather is quite warm in the Southern States and as far north as the Ohio River. A high pressure area with cooler weather has appeared in the extreme northwest.

KIND WORDS THESE.

(From The Durham Sun.)

The most interesting evening paper we have read, or seen in North Carolina for some time, was The Raleigh Times-Visitor, of last Saturday afternoon. It was a splendid edition. Ably edited, briming with news and sparkled like a city full of electric lights. It would be a credit to a city much larger than Raleigh.

WILL POSTPONE MARKET ELECTION

Special Meeting of Aldermen Called Today

MAYOR POWELL CALLS 5 O'CLOCK MEETING

Not Sufficient Time to Inform Public Regarding a New Market—Options on Other Sites not Secured.

Mayor Powell today issued a call for a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The meeting was called at the request of Alderman Len Wilder and W. E. Jones, and is the outcome of the discussion in The Times-Visitor during the past week which has brought to light the opposition of some factions who would favor the sale of the market if there could be some definite plans arranged for the future position of the market house.

The election will probably be postponed for at least one week and it is possible for a longer time on account of the failure of the Board to secure options on the various sites which are adaptable to market house purposes. Then, too, there was a failure on the part of the Board to incorporate in the ordinance ordering the election any provision for the appointment of poll holders for the election.

From those members of the Board who to a .od ..6 ..6 Igonhtz. .6 ..6 . .6 .. —— could be seen today it appears to be the concensus of opinion that the date for the election was placed too soon.

The sites on which options should be secured will be discussed by the Special Market Committee and by the Board at this afternoon's session, and it is entirely probable that the committee will be directed to secure options on all obtainable properties as soon as possible.

At first it was the intention of one member of the Board to move to postpone the election for several months, but this he feared would delay the progress of the work of erecting an auditorium.

The meeting this afternoon will formulate definite plans which will be announced in the morning papers.

LORD BYRON TONIGHT

A Popular and Strong Attraction at the Academy

The play, "Lord Byron," which is to-night the attraction at the Academy of Music, was written for Mr. James Young by Miss Louise Johnson, of Baltimore. It is a clever book in four acts, with a decided literary flavor and gives opportunity for magnificent stage setting and effects.

Cities which keep in touch with the affairs of the treatrical world have said that it is a play very much on the order of "Zaza," without, however, being so risque, and with a larger share of that heart interest, upon which the preeminence and popularity of dramatic works is bound to rest.

"Startling, sensational and novel," are adjectives that have frequently been used to describe it, and the lore seen in the third act is said to be the strongest ever presented upon the stage. Miss Johnson has demonstrated the fact that she is a master in stage craft, and it takes no seer to prophesy that her career as a dramatic author, so auspiciously begun, will be a brilliant one indeed.

The production of Lord Byron is made the more interesting by reason of the fact that Miss Johnson heads the company supporting the star. She is a versatile genius, and as clever an actress as she is an authoress. She reminds the play-goer forcibly of Mrs. Brown Potter. She has the same seductive, sacchorine graces, large lustrous brown eyes and a splendid aureole of dark brown hair. She is a little above the average height of her sex, but gifted in a very eminent degree with those quaint graces of arms and hands that never fail to create a pleasant impression.

Miss Johnson will not leave the stage to devote herself exclusively to the work as a playwright. She is in love with the life and there is no reason why she should resign it, since she is an ardent worker, even upon her travels, and a prolific writer. Then, too, she believes that the constant travel gives her an opportunity for investigation and observation, that she could not get in any other way.

The character she play in Lord Byron—the countess Varjoli—is eminently well suited to her great gifts. Indeed she wrote it for herself, and no actress on the American stage today could bring out all its subtelties as she has done. It is a marvelous creation.

SALE OF THE MARKET HOUSE.

The Truth About the Hydrants During The Late Fire.

Editors Times-Visitor:

Before the city sells the market house and site, would it not be better for the Board of Aldermen to locate a site for the embryo new market house and submit the same to a mass meeting of the people?

If a better site can be found than the present one, and it will be to the city's interest, I am in favor of selling the market house and site, otherwise I am not in favor of said sale.

Some citizens think it would be better to build a new market house on the present site by taking in sixteen feet on each side of the market house, and build a new market house five stories high, with auditorium and Masonic Lodge included, that the added space (16 feet on both sides of the market house would be sufficient). But the election will settle the sale, and until that is done, we can select the site afterwards.

P. W. McGOWAN.

SOUTHERN WALL PAPER CO.—Experience is Worth.

MARRIED HERE ON LAST WEDEESDAY

Wedding Was Secret But is Now Announced

MR. W. J. THOMPSON AND MISS FREEMAN WED

Popular Young Woman and a Lucky Young Man Wedded Secretly for Good Reasons. But Announce Marrige.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, of this city, formerly a conductor in the service of the Seaboard Air Line, and Miss Blanche Freeman, until recently a clerk in the dry goods establishment of Mr. A. B. Stronach, surprised their friends today by the announcement that they were married last week and that they would leave tonight for their future home in Atlanta.

Miss Freeman was related to Mr. Thompson by marriage and they had long been devoted to each other. She is a young woman of sterling character and has many friends and relatives in this city. Mr. Thompson is also well known here and is connected with the most prominent families in Raleigh.

Some days ago Miss Freeman and Mr. Thompson determined that there was no reason why they should longer remain apart and as he expected to be away for two months they determined to marry before his departure and keep the marriage secret until his return.

Accordingly on last Wednesday evening they visited the home of one of Miss Freeman's friends and there the ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few friends who had been pledged to secrecy. In the absence of all licensed Baptist ministers from the city Justice of the Peace John Nichols performed the ceremony.

Mr. Thompson expected to leave Raleigh alone, but good luck followed his good fortune and tonight, with his bride, he leaves for Atlanta, where he will be in the service of the W. and A. Railroad.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of the late Mr John Freeman, and is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Wahmann.

Mr. Walter Thompson is well known here, where he has lived for a number of years.

PASSING THE TIME

For This Offense Mayor Powell Sends Two to Jail

It is pleasant to pass the time away, but it is costly if you do it in the wrong way. This morning Mayor Powell had before him Will Solomon and Frank Thomas charged with larceny and receiving.

The men had been passing away the golden time piece of George Emery.

The case was amusing from many standpoints, thought it did not appear so to Solomon and Thomas.

When the evidence was all in the Mayor felt justified in binding the men over to court on $50 bonds, in default of which they went to jail to remain until court is convened week after next.

"ENOCH ARDEN" LAST NIGHT

A large crowd greeted the repetition of Enoch Arden at the Governor's Mansion last night. Despite the fact of other entertainments in the city, the Mansion was well filled with true lovers of the art of music and elocution. As before Prof. Olmsted played in his masterly style, the soul-reaching music of the poem; and as in the first recital, many in the audience were reduced to tears over the tenderly sympathetic reading of Mrs. Chas. Gattis, who again portrayed the joys and woes of "Enoch." Miss Minnie Tucker lent charm to the evening by singing artistically those grand Wagnerian songs.

The entertainment was entirely successful.

MR. ROYALL WITH THE SEABOARD

Mr. John H. Royall, who has for some time past been connected with Mr. Carey J. Hunter in the insurance business, will next Thursday sever his business relations with Mr. Hunter and become Assistant City Ticket Agent of the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Royall will be in the office with Mr. H. S. Leard, Soliciting Freight Agent Kyles and City Ticket Agent Smith. Mr. Royall is a young man of excellent business qualifications and will prove a most valuable assistant to Mr. Smith, who has already had such success as the Seaboard's city ticket agent.

A POEM OF THE LINOTYPE.

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The above lines came to The Times-Visitor with this morning's mail but without name. "The charge of the Light Brigade" may have been butchered by Linotypes in just such a way. The lines come anonymously, but they are good. The Times-Visitor would be pleased to know the author, who is the same as "Uncle And" of yesterday.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

We are requested by Mr. E. C. Holleman, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, to state that a special matter of importance will be presented to the members of the Tabernacle Church on Wednesday night after the regular prayer meeting.

THE WILEY SCHOOL TO GO UP AT ONCE

School Committee is Now in Session

BUILDING TO COST NEARLY $12,000

Raleigh Township School Committee Receives Number of Bids and Will Announce Tonight to Whom Contract is Awarded.

The Township School Committee, composed of Maor A. M. Powell, chairman; G. Rosenthal, Dr. R. H. Lewis, J. W. Bailey, R. O. Burton, A. A. Thompson and Garland Jones, is in session this afternoon.

The meeting was called for 4 o'clock, and at that hour bids were opened in accordance with the following advertisement:

"Sealed proposals for the erection of the New Wile School will be received by the Raleigh Township School Committee until 4 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, March 13th, 1900, and then opened in the Mayor's office. Each bidder must enclose with his bid his certified check for $100, made payable to A. M. Powell, chairman, check of successful bidder to be forfeited to the committee unless said bidder within ten days from award of contract, execute to said committee a satisfactory bond in the sum of $5,000. Plans may be obtained of the architects, Messrs. Pearson and Ashe. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids."

The new school, which is named in honor of Rev. Calvin H. Wiley, at one time Superintendent of Public Schools in this State.

The School Committee now has something over $12,000 to its credit after paying all outstanding accounts, and its is thought that the new school will cost almost that amount.

Work will begin at an early date and the school is to be completed in time for an early opening next session. It is to be erected on the Lewis property on North Halifax Street.

YELLOW FEVER RAGING

Havana Officials Prevent Such Being Known.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—H. J. Ormsby, of Wisconsin, who spent the last five months in Cuba as a special agent of the War Department, said today that yellow fever is now and has been for some time past raging in Havana. He says the reports of the actual number of deaths from that disease are not allowed to go out.

"WATER" AND "LIGHT."

Editors Times-Visitor:

In The Times-Visitor of the 7th inst. a stockholder of the Water Company stated that "it is barely possible that there is some fault with the hose used by the Fire Department and that the firemen did not turn on the full stream from the hydrant."

For the benefit of the above stockholder, I will state that the hydrant men did turn on the water from the hydrants to its full extent. The pressure was not in the pipes and "that's what's the matter with Hannah!" At the Bruner fire some one remarked that there was not enough pressure in the pipe to reach to the top of the second floor! Turn on the "Light," as well as the "Water!" Gentlemen, "face the music like little men," and investigate the "lack of pressure," etc., and "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

CITIZEN.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR SONS.

It seems to be a matter of common knowledge that minors are often allowed to frequent the saloons—or, rather, some saloons in this city—for various reasons, sometimes to lounge, but oftener to play the slot machines, which are found running in full blast in a few of these resorts. Of course this conduct on the part of the boys is against the will of their parents, and for the information of the latter I wish to call attention to a law on the subject enacted by the Legislature three years ago, to be found in the Acts of 1897 Chapter 278, which reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for the keepers or owners of any bar room, billiard room, or bowling alley, to allow any minor to enter or remain in such bar room, billiard room or bowling alley, if before such minor enters or remains in such bar room, billiard room or bowling alley, the owner or keeper thereof has been notified by the parents or guardian of such minor not to allow such minor to enter or remain in such bar room, billard room or bowling alley.

"Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days."

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Mrs. D. J. Moore is sick at her residence 416 South Person.

Misses Evie Perkinson and Zua Pace are now connected with Sherwood Higgs & Company's Millinery Department, where they will be glad to see their many friends.

Attention is called to Mr. D. T. Johnson's Ad. in this issue.

HORTON BOXING LAW.

Albany, March 13.—The Lewis Bill repealing the Horton boxing law was reported favorably to the Senate this morning, with one vote in opposition, that of Senator Donnelly, from New York city.