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BRITISH PUSH FORWARD

100,000 Rounds of Ammunition Captured From Boers

FRAZER MAEE ADMINISTRATOR OF FREE STATE

Gen. Woodgate Dead—Five Thousand Boers in Great Danger of Being Captured Gen. Kitchener Pushes Boers Forward.

London, March 24.—Five thousand Boers with sixteen guns who are retreating along the Basuto land border are in imminent danger of being hemmed in and meeting the fate of Cronje's army. It is believed that a force, specially dispatched by General Roberts, is chasing them and that Gen. French will head them off.

London, March 24.—Gen. Roberts cables the war office from Bloemfontein today: "No special news to report. The country south of this place is generally settling down. A number of arms have been delivered up and the people are beginning to recognize the advantage of bringing in supplies for sale. The movements of troops in the western district is being attended with good results."

New York, March 24.—In a fire in a factory on Forty-fourth street this morning a floor precipitated seven firemen into the cellar, where much water had accumulated. Three were drowned, but the others escaped, one being injured.

BRITISH PROGRESS

London, March 24.—Scouts from Springfield entered Smithfield Wednesday and captured 100,000 rounds of ammunition. They met no opposition. Commandant Oliver, with three hundred fighters, has been located, fleeing in the direction of Sand River. Basuto's men are closely watching his movements within ten miles of the border, a member of the late executive council, who was one of the men who surrendered Bloemfontein to Gen. Roberts, is appointed administrator of Orange Free State.

General Woodgate, who was wounded at Spion Kop, is dead.

ADVANCE DELAYED.

Kimberley, March 23.—(Delayed.)—The Imperial Yeomanry under command of Lord Chesham, marched ten miles westward today and discovered colonial Dutch and rebels, being driven northward by Gen. Kitchener's troops. The advance from here is being delayed by the non-arrival of additional troops.

EMPORIA JAIL SURROUNDED BY MOB

Firm Attitude of the Commander Alone Prevents Lynching

Richmond, Va., March 24.—The jail at Emporia, where the negro, Walter Cotton, who has confessed to the killing of Justice Saunders, is confined, was again threatened by a mob after midnight, and the State troops, who had been withdrawn, were brought back.

At 2 o'clock this morning Major Cutchins, in command of the troops, informed the leaders of the mob that if the jail was attacked he would order the soldiers to shoot to kill. It was thought at that hour that the firm attitude of the commander would insure order.

BILLIARD AND POOL TOURNAMENT.

It is proposed to hold a billiard and pool tournament at the Capital Club about May 1st.

To this end a meeting of all billiard and pool players of the club has been called for this evening at 8:30 o'clock, in the club rooms, to discuss plans for the tournament.

DEAD.

Geo. F. Smith, son of the late Rev. Geo. S. Smith, pastor of the Congregational church, colored, of this city, died yesterday in Missouri, where he was teaching. He was only 21 years old and an excellent young man. The body will be embalmed and shipped here.

CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT.

Raleigh will have a new men's clothing establishment in a very short time, by April 1st.

Mr. W. E. Jones has rented part of his store, the portion having an entrance from the south door on Fayetteville street, to Mr. Rosenzweig, of Greensboro, and he will open up a large men's clothing and furnishing establishment there.

There will soon be two vacant stores on Fayetteville street. The stores now occupied by W. G. Upchurch and Company, and by the Co-operative grocery Company.

REPUBLICAN PAPER.

A new paper, to be printed by the Advocate Publishing Company of this city is to be issued in a few days. It will be Republican in politics, so that that party will now have a mouthpiece. The paper will be backed by Collector E. C. Duncan.—Newbern Journal.

COLDER TOMORROW.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Showers, colder tonight and Sunday.

Unsettled, threatening weather prevails throughout the entire central valley and southern section of the country, with moderate amounts of rain at many southern stations. Montgomery reported 1.08 inches, Mobile 3.16, and other points smaller amounts. As the pressure is low over the south and west while it is high over the Lake region, the conditions will continue unsettled. The temperature is above freezing except over the Lakes. The lowest temperature is 18 at Marquette.

COURT MONDAY

Some of the Important Cases—Two Murder Trials.

The criminal term of the Wake county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock, His Honor, Judge Hoke presiding. Solicitor E. W. Pon will be on hand to represent the interest of the State.

The court will consume about two weeks. There are now 84 cases on the docket, but 12 of these are set aside at the previous term.

Of course the most notable cases on the docket are the two trials for murder. George Lee, a fourteen year old colored boy, must stand trial for his life for the murder by poisoning of the family of Green Hobbs.

Then Tom Jones, the negro preacher, will be tried for murder and arson.

The following is a summary of the docket:

- Larceny, 16.
- Carrying concealed weapons, 7.
- Perjury, 2.
- Embezzlement, 2.
- Forceful trespass, 1.
- Assault, 14.
- Affray, 2.
- Assault and battery, 2.
- Forgery, 1.
- Cruelty to animals, 1.
- Murder, 1.
- Murder and arson, 1.
- Breaking into house, 2.
- False pretense, 2.
- Abandonment, 1.
- Nuisance, 2.
- Appeal from magistrate, 1.
- Other cases, 9.
- Sci fas, 12.

The two house breaking cases are Nelson Smith and Amos Morgan, the latter being the negro who broke into the rear of Mr. Bretsch's bakery and attempted to steal some flour.

The white man, J. H. Jackson, alias J. A. Jackson, who attempted suicide by jumping under a moving train when he was arrested and given a preliminary hearing at Cary on the charge of getting goods under false pretense will be tried. He was sent to jail in default of a \$400 bond. He drew a check on the National Bank of Raleigh while he had no deposit there. A collection was taken by the people of Cary for the support of his wife and child while he is in jail.

REPUBLICANS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

There Seems to be no Prospect of an Understanding on Porto Rican Bill

Washington, March 24.—The Republicans in the Senate are further from an agreement than ever on the Porto Rican tariff bill. The feeling is quite bitter also. If there is not a change in the situation soon the chances are that there will unusually exciting times in the Senate chamber. The bill has the right of way in the Senate, but it is reasonably safe to say that it cannot be disposed of inside of ten days, even if the Republicans should in the meantime reach an agreement.

DEATH OF MRS. COOK.

A telegram was received here yesterday afternoon from Wilson, announcing the death of Mrs. M. V. D. Cook, mother of Mrs. A. B. Strouh, of this city. The death occurred at 12:30 o'clock. Mrs. Cook was 73 years old and had been in failing health for some years.

The body was brought to Raleigh this morning, and the funeral service was held from the Edenton Street Methodist church at 10 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Smith, assisted by Rev. Dr. Eugene Daniel. Many friends and relatives were present. The interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

THAW CAUSES OVERFLOW.

Detroit, Mich., March 24.—(The thaw of the last few days has swollen the Grand, Raisin and Huron Rivers until the villages along the banks are in serious danger. The Grand overflowed at Eaton Rapids, by reason of an ice blockade above the city. The basements of the business section were filled. Huge blocks of ice were packed above the city and a sudden movement would sweep the mass through the streets.)

NEW YORK RAPID TRANSIT.

New York, March 24.—The City Hall Park is thronged by a great crowd to witness the beginning of the Rapid Transit Road. There is the finest display of flags ever seen in the city. Mayor Van Wyck took the first spade of dirt from the excavation. He was followed by Contractor Macdonald, President Orr and others. Bonds discoursed delightful music.

THE CAMPAIGN.

The North Carolina amendment campaign will be formally opened at Jefferson Monday. Senator Pritchard will make the opening speech in opposition to ratification.

"It will be the warmest campaign ever conducted in the South," he said before leaving Washington, "and we are by no means discouraged."

The Republicans and Butler Populists will make the fight of their lives, but the Democrats from that State say there is no doubt of a majority of 50,000.

The Democratic campaign for ratification opens on the 17th of April, when a dozen or more prominent speakers will travel over a large part of the State in a special car.

"Doctor, what ails my daughter?"

"Before I answer that question let me ask if you have reason to think she has had a love disappointment of any kind."

"I know she has not."

"Then, madam, your daughter has the grip."—Chicago Tribune.

HE WILL TELL HIS STORY IN COURT

"Preacher" Jones Still Has Hopes for His Life

PREACHER'S ONE WISH IS FOR A "GOOD TODAY"

The Alleged Murderer Is the Soundest Sleeper in Jail—Has Become Talkative Among Fellow Prisoners.

"Preacher" Jones, the man who is now in Wake jail charged with the horrible murder of a woman and her daughter with an axe and of burning to death the bodies of his two victims and four children alive, realizes the terrible nature of his crime, but hopes for his life.

He does not expect to be set free, but he has hopes that the State prison may be his future home.

He had until this morning an idea that he would not have consented to defend him at his trial, which, it is expected, will come up either Monday or Tuesday morning of next week.

"How are you getting along?" he was asked this morning.

"I'm getting on alright, under the circumstances," said the prisoner.

"Do you get everything you wish?"

"Yes, sir, there ain't nothing I want that I don't get except a today," replied the erstwhile preacher.

Tom Jones, for that is the negro's real name, the title "Preacher" having been given him on account of the religious services that he has been accustomed to holding from time to time at his former home, hopes that he will be given a lawyer who will take up his case with hopes of winning. He says that if he is allowed a lawyer he will then know how to proceed, but that now he does not wish to speak on the subject of the crime, believing, and rightly, that it is best for him to wait until court.

He will tell his story in court.

This is known to be true, or at least to be his present intention, for he believes that a confession, if he committed the crime, would cause the court to be more leniently inclined.

Since his confinement he has become communicative, but the officers of the county and the keeper of the jail, Mr. Parham, do not have anything to say to him that will in any way draw him out on the subject of the murders. He is more talkative than usual today and his fellow prisoners have become on intimate terms with the alleged murderer.

A singular fact is that the murderer is the "king bee" among the prisoners and they look to him for his opinion on all subjects that arise during the chattering of the jail birds.

He is asked first when any jail contents are extended and his movements are watched with the same interest as if he was an animal in a menagerie.

Jones is pleased with the jail. He has a number of hours to sleep and is ready to say "good night" long before the others wish to turn in. He talks with them until they are ready to become quiet and when the agreement is reached that all should go to sleep he is the first to become quiet, and throughout the night is the soundest sleeper in the building. He rises early, but not before the others. His cell is kept dark by a blanket that is hung up over the iron lattice work and his cot is placed near to that end of the cell that he may be as far from the cell door as possible. He spoke on a eve last night about his former home, telling to his fellow prisoners a story about some event of greater or less importance in Garner.

He is waiting anxiously for court to convene. He wishes it to come at once, though from his talk to outsiders he appears totally indifferent.

What he will say in court is known almost to a certainty.

He will make the statement soon after he is taken before the court. If he is allowed to follow his present plans, what he will say will be an earnest appeal for mercy.

In the jail with "Preacher" Jones are thirty one other prisoners, their crimes ranging in seriousness from petty larceny and assault with iron poker to murder. Of the other prisoners, six are colored women who are charged with minor offenses and twenty-five are men, of whom about half a dozen are white.

MILLINER OPENING.

Miss Carrie Phillips, milliner of Messrs. Woolcott and Son, has just returned from the North where she made a splendid selection of the latest styles of millinery. The public is cordially invited to attend the big millinery opening which will take place next Wednesday and Thursday.

WILL MEET APRIL 26.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold its State Convention in this city, April 26th to 29th, with the Christian Church. The local society requests that any one desiring to assist in the entertainment of this body will notify the pastor, or Rev. J. L. Foster, as early as possible, giving number that they can entertain. The Endeavorers wish it known that their homes are at all times open to religious gatherings of whatever denomination.

Your hearty co-operation earnestly solicited.

JAS. L. FOSTER, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

COTTON.

New York, March 24.—Cotton—March, 9.44; April and May, 9.31; June, 9.36; July, 9.34; August, 9.22.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

Awarding of the Prizes in the Prize Story Contest.

The Times-Visitor Prize Story Contest proved one of the most popular features ever inaugurated by this paper. From the number of stories received it was demonstrated that it awakened great interest among the ladies of this and other cities. It also demonstrated that Raleigh has some extremely clever story writers. Beside the prize winners there were stories among those received that were extremely meritorious.

Only three prizes were offered, but it was decided to award a second as well as a first prize in the child story contest, on account of the large number of contestants.

The contest closed on Saturday night last and the stories were turned over to the judges without the real names of the authors.

After the stories were returned to this office with the decision of the judges the sealed envelopes containing the real names of the authors were opened.

The four prize winners are published on the sixth page of today's issue.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

LADIES' CONTEST.

First Prize—To "Love's Lesson," by "Fania Armstrong," Miss Fannie Hughes, sister of Mrs. Alex. Fields.

Second Prize—To "Playmates," by "Sara Pickett," Miss Sallie Pickett Whitaker, 509 North Person street.

GIRLS' CONTEST.

First Prize—To "Kitty Winks," by "Mary Louise Elliott," Little Miss Bessie Poe Lane, niece of Mr. Hastings Poe, of the Southern Express Company.

Second Prize—To "Red, White and Blue Racers," by "Lesly Wolfon," Little Miss Veva G. Phillips, 516 North Bloodworth street.

The Times-Visitor has been urged to have another story contest and it is probable that the request will be granted and another contest announced at an early day.

CONVICT PARDONED.

William Dezeren Was Serving 25 Years For Burglary.

Mr. R. B. Boone, of Durham, spent yesterday here and secured Governor Russell's signature to a paper pardoning William Dezeren, who is in the penitentiary.

Five years ago Dezeren was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary from Orange county. The charge against him was that of burglary and the jury convicted him of the crime of second degree burglary.

It seems that there has always been some doubt as to his guilt and Mr. Boone instigated the governor's office with an application that was signed by many of those who were instrumental in getting him in the "pen" and by many well known and influential citizens.

After looking into the case the Governor decided that there were strong grounds for the request and so relieved Dezeren of the remaining twenty years of confinement.

PEACE STORE SOLD

Mr. W. W. Vass today purchased the Peace store on Fayetteville street. This is the store now occupied by Messrs. W. G. Upchurch & Company. The store was bought by Messrs. Young & Hughes in exchange for the store Mr. Vass purchased today, and the plot on which he is having the North Carolina Home Insurance Company's building erected. The Young & Hughes store belongs to another Peace estate.

BURIED ALIVE.

A Boy Struggles for Freedom in His Coffin.

Philadelphia, March 23.—At Mullie Hill, N. J., a startling discovery has been made that a boy was buried alive. An undertaker was exhuming the members of the Smetzer family and one coffin contained the skeleton of a boy. Its condition bore evidence of an awful struggle after the supposed dead body was buried.

NEW GUN CLUB.

Several young men in this city are contemplating organizing a gun club, and it is probable that during the next few days lovers of that sport will be called on to join the new club. It is a splendid idea, and it should be an easy matter to find a sufficient number of members to make the club a success.

HEBREW WEDDING.

The residence of Mr. S. Levy, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a quiet home wedding was solemnized.

The contracting parties were Miss Rebecca Levy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Levy, and Mr. David H. Gladstone, of Portsmouth, Va. Both of the young people gave their age as 18 years and the wedding was witnessed by only a few intimate friends. The bride has many friends among our people and the groom is a well known young business man of Portsmouth.

The wedding will not be solemnized after the custom of the Hebrew people for some time to come, probably some two years. The groom, who is a traveling salesman, will go on about his duties and at the end of the stated period will return and claim his bride in accordance with the laws of his religion.

Many friends join in congratulating them in their love affair and wishing them much happiness in the end.—Durham Herald.

LADIES HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Hospital Association will be held on Tuesday afternoon, March 27th, at 4 o'clock, at the homes of Mrs. F. A. Olds.

MRS. W. A. MONTGOMERY, President.

MRS. F. A. OLDS, Secretary.

MAY BE SENSATION IN INVESTIGATION

Water Co. May Have Something Up Their Sleeve

THEY MAY CHARGE THE FIREMEN AS AT FAULT

However, Some Believe Antagonizing the Firemen Would be to Detriment of Water Company's Cause.

It was stated this morning that the meetings of the special committee of the Board of Aldermen to investigate the report of the Chief of the Fire Department regarding the supply of water at the recent fire may bring out some sensational charges from the Water Company against the Fire Department. Such an outcome has been hinted at by some people for a week or so past and now, it is said, the making of the charges are being considered by some one interested in the Water Company and who believes that instead of attempting to make any statement exonerating the company for any failure on its part, it is the duty of the Water Company to make an exposure of an alleged shortcoming on the part of the firemen who were engaged in the work of fighting the flames.

This has been hinted at and the reason for the rumor floating about is based on a remark attributed to one of the attorneys of the Water Company. The remark is supposed to have been made during his argument before the jury during the trial of the suit brought by Mr. C. P. Sowers against the Water Company when damages were recovered from the company.

Just what was said by the attorney seems to be a question among those who have discussed the matter, but it is generally conceded that he remarked in his disquisitions before the jury that there was no reason for the charges that had recently been made, that the Water Company was fulfilling its duty and that there was reason to believe and it could be proven that there was serious fault in the management of the work of fighting fires.

Some one intimated that the firemen had failed to turn on the full stream and in their excitement and haste had neglected to look after the hydrant ends of the hose. This was denied by members of the fire companies and the charge has not been openly flaunted since then.

The meeting Monday night will have two important features. The presentation of the report of the Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, Mr. Walter Avallott, on the recent test made at Nash Square, and the explanation by the Chief of the Department, Mr. L. A. Mahler, of his report which was presented at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen and which resulted in the ordering of the investigation. The committee, it is said, will ask Mr. Mahler for particulars and will have a stenographer to take the testimony that is offered by the Chief of the Department and by the firemen who are summoned.

The committee announces that the meeting Monday evening is solely for the purpose of taking testimony from those outside the Water Company and that another meeting will be held later for the purpose of receiving the testimony or any statement that may be made by the Water Company or any representative of the company. It is at this meeting that some say a sensation will be sprung, but there are authorities who say that this rumor has foundation, but that the idea of making charges against any one has been abandoned. The Water Company, they state, feels confident that nothing can be found that will go to show neglect of duty on their part and that any offensive procedure on the part of the company would be detrimental to their cause. They say that the company has no ill feeling toward anyone and that all it desires is fair treatment and an unprejudiced consideration of the facts.

LIEUTENANT BROUGHTON HERE.

Claude Broughton Will Stand Trial Next Week.

Ex-Lieutenant Claude Broughton, of the Raleigh Light Infantry, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$50 to the city and was today placed under arrest. He failed to appear at the last term of the court and a set is issued for him. He was arrested this morning and has been kept in the office of Sheriff Page all day, while he has been making strenuous efforts to get some one to go on his bond, but he has failed so far and will have to go to jail if he does not succeed before night.

TRINITY SHUT OUT.

The Trinity ball team has met its Waterloo in the first game of the season yesterday afternoon. The Horner school team shut out the Methodist boys and at the same time piled up a record of eight points, says the Durham Herald today.

The game was called at 3:20 o'clock and a medium sized crowd took advantage of the beautiful weather and went out to the start, and while the home rooters tried to rush life into the game from time to time the Trinity team could not get enough snap and vim into their work to be of any service.

The visitors had a strong team, and Kenna, the pitcher, assisted by Oldham, the catcher, did some exceptionally clever work. The Trinity team was not out in full strength and will play some interesting ball before the season is over.

Mr. L. C. Wenthers, of the Southern Wall Paper Company has just returned from Salisbury and other points, where he decorated a number of residences.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

What Some of Raleigh's Safest Business Men Say

Great interest is being manifested in the mass meeting to be held in Metropolitan Hall on next Tuesday night, and many citizens are discussing the subject. On the streets many gentlemen have expressed their intention to attend the meeting and are urging others to do all in their power to have a goodly gathering present.

Speaking of the matter one gentleman said today that he felt confident that there would be an immense crowd present, and that some decisive step would be taken that would assure the erection of an auditorium in Raleigh.

Among some of the expressions heard by a representative of the Times-Visitor were the following:

Walter Woolcott.—The auditorium is a necessity. Every business man, clerk, mechanic or laborer should be at the meeting Tuesday night. All pull together and we can get it.

J. C. L. Harris.—We should certainly have a building for the accommodation of the State Conventions of the various political parties and all of like character that seek to hold their sessions at the Capital of their State. Unless this is provided the conventions will go elsewhere to the serious detriment of the city. The meeting should be well attended and citizens should make this a common cause in order to provide such a building.

W. W. Vass.—I would like to see an auditorium in Raleigh. It built at all it must come from popular subscription, as there is little inducement in it for private enterprise. I believe it will come. It must come, unless Raleigh is to take a backward step. The meeting Tuesday night should mark the beginning of an era of permanent co-operation among the business men of Raleigh for the upbuilding of the town.

H. S. Leard.—I think there should be an auditorium by all means. From a railroad standpoint this is the logical place for it. Raleigh is centrally located and has the best railroad facilities.

B. B. Raney.—The Chamber should appoint a live committee to solicit subscriptions to stock of a corporation to be organized for the purpose of building a handsome auditorium at once. The structure should contain stores and offices, so as to make it a paying investment. The stockholders would have no difficulty in securing a suitable site.

J. G. Brown.—Everyone is agreed that Raleigh must have an auditorium. The prompt action of the president of the Chamber of Commerce in calling the meeting is to be commended, and our business men should turn out en masse and settle the question once and for all.

Jan. I. Johnson.—The auditorium has become a necessity. About the only certain way to get it is for patriotic men to subscribe for stock. The meeting should be well attended.

W. N. Jones.—The citizens of the town should no longer delay about erecting the auditorium.

It can be readily built if all business men will aid to a moderate extent. It is not necessary to wait upon those who might give large amounts. The auditorium must be built, if at all, by the combined efforts of the men of moderate means. If we have a full meeting on Tuesday night I have no doubt that an impulse will be given to the movement which will secure the auditorium.

B. S. Jerman.—It is a meeting of vital importance to the city, and should be attended by every man who has the welfare of the city at heart. Raleigh must have an auditorium.

H. W. Jackson.—There ought to be a large turn out of the citizens at this important meeting.

C. McDonald.—I think the movement a wise one, and if all those who had been shooting off their mouth in the past will take the same interest in an auditorium that they had in against or for the sale of the market, there is no question as to the result. As the matter is definitely settled, it is time for all to get together and pull together. "In union there is strength." Let us show by one act that we are in earnest.

GOLD RESULTS FROM ADVERTISING.

Newspaper men are always pleased to know that their customers have received a direct benefit from their advertisements. We feel confident that the advertising columns of the Times-Visitor are seen by a great majority of the reading people of Raleigh and that a desirable article properly presented in its columns will have increased sale. This fact has been acknowledged by one of our advertisers, the Mechanics and Investors' Union, who placed a half page advertisement on last Saturday and having received so much benefit from it they have ordered it reproduced. It can be seen on the third page and will be found well worth reading.

The Secretary says that he wishes every wage-earning man, woman and boy, also every wife and daughter in the city to have an opportunity to examine what he considers the best saving certificate that has ever been offered. The company has employed Mr. James M. Riggan as a special solicitor to canvass the city, and he reports satisfactory sales of the new certificate.

Our readers no doubt remember that this company was organized in Raleigh about six years ago by J. C. Drewry, J. S. Wynne, George Allen, B. S. Jerman and others as an investment and loan company. It has been very successful and has added in the erection of a large number of dwellings. We are informed that they will begin to pay off their early stockholders in less than two years.

Do you want to rent a house? If so, we have several very desirable ones: Park Place, on Bloom Street, most fashionable part of the city. Large roomy houses, good garden.

Eight room house on Park Ave., brand new. Large shady yard, good garden and stable.

Brand new five room cottage on Jones Street, near cotton platform.

Several, two or three room cottages in different sections of the city.

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