PRETTY ARMY ROMANCE.

Surgeon Volunteer Weds Miss Wetherill, Jamestown, R. I.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 29.—The wedding of Miss May Hubbard Wetherill, of Philadelphia, daughter of the late Col. Alexander N. Wetherill, to Surgeon Benjamin F. Vanmeter, of Richmond, Va., took place to-day at Jamestown, and was attended by the few remaining summer guests at that place. It came as the culmination of a pretty army romance. Surgeon Vanmeter was a volunteer in the war with Spain, and served in Colonel Wetherill's regiment in Cuba, where the Colonel was killed in the engagement before Santiago. After the death of her father Miss Wetherill and Surgeon Vanmeter met in Texas, and an attachment was at once formed between the two. A short time ago he obtained a leave of absence and came home to wed Miss Wetherill. After a further leave of absence Surgeon Vanmeter will take his bride to his station, in the Philippines.

PINK LEMONADE AND PEANUTS

The Great Robinson Shows Strike Town To-Morrow.

The small boy hath a heart, and it now is glad. The peanut market has been cornered and the pink has been made for the lemonade. Sawdust will be trampled on and the whole city will be circus crazy. John Robinson always wakes up things when he gets in town. The Robinson family were born showmen. Failure is unknown with them. An unprecedented record of success is the story of grandfather, father and son, and to-day John F. Robinson is the greatest living showman in America.

To-morrow the grandest street pageant in the circus line that has ever been witnessed will occur in the city of Richmond. From the parade the people will judge whether the show will be worth visiting. The features of the circus proper are too numerous to mention. The grand spectacle of Solomon and his temple and the Queen of Sheba will in itself be a whole show. Its trained animals are not confined to an elephant, a dog or a pony, but a whole herd of trained elephants and scores of educated ponies, pigs, bears, seals and other rare and valuable animals.

The line of parade will be: Starting from grounds at 10 o'clock to Lombardy; to Main; Main to Fifth; Fifth to Grace; Grace to Seventh; Seventh to Main; Main to Thirteenth; Thirteenth to Broad; Broad to show-grounds.

Pedneau—Wakeham.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest was celebrated at St. Stephen's Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street, N. W., Washington, Wednesday last, where two Virginians, Francis L. Pedneau, of Jarratt, Sussex county, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Katye Virginia Wakeham, only daughter of William Wakeham, Esq., of Columbia, Fluvanna county, by the Very Rev. Richard Wakeham, S. S., an uncle of the bride, at nuptial mass.

Father Wakeham, who is a professor in the Seminary at Yonkers, N. Y., came on for the purpose. Among those present in the sanctuary were Rev. Father Caughy, in whose church the ceremony was performed; Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Foley and Father Walter Yates, of St. Joseph's Church, Richmond. Among others present were Rev. Bro. Alfred Wakeham, of Clayton, Del.; Mr. William Wakeham, Mr. and Mrs. England, formerly of Columbia, Va., and a sister of Mr. England; Mr. W. Burt, of Tennessee, and others.

Mrs. Pedneau (nee Wakeham) is tall and strikingly handsome. She possesses much of that typical Virginia beauty made famous by the pencil of Gibson.

Mr. Pedneau is a prosperous merchant and mill owner of Sussex county. By his untiring industry and energy he has made quite a fortune. His residence, when completed, will be one of the finest south of Petersburg. Mr. Pedneau has unbounded confidence in the future of Richmond, and has already purchased five houses in different parts of this city.

Benefit Concert.

A benefit musicale will be given at the True Reformers' Hall Monday evening, October 8th, for the benefit of the Women's Central Training School, and some of Richmond's well-known musicians will contribute to the programme, among whom will be Captain F. W. Cunningham, Charles H. Phillips, O. E. Lohman, Samuel Crowder, E. H. Clowes, J. L. Sullivan, J. J. Rehhart, Thurston Cardoza, B. Burton, Chas. W. Hunter and Conway Gordon.

A reception will be tendered the musicians at the school after the concert.

To Elect Officers.

The annual election of officers of the McGill Catholic Union will be held at the meeting of the union to-morrow night. Other important business will be transacted and a full attendance is requested.

OBITUARY.

Dr. James W. Bryant.

Dr. J. W. Bryant died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 2602 East Broad Street. He was in the eightieth year of his age, and had been in feeble health for some time.

Dr. Bryant was well known and highly esteemed as a resident of the East-End, and his death will be sincerely mourned in a large circle of friends. He was a physician, but retired from active practice about ten years ago. He leaves his wife and several children, as follows: Miss Hattie Bryant, of this city; Dr. J. W. Bryant, of Crewe; W. T. Bryant, Stanhope Bryant, C. K. Bryant, of Randlemen, N. C., and Julian and Truehart Bryant, of this city.

The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. The interment will be in Oakwood.

James E. McCready.

James Everett, infant son of W. J. and Mary McCready, died Friday at noon at the residence of his parents, No. 1622 Beverly Street.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the above residence. The interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

M. B. Waddy.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BUENA VISTA, VA., September 29.—After an illness of two months Marshall Benjamin Waddy died last night about midnight at the residence of his brother, Postmaster J. W. Waddy. Mr. Waddy was born and raised at Thompsons Crossing, Louisa county, March 16th, 1828, but has resided in Augusta and Rockbridge during the past few years. Funeral and interment here to-morrow.

Walter Hillsman.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

OVERLY, VA., September 29.—Mr and Mrs. Zach Hillsman are greatly afflicted in the loss of their child, Walter, a bright, beautiful boy about five years old, who died yesterday in Amelia county, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Johns. He will be laid to rest in the family burying-ground there at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

Mrs. J. M. Crymer.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

KEYSVILLE, VA., Sept. 29.—Mrs. J. M. Crymer died yesterday afternoon at her home, near Keysville; aged fifty-one years. She had been a sufferer for a long time.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Clark, of the Baptist Church, at her home, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. She leaves a husband and three children.

William F. Violet.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Sept. 29.—Mr. William F. Violet, a well-known and respected citizen, died at an early hour this morning after a brief illness. He was 80 years of age.

DEATHS.

BRYANT.—Died, Saturday at 3 o'clock, A. M., September 29th, 1900, at his home, 2602 East Broad Street, DR. JAMES W. BRYANT; aged eighty years. Funeral from the house to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 P. M. No flowers.

Cordes and Mosby.

A Monster Handkerchief Purchase.

225 dozen Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, the whole of a St. Gael manufacturer's sample line. Hemstitched and scalloped embroidered, and some with lace edge. These are just the qualities imported to sell for 25, 40, 50 and 60c. Your choice of any, 19c.

The Best Moreins, But at Half Price.

Black Mercerized Moreins, with satin stripes, just the correct material for underskirts. The grade that sells everywhere at 60c, our special price 39c yard.

New and Pretty Embroideries, But at Half Price.

Nainsook, Cambric and Swiss Edges and Insertions in lengths from 1 to 6 yards; manufacturers' ends, but all are perfect and just the cream of this season's newest and daintiest patterns.

Ladies' All-Linen Handkerchiefs, Our Own Importation.

These are the best values any Richmond house ever offered, notwithstanding the rise in price of all linen fabrics. Ladies' Unlaundered All-Linen Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, all initials, 16 2-3c.

Ladies' Hemstitched All-Linen Initial Handkerchiefs 25c.

Ladies Hemstitched Sheer all pure Linen Handkerchiefs, extra values, 12 1-2c, 16 2-3c and 25c.

Ladies' Hemstitched and Scalloped Embroidered All-Linen Handkerchiefs, especially strong values, at 16, 2-3, 25, 35, 40 and 50c.

Ladies' Neckwear.

Entirely new effects in Taffeta, liberty, pink and Mousseline de Soie. Ladies' Tassel End Embroidered Velvet Automobile Ties, 50c.

Ladies' Hemstitched Taffeta Silk Automobile Ties, tassel ends, 50c.

Exclusive effects at 75c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25 to $4.00.

CORDES & MOSBY.

The Power of Ready Cash Price

Is most forcibly demonstrated here when prices from other houses are drawn in comparison with ours. We buy in large quantities direct from manufacturer and first hands; this saves the middleman's profit, in which, of course, our customers share. To-day we shall tell of many late arrivals whose *newness, prettiness and low prices* we know you will admire. Below for instance:

Some Very Readable Silk News.

About just the kinds you and every other Silk buyer wants. Immense assortment and at about half price, are the two strong reasons why we think you should do your silk buying here.

Taffeta Silks

Heavy weights, guaranteed all pure silk; most possibly the last opportunity you will have to buy them at these prices.

20-inch All Pure Silk Taffetas, in an immense range of medium, light and dark colors; the quality that sells everywhere at 75c. is here, but at, per yard..... 49c

27-inch, extra heavy weights, guaranteed all pure Silk Taffetas, in an immense range of light, medium and dark colors, the same grade that sells everywhere at $1 and $1.25, is here, but at 79c

Black Taffeta Silks.

Two Very Special Numbers.

Guaranteed every thread pure silk, heavy, strong and durable.

27-inch Black All-Silk Taffetas, heavy and strong, the $1 grade at, per yard..... 79c

36-inch Extra Heavy All Pure Silk Taffetas, black only; the grade that sells at $1.25, but here at, per yard 89c

Housefurnishings.

Our stock of Rugs, Druggets, Lace Curtains, Portieres is recognized by all to be the most complete any Richmond house has ever shown. You will find at every price immense assortments to select from and special attention has been given to their pricing so as to insure their quick moving.

Lace Curtains.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, new and very effective patterns, $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5.

Tanbour Lace Curtains, new designs, $4.50, $5 to $15.

Brussels Lace Curtains, light and airy, new and dainty patterns, $12.50 to $18.

Irish Point Curtains, very effective patterns, extra values, $4.50, $5, $7, $7.50, $8.50 to $15.

Bonne Femme, entirely new and curtain novelty, shown only here, $10 to $40 per strip.

Real Point D'Arab Curtains, every effective patterns, $10 to $75 pair.

Rugs, Druggets.

A few of many specials.

9x12 feet All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, very effective patterns and colorings, a great bargain at..... $19.50

9x12 feet All-Wool Axminster Rugs, real Oriental designs and colorings, exclusive patterns, a special value..... $27.50

9x12 feet French Wilton Rugs, real Oriental designs and colorings $35

Oriental Rugs, entirely new line, all sizes, prices $31.75 to $125.

Portieres.

Brocatelle, Satin Derby, Silk Brocatelle, entirely new effects and at convincingly low prices.

Hall Rugs.

Jute and Wilton Hall Rugs, all lengths, at specially attractive prices.

Mattings.

See our special values at 12 1-2, 15, 20, 25 and 30c.

Announcement.

We do draping of all kinds in the newest and most artistic manner.

Special Announcement.

We make to order your House, Rainy Day and Separate Skirts. You select the material and we do the rest properly.

Our Oriental Department.

Second Floor.

Contains an immense assortment of Turkish and Eastern Draperies, Pillows, &c. This is by far the most comprehensive assortment ever shown in Richmond. Ask to see it.

Take Elevator--Second Floor.

Two Umbrella Specials.

26-inch Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, imported wood handles, sterling silver trimmed, $2.48.

25-inch Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, pearl handles with silver deposit work: $3.50.

Underwear

For Ladies, Gentlemen and Children in a most complete assortment of all kinds that are known to give the greatest satisfaction to washing and wearing qualities.

Ladies' Extra Quality Swiss Ribbed Merino Vests and Pants 50c

Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Cashmere Wool Vests, in low neck and no sleeves, and high neck and long sleeves, extra value, 60, 75, 88c., $1 and $1.25.

Ladies' Extra Quality Non-Shrinking Merino Wool Vests and Pants, $1, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.50.

Agents for Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Woollen Underwear.

Agents for Harderfold guaranteed non-shrinking underwear.

Boys' Heavy Gray Fleeced Lined Cotton Vests, Pants and Drawers, actual value 75c., special at 19c

Boys' Gray Australian Wool Vests, Pants and Drawers, extra values, 40, 50 and 60c.

Black Dress Goods.

Just a few of the many good things we have to offer you. Examine qualities and prices elsewhere then came here and figure the saving.

All Wool Imported Henriettas, perfect blacks, the regular 50c. grade at 39c

38-inch All Wool Armure, perfect blacks, the 60c. grade at, per yard..... 39c

A Remarkable Black Cheviot Value.

50-inches wide, all pure wool, heavy weights and perfect blacks, the regular 75c. grade, a great bargain at, per yard 49c

Venetians, Prunellas, Whipcords, Diagonals and Broadcloths; prices 50c to $3.50 yard.

Novelty Black Goods.

Brocaded Peruda Cloths, very effective patterns, many of them exclusive, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, and $3.50 yard.

Silk and Wool Novelty Suitings, $2.50 to $4 yard.

Colored Dress Goods.

All-Wool Melange Suitings, with white hair line stripes, new and stylish, per yard... 95c

An Attractive Special in Plaid Back Fancies

46-inch wide, all wool, colors, blue, green, brown and black, with stylish plaid backs, actual value $1.35, special at, per yard $1.00

Better grades $1.50 to $5 per yard.

46-inch All Wool Prunella Cloths, soft finish in an immense range of new fall shadings, per yard... $1.00

Invisible Striped Suitings, new and stylish, Zeoline finish, per yard $1.15

New Broadcloths and Cheviots.

Cordes and Mosby.

New Lace Curtains at Half Price.

800 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, a mill's whole surplus stock; bought as a bargain and to be sold as one:

$1.00 Lace Curtains..... 69c pair.
$1.50 Lace Curtains..... 98c pair.

Tailored Suits.

Stylishly tailored garments, just the top notch of style and elegance, and so priced as to make their getting easy.

This carefully and properly tailored garment, made of extra quality of Pebble and wide wale Cheviot, jacket silk lined; a great bargain, $14.98.

Ladies' highly fashionable and very serviceable suits, made of an extra quality all-wool Homespun; colors black, navy and oxford, jackets silk lined. Actual value $12.50, special $9.98.

Rainy Day Skirts

Two Very Low-Priced Specials

Rainy Day Skirts, made of an extra quality all-wool Kersey Cloth, colors oxford and medium gray; eight rows of stitching. A great bargain, $3.98.

Rainy Day Skirts, made of a heavy weight all-wool wide wale Cheviot, colors medium and light gray, oxford and black. Actual value $5.00, special $3.98.

Children's Jackets.

Smooth and rough cloths, loose backs, entirely new effects, colors tan, castor, navy, royal and red; $3.98, $6.48, $7.98 and $9.98.

Ask to see our special; a great bargain, $4.98.

Ladies' Jackets.

This season's most fetching styles, nicely tailored, short, tight fitting garments, with flare sleeves, smooth and rough cloths; colors tan, castor, navy and black. $4.98, $6.48, $7.98 and $9.98.

Dress Trimmings, Lace Jackets

In Point D'Arab and Russian Laces, new and stylish, $19.50 and $22.50.

Steel and Jet Spangled Jackets.

Gold and White Appliques, entirely new effects.

Honiton Appliques, in a wide range of new patterns.

Bolero Jackets.

Entirely new effects in white, lace, in cream and ecrus, in honiton renaissance and Russian

Garnitures.

Cut steel and spangled net garnitures, entirely new effects.

New Laces, All-Over Laces.

In Point D'Arab, Cluny, Point Venise, in cream, black and white, new and very effective patterns, prices $2 to $10.50 yard.

Galloons to match, in widths from 1 to 4 inches, prices 50c. to $3.50.

Lace Collars.

In Point D'Arab and Point Venise Collars, entirely new effects, $2.50 to $7.50.

new effects, $17.50 to $30.

Real Torchon Lace, with insertions to match, new and dainty patterns.

Gentlemen's Furnishings.

One Special Value in Gentlemen's Shirts.

Gentlemen's Stiff Percale Shirts, this season's newest and most attective patterns. This is the Cosmopolitan shirt, which retails everywhere at $1, but our price is... 83c

Gentlemen's extra quality full, regular made Cotton Hose, tan and blacks 12½c

Gentlemen's Fancy Half Hose, entirely new effects, 25 and 50c.

Gentlemen's Night Shirts, made of a good quality of cotton, nicely finished, full sized garments..... 50c

New Neckwear.

Four-in-Hands, Imperials, Batswing and String Ties, 25, 50, 75c., $1 and $1.25.

Table and Bed Linen.

64-inch All-Linen, Full Bleached Damasks, 50c.

68-inch Extra Fine and Heavy All-Linen, Full Bleached Damasks, 75c.

68-inch Very Superior Quality All-Linen, Full Bleached Damasks, the regular $1 grade, $7 1-2c. yard.

5-8 Napkins to match, $1.75 dozen.

3-4 Napkins to match, $2.75 dozen.

22x42 Extra Finen Hemmed, All-Linen Huck Towels, $2.40 dozen.

22x42 Extra Fine Hemmed, All-Linen Huck Towels, 22½x36 H. S. All-Linen Pillow Cases, $1 pair.

22½x36 H. S. Linen Bolster Cases, $1.25 piece.

Linen Sheets, $5 and $6 pair.

Blankets.

10-4 All-Wool Blankets, white, red and gray, $4, $5 and $6.

11-4 All-Wool Blankets, a great bargain, $5.

12-4 All-Wool Blankets, $6 pair.

Bedwear.

Laminated Cotton Comfortables, light weight and warm, $1.

Better grades at $1.50, $2 and $3.

Wool-Filled Comfortables, cambric covered, $5.

Eiderdown Comfortables, satine covered, $5.

Eiderdown Crib Comfortables, satine and silk covered, $5 and $6.

Boys Shirt-Waists.

White Cambric and Percale, with and without collars, entirely new patterns, 50, 75c. and $1.

French Flannel Waists.

Nicely made and perfect fitting, colors golf, garnet, old rose, gray, white and black, $2.98, $3.98 and $4.98.

Golf Capes.

Advance opening new Golf Capes, bright, rich golfish colorings.

See our special $5.98 and $7.98.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Others Matters.

Mrs. W. H. Gordon, of No. 106 East Clay Street, will return from New York Monday.

Mr. Meyer Sycle, formerly of this city, but now located in Philadelphia, is at the Jefferson.

Mr. Saul B. Angle returned last week from a pleasant visit to Dr. Ben. Colin, at Columbia, N. C.

Miss Sadie Angle has returned home, after spending a pleasant summer at Columbia, N. C., accompanied by her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Walker.

Mr. Courtney Allan, of No. 806 North Twenty-fifth Street, has accepted a position with the Virginia Industrial School, at Laurel station. He left Thursday to take up his new duties.

Iardella's Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Band will leave to-day for Danville, Va., to play for the Elks' Carnival and Street-Fair. The band will return Sunday, October 7th.

The well-known law firm of Mosby & Folkes has, by mutual consent, dissolved partnership, to take effect on October 1st. The two gentlemen will continue the practice of their profession.

A new tribe of Red Men is soon to be instituted in this city. Eugene E. Davis, of the City Water Works, is at the head of the movement, and he has secured already about fifty pale faces for adoption.

Mrs. M. E. Mason, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Mamie A. Jacobs, of Camden, N. J., have returned home, after spending a pleasant time with relatives and friends in this city.

The services at Broaddus-Memorial Baptist Church to-day will be as follows: Bible school, 9:15 A. M.; preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Stealey, morning and night. Subject at 11 A. M., "The Greatest Thing in the World." At 8 P. M., "Overcoming the World."

Virginians in New York.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Norfolk—Imperial—H. Smith, Mrs. H. Page. Astor House—E. Christian. Westminster—Miss Taylor. Marlborough—M. Winston. St. Denis—J. B. Odom. Victoria—W. S. Metcalf, R. L. Whitehurst.

Hampton—Herald Square—R. Marcuse. Virginia—Hoffman—J. P. Watson, L. S. Allen. Continental—E. R. Cocke.

TRIED TO INTERRUPT TEDDY.

Order Was, However, Restored and He Was Heard Patiently.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., Sept. 29.—Immediately upon his arrival here this evening Governor Roosevelt was escorted to Shawnee Park, in Armourdale, Kansas City, Kan., where an immense open-air meeting was held. On being introduced to the vast assemblage an organized effort was made by a large number of men and boys on the edge of the crowd to prevent his making a speech. Cries and interruptions were frequent during the first few moments. Each interruption was followed with hard hits from the speaker until quiet was restored, and the greater part of the speech was listened to in respectful silence. On the conclusion of his address here Governor Roosevelt was driven to Convention Hall. The vast auditorium was filled. The immense galleries had not a vacant seat and no standing-room anywhere. The seating capacity of this hall is said to be 22,000. Although they had been waiting from 7 o'clock until ten minutes past 10, their enthusiasm was undiminished and their patience unexhausted. When Governor Roosevelt mounted the platform the audience broke into waves of applause, lasting for at least twenty minutes. Order being at last restored, the Governor proceeded.

DISAVOW RESPONSIBILITY.

Democrats of Victor Deplore Bad Treatment of Roosevelt.

(By Associated Press.)

VICTOR, COL., Sept. 29.—The Teller County Democratic Convention and the Democratic club of Victor have adopted the following resolutions unanimously:

"Whereas, Governor Roosevelt and party were not received in Victor with the tolerance and courtesy due to the Governor of a sister State; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the Democrats of Victor, in convention assembled, condemn the spirit of intolerance and discourtesy exhibited on that occasion and disavow all responsibility for the disturbance of the speakers in a public hall and for the subsequent violence indulged in by members of the Republican marching club; further,

"Resolved, That we also deplore the folly that induced the Republicans of Colorado to provoke disorder by bringing Governor Roosevelt to this city under the auspices of the cordially detested traitor and renegade, Senator Edward O. Wolcott."

TROOPS PARADED.

Portuguese Flag Salution in Honor of the King's Birthday.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, Sept. 28—(Friday).—To-day being the birthday of the King of Portugal, I sent a telegram from the army in South Africa congratulating his Majesty. Pole Carew paraded all his troops at Komatipoort and saluted the Portuguese flag. Many Portuguese officials attended the review."

KOMATIPOORT, Friday, Sept. 28.—The review of the British troops here, held in honor of the birthday of the King of Portugal, was picturesque. About 10,000 cavalry and ten batteries of artillery paraded. The Guards Mounted Brigade called out the admiration of the Governor-General of Portuguese East Africa, Machado. General Pole-Carew and his staff went to Ressano Garcia with Governor-General Machado and witnessed the Portuguese ceremonies.

FIRE IN THIRD HATCH.

Cargo of the Steamship American Burning Fiercely.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 29.—Fire broke out to-day in the third hatch of the steamship American. There are stored in the compartment 35,000 bushels of wheat, many oak logs and 2,000 bales of cotton. Eight engines have been pumping water into the ship for several hours. The American, which plies between here and Liverpool, belongs to the West Indian Line, and is one of the largest freight carriers coming into this port. The vessel probably will not be much damaged.

The Farmville Fair.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VA., September 29.—Everything is in a bustle here preparing for the Farmville Fair, which will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of next month.

Beside the largest displays ever presented before, there will be races, a tournament at which ten splendid prizes will be given, the best being $50 in gold, and the unveiling of the Confederate monument.

The town will be crowded with visitors.

LIFE STORY OF THE BOERS' GREAT GENERAL

How De Wet Arose and Conducted Himself With a Bravery That Earned the Respect of Tommy Atkins.

If the commanders in the South African War on the Boer side have one quality which equals in excellence their unswerving determination, it is their capability to carry on a work which others have started and left off, with a success which almost equals that of the leaders of that particular work.

No one would claim for a moment, that the places of General Conje and the late lamented General Joubert could be easily filled—in truth it is doubtful if the Transvaal will ever produce more valiant men—yet it must be admitted that handicapped as Oom Paul's people have been by the loss of such great leaders, they have held out in their struggle against England with a tenacity unequalled in modern warfare. And to whom is this success mainly due? The living answer to this query is found, many claim, in the person of the loyal and fearless General De Wet.

HIS LIFE.

When first Christian De Wet leaped into prominence in the South African campaign, it was currently reported that he had lived for some time in England, and had, moreover, taken his degree at Cambridge University. In connection with the famous Boer leader such a report was, however, erroneous to the point of absurdity. The Boer General is not only himself totally devoid of culture, but he loathes learning as the badge of British servitude.

There is a Christian De Wet, who took his B. A. at Cambridge, but he is a much younger man, and a member of a totally different family.

The real Christian De Wet was born on a farm near the township of Dewetsdorp, in the Orange River Colony—then the Orange Free State—somewhat over forty years ago. The family of De Wet is well known throughout that district, and the township of Dewetsdorp took its name from the general's father.

The boy, Christian De wet, received but a few months' schooling, and then went to work at once. As he grew up he proved himself a good and eminently practical farmer and a shrewd man of business. Under his efforts the farm prospered well, and yielded a comfortable income. Though he always maintained his inborn hatred of the Uitlanders and Uitlander ways, he did not carry this feeling so far as to refuse British gold, and in his efforts to acquire it he has been known to aid in driving 400 pigs from Bloemfontein to the market-place in Johannesburg.

This peaceful life on the farm was continued until the outbreak of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal in 1880. Then the chance of striking a blow at the "verdomde Engelschman" led him to temporarily abandon his farm life. He formed one of the many Free Staters who defied their President's declaration of neutrality, and went off to fight side by side with the Transvaalers in their struggle. He served under Joubert throughout that conflict, and took part in all the battles in Natal.

HIS FIRST FIGHT.

He was at Laing's Nek, the Ingogo River, and Majuba. At Majuba he was one of the half-hundred burghers from the Free State who volunteered to storm the hill; and the uniform of a Highlander, who was shot by him on that occasion, is to this day among the Boer general's trophies of the battle.

At the conclusion of the war after peace was proclaimed, De Wet returned to his farm and settled down afresh to his old humdrum life. Shortly afterwards he married, and though himself a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, he chose his wife from a Dopper family, one of those stern, hard, uncompromising adherents of the old Dutch faith, opposed to every and any change or reform. He has had several children, the oldest being a son, now about eighteen years of age, who has been with his father in several of the raids and expeditions for which he has become famous during the present campaign. In the bringing up of his children, General De Wet's hatred of all things English has been further evidenced. Not one of them has received any education to speak of, and although one or two of the elder ones have picked up a smattering of English, it would be as much as their lives are worth to display their knowledge before their stern, taciturn father. Not a word of English is ever spoken in his household; if the general himself knows any, which is not unlikely, he is most careful to conceal the fact.

Some years back, De Wet became a member of the Free State Volksraad, the Parliament which used to meet in the Raadzaal at Bloemfontein. And here again, his utter detestation of England came to the fore. This feeling, indeed, appeared to be De Wet's moving spirit. Rarely taking part in discussions concerning only matters of Free State Government, the mere mention of any English question was sufficient to rouse him into ferment. He is no orator, but on such occasions he would pour forth a torrent of coarse and bitter invective—the natural expression of the deep-rooted hatred of the uneducated man. To such an extent, indeed, was De Wet influenced by this feeling, that even in his public life he would allow it to make himself appear utterly ridiculous. On one occasion it was proposed to appoint an Englishman as teacher of English at the Grey College at Bloemfontein. De Wet opposed the appointment in his usual bitter fashion, and, French being taught at the college by a Hollander, considered that it would be more logical to have English taught by a German.

He had great influence both in the Volksraad and in the country, and in the critical election for the presidency of the Free State in 1896, he took a prominent part in the agitation in support of the candidacy of Mr. Steyn.

All through the troubled times which followed the Jameson raid up to the declaration of war, De Wet's voice was raised time and again in favor of the Free State casting its lot with the Transvaal, and when at last his counsels bore fruit in the October of last year, he, as in 1880, was one of the first to shoulder a rifle and take the field. He was with the Free Staters who invaded Natal, but until he got his separate command at Sanna's Post very little was heard of him. His list of exploits since that first great success of his has given frequent occasion for the wish that such a daring and resourceful foe had never emerged from the comparative oblivion, in which he had till then existed.

HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

In personal appearance the Boer commander is like so many other great soldiers, by no means striking. He is of medium height and square build, and the only characteristics which draw attention to the man are the strong lines of his face and the keen, restless, blue eye. His dress is careless, but cleanly enough, and his beard runs wild.

Of his method of fighting, a famous war correspondent writes as follows:

"He has no orderly idea of his own tactics. Days after a battle I have waited upon him, and failed utterly to recognize his plans and description of a fight we have seen together. To him an opposing army is a herd of springbuck, with a capacity for inflicting injury. This latter quality redoubles his watchfulness, but does not alter his strategy. He has all the qualities of a Robin Hood, learned in the same hard school under a similar master."

Brave as a lion himself De Wet's operations have been conducted with a fairness and absence of treachery that have earned for him, not only the respect, but the admiration of his foes, and when if ever, he is captured by English troops, Tommy Atkins himself declares that mingled with the feeling of relief at having at length secured the finest and best soldier that the Boers possess will be another feeling of half-regret that his day is done.

WILL AFFECT PRICE.

The Cost of Coal Will Necessarily be Higher.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The Evening Post says to-day: "While no final announcement of the coal strike settlement is yet forthcoming, there was to-day reliable authority for the statement that the matters still under discussion are of detail merely, and that a satisfactory conclusion will be reached in a short time.

"It is conceded everywhere in the coal trade that the price of coal after the strike will never settle down to the same level as before. More than 10 per cent. increase in wages is generally believed to be the concession the miners will demand, and this will mean, acording to reliable estimates, an increase of fully 25 cents in the cost of every ton mined. This will make the cost at the collieries about $.-75 a ton. The consumer, of course, will pay this difference."

According to the Evening Post, a coal operator said to-day that the railroad presidents have submitted the terms for a settlement to the mine superintendents, to learn whether the mines could be operated profitably under them. The Post's informant thinks President Mitchell will get around the difficulty caused by the non-recognition of the union in this way: The proposition, the 1 per cent. increase in wages, or whatever it may be, will be submitted separately to each chapter of the Mine Workers' Union. When a chapter votes to adopt it, and notifies President Mitchell, he will endorse it on the ground that the conditions in that particular place warrant the suspension of dealings with the main union direct.

OFFICER SAVES NEGRO'S LIFE.

Threatens to Shoot Any in Mob Who Did Him Violence.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., September 29.—When Hurricane Branch and a posse of negroes, some of them armed, and all determined, had captured Jim Copeland, also black, this afternoon, a part of them offered violence to the prisoner before he was jailed, but were deterred when Branch threatened to shoot into the crowd if harm was done.

Copeland is charged with criminally assaulting the nine-year-old daughter of John Reynolds, a respectable colored man, about 2 o'clock to-day.

The girl, who lives near Pleasant Hill, had carried her father's dinner. While returning home she was waylaid and dragged into the bushes. A six-year-old child, who accompanied her, ran home and gave the alarm.

A considerable party of negroes volunteered to run down the brute, who was finally located under a house on Smith Street.

Junius Artes, a negro, made the arrest. Branch had sent for bloodhounds, whose services were not required, as Copeland was traced by negro "spotters."

Copeland has already done one term in the State prison for a like crime.

Detective Branch says between the time of the crime and the capture Copeland tried to arrange for an alibi with a friend, who gave the plan away.

A Prince Missing.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Sept. 29.—Prince Inkanthor, son of the King of Cambodia, who was recently a guest of France in connection with the Exposition, has disappeared. It was supposed he sailed for home this week on board a steamer from Marseilles, but it has just been discovered that one of his suite took his place. The Prince is stated to have taken refuge in Brussels.

Von Waldersee in Tien Tsin.

(By Associated Press.)

TIEN TSIN, Sept. 27.—Count von Waldersee and his staff arrived here at noon to-day. Guards of honor from all the allies received him at the railway station, which was decorated with the flags of Germany, Russia and France. The flags of Great Britain and the other allies were conspicuous by their absence.

Knoxville's Population.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The Census Bureau announces that the population of Knoxville, Tenn., is 32,637, as against 22,535 in 1890. This is an increase of 10,102, or 44.83 per cent.

SPECIAL EXCURSIONS TO NIAGARA FALLS VIA R., F. & P. R. R.

In connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad tour from Washington at 8 A. M., Thursday, September 20th and October 4th and 18th, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad will sell tickets to Niagara Fall at round trip of $14 from Richmond. Tickets good going only on special excursion trains, and returning on regular trains. Limit twelve days. Stop-overs allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua and Watkins on return trip.

For tickets and information apply at Byrd-Street Station and Richmond Transfer Company.

W. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.