

## NO. 38 STRIKES "FOOTBALL SPECIAL"

### TWO KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN COLLISION IN SALISBURY YARD.

Squire Henry C. Severs and Charles Edwin Hall are killed—Senator O. Max Gardner is seriously injured as is also Mr. Forest Estridge, of Shelby—No Reason Given for the Accident by the Railroad but numerous stories are afloat.

The Southern railroad last night suffered one of the most serious wrecks it has had in some years when No. 38 ran into the rear sleeper of the Carolina football special in the Salisbury yards. Two men were killed and twenty-two injured. Mr. Henry C. Severs, and Charles Edwin Hall, of Charlotte, were killed, and among the most seriously injured were Mr. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, who had an ankle broken, back wrenched and bruised and cut about the body; Mr. Foster Estridge, also of Shelby, who suffered broken ribs, and Mr. Harry Tally, of Charlotte, who had an ear cut off and other injuries.

The special was standing in the yard and the flagman had not had time to get back to flag 38 which was rounding a curve, and which was practically under control.

The engine of No. 38 ploughed about one-third through the car and several of the passengers on that train suffered minor bruises.

Judge Webb, Mr. Gardner's father-in-law, was in Charlotte at the time and went to Salisbury by automobile. All the injured were taken to the Whitehead-Stokes sanitarium where their wounds were dressed and those able to do so returned to their homes. Many on the special were so unnerved that they gave up the trip.

There has been no statement given out by the railroad as to the cause of the wreck and there will hardly be a decision until an investigation is made. That part of the road has the electric signals. A railroad man from Charlotte this morning said that he had heard some tales about it, every man tries to excuse himself. Engineer Tankersley said that the special displayed no tail lights, the flagman said it did. The engineer said he was running only about 15 miles an hour while others claim he must have been running 25 to have gone into the coach like he did.

There were several on the special from Gastonia were on the train but none were hurt.

### Mr. Gardner Resting Well at Nine O'clock this Morning.

The many friends of Senator O. Max Gardner in this city were very much concerned regarding his condition. The following message was received at 9:30 in reply to one sent by the Gastonian to the Salisbury Post: "Mr. Gardner was reported at 9 A. M., to be resting well and the physicians state that his injuries are not thought to be of a serious nature."

SALISBURY POST.

### More Cotton Ginned This Year in Gaston County Than Last.

The report of Cotton Statistician W. E. Johnson brings the surprising information that there has been ginned in Gaston county just 309 more bales of cotton this year than last in the same length of time. Up to November 14th last year there had been ginned 5,414 bales, while up to that date this year 5,719 have been ginned. This would indicate a larger crop this year, though it must be taken into consideration that the weather has been unusually favorable for getting out the crop, and that last year the crop was cut very short on account of the hail.

On account of this being Thanksgiving Day we are issuing the paper several hours earlier in order to give the force a half holiday.

Read the ad of the J. M. Belk Co. They are offering some attractive bargains on the fourth page.

The police officers were called to Happy Hill yesterday afternoon to arrest a negro. He was having fits. It was reported that he had hydrophobia but he seems to be all right this morning. It seems that he is subject to fits.

Congressman R. N. Page spent the day in Monroe yesterday. He is seeing his friends and is wanting to know how they stand on the question of the proposed increase in appropriations for the Army and Navy.

You get Huyler's fresh at all times at Adams Drug Store.

## BATCH OF GENERAL NEWS.

Gathered from Here and There for the Benefit of Our Readers.

George W. Perkins, the national chairman of the Progressive (Roosevelt-Bull Moose) party, says the party will have a national ticket in the field next year.

The railroad section of Union Springs, Ala., was swept by a fire early Saturday morning, causing damage in excess of \$100,000. Two depots were burned, a warehouse and 800 bales of cotton and other buildings.

Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of Ohio and former ambassador of the United States to France, was one of the principal orators Saturday at the laying of the corner stone of the McKinley Birthplace Memorial at Miles, O., the birthplace of the late President McKinley.

On the ground that the question of national defense is not a partisan or party question, President Wilson has asked Senator Gallagher and Representative Mann, Republican leaders of the Senate and the House, respectively, to confer with him on legislation for national defense.

The funeral of Jos. Hillstrom, executed for murder at Salt Lake City, Utah, held in Salt Lake Sunday was made the occasion for the denunciation of law and order by the lawless element. One speaker declared that the authorities of the State "would soon have cause to remember the day they took Hillstrom out and shot him."

Porter Charlton, the American, who recently was tried at Como, Italy on a charge of murdering his wife and who was found guilty and sentenced to six years and eight months imprisonment, was released Sunday. The time that he had been in prison prior to the sentence was counted part of his term and he served but a few weeks after his conviction.

Vincent Morcel, aged 60, prominent in Italian affairs in New Orleans for many years and head of numerous organizations of his country, was assassinated Friday morning near his home in the Italian quarter of that city. The police are working on the theory that the killing was the result of a Black Hand plot, the Black Hand being an organization among the Italians for the purpose of murder.

The New York Courts have decided that mercantile agency—Dunn and Bradstreet—are responsible for improper ratings. In the case at issue a business house obtained credit on rating given by mercantile agencies. The bill was not paid and it was found that the rating was excessive. On the ground that the rating misled the seller, the courts held that the mercantile agencies were responsible for the bill.

The 30 clerks and carriers who threw up jobs at the Fairmont, W. Va., postoffice because the assistant postmaster was dismissed were informed by Assistant Postmaster General Roper that their resignations would not be accepted, and that they were charged with conspiracy. It is understood dismissals will follow. Meantime some of the strikers have been forced to go back to work to help out the new men put on.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Gov. Dunne of Illinois, are among the officials named as defendants in a suit for \$100,000 filed by Grace G. Durand and Scott S. Durand, whose herd of valuable Guernseys were suspected of having mouth and foot disease. The cattle were shot by State officials in spite of a civil action enjoining them from killing the herd which Mrs. Durand asserted were free from the disease.

### Jumps into Well

Greenville, N. C., Nov. 23.—News has just reached here of the supposed suicide of Mrs. John Whitfield of Martin County. Her body was found in a well about 9 or 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Whitfield attended church at Robersonville, about two miles from her home Sunday night. Next morning she prepared breakfast, got the children off to school, milked the cows and did other things about the house. A little after 10 o'clock her body was found in a well at a tenant's place. Her hat and coat were found at the well as if she had taken them off before jumping in. She was found head downwards in the water. The well was small and tiled. No reason has been assigned for the deed.

Huyler's is "the candy with a reputation" and it is for sale by Adams Drug Store.

## RESTAURANT KEEPER SENTENCED TO ROADS

D. L. Brown Convicted of Having in His Possession too Much Whisky—Nine Cases Against Bank Cashier Continued—F. H. Hooper Convicted of Retaining and Larceny—Nego Kills Another Negro.

Salisbury, Nov. 22.—Superior Court with Judge Lane presiding convened here today and has already disposed of several cases.

S. P. Starnes, the young white man charged with breaking in the local passenger station of the Southern and assaulting Ticket agent Kenneth Brown when that young man discovered him in the office, was found guilty of breaking in the station and plead guilty to forging names with fictitious title to the mileage books he attempted to use after the robbery. Sentence has not been passed. Starnes is also to answer to the charge of assaulting Mr. Brown.

D. L. Brown, a well-known restaurant keeper of the city, was before the court on several cases appealed from the lower court. There were eight cases against him and his clerks mostly for handling whiskey and pleas of guilty were entered in all of them. The judgment of the lower court was affirmed in all cases. This means a sentence of 15 months and the payment of several hundred dollars in fines and costs. Three of the case grew out of the incident of the wild ride in an auto filled with whiskey several nights ago.

F. H. Hooper, formerly a meat market proprietor, plead guilty to selling whiskey and the larceny of a cow and Judge Lane has the matter of sentence under advisement. In the cow case two of Mr. Hooper's employes have already done time, having been tried while Hooper was out of town.

J. T. Williamson, formerly cashier of a Cleveland bank, was in court to answer to nine charges including embezzlement, misappropriation and other alleged crimes, but the cases were continued on account of illness in the family of Mr. Williamson's attorney.

This city has just contracted with the American Aluminum Company to furnish 1,000 mattresses for use at the big works at Badin.

There is rejoicing among the congregation of the First Methodist Church over the appointment of the Western North Carolina Conference which sends Dr. T. M. Marr as their pastor. And this rejoicing is shared by the citizens generally, especially those who remember Doctor Marr as pastor of this church some years ago. He served for four years, being moved by the time limit.

Will Mills, a young negro man was shot and instantly killed by Ira Clark, another negro Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. The shooting occurred at a restaurant in East Spencer and was the result of a quarrel over a trivial matter. Coroner Summersett conducted an inquest and Clark, who admits the killing was held for court without bail. Clark has a brother on the chaingang now for cutting another negro to death.

There are three homicide cases on the docket of the Superior court. All defendants are negroes, one of them a woman.

## BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB BANK CLEER AT DOVER.

Two Unknown White Men Charter Car at Kinston for Purpose—Patrons of Bank Frustrate Plan.

Kinston, Nov. 22.—Two unknown white men, both about 45 years old, chartered an automobile here today, drove nine miles to Dover and unmasked, held up the cashier in the bank there. He was about to deliver the money in his charge when patrons entered the bank, and the men who were covering him with a revolver fled to the automobile outside, in which his confederate was waiting having the muzzle of a revolver against the negro chauffeur's head. The men secured nothing. The attempt was made shortly after noon.

Claud Nunn, the chauffeur, drove the men at fast speed to a point three miles this side of Dover, where they left the car and fled into the thick woods. Officers are searching for them. Nunn was informed of the purpose en route and made to remove the license number. He was threatened with death if he tried to escape.

You can always count on a cordial welcome when you carry a box of Huyler's with you. Get it at Adams Drug Store.

## DR. T. E. LEROY GIVEN HEARING AT NEWTON.

Was Fined \$100 in the County Court and Took an Appeal Giving \$300 Bond for His Appearance at Superior Court.

Dr. T. E. Leroy, of this city, returned to Newton Tuesday and stood trial on a charge of practicing medicine without license. He was arrested in Catawba county some weeks ago and the trial set for the 23rd. A dispatch from Newton to the Charlotte Observer, under date of November 23rd says:

"T. E. Leroy, of Gastonia, was convicted of practicing medicine without license in this county today, after a long hearing in the county court, and was fined \$100 and costs. He appealed and gave bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at Superior Court. Dr. J. E. Moore, indicted for practicing here without having registered for Catawba county, was acquitted. He works with Leroy, but holds a State license.

"Only two of a score of witnesses were examined. It is the intention of the State to make a separate case out of each instance in which Leroy is alleged to have practiced medicine in Catawba, and indict him on probably 20 or 25 counts in Superior Court. Among the visiting physicians interested in the case was Dr. Hubert A. Royster, of Raleigh, secretary to the State Medical Board.

"Numerous people attended the trial, many of whom think much of the Gastonia physicians and ascribe to them considerable skill in treating cases of illness. Some of them are even pretty warm because Leroy was indicted and accuse the regular physicians of prejudice against him because he delivers the goods, say they."

## NEWS OF THE STATE.

### Deaths, Accidents, Trials and Other Doings in the Old North State.

Mr. Henry Holman died Friday night at his home at Mocksville, aged 75 years.

Five of the fifteen convicts who recently escaped from the Buncombe State Prison, have been captured or have returned to the job voluntarily.

William Dudley Hicks, who is charged with having a wife at Charlotte and a wife and child at Greensboro, was arrested at Griffin, Ga., last week and brought to Charlotte to answer to a charge of bigamy.

Governor and Mrs. Craig left Raleigh yesterday evening for Washington and will go from there to New York for the Army and Navy football game to be played Saturday. Their son is a member of the navy team.

The Newton News says there are six express offices in Catawba county and that some of the thirsty who are not content with two quarts a month patronize more than one office. Two quarts a month at each office would mean twelve quarts a month.

Charlie Biers, a young negro who was charged with entering the home of Mr. Milas Poole, at Davidson was tried for burglary in Mecklenburg Superior Court last week and a mistrial resulted. The jury stood six for conviction and six for acquittal.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Mattie Ham and State Senator John A. McRae, both of Charlotte. Miss Ham was formerly stenographer in the law office of Stewart & McRae. She studied law and was licensed to practice law last spring.

The Roanoke-Chowan Times of Rich Square, Northampton county, reports that S. J. Cherry engineer on a log train, saw wild turkeys by the roadside as his train came along, and having a gun in his cab he opened fire and killed two fine young gobblers without stopping his train.

In New Hanover Superior Court William Merrick, an aged negro, begged Judge Daniels to let him pay the death penalty for his son, Thomas Merrick, 18 years old, who was convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of T. B. Hudson, a popular young white man. February 10 was named as the date of the execution.

### G. L. Henderson, Young Man of Asheville, is Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 22.—A man giving his name as G. L. Henderson, of Asheville, N. C., was fatally wounded and his companion, Phillips, less seriously hurt during a pistol battle with detectives here early today when, according to the police, the two men were surprised while attempting to rob a safe in a grocery store.

READ GASTONIAN ADS—IT PAYS

## GASTONIA WILL HAVE CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

Adjourns Monday Afternoon—Closing Hours Marked by Near-Fight on Cigarettes but is Nipped in the Bud—Appointments are Read.

Ridgeway, Nov. 22.—The Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned this afternoon to meet next with the church at Gastonia. A number of items of importance and a flood of routine business crowded the closing hours; but the bishop began to read the appointments in sufficient time to relieve the fears of the members about missing their trains.

There was almost a fight on cigarettes in the last moment of the conference. There would have been a real one if the committee had not nipped it in the bud by executing a skillful retreat. That committee had brought in a report that dusted the coat-tails of the Demon Rum in most thoroughgoing and satisfactory fashion, but just as that report was on the point of adoption Rev. T. J. Ogburn, pastor of Mt. Zion church at Cornhus and a minister of the old school, got up and forked his feet. It is easy enough to give whisky Hail Columbia in a Methodist conference, said he, for everybody is down on whisky. But he believed that thanks to the growing temperance sentiment in North Carolina the damage done by whisky has been reduced until it is now below that done by the cigarette. He was in favor of denouncing whisky all right; but he also favored taking a passing shot at the coffin tacks while they were there.

He found plenty of support and the committee rather than defend its position by a debate that threatened to consume too many precious minutes retired and in a few minutes brought in a second report as follows:

"Since the laws of North Carolina prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors under 17 years of age, and the use of cigarettes is declared by medical experts to be injurious and detrimental to the entire physical, mental and spiritual being, and furthermore as the church stands as the guardian of the welfare of the youth:

"Therefore, we as a conference put ourselves on record as opposing, absolutely and use of cigarettes and insist that the officers enforce the laws of the state with reference to this mammoth evil, and that we strongly urge upon our people that they abstain from the use of cigarettes."

The report of the board of education included a new idea to Methodism at least North Carolina Methodism, in its recommendation that so far as possible rural churches be hereafter located adjacent to the rural schools and that the parsonage be located near the teachers' houses in the rural districts. Sectarianism in the public schools was denounced and the Cary plan of religious education whereby each church cares for its own was recommended for adoption. The educational statistics showed school property worth, with endowments, more than \$3,300,000 and a student enrollment of 1,845—the largest in history. These figures include Trinity College, but no other school outside the western conference.

Following are the appointments for J. R. Scroggins, presiding elder. Belmont Station, A. P. Ratledge, Belwood, J. F. Moser, L. E. Stacy and H. G. Stamey, supernumery. Bessmer City, W. B. Shinn. Cherryville, O. C. Fortunberry, J. F. Harrelson, junior preacher.

Crouse, F. W. Cook. Gasconia: Main Street, H. H. Jordan. Dallas-Orzark, W. A. Jenkins. West End-Franklin Avenue H. H. Wellman. Kings Mountain-El Bethel, E. O. Cole.

Lincolnton Station, Z. Paris. Lincolnton Circuit, N. M. Modlin. Lowell-Bethsheba, T. A. Plyler. Lowesville, J. A. Sharp. McAdenville, G. A. B. Holderby. Mount Holly, T. J. Houck. Pelkville, J. P. Davis. Rock Spring, James H. Green. Shelby Central, W. E. Abernethy. Shelby Circuit, A. J. Murrus. South Fork, J. H. Robertson. Stanly-Iron Station, N. C. Williams. General Evangelist, D. H. Comann. Candler School Theology, D. W. Brown.

Nothing pleases her like a box of Huyler's candy—always fresh at the Adams Drug Store.

## SPENCER LUMBER CO. LANDS BIG CONTRACT.

Sells to the Cimax Spinning Co. at Belmont 1,300,000 Feet of Lumber to be Used in the Erection of the M. I.

The Spencer Lumber Company of this city has contracted with the Cimax Spinning Mill Co., of Belmont, to furnish them with 1,300,000 feet of lumber to be used in the erection of the new mill at that place.

This is an extra large order and the local company is to be congratulated on landing it in the face of strong competition. The cash value of this order runs around \$35,000. The firm is now making arrangements with the different mills in this section of the Carolinas to furnish this lumber which will all be delivered direct from the mill to the factory yard. The largest part of this lumber is to be handled over the new spur track of the P. & N. as the mill is to be built on this road.

This deal will bring Gastonia before all the lumber dealers in this section for while the lumber is to be delivered on the ground all business will be conducted through the home office here.

## HEAD-ON COLLISION ON CENTRAL OF GEORGIA.

Nearly a Score Killed and More Than Thirty are Injured—Wreck Due to Misunderstanding of Orders.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 22.—The bodies of six persons had been recovered tonight, 12 others were missing and more than 30 injured as a result of a head-on collision six miles west of here late today between Central of Georgia passenger train No. 2 and a special train of 23 cars carrying the Con T. Kennedy Carnival company. It was feared that the bodies of some of the missing might be under the overturned cars of the show train. Twelve of the carnival's company's cars were reported destroyed by fire and others still are burning tonight. Two of the cars containing trained animals were said to have been destroyed, killing many of the animals.

The collision occurred on a straight track being en route from Birmingham to Macon and the show special from Atlanta to Phoenix City, Ala. No official statement has been made tonight as to the cause of the wreck, but among the railroad men it was said to have been due to misunderstanding of orders on the part of the passenger train.

The known dead and injured except for trainmen, were persons traveling with the carnival company. It was said that none except trainmen were hurt on the passenger train, which suffered little damage to its heavy coaches.

The known dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Kempf, of Kansas City.

A. Kennedy, showman. Three unidentified showman whose bodies were badly burned.

## 300 State Convicts Leased to Company for Work at Badin.

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—The State is ready to deliver to the Aluminum Company of America the first squad of the 300 convicts to be put to work upon the great development scheme near old Whitney, now Badin.

Some of these men are among the lot which Senator Hugh Chatham voluntarily returned to the state several weeks ago. That Winston-Salem gentleman came down here and said that while his railroad would like to have the men indefinitely, he realized he had a disproportionate share of the state's workers and that he wanted to see somebody else get the benefit of their work. They have not been returned but will be allowed to come here when the call is made. With them it is quite likely that Badin will get 300.

Superintendent Mann cannot begin with the 300, of course, but will send about 100 in the first batch. These will draw \$1.50 and \$1.75 daily, the old contract under which they worked. When Senator Chatham returns his workers another hundred will be added. The Elk and Alleghany camp will retain a number of workers and will be kept at normal camp during the winter. The resumption of work at Badin is said to be contemplated upon a large enough scale to complete the work in another year.

## NOTICE!

WORTMAN, THE JEWELER Has moved from N. Falls Street to Airline Street, Go Franklin Street to Loray, then north one block and you will find him. 11-30