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HAIL! THE CONQUERING RETURNS.

Mr. Hicks has a large number of friends in Spencer and Salisbury who are glad that his experience is at an end and who are as loyal to him as ever.—Salisbury Post.

There is little or no difference between wishing a thing and expressing it, but there is considerable difference between assuming the responsibility for an expression and trying to make it appear merely as the sentiment of others, but, so far as expressions and the assuming of responsibilities go, numerous principles of right and wrong follow, and, in the final analysis, it is rather difficult for a man to be found on both sides of the same proposition. It has not been long since this same paper (The Post) spoke of the mayor of a near by town, one of the all-around most contemptible men THE WATCHMAN, and many others have ever known, as a "High-toned Christian gentleman," and with his awful picture flaunted in the face of the decent men and women of Salisbury. Salisburyans and Spencerians, the many honorable, virtuous and truly christian men and women who make their homes in these places, deserve far more consideration, in fact it is a great injustice, if not deliberate insult, for them to be ignored while the criminal, immoral and brazen faced lepers of society are played up in the public prints in terms that can only properly be applied to the righteous. Whether intended or not this is the sum total of the matter.

Where is the honest, modest gentleman just home from the penitentiary who wants his name spread before the public in "black-out" type as though he were a conquering hero? And where is the paper who has so little regard for the proprieties as to do such a thing? Salisbury's the place. The custom of greeting convicts' return home has never before been exercised in North Carolina save by Negroes, and this even has been rudely denounced by every respectable citizen and paper in the State. No one save a brazen faced criminal ready to commit other crimes can reasonably look for anything like a hearty reception.

THE WATCHMAN does not set itself up as a dictator, or leader, morally or otherwise, far from it, but it frankly admits that it is jealous for the good name of its home town, for the good name of its home people, for the good name of the good men and women who have adopted the place as their home, for the institutions of our town, for the reputable business interests of our town and for the customs, friendships and high ideals of society that obtain here, and for the many noble Christian examples of our people. We see these things and more, we admire, appreciate and can co-operate fully with their every effort to reach greater heights, yet the road that leads on and up is not without its snares, temptations and attacks by the enemy; the enemy, what a broad and ever expanding view of rank weeds is before us; verily from the short comings of the fool to the most diabolical conduct of satan himself, whose attacks on the citadel of Righteousness never cease. Subtle, cunning, sneaking, threatening, bullying, brazen, day by day he plays his attacks, by writing, printing, word of mouth and example, and it is only by a like vigorous and persistent defense that the fort is not overwhelmed. Let's on with the fight, the nation will not be swept from its moorings by the hypothesized citizen nor will Salisbury.

When a community permits the criminal and immoral to occupy the positions of honor in its government, in its public prints and in its song, it is certainly time for decent people to call a halt.

At this time of cheer and good will that should extend from all to all, THE WATCHMAN enters its 38th year, or its twelfth volume, fourth series. Much history has been made by our town, county, State and nation and most of it has been recorded in these columns during its long career. THE WATCHMAN feels that it is still young and shall proceed on its way as heretofore, and, if possible with greater energy and greater loyalty to the community and its people in which and with whom it exists. It greatly appreciates the patronage extended it and the good will of its friends. In turn it extends its heartiest good will to all, hopes that none will be without the cheer and comfort emblematic of the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem, that the new year be pregnant with prosperity and success for all and that that peace that has been ours so long will remain and, like the star that led the shepherds of old will guide our people beside the still waters and in pastures green.

Losses Were Insignificant

Turkish and German Sources Say British Losses Were Enormous.

Dec. 21.—In asking for another million men for the British army, bringing it to 4,000,000. Premier Asquith told the House of Commons that Great Britain needed every man fit for military service. There was further intimation that unless the number of men enlisted under the plan of Karl Derby came up to expectations conscription might still have to be enforced.

The Irish Nationalist party for whom John Redmond was the spokesman, placed itself on record as being ready to oppose conscription by every means in its power. The representative of the Labor party announced strong opposition to the Laborites to conscription, although the successor of James Keir Hardie, C. B. Stanton, leader of the miners, declared that if the men would not volunteer they should be brought to the colors.

Referring to the retirement of the 100,000 British forces from the Syria and Anzac zones on the Gallipoli Peninsula the Premier announced what he admitted, it seemed to almost incredible that the operation had been carried out without loss of life and with the wounding of only three men.

The Russians are reported unofficially to have bombarded and occupied Yarna with a sufficient number of men to hold the Bulgarian Black Sea port against attack. The town, according to this report was laid in ruins, and the Bulgarian garrison suffered heavy casualties.

The French have captured with infantry after preparation by artillery an important part of the German works at Hartmannsweilerkopf, in the Vosges Mountains. Elsewhere on the Western front there has been nothing but artillery bombardments. Vienna reports the annihilation of two companies of Italians who were attempting to make an advance on San Michele Mountain in the Isonzo zone of the Austro-Italian battle line.

A. W. Hicks Gets Pardon at Last.

With just two days remaining on his term, A. W. Hicks, sentenced to two years in the State Prison from Rowan county in November 1912, for the technical offense of making improper entries in books of the Spencer branch of the Wachovia Loan and Trust Co.'s bank for which he was cashier, was last Thursday granted a pardon by Governor Craig.

Several times during the term of the prisoner, strong efforts have been made by the friends of the convicted man to have him pardoned. Governor Craig has, heretofore, resolutely declined to interfere with the course of the judgment of the court. Prior to his conviction Hicks had proven a splendid reputation and had been a man of considerable influence in the community.

Farmers' Union to Meet Dec 30-31

Salisbury, N. C. R. D. No. 6. Dec. 20, 1915. The 4th quarterly meeting of Rowan County Farmers' Union will be held with "Oak Grove" Local, near Lowerstone church, on Thursday and Friday December 30-31, 1915. This meeting will be an important meeting. It will be the occasion of the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rowan County now stands at the head of the counties in the State, having the greatest number of members with Iredell a close second. The county officials especially would love to see every local in Rowan County represented and that strenuous efforts may be launched to hold the State banner county. It can be easily done if the proper machinery is put to work. J. Y. Green, State organizer and lecturer, will be with us both days. On Friday, 31st, the meeting will be opened to all. Those wishing to go by rail will buy tickets for Rockwell arriving from Salisbury at 10:5 a. m., or 5:05 p. m. All wishing a conveyance from Rockwell to Lowerstone should notify G. A. Fisher, chairman arrangements committee, Rockwell R. D. 1, telling him which train you will be on. All together for a better and greater Farmers' Union.

Fraternally yours,
ARTHUR L. KURTZ,
Secy-Treas. Rowan County F. U.

Villa Generals Ready for Peace.

El Paso, Tex. Dec. 20.—Although a number of his generals have entered into peace negotiations with the de facto Government of Mexico, Gen. Francisco Villa was reported tonight to have gathered 400 armed men somewhere in the State of Chihuahua to oppose his former organization.

The Carranza de facto Government is in official control of the former Villa State of Chihuahua by virtue of an agreement reached between Generals Robert Limon, Manuel Bauda, Lient Col. Flaviano Paliza and Col. Eduardo Andalon, and Andres Garcia, of the Carranza Command here, by which about 4,000 troops and the organization of the Villa Government, including the cities of Jaarez and Chihuahua and all border points, accept Carranza domination. The agreement grants amnesty to all but General Villa and his brother Hipolito. The generals entered into conference yesterday as delegates from General Villa to confer with Mr. Garcia upon plans to turn over the entire territory and all troops and arms, and for himself to leave the Capital without any following.

They reported the result of their conference last night to General Villa at Chihuahua City. Late today they had received no reply from General Villa and instead, learned that after receiving their advices General Villa gathered 400 men and left Chihuahua City and that his whereabouts were unknown.

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Mortgage Sale of Real Estate

By virtue of the powers contained in two certain Mortgage Deeds executed by A. J. Bugar and wife Ellen Bugar to D. C. Lingie, one of said Mortgage Deeds having been executed on the 28th day of August, 1906, and registered in Book of Mortgage Deeds, page 276, and the other Mortgage Deed having been executed on the 16th day of November, 1908, and registered in Book of Mortgage Deeds, page 564, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by each of said mortgage deeds, the undersigned Mortgagee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Salisbury, North Carolina, on Monday, December 27th, 1915, at Twelve o'clock M., the following described real estate: Beginning at a stake on the Concord road, Ada Holmes' corner; thence in a Northernly course with said road 110 feet to stake; then on Swink's corner; thence in an Easternly course with Swink's line 148 feet to stake; thence in a Southernly direction with Swink's line 12 feet to stake; thence in an Easternly course 52 feet to James Menius' line; thence with his line 88 feet to Ada Holmes' corner; thence with her line 198 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 10 and 11 in the plot of the Fair Grounds property.

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Five Chinese Provinces Declare Their Independence.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Tong Kung Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association, received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, tonight which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

The provinces concerned in the revolution were, according to the cablegram, Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Yunnan, Szechuen and Kweichow. Mr. Tong who has presided recently at several mass-meetings of Chinese from all parts of California, said tonight he believed the action of the five provinces would be followed by similar declarations from all parts of China. He said the Chinese in America were strongly opposed to the return of China to the monarchical form of Government.

Large sums, he said, had been pledged by California Chinese to finance a general revolution.

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Dec. 19.—N. W. Morgan and Sons saw mill company is sawing for J. A. Morgan near here. Miss Amanda C. Morgan is on the sick list at this writing. Levi Trexler is on the sick list at this writing.

Jan. W. Morgan and family spent Friday night December 17th at Ivey O. Morgan's. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers and little daughter, Carrie, are visiting near China Grove. A. B. Lisk is sawing lumber for Ed Tiser near here.

William Morris has been cutting ties for S. C. Morgan the past few days. It has been reported that we have one case of smallpox in the community. If this be true we hope the patient will recover soon. Clarence Morgan, and family spent Sunday at Gold Hill, N. C. We think it seems well worth up and come to himself. He would quit dreaming so much.

The writer spent Saturday, December 18th in Salisbury. John Robin and family of near here has moved near Badi, N. C., where they will make their future home. G. M. Hoffman and family visited at E. C. Morgan's Sunday, December 19th.

School at Jackson College will close throughout the holidays. I will close wishing the Editor and the readers of THE WATCHMAN a Happy Christmas.

JUPITER.

Confederate Pension Money

Nearly ten thousand dollars is being handed out by Clerk of the Court J. F. McDubins for the Confederate Veterans pension claims. State auditor W. Paul Wood has just sent vouchers to the clerk of court for the payment of the Rowan Confederate Veterans. There are five classes of these pensions, viz. first, second, third, fourth and widows of the Confederate Veterans, who received the following annual rate: first class \$72, 2nd class \$60, 3rd class \$48, 4th and 5th classes \$32 each.

While the veterans appear to be small, yet it is a great help to the old soldiers and their widows. The average amount paid to each pensioner is about \$85. Each year about 100 pensioners are added to the list, but more die than are added. Several have died in this county during the past year. There are but a few living in this county. They receive \$120 per annum paid in monthly installments of \$10.

The war-time pensioners in this county make 172 receiving a grand total of \$9,172.

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