

GEN. JOE WHEELER ANSWERED CALL OF DEATH ANGEL

General Joseph Wheeler the Veteran Cavalry Leader and Hero of two Wars Yesterday Afternoon Succumbed to an Attack of Pneumonia.

Will be Buried in Arlington Cemetery With Full Military Honors. Funeral Services to be Held Monday Afternoon. Biographical Sketch of His Life.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 26.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler will be buried in Arlington cemetery with full military honors. The tentative program provides for the funeral services in St. Johns Episcopal church here Monday afternoon. An escort from all the branches of the service will accompany the body to the cemetery.

Funeral Services. The funeral services for Gen. Wheeler will be held here Sunday at St. Thomas' Episcopal church. The body will then be taken to Washington for interment.

New York, Jan. 26.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the famous Confederate cavalry leader and a brigadier general of the United States army since the war with Spain, died at 5:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn. The veteran of two wars was 69 years old, but in spite of his age, there was hope until Wednesday of his recovery from the attack of pneumonia, which caused his death.

Gen. Wheeler was taken ill six days ago at his sister's home, where he has been living recently. He contracted a severe cold which developed into pleurisy and pneumonia. From the first his age told against him but the family did not give up hope until Wednesday night, when the disease was found to have affected both lungs.

Gen. Wheeler's immediate relatives were all with him. His daughters, Mrs. W. J. Harris and the Misses Anne, Lucille and Carrie Wheeler, had been summoned from the South and arrived early in the week. His son, Maj. Joe Wheeler, Jr., U. S. A., now stationed at West Point, was also present, as well as Gen. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, and her son.

The family were summoned to the bedside of the patient at midnight Wednesday night, when the doctors in consultation concluded that the end was but a matter of hours. The General was then awake and conscious and his mind was apparently active. He seemed to know that death was approaching and though too weak to speak, he succeeded in giving signs of recognition and encouragement to his children.

Later the General sank into a peaceful slumber, and at the request of the doctors the family quietly withdrew from the sick man's bedside.

Gen. Wheeler was never again more than semi-conscious. He lingered until yesterday evening and passed away quietly.

His Civil War Record. Gen. Joseph Wheeler was born in Augusta, Ga. Sept. 10, 1836. He was graduated at the United States Military Academy in 1859 and was assigned to the dragoons. After a year's service at the Cavalry school for practice he received the full rank of 2nd Lieutenant, but on the 22 of April, 1861 he resigned and entered the Confederate army.

He was made colonel of the 19th Alabama Infantry on the 4th of September 1861, and served principally in the West. At Shiloh he commanded a brigade and covered the Confederate retreat from the field.

most often with his men dismounted. During July 27-30 he fought the raiding force of Gen. George Stoneman, Gen. Kenner Garrard and Gen. Edward McCook, and captured many prisoners, including Gen. Stoneman and all the artillery and transportation.

On the 9th of August, 1864, he was sent by Gen. Hood to capture the National supplies, burn bridges and break up railroads in the rear of Gen. Sherman's army. Passing through northern Georgia he went into eastern Tennessee as far as the Kentucky line, and thence through middle Tennessee back into northern Alabama. During this raid, which lasted one month, he was continuously engaged, and ruined much property. He was unsuccessful in destroying Sherman's communication, and was finally driven back by the National cavalry. When the Confederate commander became convinced of the impossibility of arresting Sherman's advance, Wheeler was sent in front of the army to prevent the National troops from raiding and foraging. He then engaged in the defense of Savannah and for his defense of Alken received the thanks of the Legislature of South Carolina.

Gen. Wheeler received promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General on the 28th of February, 1865, and continued in charge of the cavalry under Gen. Joseph E. Johnson until the surrender in April 1865.

The death of Gen. Jas. E. B. Stewart on the 11th of May 1864, made him Senior cavalry general of the Confederate armies.

Gen. Wheeler After the War. With the dropping of the curtain at Appomattox, General Wheeler, with his comrades, went back home to try to rebuild the shattered fortunes of his State.

He won an enviable reputation in the National House for ability, watchfulness and honesty. He never heard the "jingle of the guinea."

In May 1858, he was commissioned by President McKinley, a Major-General of volunteers, and was assigned to the command of the cavalry division of the Army of Santiago, in the Spanish American War.

General Wheeler had the distinction of being the first Confederate General to be made a General in the U. S. Army.

In spite of his years, he did valiant service at Santiago and showed that he still possessed the spirit, if not the strength, of the days when his name was a very synonym of courage and strength.

In the surrender at Santiago, he was one of the American commissioners to arrange the terms.

In 1859-1900 he commanded a brigade in the Philippine Islands and served there, also with marked ability.

In June 1900 he was commissioned a Brigadier-General in the regular army and was retired in September following.

Since then, he has lived in retirement.

He was one of the few remaining living chieftains of the South's immortal army of the Sixties.

And unbidden tears will trickle down the haggard cheek of many an aged veteran, when he hears that Joe Wheeler—Gallant Dashing Joe—is no more.

IMPERIAL CHINESE COMMISSION BUSY SEEING THINGS

Commission of Chinese Sent to America by Emperor to Study Political Social and Industrial Problems. Busy Taking in Sights at National Capital.

Visit Public Buildings. Lunched at Y. M. C. A. Chinese Minister to Entertain Legation at Lunch. Sec'y. Root and Other Officials and Senators Invited.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 26.—Several members of the Imperial Chinese Commission spend today visiting some of Washington's public buildings, paying a long visit to the Treasury Department.

They lunched at the Y. M. C. A., afterward visiting the Corcoran art gallery, where they were received by the District Commissioners. The chief event of the day will be the dinner at the Chinese Legation by the Chinese minister this evening.

Among the invited guests are Secretaries Root and Bonaparte, Justices Harlan and Brewer and several Senators and Army officers.

Case Drags Along. Prosecution Not Yet Finished in Trial of Revenue Officer.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 26.—But few witnesses were examined in the Samuel trial in the Federal court yesterday. A large portion of the time being consumed in presenting and examining documents. The government, contrary to expectation, had not finished the case when court adjourned and it will probably take the balance of the week to conclude it.

The railroad agent of Wilkesboro was examined, and his books showed that from the spring of 1901 to April 1905 110 car loads of grain and malt had been received by blockade distillers. This means the distilling of 400,000 gallons of liquor, and the loss to the government in taxes of nearly half million dollars.

A local freight running between Sanford and Wilmington turned over yesterday near Climax. Everything except the engine was in the partial success which the train cut. That stuck to the track, although the tender went along with the cars.

The Greensboro Loan and Trust Company have just completed the installation of a steel vault lining and electric burglar alarm system. The system works so that any one who tries to work the combination or attempt to pry the door with a lever will set the alarm ringing, which will ring for a consecutive period of eight hours. This is the first bank in the State to put in a burglar alarm of this kind.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Burlington, Mr. Arthur Pearce of Greensboro and Miss Laura Newlin were married in the Christian church there. Rev. P. H. Fleming officiating. The wedding was played by Miss Mary Freeman. Miss Mary Turentine was maid-of-honor, while Mr. T. J. Witherspoon, of Greensboro, acted as best man. The ushers were Messrs. Dwight Davidson, Clarence Freeman, William Flix and George Somers.

The groom is a popular young conductor on the Southern. The bride is a beautiful woman and has many friends in Greensboro.

Missouri Express Crashed Into Freight on Main Track. Freight Caught Fire and Ten Cars Burned. Over 200 Persons Were Injured.

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 26.—The Missouri Pacific express crashed into a freight on the main track here early today. Nearly 200 passengers were injured, but none seriously. The freight caught fire and ten cars were burned. Responsibility for the wreck has not been placed.

COLLIER'S EDITOR NOT GUILTY OF CRIMINAL LIBEL

Jury in Celebrated Libel Case After Ten Minutes' Consultation, Fully Exonerates Editor Norman Hapgood. The Loathesome Sheet Loses its Case.

Attorney Jerome, in Speech for Prosecution, Does not Attempt to Disguise His Disgust and Contempt for Town Topics. A Scathing Arraignment.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 26.—The jury in the Town Topics case returned the verdict, that Editor Norman Hapgood was not guilty of criminal libel.

"I will not attempt to disguise the utter loathing and contempt, I feel for some of the witnesses I have introduced," said District Attorney Jerome to the jury in the argument for the prosecution in the action for criminal libel against Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly on the complaint of Justice, M. Ducl of court special session. "For more than two weeks, we have been wandering through Vanity Fair," continued Jerome, "witnessing an exhibition of human weakness and folly and in some instances of human degradation."

Jerome said: "May be I shouldn't be prosecuting a friend of mine for a crime, which in my private judgment he should have committed, and which I would have done in his place. The law not to restrict the liberty of the press provides that if the published article be true, and published with justifiable ends it is defensible. If you find the article true, you must acquit." Examining the character of Town Topics, he said, "You have been told that Marston is a natural evolution of personal journalism. If that be true the law ought to be applied to more than one paper in New York, whose trend is that way. There is scarcely a morning paper, that does not print vile scandals and obscene matter. I do not see what interests are concerned by such strict

MR. WHITAKER GIVES NOTICE OF APPEAL Will Test Validity of City Ordinance That Closed his Stockyard on South College Street. Recorder Fined Him \$25 for Violating Ordinance.

The stockyard question was revived this morning by the appearance of Mr. A. W. Whitaker, the stock man, in the city court.

Mr. Whitaker appeared in answer to a warrant issued yesterday which charged him with conducting a stockyard on South College street, near Stonewall, without permission from the board of aldermen.

Mr. Whitaker was represented by Mr. E. T. Cansler and Mr. Frank R. McNinch. Mr. Hugh W. Harris, city attorney, appeared in the role of prosecutor.

There was only two witnesses examined, Chief of Police Irwin and Sanitary Officer Winchester. The latter reported that he had examined the premises on South College street and found the building and yards in splendid condition, from a sanitary viewpoint.

Mr. Winchester stated that when he examined the building he found stock there; also some hogs that had been slaughtered.

Counsel for Mr. Whitaker stated that they did not wish to offer any evidence; that Mr. Whitaker had committed the violation with but one purpose—that of testing the validity of the ordinance passed by the board of aldermen at the meeting last fall.

City Attorney Harris stated that according to the evidence Mr. Whitaker was guilty of the violation charged in the warrant and that all the court could do was to punish him for such violation.

At this juncture the Recorder asked Mr. Harris what fine he would suggest. It was agreed that \$25 be the amount.

MOB STORMS JAIL CAUSING DAMAGE OF OVER \$1,000

The Hamilton County Jail was Stormed by Infuriated Mob Intent on Lynching Negro who Criminally Assaulted a Young White Woman.

Damage to the Jail by the Mob is \$1,000. Sheriff had Taken Negro Away. It is Not Known Where Negro is Unknown Party Seen in Country.

By Associated Press. Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 26.—The Hamilton county jail, which was stormed last night by a mob intent on lynching the negro held for criminally assaulting a young white woman, was damaged one thousand dollars.

Militia guard was on duty until five this morning. Ed. Johnson, the negro the mob wanted, had been taken away by the Sheriff to Knoxville. It is reported that the party was seen in a closed carriage in the country, but it is not known where the negro is now.

DEATH OF MRS. VOGEL. The End Came Suddenly Last Night at 9 O'clock. The sudden death of Mrs. Louise Vogel occurred last night at 9 o'clock, at her home No. 306 North Poplar street, death resulting from heart failure. The funeral arrangements have not been made, owing to the absence of several of the family.

Mrs. Vogel was the widow of the late Mr. John Vogel. She was a member of the Lutheran church and fewer members of that congregation were more beloved and highly esteemed. For a number of years she made her home with her daughter, Miss Emma Vogel, whose sad death occurred last summer.

Several children survive—Mrs. Ed. McMillin, Mrs. Duls, Mrs. D. S. Holcomb and Mrs. J. H. Rigler, of Charlotte; and Messrs. John Vogel, of Philadelphia; Walter Vogel, of St. Louis; and Ernest Vogel of San Antonio, Texas.

ITALIAN HANGED. His Little Son Was Main Witness Against Him. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 26.—Nicola Murdaco, an Italian, was hanged at Jersey City today for the murder of his wife there last May. The little son was the principle witness against his father.

SHOT BY UNKNOWN PARTY. Shots Fired into Group Standing on J. H. Gordon's Porch. Special to The News. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 26.—While a social party near John's was breaking up last night, unknown persons fired several shots into the group of men standing on the porch of J. H. Jordan's residence. Two were seriously wounded. No arrests have been made so far.

LIST OF THE KNOWN SURVIVORS IS 30 Steamer Topoka Arrived With 23 Survivors of Ill-Fated Valencia. Number Accounted for is Now 30. Four Found an Island. Turret Island.

By Associated Press. Port Townsend, Jan. 26.—Steamer Topoka arrived early this morning with 23 survivors from the wrecked Valencia. These included 18 rescued from the raft.

Victoria, Jan. 26.—A fireman rescued from the Valencia raft says there were 84 persons on the Valencia when he left Wednesday morning. With findings four more survivors on Turret Island, in Barkley Sound, the total number of survivors accounted for is now 30.

GEO. MELVIN ON RACK. Charges of Hazing Are Supported by Six Specifications. By Associated Press. Annapolis, Jan. 26.—The trial of Midshipman Geo. Melvin, of Illinois, began today before the naval court-martial. He is a member of the Third Class. The charges of hazing are supported by six specifications covering hazing five Fourth Classmen.

SIR EDWARD THROTON DEAD. Was Former British Minister at Washington. By Associated Press. London, Jan. 26.—Sir Edward Thorton, the former British Minister at Washington, D. C., died here today after a long illness.

SALISBURY NEWS NOTES. Lodge of Masons Established—Fight Between Two Companies—Bolt Burglary—Other News Notes of Interest.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 26.—A lodge of Masons has been organized at Spencer with the following officers: W. D. Pethel, W. M.; B. S. Worthem, S. W.; A. J. Ganyel, J. W.; B. F. Lee, S. D.; J. L. Pipkin, J. D.; J. H. Richmond, treasurer; M. L. Smoot, secretary; L. A. Vancannon, Tyler; W. F. Hunter and E. R. Fay, stewards.

There is a big fight on here between the Standard Snuff Co., an independent concern, and the American Tobacco Co. The president of the Standard has been here with other officials of the company this week endeavoring to build up the trade which they once enjoyed before the American Tobacco Company began such active operations. Now it is learned that the latter are arranging to give an elaborate banquet here at an early day.

The merchants of this city, through their association, have announced that they will close their stores at 7 o'clock every evening except Saturdays and the nights the railroad stays off.

There was a bold burglary at the home of Mrs. T. J. McCubbins, on West Council street, last night. Her daughter, Miss Edna, left a light burning in her room when she retired. She awoke during the night and discovered a man with his hands on her shoulders. The young lady screamed and the man jumped out of an open window. He had blown out the light. An investigation showed that he had entered by the way of the front door and had opened the window afterwards in order to make a hasty exit. Officers are working on the case today.

The County Board of Education of Rowan will likely be called upon to defend a public school teacher of this county who has been indicted for whipping a pupil.

A special term of Rowan Superior Court will be called at an early day to clear, as far as possible, the great number of civil cases from the docket which have piled upon the records in the last few years and which it seems impossible to reach during the regular courts.

Mr. Caleb Basinger, of this county, aged 75 years, yesterday carried dirt to his son who was at work on a neighbor's farm, and in his return home dropped dead in his yard before he had entered his house. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death.

Sousa and his famous band appeared before a large and refined audience at Meroney's Theatre this afternoon.

UP TO THE PEOPLE 20TH MAY PLANS Mayor McNinch Thinks we Should Celebrate and is Ready to do All in his Power to Further this End. The People Must Take a Lively Interest.

In view of some little talk lately concerning the celebration of May the 20th, Mayor S. S. McNinch has launched a movement by which the coming holiday will be celebrated on a larger scale than ever before, provided it is endorsed by the substantial sympathy of the business people of the city.

The Mayor has approached a number of the leading business men of the city regarding the celebration and in turn quite a number have approached him, all of whom are eager to lend their influence and support. Nothing of a definite nature has been done, nor will anything be done until the business people of Charlotte evidence a desire to take hold of the celebration with both hands, contributing financial support to defray all necessary expenses.

To make the celebration the largest and best in the history of Charlotte means an expenditure of several thousand dollars which amount an effort will be made to raise by public subscription.

Mayor McNinch has appointed a committee, composed of several of the leading business men of Charlotte, to call upon the public spirited citizens in order to ascertain in a measure, just what may be accomplished. If the people are anxious and eager for the celebration, then the Mayor will appoint committees to take charge of the various details.

Will Develop Negro Labor. New York, Jan. 26.—William H. Coo, president of the Co-operative Tropical Fruit Company, at No. 32 Broadway, whose plantations are in Honduras, has made arrangements with Booker T. Washington to employ 5,000 young negroes on the company's 10,000-acre plantation in Honduras. This is the first practical effort to promote the interest of the Southern negro from a purely business standpoint.

THE STORM KING HOLDS SWAY IN CHARLOTTE TO-DAY

Sleet and Ice Causes Much Damage to Telegraph, Telephone and Electric Wires Throughout This Immediate Section of the State.

Western Union and Postal Have a Difficult Time in Taking Care of their Business. The Work of the Storm in City and the County.

Charlotte people awoke this morning to find the city covered with a thick coat of ice. The Storm King raged all night and this morning the glistening effect was to be seen on all hands.

Here and there over the city trees were broken and twisted. In one or two sections, the electric lines and the telephone lines suffered in consequence.

It seems that the fury of the storm, was, for the most part, spent in this immediate section. Both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph Companies were in bad shape during the day. The Western Union had several bad breaks between Concord and Salisbury. The Postal Telegraph also suffered along the line of the Southern.

Throughout the city the Bell Telephone lines were more or less hampered by the heavy coating of ice that hung with such tenacity to the wires. Despite this great handicap, the company has given splendid service under the existing circumstances.

It is learned this afternoon that the storm of sleet and hail extends as far South as Atlanta and to the North as far as Danville. In this radius the telegraph, telephone and electric lighting wires have been more or less damaged.

Within the city limits there have been many inconveniences to encounter. The street railway company work, the rails were soon cleared and had a difficult proposition this morning to clear its lines.

The rails were heavily coated and for an hour or more it was almost impossible to turn a wheel on several of the lines. But by remarkably good work, the rails were soon cleared and the cars were moving in every direction by 9:30 o'clock.

During the day, however, the company encountered considerable trouble by the falling of wires owned by other companies.

Throughout the entire day there was a continual downpour and the sleet and ice continues with us. The weather man, however, thinks the temperature will rise during the night and that conditions will change for the better, certainly by tomorrow morning.

From a bad weather standpoint, the 26th of January has been the most disagreeable day of the winter.

The Southern Power Company has been fortunate in not having a great amount of damage to their wires. Mr. W. S. Lee, vice president and general manager, stated this afternoon that the only damage so far reported was the falling of a large tree on the wires near Fort Mill, S. C. This tripped the circuit, breaking the line to Charlotte for about ten minutes, during which time the auxiliary steam plant of the Highland Park Company was put into service. The private telegraph system of the company has not been damaged.

RAIN OR SHINE. The Big Salvage Sale Will Begin Tomorrow At 9 a. m. Despite wind, rain and foul weather, the Salvage Sale will be opened at the stores Nos. 38 and 39, East Trade street at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and if the people of Charlotte and vicinity appreciate an opportunity to pick and choose from two splendid stocks of merchandise at nominal prices there will be an enormous crowd awaiting the opening hour, be the weather fair or foul.

The retirement of Mr. E. C. Miller from active association with the Miller Dry Goods Co., has made it expedient to close out the stock of that store and that of the Miller Clothing Co. To effect this in the shortest possible time both stores have been placed in the hands of the Chicago Salvage Co., with instructions to sell everything in ten days. This will necessitate some most remarkable price cutting that the people of Charlotte will not fail to profit by.

NEW BERN NEWS. A Masquerade Party—Young Man Disappeared—Exciting Scene. Special to The News. New Bern, Jan. 26.—There will be a masquerade party under the auspices of the K. of P. Band February 22nd. A sensation has been created here by the unaccountable disappearance of a well-known young man. It is thought that he has carried off considerable funds belonging to different parties. For certain reasons his name is for the present withheld.

Cowan Brothers, of Wilmington, have again leased the new Masonic Theater. They have had control of it before, and gave perfect satisfaction to the play-going public.