

### SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES ASKED TO ADJOURN COURT

#### State Board of Health Takes Steps in Fight Against Influenza—Encouragement.

BY R. B. WILSON.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—As a further measure towards preventing the spread of influenza the state board of health today requested all the superior court judges of the state to either recall or else greatly shorten terms of courts scheduled to be held between October 21 and November 4. The following message was sent to each judge:

"After a conference with the governor, the state board of health respectfully but strongly urges, on account of the grave dangers of the epidemic of influenza, that during the two weeks of October 21 to November 4, first, only criminal courts be held; second, only jail cases be tried; third, courtrooms be closed up to all except parties connected with litigation; fourth, no court be held in counties having only a few prisoners."

An encouraging phase of the situation today was the continued reports of local organizations formed in all parts of the state for the purpose of combating the disease and aiding the sick. In many counties the organizations are being formed in anticipation of the spread of the epidemic to those communities not yet affected.

The state board of health today has

### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

emergency calls for 15 doctors and 30 nurses which it is unable to fill because it has been unable to find doctors and nurses to send. Two doctors are expected to report for duty tomorrow. Three nurses were secured today. These were furnished from senior class for nurses by Sursum Hospital, in Raleigh, an institution for colored people. These were at once sent out for duty to places where badly needed.

Robeson county today reported improved conditions, but with still about 1,500 cases and 16 of the doctors of the county ill with influenza.

Duke, where one doctor has been sent, is still in very bad need of nurses and other doctors. Tyrrell and Gaston counties also are needing help.

In answer to inquiries, the state board of health has advised against the reopening of tobacco warehouses until after conference with representatives of the several warehouses, still operating in the state and it is believed that all have closed as requested.

### CAPTAIN MORRIS VINSON IS DEAD AT FAYETTEVILLE

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, Oct. 17.—Capt. Morris Vinson, of the inland traffic bureau of the war department, in charge of transportation at Camp Bragg, died at the home of Thomas Dager, in this city, today of an attack of pneumonia following influenza. Captain Vinson, whose home was in Milledgeville, Ga., was a brother of Representative Carl Vinson, of Georgia. Captain Vinson's mother, Mrs. E. F. Vinson, of Milledgeville, and Congressman Vinson were at the bedside. He also had two brothers in service and several sisters.

### HEINIE'S SONGS ARE OUT OF DATE

#### No Music When He Goes Marching Home Again.

#### Shepherd Says the Very Sight of Him Will Make the German Folks Sick.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.

Washington, Oct. 17.—When Heinie goes marching home again—the very sight of him will make the German folks sick.

That he is starting for home is sure, either retreating, burning and fighting his way back, or peacefully, on trains, in response to President Wilson's demand that every German soldier get back into Germany as quickly as he can, before peace can be considered.

I saw some hundreds of thousands of him start off to war in 1914. They were strong on singing. One peculiarity of the German soldier was that he did not seem to care for flowers. While Austrian, French and even English soldiers were picking autumn flowers by the wayside and decorating their bosoms, their rifles and even their freight cars with golden-rod and asters I never saw a German soldier wearing a flower. Their songs were all heavy, sonorous chants, fitting for the tramp of their huge boots, and they never had bass, alto and tenor voices in their choruses. They always sang in unison; only the soprano air. Of all the songs they ever sang, I can't think of any one that will be fitting for them to sing as they re-enter Germany. They will go home without music or celebration of any sort.

It will not be until these German soldiers have gone back into Germany that the German people will with a sickening realization that they have been whipped. The German government may be able to keep the credit from them until then, but the presence of millions of German soldiers on Germany soil will tell the story to the German people.

The Austro-Hungarians will go back into their own country, Russia, singing and dancing, and if there are any flowers to be found anywhere in the fields, the Austrian soldiers will be wearing them. The favorite stunt of an Austrian soldier is to stick a flower behind each ear.

I lived with the Austrian army for three months and I know that the men in that army will go back home with the idea that they have been lied to by their government. When the Austrian soldiers went into Russia four years ago, each one of them believed—as he had been taught from the cradle to believe—that the Russians were demons and that their life dream was to seize as much of Austria-Hungary as they could get. They know now that this was a lie. The Austrians who go home from the Italian front can go home singing. They have discovered from personal observation that unredeemingly, in which they have been fighting, is really populated by Italians and that, by rights, it belongs to Italy.

Austrians Will Celebrate.

The return of the Austrian army to its home soil will not create the same sickening sense of defeat in the minds of the Austrian masses that will be felt in Germany. Where the German soldier, returning home, will find a sickly welcome, the Austrian soldier's return will undoubtedly be the occasion of celebration. Ever since the Russian collapse the Austrians have had nothing to fight for except the success of the German kaiser.

The Turkish soldier, if he returns home and lays down his arms, will be met with feasting and rejoicing, also. He went into the war because he was afraid Russia would seize Constantinople. Eighteen months ago he discovered that Russia had no such aim. Since then, the Turk has had little reason for being in the war, except to help the alien German rulers.

Thousands of Bulgarian soldiers lay down their arms with delight. I know 40 of them, in one little group, to whom the coming of peace brought joy.

They were Bulgarian boys who were students in the American Presbyterian Agricultural college outside Salonki. For several years they had studied in this college. Always from the flagstaff of the school floated the Stars and Stripes. Under that flag they learned to read and write both the Bulgarian and the English languages. They were drafted into the Bulgarian army and they went off to war singing. When America entered the war over a year ago there were at least 40 heavy hearts in the Bulgarian army. Not one of these boys could have fired on the American flag. And there were thousands of such boys in the Bulgarian army who had this same feeling toward the flags of the allies, after the Stars and Stripes was carried into battle against their side.

The heaviest-hearted, leadenest-booted soldier in the world is that stupid, ugly-uniformed, misled and lied-to soldier from Germany. His return to German soil will make a panic there will be no more for him. And yet, to save his life and to save what little of old Germany still remains, he must go back home, America, through President Wilson, had told him so.

### MATTY TO PITCH FIRE.



CAPT. CHRISTY MATHEWSON

Christy Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Reds and for many years the premier of National league pitchers, has enlisted in the chemical division of the army, having been given a captain's commission. The arm that used to pitch the fadeaway ball will be used to shoot liquid fire at the Boches.

### THE WEATHER

Washington, Oct. 17.—Weather forecast: North and South Carolina: Cloudy, probably showers, Friday and Saturday.

Local Office United States Weather Bureau, Charlotte, Oct. 17.

Sunrise... 7:30 a. m. | Sunset... 6:46 p. m.

Temperature (in degrees.)

8 a. m. .... 53 | 4 p. m. .... 74

Noon... 72 | 8 p. m. .... 70

Highest temperature... 75

Lowest temperature... 65

Mean temperature... 67

Excess for the day... 49

Mean temperature this year... 59

Precipitation (in inches.)

Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. .... .00

Total for month to date... .00

Deficiency for month... 1.45

Deficiency for year... 12.08

Prevailing wind direction... O. O. ATTO, S. W.

Meteorologist.

### JOHN E. GOUGH DIES AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 96

#### Had Been Member of Baptist Church 66 Years and a Mason 70 Years—Funeral Monday.

Special to The Observer.

Elkin, Oct. 16.—John E. Gough, one of Yadkin county's oldest and most esteemed citizens, died at his home near Hamptonville last Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. Born October 11, 1822, he had just rounded out 96 years. He was a consistent member of the M. E. church, south, for 66 years and a member of Yadkin Lodge No. 152, A. F. M., for about 70 years.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. M. Boring, on Monday at 11 o'clock at Sandy Springs church, after which the remains in the church cemetery with the honors of the fraternity. He is survived by four daughters and two sons as follows: Mesdames T. L. Arnold, S. J. Revis, Betty Joiner and Loyd Windsor of Yadkin county; and Charles Gough of Hamptonville, and W. S. Gough of Elkin.

A car passed here yesterday by Mrs. L. C. Bell stated that her brother, John Cook, had arrived safely in France. Another brother, Will Cook, is in a U. S. band in Idaho.

### WINSTON-SALEM PREPARES TO COMBAT INFLUENZA

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 17.—Plans were perfected this afternoon to strenuously combat the spread of Spanish influenza in this city. The health authorities, with representatives of the Red Cross association, charities and city officials, met and decided to open an emergency hospital for both white and colored patients. The north Winston-Salem school building will be used for the white and the Depot street building for the colored. The high school building will be used in the preparation of soup and other proper foods for families which have been stricken and are without help to prepare meals. The local Red Cross has been asked to provide four nurses to look after the hospitals, and twelve assistants. The latter to be volunteers. Linen for beds and medicines are also asked.

### ERWIN SLUDER, LEADING ASHEVILLE BANKER, DIES

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Oct. 17.—Erwin Sluder, vice president and manager of the Battery Park bank, one of the leading bankers of the state, died at his home here this afternoon. His ailment was typhoid fever with a number of complications. No arrangements have been made for his funeral. A total of 158 new cases of influenza were reported in the city today which is an increase over yesterday.

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### MAJOR YOUNG'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD HERE TODAY

#### Funeral Party to Arrive Here Soon After Mid-day—Rev. Dr. Johnson to Conduct Service.

The remains of Major John Graham Young, whose death occurred in Winston-Salem Wednesday morning, will reach Charlotte at 12:45 o'clock today over the Southern railway. The funeral party from Winston-Salem will consist of Mrs. John Graham Young, Wingfield Young, of Chester, E. C., Mrs. Lilla Young Alexander and Miss Terrell Young, of Winston-Salem.

Col. Ernest F. Young, of Louisville, Ky., brother of Major Young, arrived in the city last night, and is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Marsh on North Poplar street.

The remains will be taken at once to Elmwood cemetery, where the service will be conducted by Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Major Young was for years a member, his father, the late General John A. Young, being an elder of that church for several decades.

### FORMER CHARLOTTE-MAN DIES AT ROCK HILL

Clifton Lee, for 40 years an engineer on the Southern railway and a well-known citizen of Charlotte in former years, died yesterday morning at his home in Rock Hill, S. C., of pneumonia, following influenza.

Mr. Lee was a native of Charlotte, a son of the late Col. A. C. Lee, of the Confederate army, and Mrs. Lee, now Mrs. Moyie. Mr. Lee was prominent in the Brotherhood of Engineers and was one of the best known men of the city on the Southern. His early life was spent in Charlotte and he was educated here. He was married many years ago and is survived by his wife and nine children. His mother, who is now 80 years of age, resides in North Charlotte.

Mr. Lee attended the Baptist church.

### HUBBARD'S COTTON LETTER

New York, Oct. 17.—Cables this morning were sharply lower than 600, but had little effect upon our market as it is felt that the character of the war news might easily cause a lower market. Liverpool was not as active a seller here as has recently been the case and on a covering demand in the near position, the market was at one time some 20 points higher than yesterday. Scattered hedge selling and the indisposition of local traders to follow any advance led to a subsequent decline to within a dollar & half of last night. There was some buying for domestic mills and the market was, generally speaking, steadier than has recently been the case. We find no change in the temper of the trade, however, which is decidedly bearish. HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

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