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THE PRESIDENT IN FRANCE

The big event in the news of The day was the arrival in a foreign country of the President of the United States, the incident being one which has furnished the world with a supply of descriptive matter of an intensely entertaining nature. President Wilson's reception by the people of France had real heart to it. The details treat of scenes of wild enthusiasm on part of great outpourings of people; of thunderous salutes; of gaily decorated streets and houses; of fluttering banners and bands of music; of speech-making and general manifestations of rejoicing-for, that the people of France actually rejoiced over the presence of the President there can be no doubt. To our mind, however, the simple and profoundly respectful address made by the mayor of Brest was the most eloquent incident of the day. It was a classic in composition and was a manifestation of splendid taste. Mayor Goude gave the country an object lesson in the value of brevity-in saying much stopping. It was a happy conception-that of the symbol of the ship which brought the President to the shores of France and of the mission, itself, calm our quarrels." Neatly expressed, also, was supply." the sentiment that the hearts of the people of Breton were unanimous in saluting him as "the both himself and his people.

trials and distresses of war.

THE MYSTERY SHIP.

The papers are carrying illustrations of the It may possibly develop that the British naval au- to sleep on the job. thorities investigated the merits of Mr. Lee's suggestion and that out of this investigation came the "mystery ship." At any rate, the published de-Lee's letter to Senator Smith.

BACK McADOO.

The development of barge traffic on the Mississippi was one of the best undertakings the Government ever launched, and now some of the busy odies in Congress are calling for its abolishment, It is a comfort to note that Mr. McAdoo is lifting his voice for the continued development of this traffic, and it is to be hoped the progressive element in Congress will back him to the finish.

The task of the big ships in the American Navy aving been accomplished in European waters the eet has been ordered home and according to a statement by Secretary Daniels will be in familiar o say that a great naval celebration in New York that run so bandly to sectionalism as does. The Brockton for the soldiers of the South to share in long letter like this, but felt like saysuch a tribute.

FARMS FOR THE SOLDIERS

tary Lane of the Interior Department makes ed Every Day to the Tear at 33 South Church St. the returning soutier and "the new farm idea" the can Army that have been given the forward north plans for providing the saidlers homes on the vacant lands of the Nation, and this plan he elaborates at length in his report. It was at first proposed to settle these soldiers on Government reservations, but on investigation the Secretary was over and idle lands in the southern section. His investigations served to renew enthusiasm in his are not under cultivation, in addition to 2,748,000 acres of swamp lands, some of which would need war for a single week?" Secretary Lane makes note of the fact that England is planning in the hundreds of millions of pounds sterling for housnow the reconstruction of 350,000 homes destroyed by the invader."

In advocating his "new farm idea," Secretary tivated. The soldier should be given a farm which he is able to cultivate in its entirety. The farms This will prevent their being aggregated in the course of years into great estates. To compel their use the owner might well be required to live on the land for five years before gaining sufficient title to make any transfer, and during the full period prior to the last payment three years of idle-Less should make the land subject to forfeiture to the Government upon repayment of the payments which have been made. "This," he says, "is not and see that they were made to serve. We wish prudence should cause to be respected. of the President-that of the possible comfort of no slacker lands. Enough land for a family, but his "authorized voice in the debates which will not enough to make a new draft on the labor

GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

messenger of justice and peace." That was Bre- It was admitted in the investigation before Senfor the immediate taking up of the business which all the same, this man Fox used the Hearst agenaboard ship was the formulation of a statement For one thing, he sent to this country a story of make the welcoming address. The day and until courtesies than any other correspondent was ever legislative enmity. Tuesday will be given over to the receiving of able to secure." Mr. Hearst's moving picture ven-French honors, and then the President will attend tures are also playing a part in the testimony. It the United States on hand, no time will be lost in than two months, and the men to whom the promgetting the affairs of the Peace Conference under ise was made had been hurried to the United way. The first phase of the President's epochal States where they were scattered so as to effect- material development the Nation has ever known. These people now are subscribers trip is therefore safely concluded. The ocean voy- ively give spread to the German propaganda. They age was attended by no mishap. The unfalling eye came over in company with the German paymas-

AN EXCELLENT OUTLINE OF WORK.

The Southern Commercial Congress recently "British mystery ship," designed in the latter days session at Baltimore, formulated a program which of the war, and whose peculiar characteristic is would be a good thing to follow up. We fear, the equipment of an upper deck on which airplanes however, it will go the usual way. The commitcan land and from which they can be launched tees will take their papers home in their pockets, from the ship at sea. It is possibly an adaptation tell their constituents what great things they are of an American idea, and a Charlotte idea, at that, going to do, then consign the papers to forgetful-Readers of The Observer may remember that in ness in some convenient recess of their roller tops. its issue of June 23, 1918, it printed a copy of a The Congress is strongly advocating a vigorous letter written by Mr. Thomas B. Lee of Charlotte good roads building campaign, and would start out to Senator Smith of South Carolina, in which he on a five-year plan with a Bankhead appropriaoutlined a plan whereby submarines could be tion of \$100,000,000 for each year, and in connec-"sent to Davy Jones' locker in 15 minutes and all tion with this work would prosecute the developits crew shortly thereafter in hades, reporting to ment of waterways transportation and the develthe devil why they had not sunk that transport." opment of rivers and harbors facilities. It would Mr. Lee's suggestion was for the equipping of the foster the merchant marine, would bring about a transports or warships with a platform for the more equitable condition in freight rates; would gliding off and gliding on of airplanes and he ac- stimulate industrial enterprises of all kinds to the companied it with clearly understood specifica- further production of goods for the foreign trade. tions. Senator Smith submitted the idea to Secre- The Congress could not have mapped out a protary Daniels, who made report that it had been gram of greater usefulness to the Nation. The in turn submitted to the proper naval authorities. | best thing we could hope for is that it will not go

BURLESON AND THE WIRES.

Chairman Moon of the House Postoffice Comscriptions of the British airplane ship appear to mittee has introduced a bill looking to permanent embrace the substantial ideas advanced in Mr. ownership of the telegraph and telephone lines as von Einem has just told the people of Cologne, It auxiliary to the operation of the Postoffice Departise this stubborn spirit that makes Germany still ment, claiming that President Wilson is "in favor dangerous and requires that the teeth of the mon- to be literally driven from the state; 51 years ago today. of such a measure." The bill was drafted with ster shall be pulled in the Peace Congress. the assistance of Mr. Burleson and will be "elucidated" by Mr. Moon on the floor of the House when the postoffice appropriation bill is under discussion. This is one measure which is likely to develop vigorous opposition. There is a faction in Congress that contends Mr. Burleson has already in hand as many things as he can conveniently heroism, their patience under hardships, their unmanage, and there are some who claim that he flinching spirit of offensive action, I am filled with has not established a record for efficiency to en- emotion which I am unable to express. Their courage giving him powers over such important deeds are immortal, and they have earned the sterutilities as the telegraph and the telephone.

The Chicago Tribune is now cited as one of the eral should have excepted from the glorious tribute American papers that was "friendly" to Germany, the 500,000 soldiers from Dixie? Surely it would before New Year's day, which is as much as That seems to be a characteristic of those papers be unjust to Hoboken, Passalc, Woonsocket and Flory

IN GERMANLAND

It is the First and Third Divisions of the Amerilons in Germany. The Americans are now well eross the Rhine, backward from which the Germans have retired to anyaverage distance of nine miles. Indications everywhere develop the fact that the Germans are keeping faith with the terms of the armistige to the best of their ability and municipal authorities are disposed to give full cooperation, the military authorities at the same plans. He found, for instance, that in North Car- time placing all information in possession of the olina there are 12,745,000 acres of rich lands that Americans in regard to the territory east of the Rhine that needs be known. It is perhaps worthy drainage and some of which are cultivable under of remark that the First and Third, in case any present condition. It is the reclaimed swamp ugliness develops, have the support of the Rainlands that prove the richest of all soils. Congress bow Division, in which the "Wild Cats" are in-has paved the way by having made appropriation cluded, and which is posted conveniently to the which will cover an investigation of these lands, rear. The civilian government of Coblenz, which and the Secretary only last week made personal has been operating in connection with the Amerivisit to some of the North Carolina prospects, can military government, has turned over the en-Secretary Lane is suggesting State co-operation tire control of Coblens to the Army of Occupation. with the Government, and as to the cost, "it should The "invaders" are being treated with becoming be as much as we wish to spend; as much as we respect, broken by only a few trifling incidents, need to spend." It would be, the Secretary argues, such as the throwing of a bottle from a window less than many a strike has cost the country. It by a woman at a soldier, and in street crowds might be as much as we will spend this year in gently jostling the men. Incidents of the kind are pensions for veterans and dependents of wars passed by with the display of the usual American which ended 20 and 50 years ago. "Would it be good sense, and within a few days we shall be unreasonable," he suggests, "to ask that we spend hearing that the German people are getting along in the next two years on these veterans of the much better with their friends, as they become great war as much as it cost us to conduct that better acquainted with American characteristics.

THE GLARING HEADLIGHT.

The Asheville Citizen has not been waiting for ing and lands schemes. Canada, with less than another accident to popularize public denungiation 7,000,000 people, is offering to each man 160 acres of the practice of automobilists in ignoring the of land and \$2,500 with which to improve it. It law, and who nightly streak their blinding way could not be that the United States, "which has through city street and country highway behind escaped with so slight a comparative loss in life, the glaring headlight, but it is pleading for a comwill not do less." "To waste," argues Secretary mon sense observance of this law by automobile Lane, "is not sound economy-to save is, but drivers. It is a State law. More than that, almost sounder yet is the economy that invests to create; every municipality has a supplemental law for its this is the sowing of seeds." He makes the point special protection, but mighty small attention is this is the sowing of seeds. He makes the point special protection. We should say that in Char-white topped wagons, droves of catyears to run before it reaches the age of that lotte 90 glaring lights flash their ways through the country which still holds Verdun and is planning streets to nine dim lights. Perhaps the law is not observed to even that extent. At one time just after a fatal accident in this city, caused by glaring lights, the commissioners made vigorous threats Lane stands firmly for the small acreage, well cul- of enforcement of the law and for a few weeks traffic became comparatively safe. Then by degrees the lights began flashing up again, until now should not only be so small that they would not streets and county roads have become carnivals of be speculative ventures in uncarned increment, but flashing lights. People have even quit dimming they should be non-transferable to anyone holding their lights in passing and all seem to have reany equally large tract of land in the same State. turned to a condition of recklessness, which appears destined to be curbed only through the occurrence of another accident which will bring the with their own free will, but from dangers of the glaring light into renewed emphasis. The Observer not long ago suggested that perhaps if State and municipal authorities would repeal the bright light laws and leave drivers vote stripped of the temptation found in "a law" to state who would give them a southern break, drivers of automobiles might settle down to a better consideration of safety for themselves as suggested as an infallible nor an ultimate plan, but well as to others. The general spirit of disregard ments between railroads they then it would save to the Government the opportunity for "the law" undoubtedly plays some part in this some instances at least and are now to hold in its own hands the fate of these lands nightly demonstrated violation of a law common

THE NEW DAY FOR THE RAILROADS.

The railroad managers are not in accord with Mr. McAdoo's suggestion for five years more of Carolina, but by reason of the feel-called at one of the most critical Buncombe county boys. In a letter Government control and operation. They believe the 21 months after the ending of the war, specified as the date upon which the roads are to be feeling between the Southern and the stages of the war. Lloyd George, as to his father, Sergeant Theodore B. C. C. & O., and their methods of he is popularly known, is the idea of Sumner, son of B. H. Sumner, described as the date upon which the roads are to be sured the President, "the entire Nation would ac- did not know his man Hale was also in the employ restored to former management, would prove amclaim him," and the whole people would thrill of the German Government and now that the ply sufficient for a satisfactory adjustment of afwith enthusiasm "over the eminent statesman who activities of another German agent and newspaper fairs leading to that restoration. They make canis the champion of their aspirations toward justice man are being aired—a gentleman by the name of did admission that Mr. McAdoo's administration and doing their principal trading and liberty." The mayor of Brest did bronor for Fox, who served the Hearst news agency—it is has been "able," but they cannot agree with him at Galax and Abingdon, Va., and ish government's man of oth himself and his people.

President Wilson stepped ashore fully prepared the Hearst news agency—it is in the five-year control idea. They are evidently Mountain City, Elizabethtown, John-stated that Hearst was likewise in ignorance of the fact that Fox was on the German payroll. But the fact that Fox was on the German payroll pa President that the roads should not be returned had called him to France. Among his last duties cies to fine effect in spreading German propaganda. under conditions that existed before they were not known before to their enrichtaken over, but that when they are handed back ment and to North Carolina's hurt. that would make clear his position on vital ques- alleged atrocities by Russians that was concocted it should be under a new system of laws representions in order that his ideas should be well defined by German officers and sent abroad to counteract tative of a constructive policy. Whatever the outbefore the meeting with the Entente Premiers, the reports of German atrocities in Belgium. Fox come, the indications plainly point to the fact that by facing all kinds of weather, camp-He had furthermore typed the views he would knew nothing about these "outrages" by the Rus- a new day is coming for the railroads of the ing out along the roadsides at night 27 years old. make public at the reception scheduled for him sians, but obeyed instructions given him by Ger- country, when they will be treated as friendly inin Paris and at which President Poincare is to man officers, for he was the recipient "of more fluences and freed from hampering prejudice and

We are hoping that Secretary Lane's suggestion until its people on a whole are equal the first of the conferences out of which such far- is also disclosed by the investigation that Germany for the settling of the soldier boys on these idle reaching consequences for the good of the world had made promise, as early as June 10, 1914, that lands will hold the attention of Congress to some are expected to come, for, with the President of a world war was on the way. It broke out in less purpose. He is laying before it a proposition only the commercial energies of this based on sound common sense and one which if successfully worked out would prove the greatest

All hail to Sergeant Kaufman! He was given of Providence is still keeping watch over him, and ter. Altogether the country is getting much more welcome in New York in manner entirely befitting Tennessee more than things happenwe shall believe the guiding hand of Providence is of entertaining development out of this investiga- the occasion, absorbing all by his lone self the ing in North Carolina. As still directing him in the course of wisdom to the tion than had at first been promised. It is a welcome that was prepared for a regiment. Ser- young men and women become eduprofitable deliverance of the Nations out of the "meaty" affair, and the end is by no means in geant Kaufman and the war horse, "Joe," had almost as big a time of it over here as the French people were giving the President on the other side.

> Captain Lester says that as many as 200,000 or 300,000 pro-Germans in America volunteered their services as scatterers of propaganda in this country previous to the time war was declared. It is perhaps from among these that the Hearst papers are scoring their gains in subscription.

What is known as the cotton distribution committee of the War Trade Board has gone into the discard. Its day is done, as is also whatever of possibilities for mischief it might have been capa- of North Carolina and it is very fitting

The offer of the United States Government to had taken the town of Charlotte and smooth over the troubles between Chile and Peru is received with open welcome by the latter Government, while the former would appear a little backward. It is another case of one side being afraid and the other glad of it.

NEWSPAPER SENTIMENT

PULL THE TEETH.

(From The Baltimore American.) The Allies are not the victors in battle, General

NOT EXCEPTED BY PERSHING. (From The Houston Post.)

General Pershing says of the army: "Finally, Wpay the supreme tribute to our officers and soldiers of the line. When I think of the

hal gratitude of our country." Doesn't the valued New York Sun think the gen-

THE OPEN FORUM

OUR DIVORCED COUNTIES.

ole of Western Section Who Are flowing the Trade Out of the State/

To the Editor of The Observer:
As a citizen of North Carolina, livg near that section of North Caroina lying west of the Blue Ridge and lina lying west of the Blue Ridge and observing the efforts which have been made by the citizens of that section during the last 25 years, and knowing something of the history of the efforts made by past generations I have read with interest your editorlals in The Charlotte Observer wherein you plead the cause of this section as to the duty of the state of North Carolina to aid in constructing rallroads in order that the state may have the full benefit of the energies of these people, and in order that of these people, and in order that that section may have free access to their home state.

their home state.

I believe if the people of the state could once see the situation as it really is, knew more of the people and their present and past worth to the state of North Carolina that this result would be brought about this result would be brought about. That section now composing the counties of Alleghany. Ashe. Watauga, Avery and Mitchell was settled prior to the revolutionary war by the Scotch-Irish when that sec-tion was a part of Rowan county, cleared the forest and built their homes, schools and churches facing all the hardships of being far from the main settlements of North Carolina. The men leaving their fami-lies almost defenseless until they dragged over the rails through the mountains and over the hills carrying their products to market at Charleston and exchanging them for such supplies as they needed, and as railroads were built bringing their southern markets nearer and finally to the state of North Carolina the roads from this section throughout the year and more especially the fall and winter were lined with their markets in the state. the state of North Carolina with their trade and their own efforts at home up until about the year 1900. Then these sections began to trade in the towns and cities of Virginia and Tennessee where nearer and more accessible markets had been built by railroads from the north. these markets were much poorer for their products than the markets down in North Carolina from the reason that that portion of Tennessee and Virginia lying contiguous to this section produced the same thing. They have not done this necessify. They have at all times since railroad development has been anywhere within their reach stood ready with their money offering to bonds to any railroad in their outlet to their old markets down in North Carolina, and when they had failed by reason of building agreebeing served with the exception of Alleghany county by railroads from Virginia and Tennessee. Mitchell 1903, had a southern outlet through

the state of North Carolina to South they should. The other sections of this territory, except Alleghany, are shipping all of their products through growth and prosperity as they had a successful fighter that he scarcely section in the state of North Carolina. These people have made it so and certainly do deserve better treatment at the hands of their own state. Not only have they succeeded in spite of hardships financially, but they have maintained their schools

present conditions stands to lose not section but the social and educational as well because with the commerce of a country goes its social body. the daily papers from the state of Virginia and Tennessee. They are discussing things in Virginia and cated they will naturally go to the sources of their commerce to start become citizens of in life and soon a foreign state, and at the present time when a North Carolinian visits the towns and cities above named and begins to meet the people and read the signs over the business they are strikingly reminded that North Carolina is losing its citizenship. This section is a larger item to the state of North Carolina than one would casually think but when you refer to the last census you

find that they number 57,620. The energies of the ancestry this people have gallantly stood by and aided in the building of the state that they should have a friend like yourself in the city of Charlotte for the reason that when Lord Cornwallis was proceeding to-march northward conquer western North Caroline that the brave men of this section under General Cleveland came to the aid of Mecklenburg county and were among the numbers united who drove the British from North Carolina and

to final defeat. They have ably served the state all its endeavor, in its wars and in its development and while the state of North Carolina was issuing bonds for the development of the state in building railroads this section bore its ago today.

Hon. Pierre-Edouard part of the burden, earned the money to pay its part of the taxes to pay off said bonds by hard labor dragging over the mountain trails to market in all kinds of weather without a murmur, and do not now deserve and its best markets because of pres-

ent conditions. There are now two short lines of railroad running to the foot of the Blue Ridge in which the state of North Carolina aiready owns stock.
The Elkin & Alleghany going from
Elkin, the Watauga & Yadkin River
railroad going from North Wilkesrailroad going from North Wilkes-boro with a few more miles added to each would take the former into Sparta, and the latter into Boone which would give this southern but-let, restore the old market and bring that section back to the state of North Carolina. This would pay the state of North Carolina, if it should com-plete these roads dividends of a good business, and would be to its future

LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1908 and 1898.

TEN YEARS AGO

-There is a movement on

as well as the traveling public. The hotel is to cost not less than \$30,000.

Mr. W. J. Adams, of Moore, ap-pointed by Governor Glenn to suc-ceed Judge Walter H. Neal on the

superior court bench, is a lawyer of fine ability and standing and it is not

to be doubted that he will make an

excellent judge.—Observer Editorial.
Rumors are affoat to the effect that

here will be no dearth of D. A. R.

chapters in Charlotte in the future. Plans have already been consum-mated for three and it is said that a

fourth is now in prospect to be named

was registered among the guests at the Southern Manufacturers' club last

The many friends here will regret

Mr. Folger will open a branch office

Mr. Felger the local.-Greensboro

o learn that Mr. and Mrs. C.

evening.

Record.

street.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Gatun dam, part of which recently sank, the French critics who disagree with the American plan for the conwith the American plan for the con-struction of the Panama canal have been actively predicting its complete failure. The Figaro declares that the fatal mistake on the part of the American engineers when they adopt-ed the lock canal project, was the substitution of dams at Rio Grande and Gatun fo rthe plan of dams at Miraflores and Bohno, where the a foundations were demonstrated to be

New York .nual raily of the Salvation army was mander Booth Tucker and Mrs. Tucker were present and took an active part in the exercises. Com-mander Booth Tucker made his an-nual report on the army's farm col-onies. There was a liberal response

foot that assures Marion a new and to the appeal for money.

up-to-date hotel for the accommodition of summer and winter visitors, to repair the damage done to the battleship Massachusetts last day in the New York harbor. Massachusetts last Satur-Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia, is at the Buford hotel. .
Miss Bulow Wilson will return to

her home in Morganton next Mon-Col. W. C. Jones, of Wilmington,

is in the city. Lieutenant S. L. Faison, of the United States army, who is now at West Point, will arrive here Monday to spend a week with his brother, Dr. I. W. Faison. Mr. E. R. McElwee, of Yorkville,

Hornets' Nest chapter. There is no limit to the number which may be several days.

Mr. D. M. Carpenter, of Maiden, and Mr. D. M. Carpenter, of Mr. D. M. Carpetter, of Mr. D. M. Carpetter is down on business.

Mr. Ernest J. Bush made a hand-Miss Ohla Brown, of Concord, is pending several days in the city with some bouquet of bridesmaid roses Miss Nancy Brown, at her home on and presented it to the President last

night. The roses were the handsomest Mr. J. M. Hause, of Greensboro, ever seen in Charlotte. Mrs. Brevard Springs and Mrs. T. B. Gautier will entertain the Married People's Pleasure club tomorrow

There were 172 bales of cotton re-Coddington and Mr. Lee A. Folger ceived at the platform yesterday. will move to Charlotte the 1st of The highest price paid was 5.92 1-2. representative of the Buick Motor company, of Flint, Mich., and he and Mr. J. F. Carlton, and helds. Statesville, are at the Buford. in Charlotte. Mr. Coddington is came here from Statesville last night handling the general business and and will remain here several days, Mr. P. O. Leak and bride, of Winston, will arrive here tonight from

Miss Shirley Montgomery, of Con-the south. They will stop at the cord, is visiting her brother, Dr. J. Buford. C. Montgomery, on South Tryon Hon. Thomas Settle, of Greensboro is at the Central.

ing that I hope you will continue to of the finest hospital in the stand by these people until justice is south for this city. done them.

CHAS. G. GILREATH. Wilkesboro, Dec. 12.

DAILY REMINDER

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS." county, of course, has since about eral elections in Great Britain, has of Company I, 321st infantry. Eightjust rounded out his second year in leth division, icalism has made him at times "one the the states of Virginia and Tennessee has loomed up as "the man of the to send the gun to Asheville were hour." He is pre-eminently the Brit- secured.

go," energetic, determined and fearless. Though a little man, almost frail in physique, he has been such meaning of extreme poverty in his youth and received only a limited passed

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

Chili. tember 24, 1912.

George W. Goldsborough, who trench mud. wrote one of the first naval histories of the United States. died in Washington, D. C. Born (Rocky Mount Dispatch to Wilat Cambridge, Md., April 18,

Germany, August 26, 1819, national debet.

first Roman Catholic bishop of Helena, Mont.

Germans. 1916—Germans and Austrian peace sult. He was puzzled. The sound

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE had never seen before. As to how WAR. General Kaledine, leader of the

Don Cossacks, reported to be under House naval affairs committee a Washington ordered an investigation into the navy department's conduct of the war.

Secretary Daniels announced the forming of an allied naval council including representatives of England, France, the United States, Italy and Japan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS. Prince Albert, second son of King George, born 23 years ago today. Sir W. W. Cheyne, surgeon general

of the British navy, born 66 years Blondin. postmaster general of Canada, born 44 years ago today.

Ashley H. Robertson, recently pro-

moted to be a rear admiral of the United States navy, born in Illinois, Brig. Gen. Charles G. Long, of the United States Marine corps, born in Massachusetts, 49 years ago today.

Rt. Hev. Frank A. McElwain, hotel and registered for her in antici-bishop of the Episcopal diocess of pation of her coming. Police are Minnesota, born at Warsaw, N. Y., sending news of the couple's arrest to 43 .years ago today.

TAR HEEL PRINTS

The Watts Hospital.

(From The Durham Herald.) No program of progress in Dur-am's history will reach nearer to the hearts of people in general than that announced yesterday by the

Buncombe Boys and Their Gun.

(From The Asheville Citizen.) As announced in the news columns of this issue, Asheville has a chance to secure a valuable relic-as well

as a tribute to the prowess of Buncombe county's soldiers-in the shape of a captured German gun, something on the order of the famous David Lloyd George, whose politi- French "seventy-fives." It was taken cal future is at stake in today's gen- in a hot engagement by the members this company being of the most hated men of England," eventually have to turn it in to the particularly among the aristocracy, ordnance department unless permis-but on more numerous occasions he sion from the U.S. war department

Lieutenant Lockhart.

(From The Wadesboro Ansonian.) Lieut. James A. Lockhart, one of the best known attorneys of the knows the meaning of defeat. A town who volunteered and entered Welshman by blood, he knew the the service soon after the United States declared war on Germany, through Wadesboro Friday education. His public career began morning on No. 5. He was wounded with his election to parliament when in France and goes to Atlanta to enter an army hospital. He was seen at the station by Mr. Luther Ingram and gave him his overcoat and field 829-Commencement of civil war in glasses to be delivered to his brother, Postmaster S. S. Lockhart. The over-1835-Sir Richard Cartwright, for coat is a little the worse for wear many years a leading states- and is mute evidence of what our man of Canada, born at Kings- men have passed through at the ton, Ont. Died there, Sep- front. There are some blood splotches on it and some of the now famous

Got Out of the Wagon.

mington Star.) 1779. One of the four army airplanes
Prince Albert, the husband of that passed over this city yesterday Queen Victoria, died at Wind-morning on their way from Langley sor castle. Born near Coburg, field, Virginia, to Wilmington, was cause for a descendant of the race, 1868-United States Congress voted David Livingstone when the dark against any repudiation of the continent was without a skylight, get ting a chilly morning bath in the Ta John B. Brondel consecrated river. Here's how it happened:

The said colored man was loading sand in a wagon near the river when Serblans reoccupied Belgrade, he heard the drone of the airplane following its evacuation by the motor. An airplane being a curiosity to him, he thought it was an auto-British on 65-mile front from mobile. He scanned the road on his Ypres to river Somme poured right for the approaching machine. destructive artillery fire on but saw nothing. He looked to the road on the left with the same renotes received in Washington. seemed to come from above. looked up-and saw something he he felt about it is told in his own words: "Man, when I saw dat thing, I was gittin' outa dat wagon."

COUPLE ARRESTED IN SALISBURY HOSTELRY

Charged With Passing Bogus Checks-They Are Also Wanted in Concord.

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 13 .- A man and wo man, who were registered at a local hotel as L. W. Goldman and wife, of South Carolina, are being held for superior court on a charge of check flashing. The check in question was tendered to a local garage for an inner tube. The couple were also fined \$25 each for registering as husband and wife. The woman admits her name is M. M. Culbertson, say the police, and the man says he was exhotel and registered for her in anticiother towns where check flashing has been carried on recently. Concord has already unswered by sending four warrants for the couple.

FLU SERIOUS IN CHESTER.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 13 .- Influenza s again serious in this city and in numerous sections of Chester county. The malady is decidedly milder in form than when it first appeared here, approximately 60 of trustees of the Watts hos. The epidemic has not yet reached the pital. The goal to which the program stage where it is thought necessary