# PRISONER IS SAFE AGAIN

## THE MILITIA IS DISCHARGED

**The Fear of Lynching in Washington County All Over and Troops Are Discharged—Big Four Railway Files Answer With Corporation Commission—Four Charters Granted Yesterday—Republicans Talking Very Much About Their Club at the Capital City—Companies Are Volunteering For Service in Coast Defense Manoeuvres—Raleigh Firm Chosen as Architects of Building For Nurses at Morganton.**

Observer Bureau,
The Holleman Building,
Raleigh, Feb. 14.

Governor Glenn this afternoon had a telegram from Sheriff W. J. Johnson, of Washington county, regarding the threatened lynching of a prisoner there, the telegram saying that all fear of trouble had passed and that the naval reserves, who, at the request of the sheriff, were called out last night, had been discharged and that the prisoner was safe and secure.

The D. A. Tompkins Textile Society, which numbers 50 members, had a very interesting meeting to-day at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. It embraces all the students in the textile department, which is greater this term than ever before. It is said that this department is doing excellent work, the equipment being more complete than heretofore.

Ex-Revenue Collector E. C. Duncan, now one of the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line, to-day packed up his papers and moved out of his old office in the Federal Building into the one in the Tucker Building. The new collector, Wheeler Martin, will be here in a few days, it is expected, and take charge.

The exercises at Cary High School, at Cary, were suspended this afternoon on account of the death of the wife of Mayor Jordan, of that town.

RALEIGH FIRM CHOSEN.

The Bickett commission, which has in charge the insane asylum, met here to-day. It chose Barrett & Thompson, of Raleigh, architects for the nurses' building at the Morganton hospital, which is to cost $25,000 and which will, by removing the nurses from the main building, give room for one hundred more patients.

BIG FOUR FILES ANSWER.

To-day the Big Four Railway, which has important connections with the Louisville & Nashville and the Norfolk & Western, filed its answer with the corporation commission in the matter of a complaint of discrimination against North Carolina cities and towns in favor of Virginia points. The two other roads named filed their answers some days ago. It is understood that this matter will soon come on to be heard by the inter-State commerce commission at a session at Raleigh and it is expected that this will be some time next month, as everything is now about ready for this very important consideration of a matter which has certainly caused a great deal of stir in North Carolina.

The Republicans were doing quite a lot of talking to-day about their club here and they said that at the meeting last night there were 78 applications for membership. Postmaster Briggs, so active in party work here, was the originator of the club. The members say they are about 150 strong.

The resignation of First Lieutenant H. M. Williams, of Company M, First Regiment, at High Point, has been accepted. He becomes a member of the battalion staff.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

Charters are granted the Punchinello Bottling Company, of Goldsboro; the Carolina Grocery Company, of Fayetteville, capital stock $50,000; the Bethune Drug Company, of Aberdeen, and the Health and Home Community Company, of Aberdeen, capital stock $50,000, the purpose of the last-named being to have a settlement, model village, etc.

Companies are volunteering for service at the coast defense maneuvers at Fort Caswell, those so far offering being Company D, First Regiment, Salisbury; Company B, Third Regiment, Raleigh; Companies D and E, Second Regiment, Goldsboro, and Company G, Second Regiment, Washington.

## BEGINS ON ROAD WORK.

**Contractor of Durham's New Roadway to Person County Arrives and Will Soon Have Hands Busy—Defies Court's Order and Goes to Chaingang—Valuable Piece of Bull City Property Transferred.**

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 14.—C. L. Peters, the contractor who secured the contract for the building of the $75,000 macadamized road to the Person county line, has arrived from his home in Knoxville, Tenn., and is making preliminary arrangements for the beginning of the work on the 19th inst. He went out on the roadway to-day to select his camp sites and get a general idea of where to begin the work. Mr. Peters' part of the contract on this twelve-mile piece of roadway is to grade and macadamize the road, but the bridge building will be let in a separate contract or the work done by the county forces. There will be seven of these bridges.

The new steel bridge over Elerbee creek, near the city, is now almost completed and travel has been resumed over it. This bridge has a steel span of about 75 feet.

The extremely bad and disagreeable weather is interfering with the work of the large convict forces on the roads. There are eighty of these convicts and with favorable weather a great deal of work could be done within the next month or so.

At the recent term of Durham Superior Court George Smith, a young white man, was tried on the charge of selling whiskey and convicted. He was given six months on the roads but the plea of the defendant was that he was suffering from a severe case of catarrh and if given a chance would leave the county and go to Baltimore for treatment. He agreed to pay a fine of $50. He was allowed to pay the fine and the additional sentence was imposed provided he was found in the county after five days. Smith also had a case in the Federal Court and he was allowed to pay a fine if he left the State. This morning he was loafing about the union depot when Sheriff Harward picked him up and he was sent to the road gang for six months.

This morning a deed was recorded in the office of register of deeds in which a piece of unimproved property on Main street, next to the public library property, changed hands. This belonged to the North Carolina Trust Company, of Greensboro, and it was sold to the Southern Real Estate Company, also of Guilford county. The purchase price was $11,100. On account of the shape of the lot the price paid is one that shows there is not so very much fall in real estate here.

## DIES WITH HIS BOOTS ON.

**"Big-Hearted Charley" Kruger, New York's Deputy Fire Chief, Bravely Meets the Death He Has Defied For Years—Metropolitan Department Keenly Feels the Blow.**

New York, Feb. 14.—"Big-Hearted Charley" Kruger, best beloved of New York's fire fighters, met to-day the death he had defied for 36 years.

From the day in 1872, when a lad of 20 years, he entered the department, Deputy Fire Chief Charles W. Kruger had never known physical fear. To his mates he seemed to bear a charmed life. Something of this feeling may have possessed the deputy for when the uniform was removed from the lifeless body to-day a newspaper clipping told of a seemingly miraculous escape from death in early boyhood and the story bore the headline: "This boy wasn't born to be killed."

Not since the death of Chief Bresnan has the department felt a blow as keenly as it did this last stroke of the ill-fortune which has been with it ever since the Parker Building fire, in which three men lost their lives, and followed to the recent Worth street fire in which two were killed. It was a common remark that Kruger never "sent" but always "led," and when his cheery call "come on, boys," rang out for the last time, a dozen men were at his heels. The situation was desperate. The buildings at 215 and 217 Canal street were in flames and the whole block was threatened. Chief Croker had refused to order his men into the buildings, but had consented to Kruger's venture. "Chief, there's no hope of getting into the basement of 217," the grizzled deputy had said. "Our only chance is to go down into the cellar of 215 and cut a hole through the separating walls. Come on boys."

Into the cellar filled with water, smoke and overwhelming fumes from melted gas pipes, the men threw themselves. Groping in advance, Kruger stumbled through a trap door and presently was floundering helplessly in six feet of water. Unable to see, the other men heard a splash and then a cry: "Save me, Andy."

"Andy" had driven his chief to his first fire and shadowed him into every succeeding danger. Ten minutes later unconscious form of "Big-Hearted Charley" was stretched on the pavement and Chief Croker on his knees beside it, begged the department surgeons: "For God's sake do something."

Resort was had to every expedient, but before his last fire had burned itself out the soot-grimmed fighter was dead. Rising to his feet, Chief Croker slipped his coat from his back and spreading it over the face of his deputy, clambered into his big red machine.

## MAKING FACTORY AN ARMORY.

**Durham's Military Company to Have Splendid Meeting Place—Wilmington Firm to Wire New $200,000 Church—Bank Election.**

Special to The Observer.

Durham, Feb. 14.—The city owns the old Pride of Durham brick factory a three-story structure, this having been purchased in connection with a lot of the city stables and the hook and ladder company. The third floor is now being remodeled and put in shape to be turned over to the new military company for an armory and meeting place. It will make a large and very fine armory hall and is to be equipped with individual lockers for the clothing and equipments, and other improvements will be made.

The contract for the electrical work in the Memorial Methodist church—the new church for the Main Street Methodist congregation—has been awarded by Contractor N. Underwood to the Southern Electrical Company, of Wilmington. The wiring of this large edifice will be quite a large contract. The work is to begin at once.

The People's Bank of East Durahm has elected officers and directors for the ensuing year. At the meeting when this was done the usual dividend was declared and the bank was shown to be in fine shape. The directors of the bank are: Messrs. J. Harper Erwin, R. H. Lewis, Jr., George H. Ross, R. G. Jones, Y. E. Smith, Elerbee Powe, J. B. Mason, O. K. Proctor, T. H. Alford, C. A. Crabtree and J. W. Wilkinson. The directors elected the following officers: Y. E. Smith, president; O. K. Proctor, vice president, and J. W. Wilkinson, cashier.

## JUDGE HUNDLEY TESTIFIES.

**He Appears Before Senate Committee Which is Investigating Charges Against His Confirmation.**

Washington, Feb. 14.—United States Judge O. W. Hundley, of the Northern district of Alabama, testified in his own defense to-day before a subcommittee of the Senate committee on the judiciary, which is investigating charges against his confirmation. From testimony already offered, it appears that the fight against Judge Hundley centres around his change of politics in 1896 from Democratic to Republican on account of the silver issue. The judge to-day submitted a letter written by the late Senator Morgan to the President declaring that the change made by Judge Hundley "displayed so much manliness that his motives could not be assailed." It had been charged also that he did not possess sufficient legal experience to qualify him to sit on the bench. He showed to-day that he had the unanimous endorsement of the Supreme Court of Alabama and 90 per cent. of the members of the Alabama bar. Charges in relation to certain receivership appointments will be considered to-morrow, when the judge will conclude his statement.

**Boiler Explosion Works Havoc in School Room.**

Adrian, Mo., Feb. 14.—An explosion of a boiler in the basement of the public school to-day tore away the floor of the primary department and precipitated a teacher and sixty pupils into the basement, burning and scalding many of them frightfully. The teacher and half of the pupils sustained severe injuries. Miss Maude Morgan, the teacher, was found under a pile of hot cinders and other rubbish. She was severely burned. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, OWING TO A PERSISTENT COUGH. RELIEF FOUND AT LAST.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Harper, editor of The Burley, Cole., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

## FLEET PASSES VALPARAISO.

**Chileans Review the Great Warships and Their Enthusiasm Knows No Bounds—Callao, Peru, the Next Stopping Place.**

Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 14.—The great American fleet of 16 battleships, under the command of Rear Admiral Evans, passed Valparaiso this afternoon and continued on its voyage northward for Callao, Peru, the next stopping place. All Valparaiso and thousands of persons from every city in Chile witnessed the passing of the fleet. President Montt and the other high officials of the republic came out from shore to greet the battleships and almost the entire Chilean navy exchanged salutes with them as they swung around Curaumilla point and into Valparaiso bay in single file, headed by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco and five Chilean torpedo boat destroyers.

Turning sharp around Curaumilla point at 10 minutes after 2 o'clock this afternoon, the Chacabuco and the five Chilean destroyers led the Connecticut and her sister ships into the view of the thousands who waited their appearance since dawn. The day was perfect.

President Montt and other Chilean officials embarked on the training ship General Baquedano and took a position well out in the harbor. Around the Baquedano the fleet swung at a speed of four knots, firing the presidential salute as they passed in review. It was one hour from the time the head of the fleet entered the bay until the last vessel had passed the President's ship and turned toward the open sea. Then the Baquedano lifted anchor and escorted the fleet well out of the bay and on its way to the north.

The shipping in the harbor and the principal buildings in the city were dressed for the occasion, as the day was observed as a holiday in honor of the fleet.

The enthusiasm of the Chileans was almost boundless, and they cheered lustily, as each battleship of the fleet swept around the reviewing ship, their sides lined with jackies in immaculate white, and the bands playing patriotic airs.

## NEW YORK BONDS 104.

**Issue of $50,000,000 Over-Subscribed Six Times—1,168 Bids Made—Result Exceeds the Most Optimistic Predictions.**

New York, Feb. 14.—Exceeding the most optimistic predictions and indicating the strength of the investment demand after the monetary crisis, the $50,000,000 issue of New York City 4 1-2 per cent. bonds the largest lot offered for public subscription by the city, was over-subscribed six times to-day. No less than 1,168 bids were made and Comptroller Metz said that he believed 104 would get the bonds, a higher price than for the last offering of $40,000,000 bonds at 4 1-2 per cent., which, though over-subscribed four times, brought the city about 102.063.

The highest price offered to-day was 106, and a syndicate composed of J. P. Morgan & Co., Harvey Fiske & Son, the First National Bank and the National City Bank bid 103.377 for $47,000,000 worth of 1957 stock and 100.377 for the $3,000,000 assessment bonds of 1917.

## COTTON MILLS EMBARRASSED.

**Depression in New England Cotton Manufacturing Industry Has Not Been Dissipated—Curtailment Has Not Relieved the Situation.**

Boston, Feb. 14.—Information received from interests prominently connected with the cotton manufacturing industry indicates that the depression in their line has ot been dissipated and that many manufacturers still are having difficulty in securing ready money. In view of these conditions those identified with cotton manufacturing now admit that the curtailment of 25 per cent. of the working time, decided upon about three months ago, did not entirely relieve the situation, and they say that a general reduction in wages of the operatives seems inevitable.

It is claimed that there has been a falling off in orders of the mills and that the prices received for cotton cloth have been declining.

There are about 185,000 persons employed in the cotton mills of New England when all the machinery is in motion.

**Dock Laborers Indicted by Grand Jury.**

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—Seventy-two men, representative of all the classes of labor employed on the New Orleans river front and who compose a union known as the dock and cotton council, were indicted by the United States grand jury to-day on the charge of conspiring to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The indictments followed the refusal of the dock and cotton council to permit the coal wheelers' union to coal the steamer Habil, which cleared here several days ago for Puerto Cortez.

**Flotilla Through the Strait.**

Puerto Montt, Chile, Feb. 14.—The United States torpedo destroyer flotilla arrived at this place to-day after a safe and pleasant passage through the channels from the Strait of Magellan, along the coast of Chile. It was piloted through by Lieutenant Roseas, of the Chilean navy. The arrival of the Americans was greeted with enthusiasm.

**West Virginia Senate Defeats House Liquor Bill.**

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 14.—The proposed constitutional amendment to prevent the manufacture and sale of liquor in this State except for scientific and medicinal purposes, which passed the House by 67 to 12, was to-day defeated in the Senate by a vote of 19 to 11 against, a two-thirds vote being necessary to carry the measure. One member was absent because of sickness.

**Four-Master on Fire at Sea.**

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 14.—Passengers arriving here from New York by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's steamer Coamo report that at 4 a. m., February 11th, the Coamo passed a four-masted schooner which was on fire. The steamer, according to the passengers, did not stop to ascertain if assistance was required.

**Neighborhood Favorite**

Mrs. E. D. Chaires, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alterative tonic is sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c.

## ANECDOTES OF POPULAR AUTHORS.

CLUB HONORS NICHOLSON.

That a prophet is sometimes honored in his own country is evidenced by the recent election of Meredith Nicholson, the author of Rosalind at Red Gate, to the presidency of the University Club, of Indianapolis, his native city. The club is one of the most famous social organizations in the West and has an individuality as marked and a hospitality as hearty as that of the Hoosier capital itself. To be elected to the highest honor in the power of a club whose membership includes, or has included, such names as those of Benjamin Harrison—the club's first president—Vice President Fairbanks, General Lew Wallace, James Whitcomb Riley, Hugh H. Hanna, George Ade and Booth Tarkington, is certainly a certificate of high regard.

A MYSTERY IN LITERATURE.

Emphatically more exotic than the ordinary has been the recent environment of Hallie Erminie Rives, and this fact has sprung a curious story concerning the way in which her exciting novel, Satan Sanderson, came into existence. The story of Satan Sanderson took shape in the mind of Miss Rives at a time when she was deeply interested in Oriental literature. Strong as this interest was, however, no evidence of it crept into the pages of the book, which deals with modern American life only. The author was conscious, however, that the manuscript grew more rapidly after she had been delving into the lore of the East, and that the most thrilling passages invariably followed upon the reading of Japanese stories. A remarkable explanation was advanced in the later. Following the publication of the book Miss Rives became the wife of George Post Wheeler, third secretary of the American Embassy to Japan, and the Wheelers took up their residence in Tokio. Here Mrs. Wheeler purchased one day, in a curio dealer's shop, a single-leaf screen (tsuitate), on which was painted the background which the Japanese portrait painter usually adopts when wishing to show that his sitter is a person engaged in literary pursuits. The unique feature of this screen was that the central portion was blank, the background merely marking the outline of a woman. The dealer explained that the screen had formerly borne Hichigawa Kichibei's portrait of Murasaki no Shikibu, famous in Japanese history as the country's most distinguished woman novelist. The dealer had been astonished to note shortly after the tsuitate came into his possession that on some days the portrait of Murasaki faded out so that it could hardly be distinguished, returning to its original brilliancy only to fade out again. This curious phenomenon continued until finally, on the 10th of August, 1907, the famous Japanese woman vanished from the screen completely, leaving visible only the outline of her form.

Remembering Miss Rives's hours of inspiration, which had followed those spent in reading the mysterious legends of the East, it gives one a strange thrill to learn that the date of the final disappearance of the portrait was the date of the first appearance of Miss Rives's novel, Satan Sanderson.

SPELLING SUCCESS WITH A "B."

Louis Joseph Vance believes that for him there is good luck in the letter B. Last year he published the very successful Brass Bowl, and this year he names his new novel The Black Bag. Vance says he has gone the spelling reformers one better in that he spells success with a B. In this connection it is reported that an enterprising trunk manufacturer who makes a specialty of a certain style of black traveling bag has asked for a price on a good round lot of Vance's Black Bag with the idea of offering the story as a premium to purchasers of his own specialty. Yankee shrewdness is evidently not being dulled by over civilization.

## SUICIDE IN JAPAN.

**Becoming More Frequent—Women and the Young Give Large Percentage.**

New York Sun.

A Russian statistician, M. Tarnowsky, is authority for the statement that suicide has increased more than 50 per cent. in Japan in recent years. While the number of cases was about 144 to 100,000 inhabitants in the early '90s, it is now in excess of 205 annually. The old fashioned method of harakiri plays no part in the increase. It is practiced, if at all, only by members of the higher classes. Hanging and drowning are the usual methods of the people at large.

Women furnish a very unusual proportion of these tragedies. Whereas the proportion of the whole number of suicides to the population is about the same as in France, the number of women suicides is about twice as great. In France one-fifth of all cases approximately are of women; in Japan they are two-fifths. Jealousy is the usual motive. For 500 French women who kill themselves for this reason there are 1,800 Japanese women.

Another strange feature is the precocity of those who are tired of life. In France about seventy-five children under 16 years of age commit suicide every year; in Japan the number is 225. In France about twenty-one out of every hundred suicides and in Japan about thirty-five are less than 30 years of age. The women are relatively a larger proportion among the young than the old.

Women in Japan furnish only 8 per cent. of the total criminality of the empire, so Tarnowsky concludes that they are more virtuous yet more unhappy than European women.

## A CHINESE TRICK.

**Rests Gun Across Arm When He Shoots to Kill.**

Boston Herald.

One peculiar fact developed in the course of the trial in the Superior Court of nine Chinamen charged with the murder of one of their countrymen, and that is no Chinamen when using a revolver levels it straight at a person or at an object, but rests the muzzle of the "gun" on his left forearm, and with the right hand holding the butt discharges the weapon.

Counsel wanted an explanation, but could not obtain it, and later a member of one of the tongs in the corridor was asked for a reason.

"Don't know why a gun is used in that manner," was the response, "unless it insures more secrecy than the American way. For instance, a Chinaman may wrap the gun in the folds of his sleeve, leaving only the barrel hole free. Then a shot may be fired, when it would appear as though the one who discharged the weapon had his arms folded. There would be no glint of steel and nothing but a curl of smoke to tell who discharged the weapon."

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**Wisconsin Delegates Instructed to Vote For Bryan.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 14.—The Wisconsin delegation to the national Democratic convention at Denver was to-day, at the closing session of the State convention, instructed to vote as a unit for William Jennings Bryan, as the Democratic nominee for President, first, last and all the time. The platform containing the instructions was unanimously adopted by the convention by a rising vote.

The platform re-affirms allegiance to the time-honored principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, declares hostility to Republican national administrations, charges that party with appalling abuses and eulogizes William J. Bryan as the greatest living American statesman.

**Legal Execution in Virginia.**

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 14.—George Midgets, alias William Johnson, a negro, was hanged at the city jail yard to-day for the murder of Charles Smith, on October 20th, 1906.

**Big Fire at Charlottesville.**

Richmond, Va., Feb. 14.—The warehouse of the Michie Grocery Company, at Charlottesville, was destroyed by fire to-day. Loss $70,000; insurance $60,000.

**ECZEMA**

A few years ago I had a terrible case of eczema to break out on my foot. My foot became fearfully swollen and was covered with running sores. The itching and pain were past description, and it was for several weeks I was confined to my bed and not able to walk a step. My whole system became run down from the trouble. After trying various medicines without avail, my physician suggested that I try Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy and Wash. In one week's time I was able to walk, and by the time I took two bottles I was well, and have never had a touch of eczema since. I cannot say too much for the Remedy and Wash, for it worked wonders in my case, and was not long in doing it, either.

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