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EMPEROR FRANCES JOSEPH DIED TUESDAY NIGHT.

Emperor of Austria Dead—Archduke Charles Francis His Successor.

Emperor Francis Joseph died Tuesday night at nine o'clock, according to a dispatch from Vienna, by the first intimation received that Emperor Francis Joseph's health was the subject of solicitude was emanating from a Vienna news agency, which reported that the Emperor had been suffering for some time from a slight catarrhal affection. Subsequent reports from various sources, more or less conflicting, represented that his condition was becoming worse, but none of them indicated that his illness threatened to reach a critical state, and Emperor Francis came assurances that he was still able to give audiences to his ministers daily.

What gave some credence to the opinion that his condition was much worse than the official bulletins indicated was the report, which still is official confirmation, that it had been decided to associate the heir to the throne Archduke Charles Francis in the government of the country and that he was to assume the throne on December 2, on the sixtieth anniversary of the Emperor's accession to the throne.

As far as is known Archduke Charles is still at the front in command of the army.

The death of Francis Joseph is a remarkable climax to the long list of tragedies in the Hapsburg family, a list of unparalleled in any other ruling house in Europe. He dies in the midst of the world's greatest tragedy, which he himself largely averted by his determination to avenge the act of assassination of his nephew, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, as the result of an alleged Serbian conspiracy while on a State visit to Bosnia on June 28, 1914.

Francis Joseph was 86 years old at the time of his death. He was born August 18, 1830. He was only 67 years of age when he ascended the throne of Austria, upon the abdication of his uncle, Ferdinand I, in 1848, making his active reign extend over a period of 68 years, all but the first 20 of which was also Apostolic King of Hungary. It is doubtful that if in all his reign there has been an active, autocratic reign that was longer.

History says a Pharaoh ruled 70 years and there is the more credible instance of Rameses II., Seos of the Greeks, whose reign is reputed to have covered 67 years. But recorded history there certainly has been no reign of equal duration that of Francis Joseph. Louis XIV, of France, was nominally King 72 years. A closer rival, and the longest of modern times was Queen Victoria, who reigned for 64 years.

The aged monarch, although he suffered serious inroads upon his health for many years past, was strong enough to keep a firm grip upon the affairs of State almost to the last. There were repeated reports of a serious illness from a bronchial affection and frequently rumors of his death, which were proven unfounded when official announcements were made from Vienna. Some of the reports asserted that his mind had been affected through worry over the great war, but the truth of these reports was not admitted.

On November, 1915, on the occasion of a visit of Emperor William of Germany to Vienna, it was rumored that Francis Joseph was about to make a possible move for a separate peace, but owing to the strict censorship in Austria there was no confirmation of such report.

Special Term of Court Ordered.

Monday, Dec. 11, With Judge Ferguson Presiding.

A petition of local attorneys for a special term of court for the trial of criminal cases has been ordered for the county by Governor Craig, the term having been made the latter part of last week. The special term opens Monday, December 11 and will continue for one week. Judge H. Ferguson, of Waynesville, will preside. All defendants and witnesses are asked to take notice.

LEGAL CONTROVERSY VERY HEATED IN TENTH

Congressional Fight Being Bitterly Waged—New Developments Daily.

Arguments in the mandamus hearing in the congressional controversy in the Tenth District occupied the session yesterday.

Judge Adams expressed the opinion that the whole controversy presented only a few questions of law and that in this there appeared to be only slight controversy between the two parties. He said that what he wished to determine was the following:

Whether the registrars and judges of election at precincts made legal returns on the local vote to the canvassing board at its regular meeting on November 9. If so, that question of law arises:

Did the registrars and judges become functus officio.

If they did, did they have the right to make supplemental returns.

If the returns were made, did the board legally canvass the returns and certify to the result.

If so was this done on November 9?

If the board took this action on November 9, did it become functus officio, except insofar as to certify the results to the proper authorities?

If the proper returns had not been canvassed on November 9, had they been since?

If so, when were they made and what were they?

The contentions of the attorneys for Mr. Britt were that the canvassing board canvassed the returns at its meeting on November ninth and that in each and every precinct where amended and supplemental returns were made—five in all—such returns were absolutely worthless, that the board had no power to accept or consider them, as it had already received the original returns. The argument of the attorneys for the board was based on the contention that the board had not reached the conclusions alleged by the plaintiff, for the reason that all the returns had not been received at that time.

Attorneys for the board of canvassers and Weaver had argued the only question for his honor was: did the board determine and adjudicate the returns on November 9. They contended that the weight of testimony showed such was not the case. A surprise was sprung Tuesday afternoon when counsel for Mr. Britt made the charge that the chairman of the county canvassers' board had failed to sign the abstract of the election returns forwarded to Raleigh, the State Capital, and the attorneys argued that such failure invalidated the findings and proceedings of the board.

Each session brings new and surprising situations and the case grows more complicated daily. More sensations are expected before it is finished.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McCall, of Hay, Wash., are visiting Mrs. J. H. Hoffman and other relatives in Burke and Caldwell. Mr. McCall, who is president of the Washington-Idaho division of the farmers' union of America, has gone on to Florida to attend the national meeting there. Mrs. J. H. Hoffman will return to Washington with them next week for a short visit. From there she will go to Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. McRary.

Morganton relatives and friends were deeply interested in the marriage last Saturday evening in Durham of Miss Margaret Locke Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, and Mr. James Walter Glenn, of Winston-Salem. It was a very brilliant affair and attended by many notable people from North Carolina and other States. The bride is a niece of Mr. J. Ernest Erwin, of Morganton, and Misses Matilda and Mary Lou Erwin, of Bellevue.

The Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra will give a concert at the graded school auditorium next Monday night, the 27th, for the benefit of the school library. There will be no reserved seats. A general admission of 35 cents will be charged for adults and 20 cents for school children. Tickets will be sold by the school children and at the door the night of the concert, which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

DEUTSCHLAND IS AGAIN ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE.

Carries \$2,000,000 Cargo and Official Mail For Emperor William.

The German merchant submarine Deutschland with a \$2,000,000 cargo and official mail for Emperor William abroad, made another start for Bremen Tuesday afternoon, her dash last Friday being frustrated when she sank a convoying tug, necessitating return to port for minor repairs.

Her skipper, Paul Koenig, instead of stealing out to sea under the cover of darkness as last week, boldly steered down the harbor in broad daylight and without convoy. Local marines were surprised when he again elected to send his craft through the dangerous waters of the Race, where the collision occurred in which five of the tug's crew were drowned.

Bridgewater Items.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

We are glad to note that Mr. Robt. Winkler, who has been so seriously ill for the past two weeks, is slightly improved. His daughters, Mrs. Hildebrand, of Kansas, and Mrs. Bob Tuttle, of Atlanta, and son, Harrison, of Lenoir, have been with him.

Miss Tressie Ballew, who has been sick for several days, returned to Nebo Sunday where she has been in school.

There has been a series of accidents here during the past week. Little Ruth Anthony fell and broke her arm just below the elbow, both bones being broken. Little Willie Morris fell off the porch, catching in an empty barrel, pulling it off on him, breaking his lower limb just above the ankle. Mr. Robert Seals had the misfortune of having a log roll from a wagon and crushing his foot very badly. Dr. Long, of Glen Alpine, was called in to set the broken limbs and also to dress the crushed foot. We hope it will only be a few weeks until they can be out again.

Mr. Boregard Mangum, who lives about three miles from here, had a barn and all the contents, hay and other roughness, harness, etc., destroyed by fire Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Dallas Rowe passed through here Saturday on his way to his mother's, Mrs. A. E. Rowe, on North Muddy creek. After being in an explosion in Virginia some time back he was brought to Glen Alpine and placed under the care of Dr. Hennessy. We are glad he will be able to see with one eye. The other had to be removed.

Mr. Dan Rowe made a business trip to Asheville one day last week.

Mrs. Link, of Hickory, came up last Monday to see her uncle, Mr. Robert Winkler.

Mr. J. N. Yeltan was a business visitor in Morganton Saturday.

Miss Norah Ballew and two little nieces, Louise and Josephine Abernethy, visited friends at Marion Junction Saturday.

Mrs. Jay Ballew, of Marion, visited Mrs. R. A. Abernethy here Sunday.

Mr. M. F. Tate spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, at Glenwood.

Misses Pinkie Tate and Norah Ballew spent Friday with friends at Nebo.

Messrs. E. A. Beaman and R. A. Conley were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Abner Seals opened school at the Epley schoolhouse last Monday.

Mr. Astor Yeltan left last week for Hiawasse College, Tenn., where he has entered school for the winter.

Messrs. G. C. Conley and W. R. Bailey, of Marion, were business visitors here one day last week.

Mr. John W. Ballew spent several days the first of the week in Marion on business.

Miss Alice Pratt, of Marion, McDowell's school supervisor, spent Friday here.

Mr. Bob Tuttle, of Lenoir, was here for a few days last week.

Mrs. Harrison Winkler, of Lenoir, spent a few days here last week with her father-in-law, Mr. B. H. Winkler.

Mr. Pat Thompson made a business trip to Morganton Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Kincaid was a welcome visitor here Monday.

We notice that a number of visitors are taking advantage of the bird season and shots can be heard in plenty, but we can't say just how many birds they are bagging.

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COUNCIL MEETING HERE LAST WEEK.

Thirty Prominent Women From Different Parts of the State Compose Council—Interesting Sessions.

The mid-winter council of the Federation of Women's Clubs in session here last week from Wednesday evening through Friday was a gathering of notable women from every section of the State, women who are leaders in social and intellectual life not only in their own communities, but in the State at large. The Council is composed of the Federation officers, the chairmen of the different departments and the sub-chairmen of the districts. There were thirty council members in attendance upon the meeting at Morganton, which was in a way a preparatory meeting for the general Federation meeting at Durham next May.

The meeting began with an executive board meeting Wednesday evening in the superintendent's office at the School for the Deaf. The first meeting of the entire council was held at the Rest Room Thursday morning. The opening address of the president, Mrs. Thomas W. Lingle, of Davidson, was thoughtful and impressive. The matter of the framing of a bill providing for the establishment of a State department of public welfare was discussed, and later it was decided that such a bill should be prepared and introduced at the next General Assembly.

The afternoon meeting was held in the amusement hall at the State Hospital, and the business of the morning was resumed. Reports were received from the chairmen of the different committees.

Mrs. J. M. Chamberlain, of Raleigh, gave an interesting report of her committee on laws and legislation; Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Asheville, reported the work of the Social Service department. Miss Elizabeth Schwarburg, of Southern Pines, read an excellent report on Health, and Miss Mary Ragan, of Gastonia, gave an interesting report on Library Extension work.

Possibly one of the most enjoyable of the meetings of the Council was the open meeting at the Auditorium on Thursday, presided over by Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, second vice-president of the Federation, a most capable woman who made a splendid impression on the audience. Welcome was extended to the Council by Rev. C. E. Gregory for the town, Mrs. A. C. Avery for the United Charities (the hostess club) and Mrs. G. P. Erwin for the unfederated book clubs. Response for the Council was given by Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro. All of the addresses of welcome and the response were gems of beautiful thought.

Features of the meeting were the addresses of the president, Mrs. T. W. Lingle and Dr. A. A. McGeachy, who made a "hit" by the brilliant manner in which he handled his subject—"Books and Bonfires." Mrs. Lingle spoke in a most interesting way of the general work of the Federation.

Friday was also a full day. The morning was occupied by business sessions, in which reports and different phases of the Federation work were taken up.

An open meeting was again held in the afternoon at the school auditorium, when possibly the most interesting feature to the largest number was the illustrated lecture on "Conscience in Dress" or "Standardized Dressing," given by Mrs. Henry White, of High Point. Types of dresses from the early colonial period to the present were worn by the following young ladies of Morganton: Mrs. Robert Davis, Misses Augusta Bristol and Lillie Wynne McDowell, Mrs. E. L. Abernethy, Misses Georgia Riddle, Louise Wilson, Florence Pearson, Miriam Goodwin, Louise Walton, Cameron Pearson, Sarah Claywell, Mary Moses, Marguerite Osborne, Evelyn Mull, Ruth McNaughton, Rose Davis and Mrs. R. L. Huffman.

Preceding Mrs. White's address, Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Asheville, read a very interesting paper on Paganry, followed by short reports from the district chairmen.

The concluding paper on Friday afternoon's program was that read by Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Raleigh, on the subject of the club house and its relation to the community. Mrs.

DISTRICT JUNIOR MEETING HERE NEXT WEEK.

Held With Burkemont Council Nov. 29-30—Program.

The district meeting for the Fourth District, Jr. O. U. A. M., will be held in Morganton with Burkemont Council No. 44 next week, beginning as the program shows, on Wednesday evening, the 29th. Mr. J. L. Nelson, of Morganton, district deputy, will preside over the meetings.

The program follows:

Wednesday Night, 7:30 P. M. Meeting called to order by District Deputy.

Prayer—Rev. W. K. Houk. Organization. Roll call of Councils. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon, 3 P. M. Meeting called to order. Prayer—Rev. J. R. Williams. Reports from Councils. Selection of next place of meeting. General discussion for the good of the Order.

Adjournment.

Thursday Night, 7:30 P. M. Meeting called to order. Prayer. Address by J. W. Sechrest, Past State Councilor. Social meeting. Adjournment.

NEWS FROM CHESTERFIELD.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Mr. Alfred Miller, of Lenoir, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Nora Miller, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harbison spent Saturday in Morganton.

Mr. Charles Smith, of Rutherford College, visited friends here Saturday.

Quite a few from here attended the preaching at Antioch Sunday, Rev. S. A. Rhyne preaching a fine sermon.

Mrs. Charles Puett and children, of Morganton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clark, the last of the week. Mr. Clark has been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. Walter Fry, of Hickory, is spending some days with her mother, Mrs. Jack Kincaid.

Miss Clara Baird, of Broadoaks, at Morganton, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird.

Mr. Jay Clark, of Morganton, visited relatives on Lower creek several days the past week.

Misses Winnie and Gussie Smith were guests Saturday and Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

Mr. Pat Michael and daughters, Misses Ona and Lucy, who have been on a visit to relatives in Watauga and Wilkes counties, have returned. Mr. Michaels was accompanied home by his mother, who will spend some weeks with kinfolks in Burke.

Mrs. Jennie Crouch, of Hickory, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Jm Corpening, of Rutherford College, was a visitor here Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robey Kincaid and children, of Quaker Meadows, visited the home of Mrs. Kincaid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duckworth Sunday.

Messrs. McGimsey and Clark, of Morganton, were in this section Saturday hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harbison, and daughter, Miss Mary Lou Harbison, of Glen Alpine, were dinner guests of Mrs. A. C. Hensley Saturday en route to Lenoir to visit their son, Mr. Ernest Harbison, at Davenport College.

Services were held at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night and Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Swofford. Here's hoping he will be returned another year.

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Johnson, who is a native of Morganton and an exceptional woman in many respects, is president of the Raleigh Woman's Club and has had a big part in the erection of the Raleigh women's club house.

Three trainmen were injured when the Dixie Flyer, train No. 95 of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, jumped the track in a cut two miles south of Wauhatchie, Tenn. S. L. Brown, mail clerk of Belle Buckle, Tenn., was seriously cut and bruised.

Mr. R. B. Brittain came up Sunday from Salisbury for a short visit and was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. Marcus Brittain.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

A Glance of Happenings During the Week in Different Sections of North Carolina.

Shriners of the State took part in the ceremonies in New Bern for instituting a new Shrine temple there. Potentate A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, had charge of the ceremonies.

Gallatin Roberts, representative-elect from Buncombe county, has announced his candidacy for the speakership of the 1917 house of representatives of the general assembly.

Asheville is entertaining a number of notables this week. Henry Ford is a guest at Grove Park Inn. The daughter of O. Henry, Mrs. Caesare, is also an Asheville visitor. Senator Week, of Massachusetts, is in the city for a short visit.

Rev. J. D. Harte, for the past eight and a half years pastor of the First Baptist church at Hickory, Sunday tendered his resignation effective January 1st. The resignation was accepted. Mr. Harte has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Oxford.

Numerous representatives of Southern colleges and preparatory schools attended at Durham the 22nd annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, in session Monday and Tuesday. The meeting was held at Durham at the invitation of Trinity College.

It is estimated by the county chairman of the Democratic and Republican parties that Buncombe county has 2,000 men who could not vote in the election recently by reason of their being non-residents. The bulk of this large number of men is in Asheville and constitute health and pleasure seekers.

While holding a meeting in Asheville a few months ago, Rev. J. C. Owens, evangelist for the Baptist Mission Board, left his gold watch on the pulpit stand while he stepped down in front to exhort. When he looked for his watch it was gone. Recently it was returned to him, but the preacher refuses to tell how the timepiece got back.

Lockey Allen, a white mail carrier of Charlotte, was crushed to death between two autos last Saturday evening. Mr. Allen was riding a bicycle going home when the lights from the automobiles going in an opposite direction blinded him. He was caught between the cars and his body almost in two by the fenders. The cars were making good speed at the time of the accident. One was driven by A. J. Dunn and the other by W. W. Bergeron. He was a native of Anson county and is survived by a widow and four children.

JOTS FROM AMHERST.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benfield and two of their children have returned from an extended visit to Virginia, where Mr. Benfield has saw mills.

Amherst community is blessed with school teachers. Miss Antho Berry is teaching near Westminster, S. C.; Miss Lillie Berry at Collettsville; Miss Iola Bradshaw at Enon; F. L. Smith at Bunlevel academy; W. J. Benfield at Connelly Springs; H. S. Benfield at Saw Mills; Miss Jennie Whisnant a school in Caldwell county; Miss Nettie Brotherton has just finished a school in Caldwell; Miss Ora Eller soon begins at the new school, Bean and Lutes consolidated, and J. H. Whisnant at Amherst.

Amherst opened Monday of last week with J. H. Whisnant principal, and Miss Mary Tilley, of Granite Falls, assistant. The enrollment to date is 78. A great improvement has been made by placing patent desks in the advanced department.

Last Saturday night a debate was held at Amherst between Messrs. Horace Smith and Joe Cooper on the affirmative, H. S. Benfield and J. H. Whisnant on the negative, of the following question: Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished in North Carolina. The decision was given in favor of the negative.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Tilley, of Granite Falls, paid a visit Sunday to Miss Mary Tilley, their daughter, who is the assistant teacher at Amherst.

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