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MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

Traveling Men to Meet.—The annual meeting of the Great Council of the United Commercial Travelers will be held in Greensboro February 22.

Scott-Hughes.—Mr. Elmer Scott and Miss Pearl Hughes were married Thursday night at the home of Rev. R. P. Walker, on Asheboro street, who performed the ceremony.

Takes New Job.—Mr. Lex O'Brien, a well known pharmacist, who at the time held a position with Conners & Sykes, has accepted a position with Hutchens' drug store in Winston-Salem.

Lecture on Lee.—Dr. E. C. Brandon of the University of North Carolina, delivered a very interesting lecture in the Jamestown high school auditorium Friday night on "Robert E. Lee, the Gentleman."

Scotch Lecturer.—Rev. Dr. Hugh Black, a noted Scotch minister and lecturer, delivered an entertaining lecture at the State Normal and Industrial College Friday night on "America Through Scotch Spectacles."

Died Saturday Night.—Mrs. C. L. Seawell died Saturday night at her home at McAdoo heights, a short distance north of the city. She is survived by her husband and two children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fields, three brothers and a sister.

Aged Woman Dead.—Mrs. Austin C. Coble, one of the oldest women of southeastern Guilford, died at her home Friday morning. She was 80 years old and had been in feeble health for some time. She is survived by three sons and a daughter. The funeral was held at Low's church Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Bad Weather.—There have been many disagreeable days in Greensboro during the present winter, but yesterday just about the worst. A combination of sleet and rain that began falling about 11 o'clock in the forenoon continued until after nightfall, and this morning found the ground covered with a coating of ice that made walking both difficult and dangerous.

Death of Infant.—The 12-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Young died Thursday in New York, where it had been carried for surgical treatment. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the home of the parents on Tate street and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark and Rev. R. Murphy Williams.

Hiatt—Barker Wedding.—Mr. F. H. Hiatt, a well known young man residing near High Point, and Miss Gypsy Barker, who has been a teacher in the Glenwood school, were married Friday night at the home of Rev. J. Clyde Turner, who performed the ceremony. Mrs. Hiatt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barker, of Durham, and is an accomplished young woman.

Fair People Meet.—Representatives of a number of North Carolina fairs held a meeting here Saturday and engaged in a general discussion of matters relating to the business. It was decided to ask the legislature for certain legislation for the protection of fairs in this state. An organization was formed by the election of Edgar B. Moore, of Charlotte, as president; Garland Daniel, of Greensboro, secretary and treasurer, and several vice presidents.

Greek Goes Home.—Clarence Panagiotis, a member of Greensboro's Greek colony, left Friday morning for New York, from which he will sail Saturday for his native land to enlist in the Greek army. In order to retain his citizenship as a Greek subject, it is necessary for Panagiotis to report for military duty by February 15, and being a loyal subject of the king of Greece, he did not hesitate to return to his native land for the prescribed period of service in the army.

W. R. Edmunds Dead.—Mr. W. R. Edmunds, a well known young lawyer of High Point and formerly judge of the recorder's court in that city, died of tuberculosis Thursday in New Mexico, to which state he had gone for the benefit of his health several months ago. Shortly before his health broke down Mr. Edmunds was married to a daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. C. H. Haynes, of Mt. Airy. The body is en route to Mt. Airy for the funeral and interment.

Murderer Captured.—Judie Leach, a young negro about 20 years, was arrested here Saturday night by Sheriff Stafford and Deputy Joe Phipps on the strength of a message from the sheriff of Scotland county stating that the prisoner was wanted for the murder of his brother at Laurinburg on December 22. On being arrested Leach confessed that he was the man wanted, saying he had killed his brother in self defense. He was placed in jail to await the arrival of a Scotland county officer.

Died at Ripe Old Age.—Mrs. Emily Jane Welker, whose death at her home in southeastern Guilford last Wednesday, was briefly mentioned in Thursday's Patriot, was the widow of the late Rev. George W. Welker and 77 years of age. Her death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. She is survived by two sons and two daughters—Messrs. Ernest and H. W. Welker, of eastern Guilford; Mrs. T. F. Coble and Mrs. Mary Lidell, of Burlington. The funeral and interment took place Thursday at Mt. Hope church.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.—Greensboro will send several delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Carolina Young Men's Christian Association, which will be held at Winston-Salem, January 29, 30 and 31. The convention will be composed of delegates from all the associations in both of the Carolinas. The meeting promises to be one of the largest yet held and it is expected that the greatest number of delegates will attend of any of the previous meetings held since the association was organized.

Given Seven Years.—James Johnson, alias "Portland Ned," one of the most notorious postoffice robbers in the country, who spent several months in the Guilford county jail last summer and fall, was found guilty in the United States court at Raleigh Friday of robbing the postoffice at Siler City last April. Upon his conviction Johnson entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having robbed the postoffice at Plymouth 17 years ago. He was given five years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for the Siler City robbery and two years for the Plymouth job. T. A. Conway, "Portland Ned's" accomplice in the Siler City robbery, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

LARGEST VERDICT EVER GIVEN IN THIS COUNTY.

The January civil term of Guilford Superior court came to an end Saturday and this morning Judge Lyon convened a week's criminal term.

What is said to be the largest verdict ever returned in a damage suit in Guilford county was given in a case brought against the Southern Railway by John T. Hunt, administrator of P. M. Hunt, who was run over and killed by a train at the fair grounds crossing last summer. The plaintiff sued for \$30,000 and was given a verdict for \$15,000.

W. C. Lewis, who brought suit against the North Carolina Public Service Company for \$3,000 for alleged personal injuries, was given a verdict for \$300.

The jury gave Robert L. Newton a verdict for one cent in a \$5,000 damage suit against the Southern Railway for personal injuries alleged to have been received while in the employ of the company.

Double Life Brings Arrest.

Lorlys Elton Rogers, the New York lawyer whose matrimonial and love affairs have been under investigation since December 29, when Mrs. Ida Walters, mother of his two children, poisoned the children and herself, was arrested Friday after the grand jury returned an indictment against him.

The indictment charges him with violation of the penal code in inducing Mrs. Walters to live with him for immoral purposes. The law classifies the offense as a felony, the maximum penalty for which is imprisonment for 20 years and \$5,000 fine. The minimum penalty is two years' imprisonment. Rogers was held in \$7,500 bail, which he was unable to furnish, and was locked up.

BULLET WOUND PROVED FATAL

JOHN SWAIM DIED SATURDAY NIGHT—TWO SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST.

Mr. John Swaim, of Pleasant Garden, who was waylaid and shot by two negroes last Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock at a point on the Alapance church road near South Buffalo creek, died at 10 o'clock Saturday night at St. Leo's hospital. It was realized from the first that the wound was of a very serious nature and the physicians held out slight hope of recovery.

The fatal bullet struck Mr. Swaim in the right side and penetrated the liver. The wounded man developed pneumonia after being carried to the hospital.

Mr. Swaim was well known in the Pleasant Garden section and enjoyed the confidence of the public. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the members of the Pleasant Garden council of that order will attend the funeral today in a body.

Mr. Swaim was a son of the late Webster Swaim, who died about three years ago as the result of an accident. He is survived by his widow and one child.

TWO NEGROES ARRESTED AS ALLEGED SLAYERS.

Ed. Walker and Jesse Dorsett, both colored, are in jail charged with the assault on Mr. Swaim. They were arrested Thursday afternoon and the officers think they have a strong case against both of them.

The evidence against Walker in particular is regarded as pretty strong. He had on when arrested a pair of shoes with peculiar heels. He denied having been in the section of the country where Mr. Swaim was shot at any recent time, but when his shoes were carried to the place of the attack and other places along Buffalo creek, where tracks of the men led, the shoes worn by Walker were found to fit well into the tracks that were there found. Also near the place of the shooting was found a notebook which was the property of the negro and an application for accident insurance with his name on it. He had no explanation to offer as to how these got to that point.

The other set of tracks did not fit the shoes Dorsett wore at the time of his arrest, but the officers have learned that he had on another pair of shoes Wednesday afternoon. Both negroes dropped their caps near the scene of the assault, and these are expected to play an important part in working up the evidence.

Death of Thomas L. Johnson.

Mr. Thomas L. Johnson, a Confederate veteran and a respected citizen of the Summerfield section, died at his home Friday morning at 10.30 o'clock. He was 74 years of age and had always made his home in Guilford county. Mr. Johnson served with the South during the war between the states, and was a member of the Guilford Camp of the United Confederate Veterans. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at Center church. Rev. Mr. Johnson, of the Methodist church, conducted the services. Mr. Johnson was a consistent member of the Methodist church.

The deceased had a number of relatives in Greensboro and a large circle of acquaintances here. Mrs. I. B. Hudson, of this city, is his sister, and he was a brother of Mr. B. W. Johnson, of Stokesdale. Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Brown Summit, and a half-brother of Mr. Sterling Johnson, of Winston-Salem. Mr. Ila Johnson, who is in the government service here, is a son of the deceased and other children are Mrs. W. C. Ogburn, of Greensboro and Miss Notre Johnson, of the old home place.

A Filibuster.—Republican opposition to the government ship purchase bill has taken on all the evidences of a filibuster. Senator Burton, who talked the rivers and harbors bill to death at the last session, leads the attack.

City Employees Fired.—The mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., who is under indictment for election frauds, has fired from office all the city employees who plead guilty to similar indictments. The virtuous mayor says he won't retain in office men who plead guilty of crime.

YOUNG WOMAN FACES CHARGE OF LARCENY.

The case charging Miss Loula M. Riley with the larceny of several articles from the store of Ellis, Stone & Co., where she was formerly employed as a clerk, was called in Municipal court Saturday morning and had not been concluded when the court adjourned late in the afternoon. It will be finished today.

No case tried in Greensboro in a long while has aroused so much public interest. The hearing was attended by a large crowd, a number of ladies being in the audience. Recently Miss Riley entered suit in the Superior court of Lee county against Ellis, Stone & Co. for \$15,000 damages for having charged her with theft, and about the time the summons was served the head of the firm swore out the warrant charging Miss Riley with larceny.

Evidence introduced by the state tended to show that Miss Riley had taken several articles from the store, including two wash rags, a piece of silk and a pair of hose. She was charged with the theft on the evening of December 4 and when her room was searched several other articles were found and identified as having come from the store.

Miss Riley went on the witness stand and denied the larceny charge in toto. She explained that she had not made a charge ticket for the two wash rags and a piece of silk found in her handbag on the evening of December 2 on account of being interrupted by a customer before the transaction was completed.

Several citizens of Sanford, where Miss Riley resides, testified to her good character.

Messrs. A. L. Brooks and E. D. Kuykendall are appearing for the prosecution. Miss Riley is represented by Col. John A. Barringer and ex-Judge W. P. Bynum.

PAGE DENOUNCES THE GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—A storm of applause swept through the house of representatives this morning when Representative Henry A. Page, denounced on the floor of the house an editorial in the Greensboro Daily News of Friday as both false and malicious. The editorial that was being especially denounced was that charging that Speaker Wooten had made finance committee appointments of "stand-patters" in return for the retirement of Representative Bowie from the speakership contest, the arch offense being the naming of Doughton as chairman and the subsequent agreement of the joint finance committee to "sit steady" in matters of tax revision and appropriations. Mr. Page declared that the fact was that Chairman Doughton was much the most progressive speaker in connection with the joint finance committee conference in question. He said that he wanted to emphasize the declaration that in every case the editorial statements were false and the inferences malicious.

Mr. Page was tendered a vote of thanks for the denunciation, on motion of Representative Currie, and then Chairman Doughton took a hand and, in the course of a dignified statement, stirred another outburst of applause when he characterized the editorials as "dreams of a man who would injure a great political party." He added that his committee would undertake to save money to the taxpayers and would not be deterred by political dreamers.

American Official Reported Shot.

George C. Carothers, American state department representative, who has been accompanying Gen. Villa in Mexico since early in the revolution against former President Huerta, was shot and seriously wounded Friday at Aguas Calientes, Mex., according to a report received at the Carranza agency in El Paso, Texas. The report ridiculed by Villa officials in El Paso and in Juarez, who admit, however, lack of positive information. Efforts to communicate with Aguas Calientes, which is nearly 800 miles south of Juarez, were retarded because the wires were given over to military dispatches governing troop movements and operations in the Villa armies.

Prohibit Liquor Ads.—A bill has been introduced in the Alabama legislature to prohibit whiskey advertisements in the newspapers in that state.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE'S LAWMAKERS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Charging that the Wilmington and Weldon railroad has flagrantly disregarded the condition under which the road was authorized by statute to consolidate with other railroads in the formation of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad in its having merged further into the Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia and claiming to be non-resident and not subject to the jurisdiction of the state courts, Senator Gilliam has introduced in the senate a bill to repeal the acts of 1893 and 1899 authorizing the mergers and directing that the attorney general of the state institute suit in the name of the state for the dissolution of the mergers effected in the consolidation in this state and proceed to have receivers appointed and the individual lines of the system in this state sold. The bill went to the committee on railroads.

The senate has passed the Allen bill from the house providing that for the future any rules of contempt issued by a judge, except in cases of acts in the presence of the court, must be returnable before some judge other than the one issuing the rule.

The Miller bill to make it unlawful to give liquor to minors was passed after having been forced over by objection from the previous day's session.

A bill backed by the recommendation of Governor Craig has been introduced by Mintz, of Wayne, to create a board of managers to handle the finances of the state institutions, except the penitentiary, three members to receive \$3,000 each and take the place of the various institutional directorates.

Roberts, of Buncombe, has introduced an Australian ballot bill which will be held in committee until Senator Hobgood introduces one somewhat similar in the senate, so that the two can be considered together.

Representative Roberts, of Buncombe, has introduced in the house a bill "to provide for the reclamation and training of juvenile delinquents, youthful violators of the law and their proper custody and the probation system." It would apply to children up to 18 years and include dependent destitute children, homeless or abandoned, Recorders or other city courts and Superior courts would under the bill have jurisdiction. Probation officers to act as big brothers or sisters are provided, as well as ultimate commitment to a reformatory or institution if probation fails. Investigations are to be entirely separate from courts and have no semblance to court proceedings.

The Dunning bill for the division of the state into an eastern and a western circuit of Superior courts, instead of the long-established present system of one circuit and statewide rotation of the judges, was carried in the house by an overwhelming majority, after being strenuously opposed by numbers of the representatives as tending to decrease the intermingling of the people of the two sections and the creation of something of a Mason and Dixon line in North Carolina. On the other hand advocates of the measure argued that the making of two circuits was no more than having two religious conferences, dioceses or other divisions for the better prosecution of the work to be furthered.

Representative Roberts has introduced the regular State Forestry Association bill for protection of the forests of the state from fires through provision for fire wardens and designed to induce federal cooperative work in this service.

Senator Miller has introduced a bill to amend the revenue act so as to eliminate double taxes in the case of mortgaged property through the mortgagee paying on the solvent credit and the mortgagor on the property involved.

Woman suffrage bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature Saturday. Senator Hobgood being the medium in the senate and Representative Roberts, of Buncombe, in the house. The bills have what Senator Hobgood terms a "grandmother clause" to protect the votes of the women until 1918, much as the famous grandfather clause for men operated in the elimination of the negro vote. In fact, it is an

amendment for the grandfather clause to apply to women voters until 1918. Just what strength these bills will muster is problematical, according to leading members of the assembly. That there is not the ghost of a chance for passage is generally conceded.

STUBBORN BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN ALSACE

Except in Alsace, where a stubborn battle has been in progress for several days, the fighting has been comparatively light in both eastern and western fronts. These have been heavy gun bombardments and a fight for a trench here and there, but no battle considered worthy of extended mention.

Siege warfare continues and according to the opinion of the military experts, it will go on until the ground hardens sufficiently to enable one of the commanders to move a large body of men with a speed that will permit him to surprise his opponent and enable him to find a weak spot in the line.

In the east along the old front from the lower Vistula to Galicia and in the Carpathians the two armies remain in about the same positions as two months ago, all efforts of the Germans to break down the Russian resistance seemingly having failed and the Russian attempt to drive the Austro-German back to Cracow having met a similar fate.

In the north, however, the new Russian offensive apparently have carried them well toward the German frontier, without meeting serious resistance.

The Russian advance into Transylvania is reported checked by a large Austrian force in the mountains, while snow prevents the Muscovites going farther through the Carpathians, although they hold all the passes in readiness for the day when the weather will permit resumption of the forward movement.

No mention has been made during the last few days of the fate of the remnants of the Turkish armies which Russian reports previously said had been defeated in the Caucasus, but military men here believe the Russians, having use for their men elsewhere, have decided not to push on to Erzerum.

The Russian fleet, according to reports, still is busy in the Black Sea sinking Turkish sailing ships. This is taken as evidence that reports that the Turkish cruiser Goeben had been put out of action were not exaggerated.

Another German Attack on England Fails.

London, Jan. 24.—An attempt by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the recent attack on Scarborough, the Hartlepool and other British coast towns, was frustrated today by the British patrolling squadron, and in a running fight the German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk and two German battle cruisers seriously damaged.

The British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known only 123 of the Bluecher's crew of 885 were saved.

A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of the engagement has not yet reached the admiralty.

The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armament and speed and the flight of the German ships into the mine and submarine infested field possibly saved them from further losses.

Agree on Ship Purchase Bill.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senate Democrats in caucus late today reached final agreement on the ship purchase bill and adopted a resolution making it a party measure. Three Democrats voted against it, but later it was made unanimous.

No material amendments to the bill as perfected in previous caucuses were advanced. The principal differences of opinion arose on Senator Hoke Smith's amendment to provide that the government, after restoration of normal world conditions, should lease purchased ships to private concerns instead of operating them through a government-controlled corporation. The amendment was defeated after prolonged debate.

Chairman Kern announced that the caucus that two-thirds of the Democrats had voted for the resolution to make the bill a party measure. Several Democrats, however, were not present when that action was taken.