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

Hicks-Slack.—Mr. Thomas L. Hicks and Miss Louise Slack were married Saturday night at the home of Rev. Shuford Peeler, who performed the ceremony.

Bleasie to Speak.—It is announced that Cole L. Bleasie, ex-governor of South Carolina, will deliver an address at a district meeting of Red Men to be held in High Point November 6.

In Baltimore Hospital.—Mr. J. A. Davidson, who has been ill for some time, has entered a hospital in Baltimore for treatment under special care. The physicians give encouraging reports concerning his condition.

In Bankruptcy.—In the United States District court here Friday the High Point Casket Company was adjudged a bankrupt upon its own petition. The liabilities of the company are scheduled at \$3,021.86, with assets amounting to \$2,385.

First Football Game.—The first football game of the season was played here Saturday afternoon by the University of North Carolina and the Virginia Military Institute and resulted in a tie, the score being 3 to 3. The game was witnessed by a large crowd.

New Music Teacher.—Miss Margaret James, a graduate of Peabody Institute, Baltimore, has been elected teacher of piano in the school of music of Greensboro College for Women. She succeeds Miss Gertrude Urban, who retired on account of ill health.

Died Yesterday.—Mrs. Mattie Jane Beal died yesterday morning at her home on Macon street at the age of 41 years. She is survived by her husband and five children, her mother, three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held from the home this afternoon and interment made in a Greene Hill cemetery. Rev. C. E. Hodgkin conducted the services.

To Finish Road.—The county authorities are planning to put a force of hands at work in the course of the next week or two on the unfinished part of the Greensboro and Asheboro road, and it is hoped to have the road in first-class condition before bad weather sets in. This information will come as welcome news to many people, especially those who have occasion to travel this particular road.

Land Sale Friday.—What is known as the Lindsay mining property, containing 130 acres and lying about three miles east of High Point, is to be sold at auction Friday, beginning at 10.30 o'clock A. M. The property has been subdivided into 14 tracts of from four to ten acres and will be sold on easy terms. The sale will be conducted by the American Realty and Auction Company, of this city.

Soliciting Funds.—A canvass of the city is being made for funds to aid in the erection of another dormitory building at the Greensboro College for Women. The college authorities are being assisted in the work by a joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association. It is planned to erect a building at a cost of \$30,000, and it is expected that the people of Greensboro will contribute a considerable portion of the money needed.

Young Boy Dead.—Charles, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Carmichael, died Saturday morning at 12.30 o'clock at the home of his parents on Tate street. The little fellow had never been strong and had been desperately ill for a week or more prior to his death. The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. W. O. Goode, of Spring Garden Street Methodist church, and Rev. R. M. Courtney, of Winston-Salem.

Wedding Announced.—Wedding invitations reading as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greeson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to Charles L. Carroll Thursday evening, November the fourth, at 8 o'clock, Whitsett Presbyterian church, Gibsonville, North Carolina." Miss Greeson is a well known and popular young woman of eastern Guilford. Mr. Carroll is from Durham and is a well known professional baseball player, at present being a member of the Birmingham, Ala., team in the Southern league.

Hinkle-Mangum.—Mr. Myrton R. Hinkle, of this city, and Miss Minnie Lee Mangum, of Durham, were married Friday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock in the office of Register of Deeds Rankin, the ceremony being performed by Squire D. H. Collins. The groom is a son of Mr. A. A. Hinkle, a well known merchant of the Southside, and recently returned from a period of service in the United States navy. The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of the young couple.

Another Veteran Called.—Mr. Willis L. Brower, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of High Point, died Friday morning. He was in the seventy-eighth year of his age and had been in feeble health for several years. He was a native of Randolph county and a veteran of the Confederate army. His wife died a little over a year ago and he is survived by an only son, Mr. Edward Brower, of High Point. Mr. Brower was one of the oldest members of the Methodist Protestant church in High Point.

Noted Lecturer Here.—Dr. Wipfield Scott Hall, of Chicago, a noted lecturer on social problems, spent Friday in Greensboro and made two addresses at the State Normal and Industrial College and two at the city high school. In the forenoon he addressed the student body of the Normal College on "A Physician's Message to His Daughter" and in the evening he made a public address at the Normal on "Social Ethics on Racial and Individual Development." In the afternoon he addressed separate meetings of the high school boys and girls.

Real Estate Transfers.
The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past few days:
Joseph D. Cox to J. Elwood Cox, trustee, a lot containing 5,000 square feet on the corner of North Main and Washington streets, in the city of High Point, for a consideration of \$16,000.
W. H. Turner to Mrs. S. C. Earnhardt, a lot containing a little over 3,300 square feet on Ridgewood avenue, in the city of Greensboro, for a consideration of \$125.
E. B. Idol to W. J. Armfield, a tract of land in High Point township—size and location not stated—for \$3,500.
W. G. Balsley to A. Schiffman, lot 2 in the Jackson survey, Morehead township, \$27.50.
J. W. Callahan et al to D. L. Kennerly, lot 12 in block 19 of the Fisher lands, Gilmer township, \$750.
S. P. Adams and wife to Estelle Ham, a lot 40 by 140 feet on Adams street, in the city of Greensboro, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Training School Has Good Opening.

The fall term of the Greensboro training school for Sunday school workers, which opened Thursday night with a public meeting in West Market Street Methodist church, started off under favorable circumstances. The feature of the opening session was an address by Prof. W. C. Smith, of the State Normal and Industrial College, on the subject of "Fundamentals in Bible Teaching." Dr. Smith gave to his hearers a new vision of what it meant to be a teacher of the Bible and left them with new inspiration for their work and a desire to take the time and opportunity to study the objects of their teaching, their pupils, as well as the material to be taught, the Bible.

Changes in Train Schedules.

Several changes in the schedules of Southern Railway passenger trains of local interest went into effect yesterday, when two new trains, known as No. 31 and No. 32, were put on between Augusta and New York. No. 31, southbound, arrives in Greensboro at 3.35 A. M. and No. 32, northbound, at 10.26 P. M. Local train No. 12, for Richmond and Norfolk, now leaves at 10.24 P. M., five minutes later than formerly. The Winston-Salem train No. 234 arrives at 5.50 P. M., 25 minutes later than formerly, and No. 233 leaves for Winston-Salem at 10.35 P. M. The morning train for Raleigh and Goldsboro, known as No. 144, leaves at 9.20 instead of 9.40.

R. C. HOOD KILLED BY ACCIDENT

LIFE OF PROMINENT CITIZEN SNUFFED OUT WHILE ON A PLEASURE TRIP.

Mr. Robert C. Hood, one of Greensboro's best citizens and most progressive business men, was accidentally killed by a gunshot wound late Saturday afternoon while on a hunting trip at Troxler's mill, about seven miles southeast of the city. From the position of his body when found, it seems that he was attempting to cross a wire fence when his gun discharged. The entire load took effect in Mr. Hood's left breast, in the region of the heart, and death must have been instantaneous.

Mr. Hood, with a party of friends, had gone out to Mr. Joseph J. Stone's hunting camp for an afternoon's outing and a camp supper. Other members of the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Stone, Frank Moffitt, Henry Beecher, Leon Cooper, Warren Smith, J. A. Kellenberger and W. A. Basinger.

Mr. Hood went into the woods alone to shoot squirrels and returned to the camp as supper was being prepared. His hunt had been unsuccessful and Mr. Hood said he would go into another body of woods and see if he couldn't have better luck. A few minutes later a gunshot was heard, but those at the camp thought nothing of it.

When Mr. Hood failed to return after an absence of about three-quarters of an hour, Messrs. Frank Moffitt and Leslie Troxler went in search of him. His body was found lying by the wire fence he had evidently attempted to cross. The gun had fallen to the ground and was lying beneath the body.

The news of the tragedy was telephoned to Greensboro and brought a great shock to the people of the city. The funeral was held at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and was attended by a great concourse of people. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, pastor of the church, and Rev. Robert Ewell Roe, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church. The pall-bearers were: R. G. Vaughn, A. M. Scales, J. J. Stone, J. Ed. Albright, R. J. Mebane and A. W. McAlister. Interment was made in Greene Hill cemetery.

Mr. Hood was 51 years old and a native of Pitt county. For a number of years he was associated with a wholesale dry goods concern in Baltimore, failing health causing him to retire from that business. He moved to Greensboro about 12 years ago and at once identified himself with the city's best interests. At the time of his death Mr. Hood was secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Trust Company, a director in the American Exchange National Bank and interested in other prosperous business enterprises in this city. All forms of civic improvement and many things tending to the advancement of this city were questions in which he took great pride, and probably no man in Greensboro had of late years done more for the upbuilding and financial development of his adopted home than he.

Mr. Hood is survived by his widow and two daughters, Misses Dorothy and Helen; two brothers, Messrs. Ed. and William Hood, of Southport, and one sister, Mrs. McIntosh, of Philadelphia.

Moore-Dawson Wedding at Guilford College.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur K. Moore, of this city, and Miss Blanche Dawson, of Guilford College, took place in the Friends meeting house at Guilford College Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Dawson, the bride's father. Miss Pearl Dawson, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and Mr. C. H. Grantham, of this city, was the best man. The bridesmaids were: Misses Ayers, Mabel Dawson, Emma Hollowell, Gertrude Hobbs, Araminta Hester and Edith Petree. Messrs. H. E. Marley, John A. Kellenberger, R. J. M. Hobbs, J. V. Fergus, John B. Woosley and Charles F. Southerland were the groomsmen. The marriage was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home in this city upon their return from a bridal trip to the western part of the state.

HELD UP OFFICERS WITH GUNS

FORSYTH BLOCKADERS DEFEY AND GET DROP ON TWO OF UNCLE SAM'S MEN.

The story of how two deputy collectors of internal revenue—Messrs. C. F. Neelley and J. H. Johnson—were held up by alleged blockaders near Kernersville last Monday, disarmed and forced to end their quest for blind tiger liquor has just become public. As a result, United States warrants have been or soon will be issued for the arrest of Frank Snipes and his two sons, Charles and James Snipes, charging them with resisting and defying government officers in the discharge of their duties.

Deputy Collectors Neelley and Johnson, accompanied by a deputy sheriff of Forsyth county, went to the Snipes home, which is about a mile and a half from Kernersville, armed with a search warrant which authorized them to make a careful examination of the premises for the presence of blockade liquor. It is reported that a quantity of whiskey was found in a body of woods near the Snipes home and that the officers also discovered a number of empty jugs and bottles.

According to the story, the Forsyth deputy was left to guard the liquor while Messrs. Neelley and Johnson proceeded to make a closer inspection of the premises. When near the residence Mr. Neelley was suddenly confronted by a member of the Snipes family, who drew a Winchester rifle on the officer and ordered him to throw up his hands. Being caught unawares, there was nothing left for Mr. Neelley to do except obey orders.

About this time Deputy Collector Johnson appeared on the scene and was promptly covered by a Winchester. The revolvers carried by the two officers were then taken from them and unloaded, after which they were returned.

It is reported that the deputy collectors were then advised to return to Greensboro and forget all about the meeting with the Snipes gang. They were offered \$100 to say nothing about the incident, a member of the Snipes gang accompanying the offer by the statement that they had bought off many officers in the past.

Messrs. Neelley and Johnson were kept under surveillance while they returned to Kernersville and until they boarded a train for Greensboro. At the station in Kernersville Mr. Neelley was again offered \$100 to say nothing about the incident.

No statement of the matter has been made public by either Messrs. Neelley or Johnson nor any one else connected with the revenue service, but naturally an occurrence of such a serious nature could not be kept quiet long. The arrest of the men who defied and held up the officers is expected at any time.

EUROPE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT MEXICAN CLAIMS.

European governments are inquiring of the United States what assurances the newly recognized Mexican government has given with respect to foreign claims. It is generally understood that the European powers will follow the lead of the American republics in recognizing Carranza, but before taking the step they want to know more specifically what settlement is to be made of the huge claims growing out of the revolution.

General Carranza has decided to appoint several mixed commissions to be composed of representatives of the interested nations in order that an equitable settlement may be reached. The question of claims is related so closely to the financial rehabilitation of Mexico that it is unlikely that the United States government will press its claims until Mexican credits has been firmly re-established and arrangements made for payment of the southern republic's national obligations.

As yet no move has been made by the Carranza government to obtain a loan, but it is considered certain that in view of the condition of European markets, funds with which to finance the new government will be sought in the United States. The sum needed has been variously estimated from \$100,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Tate, of Charleston, W. Va., are in the city on a visit to Mrs. Tate's mother, Mrs. A. Weatherly.

CASPER GETS NINE YEARS AND FINE OF \$33,000.

John L. Casper, formerly of Winston-Salem, who last week entered a plea of guilty in the United States District court at Fort Smith, Ark., to the charge of defrauding the government of thousands of dollars in taxes on whiskey, was sentenced to nine years and three months in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., and fined \$33,000. The six others who pleaded guilty along with Casper were fined \$1,000 each and given sentences of one and two years.

In pronouncing sentence on Casper Judge Frank A. Youmans said: "I doubt if ever there has been a more bold, defiant and open violation of the law than the one in which you were engaged. It has taken more money and men to bring this case to justice than has been required to protect the Texas frontier. Nothing can be said in mitigation for you."

Casper pleaded guilty to all 33 counts in the indictment. The sentences passed by the court upon him totalled 53 years and five days, but by the court's order some of them were ordered to run concurrently. Thus Casper's total sentence was reduced to nine years and three days.

Government officials have maintained that the men sentenced and their alleged associates yet to be tried defrauded the government of thousands of dollars of revenue which should have been paid on the product of their illicit distillery in Fort Smith. The operations of the men extended, according to indictments against them, to the bribery of high government revenue officials. One of the officials indicted was Knox Booth, of Nashville, Tenn., former superintendent of the Tennessee revenue division. His trial and those of others involved have been set for January.

ANOTHER FIGHT ON THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 24.—Soldiers of the fourth United States infantry and Mexican bandits engaged in a skirmish tonight shortly after 8 o'clock at the scene of the train robbery and murders last Monday. One American soldier, Private Herman E. Moore, was wounded in the fight, according to reports received at Fort Brown.

The Mexicans were put to flight and were being pursued late tonight by two troops of cavalry who were hurried from Fort Brown. Moore is believed to be mortally wounded.

Another engagement occurred late last night between a detail of the border patrol and several Mexicans near the Mercedes canal, 40 miles northwest of Brownsville, without casualties on either side, but later in the night a Mexican attempting to cross the Rio Grande in the same vicinity and who did not heed commands of the United States troops was killed.

Tonight's fight lasted about five minutes and it was stated probably 100 shots were fired. According to a report received at Fort Brown, five Mexicans crossed the railroad track near where the infantry detachment was posted, but when they did not respond to a challenge the troops opened fire, the Mexicans returning it. From the number of shots fired it was believed that others were in hiding in the dense brush.

Two troops of cavalry and two companies of infantry were hurried to the scene in automobiles and troops stationed within a radius of 12 miles of Brownsville were ordered to draw in toward a river crossing, where, it was believed, the men would attempt to escape into Mexico.

Child Ate Matches and Died.

From Scranton, Hyde county, comes the news of the horrible death on Tuesday last of Julian Haywood, the eighteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bishop, which was attributed to the boy's having eaten the heads of upwards of a dozen matches while at play. The child in some way secured the matches and took them into the yard, where he was found by his parents carefully eating the tips from several of them. The poison soon began to take its effect, and though all was done known to medical skill, the system of the child had absorbed enough of the poison to result in death.

Mr. William Love has gone to Red Springs on a visit.

BRITISH ARE IN A BAD HOLE

GONE ASTRAY ON STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY AND HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE.

"We are in a hole," says the military correspondent of the London Evening Standard, commenting on the present situation. "It is not the first time we have been in a hole, for it was tough and go at Cambrai and Landrecies on August 26, 1914, and again in again in Flanders a year ago, but we did not know it then. This time we do know it."

"We have lost faith in the ability of our statesmen and in the strategic conduct of the war and in the willingness of the people to support the war; three or four very serious questions now exercise the minds of politicians and public alike, and threaten to wreck the government; in France the best-known minister has resigned; in Russia public opinion in hardly shaken. . . . Four great powers are full of good will for one another, but each is a law unto itself."

"On the enemy's side we find unity of purpose, singleness of control and constant willingness to sacrifice everything and take all risks. The Germans have been held up here and repulsed there, but they can claim that, whereas they have never been badly beaten anywhere since the battle of the Marne, they have added Poland to their conquests and threaten to overrun Serbia."

The writer goes on to argue that the only way for Great Britain to meet the situation is to cease attacks on her statesmen and face the facts with quiet determination, bearing in mind that if England is suffering, Germany is suffering more, and that "on the fronts which matter most they (the Germans) are doing no more than holding their own," and are now unable to increase their forces in the field and soon will be unable to maintain them.

Of the Serbian situation the writer says: "The question of the moment is the extent to which we can assist Serbia with reinforcements. Unfortunately, the long southern arm of the railway crossing, Serbia runs very close to the Bulgarian frontier at several places and troops are urgently needed to protect this line throughout its length; but to do any real good we must send her at least 200,000 men. If that number is immediately available, well and good; if not, we must remember that it will take time to withdraw men from the western front and get them in action in the Balkans, and therefore we may be as powerless to save Serbia as we were to defend Belgium."

"Moreover, Russia will not be able to do much until the frosts of December render the country passable and the slow equipment of her armies enables them to advance. Thus Germany has time to settle Serbia's business unless the entente powers can quickly land 200,000 men at Saloniki, or can deal the Germans such a smashing blow in the west as will cause the withdrawal of all Germany's troops from the Serbian front."

"Some people suggest we should use sea power to force Greece to go to the aid of Serbia, but the Serbian army may yet need an asylum, and may not be able to find it in Montenegro, and Greece may join us as soon as we have landed enough troops to give her efficient protection."

"We understand it is munitions and not men that Russia lacks. Her ports are still open. Why should she not send troops by sea to Saloniki or Flanders, where they would meet their munitions and transports?"

Triplets Named For President.

Mattoon, Ill., Oct. 22.—Woodrow Woodworth, Wilson Woodworth and William Woodworth, triplets, were christened today, and their names were chosen by the president of the United States.

The three youngsters, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodworth, of this place, each received a check for \$25. Not only that, but President Wilson intimated in a letter to Mrs. Woodworth that he would contribute \$500 toward the education of the boys.

When the stork arrived at the Woodworth home about two months ago President Wilson was notified. In his letter received today the president expressed hope that the children might always be a source of joy and pride to their mother and father and an honor to the nation.