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## TODAY

The King in Danger  
Wild Wall Street  
Old, Dead, Rich  
America's Big Five

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Bad news about King George, the doctor's latest bulletin brings deepest anxiety. They do not dare attempt an operation that was contemplated, because of the old King's weakness.

Insurance companies charging 90 per cent to insure the King's life for a few weeks, evidently had information more exact than that given to the public, by the doctors.

Another wild Wall street day, lambs and spectators learning by experience.

It doesn't do the "sold out" gamblers any good, but ancient wise ones say "The market has behaved well under the circumstances."

With a million ignoramuses buying, without knowing why, and selling in panic, it is a marvel that conditions are not worse. But the fulury is not ended.

Atlantic City police found a dead man, very old and near his body \$100,000 of hoarded money, small bags filled with gold, crumpled, faded bank notes.

The world, wondering much, thinking little, wonders "what comfort that old man could find in the money."

Ask some poor old man not yet dead, depending on cold charity or on relatives that are indifferent. He will tell you what comfort the old man of Atlantic City found in the possession of \$100,000. The money made him INDEPENDENT, a free man. Poverty is slavery. Save something.

Will Rogers selects an "All-American team" of ability, as follows: Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Herbert Hoover, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Lindbergh. He probably leaves out the ablest man in the country, as yet unknown. That's fortunate, for it means we have reserves.

Rogers would have these five men run the country, "move Thanksgiving Day up to election and do away with elections entirely."

The plan would work, of course. The original John D. Rockefeller could have done the job alone when he was younger. He would have known how to select the men.

But the people must plan to govern themselves as babies must learn to walk, no matter how badly they do it at first. If you always hired a man to push your baby around in a wagon, the baby wouldn't develop.

Thomas Moran, known to the police as "Red," killed two policemen. He felt that he had to live, crime was his path he chose. He killed two trying to remain alive. Sentenced to the electric chair, "Red" will be killed in his turn day after tomorrow. Keepers are watching him closely to thwart his attempts to kill himself.

First, he killed that he might live. Now he tries to kill himself that the electric chair may not kill him. Strange animals are human beings, from the gangster and his retail murderers to the giant killer, Napoleon, who always carried poison with him.

Phillip Challenger, from Santa Barbara and Chicago, recently employed as a Chicago reporter for \$18 a week, now is planning to spend \$1,000 a day. His wisefather left him \$6,000,000. Greater than many, the young man decides to study archeology, and invites a scientist to accompany him on his travels around the world. Of course he decided to kill big game. When in doubt, prosperous human beings, male and female, always seem to "kill big game."

If you heard that a young lion, inheriting money, immediately decided to kill big men, we would all say, "Queer lion."

However, it is a providential atavistic impulse, dating far back. The right kind of man wanted to kill big animals because big animals menaced the existence of the human race a million years ago. They don't any more. Small microbes menace us now.

The beautiful vineyards of Saxony, producing magnificent wines, ever since the eleventh century, were attacked recently and completely destroyed by a malignant disease of the vine. Earnest prohibitionists will say, "There's the hand of Providence." The hand of man, however, has conquered the disease, with the aid of vigorous vines, imported from America, and Saxony's vineyards flourish once more.

That prohibition America should renew the vineyards of old Europe is interesting. Can it be that Providence thinks wine is all right for countries that know how to use it temperately?

MILL FEEDS ARE CHEAPER IN price and better in quality at C. E. Durham's, Bynum.

## Officers Make Many Successful Raids

### Several Makers and Dealers in Booze Will Take Christmas Dinner in Jail

Several men who thought to supply money for their Christmas needs by the making and sale of booze have found themselves in limbo and will spend Christmas in Mr. John Burns' boarding house hardly the county court house.

Critchfield, Harris and others, of Last Friday, Officers Pickett, Siler City, made a raid in the Brush Creek section, where they captured a still of 75 gallons capacity, got about 30 gallons of liquor and destroyed 1,500 gallons of beer, or more. Sunday, Mr. Pickett led a raid into the section two miles west of Siler City and captured a still and poured out much booze. A negro, Jordan, was captured at the first still. A second negro got away. The second still was not in operation, the beer not being in prime.

Sunday, too Sheriff Blair and his comrades found Garrett Marsh, colored, opportunely stuck in a ditch and seized his good Hudson car, which contained four or five gallons of liquor. He is in jail awaiting the January term of court.

That same day the officers got hold of Nuby Johnson, who had skipped bond twice and was wanted for some time. He was finally located under a bed at the home of Mrs. Bill Burns, the Record is informed.

## DEATH OF YOUTH

In the early afternoon of Dec. 4, 1928 the spirit of John A. Burke, son of J. W. and Fannie Burke took its everlasting flight and went Home to the Sinless Summer Land of eternal day. He was just 18 years old and a senior in the Goldston High School, but God willed that he should enter that university of Heaven which has no end.

John A. was a favorite in school, beloved by those of his own community, and a noble example of truthfulness and gentleness. His was an incurable disease and he suffered intensely, yet not a word of complaint, nor a murmur, nor any sigh of impatience came from him. He greeted everyone with a smile and bore his suffering like a Christian hero.

We cannot understand why one so young and good should be taken; we do know that all things work together for good to those who love God. Two years ago he joined the Bear Creek Baptist Church, and loved his church and Sunday School.

In the last weeks and hours he spoke of his spiritual condition, and his last testimonies were beautiful and no doubt made a great impression. There was not a cloud nor a doubt in his spiritual sky, for it was clear and bright as the sun at noonday.

The funeral service was held at the Elkin Graveyard by his pastor, Rev. John Kidd. The members of the graduating class and Boy Scouts acted as pall-bearers, and the flower girls were members of the graduating class.

We know our loss is His gain and to Him we say, "Thy will be done."

## Farmer Charged With the Killing of His Own Mule

### Hezekiah Eubanks Haled before Court on Charge of Cruelty to Animals

'Squire Lysander Johnson's court was called in extraordinary session last Thursday evening, after supper, for a preliminary hearing of a charge against Mr. Hezekiah Eubanks, a farmer living two miles from Pittsboro, for killing his mule. But the hearing did not take place. Mr. Eubanks, through his counsel D. L. Bell, waived the hearing and was bound over to court.

Mr. Eubanks, when asked about the death of the mule, said that the mule had choked itself to death. He had left it tied by the side of the road. He was not very communicative, but denied killing the mule.

The story of the witnesses as rumored is to the effect that the mule, which Eubanks was riding, dodged and like Balaam of old, the rider whacked him, in this case over the head with a plowpoint. His mule-ship, unlike the one of Biblical fame, didn't answer with words, but resenting the blow just the same, pitched his rider off. Thereupon, the rider rose and beat the offender to death.

But it was a rood mule, however it died, and Mr. Eubanks' loss is severe, without the discredit of beating him to death and having to answer in court to the charge. The January term of court will reveal the situation more clearly. In the meantime, Mr. Eubanks is without a mule to feed and will at plow time be short of one to plough.

OUR STOCK OF FANCY GROCERIES is fresh and complete. Brooks & Eubanks.

## PITTSBORO SCHOOL HAS WINNING TEAM

### Local Basket Ball Team Has Won All Games of the Season

Thus far the Pittsboro High School basket ball team has played four games this season and has won all four of them. The first was with the Bethesda team, Durham court, score 32 to 18; second, Goldston, score 79 to 8; Bethesda on the Bethesda court, score 30 to 24; and a game last Friday evening against the Fort Bragg team, in which the local boys won over the soldiers by a score of 47 to 27.

The boys hope to be in the state championship contest this season and seemingly have a good chance to make good. Games are scheduled now with Roxboro, Bahama, and others. The team is composed of Nye Womble, captain, Rufus Johnson, Rufus Abernethy, Ora Abernethy, and Russell Griffin; others of the squad are Lee Powell, Sila Hatley, Frank Snipes, John Thomas, Marion Harmon. The boys will appreciate your attendance at the game.

## Auxiliary Record

The October Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held with Mrs. W. P. Tatum.

The meeting was opened with the usual program. Mrs. Geo. W. Brewer read a very interesting letter from Howard M. Shenk, soldier at Oteen. It was decided to send him a letter jack for Armistice.

A fine report from the Charlotte Convention was sent in by Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, our delegate.

It was decided that a prize of \$5.00 be given to the winner in the Pittsboro school in the contest sponsored by the American Legion. The auxiliary will send an exhibit to the county fair.

Mrs. Bell read an article "Foremost Diplomats of World Gather at Paris," and Mrs. C. E. Bryan read "Lest We Forget" and "Battle Field Pilgrims."

Election of officers then followed: Mrs. C. E. Bryan, President, Mrs. W. P. Tatum, Vice-President, Mrs. G. F. Riggsbee, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Reid Thompson historian.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given to retiring President, Mrs. Daniel L. Bell.

Mrs. J. C. Lanus presented Mrs. Bell with a lovely pillow at this meeting.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

MRS. W. K. THOMPSON, Sec'y-Pro-Tem.

### November Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting with the President, Mrs. C. E. Bryan, Nov. 20, 1928.

The meeting opened with allegiance to the Flag, America was sung. Mrs. G. F. Riggsbee, the newly elected Secretary resigned, and Mrs. Mattie Pierce was elected sec'y for the year.

Mrs. Geo. Brewer read a letter from our Oteen soldier, thanking the Auxiliary for the Lumber Jack sent him on Armistice day.

Mrs. Bryan expressed her appreciation of the work done by Jim Gordon in the contest sponsored by the American Legion and in which he won the prize offered by this auxiliary.

\$4.50 was realized by the Auxiliary from those sending exhibits to the Chatham County Fair.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the persons who contributed articles to the Fair and who are not members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Daniel L. Bell then read "The Duties of Officers" and Mrs. Roscoe M. Farrell read "The Eligibility to Membership."

The Auxiliary adopted the resolution concerning the Peace Treaty. Mrs. Bell was appointed to see about the matter of the Community Players bringing a play from Durham.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. H. D. Gunter.

Mrs. W. R. THOMPSON, Sec. Protem.

## Kimbalton News

Lillie Harris was at home from Burlington for the week end.

Bernice White and family have had the flu. Some of them are able to be up now, but are still weak.

Jake Johnson and family have had the flu for the past week.

Lacy Harris, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris.

N. J. Dark made a business trip to Greensboro a few days ago.

Messrs. Black and Bishop, members of the Oakmont Shooting Club, are down for a hunt.

Mr. Willie Bowers and Miss Eva Thompson were quietly married Sunday.

BROOKS AND EUBANKS STORE are daily increasing their stock of Christmas goods such as CANDIES, RAISINS, and FRUITS of all kinds.

## SURVIVORS TELL HARROWING STORY OF VESTRIS WRECK

### Many Lose Lives In Shipwreck Caused By Captain's Stubbornness

### NEGRO STOKER IS HERO

A harrowing story of the recent wreck of the Vestris, which sunk off the Virginia coast, is told by R. P. Harris, brother of Mrs. L. P. Tyson, of Carthage, in the Baltimore Sun. He is a reporter on The Sun and shortly after the disaster he was sent to Old Point Comfort, Virginia, to meet the survivors picked up by the U. S. S. Wyoming.

Laments, sobs and incoherent phrases of thanks and relief mingled with bitter recriminations as eight survivors of the foundered steamship Vestris, who were rescued by the United States ship, Wyoming, Mr. Harris wrote, arrived at Old Point Comfort. They were met by navy officials and hospital attendants.

A black-haired little Japanese lady of high station, the wife of Major Yohsio Inouya, was praying to die as, with face covered, she was carried in a stretcher to the hospital preparatory to removal to the Navy Hospital.

Her husband had died as she vainly tried to keep him clinging to a bit of wreckage.

### Other Women Survivors

The other women among the eight survivors were:

Mrs. Marie Ulrich (spelled Oelrich previously), a German woman whose address is at present 338 East Ninety-sixth street, New York City.

Mrs. Marian Calvin Batten, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose husband died in her arms.

Mrs. Elvira Fernandez Rua, who gave her address as 8 McCabe street, New Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. Dolores Barrero Doril, a Spanish woman, whose American address is 22 Union street, Brooklyn.

### Relatives Were Lost

Mrs. Rua lost her husband. Mrs. Ulrich's husband was picked up by another rescue vessel, but her son was lost.

With blackened eyes, bruises and other injuries which included one fractured skull and severe cuts, five bluejackets, members of the Wyoming's crew who were injured in a gale when the ship was proceeding to the rescue, were taken from the ship in stretchers.

### Negro Aided Women

Three Negroes, all West Indians, who were among the survivors, were in good condition, although one of their number, Gerald Burton, had remained in the water for twenty hours without a life preserver. He practically supported two of the women on a bit of wreckage.

"We have nothing but the highest praise for this good fellow and the other two Negroes," the ship's doctor and other officers declared. The doctor said that, aside from severe bruises and danger of pneumonia from exposure, the women were unharmed.

### "This Heah Is Me"

The other two Negroes were Gerald Burton and John Morris. A touch of grim humor was added to the disaster when one of the Negroes came out of a stupor, felt one of his teeth and said: "This heah is me."

He explained that the tooth had been loose before the disaster and finding it still loose, he thus identified himself.

Two of the women were able to walk. They were dressed in non-descript costumes donated by the sailors.

### Sea-Valve Blamed

A report made out by Vice-Admiral M. M. Taylor stated that apparently a cracked sea valve leading to the ash hop of the Vestris started the trouble that resulted in the ship's doom.

According to the stokers, the valve was cracked before the Vestris left Hoboken for her run to South America. There had even been some question as to whether or not she would sail, the stokers said.

### Ships Could Have Aided

The Wyoming's officers stated that many ships could have stood by, even without the necessity of sending an S. O. S. had Captain Carey, of the Vestris, used the necessary foresight on Monday.

The fireroom of the Vestris was flooded first of all, the stokers claiming that they stood knee-deep in water until the ship listed so badly that they were in danger of being drowned.

### Say Hatch Gave Way

When the ship listed, the stokers said, in a storm Sunday night a coaling hatch on the starboard side gave way, allowing water to rush in. The storm opened up a seam for a second leak and some crated motor trucks then shifted their position, pitching the ship on her beam's end.

A crated truck then crashed through a bulkhead, breaking through into

## Influenza Causes Close Of Schools

Several of the colleges of the state closed temporarily last week because of prevalence of influenza and in precaution of a more serious epidemic. The Chatham county schools held on all last week, but the Pittsboro school closed Monday at noon, Principal Waters reporting about 100 pupils absent on account of illness, mostly country pupils. Dr. Thomas, county physician, has been reported as saying that there are many cases near Siler City. Mr. H. O. Kelly reported Monday that a large part of the children of his district in the northeastern part of the county were sick. Dr. Edwards, of Siler City, stated to the writer Monday that he had advised a continuance of the Siler City school till the regular time for dismissal for the Christmas holidays, saying that there were reported to be on the staff of the high school department out of school for illness, and that part of those other grades absent had not attended because of the rainy weather Friday and Monday.

It seems that the disease is more prevalent in the farming sections than in the towns. Comparatively little effect has been felt in Pittsboro, though Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Coitrene, teachers in the school, are reported ill at this writing.

The malady in most cases reported is not serious, though Mr. Norris Whitt is said to have died of pneumonia following influenza.

## Meeting of P. T. A.

At the regular monthly meeting of the P. T. A., the first Friday night in December, Mrs. R. H. Hayes reported that the health committee had been delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Lyndo Johnson. At this meeting it was decided to donate to the school, paper towels, sanitary towel containers, and wire baskets for used towels for use in the first aid room and at the basement. Seventeen dollars had been spent for needed school supplies by this committee.

Dr. R. M. Farrell reported a balance in the treasury of \$17.00. He had paid out \$142.93 for the Association.

The president announced a gift for the library from Miss Maggie Horne—"The Life of Aycock."

Mr. Waters spoke on the needs of the elementary school. He explained where the school would have to be built up to meet the requirements of standardization. Miss Fulghum, the state inspector, had estimated the cost at \$600.00. The Association decided that the undertaking was too much for 1928 but that everything spent should be with the view of meeting requirements as soon as possible. Two things were done at this meeting:

1. The Association, the State, the County appropriated \$50.00 each to buy elementary books.

2. It was decided to make the basement rooms of the school building comfortable and attractive.

A committee was appointed to see that this is done at once. The committee is composed of Mrs. Ed Hinton, chairman, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Vander Johnson, Mrs. Waters.

The Association was pleased to have Mr. E. R. Franklin present at its meeting. Mr. Franklin's school at St. Pauls has just gone on the list of standard schools. He spoke of the worthwhileness of such efforts as the Pittsboro Association is making.

MRS. W. P. HORTON, Sec.

the crew's compartments. Passengers requested lieboats as early as Monday morning, according to stories told the Wyoming officials were that they took the lieboats at about 1 o'clock. The ship sank around 1:30, the officers stated.

The Wyoming had been on her way to target practice at the Southern drill ground, when orders to proceed to the Vestris' assistance reached her. Full speed ahead was as the reason for the disaster by every officer and man questioned aboard the Wyoming.

A radio message from the Coast Guard cutter Yamacraw to the Coast Guard station at Cape Henry stated that the Yamacraw and the Goff, the latter, a navy destroyer, were alongside the lumber-laden four-masted schooner, Heidritter which is in distress, her boats gone and no provisions on board. Eight members of the schooner's crew were aboard. She was being towed into Charleston by the Yamacraw.

### 13 Bodies Picked Up

Commander C. F. Howell, chief of staff to Capt. Phillip H. Scott, commanding officer of the Norfolk Coast Guard division, said that the radio station could not confirm the report that thirteen bodies had been picked up by four Coast ordered and the Wyoming butted through the seas at eighteen knots an hour.

"Criminal negligence" was given Guard destroyers now proceeding to New York from the search near where the Vestris sank.

Three of the dead had been positively identified, he stated. They are: Major Inouye, of the Japanese Army; Carl Franke, who had German passports No. 548, 549 and 550 on his person, and Ingeborg Franke, daughter of Carl Franke.

## Bear Creek News

### An Old Offender Nabbed—His Brother Also in Jail Numerous Personals

Bear Creek, Dec. 17.—Merritt Nubby Johnson, long wanted by the Chatham authorities, was arrested near here Sunday at a liquor still. The still was raided and Johnson carried to Pittsboro jail to await the January term of Criminal court, which convenes Monday, Jan. 14th.

Johnson has a long whiskey record. He was arrested in Bonlee several years ago, when whiskey was found in his car. At the preliminary hearing he was released on bond, but skipped his bond and failed to appear for trial. His bondsmen were not worth the bond, so all was a failure. Later he was arrested in Greensboro and sentenced to 4 months on Guilford county roads, at which time warrants were held in both Moore and Chatham counties for him on similar charges. Just five days before his time expired, he ran away from the Guilford chain gang. About one year ago, he was arrested at his home, 2 miles northeast of here, by Sheriff G. W. Blair and deputies and lodged in jail. Sunday after his arrest, he was bonded out again. Just a day or two before court convened, he took an A. W. O. L., skipping his bond a second time. Little had been heard from him since then until a few days ago, when it was rumored that he was again in this community.

His brother, Jesse L. Johnson, is in jail for helping his brother, Charlie Johnson, resist arrest in Bonlee Friday, when he was carousing around town on a drunken brawl. Jesse Johnson was put under a \$500.00 bail, which he was unable to give and was remanded to jail. He had just been out a few days for giving bad checks.

R. R. Buelin was a shopper in Sanford Friday afternoon, returning Saturday morning.

J. A. Evans has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Coggins, of this place.

The Woody twins, Clarence and Clanton, have purchased a Ford coupe from Frank Scott, of Bear Creek service station.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Phillips, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting his father, R. L. Phillips, on Rt. 2.

Rev. G. C. Phillips, former postmaster here, and now rural carrier at Altamahaw, N. C., and sons, Robert, Jennings and Talmage, were visitors in town last Saturday.

D. M. Womble has moved from the O. D. Wicker place to the late J. A. Elkins place, now owned by Mrs. H. W. Murray, on route 2.

T. G. Fields has moved to the Wilkie place on Rt. 2, two miles South of town.

G. T. Hart is on the sick list, we hope for him an immediate recovery.

Mr. Thomas Henry Rives, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rives, of Route 2, and Miss Mozelle Whitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whitt, of near Siler City, were married recently. We join their friends in wishing them a long and happy life together.

P. H. Coggins, of Nashville, Tenn., a representative of the Craddock Terry Shoe Co., of Lynchburg, Va., visited his father, I. P. Coggins, last week. This was Mr. Coggins' first visit in the past year and a half. He has been in a Sanatorium at Ridgeway, Tenn., for the past several months, but is improving rapidly, we are glad to state.

Ralph Griffin, who has recently Rt. 2, has opened up a store at the place formerly operated by G. N. Smith.

J. T. Coggins has gone to Washington, D. C., to accept work in the Capital City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rives, after visiting Mr. Rives' mother, Mrs. Jessie P. Rives, near here, have returned to their home in Washington, D. C.

S. W. Boggs, who has lived the past year with Mrs. J. W. Pierce, on Rt. 2, has moved to J. H. Dunlap's place, near Bonlee. We are sorry to lose Mr. Boggs.

S. Garland Norwood, son of M. F. Norwood, has accepted a position in Greensboro, as bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Elkins, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. Elkins brother, H. J. Elkins, of Greensboro.

C. L. Snipes, of Durham, was a week-end visitor in the home of his father, J. H. Snipes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson, of High Point, visited Mr. Nelson's father, R. L. Nelson, of this place, during the week-end, returning Sunday afternoon.

James Stigall, of Greensboro, visited his father-in-law, W. L. Coggins, Sat. night at plow. His wife has been visiting her father the past week. We are sorry to note she has been confined to her bed for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coggins, and family, of Hallison, visited at W. A. Coggins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Williamson and sons, Harold and Wilbur, and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Williamson, and daughter, Bettie Jean, of Sanford, were Sunday visitors at the home of T. B. Beal.

W. H. Murray reports having killed a porker, weighing 786 pounds. Some hog!