

IS SALISBURY ALIVE TO THIS OPPORTUNITY AT HER VERY DOOR

All Roads Are Leading to Baden, the Big Commercial Development Down the River—All Eyes Are Turned to These Works and All This Section of North Carolina Wishes to Profit By the Developments—Salisbury is Occupying a Strategic Position, But Salisbury Must Earn the Benefits She is to Receive From This Enterprise—Time for Us to Co-Operate to the End That Salisbury Get What She Ought to Get From the Building of Baden.

Is Salisbury ready, or is she preparing for the Baden development? Is this city standing at the gateway to this great material development prepared, or preparing to make the best of this great opportunity? This is a question for us to ask ourselves in all seriousness. We know the situation, or at least we ought to. In all past operations down the Yadkin Salisbury had an advantage. Our location was ideal and there was a local interest that helped us. Salisbury benefited to some degree by all of the past operations down the river. Now that these stupendous developments seem likely to be consummated at an early day, and from them will radiate a great benefit, is Salisbury going to occupy her former advantageous position, or is she to lose to others? We should remember that conditions have changed. A new railroad has gone into this section and it in no wise aids or helps Salisbury—rather very distinctly to the contrary. The dirt roads are aiming in the direction of this great project, and only one of them is helpful to Salisbury. Hear what the Lexington Dispatch tells its readers: "We need roads into every nook and corner of the county, but the most important road that can be constructed in our opinion now is a road leading from Lexington through the southern part of the county to connect with Baden, the twenty million dollar enterprise of the Aluminum Company of America. This being the greatest industrial enterprise in the South, it means a great deal more to Davidson county and this section of the State than our people have ever realized. It means a revolution industrially. It means the attraction of millions of dollars to this part of the State. It means a market for every chicken, for every egg, for everything that is produced on the farm at better prices than ever before. It means better farms, better homes, more prosperous people. Davidson county should take advantage of becoming connected by a good road with Baden, which will develop every inch of the southern part of Davidson county, and will bring thousands and thousands of dollars to Lexington and other parts of the county." This is a business proposition. There is nothing sentimental about it. The big corporation doing the big work down the river has no interest in Salisbury, the new folks that will pour into this new town will have no sentimental interest in Salisbury. Our past will not be worth a dried fig. We must be ready to co-operate. We must be ready to go in and take our part in these big works. We cannot stand aside and expect our town to profit by these developments, we too must build roads, and do other things which will put us next to these developments. Here let us again refer to another paper's editorial, the Charlotte Observer, that paper saying a few days ago: "In a short time, it seems, all roads will be leading to Baden, where the great aluminum plant is being completed. Hundreds of workmen will be employed at this plant and around the place will grow up a town of vast industrial activities. The Baden community will want a road to the market, and the best market with the best road leading to it will be undoubtedly rewarded with excellent returns on its investment. The proposition for the Charlotte-Baden road, therefore, is one that should enlist the interest of this city. The scope of the argument is covered in an item from the Lexington Dispatch on this page. Another road Charlotte wants is the highway over which the Southern Pines and Pinehurst traffic may come to this city. A road to Baden and a road to Pinehurst would be two of the finest assets Charlotte could secure during the year 1916." In a few weeks things will be humming down the river. In a few months a good sized town will be on the map, and a great industrial plant will be in operation. Salisbury occupies a very favored position, more favored than any of the town seeking to maintain friendly relations with this town, this enterprise, these people. But we have got to take care of it. And we have no time to lose, either. Is Salisbury ready, or is she preparing to take advantage of the opportunities here referred to? If we are not is it not time for us to fully realize that we are in danger of losing a good deal of what ought to be ours by not preparing to take advantage of all these things.

BALKANS CONTINUE TO BE ONE CHIEF CENTER IN WAR

ELIMINATION OF MONTENEGRO AS A FACTOR THERE AFFECTS SITUATION LITTLE.

GREEK GOVMT. HALTED

Great Britain and France Order the Greek Government to Deliver Passports to Central Power Ministers—Austrian Aeroplane Squadron Again Raids Italian Town.

The Balkans continue to be one of the chief centers of interest in war news, although the Montenegrin plea for peace means the elimination of one active factor in the military situation there.

The entente interests appear to be watching closely the situation in Albania and advices from London declare that adequate forces are now on hand to defend that country. Belief is indicated in these advices that Italy's precautionary measures in Albanian territory has gone far towards safeguarding the future interests of Montenegro, whose military collapse seems considered well nigh inevitable after crushing Serbia.

Little attention so far has been paid in entente quarters to the report that allied troops had landed near Athens as the German press indicate. From German sources comes the additional report that a landing of entente forces has been made at Piraeus, the seaport of Athens.

An Austrian aeroplane squadron has again raided the Italian town of Ancona. One person was killed but no material damage was done.

Denial is entered by semi-official news agencies in Berlin that Captain Von Popen made payment in connection with attempts to blow up munition factories or bridges.

Greek Government Halted. Berlin, by wireless to Saville, Jan. 18.—A note to the Greek government announcing a thorough ultimatum, is said by the Overseas News Agency to have been prevented by Great Britain and France. A Sofia dispatch to the News Agency says Greece is required to deliver the passports to the ministers of the central powers within 48 hours, failing in which the entente allies will take "necessary steps."

Montenegro Sues for Peace.

Based on the north, east and west by Austro-Hungarian armies and with all lines of retreat cut off, except into Albania, where hostile tribesmen must be faced, Montenegro has asked Austria-Hungary for peace and her request has been granted. The unconditional laying down of arms by Montenegro was made the basis of the opening of peace negotiations and Montenegro accepted these terms imposed by the Dual Monarchy.

This announcement was made to the Hungarian Parliament by Premier Tisa, and it was met with an ovation on the part of the members of the chamber. Thus comes the first withdrawal of any belligerent from either of the alliances that have been fighting with each other since August 1914.

It had been conceded for days that the situation of Montenegro was a critical one. Although the army of the little Kingdom fought valiantly against the Austro-Hungarians, it was unequal, because of inferior forces, lack of guns and it has been stated, a shortage in commissariat supplies, to the task of holding back the armies that had, in conjunction with their allies, succeeded in crushing Serbia.

Already the Montenegrin Capital and many of its important towns had fallen into the hands of the Austro-Hungarians, and the invaders were well on their way to Montenegro's chief seaport—Antivari. Last accounts had the Montenegrin Government at Scutari. The whereabouts of King Nicholas is not known.

Commence Investigation of Hammer Charges.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Department of Justice has commenced an investigation of the charges made by certain Randolph county people against District Attorney Hammer. Senator Overman, who was out today after being confined to his home for several days, said that the charges against Mr. Hammer will not be substantiated.

HOUSTON OVERCASH IS BEING HELD IN IREDELL JAIL

ROWAN MAN ACCUSED SHOOTING HIS WIFE TAKEN TO STATESVILLE.

SAID HAD MADE THREATS

Officers Find Shoes at Home of Young Man's Father Which Fit Tracks Outside of Window Through Which Girl-Wife Was Shot—Shooting Took Place at Home of Woman's Parents.

(By Associated Press.) Statesville, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Houston Overcash, who was shot Sunday night at the home of her parents in Iredell county is still alive but physicians pronounce her condition critical and there is little hope for her recovery. Her husband, who is charged with the attempted assassination, denies that he did the shooting. The person who shot Mrs. Houston Overcash fired through a window and more than one hundred bird shot entered her neck and head. Mrs. Robert Winecoff, her mother, who was in the room at the time, was also struck by several shot but was not seriously injured. Overcash and his wife, it is said, had been estranged for some time and Overcash, authorities declare, is said to have made threats against her.

The Statesville Landmark gives the following particulars of the shooting of Mrs. Houston Overcash at the home of her parents in Iredell county Sunday night and for which her husband, a Rowan man, has been arrested:

"A very deplorable tragedy occurred in the Amity neighborhood Sunday night when Mrs. Houston Overcash, a bride of five months, was shot and probably fatally wounded. Mrs. Overcash was in the dining room of (Continued on page 3.)

BIG Y. M. C. A. BANQUET AT SPENCER TONIGHT

Contest for Members Has Ended and Those Participating Will Feast at the Institution—Social and Other News.

Spencer, Jan. 18.—Everything is in readiness for a big banquet to be given at the Spencer Y. M. C. A. tonight when the Army will be served by the Navy. All day long preparations have been underway for a great occasion and it is expected there will be a large crowd of new members on hand with the workers in the membership campaign which closed Saturday night. The contest was between the Army and Navy and the losing team is to serve. The Army will be guests. Prizes for the best individual work will be awarded as follows:

- First prize, Carter L. Michael. Second prize, E. B. Farmer. Third prize, Henry Ellis. Fourth prize, H. C. Caddell. Fifth prize, D. G. Ellis. A musical and literary program has been arranged.

The membership campaign just closed resulted in adding 229 new names to the roll which has now reached 960.

Miss Perkinson Entertains.

Miss Anne Perkinson of Spencer entertained the S. S. S. club at her home on Third street Friday night. The guests were met at the door by the hostess who presented them to the members of the club and her guests Miss Nellie Rickmond of Greensboro. Throughout the evening delightful music was rendered by members of the club. Progressive games and conversation were indulged in. After which the guest were served delightful refreshments by Mrs. Perkinson, Mrs. Dan Carter and Miss Essie Robertson.

Those present were Misses Lillian Small, Mary McCormick, Lyde Von Cannon, Nannie Smith, V. Vian Miller, Elsie Andrews, Lucile Long, Stella Blackwell, Nellie Rickmond, Blanche Jenkins and Howard Swain, Charlie Paul, Oliver Bennett, Paul Davis, Hill Trexler, Blie Miller, Henry McCormick, Ned Prettyman, Bill Lents, Robert Simpson, Dr. Earl Worsham. All voted Miss Perkinson a charming hostess.

New Head of Amateur Athletic Union



GEORGE J. TURNER

WILLARD AND MORAN TO MEET IN APRIL

Champion Heavy Weight Signs a Contract to Meet Moran in Ten Round Bout in Pittsburg in April.

(By Associated Press.) Kansas City, Jan. 18.—Jess Willard the heavy weight champion who last night signed a contract to meet Frank Moran in a ten round bout in Pittsburg some time between the 10th and 22nd of April, today started into condition himself for the contest.

The articles of agreement give Willard \$32,500 or the privilege of 35 per cent of the gate receipts and 51 per cent of the motion picture rights. Willard and Moran are signed to Fight Ten Rounds.

Kansas City, Jan. 17.—Jess Willard champion heavyweight pugilist, was signed here tonight by Jack Curley, for a fight with Frank Moran, of Pittsburg. The fight will be held in New York, will be 10, it was announced. No definite date was set for the match which will be held sometime between April 10 and 22.

GOVERNOR CRAIG IS PLEASED.

Chief Executive Gratified at Manner in Which Newspapers of State Condemned Goldsboro Lynching.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 18.—"The manner in which the newspapers outside of Wayne county have condemned the lynching at Goldsboro is extremely gratifying to me," Governor Craig said today in discussing the shooting to death by members of a mob of John Richards last week, the alleged slayer of Anderson Gurley. The Governor reiterated his condemnation of the lynching and declared such act inexcusable and said that the State would exert every effort to prosecute the lynchers if they are identified.

Enjoyable Spencer Affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Schofield of Spencer, gave a most delightful social at their hospitable home on Fifth street last evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. Splendid music was rendered on the piano by Mr. Schofield accompanied by Mrs. G. N. Johnson of Salisbury on the violin, several beautiful duets was played by his charming little daughter, Miss Ruth and his son, Master James. After much enjoyment and fun was participated Mrs. Schofield assisted by Mrs. Trexler served most delicious coffee and cake following a fruit course. The hour of departure came all too soon. The fortunate guests voted Mr. and Mrs. Schofield a most charming hostess.

MEXICAN BANDIT IS PROMPTLY PUT TO DEATH

COLONEL VALLES A BANDIT CHIEF IS SHOT BY AN OFFICER.

REFUGEES REACH EL PASO

A Special Train Reached the Border Town This Morning With One Hundred Refugees—Others are Expected Later. Two Bandit Officers Are Executed for Their Part in Raids in Northern Mexico.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Jan. 18.—Colonel Miguel Baca Valles, a bandit chief captured at Palmas was executed at Juarez this morning.

The proceedings were very brief. The prisoner said, "I am not responsible for the acts of Villa, I beg to see your General."

The officer commanding the firing squad said he had instructions to execute and being a soldier he knew how to obey orders, so stepping close up to the prisoner he fired a bullet into his heart.

Refugees Reach El Paso.

More than one hundred refugees from Chihuahua aboard a special train reached here today, coming from the mining district of the state. They reported that Villa bands are scouring the country and clearing the ranches and other property of foreigners of everything of value. No one has been molested, however, since the murder of the 18 Americans a week ago at Santa Ysabel.

Rodriguez Also Executed.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 17.—Approximately 100 out of the 1,000 Americans and other foreigners who remained in Chihuahua State after the massacre at Santa Ysabel a week ago today, were expected to arrive here late tonight.

Most of the passengers are coming (Continued on page 3.)

KLUTZ BROKERAGE AND COMMISSION COMPANY

New Business Firm Launched With Mr. Chas. H. Klutz as President, B. H. Isenhower, Vice-President and D. W. Plyler Secretary and Treasurer.

A new enterprise was launched here this morning and will be numbered among Salisbury's business concerns in the future. It is known as the Klutz Brokerage & Commission Company, brokers, and will have offices on the second floor of the building occupied by the Salisbury Realty and Insurance Company on North Main street. The company will do a general brokerage business and conduct the same on the same basis of operations as all leading brokerage houses are run. The officers chosen are as follows:

- President—Chas. H. Klutz. Vice President—B. H. Isenhower. Secretary and Treasurer—D. W. Plyler.

The president is one of Rowan's leading farmers and largest land owners and is also one of the best business men of the county. He lives in Providence township but is classed as a Salisburyan, and is at present head of the Arey Oil Mill, and the new business in which he is the head will in no way interfere with the operation of the oil plant which will be operated as in the past.

The vice-president of the company is a popular young Salisburyan of much business capacity. He is rental agent and private secretary to Mr. D. L. Arey, one of the largest real estate owners in this section of the State.

The secretary and treasurer has been associated with the oil mill for some time and is a splendid young business man and will fit well in his new position.

The company will open for business at once and will maintain office at 122 1-2 North Main street.

The fellow who argues that politeness never costs anything seems to forget the seat he gives up in a crowded car.

ADMINISTRATION'S SHIP BILL.

Tentative Agreement on Terms are Reached and Bill Will Come Up Early Next Week.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 18.—Tentative agreement on terms of the administration ship bill which will be presented on congress at this session was reached today at a conference between President Wilson and Chairman Alexander of the House marine committee. Mr. Alexander said he would introduce the bill early next week and before doing so would make it public. It is known to include a provision for the ship board to regulate rates in much the same manner as the inter-state commerce commission regulates railroad rates and also provide for the acquisition of ships which can be used as naval auxiliaries.

Some people lead such quiet lives that nothing ever happens to them, not even the unexpected.

English as she spoke: He—Will you not marry me? She Yes, I will not marry you.