

## RUSSIANS UNABLE TO HALT GERMAN WEDGE FORCED TO FALL BACK

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## ELSIE ST. LEON AND HER HORSE



### "Polly of the Circus" Tonight the Attraction at the New Theater

Circus equestriennes do not often develop into actresses of such prominence that they are featured in large productions. Dainty little Elsie St. Leon, who is portraying the title role of "Polly of the Circus" is one notable exception and her charming sister, Ida St. Leon, is another. These pretty girls were literally born in the circus.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session at their rooms in the Baughman building, West Main street, this evening at 8 o'clock. This is to be a very important meeting. Several of the Norfolk Southern officials are expected to be present, so it behooves every member and every business man in the city should be on hand promptly.

**IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CHAMBER**

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session at their rooms in the Baughman building, West Main street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

**Snake Farms in Tropics.**

The snake-infested countries, India and Brazil, maintain "snake farms" at which a scientific study of serpents is being pursued. The venom from the poisonous ones is extracted and made into a serum for curing persons who have been bitten.

**NOTICE OF MEETING.**

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Peter's church are requested to send their gifts for the missionary box to Mrs. Guy C. Harding, East Second street, before Saturday, December 12th.

**FOB POSTMASTER.**

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## CITY SOLONS IN SESSION LAST NIGHT

The Board of City Aldermen met in regular monthly session at the City Hall last evening at the usual hour with Mayor F. C. Kagler presiding. The following business was transacted.

Mr. A. Daniels, attorney, appeared before the board in behalf of the non-rem machine of Mr. Caleb Bell. Mr. Bell was granted permission to operate the same at the regular tax. Mr. Bell was also given permission to use a pool and bowling alley in the Daniel & Warren building on Market street for a period of six months at the pro rata license tax.

The following resolution was passed: That section 7 be amended as follows: Any person obtaining license after six months of the license period having expired, the same shall be pro rated 50 per cent of the full amount, or after two months 25 per cent of the full amount, unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

Jarvis Allgood asked the city install an arc-light at the corner of Brown and Second streets. The matter was referred to the street and light committee.

On motion it was moved that the city buy all empty shells at four cents per pound.

The hose tower to the rear of the City Hall was ordered removed. Alderman M. T. Archbell was instructed to ascertain the cost of an iron shed in the rear of the City Hall and to report at a special meeting of the Aldermen on Wednesday evening next, December 16.

Ordered that the balance of \$388.37 for streets be applied as a part payment towards the cost of reconstructing the streets.

It was ordered that the city attorney draw such notices as is necessary for the condemnation of all hazardous buildings and send same to the chief of the fire department with instructions from the Board of Aldermen that he post same at once on all hazardous buildings.

The board took a recess until Wednesday evening, December 9th.

## NEW SHERIFF OF COUNTY IS ON HIS JOB

"Good morning, Mr. Sheriff, how are you this morning?" This was the first greeting to Sheriff W. E. Windley this morning in his office. "I am well and hearty," was the response. "We are too," said his deputies, Messrs. Claude Robinson and William E. Patrick. The sheriff's force looked perfectly at home and, although the sheriff's office changed hands yesterday, the affairs of the county are going on without a hitch.

Sheriff Windley bids fair to be a very popular officer and his selection of his deputies will go a long way towards making his administration a conspicuous success.

The new sheriff is well versed in county affairs, having for the past two years been the efficient recorder of Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity townships. No man in the county is better acquainted with human nature.

The new sheriff is being greeted by his friends as well as his

## ADDITIONS TO SPEAKERS ON PROGRAM

Some notable additions, including two members of the cabinet, are announced to the list of speakers for the eleventh annual convention of the National River and Harbor Congress, which is to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 13th, 14th and 15th of this month. The opening address on Wednesday will be made by Hon. William Jennings Bryan, the Secretary of State, and premier of the present administration. An address will also be given by Hon. Lindley M. Garrison, the head of the War Department, which has entire charge of preparing the plans and executing the works of river and harbor improvements.

From the well-known ability of these two members of President Wilson's cabinet, it is certain that their addresses will be both interesting and instructive.

The officers of the congress have had one serious disappointment. Col. Goethals had accepted the invitation to speak and fully expected to be present, but a cablegram has been received from him saying that at the last minute conditions have arisen which make it impossible for him to leave at present.

The Mississippi river, gathering as it does the waters of thirty-one States, is recognized as a national problem and this will be the theme of an address by Mr. A. S. Caldwell of Memphis, Tenn., who is president of the Mississippi River Levee Improvement Association.

The critical point in the Panama Canal is the huge dam which holds back the waters of Gatun Lake, and the builder of that great work, Col. William L. Sibert, has wired that he will be present and make an address. Colonel Sibert, who is now stationed at Cincinnati, in charge of improvements on the Ohio river, and was a member of the special board of engineers that recommended the transportation of that river from Pittsburgh to Cairo, has recently returned from China, where he was a member of the commission organized by the Red Cross to prepare plans for the prevention of floods on the rivers of that country and the famine consequent thereon. Colonel Sibert will be listened to with interest, whether he shall choose to speak of his work on the canal which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, or of the rivers of the land which is at once the oldest of nations and the newest of republics, on the other side of the world.

## ASKS SUPPORT PATRONS OF POST OFFICE

To the Democratic Patrons of Washington Postoffice:

As the time is near at hand for the primary at which a nominee for appointment as Postmaster will be selected, I want to ask the support of every patron of said office who is qualified to vote to attend this primary and give me their first choice vote for Postmaster, and those who have nominated themselves for first choice I sincerely trust will cast their second choice vote for me.

I shall feel grateful to all who give me either their first or second choice vote.

As it will be impossible for me to see each and every voter in person before the primary I hope to see you at about 8:30.

Please remember that your vote will not count for me if you stay at home.

Very respectfully,

W. M. SWANNER.

22-E-114.

## New Theater

ASSOCIATED FILMS THE BEST THERE IS Every Night Price 5 and 10c.

## WILL BE A FINE SHOW IS PROPHECY

"The Girl Who Dared," which is to be presented at the New Theater on the evening of December 17th, for the benefit of the Daughters of the Confederacy, promises to be one of the very best attractions ever presented by local talent. The rehearsals are being well attended and unless something unforeseen happens the show will surpass all others given here. One of the prime movers of this attraction is Mrs. H. W. Carter, and the more announcement that she is behind the more attracts its conspicuous success.

## LEFT TODAY.

Dr. H. W. Carter left this afternoon for Gettysburg, N. C., where he will attend the National Medical Society for Virginia and North Carolina. Dr. Carter is on the program for two papers.

## PHOTOGRAPHS FOR CHRISTMAS

Of course you have some friends you want to remember this Christmas.

Have them give photographs? They carry a sentimental value—present to your friends, or write a picture of the night.

Photographs are sentimental, but a good photograph makes a much enjoyed present. 12-E-112. BARNES'S STUDIO.

If Six Hundred People vote in the Primary for Postmaster, one voting a minute, it will take ten hours for them to vote. Come early and cast your vote for me. Remember the place and time, City Hall, Dec. 14th. N. HENRY MOORE.