

## BIG BATTLE NEAR UNAKA

As the result of a pitched battle, which occurred last Friday morning in the Unaka mountains about twenty-five miles from Murphy, between federal officers and a gang of alleged deserters and draft evaders, Jim Rose, noted feudist and all around bad man, is said to have been fatally wounded while resisting arrest, and Julius McClure, a deputy sheriff of Cherokee county, had his left shoulder badly shattered by a bullet fired from a rifle of one of the Rose gang.

S. Glenn Young, special agent for the government, who has been engaged in rounding up deserters and draft evaders in this section of the State for several weeks, had received instructions to go to Murphy and take up the hunt for the Crawley gang, who are wanted on charges of murder and army desertion. Pursuant to his instructions, he, in company with W. Daniels, a former soldier, and Charles Mason, a deputy U. S. marshal, went to Murphy Wednesday evening of last week. There they were joined by "Bill" Barnes, J. T. Murphy and Deputy Sheriff McClure of Cherokee county, and David Robinson, an officer from Dillsboro.

The party, heavily armed, left on horseback, immediately after their arrival at Murphy, for the locality in which "Bad Man" Rose and his gang were understood to have their habit, far back in the mountains. They first went to Rose's log cabin about five miles northwest of Unaka village, and finding no one there, they proceeded on their journey and shortly struck up with a young son of Rose's who informed the officers that their father had gone to Jones', having been frightened away from his cabin by a detachment of soldiers sent out from Atlanta in quest of Crawley and his gang.

Jones' place was about nine miles further west, being situated on the boundary line between this State and Tennessee. The house where Thomas Jones, his two sons and their wives live is located, it is said, in a narrow deep valley with tall mountains all around, making it necessary for those desiring to go to the house to enter through a narrow pass and into an opening several hundred yards before reaching the house.

Special Agent Young, and his men approached the Jones house last Thursday night and waited in the shadow of the mountains until about 3 o'clock in the morning, when they rode up near the opening surrounding the Jones house, and just at the break of day they put spurs to their horses and galloped in through the pass, in the hope of being able to surround the house before the inmates were aware of what was taking place. But Rose and his companions were ready for them. Just as Special Agent Young rode around to the rear of the house near the barn, he saw two men running from the back door of the dwelling directly towards him. These two men proved afterwards to be Rose and Ben Jones, a deserter. Young commenced shooting at the men with his automatic pistol, and they returned the fire with rifles, and dashed back toward the house.

By this time the battle was on in earnest and everybody was shooting. The men whose arrest was sought were shooting from the doors and windows of the house at the officers, and the officers were blazing away with their pistols at the men in the doors and windows of the house. Rose fell at the door step of the dwelling after one bullet had been sent through his body and another through a shoulder. Persons from within ran out and dragged him in the house. The officers claim they could have killed every person in the house if they had used their rifles, but not desiring to kill the women, whose cries they could hear above the din of battle, they contented themselves with the use of their revolvers. It is said 200 shots were fired on both sides, and the belligerents were about 60 yards apart.

The battle had been on only a few moments when Deputy Sheriff McClure fell with his left shoulder shattered by a ball from a rifle fired by one of the men whose arrest was sought. Rose and three of his companions were arrested, and others escaped to the nearby mountains. A search of the Jones house revealed 11 guns and 200 rounds of ammunition. Rose and the other men arrested were lodged in jail at Murphy last Friday night, and Deputy Sheriff McClure was left at the scene of the conflict in care of two of the officials who were with him when the fight took place, until an ambulance could be sent to bring him to Murphy.

Special Agent Young came to Asheville Saturday evening, and stated that he would soon take up the hunt for the Crawley gang, who are supposed to be hiding in the mountains of North Georgia, and that when he came up with them he was going to kill every man that made resistance.

Buy War Stamps.

## BOND ELECTION

An election has been called by the board of commissioners of Hendersonville, to give the qualified voters of the city an opportunity to vote on a proposition to issue \$23,000 in bonds to raise the money with which to buy the Noterman property on North Main street for a city park. The question as to whether or not the city will buy this property and turn it into a park rests with the voters of the town. The election will be held on February 11.

The advocates of the proposition say that the property is offered the city for the purpose of a park at a reasonable price, and that the town is badly in need of one or more parks close in, especially since we have such a large number of tourists each year. Other nearby towns that have parks, are pointed to as an example for Hendersonville. On the other hand a number of voters and taxpayers of the city say the proposition to issue bonds in order to get money with which to buy lands for a park should fail at this time. They contend that the city needs other things worse than it does a park. For instance, an increased water supply to meet the needs of an increasing population, extension of water and sewer lines, new bridges across several streams in the city, and more permanent improvement on streets.

The city's bonded indebtedness is now \$298,800. On this indebtedness it is said \$19,000 is paid each year. In addition to this payment on the principal, the city is paying the interest at the rate of about 6 per cent per annum. Moreover, every little while, bonds have to be issued to pay current expenses. The proposed park bond issue provides that the \$23,000 in bonds, if issued, would mature in 30 years.

The advocates of the proposition to issue bonds to buy a park point out that if favorable action is not had, it will probably be a long while before the city can procure suitable lands for a park, and perhaps never in as suitable location as the Noterman property.

Those who oppose the bonds say that no more indebtedness ought to be placed upon the taxpayers of the town than actual necessities require. So, Mr. Voter, it is up to you. Give the matter your most careful consideration, and cast your ballot in the election, which will be held February 11, according to what you shall deem best for the city.

### SAMUEL RAU

Samuel Rau passed away in his sleep about five o'clock Monday morning, January 27, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He had been in feeble health for about a year. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. N. Pratt Thursday morning at the residence, on the Blue Ridge road about four miles from town, and interment was made at Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were B. F. Pace, John Albert Maxwell, D. D. Henderson, Jesse Newman, P. B. Gibbs and W. H. Plank.

Mr. Rau was born at Canfield, O., October 30, 1835. He served in the Union army in the Civil War. About thirty years ago he moved to Eastern Virginia, where he lived for a number of years. Failing health caused him to seek a better climate and his attention was attracted to Western North Carolina. He had some correspondence with the editor of The Times, and after careful investigation he came to Hendersonville about fifteen years ago. He had then almost reached the span of life allotted by the Psalmist, and the prolonging of his days to the advanced age which he finally attained is believed to be due to this climate.

By all who knew him, Mr. Rau was held in high esteem as an upright man, a good citizen and a good neighbor.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lilly M. Rau, and two sons and two daughters by a former marriage. The sons are Homer A. Rau of Wilmington and Milo S. Rau of Tacoma, Wash. The daughters are Mrs. G. E. Harness and Mrs. Michael Ailsworth of Virginia.

### GALLILEO BLACKWELL

Gallileo Blackwell, age about 38, died Friday night of last week at his home in the southern part of Blue Ridge township. Pneumonia following influenza was the cause of his death. He has lived all his life in the community where he was residing at the time of his death, and was well regarded by people who knew him. His wife and an adopted child and a large number of other relatives survive, for whom much sympathy is felt on account of the bereavement that has come to them.

Interment was made Sunday in the Blue House cemetery near Dana, Rev. A. W. Farnum, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, conducted the funeral services.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of Hendersonville, the fourth annual report of the Public Library is herewith submitted:

The year 1918 has shown a steady increase in the patronage and usefulness of the library, a gain of over 33 per cent being made in the circulation of books over last year. There was also a marked increase in the reading room attendance notwithstanding the fact that the reading room was closed to the public for two months on account of health conditions.

During the past summer the Library building underwent some much needed repair work in the way of re-decorating of walls on the inside and painting of wood work on outside, also during the spring the building was completely fitted up with screen windows and doors which were badly needed.

### DETAILED REPORT FOR 1918

Circulation Books Loaned	
Adult	9,970
Children	3,085
Total	13,055
Average daily circulation	42
Increase in circulation over '17	3,661
Number of New Members	
Adult	131
Children	85
Total	216
Total number members Dec. 31, '18	650
Number of Volumes in Library	
Books purchased during '18	166
Books donated during '18	75
Total additions	241
Withdrawn on account of worn out	60
No. Volumes in Library Dec. 31	2,815
Rent Shelf	
Books added	82
Books transferred	41
Number of persons using reading room during year	5,107
We are very badly in need of some new books in the children's department.	

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMA R. SANDIFER,  
Librarian.

### MRS. JOHN T. WILKINS

After a long illness Mrs. John T. Wilkins entered into rest Tuesday afternoon, January 28, at 2 o'clock. The funeral and interment took place Wednesday afternoon at Oakdale cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. E. E. Bomar, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. The pallbearers were H. A. Stepp, W. A. Keith, W. B. Wilson, Nathan Brenner, P. J. Rhodes and J. C. Morrow, Jr.

Mrs. Wilkins before her marriage was Miss Olive French Eury. She came from Tennessee to Asheville where she was graduated as a trained nurse at the Mission hospital. She was married to Mr. Wilkins August 30, 1914. She was held in very high esteem by all who knew her, and the sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved husband, to the little daughter left motherless, and to the step children for whom Mrs. Wilkins had so well taken the place of mother.

### JAMES LOUIS EVANS

James Louis Evans was born August 11, 1839, in Crab Creek township, Henderson county, and lived his entire life, near to and in sight of the place of his birth; and died January 25, 1919, in the eightieth year of his age.

Mr. Evans served on the side of the Union in the war between the states. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Crab Creek Baptist church in 1867, and soon thereafter was ordained a deacon, which office he held till death. For the greater part of his church-life, he was superintendent of the Sunday school of his church. He loved his church and the cause for which it stands, and was constant in his faith and practices; and his love and loyalty for his country was second only to that for his church and Christianity. He was respected by all who knew him for his honesty of purpose, and his devotion to the principles of right.

Surviving Mr. Evans are his wife, Mrs. L. A. Evans, and his seven children, Miss Achsah Evans, P. P. Evans, Mrs. O. V. F. Blythe, R. B. Evans, Mrs. J. P. McKinnis, Mrs. L. A. Chapin and J. N. Evans.

The funeral services of Mr. Evans, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. McCall, were conducted by Rev. John Sentell. They consisted of scripture reading, appropriate remarks, and appropriate hymns, sung by the church choir.

Notwithstanding that his death was sudden, and not widely known, a great number of relatives and friends attended the funeral, and were of one mind and voice in their esteem for the life and character of the deceased, and in mourning the loss of his departure.

Six million shells were manufactured for Uncle Sam during the war by the Westinghouse company. This was made known in an announcement made by Guy E. Tripp.

## THE CLEANEST IN THE STATE

According to an inspection recently made of twenty-three hotels in this State, by a representative of the State board of health, Hendersonville hotels are the most sanitary in the State. Of the hotels inspected, only three scored as high as ninety. These were the Kentucky Home and Blue Ridge, Hendersonville and the New Briggs, at Wilson. The Kentucky Home scored 93 and the Blue Ridge 92, and the New Briggs 90.

Other hotels inspected scored as follows: The Southland, Wilson, 87; Proctor, Greenville, 87; Imperial, Canton, 87; Imperial, Wilson, 86; Entala, Bryson City, 85; Gordon, Waynesville, 84; Critcher, Boone, 82; Mountain, Jefferson, 81; West Jefferson, West Jefferson, 77; Waynesville, 76; Blue Mont, North Wilkesboro, 76; Suyeta, Waynesville, 74; Seabrook, Wilson, 73; Blount, Bethel, 72; Tull, Kinston, 71; Bonair, Waynesville, 70; Kenmore, Waynesville, 70; Wilson, Wilson, 66; Central, Canton, 63; Young's, Bakersville, 62.

According to the inspection cards, the particular points on which a large number of the hotels were inspected and were found wanting were lack of cleanliness in the office, lobby, wash-room, dining room, kitchen or pantry; lack of sufficient fire protection; an unsafe milk and water supply, or an unsafe sewage system. All were guilty, however, of employing servants who were not certified against syphilis, tuberculosis and as typhoid carriers.

### SOME SORT OF LEAGUE

Two weeks ago, in discussing the progress towards peace, we pointed out that the delay was partly due to the differences of opinion about the proposition to establish a league of nations, and that, though there are many who doubt the possibility and some who question the wisdom and justice of establishing such a league, yet the probabilities were that the matter would end in a compromise, that some sort of league would probably be established but not the extreme and ideal form.

Since then, evidence has steadily been accumulating which tends to justify that prediction. The war-worn people, and some of their leaders, in their intense eagerness to prevent a recurrence of war, have grasped at the idea of a world league to insure peace. But the majority of responsible statesmen, following the lead of Clemenceau, are more than doubtful, having long ago learned by bitter experience the disappointments which come from attempting too much; they prefer the old-fashioned plan of alliances of nations whose interests are similar.

It now appears that all parties are in process of getting together on a scheme to establish something which will purport to be a world league but which will, in effect, be little more than an alliance dominated by the three great allies, the United States, Britain and France.

### WHOLE NATION TO MOURN

Everything possible to make successful the nation-wide arrangements for the memorial services in honor of Theodore Roosevelt, on Sunday, February 9, is to be done by all state, county, community and municipal councils of defense, in accordance with a request made by Grosvenor B. Clarkson, director of the council of national defense. The nation's mourning will thus concur with the services to be held by Congress on that day.

### FRANK MORRIS

Frank Morris died in Asheville Tuesday night of this week, aged 30 years. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the residence of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Morris, on Fifth avenue in this city, and interment was made at Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Morris was born and raised here and had a large number of relatives and friends in this city and county. After holding a position as clerk in one of the local hotels, he took a similar position in the New Charleston hotel in Charleston, S. C., and from there went to Mobile and afterwards to Cincinnati. Compelled by failing health to return to the South, he accepted a position at the Swannanoa-Berkley hotel in Asheville, and was soon afterwards forced by continued ill health to give up work entirely. The immediate cause of his death was general septicemia following appendicitis.

Mr. Morris' father was the late W. G. B. Morris who was well known in this county and section and who was postmaster in this city in the Harrison administration. He died before his term expired and his wife was appointed to the position, which she held for several terms.

Mr. Morris is survived by his mother, four brothers and four sisters. The brothers are K. G., A. C. and Horace Morris of this city and F. Z. Morris of Asheville. The sisters are Mrs. W. H. Vander Linden of this city, Mrs. T. P. Wall of Starks, Fla., Mrs. J. L. Wade and Mrs. M. A. Lee of Dunn.

## LEGISLATURE

The Legislative mill is in operation with a full head of steam. Here is some of the grist already turned out:

To allow commissioners of Clay county \$3 per day.

For the relief of F. M. and Z. L. Osborne of Alleghany county.

To fix the pay of commissioners of Transylvania county.

To repeal Chapter 80 relative to treasure of Mitchell county.

To prevent the killing and shipping of veal in Rutherford county.

To repeal chapter 385, public laws 1917, relative to office of county treasurer, Transylvania county.

To incorporate Pleasant Hill Baptist church in Macon county.

To amend the revision relative to pay of jurors.

To amend chapter 157 of public laws 1917, relative to illicit manufacture of liquor.

To co-ordinate the illuminating oil act and gas inspection act.

To amend law relative to pure bred cattle in Mitchell county.

To incorporate the First Congregational church at Albemarle.

To repeal stock law in Jackson county.

To amend the 1913 act regulating the use of assumed names in partnerships.

To increase the pay of jurors appointed to partition lands and allot dowers, from \$2 to \$3 per day.

To amend Revisal as to cost of clerk's and treasurers' bonds.

To repeal 1917 law and allow trial by jury after compulsory reference.

To provide for cancellation of instruments by Gates county register.

To require clerks of superior courts to notify Attorney General of appeals and allow defendant to withdraw appeal before reaching supreme court.

To amend prohibition law in Burke county.

To invite Woodrow Wilson to speak in Raleigh.

To regulate fees of jailer in Alleghany county.

To fix pay of jailer in Ashe county.

To authorize commissioners of Macon county to receive \$4 for each meeting.

To fix salaries of certain office of Perquimmons county.

To repeal law relating to school census in Warren county.

To regulate the issuance of notes in lieu of State bonds.

To authorize the appointment of committee to draft laws necessary to meet constitutional amendments adopted at last election.

### CLUB MEMBERS HAVE SPLENDID MEETING

On last Saturday the members of the Agricultural Clubs of Henderson county held their annual meeting at the court house. The influenza kept a great many away from the meeting, but quite a number were present. R. E. Lawrence, county agent from Brevard, judged the exhibits brought in by the boys and girls. He complimented them very highly on their exhibits. The highest yield of corn, 138 bushels per acre, was made by Alice Anders.

In each of the four clubs three prizes were given for the best work done during the year, 1st \$5.00, 2nd \$3.00 and 3rd \$2.00. The prize winners were as follows: Corn Club—Alice Anders, first; Hubert Greenwood, second; John H. Osborne, third. Pig Club—Willie King, first; Francis King, second; Clarence Dalton, third. Potato Club; Myrtle Glover, first; Lillian Moss, second, Edwin Staton, third. Poultry Club—Bessie Powell, first; Leoma Sherman, second; Ted Ward, third. Carroll Wagner, though not a member of the club, brought some very nice chickens.

Prizes were also given for the best exhibits brought in by members. For best exhibit of corn—Terrell Greenwood, first; Alice Anders, second; Robertson Cathey, third. For best potatoes—Wayland Sherman, first; Clyde Ward, second; Egerton Fletcher, third. For best chickens—Flave Dalton, first; Terrell Greenwood, second; Graham Barnwell, third.

The club members gave a rising vote of thanks to the merchants and business men of Hendersonville who so kindly gave the money for the prizes. Each member who had sent in a report on the year's work received a club pin as a prize. Many of the boys and girls wished to become members again this year.

FRANK FLEMING,  
County Agent.

### VARIOUS CHANGES

S. Gaither Rhodes, assistant postmaster of Hendersonville for the past year and a half, will soon resume work as assistant cashier of the First Bank & Trust Co. to succeed Hal M. Whitfield, who goes to the American National Bank of Asheville.

Mr. Rhodes had about ten years' experience in the banking business, closing his work a few years ago with the First Bank & Trust Co. to push his Mills River farm work. He has had a long and varied experience in postal work.

Although no nominations have been made, it is thought that John Masen will be promoted to the position of assistant postmaster, and that Mr. Masen's present position will be assigned to J. C. Waldrop.

## NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST

Women now serving as conductors will be retained by the Detroit (Mich.) United Electric railways, in accordance with an order issued by the national war labor board.

### DESERTED NAVY; KILLED TWO

Charles Evans, of Springfield, Ill., 18 years old, and a deserter from the navy, who recently confessed to two murders, was sentenced to life imprisonment for each crime, the two sentences to run concurrently. Evans killed a man who resisted him during a robbery, and later killed a policeman who tried to arrest him. He received the court's sentence with a smile, and remarked that he would be a "model prisoner."

### NEGROES PROBING MORALE OF TROOPS

Ten negro delegates, representing the national equal rights congress, are in France investigating the morale of the negro troops in the United States army. They also have been instructed to review the work of colored troops with the French and English armies.

### NEGRO LYNCHED IN LOUISIANA

Henry Thomas, a negro alleged to have murdered J. Monroe Pharris, of Brinkerhoff, La., was lynched by a mob shortly after the murder. The negro is reported to have used a piece of pipe in killing Pharris, to whom he owed a sum of money.

### MORE MEN LEAVE CAMP McCLELLAN

Orders have been issued calling for the demobilization of 22,000 men from Camp McClellan near Anniston, Ala. The troops will be released under orders of General George A. Allin.

### TO CHECK UNEMPLOYMENT

Appropriation of \$100,000,000 for expenditure on public works to prevent unemployment in the United States has been proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa.

The bill would create an agency known as the United States public works board, which would supervise the expenditure of funds and take general charge of federal, state and municipal developments.

### SOLDIERS WILL KEAP SHAVING TOOLS

Secretary of War Baker has directed that enlisted men, upon being discharged from the service, may retain the safety razor, comb, shaving brush, steel mirror and towels issued to each man.

### FOOD FOR ENEMY SHIPS

At the armistice conference held at Treves between the German and allied shipping and food committees, it was arranged to deliver 70,000 tons of pork and 200,000 tons of cereals to Germany. In return the United States will get about 350,000 tons of shipping.

The German passenger vessels, which will be used in transporting American troops to the United States, have a capacity of about 70,000 men per trip.

### KANSAS TO MAKE OWN BRICKS

Kansas will make its own bricks with which to pave the projected state highways, according to the report of a commission named by Governor Allen to consider the high cost of construction.

With the growth of sentiment favoring permanent highways throughout the state, prices of road-building material advanced, and this step was taken to limit the expense of the road-building program.

### FRANCE NOW HAS 6,000 AEROPLANES

When the war started France had 21 squadrons, or 147 aeroplanes, 321 pilots and a total personnel of 4,342. The aviation program in July, 1918, brought the number of machines to more than 6,000.

### YANKS TO EXPOSE ATROCITIES

Americans who were prisoners in Germany will make affidavits exposing Teuton atrocities, General Harris stated. The worst of these occurred when the Germans, without provocation, fired upon prisoners engaged in a game of football.

### CREDIT IS A MOST VALUABLE ASSET

It is easy to establish credit with mail order houses. All they ask is that you are regularly employed and can give reference. With this indorsement you can buy from the reliable firms advertising in Grit, and have the use of the goods while paying for them. Established credit with any firm is a valuable asset.

### OPERATED DURING STORM

In the midst of a wild storm, during which waves at times running 40 feet high lashed against the ship, two army surgeons on board the armored cruiser South Dakota performed a successful operation for appendicitis on Corp. E. C. Williams, of Airlie, N. C.

The soldier was taken suddenly ill on the warship while returning from France with coast artillerymen and aero construction troops.