

### HAMPDEN GREAT IN HIS "HAMLET"

#### Noted Shakespearean Actor Charms Large Crowd With His Perfect Art.

Lovers of Shakespeare had a great evening at the City Auditorium theater Tuesday when they heard Walter Hampden, Shakespearean interpreter of world-wide fame, in his favorite role of Hamlet. Supported by a company that contained nothing but artists, Mr. Hampden gave an interpretation of the Shakespearean masterpiece that will remain long in the memories of those who had the privilege of seeing him all back to read "Hamlet" with renewed interest and pleasure and with new understandings of the depths of meaning in the great tragedy of the son of the King of Denmark.

The audience was far from being exclusively a Charlotte audience. Lovers of Shakespeare in Gastonia, Monroe, Statesville, Rock Hill, Salisbury, Concord, and other nearby places came over to hear the greatest Shakespearean actor of the age interpret "Hamlet." They came and were amply rewarded, if enthusiastic expressions of pleasure heard in the theater entrance after the show were safe criteria of their opinion. It was nearly 12 o'clock when the curtain went down on the last act and the audience filed out of the theater.

Criticism of Mr. Hampden's interpretation of the Hamlet character would be superfluous here. He has run the gamut of Shakespearean critics in all the capitals of the English-speaking world and many in the non-English-speaking world and has been acclaimed everywhere as unexcelled by any of his fellow-artists in Shakespearean roles. He has often been compared to Edwin Booth, with the comparison frequently in his favor, and with Sir Henry Irving—with the same result. At times the audience could not resist was the infinite charm and musicality of his enunciation. It was a liberal education to hear his resonant, resonating voice in perfect enunciation in some of the bigger scenes of the play. Those who have an idea that the English language cannot be spoken in sonorously and with an avalanche of emotional power have not heard Walter Hampden. He was majestic in passage after passage and held his hearers in the spell of a perfectly functioning voice, carrying masterpieces of unexcelled profundity of thought. The modern world is in too big a hurry to read Shakespeare often and would rather go to the movies than hear Shakespearean actors intone and interpret the Bard of Avon, but it frequent opportunities of hearing such performers as Hampden and company present themselves, surely there would be a re-awakened interest in Shakespeare.

The supporting company had many stars in it. Ernest Rowan as Laertes was splendid and in close competition with him were William Sauter as Horatio and Allen Thomas as Polonius. One of the other stars of exceptional brilliance was Miss Mabel Moore as Ophelia. One would have to go far and search long to find a more capable interpreter of Ophelia than Miss Moore proved to be. She won the tribute of spontaneous applause several times. The audience evinced its liking for the entire performance and individual actors and incidents by spirited applause. Credit is due the Charlotte branch of the University Women of America for bringing Mr. Hampden and his company here.

### NEWEST "BUD" IN CAPITAL SOCIETY



Miss Mary Palmer.

Miss Mary Palmer, daughter of Col. John McA. Palmer, U. S. A., is to make her bow to Washington society at a tea dance at Washington barracks soon.

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## THEATERS

#### Last Showing of Broadway's Big Program.

The big double program which has attracted such large crowds to the Broadway will be presented today for the last time.

Constituting this program is "R. S. V. P.," Charles Ray's latest First National comedy de luxe, and "Future Movie Stars," the three-act production made here by the Southern Motion Picture Exposition, in which several Charlotte young women and more than 20 others from Carolina cities appear. "R. S. V. P." shows Ray in the role of a struggling young artist who finds himself seriously handicapped in his efforts to win the love of his sweetheart because he and his pal are dividing their one dress suit between them and each is trying to convince the same girl he will make the most desirable husband in the long run. Charles Ray probably never made another comedy that contained more laughs or more surprising situations. There is an unusual pleasure in watching the unfolding of the romance, and, all in all, "R. S. V. P." is most interesting hotplay entertainment.

#### "The Great Impersonation" Showing for Last Times.

George Melford's Paramount picture production of "The Great Impersonation" in which James Kirkwood is the featured player, and which was displayed at the Imperial theater yesterday, is great. That was the verdict of succeeding audiences. The scenes of the picture are laid in England and Africa and it has a pre-war political plot and an appealing love story for its theme. Ann Forrest proved a charming heroine and the support generally is excellent.

The millions of readers of Frances Hodgson Burnett's world-loved novel, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," will be delighted to know that Mary Pickford in reproducing the story for the screen has preserved all its quaintness and charm, and has been especially faithful to the costumes and manners of the period depicted so vividly by the author.

### HERE'S WHAT MAKES THE HOT DOG WILD

New York, Dec. 14.—The secret of what makes the hot dog wild is out.

New York's frankfurter taste always has been strong, but recently police, on duty at Madison Square Garden during the six-day bicycle race, were unable to understand why certain vendors had no trouble in disposing of their entire kenneis at 30 cents a dog, without even serving the conventional mustard.

The authorities were considering some means of stamping out this profiteering, when one bluecoat purchased a hound and punctured it. Pure moonshine.

Now the coppers are casting a mean eye at every hot dog in town.

### WHITE MAN IS LYNCHED.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 14.—"Curley" Hackney, white, about 30 years old, arrested in connection with an attack on an eight-year-old girl, was taken from the city jail last night and hanged three miles south of town. He confessed, according to the police. Hackney was arrested last night and shortly afterward a mob gathered at the jail.

### A CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Phillips and family wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation, to their many friends, for the sympathy shown and beautiful flowers sent during the illness and death of their daughter and sister Grace.

### DEATHS—FUNERALS

#### REV. D. W. MICHAEL.

Rev. D. W. Michael, pastor of a Lutheran church in Tacoma, Wash., and a brother of J. A. Michael, 812 North Tryon street, died suddenly Monday night on his way home from a church meeting, according to a telegram received here Tuesday night.

Mr. Michael was a North Carolinian, having been born in Alamance county and educated at the University of North Carolina. He was a pastor at Troutman for a short time. He has since held pastorates in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Minnesota. He has been in Tacoma about five years. He was 55 years old.

One sister and one brother besides the brother here survive. They are Mrs. Annie Swicegood, of Danville, Va., and Isaac Michael, of Greensboro.

#### I. A. ROLLINS.

A message received here by Mrs. W. C. O'Daniel unannounced the death of her brother, I. A. Rollins, in St. Louis, where he had been living many years. His death occurred at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night and was sudden. No details were given.

Mr. Rollins formerly lived in Charlotte and for many years before going to St. Louis was connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railway in an important capacity. In 1920 he spent six weeks in Charlotte and other parts of the State visiting relatives and friends. A little less than two years ago his younger brother, former State Senator Joseph M. Rollins, died in St. Louis. Mr. Rollins is survived by two sisters, Mrs. O'Daniel, of Charlotte, and Mrs. C. W. Courtney. A wife and two daughters also survive. The daughters are Mrs. Jack Ferguson, of Madison, Tenn., and Mrs. George Fease, of Washington, D. C.

#### MRS. CATHERINE MONROE.

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Catherine V. Monroe, widow of the late Thomas E. Monroe died at her home in Franklin township, Tuesday morning, death being caused by pneumonia. Her husband died about six months ago. The funeral takes place at Wedel Lutheran church, Franklin, Wednesday.

Surviving Mrs. Monroe are the following children: Rev. P. E. Monroe.

D. D., president of Summerland College, Leesville, S. C.; Mrs. George Jacobs and Mrs. J. R. Lentz, of Rowan county; Mrs. J. C. Keever, wife of a Methodist minister at Cliffside; B. C. Monroe, B. C. Monroe and Paul Monroe, of Washington, and Miss Janet Monroe, who is in training at Charlotte for a trained nurse.

#### MRS. MELINDA W. ACHEMBACH.

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—News has been received of the death of Mrs. Melinda Walton Achenbach which occurred at East Orange, N. J., December 12th. Mrs. Achenbach was 79 years old. She was a daughter of the late Sheriff Walton, of Rowan county and sister of the late L. W. Walton, of Salisbury.

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### PRACTICE POSTPONED

Because of the continued illness of Director Bartlett, the Boys Scout band will not hold its regular practice Wednesday night.

### COURT OF HONOR MEETS

The Boy Scout court of honor will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. All members of the court and boys who will come up for merit badges, are urged to be present.

C. M. Byers returned home Wednesday morning from a business trip to Baltimore.

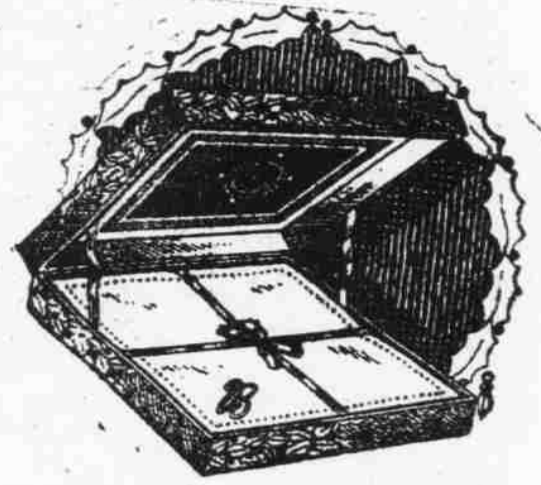
### McMATH SUCCEEDS ADAMS

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Alfred McMATH of Onancock, Accomack county, was yesterday elected president of the Virginia State Board of Agriculture and Immigration to succeed Barclay D. Adams, of Charlotte, who resigned.

### CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—Five school districts in this county, in the 21st, 22nd and Bear Poplar neighbors, have voted to consolidate and build a new central building on a ten-acre lot. The project carries a 45 cent tax.

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