

PROBABLY FATALLY WOUNDED BY MR. M. A. HAMILTON.

Shooting Occurred Late Monday Afterndon in Efird's Store .- Misunderstanding Over Account Hamilten Owed Ritchie .- Four Shots Fired. But Only One Took Effect .--Bullet Entered Abdomen, Forging Upward and Grazing Lung. - Mr. Ritchie Taken to Salisbury Hospital-Still Living, With Chance of Recovery .- Details of the Tragedy. Mr. Mumford F. Ritchie, a prominent and popular young hardware merchant, lies in Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium with his life hanging in the balances as a result of being shot afternoon about 6 o'clock. The sensational affair took place in Efird's department store, where Mr. Hamil-10n works. Mr. Ritchie had gone in the store to collect an account from Mr. Hamilton, a misunderstanding arose and the shooting followed.

Occurring at the time of day when aniel reigned supreme, the streets being almost empty, clerks, laborers and hate shoppers having already gone to weapon. their homes, and just as nature was

city tax collector's office; Mr. George, tinued until Tuesday, April 9th. Mr. Hamilton went to secure counsel, re- | Hamilton's bond of \$5,000 for his ap-Means. Counsel went before Record- The hearing was continued, pending er Puryear, who placed the young the result of Mr. Ritchie's injuryman ander bond of \$5,000, which Mr. J. Lee Crowell has been retained friends raised.

At the time the shooting occurred State.

there were no customers in Efird's. Rev. J. H. West went to Salisbury All the employes has gone to supper Tuesday afternoon to see Mr. except six. Messrs. George Hamil- Ritchie. He returned last night on ton, Evey Cook and R. C. Teague were No. 35. Mr. West said that Mr. part them and that they were grap- that it struck any other vital organ. adjoining rooms in the same build, wife are in Salisbury with him.

Mr. Hamilton placed his pistol in a drawer and surrendered to the police. Officer Benfield later went to the store and got the pistol. It is now in the custody of the officers. As above stated, four shots were fired and one ball remained in the

From 6 until 8:30 o'clock Mr.

WEDDED IN LONDON. taining Mr. T. D. Maness and Mr. pearance this morning was renewed. Mr. T. W. Smith; Jr., and Miss Marday.

in the case and will represent the

in the front, of the store and Miss Ritchie was conscious and recognized Mr. Smith is a son of Rev. and ing certain firms in distant parts of Bessie Blackwelder and Messrs. E. L. him immediately. He said that he Mrs. T. W. Smith, of Concord, and the United States. The representa-Efird and Merle Crooks were in the talked to him only a short time and has been living in Europe about four tives of these arms had thoroughly rear. When the shots were fired Mr. that he complained of a pain in his and a half years, during which time canvassed the city several weeks ago Efird rushed out the rear door to the breast but nowhere else. Mr. Ritchie he has been working for the Ameri- any by the use of very glib tongues, hardware store and told the men in told Mr. West, so he states, that he can Tobacco Company. He is now which agents usually possess, had there that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. would get well. Mr. West said the the manager of the company's "forced" a number of good house-Ritchie were fighting and that shots doctors have not yet located the bul- branch at Stockholm, Sweden, one wives to place orders for enlarged had been fired. Miss Blackwelder let and from what he learned Mr. of its most important foreign offices, pictures, sets of dishes, and numerand Mr. Crooks went out the rear Ritchie's chances for recovery are He was reared in Concord and is ous other articles of bric-a-brac, door and Messrs. Cook and Teague very slim. It is reported at the hos- one of the most popular and deserv- which the good women have to have. out the front. Mr. George Hamilton pital that the ball grazed one lung ing young men that has ever gone As is the case with purchases of this said that he ran towards the men to but no indications have yet developed out from this city.

Mr. Ritchie's Condition Today.

Mr. C. F. Ritchie returned from Salisbury this morning where he had been with his brother, Mr. M. F. brother had a good rest last night. and that they were very much engaret Ellis Married Last Satur

Many friends of both parties, in Concord and elsewhere, will be much

interested in the announcement that Mr. Thomas W. Smith, Jr., and Miss Margaret Ellis were married in London on Saturday, March 2.

by Mr. Marion A. Hamilton Monday pling over the pistol. Clerks from Dr. Young went to Salisbury yes- kinsville, Ky., and she has several some of the ladies paid the full the hardware store then arrived and terday to see Mr. Ritchie. Messrs. times visited here, being the guest amount, others refusing to be "taken took Mr. Ritchie out. The stores are C. F. and Walter Ritchie and his of Miss Jenn. Coltrane. The Hop- in," while some of them just took kinsville New Era says:

aware of the date of the wedding.

Caustic Soda.

condition. The seething fluid in a

#### TROUBLE CAUSED BY BUYING FROM AGENTS.

One May Says He Will Whip the the Next "Agent" That Puts Foot in His Yard.

Quite a great deal of excitment and more or less consternation was created in certain guarters in Concord yesterday, by the appearance at

a number of homes, agents represent-

kind, there was a misunderstanding His bride's home was at Hop- to the price to be paid. However, the pictures without any frame, there-

"The rosy news comes as a sur- by saving several dollars. But just prise to society, as none but mem- as some of the purchasers were conbers of the bride's family were gratulating themselves on the "bargains" they had secured, the man of "The bride is a daughter of Mrs. the house came in and shared the Lucy Ellis, and is one of the most "joy" of the bargain lady. It is said Ritchie, since he was taken to the beautiful and accomplished girls in that several m.n were on a quiet hunt hospital. Mr. Ritchie said that his the city. For several sessions she for the agents, while others kept the was a member of the faculty of Ran- telephones in boarding houses and hoand appeared cheerful this morning dolph Macon College in Virginia. She tels busy trying to find them, and one

COUNTY MATTERS.

Contract for Steel Bridge Over Rocky River .-- Other Matters.

The board of county commissioners held the regular monthly meeting at the court house Monday. Tas work of the board consisted chieffy in going over the financial affairs of the county, endorsing pay orders and hearing reports on the various county institutions. A number of delegations on road matters also appeared before the board, asking for new roads, bridges, etc.

Mr. R. C. Kizer was paid \$70 for raising abutments and bridge over the branch near the Gibson mill.

Messrs. John W. Cook, John W. Morris and C. L. Erwin were appointed a committee to have the Morris mill road surveyed.

Superintendent J. C. Earnhardt was paid \$331.60 for expenses for chaingang for month of February.

Superintendent M. I. Winecoff was paid \$72.42 for expenses of County Home for month of February.

The board awarded a contract to the Oswego Bridge Company for a steel trestle for the Morehead bridge across Rocky river, according to the plans adopted by the board at their regular meeting on February 12. The contract price is \$1,142, this being the lowest bid on the trestle when bids were opened. This contract is only for the steel. It also provides that a competent superintendent be sent here by the company to superintend the erection of the structure.

in the metamorphosis of the dwind- hardware store, surrounded by his ing day into calm and tranquil ev- brothers, physicians and clerks in the ening, the shocking suddenness of the store. Mr. Lloyd Cook, a member of infortunate affair made it more start- the clerical force, was sent to notify dines.

knocking him when he shot him.

the counter.

When the shots were fired clerks F. Ritchie, and his wife. from Efird's rushed into Ritchie's and told what had happened. Messrs. John Hopkins and Boyd Moose, of the clerical force, and H. G. Gibson. bookkeeper at Ritchie's, rushed into End's store. Mr. Gibson states that when they arrived the two men were between the two men about the mat- to appear for the State. door into the front door of Ritchie's. appdared to give way from weakness summoned. - When his brother and using harsh language. Mr. Ritchie are "at" and are sawing wood. "Charley, I am shot, but don't know where."

By this time the news had spread and a great crowd of the curiously anxious had gathered in front of the store. The physicians arrived and began their heroic work. The crowd pushed and showed for an opportunity to get a look at the injured man, making it necessary for the clerks in the store to cover the windows with blankets and robes to cut off the vulgar gaze of the throng.

Mr. Ritchie remained conscious, but appeared very weak and his physicians would not allow anyone to

mying the evening shades to assist Ritchie lay on the counter in the couraged.

Mrs. Ritchie. She came to the store The two men were talking behind immediately, Mr. Cook accompanying the counter about midway the store her. She bore up bravely until she on the shoe side. A number of clerks reached the side of her stricken hushad left the store for the day and of band. Here the shocking realization liton-Ritchie shooting affair that is others were in the rear. Mr. Hamil- law, visibly shaking with emotion. bre, pearl handled Smith & Wesson decided to take the train that came cided later to retain other counsel of the bridegroom." pistol were fired. Only one took first, No. 38 to Salisbury or No. 35 to and Attorneys W. G. Means and L. effect, penetrating the lower left vest Charlotte. No. 38 came first. Mr. T. Hartsell were telephoned for. Mr. Spencer Man Falls in Vat of Boiling pocket of Mr. Ritchie's vest and en- Ritchie was accompanied by Drs. Means accepted. Mr. Hartsell is city

It developed after the shooting that telephoned for he was told that the late this afternoon in a desperate hardware store, which is next door, there had been a misunderstanding physicians did not think Mr. Ritchie about the account between Mr. Ham- would live. Mr. Hartsell stated that large tank was used in boiling grease ilton and the hardware firm for sev- if he did not live he would be at lib- from locomptives and Sydeham full eral days. It was reported that Mr. erty to appear for the defendant. The Hamilton had been in the hardware day after the shooting Mr. Crowell store last week and there were words was retained by the Ritchie family

in a struggle. They caught hold of ter. Mr. H. G. Gibson, bookkeeper | Should Mr. Ritchie get well Mr. Mr. Ritchie and he exclaimed: "Boys, at the hardware store, was asked by Hartsell, as city prosecuting attorney, I am shot, but don't know where." a representative of The Tribune if will likely prosecute both participants His clothing was removed and his Mr. Moose assisted him out the front this was true. He stated that Mr. and this would put Mr. Crowell on body covered with oil and cotton. day. Hamilton was in the store last Friday the defense. Only developments will He walked the distance all right but evening and he and Mr. Ritchie were determine the exact position of Sen- He has two sisters in Montreal. His talking to him about, the account. ator Hartsell and Mr. Crowell in the just as he entered Ritchie's. He was Continuing, Mr. Gibson said: "Mr. case. The other two, Messrs. Maness placed upon a counter and physicians Hamilton became angry and began and Means, know exactly where they

business associate, Mr. Charley told him that he had taken as much Ritchie, reached his side. he said: of his cursing as he was going to and that he could either hush or leave the store and Mr. Hamilton left."

with the "boys" of the store about ments. the matter he advised Mr. Hamilton This store will be a fashion centre clared that the first attempt of Amer- this morning and did not go to the

about the matter until yesterday af- enormous prices. ternoon. Mr. Hamilton's bond was raised with the clothing store for men, now about 9 o'clock and he went to his being carried on, successfully. two home. Messrs. Grover Love, R. B. doors below the new store. Biggers and Prof. J. W. B. Long Watch for their ad. which will appear in this paper soon. signed it. Mr. Hamilton is a son of Mr. T. C. Hamilton, of Union county and has lived in Concord for about three years. He is married and has two children. He is a young man of quiet Ritchie in No. 6 township last evennever been in any difficulties. Ritchie became the bride of Mr. Ern-Mr. Ritchie is from Richfield. He est Faggart. The ceremony was perhas been engaged in the hardware formed by Rev. E. L. Ritchie, of business here for several years and is Burke's Garden, Va., a brother of the one of the best known and most pop- bride, and was witnessed by quite a ular young business men of the city. number of friends and relatives. He was married several years ago to Miss Ethel Van Landingham, of Mr. and Mrs. Faggart drove to Con-Lancaster, S. C., and they have one cord and left on train No. 43 for child, an infant son. -

North · Carolina.

# AN UNUSUAL SITUATION.

Relation of Two Attorneys to Ritchieer Mr. Ritchie Dies or Gets Well. A feature growing out of the Ham- nent in society and business.

"Miss Ellis sailed from New York those who remained several were out appeared too strong and she was led unusual if not complex is the position week before last on the steamer towards the front of the store and the away on the arm of her brother-in- of the attorneys in the case. It has Olympic for England, and her friends often been said that you can't lose a here were under the impression that ton said a misunderstanding about Train No. 38 was '40' minutes late lawyer but as matters now stand in she was going on a visit to friends the interest on a bill for a buggy and train No. 35 was on time. The this case it is hard to determine just in Oxford. She was met by these mose and that Mr. Ritchie struck physicians knew the value of every where some of them are "at." A friends and Mr. Smith, and the wedhim and had him over the counter moment of time before getting their short time after the shooting. Mr. ding was solemnized soon afterwards patient on an operating table and George Hamilton retained Mr. T. D. in London, the service being said by Four lead bullets from a 32 cali- when they left the store at 8:25 they Maness for his brother. It was de- the Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, a kinsman

tering the abdomen. The three oth- Young and King, Messrs. Louis A. prosecuting attorney, and the duties Spencer, March 6.-Scalded in a ers bored into the floor, just behind Brown, J. M. Sills, G. L. Patterson, of the office require that he prosevat of boiling caustic soda, Sam two brothers. Messrs. Walter and C. cute certain cases that come up in the Sydeham, aged 28, from England,

Recorder's court. At the time he was was carried to a Salisbury hospital

Sydeham began work here yesterday. recovery is not expected.

#### Open March 15th.

Mr. E. L. Efird, proprietor of Feldman & Sons are branching out ple would hold Americans and all oth-Efird's store, returned Saturday and will occupy the entire building er foreigns in the country and their night from New York, where he had at No. 12 South Main street. The interests here as hostages in the event Bingham witnessed "The Old Town" been buying goods for his firm. Mr. entire building will be devoted ex- of foreign troops being landed on Efird heard that there had been a clusively for the showing of the very Mexican territory. The minister of misunderstanding between the men newest creations in ladies', misses' foreign relations upheld the stateabout the account and in conversation and children's ready to wear gar- ment given out last week by Madero's

to see of it could not be adjusted and will carry a complete line of ican soldiers to cross the border amicably, stating that they were New York and Paris styles, therefore would be a signal for a massacre of neighbors and he would regret if any making it easy for you to do your Americans in Mexico. feeling arose between the two firms. shopping at home, instead of ordering Nothing further was said, however, from mail order houses and paying

met Mr. Smith several years ago man was heard to remark that he while in a house party at Concord, would whip the next agent who set foot inside his front gate. The

"The fortunate groom is repre- amounts secured by the agents, were sentative of the American Tobacco from one to fifteen dollars, and at Company in Stockholm, where the most, any of the articles purchased Hamilton Case Depends on Wheth- happy couple will reside. He is a could have been secured in Concord native of North Carolina and promi- for about half the price paid the

agent.

# PERSONAL MENTION.

#### Some of The People Here And Elese where Who Come And Go.

Mrs. J. M. Odell is spending the lay in Salisbury.

lay in Charlotte.

Mr. H. W. Culp, of New London, is a Concord visitor today.

Miss Eva Liddell, of Charlotte, is he guest of Miss Mary King.

s a visitor in the city today.

Mr. Willie Morrison left this morning for Portersville, California, where he will live.

here today.

Mr. A. F. Hartsell has returned from a brief business trip to Salis- Strike Has Caused Loss of Millions

Mr. W. H. Redfern, of The Charlotte News, is a Concord visitor to-

Miss Marguerite Ludlow, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Canno.

visiting her parents in Albemarle for crimination for activity in the strike; a fortnight, will return home Sat- Joe Ettor out of jail. urday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bingham, Mr. been in progress fifty-three days, and Mrs. J. L. Ross and Miss Mary in Charlotte last night.

#### The Car and the Mud.

The street car stopped at the top top of the hill on West Depot street station. More than a score of ladies arrived on No. 36 to attend the Baptist Missionary Convention, which is small portion the profit was as low as in session at the First Baptist 7 per cent.

church. The first undertaking that

## KANNAPOLIS STORE BROKEN INTO TUESDAY NIGHT.

Plate Glass Window Smashed and Many Valuable Articles Stolen.

The store of Richmond-Sloan Co., at Kannapolis, was entered Tuesday night and quite a number of valuable articles from the clothing and gents' furnishing side were stolen. Entrance was gained by smashing the plate glass out of the front door. From the appearance of the stock the thieves made a careful selection of the ar-Mr. Phifer Propst is spending the ticles they were after. In the bosiery department a number of boxes were down and a pair of hose was missing from each. In the clothing section only the snits in the "38" stack were missing. The store was entered the night of the snow and the Mr. Horace Johnson, of Charlotte, theives could be tracked from the store to the rear of the graded school, where the marks showed a horse and baggy were standing. This is the second time this store has been entered and the owners are going to put Mr. H. L. Hungerford, superinten- forth a strenous effort to catch the dent of the Southern Railway, is forth strenuous effort to catch the thieves,

# to Lawrence.

The demands of the strikers were: No deduction of two hours' pay on account of the passage of the fiftyfour hour day; 15 per cent increase in wakes, double pay for overtime, abolition of the premium system.

Since the first demands were made Mrs. T. D. Maness, who has been two more have been added: No dis-

Facts of the strike:

Strike began January 11 and has 22,000 mail workers out of a total population of 90,000 in Lawrence, struck.

The loss in wages and in business dependent on these wages estimated at \$2,500,000.

Capital of the three big companies involved in the strike, \$80,500,000. On most of this capital a profit of 12 per cent. has been earned. On a

State militia sent to Lawrence A marriage that will be quite a awaited them was to engage in a lit- January 15. Troops have been there surprise to the people here was sol- the marathon across the slushy sec- 49 days at an estimated cost of \$4,000

Mexicans Are Talking Big. -Mexico City, March 5 .- Emanuel Calero, minister of foreign affairs in the Madero cabinet, in an interview The well known clothing firm of J. today declared that the Mexican peo-

private secretary in which it was de-

Miss Nannie Ritchie Married.

home there.

into it at an unguarded moment. He was given medical attention immediately, but the skin dropped off of his body from head to feet. His sufferings were intense and his screams bury. for mercy were heard several blocks.

Betalk to him of the shooting. fore they arrived, however, he made a short statement to his associates in the store, saving: "I went in there to collect the account and said, 'Hamilton. I have been doing business a long time and I never knew a man to act as you have.' Hamilton said, 'I never knew any man to act as you have,' and he handed me a check and shot me.", "

Mr. Hamilton surrendered to the police. At police headquarters he appeared calm and unperturbed. He requested that a physician be sent for to dress an injury to his nose, which he sustained in the scuffle, but showed no alarm over the act. For a few minutes, immediately after the shooting, he and the police and a representative of this paper were in the police headquarters alone. During tus time Chief of Police Boger asked bim what he and Mr. Ritchie were doing when the shots were fired. He replied: "He had me over a counter at headquarters about that time. Chief Boger then took the two young men in the city tax collector's office ton made any statement then it has case of Mr. Marion A. Hamilton, for stated that none of his intestines were mons' club membership is increasing not been given out.

tion conducted by Mr. Boger in the Wednesday at 9:30 o'clock was con- the injured man will recover.

### PRELIMINARY HEARING POSTPONED WEDNESS

ton Renews Bond of \$5,000 .- Mr. Ritchie's Condition.

Immediately after the ceremony

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Porterville, California, where they a. will live.

Faggart-Ritchie.

er. Mr. George A. Hamilton, arrived To Be Held April 9th.-Mr. Hamil- ter noon says Mr. Ritchie, who was will be the first county convention in his former to us and mediately organizes that postoffice inspectors are noon, is resting comfortably. His

By agreement of counsel in the Grove, who was with him yesterday city are getting busy, and the Sim-up for his money."

At the conclusion of the examina- liminary hearing, which was set for touched by the bullet. He believes iness men of this city are members of eggs, buth that does not entitle them pared to sell you just what the baby

This store will in no way interfere emized at Pineville Tuesday after- tion of stree to the car. Possibly a day, or \$181,000 in all noon when Miss Nannie Ritchie, they were encouraged by Napoleon's daughter of Mr. John H. Ritchie, of exclamation of old: "Across the A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. G. E.

this city, was married to Mr. G. W. Alps Lies Italy." and took courage, Tredernick, of Charlotte. Miss knowing that across the slushy deep Association of Cabarrus and Meek-Ritchie was attending King's Business lies Concord. They set bravely lenburg counties met in the First College in Charlotte. She and Mr. about the task. A negro and several Baptist church today at noon. Af-Tredernick had been engaged for planks were secured and the trip ter meeting and perfecting an organsome time and Tuesday they decided made. The ladies were all delegates ization the association adjourned to to be married at once and left for to a missionary convention and of the Baptist parsonage, where lunch disposition and so far as is known has ing at 7 o'clock, when Miss Grace Pineville, where the ceremony took course there were no real harsh complace. The couple returned to Char-plaints registered by them. But congregation. A meeting is in seslotte that night and will make their what they didn't say you can rest sion this afternoon and another will

Dr. J. I. Campbell writes as follows prohibit certain kind of language to attend. to the Greensboro News: "Stanly from going through the mails it will county Republican convention is to be omitted here. But it was said be held in Albemarle on Saturday, all right, and the street car company Roosevelt boom is going to make a the 9th. My precinct, Center town- was the target at which the wrathy desperate fight for North Carolina. ship, on Saturday, the 2nd, recoded sayings were hurled.

31 for Roosevelt and 1 for Taft. I believe out of the 70 votes in the

brother, Mr. Mack Ritchie, of China | Senator Simmons' friends in this wayman seeks when he holds a man

#### Missionary Union.

The Woman's Baptist Missionary assured was said by those who cross- be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock, to ed with them and as postal laws which the public is cordially invited

Senator Dixon. manager of the gardless of the efforts of Messrs. Says the Raleigh News and Observ- Morehead and Dunean for Taft. He county convention there will be 65 er: "The Colonel says that he will is behind the resolution introduced from the sanatorium at 3:20 this af- to 68 for the former President. This accept the nomination if it is tender- by Senator Bristow to investigate The 'tender' is of the kind a high- to beat up Taft delegates.

Taylor cribs for sale at the store of the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. shooting Mr. M. F. Ritchie, the pre-perforated and no vital part was each day. Most of the principal bus- All careful poultrymen stamp their "The Store That Satisfies" is pre-