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Wilson's Death Expected Hourly Ex-President Takes Decided House Immigration Albert Fall Able To Testify Before **Committee Reports 2** Senate Committe

RI-CITY DAILY GAZETTE

Per Cent Bill Well (By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 1.-Without de-bate the House passed the Walsh resolution slready approved by the Sen-

ate, directing the President to bring about cancellation of the Dohney and Sinclair naval oil reserve leases Both McAdoo and Thomas Gregory, the Democrat chosen by Coolidge, to prosecute the oil cases have at times been employed by oil interests, Dohney testified before the Senate

oil committee. Albert Fall, former secreary of th interior is in condition to appear for the investigating committee was told

by a special medical commission appointed to examine him. An agreement was reached by House leader to up the Walsh resolution to annullment of naval oil leases without referring to it as a committee. Debate will be limited in an effort to obtain the Senate committee tomorrow Chairman Lenroot announced.

unfolding yesterday, when several State witnesses told of the death of a defenseless woman, Mrs. D. E. Pur-March from bullet wounds inflicted by a pistol held in the hand of Hilton

Sears, who the night before shared examination in the senate oil inquiry, the bed of Eugene Purcell, son of the murdered woman and partook of breakfast that fatal morning at the

table where sat Mrs. Purcell, Alice a daughter, Eugene a son, and Hilton Sears, an orphan boy taken into the Purcell home from an orphange six weeks before. On the morning of March 6, 1923, D. E. Purcell left home early in the morning in a Ford car. This was

before the Purcell family had breakfast. After the morning meal had been served, Engene and Alice Purcell left for school some three miles distant. This left the mother, Mrs. Pur-

cell, and the boy, Hilton Sears, at Mrs. Purcel had no servant and was on that morning busy in her room ironing, among which was a shirt of Hilton Sears. Hilton was out but came in and went to her room with a pistol in his hand. He commanded her to open the safe and give him money. She said she did not know the combination and could not open the safe. He cursed her and shot at her and said he would kill her if she did not open the safe. The first bullet taking affect in her right arm. She again endeavored to

open the safe and failed. He fired two more bullets into her body. She then pleaded that she would look for a paper in a box where she might hind the combination. Again she failed and again more shots were fired at her. She then fell to the floor. Sears, threw the pistol at her and left the

> After she laid there a short time, she recovered sufficiently to write: turned home after 12 o'clock. "Hilton killed me" on an envelope Dr. Tiglesly, of Greensboro, testi-fied that Mrs. Purcell came to her and stuck it in the bosom of her

> > Miss Satterfield, a Greensboro nurse, who attended Mrs. Purcell, was

Mrs. Purcell then went out to see if called to the stand. She said that she could summons help. She starther nationt told her there ed towards the nearest house, but on to do anything for her, for she was seeing Sears in that direction, she going to die. turned and went the opposite way. After the State had established an She only managed to go a short disiron-wall of evidence, several attance when all got dark about her and tempts were made to get Solicitor he fell. Graves to agree to accept a plea of Again recovering slightly she made guilty to second-degree murder, in but second effort to reach a neighbor, order to keep the boy from the death but only got a short ways when she chair. It was reported that Mr. fell to the ground in darkness. This Graves was immoveable, and the dewas at a point near a cemetery. fense had to proceed with their witrecovering slightly, but had not the ness. strength to arise, she succeded inf Superintendent J. O. Davis, of the making an outcry and attracting the Thomasville Orphanage at Kinston, attention of Roseabell Neal, wife of where Sears was an inmate for three a colored man living on Purcell's years, testified for the State. plantation. Roseabell took her to Dr. Kesseller, of the Thomasville her cabin and laid her on a bed. Orphanage, was called. He said he Dr. McGehee, of Reidsville, was thought Sears was demented. He sent for and came. He examined her said Sears was exceedingly nervous and then sent hr to a Greensboro hosand would easily go to pieces, fly into pital where she died three days later. a rage, seemed to be wild. The doctor found the envelope in her Mrs. S. T. Welsh, of Greensboro, dress bosom as stated above. He took who lived next door to Sears' mother, it and placed it in his safe, giving to told about her condition, having fits, to Mr. Purcell two weeks later. etc: also Sear showed a violent tem-Considerable evidence was heard in per, and could not play as other boys played; he would throw rocks at this case. Mr. Graves called Mrs. H. Gentry other children. to the stand, who testified as to see-Dr. Bowman thought the boy was ing Mrs. Purcell on the bed in the demented to a certain extent. Neal cabin. Asked as to what Others testified as to seeing somestatement Mrs. Purcell made to her, thing wrong with the boy. Apparentshe went into all the details of every- ly the State made out a strong case thing that happened from the time against the defendant but counsel for she was ironing in her room until she the prisoner offered evidenc that may reached the cabin, all of which is in go .a long way towards saving the substance related above, except that youth from the electric chair. Mrs. Purcell thought she was dying, Dr. H. W. Crane, psychologist of and indeed, thought she would be the faculty of the State university, dead before then. Mrs. Gentry made testified that Sears is not normal and a splendid witness. was subject to epileptic fits and When Dr. McGehee was called, he spells.

Turn for Worse: Physicians Give Up Hope ARCHERY EXPERT CONFIDENT

EALTH FAILING MINCE LATE WAR

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 1. - Woodrow Wilson has taken a decided turn for the worse, Rear Admiral Cary Grayson, his physician, stated.

"Wilson spent a restless night," jects of some of his picturea. said a bulletin issued by Grayson, The artist became intere "And has lost strength during the archery a year ago and has night. He took a sudden and decided turn for the worse and I regard his

condition as very serious." Grayson was at the Wilson home throughout the night. He discovered the seriousness of the situation on going to Wilson's bedside to make one of his periodical examinations.

Vance McCormick, former chairsome hope," McCormick said.

there was no material change in his condition. He was fully conscious and in a faint voice talked with those at his beside

Doctor Sterling Ruffin, one of the attending physicians pronounce | the ez-President's condition as unchangas he left shortly after noon.

Personal friends inquiring at Wilson's home shortly after 2 o'clock were told that the former President was very near the point of death, but that he had swakened from a short along and still was conscious.

SWEDEN SEEKS REDUCTION N NATIONAL DEFENSE COST

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, Pob. 1.—Swedish politi-pass type buelly empared in the salp-per of the problem of national defense, which is the weightiest before the country. The problem has assumed such importance that political leaders have been touring the country peaking on the subject, and expounding their various methods for reducing the cost without reducing the safety of the national defense.

GENERAL BOOTH SEES EVIL IN DOLE TO UNEMPLOYED

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IN FLIGHT OF HIS ARROWS (By Associated Press) Sheridan, Wyo., Feb. 1.-E. W.

(Bill) Gollings, famed as Wyoming's "cowboy artist," plans to shoot big game this year with bow and arrow as did the Indians who are the sub

The artist became interested archery a year ago and has be so skilful that he can pull and shoot a 55-pound bow, thus making things

interesting for a rabbit or grouse within reasonable distance. With his tipped arrows he is confident he will be successful in his hunt for big game. An arrow, shot unerringly and

under favorable conditions, will pass nan of the democratic national com- entirely through the body of a large mittee indictated that little hope re- animal, while in many cases a bullet mained to Wilson's friends as he left from a rifle will flatten out befor the ex-President's home. "He may completely penetrating. Mr. Gollings die today or he might linger over makes his bows of imported lemon until tomorrow. Of course where wood and flax strings. The ends are there is life at all, there is always tipped with cown horn. The arrows he fashions from hardwood and tun At noon Wilson rallied a little, but key wings, tipping them with army rifle cartridges from which the con tent shave been removed.

FIJIANS ESTABLISH FIRE WALKING SHOW ON

BUSINESS BASIS

region. The natives at a recent the sate of refreementation only set up booths for visitors that dillings each for the privilege of watching the evnt. The occasion was a "fire walking," and the shrewdness which has lately become a characteristic of the Fijians and the shrewdness which has lately become a characteristic of the Fijians and the shrewdness which has lately become a characteristic of the Fijians and the shrewdness which has lately become a characteristic of the Fijians and the shrewdness which has lately become to view the sent become a characteristic of the p dishs was evinced in that the tourists who came to view the event were pernearly all the way to a natural amphitheatre before the demand for payment was made. The "fire walking" itself is an in-

tives. Little is known in explanation of the fact that their feet apparently are impervious to great heat. So far as observers have been able to ascertain, the performers walk barefoot

for hours in a nre pi smok or flame which immediately The native version of the origin of past a Fijian traveling in the bush ing an evil spirit. The native captured this supernatural creature and threatened him. To save himself the elf offered as a gift any power the ntive chose. The Fijian chose and was granted the ability to handle or walk through fire unharmed, which power has descended to members of his family even to this day.

(By Associated Press). MARKS ONLY VALUE FOUND Washington, Feb. 1.--A bill pro-posing restriction of immigration to IN PURCHASE OF DOLLARS (By Associated Press) this country to 2 per cent of the for-Dusseldort, Feb. 1.-Intrinsically eign born of each nation here in 1890 and permitting virtual selection of the paper mark has long outstripped immigrants at the port of embarks the Russian ruble in worthlessness, but unlike its brother in adverity, the

tion, was ordered favorably reporte by the House immigration committee. CLEVELAND TO ALTER HALL FOR REPUBLICAN GATHERING

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, Feb. 1.-Bids will be re

ested soon by the Cleveland conation executive committee for the ational convention here next June. There will be a lounge in the base ent, also a convention post-office restaurant, a telephone room, quarers for the press associations, four Cleveland newspapers and telegraph offices.

PICKING THE OTHER

FELLOW'S GIRL (By Wickes Wamboldt)

A friend of mine was paying de voted attention to a young woman And then one day he met another and it was all off with the first one. "How in the world," he said to me

"Met on your life," I may und. "I think too much of your friendship." "But you ought to have done so," he remonstrated. "See what I might

have gotten into." "No," I said, "you pick your own wife. You have to live with her. It teresting ceremony performed by na- I did advise you against her you

would marry her just the same if you wanted to. Then you would tell her what I said and you would both hate me."

tain, the performers walk barefoot The fact was I did not like his and unharmed on stones which are virtually red hot, having been heated first. But Ididn't tell him so. He married her, though, and they seem to be getting along all right. And I am on speaking terms with both of them because I kept still.

HEAVY WORDS IN HUMBLE MIEN (By Associated Press)

Manila, Fer. 1.—Several mission-aries motoring recently through Tondo, a district of Manila in which many small Filipino and Chinese will be limited in an enort to our stores are logated, noticed frequent a vote before adjournment today. stores are located, noticed frequent a vote before adjournment today. signs on which was written the word A new subpoena wil be issued for "dammit." One of the women in the Fall, requiring his presence before party appeared somewhat surprised that the Flipinos had adopted English

profanity to such an extent as to use Weather It was then explained that "dammit," in the fay alog dialect, means clothing, and wat the accent falls on Rain today; Saturday fair and

the last syllable. cooler. Read Your Caunty's Daily Paper First. THE GAZETTE IN EVERY HOME

What Shall We Do?

N yesterday's Gazette, we considered "What Is the Remedy?" and today "What Shall We Do?" to overcome the unpatriotic hatbit of going out of the State to spend money earned here at home?

It takes effort, well organized and directed effort, to reform a habit. So in this matter organization is needed and that very badly. A sentiment of indifference must be changed to one of action. Action must be directed straight at that evil-public indifference.

An association should be formed to get John Jones and Jim Smith interested in the town and the town's business, so that they will do their shopping where they earn their money. John Jones and Jim Smith have not as yet learned that they are powerful factors in building up home business. Well, they are.

Partly Demented Staff Correspondent of the Gazette) MORE OF SCHOELLKOFF Wentworth, Feb. 1 .- Not in a long JEWELS ARE FOUND time has there been such a cruel revoltng murder related in Rocking-(By Associated Press) ham County Superior Court as that

Experts Testify

Hilton Sears Is

New York .- Detectives recovered from a gem shop an additional \$75,-000 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. cell, who came to her death last Hugo Schoellkopf on New Years eve of 1923. This makes a total of \$161,-000 recovered so far. WOODROW

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FREE STATE ARMY DWINDLES: PRIVATES TAKE REDUCED PAY

(By Associated Press)

Dublin, Feb. 1 .- The reorganization of the Free State army, now in progress, is carrying with it material reductions in pay.

The number of high command officers probably will be considerably lessened, and as soldiers' barracks become available they possibly may be used to relieve the housing shortage.

Gentry related, except she told about finding Hilton's shirt on the ironing" board, and identified her mother's handwriting on the envelope.

Deputy Sheriff R. A. Stokes was called to the stand and told about searching the house and all other buildings for Sears. Told about meeting Purcell's boy's horse coming toward the place with the bridle lines down and the horse looked as if he had been driven hard. He did not find Sears, although they continued the search for seven or eight months. Stokes found the pistol on the floor of the house, next to a chair. This was about 10 o'clock on the day of the shooting.

Eugene Purcell, on the stand, told about the members of the family who Sears and himself, but his father left that morning in a Ford car. He said Hilton slept with him. The four eat breakfast together that morning. He and his sister left for school. He

came home from school when he heard of the shooting. His father re-

dress, so that in case of death it death from pistol wounds. might be found, teling who it was who killed her.



London, Feb. 1 .--- In a report on the leaves, brush and bits of wood are ocial work of the Salvation Army, thrown over the rocks, the heat of neral Booth refers to the effects of the latter being evidence by the "dole" on the unemployed.

"I am led sometimes," he says, "to bursts forth. wonder whether what is called the dole-the indiscriminate distribution the ceremony is that in the distant of money for which no labor is required in return-is not almost, if not met an elf, whom he suspected of bequite, as great a misfortune as unemployment.

Speaking of the moral decline, the schievous influence over all alike, which springs from the evil of this thing, he added: "For once at least we see how a remedy may be far worse than a disease. The steady recelpt of money for which no equival-

ent in work is rendered, makes against everything that is good in the receiver's life. The innate ills of idleness are increased. That which is more or less a material misfortune is turned into a moral dister. I do not hesitate to say that as of thousands of people in these Salem basketball team, 14-17. The slands have learned, or are learning at this very time, to live without taking the lead almost at once, but work and for the young people es-specially. This is a most distrous ex-ville team and the exceptionally good



LEAKSVILLE DIVIDES DOUBLE-HEADER GAME

Playing on the Draper Graded School court, Leaksville girls last night defeated the fast Winstongame started with Winston-Sale (Continued On Page Four)

Lots of people fall out because somebody tries to pick somebody else's mate. Lifelong friendships are broken up, brothers are alienated from sisters, parents are estranged from their children, because somebody insists on dictating to somebody else whom to marry.

There is no point to it either. You and I have seen some girl out with some chap and have said, "What in the world can she see in him?" We have seen some chap out with some girl and we have observed, "What in the world can he see in her?" And yet these folks marry and apparently get along as happily as can be." As the old farmer said, "It's a good

thing our tastes are not alike or all the men would want my Betsy."

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE NOT ALWAYS WELL MANAGED

(By Associated Press) Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 1 .- Declaring that the teachers in the rural chools of this county in some cases "not playing the game with 100 per cent efficiency," Superintendent Lynn Hastings has sent a letter to all of them urging a more consc ious attitude toward their work.

The faults cited by the superintendnt include the following: not punctal in opening school; close too early in the afternoon ;neglect classes during the day; crochet, read or write letters during school hours; permit children while on the school grounds to use obscene language and other-wise misconduct themselves; fail to solve difficult problems in upper grade

arithmetic; do not prepare their lessons properly and have to consult text books on many questions during the recitation period; too disinterestof 129,000 acres, there are still as the recitation period; too disinterest-many acres being cultivated as before ed attend teachers' meetings; teach-the war, according to the 1923 report ers and janitors do not build fires early enough in the morning to insure comfort when school convenes; fail to take interest in community in which they are teaching and speak dis-paragingly of it; do not obey the puiring a flag to by over all buildings while school is th

It the payrool that counts. But what good is a payroll to us if spent away from home.

The proper thing for the merchants to do is to get together and organize a Protective Bureau. Spread the propaganda that other cities spread. Show the people that you want their trade and their trade will sooner or later come to you. That's for the merchant.

Still, there are two parties to a trade. The other party-the people-must do their part; and their part is simply this: shop at home. If your merchant does not handle what you wish, he will get it for you. Tell him you want it, and he will see that you shall have it. If you patronize your home merchant, your home merchant will grow; and his growth will be an asset to the commounity.

Take this simple illustration: Mr. Blank goes to Mr. Merchant and asks for a Kuppenhimer suit. Mr. Merchant says he does not handle the Kuppenheimer line, and asks as to its qualities. Mr. Blank praises this line of clothes very highly. Mr. Merchant is interested. He makes further inquiries and finds the line as good as its reputation. He gets the line, advertises it. Mr. Blank is the first to buy. He is satisfied and voices his satisfaction.

Result: Mr. Merchant, Mr. Blank, his friends, the community, and the advertising medium all are satisfied.

Moral: in a good trade neither party is cheated.

The result of such co-operation can be plainly seen. The merchant's business grows, and the necessity of shopping out of town vanishes.

An equasion: customer is to merchant as merchant is to community. Answer, indis-

too told much the same story as here related. The wounds, he said, were serious enough to cause death, and he told Mrs. Purcell she should go to a hospital.

Mrs. Purcell calling for help and dition unimproved. He said he went to her, amost carrying her to sure the youth did not know what he the cabin. She told about Mrs. Pur-cell's statement. Roseabell gave the He said he had a mind of a boy of 13 time she found Mrs. Purcell as be- years, three years below his age, tween 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning.

She too told the same story as Mrs. Read Your County's Daily Paper Bir

Dr. Crane, who was acknowledged by the court as an expert on psy ogy, testified that two years ago he examined Sears and found him b normal, and that again this week he Roseabell Neal told about hearing examined the boy and found his con-

mentally. tween r and s o clock in the morning. She also stated she saw the Purcell boy and girl leave for school. Mrs. McMichal, marrid daughter, who lives in Greensboro, reached her mother's bedside between 12 and 1 o'clock on the day of the shooting. Mentally. Evidence is expected to be con-cluded today and some of the seven attornays appearing will probably speak this afternoon. The jury may not get the case before tomorrow.