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W. C. STACK, CASHIER BANK OF UNION, DEAD

HE WAS SICK ONLY TEN DAYS

Bronchial Pneumonia Developed Following a Chill, and He Passed Away Yesterday Morning After Making a Brave Fight For Life— He Was Only Thirty-three Years Old, Yet Commanded a Position of Affluence — Funeral Held This Morning.

After an illness of only ten days, Mr. W. C. Stack, Cashier of the Bank of Union, and a well-known young Monroe business man, expired yesterday morning at 4.40 o'clock. Bronchial pneumonia was the cause of his death, it having developed following a chill with which he was taken sick on Thursday, April 5. He was delirious for several days prior to his death.

Mr. Stack's untimely death is exceedingly tragic. Only thirty-three years of age, he had already taken a prominent place in the business and social life of the community and that position was increasing every day, as his friends and associates were realizing his real worth to the community.

The deceased is a son of Mr. J. E. Stack, and the late Mrs. Alice Louise Stack. He was born Sept. 8, 1883, and has lived in Monroe all his life with the exception of a few months that his parents lived in Spartanburg, S. C. It was there, on July 31, 1888, that his mother passed away. Besides his wife, and a 5-year old daughter, Francis Stack, he is survived by his brother, Mr. Irvin Stack; one sister, Mrs. Gilmer Joyce; a half sister, Mrs. T. W. Huey; and a half brother, Mr. Amos Stack; his father, Mr. J. E. Stack; and his stepmother, Mrs. Lillian Nelson Stack.

Mr. Stack attended school here for a number of years, and afterwards went to Oak Ridge Institute, where he graduated in 1900. On the organization of the Bank of Union, on November 1, 1902, he went to work as bank messenger. His ability and application soon won the confidence of his employers, and when a vacancy occurred in 1904 he was elected Cashier. He has held that position with credit ever since the bank grew from a small affair to its present size and prestige. In June, 1905, he married Miss Pattie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lee.

A member of the Central Methodist church ever since childhood; a Shriner, and a business man of no small dimensions, Mr. Stack was a man of affairs. He took great interest in the welfare of his community, and there was seldom ever an at-

of distress he has placed his own resources at the command of many imperiled business men, and they have not forgotten his acts of kindness. He was courteous in the common walks of life; a virtue lacked by many men; but more—he was sincere. To him friendship was invaluable; therefore, he served his friends. He was a christian gentleman, and has always taken an active part in church work.

Mr. Stack had just completed his day's work at the bank on April 5, when he was taken ill with a chill. He went to the home of Mrs. W. S. Lee, where he was staying during the absence of his father-in-law, Mr. W. S. Lee, who was then at Battle Creek, Mich. Bronchial pneumonia developed in a few days, and he then began a fight for life against heavy odds. It was not generally known that he was so acutely ill until Sunday, when it was given out that he was not expected to live through the day. He rallied towards night, and for a while hope was entertained for his recovery. A reaction, however, set in during the early morning hours, and all hope was given up at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He succumbed forty minutes later. His family was with him until the last.

The cashiership of a bank is not attained by many at the age of twenty, but Mr. Stack soon proved to his associates that their confidence was not misplaced despite his youth. He has been a force in the community for one of his age, but his prestige and influence was just beginning to spread out and be felt when death claimed him as a victim. Well-liked, he had many friends, and no recent death has caused such sorrow; such realization of an irreparable loss when it was learned yesterday morning that he had passed away after making such a brave effort to live.

The funeral services were conducted this morning by the deceased's pastor, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, and interment was in the cemetery here. Large numbers of floral offerings attested to the high esteem in which Mr. Stack was held, and expressions of sympathy for the grieving family were heard on all sides.

The active pall bearers, as given out last night, were: Messrs. G. B. Caldwell, Hargrove Bowles, W. B. Cole, R. G. Laney, N. C. English, and A. M. Secrest. The honorary pall bearers were the following directors of the Bank of Union: Messrs. T. C. Collins, J. R. Shute, E. C. Winchestr, H. E. Copple, E. W. Crow, and Capt. W. E. Cason.

The Bank of Union was draped in mourning yesterday afternoon and today. The other three banks in the city were also closed this morning in respect to the deceased.

The County Commencement.

The annual county commencement, held here last Saturday, doesn't really deserve the name as it was mostly a Monroe affair, considering the lack of country school representation in the parade. This lack, which marred the occasion very much, was due to a number of causes, such as bad roads and lack of publicity. However, the parade, in which nearly a thousand school children marched, was an inspiring sight, and there was a good deal of enthusiasm exhibited by both teachers and students.

The exercises began Friday night with a debate in the graded school auditorium on the question: "Resolved, That railroads should be owned and operated by the Government." The negative won the decision, and John P. Parker won the debater's medal offered by W. H. Belk & Bro. Others taking part in the debate were: Earl Hinson, William McDonald, Claud Gaddy, Howard Marsh, Hoyle Broom, R. B. Crowell, Stanford Barden, Claud Helms, Fred Stanton, Clyde Lathan, Joseph Taylor, Holmes Morris, and Perry L. Garmon.

Miss Julia Jerome won the reciter's medal offered by Lee & Lee; Miss Cora Helms won the reciter's medal offered by the Monroe Hardware, and Samuel Lemmond won the declaimer's medal offered by T. P. Dillon.

The field day exercises were in charge of Prof. O. V. Hamrick, and were held Saturday afternoon on the high school grounds. There were only two competing teams, Monroe and Wingate, and the latter was outclassed by the former by the score of 28 to 9. The broad jump was won by Oscar Abernethy, second Richard Gibbon, third Earl Hinson; standing broad jump, Parker, second Abernethy, third Staten; High Jump Gibbon, second Abernethy, third Hinson; and hundred yard dash, Parker, second Abernethy, third Hinson. The Wingate baseball team was also defeated by the Monroe team to the tune of 9-5.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday April 22nd. 11 a. m. worship and sermon; 3:30 p. m. Sunday school. No evening services—will unite in a union service at Baptist church.

At a congregation meeting held after the morning service last Sunday Mr. F. G. Henderson was elected a deacon to succeed the late Hon. Ney McNeely. Mr. Henderson will be ordained on Sunday morning next.

The pastor delivers the address on Home Missions at the meeting of King's Mountain Presbyterian Auxiliary this Wednesday evening. Rev. R. J. McIlwain has kindly consented to conduct the mid-week service. The pastor will also deliver an address before the Men's Club of the Presbyterian church in Hamlet at the annual banquet on Thursday evening.

Tomorrow is the day for everybody to get free Chero-Cola at the Monroe Chero-Cola Bottling Works.

MONROE MAN KILLED AT BADIN

Mr. Lester Privett Met With Accident, But Details Are Lacking At This Time.

A message was received here at 2 o'clock, just before The Journal went to press, stating that Mr. Lester Privett had been killed at Badin. No details were given. It is believed that he met with an accident of some kind while at work.

Mr. Privett, who is a native of this county, moved from Monroe to Badin about a month ago. He is married and has two children.

Farmers Must Plant Food-Stuffs.

The acuteness of the war situation as it affects the farmer and the average citizen is forcibly shown in the following letter, which Mr. H. Y. Scott, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received yesterday from Hon. William C. Redfield, Secretary of Labor:

"The war in which we are now engaged is a war of economic resources. It is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war that everyone make his or her contribution to the economic welfare of the country. The production of food is a vital and present duty resting on every man and woman who can help it along. Without food workmen can not work, nor can armies fight.

"The food supply of the country must be increased, and I urge upon you to co-operate in every way with the Department of Agriculture in its campaign to increase the crops of the country. Will you not take this subject up at once with the membership of your association, pointing out to them the needs of the situation and urge immediate action? I suggest that every organization should have a committee on the production of foodstuffs and that the assistance of women's organizations be enlisted in the campaign.

"I need not point out that the planting season is at hand, and that any action to be effective must be taken at the earliest possible moment. In the United States, as in the warring countries of Europe, the effects of this struggle will be felt by everyone and economic preparedness will greatly lessen the burden that we must carry."

Marriage of Mrs. Wharton.

Needles, (Cal.) Nugget, April 6. Of great interest to their many friends is the marriage last Saturday evening at the rectory of St. John's Episcopal church in Sierra Madre of Mrs. Leola Wharton of Monroe, North Carolina, and Benjamin Malcolm Lyon of Needles, the ceremony being read by Rev. Dr. Cornell.

Those present included Mrs. L. E. Lyon, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Williams, Miss Strand and Mr. Clyde Tipton.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of Mrs. Lyon in Sierra Madre. After a honeymoon trip to various Southern California points, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon will make their home in Needles, much to the pleasure of the many local friends of both the bride and groom.

The bride was a former resident of Needles and will be warmly greeted on her return. The groom is a well-known railroad man who will receive the congratulations of a host of friends.

(Mrs. Lyon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Proslar of Monroe, and Mr. Lyon is a conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad.—The Journal.)

Maske to Be Tried Next Week.

A special term of criminal court, with Judge W. H. Whedbee presiding, will convene here Monday to try Bunk Maske, the negro who shot and killed Mr. Edgar Williams, the Wingate policeman, several weeks ago. Sheriff Griffith stated yesterday that Maske was apparently well, and would be able to walk into the court room without assistance.

Judge Whedbee is not a stranger to Monroe. He presided at a week of civil court here in 1912, at which the famous Seminole case was aired. The court, it is predicted, will begin hearing the evidence about Tuesday morning. On account of the widespread interest in the case, some are inclined to think that it will be a hard matter to get twelve men in this county who have not expressed an opinion as to the guilt of the negro. If that should happen it would be necessary for the court to secure twelve jurors from Anson, or any other neighboring county. This condition is not very likely to arise.

Bishop Cheshire Here.

Rt. Rev. Jas. Blount Cheshire, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal church in Diocese of North Carolina, will preach tonight at Holy Trinity Mission for colored people.

Tomorrow night he will conduct service and confirm a class at St. Paul's church. Both services are to begin at 8 p. m.

The public is most cordially invited to come and worship with us. Bishop Cheshire will be entertained at the Gloucester Hotel.

For Mayor.

I announce myself a candidate for Mayor of Monroe, subject to the will of the people to be expressed at the ballot-box April 28th. Platform and issues to be made known later.—H. D. Stewart.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Benton, a daughter.

THE BIG WAR CONFERENCE.

Famous British and French War Leaders to Brave the Danger of the Submarine to Confer With American Authorities.

Washington, April 15.—With the assembly of the most momentous international conference ever held in this country only a few days distant, officials of several executive departments of the Government devoted themselves today to making final preparations for greeting the distinguished men Great Britain and France are sending here to discuss war problems. State Department officials directly responsible for the details of the arrangements, conferred in an effort to have no mark of courtesy lacking.

Those familiar with official etiquette abroad say that the sending to this country of men like British Foreign Secretary Balfour, French Minister of Justice and former Premier Rene Viviani and General Joffre is almost without precedent. Not only does the trip here require much more valuable time than the various European war conferences, but it submits the high officials to real danger from mines and submarines, experienced in crossing the continent. It is known that the present trip was taken only with the deepest foreboding quickened by memories of the loss of Lord Kitchener.

\$7,000,000,000 Bond Issue Passed.

Washington, April 14.—Without a dissenting voice the house, amid plaudits of members and spectators in the galleries, today passed the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue authorization measure. One member, London, of New York, the only socialist representative in Congress, voted "present" on passage of the measure. Owing to general pairs and absentees only 389 votes were recorded for the bill, but both Democratic Leader Kitchin and Republican Leader Mann announced that all of their members would have voted affirmatively if they had been present.

Among those voting for the measure was Miss Jeannette Rankin, the woman representative from Montana. In marked contrast to her recent vote on the war resolution, when she almost collapsed after bursting into tears and declaring that while she wanted to stand behind her country, she could not vote for war, today she voted "aye" in as firm voice as any other member.

Passage of the measure never was in doubt during the two days it was under consideration in the house and its success in the senate by an almost equally overwhelming vote appears assured. Discussion in the house was confined chiefly to proposed amendments, but only five of any importance were added, four of which were agreed to by the ways and means committee which drafted the measure.

An Excellent Piece of Sleuthing Done By Monroe Officers 20 Years Ago.

The arrest and conviction last week of Tim Downs, colored, on the strength of a ham bone found on his premises recalls to the mind of Esq. C. N. Simpson an unusual sleuthing pulled off by officers here twenty years ago. The case in point was where a man entered the house of one of his neighbors and carried off a quantity of goods. While in the house he found a watermelon, and the temptation to eat it was so great that he succumbed to the delicious fruit so well-known to Southern people.

It happened that the man had two front teeth missing, and the watermelon rinds, when found by the officers after the theft had been discovered, plainly established this fact. They searched for a man with two front teeth missing, and their efforts were rewarded. The man confessed to the crime and was punished after being tried. It is said that had not the man eaten the watermelon it is extremely doubtful if he would have ever been apprehended. Esq. Simpson says this actually happened, but it has been so long that he has forgotten the culprit's name.

Daniels Wants Fleet Base at Hampton Roads.

Washington, April 16.—An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the acquisition of land and equipment for a fleet operating base at Hampton Roads, Va., to be immediately available, was recommended to congress today by Secretary Daniels.

"The \$3,000,000," Secretary Daniels stated, "is urgently and immediately necessary for the acquisition of the Jamestown Expansion site, on Hampton Roads, Va., and certain tracts adjacent to be developed and equipped as a fleet operating base, and to include a training station, submarine base, aviation operating base, oil fuel storage, fleet storehouses, mine and net storehouses, torpedo storehouses, medical storehouse, fleet drill grounds, etc. The land can be purchased for \$1,400,000 and the immediate necessities are the training station, one pier and the initial development, estimated to cost \$1,600,000."

Regiment For Army Raised by New York.

Washington, April 16.—New York has won the honor of first raising a regiment for the regular army after the United States went to war. The organization will be designated the First Reserve Engineers, and will be officered almost entirely by men taken from the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps. Its 1200 members got their training in police construction work in New York.

Plant Food Stuffs, Says Mr. Lee.

The Journal wishes to call attention to an advertisement of the Farmers & Merchants bank on the last page of this issue. It warns the farmers of Union county of the dangerous shoals ahead, and urges them to meet the war time conditions by raising plenty of food stuffs. Mr. M. K. Lee, the president of the bank, has always been a consistent advocate of diversified farming. He has fought the one-crop system of farming for a long time, but he is offering to help today because he realizes that the people of this section will have hard sailing unless they deviate from their past way of farming. Of course, all Union county farmers do not come under the heading of one-crop farmers. There are some who raise plenty of food stuffs, and plant cotton as an auxiliary instead of their main crop.

Mr. Lee, in his advertisement, goes farther. He not only advises against the one-crop system, but he offers a solution. He tells the average farmer just how much corn it would be best to raise, and how much cotton, etc. And Mr. Lee knows what he is talking about for he was born and reared on the farm.

Warning From Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. H. Y. Scott, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is also fully alive to the acuteness of the situation facing the farmers of the South as a whole. He secured some card boards the other day on which were printed warnings to the farmers of the South. He posted these in prominent places, and in addition is running this card in today's Journal.

This advice from the business men, The Journal feels, will not be resented by the farmers. The business man has as much at stake as the farmer, as his future prosperity, especially among Monroe business men, depends upon the agricultural development and improvement of the community. The interest by the business men should be appreciated. It shows that they have a real interest in the farmer.

The House Wants Volunteer System.

Washington, April 16.—Tentative votes in the house military committee today disclosed a majority in favor of making some provisions for volunteers in the war army plans, which, as drawn by the general staff and approved by President Wilson, are based upon the selective draft system. Two members of the committee were absent, and the question of preparing a substitute for the administration bill will be passed upon finally tomorrow.

The administration is standing squarely upon the General Staff's unanimous opinion that the volunteer system can have no place, beyond the enlistments in the regulars or National Guard, in the raising and training of the army needed. Apparently confidence still prevails that eventually both houses will accept the Staff bill.

The General Military Committee spent today hearing an explanation of the Staff measure from Secretary Baker and Adjutant General Crowder. Chairman Chamberlain said tonight he hopes to conclude work in committee on the bill tomorrow. There were no votes taken in the senate committee during the day, but some members thought the official explanation given the arguments advanced in support of the draft provision had made a deep impression upon those anxious to have the volunteer system tried again. Several senators, however, showed unmistakably that they were vigorously opposed to conscription.

Republican member in the senate meet in conference tomorrow to discuss legislative questions. The conference may have some effect on the chances of the Army bill. Senators from all sections are receiving many telegrams and letters on the subject, and most of them are said to be against conscription. The House Judiciary Committee today approved Chairman Webb's bill, which would permit the Allies to recruit their citizens in the United States.

Kitchin Hears Himself Called a Traitor.

The Kinston Free Press tells this interesting story: Criticism of Congressman Claude Kitchin for his anti-war attitude was pronounced in Washington Friday, according to Mr. Frank Wooten, who returned here from the capital Saturday morning. "In the drug stores, on the streets, everywhere, they are denouncing him," he said.

Coming to Scotland Neck Friday night to attend the funeral of his brother, Samuel Kitchin, who died Friday, Mr. Kitchin was a party to an affair regretted by persons who witnessed it. In the smoker of a sleeper the representative, who had his wife and child in the car with him, heard himself criticised by a man who said "all those who voted against the resolution were traitors." A man who was conversing with the majority leader, here Saturday, told about it:

"Mr. Kitchin was unknown to the man. The congressman turned to the other and asked him, 'Do you mean anything personal?' Mr. Kitchin may have thought the other had recognized him. Learning who was speaking to him, the stranger made profuse apologies and started to leave the smoker. Mr. Kitchin detained him, however, and with a hand holding the other's lapel, called him down good and strong, but in kind language. He pointed out the man's indiscretion to him and gave him some good advice."

WILSON URGES SOUTHERN FARMERS TO MEET TEST

THIS COUNTRY TO FEED WORLD

"The South," Says the President, "Can Show Its Patriotism in no Better Way Than by Resisting the Great Temptation of Present Price of Cotton and Helping on Great Scale to Feed Nation and Peoples Everywhere Who Are Fighting For Their Liberties and Our Own."

Washington, April 16.—In an appeal to all citizens of the country issued tonight, President Wilson stressed the opportunity for the farmers of the South to "show their patriotism," which he said can be done in no better way "than by resisting the great temptation of the present price of cotton, and helping upon a great scale to feed the nation and the peoples everywhere who are fighting for their liberties and our own."

The President's appeal urges all American citizens to join together to make the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for the triumph of democracy in the world war.

"The supreme test of the nation has come," says the address, "we must all speak, act and serve together."

Putting the navy on a war footing and raising a great army are the simplest parts of the great task ahead, the President declares and he urges all the people with particular emphasis upon his words to the farmers to concentrate their energies, practice economy, prove unselfishness and demonstrate efficiency.

In his address, Mr. Wilson made reference to the South as follows: "I particularly appeal to the farmers of the South to plant abundant foodstuffs as well as cotton. They can show their patriotism in no better or more convincing way than by resisting the great temptation of the present price of cotton and helping, helping upon a great scale, to feed the nation and the peoples everywhere who are fighting for their liberties and our own. The variety of their crops will be the visible measure of their comprehension of their national duty."

"The government of the United States and the governments of the several states stand ready to co-operate. They will do everything possible to assist farmers in securing an adequate supply of seed, an adequate force of laborers when they are most needed, at harvest time, and the means of expediting shipments of fertilizers and farm machinery, as well as of the crops themselves, when harvested. The course of trade shall be as unhampered as it is possible to make it, and there shall be no unwarranted manipulation of the nation's food supply by those who handle it on its way to the consumer. This is our opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of a great democracy, and we shall not fall short of it."

"This, let me say to the middleman of every sort, whether they are handling our foodstuffs or our raw materials of manufacture, or the products of our mills and factories, the eyes of the country will be especially upon you. This is your opportunity for signal service, efficient and disinterested. The country expects you, as it expects all others, to forego unusual profits, to organize and expedite shipments of supplies of every kind, but especially of food, with an eye to the service you are rendering and in the spirit of those who enlist in the ranks, for their people, not for themselves. I shall confidently expect you to deserve and win the confidence of people of every sort and station."

PEACE TALK.

There Is an Effort to End Hostilities Between Russia and Germany.

Of late there has been rumors of moves by German and Russian socialists to end the war between the two countries, and this effort gains credence by the following dispatch from Petrograd, dated April 15:

"German Socialists are now in Stockholm under instructions from the German Chancellor to meet Russian Socialists there and negotiate a separate peace between Russia and Germany, according to the statements of an Austrian officer, who is a deserter.

"The German Social Democrats, says this officer, are working solidly with the government, considering selves Germans beyond anything else. "Another Austrian deserter asserts that peace is less frequently discussed in the Austrian army than formerly, and that everybody hopes that internal disorders in Russia will help bring about her destruction.

"In connection with the efforts of the German Socialists for a separate peace, says the war office here, the Germans have not published broadcast the news of the capture of the munitions depots at Toherwice (Czerwisce-Kovel front) and that the usual manifestations have been omitted."



MR. W. C. STACK

Young Cashier of the Bank of Union, Who Died Yesterday Morning After An Illness of Only Ten Days.

tempt to better the town either morally or financially that he did not take more than a man's part. He was unostentatious, quiet, and unassuming. For years he has taken great interest in the fourth of July celebration, and he and a few others wore the heart and soul of the day that never failed to attract thousands of visitors to Monroe. For years he was a member of the Jackson Club in the days when that organization did so much to better the town. Last summer, when the movement was on foot that finally resulted in the organization of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, he took an active part; and was one of those instrumental in the creation of a force that he knew was so vital to the well-being and future progress of the community. In fact, it can be truthfully stated that there has not been a movement that meant anything for the betterment of this section that he did not take a part.

He was best known as a calm, conservative business man. He had the confidence of his business associates, and he never violated that confidence. The patrons of the bank in which he worked often found him to be a friend in need. Very often in times

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