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BOB HOUSTON AGAIN AT LARGE

Escaped From State Farm at Warsaw

Monday—Twenty-five Dollars Reward Offered For Capture—Man Says He Saw Him on Wolf Pond Road.

Bob Houston, colored, Union county's star criminal, who was carried on February 4th to the state prison to begin a ten-year sentence for house-breaking, escaped on March 4th, robbed two stores at Mineral Springs on the night of March 10, was re-captured on Tuesday, March 11th and again carried to the penitentiary on March 14th, escaped the second time from the state institution on Monday March 31st, according to a card received yesterday morning by Chief of Police T. M. Christenbury.

The card received by the Chief states that a reward of \$25 will be paid by the state for Houston's capture. The following description of Houston was given: height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight 138 pounds; color ginger cake; eyes brown; small scar on one cheek; two upper teeth gold. Aside from the fact that the escape was made from the state institution at Warsaw no particulars were given by the card.

When Houston was first carried to the penitentiary he remained for one month without making his escape. The second time he was taken to the institution he remained only 17 days, an officer having left here with him on the morning of March 14 and he took French leave on March 31.

Dame rumor has it that Houston's wife several days ago received a letter from him stating that she need not write him any more as he intended to move. If this be true he was as good as his word.

Mr. Canada Jarmon, who lives south of Monroe, reports that he saw Houston near the bridge over Richardson creek on the Wolfe Pond road about a mile and a half south of town yesterday morning. He and Mr. Henry Funderburk, he states, were on their way to Monroe and just after they had crossed the bridge over the creek coming in the direction of Monroe they met a negro walking. "That looks like Bob Houston," Mr. Jarmon says he remarked to his companion. He states that the negro was walking in the direction of Altan and entered the main road from a little blind road to one side. He was well dressed, seemingly wearing a new suit, and carrying a walking stick.

The officers here are confident of the fact if the negro seen by Mr. Jarmon was not Houston that he will eventually make his way back to Monroe. They are keeping a sharp lookout for him. The news that the robber had again made his escape created quite a stir and was about the only topic discussed here yesterday.

MARGUERITE CLARK'S NEW PICTURE BASED ON POPULAR STORY

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" Affords Paramount Star Captivating Role.

One of the outstanding features of Manager Spencer's picture program at his house this season will be the presentation at the Strand theatre next Monday of Marguerite Clark's latest Paramount photoplay, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The rights to picture this famous story were obtained by the Famous Players Lasky Corporation at great expense, but the superiority of the production attests fully to the wisdom of the selection.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" was written by Alice Hegan Rice and dramatized by Anne Crawford Flexner. It was first presented at the Savoy Theatre, New York, Sept. 3rd, 1914, by Hugh Ford, who for some time past has been prominently identified with the producing department of the Famous Players Lasky Organization. The comedy was in three acts and embraced all the high spots of Alice Hegan Rice's famous story deftly woven into a connected plot, which, however, centered about the parentage of Tommy, the youngster which "Lovely Mary" brought along with her when she unceremoniously left the confines of the orphan asylum.

The homely humor and the unusual heart interest made it one of the most successful plays in many seasons and following its run in New York it enjoyed equal popularity on the road. Madge Carr Cook appeared in the role of Mrs. Wiggs and Mable Taliaferro was lovely Mary. In the picture version Miss Clark is supported by capable players, including Gareth Hughes, Mary Carr, Viva Ogden, Jack MacLean, Robert Milash, Maud Hosford and others. The adaptation was made by Eve Unsell and Hugh Ford was the director.

Mr. Flow Writes a Letter to the Editor of the Journal.

Mr. Geo. E. Flow has written the following interesting letter to Mr. John Beasley, who is a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany. Not knowing the address of Private Beasley, Mr. Flow sent it to The Journal office to be mailed. In order that The Journal readers may enjoy its contents, we publish it before sending it upon its long journey across the briny deep.

Monroe, N. C. April 2, 1919. Private John Beasley, Europe. Dear John:—I have been thinking for some time that I would write you, but could think of nothing to say, believing that about the last word had already been said of religion, government, and war. And if I were to requisition my imagination the crea-

tions of my fancy might be so airy, ethereal, and supernal as to induce the thought that I had been to Baltimore or some other unrestricted port and attempted to store in my physiology a sufficiency of the liquid base of the human race to last me to the end of my sublimary wanderings or until I had crossed all the minor and major arid stretches which now hem in the "morally stunted," thus producing in you the apprehension that I might not be able to survive so many spasms of mirth and thus be missed from the many and interesting scenes which I know that you will conduct when you return to the Land of the Free. And so, to still this apprehension, I must decline to give wings to my fancy. To relate to you, even, the major occurrences of the burg of your nativity I feel sure would smack of insipidity. If I were to say to you that Randy McLarty and Vick Redwine were still in the land of the living and seeking to have it understood that their feeblest efforts in their chosen domain had destroyed all claims to fame on the part of Ananias, Baron Munchausen, and Joe Mulhatton, that I was either envious or slandering old friends, if I were to say that the air of many of the discharged minor officers of the army, especially those discharged from American camps, was such as to induce the belief that they are obsessed with the idea that they eclipse all other cosmic facts in importance, that I am both ungracious and ungrateful, and if I were to say that the Republican party is now confident that its strength is the mate of the country's necessities, that I am a partisan, so, what am I to say? Prayers, I reckon. This I proceed to do and thusly: That God would preserve and speedily send home to friends and loved ones the militant hosts which he had sent over seas to defend civilization and religion in the homes of their ancestors.—Your friend and fellow citizen, Geo. E. Flow.

Order of Services at the Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 10:30 a. m. The Lord's Supper and sermon, 11:30 a. m. Evening worship and sermon 5 p. m.

A very cordial invitation is given to all these services. Note the change in the hour for each service. An offering will henceforth be taken at the evening service.—Reporter.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Evening prayer and address tonight at 8 o'clock. All who are interested in the choir are especially requested to be present to-night and remain for a short time after service.

Sunday, April 6, Fifth in Lent.—Morning service at 11, with celebration of the Holy Communion. Sunday school at 3 p. m.; Men's Bible class 4 p. m.; Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Next week—Services Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p. m. and 4 p. m.; Wednesday and Friday at 8 p. m.

To the Citizens of Monroe.

Two years ago when I asked to be elected mayor of Monroe I did not intend to call upon the people for a second term, but on account of the fact that our country has been so enwrapped in war during my tenure in office that I have not been able to bring about some of the things that I was interested in for the development of the town, I have decided to ask you to renominate me on April 19th as Mayor of Monroe and to assure you that as mayor of Monroe I shall strive to do what I think is my conscientious duty in all matters affecting the welfare of the town.

I would like for you to see to it that the men who are nominated as aldermen are men who are interested in the upbuilding of the town and that no man can be elected who has an ulterior purpose.

I take this opportunity to thank the citizenship of Monroe for the spirit of co-operation that they have shown me during my present administration, and to assure you that this, together with the reasons above stated, prompts me to ask for the office another term. Yours truly,

JOHN C. SIKES.

Burned to Death.

(Pageland Journal) Master William Deese, son of Mr. George Deese who lives between Five Forks and Dudley, was burned to death Monday while attempting to make a fire in their home. His father was plowing in a field not far from home and Mrs. Deese went to carry him some water, leaving the boy alone at the house with instructions to start a fire, as the weather was getting cold. In a few minutes Mr. Deese saw a big smoke, and ran for the house. As he reached the house the boy ran out and fell dead. The house was caught on fire. By hard work he put out the fire, but the boy was already dead. Close by was a bursted kerosene can, and it is supposed that in trying to start the fire the boy used oil, and allowed the flames to get to the can, thus causing it to explode and throw oil all over him. The body was buried at Liberty Hill church yesterday afternoon, Rev. R. W. Cato conducting the service. The boy was ten years old.

Wife's Cigars Welcome.

"Tomorrow's my birthday and I shall get the usual very welcome box of cigars from my wife."

"Welcome? Huh! I'll bet you throw them away."

"Not much, I don't! I give them to my friends. They remember the horror, and later when I offer them a cigar that's really good they pass. I tell you wife's gift is dozens of dollars in my pocket every year."—Boston Transcript.

NORTH CAROLINIANS OF THE 30TH LAND AT CHARLESTON

From Transports Madawaska and Huron—Goldshero Company Which Last Half of Men Will Erect Monument—Go to Camp Jackson.

More than 5,000 of the men of the famous Thirtieth Division from North and South Carolina and Tennessee landed at Charleston Wednesday, on the transports Madawaska and Huron and were sent direct to Camp Jackson for demobilization.

The Associated Press had the following dispatch regarding the landing of the heroes:

The transport Huron from St. Nazaire with more than 2,000 troops of the 30th division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) aboard, entered the harbor late today and dropped anchor in the lower bay for the night.

There are 88 officers and 3,024 men of the "Old Hickory" aboard the Huron.

Bringing more units of the 30th division home from France and with Brigadier General S. L. Faison among her passengers, the transport Madawaska arrived here this morning, coming up the harbor at 9 o'clock, and docking at the port terminals above this city at about 10:30. Debarcation of troops proceeded at once special trains taking the men to Camp Jackson.

HOW JAPAN FEELS ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Statement Issued to Associated Press by Makino, Head of Japanese Delegation in Paris—Cannot Be Happy in League of Nations With Racial Discriminations.

Baron Makino, head of the Japanese peace delegation, in a statement to the Associated Press Wednesday on the position of Japan, said:

"You ask me for a plain and frank statement of the position of Japan. Well, I am tempted to ask you a question in reply.

"Do you think it possible for me to say anything that will not be wilfully distorted and misrepresented by those who have long and persistently sought to clog the efforts of my country. To ascribe to her motives she has never had and to malign at every turn? Let us see.

"As to the United States Japan has a very sincere regard.

"We owe to her our place in the world, that is to say, the civilized world. Perhaps I should not altogether agree to that phrase because you know and everyone should know, that Japan has enjoyed a civilization all her own for many ages. It was a civilization borne of the highest sense of honor.

"You will note here that America was the first country to agree to make a treaty with us abolishing extra-territoriality. You must remember that we did not ask to join this first league of nations. We were forced to do so. Perry came to us with naval power and forced to compel us to open Japan to intercourse with the western world.

"We yielded and I am glad, as is all Japan that we did yield, because it has been a great benefit to our country.

"And now we are asked a second time to join a league of nations. But how? As equals? If so we are ready. We want to consider with the greatest care the interests of all our associate nations in such a league, because by no other policy can the league of nations succeed.

"No Asiatic nation could be happy in a league of nations in which sharp racial discrimination is maintained. While we feel very keenly on this point our precise position must not be misunderstood nor misrepresented.

"We are not too proud to fight, but we are too proud to accept a place of admitted inferiority in dealing with one or more associate nations. We want nothing but simple justice. We are glad to join the league of nations and do our full share in the maintenance of the world's peace and order and the reign of justice for all peoples.

"We do not wish to impose our laboring classes as immigrants upon any of our associate countries. We recognize that this question is one with which each nation must deal individually and we have voluntarily shown our good faith by our observance of the so-called gentleman's agreement with the United States, and this notwithstanding that the principle is in direct contravention of the measures adopted by the western powers in forcing the door of our hermit kingdom.

"We do not object to the proviso suggested by Ellhu Root safeguarding his country on the subject of internal administration. His proposition applies alike to all countries. We want no special privileges.

"What we do say and feel is that we are entitled to a frank and open admission by the Allies with whom we have fought and will fight for a free and civilized world and beside whose sons our men have died that the principle of equity and justice is a fundamental tenet of the league.

"We see difficulties in the way of a permanent and successful operation of this League of Nations unless the contracting parties enter it with mutual respect. Marriages of convenience too often breed distrust and discord rather than contentment."

ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF DRIVE EXTENDED TO APRIL 15

Union County Must Raise \$1,600 Apportionment Before This Time Is Up — District Chairmen Are Appointed.

North Carolina has not yet raised the \$200,000 apportioned her in the \$30,000,000 drive for relief in the Near East, so the time has been extended to April 15th. Union county's quota is \$3,600 and just about half that amount has been collected.

Mr. Ralph Runyan, State Director of the drive, in a letter to Mrs. J. F. Laney, County Chairman, makes the following appeal:

"North Carolina must respond to the appeal from the Near East. We cannot afford to have it said that we did not do all we could do to save the lives of these oldest Christians in the world. They were out allies in the world war; they have battled for the preservation of the religion of Christ for centuries, and now we must save the remnants of this noble race. Do not relax your efforts to raise funds until the last penny of your quota has been secured."

Teachers of the various schools are urged to collect from their pupils and send the amounts received either to their district or county chairmen.

Mrs. Laney will in a few days announce the solicitors who will canvass Monroe. The following have been appointed chairmen of their respective towns and districts:

Marshville—Mrs. Benson Marsh. Waxhaw—Mr. G. L. Nisbet. Mineral Springs—Mrs. G. T. Winchester.

Indian Trail—Rev. B. B. Shankle. Wingate—Mrs. E. C. Snyder. Bakers—Mrs. Frank Williams. Unionville—Mrs. R. T. Price. Rock Rest—Miss Effie Ashcraft. Union School—Mrs. R. B. Redwine. Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Solon Braswell. Mt. Carmel—Miss Odessa Richardson.

Walkerville Church — Mrs. E. S. Watson. Sandy Ridge township—Miss Ethel Reid.

North Monroe School—Mrs. H. F. Owens.

It is hoped that these chairmen will begin work immediately by appointing collectors for their territory. Everyone should contribute to this most worthy cause.

One of the State Directors of campaign for Armenian and Syrian relief has sent to New York a letter sent him by an Armenian. We reprint one paragraph of that letter, which pictures the suffering and the desperation of the people who have fallen victims of Turkish barbarism, and stresses the necessity of haste on the part of the people of America in getting foodstuffs to the starving millions. The paragraph reads:

"Our property that was valued for \$55,000 in United States money, we sold for \$500. We are now living in a stable. Son, your mama and sister and her baby are covering their naked bodies with croker sacks. We have no underclothes to keep us warm this winter. Can't you buy us silk slaves and save us from this stricken land? We ate meat of dead animals so we can be saved to see you again. Brother, your Uncle Elias has been crucified by the Turks. Your Aunt was blindfolded and shot."

John Elder, who is one of the relief workers in Erivan, sends in the following:

"The number of orphans has been raised from 150 to 350, and may soon be 450. This increase was imperative. For weeks at a time during the fall I passed from two or three to eight or ten grimy, shivering, starving youngsters crying by the roadside, with no earthly support, deserted by parents unable to care for them. There is no doubt that hundreds, probably thousands of them died during the fall months from sheer starvation."

The foregoing quotations should appeal to every person in the state and cause each and everyone to act instantly, giving of their money in the effort to save as many lives in Armenia and Syria as possible. Delay means only more and more deaths. Every hour you wait means some babe's bones will be left to bleach on the sands of the desert.

Good Luck to You, Girls.

(Waxhaw Enterprise)

A number of girls of the younger set met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Carl Wolfe and organized the Junaluska Camp Fire with Helen Myers as secretary, Kathleen Austin as treasurer, and Mrs. Wolfe for guardian. On Saturday afternoon the girls hiked down to the old park place where they gathered wild flowers and cooked a regular camp supper. They plan to take two long hikes a week. The Camp Fire is an organization for community betterment and the girls are planning to build a splendid community tennis court with the help of subscriptions from all those who are interested in beautifying the town and in athletics for the young people. The Camp Fire will co-operate with the Woman's Club in improving the appearance of the town and have already planted a vine around the well on the square. They will give a concert in the near future.

It Works Both Ways.

"How much being in the Army has improved your boy Josh!"

"Come to notice," said Farmer Cornstossel, "you are right, I hadn't considered it that way. I was too busy thinkin' about how much Josh's bein' in there had improved the Army."

—Washington Star.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—George Blagney, colored, appeared in Recorder's court Wednesday to answer to a charge of larceny of lumber belong to Mr. J. E. Stack. He was found guilty and taxed with the costs. George said that he only took a few blocks to start a fire.

—Rev. Lee McBride White, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church here, is conducting a series of meetings at the Ninth Avenue Baptist church in Charlotte. Reports state that large crowds are attending the meetings. Mr. W. Hugh Rowe of Atlanta has charge of the musical program for the meeting.

—The local exemption board which served so faithfully during the troubled times of war, is no more. Monday marked the end of its existence. All records of the board have been shipped to the adjutant general at Washington, D. C., and the government property used in connection with the work sold at auction.

—Union county people will be interested to learn that Lieut. John Blanton Belk, son of Rev. George W. Belk, a native of this county, will remain overseas for some time and will take a course at Oxford University, England. Lieut. Belk served with an artillery brigade of the American army in France. His battery arrived home some time ago.

—Tom Keziah, a white man well on in years of Monroe township, Monday morning inflicted a flesh wound several inches long across the breast of his wife and slashed his step son, Mr. Dan Deese, across the back, inflicting a slight wound, with a knife. It is said that the cutting was the culmination of an altercation between Keziah and Deese. The latter is out under bail pending a hearing in Recorder's court Saturday. He only recently recovered from a serious illness with pneumonia following influenza and officers state that they were informed that since his illness he has been very irritable.

QUARANTINE OFFICER'S REPORT

Influenza Wipes Out Spit-borne Diseases of Children.

Figures based on reports to the State Board of Health show that the precautions used against the spread of influenza almost wiped out whooping cough, measles, diphtheria and other spit-borne diseases of children. The Board of Health states that during June, July, August and September, preceding the epidemic of influenza there was an average of 2,498 cases of the spit-borne diseases of children a month. In October during the height of the influenza, a sudden drop in the other diseases occurred, and from October to February 1, the period in which the greatest number of cases of diseases of children usually occurs, there was an average of only 848 cases a month. It is also noted that as the influenza subsides the other diseases increase. During February there were more than twice as many cases of whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, etc., as in November, following the height of the influenza epidemic.

This sudden drop in the occurrence of diseases of children was due to the fact that the fatality of influenza and the rapidity of its spread, put into the hearts of the people fear, which made them exercise personal precaution more than ever before. They coughed and sneezed into their handkerchiefs and used their own towels, drinking cups, etc. Children were kept from school when unwell and unnecessary exposure avoided. These precautions not only retarded the development of influenza, but prevented thousands of cases of other diseases.

We must conclude from the above that the number of cases of the diseases of children can be materially reduced. Knowing this fact, it becomes the duty of everybody to learn more about the spread of diseases and to make as great an effort to protect children against diseases all the time as was made during the great epidemic of influenza.

The following diseases were reported in the county during March:

Scarlet Fever—Boyce Jenkins, R. F. D. 8, Monroe.

Measles—Clyde McCorkle, R. F. D. 3, Waxhaw; Beeman, Martha, Roy and Blair Secret, R. F. D. 6, Monroe. Chicken-pox—Elizabeth Wray, Monroe.

Diphtheria—Marion McRorie, R. F. D. 2, Unionville; Wm. Deese (baby), R. F. D. 2, Monroe.

Typhoid Fever—Ellison Glenn, R. F. D. 2, Waxhaw.

S. A. STEVENS, County Quarantine Officer.

For Alderman at Large.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman at large, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

W. ZEB FAULKNER.

For Alderman—Second Ward.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward Two, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. P. WAYNE JOHNSON.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Amos Alsbrooks, who was convicted of larceny on November 30, 1918, and sentenced to the common jail of Union county to work on the public roads of Monroe township for a period of twelve months.

All persons desiring to oppose same are hereby notified to file their protest with the Governor at once. This April 4, 1919.

AMELIA ALSBROOKS.

SOLDIERS SHOULD ORGANIZE

Could Be Made Feature of the Welcome Home Celebration on Fourth of July—Writing of a History of Union County's Part in the War Being Talked.

"When will the Union County Chapter of the Veterans of the World War be organized?" is a question being frequently asked. Plans are under way to organize a chapter of the World War Veterans in every county in the United States. It is thought that a strong Union County chapter should be organized in the not distant future.

The World War Veterans will hold State and National conventions annually, as do the veterans of the War Between the States. The men of the Thirtieth, "Old Hickory," Division have already arranged for the perfection of an "Old Hickory" association and have arranged for a convention to be held September 28-29. The dates in September were chosen because on these days the Thirtieth took part in breaking the Hindenberg line. All officers and privates of the division are entitled to membership in the association. This will include a number of Union county men.

Attention has been called to the fact that the organization of the Union County Chapter of the World War Veterans might be made a feature of the welcome home celebration to be held in Monroe on July Fourth. More than one thousand men from this county served with honor and distinction in the war and it is thought that the majority of them will have received their discharges and be in Monroe for the celebration. A meeting could be arranged for in the courthouse or some other place where the men could gather for the election of officers, etc. Arrangements may be completed for such a meeting before July Fourth.

Another after the war subject now being discussed by the people of Monroe and the entire county is who or what organization will take in hand the matter of compiling a history of Union county's part in the World War? In other counties such a work has already been arranged for and a historian appointed who is now busily engaged in the work.

Purely Personal.

Miss Lelia Barnes of Maxton arrived in the city yesterday to attend the Lacey-Lee wedding which takes place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. M. H. Richardson leaves tonight for Washington, D. C., on business.

Miss Rebecca Stack, who has a government position in Washington, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stack.

Mr. Paul Flow is visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Charles Hart has returned from Red Springs where he went to visit his sister, Miss Viola Hart, who is a student in Flora McDonald.

Mr. J. H. McRorie, accompanied by his son, Mr. Andrew McRorie, and children Clara, Willie and Roy, visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Annie Grig, of Ansonville last Saturday. They attended the Union meeting at Deep Creek Sunday and report a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Martha Asbury of Chicago, Ill. is visiting Mrs. Gaston Meares.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sturdivant have received news of the promotion of their son from first lieutenant to captain. Capt. Sturdivant is dental surgeon in the pioneer infantry, and is with the army of occupation in Germany. He graduated from the Southern Dental College, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Chas. Iceman was the charming hostess to the U. D. C. Friday afternoon. In response to roll call the members gave incidents of slave life. After the business session, a contest was engaged in, entitled the Southern Confederacy. This was quite enjoyable and instructive. Mrs. Iceman served a delicious salad course.

Mrs. Will Steele and Mrs. Ed Guin of Waxhaw, who attended the district meeting of the Federation of Womens Clubs in Gastonia last week, stopped over here with Mrs. Elsie Wilson and Mrs. E. C. Winchester.

Miss Ruby Winchester of Charlotte is spending a few days with parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Winchester, en route from visiting friends in Atlanta.

Mr. C. C. Patterson of Shelby is spending a few days in the city visiting relatives.

Margery Bennett, one of the most appealing little women of filmdom, plays opposite Monroe Salisbury in Bulebird's latest five-reel photoplay, "Huzon the Mighty," which comes to the Pastime theatre on Monday.

For Mayor.

Mr. Editor:—It seems that there is not much interest up to this time in city politics, especially as to candidates for Mayor and Aldermen. The city primary is not far off, and it is time the people should begin considering who they desire to fill these offices for the next two years.

We rise, therefore, to put forward the name of Hon. John C. Sikes for Mayor. He has served so faithfully and efficiently in the past as Mayor, that his record is the best possible "boom" that could be given to his candidacy for the office. His record as Mayor is one that both he and the people of Monroe are justly proud. Let us elect him again and give him the opportunity to continue the good work and progressive measures that he has supported in the past.

VOLETS.