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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

### Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

There will be a meeting of the Eastern Star chapter, Monday night, at seven o'clock.

Mr. C. C. Sikes is in the western markets buying stock for the Sikes Company.

The directors of the Bank of Union will hold their semi-annual meeting at the Bank, January 13th.

Tom Lee Crowell, Jr., the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crowell, is slowly improving from a severe case of bronchial pneumonia.

Rev. A. Marsh will preach at New Hope church in New Salem township on Sunday January 5th, 1919, at two o'clock.

Mr. Fred B. Taylor and Miss Gladys Cook of Mecklenburg county were married here December 26th by Esq. R. H. Hargett.

Mr. M. L. Flow, head of the revaluation work in this county, requests the Journal to remind the people that his headquarters are in the court house—the one formerly occupied by the sheriff.

On Saturday night, January 10th, there will be speakers from Charlotte at Indian Trail to speak in the interest of the W. O. W. Order. Everyone is invited to attend. The new rates will be fully explained and every Woodman should hear the talks.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler has resigned as vice-president of the Bank of Union to devote his time to the organization and erection of cotton warehouses in this county. This is good news to Union county farmers. With Mr. Plyler heading the warehouse movement, success is assured.

Services for North Monroe Church, January 4th, 1920, North Monroe, preaching 11 a. m., Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; Grace Chapel, Sunday school 2 p. m., preaching 3 p. m.; Memorial, Sunday school 2:30 p. m., preaching 7 p. m.—J. R. Warren, pastor.

A ten per cent semi-annual dividend was declared Wednesday by the Monroe Hardware Co. It is estimated that this company's earnings for the year will total twenty-two per cent. The following compose the board of directors: Messrs. J. A. Stewart, E. C. Carpenter, J. C. Sikes, R. A. Moore, and Dr. J. M. Bell.

Mr. J. Hann Price resigned as deputy clerk of the Superior Court the last of the year to accept a position with the Bank of Union. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Price, and is a graduate of Trinity College; is an executive man, and a young man of good business ability. Mr. Price is also a member of the executive committee of the Melvin Deese Post of the American Legion.

The First National Bank declared semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent Wednesday, and set aside a neat sum to the surplus fund. The board of directors is made up of the following: Messrs. J. H. Lee, president; Dr. J. E. Ashcraft, vice-president; T. C. Lee, A. Morrow, Dr. J. M. Bell, S. O. Blair, W. C. Heath, C. E. Houston, Frank Howie, C. C. and J. C. Sikes, Mr. J. W. Laney is cashier, and Mr. W. C. Bacon, assistant cashier.

Directors of the Bearskin Cotton Mill, in session Wednesday afternoon, declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. The mill has been in operation only four months, and local mill men consider this a fine showing. Mr. C. C. Carpenter, the secretary, is back from the hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, in improved health, and he is very optimistic over the future of the mill. Mr. C. K. Lee is president, and Mr. John C. Sikes, vice-president.

Monroe has a live wire booster in the person of Mr. B. Gordon, proprietor of the Monroe Iron and Metal Company. Mr. Gordon is now manufacturing a high grade rabbit metal in his place of business near the freight depot. One brand of this metal is called "Monroe Special." Two salesmen are on the road with this metal, and their sales of the "Monroe Special" in all parts of the South will mean good advertising for the city. It was for this purpose that Mr. Gordon decided upon this name.

A Ford touring car was stolen the other night from the garage of the owner, Mr. Lex Griffin, at Lee's Mill. There is no clue to the thief. An effort, it is believed, was made to steal a Buick touring car, in the same garage. Mr. Griffin drove in about midnight from Monroe on the day the car was stolen. He left the car in the garage, and it is supposed the thief, or thieves, who had been trying to get away with the Buick car, decided to take the Ford on account of the engine being hot.

The row of buildings facing the court house and occupied by H. E. Copley, J. E. Stack and Company, V. C. Redwine, and S. A. Warlick, were condemned February 1st, states Mr. J. Frank Hill, city building inspector. They must be removed or torn down by March 1st, according to him. Mr. Hill says he contemplated condemning these buildings last fall, but decided not to disturb the inmates until the fall business came to a close. A number of other buildings are slated for the same route.

The daily papers recently carried stories of people, who unable to secure their usual Christmas liquor, took some kind of a concoction instead, and were forthwith subjected for the undertaker. Doctors say that Monroe almost had one such instance. As the story goes, a young man of North Monroe paid ten dollars for a

quantity of stuff dignified by the name "whiskey." It is said that the man who sold the liquor told the purchaser that it contained lye. Shortly after the man of North Monroe assimilated the stuff, that part of his anatomy referred to as his stomach began to feel as if it was the seat of recently kindled fires of Hades. The young fellow became raving mad, it is said, and the help of neighbors was necessary to restrain him from doing harm to himself and family. Doctors, who were summoned, say that had he not received attention when he did that he would have certainly died.

Mr. Samuel B. Stephenson, a native of the Pleasant Grove community, this county, died at Globe, Caldwell county, last Monday and was buried yesterday at Pleasant Grove. He was about seventy-five years old, was a Confederate veteran and was a member of Company A, 48th N. C. regiment. He was a brave and faithful soldier, a good citizen and an humble Christian gentleman. Mr. Stephenson was a photographer and for several years traveled through the southwest. His wife died many years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a Mason and was buried with Masonic honors.

### MR. T. L. CROWELL TO RUN FOR ALDERMAN IN NEXT ELECTION

He Made This Announcement at Firemen's Banquet—Fire Fighters Had Merry Occasion.

"At the next city election I shall be a candidate for Alderman, and if elected will work to secure a better recognition of the importance and services of the Fire Company," was the statement made by Mr. T. L. Crowell, Chief of the Fire Department, addressing those in attendance at a banquet given by the members of the company in their hall on North Hayes street last night. These words were received with much applause.

The members of the company state that the banquet given last night was the most successful affair ever staged by the department. In the words of Foreman G. W. McCorkle, in other years the company had given banquets of one sort or another at which only the men were present. "But tonight," said Mr. McCorkle, a fireman of thirty-one years experience, "our wives, our daughters, and our children are present, giving the affair a more refined air, for which we are glad."

The supper served at the banquet was prepared by the wives of the members of the company, and consisted in four courses, elaborate in its completeness. The committee in charge of the arrangements were Messrs. T. L. Crowell, Brown McCorkle, J. Frank Hill, and W. H. Walsh. They were aided by the following ladies: Mesdames J. Frank Hill, Gene Helms, S. R. Doster, and Gordon St. Paul. The hall had been tastefully decorated, and music was furnished by a Victrola.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor of Central Methodist church, was a guest in the banquet, and in offering a few remarks praised highly the efficiency of the company, as he had occasion to witness the same, his coming to Monroe. He vividly described the dangers of drinking alcohol, and in the course of his remarks that it was not clear to him why as progressive as Monroe was that the firemen did not receive more than an occasional trip and the exemption from city taxes for their services.

Assistant Chief J. Frank Hill expressed the appreciation felt at the way the efforts of the arrangement committee had been received. "We did our best," he said, "and from the words uttered tonight, we feel that all have enjoyed the occasion."

Fire Chief Crowell praised highly the spirit of his men, and said that he would not be afraid to follow anywhere. He declared that there was not a more daring company of firemen in the State.

Dr. G. M. Smith, physician for the company, gave a hit with those present when he declared that he came to see, and stayed to eat. Dr. Smith touched upon the sterling worth and character of the members of the company, and expressed the appreciation which the citizens of the town feel for the fine fire protection afforded by the company.

### Do Figures Lie?

(From The Shipbuilder.)

An Irishman working for a Dutchman asked for an increase of 193. The Dutchman replied: "If you are worth it, I will be pleased to give it to you. Now let us see what you do in a year. Pat. We have 365 days in a year; you sleep eight hours every day, which makes 122 days you sleep, taken from 365 days, leaves 243. Now you have eight hours' recreation every day, which makes 122 days, taken from 243 days, leaves 121 days. We have 52 Sundays in a year which you have off, leaving you 69 days. You have 14 days vacation; take this off and you have 55 days left. You don't work Saturday afternoons; this makes 26 days in a year. Take this off and you have 29 days left. Now Pat, you allow one and one-half hours for meals, which total in a year 28 days. Take this off and you have one day left. I always give you St. Patrick's day off, so I ask you, Pat, if you are entitled to a raise?"

Pat then answered, "Well, what the devil have I been doing, then?"

At Rockingham, N. C., an eighteen-year-old negro is said to have killed the seven-year-old son of Mr. M. F. Kennedy, white. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

### MAJOR HUGH HINDE WRITES ABOUT WHISKEY SUBSTITUTES

Says It Is Hard to Understand the Extent to Which Some Men Will go For a Drink With a "Kick."

To the Editor of The Journal:—It is difficult for sane people to understand to what extent persons who have been victims of the drink habit will go to obtain substitute for the liquor that they have been used to drink. Concentrated lye, fusel oil, wood alcohol and other just as certain poisons, are being resorted to with the direct results. It is a difficult matter for a man who is not torn by internal craving for the "kick" that alcohol gives, to in any way clearly understand the condition that a drunkard is placed in when he is suddenly totally deprived by the law of his daily quota of spirituous liquors. He is certainly in a pitiable condition. Surely an easy victim to the wiles of the brute who will gladly take his last penny for some poisonous substitute for his accustomed drink; and who has absolutely no regard for the result of the poison that he hands his willing victim.

Every druggist in the State can tell you the terrible extent to which persons will go to get anything in which there is any "kick" at all. Thousands of "substitutes" have sprung into being. Thousands of formulas are being sold "guaranteed equal in every way to the liquor itself"—cannot be told from it; so the advertisements read.

Surely some law can be devised which will bring efficient Federal aid in rooting out these poisons which are actually—for the time at least—killing more people than the liquor trade has ever done in its palmy days.

New York, where the deaths have been almost at wholesale from the use of the liquor substitutes, is starting a "scientific fight" against them and the Commissioner of Health will analyze the home-made drink. The Greensboro News in an excellent editorial, talking of these poisonous substances:

"In the days of our grandfathers, here in North Carolina, corn whiskey was distilled by slow process, with much care, often of selected grain and under conditions of scrupulous cleanliness, as cleanliness was understood. The product was potable enough, but it had a high content of fusel oil and high alcohols. It was commonly actually aged in wood, the most generally satisfactory eliminant of these extreme poisons. Still, thousands of people drank fresh spirits, and the fusel oil and other things they contained. Then came the day of government distilling, graft, dishonesty, short cuts, adulterations, rectifications which made any sort of spirits smoother and more potable—and still people drank a lot of raw spirits. All over the country adulteration, cheapening of the product, increased, and finally came the time when the barrooms in the towns generally dispensed spirits of western or northern manufacture. Times came the decade of variety, when the town man went into any sort of bar, and called for almost any kind of whiskey, brandy, wine, liquor of cordial known to civilization and got it. It was declared at that time that practically all the spirits sold in the middle states—to drinkers all over the country—whether lye whiskey, Scotch, bourbon, blend, cognac or various wines, were flavored colored spirits made from clear run distilled from the sweepings of the West Indian sugar houses, and with not a small content of rats and actual snakes. There may have been a certain amount of truth in the legend. The art of making synthetic liquor, of simulating, for instance, the distinctive product of the Scotch stillers with materials that were never in Scotland, and were never touched by a Scot, certainly has been highly cultivated by the Yankee rectifier. Recently there were published the confessions of a barkeeper, who said he finally quit the business when a drummer brought in a line of samples of various brands of spirits, all meeting every requirement of smell and taste, that were made out of wood alcohol at a few cents a gallon—and the boss gave the drummer an order for a large lot. There may be something in that story, too. It has been conjectured that a steady consumer of grain or cane alcohols might get by with a certain dosage of wood alcohol."

Now, again, we are in the days of the procteur. The brute who fattens on the sure and certain poisons that he "distills"—aye, fattens on the tears of the widows and the orphans distilled in the devil's dose that he gives the only too willing victim.

It is high time that some sweeping laws were passed both by the State and Federal Governments making it a felony to even give away under any circumstances such poisons as are being freely distributed and openly distributed all over the country. A special force ought to be employed to run down every case of the distribution of this poison with as much zeal as the Government gives to the running down of a gang of coiners or makers of counterfeit money.

One hears it said "That's the pure stuff, I know the man who made it." Pure stuff! The ingredients may not be poisonous, but the distillation, without even the process of aging in the wood, is a present poison of high alcohol, that is as deadly as the poison of the Serpent.—Hugh Hinde.

Asheville, N. C., union carpenters have raised their scale to seventy-five cents an hour.

### CORRESPONDENT DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF MARSHVILLE

Such as Lack of House Room, Need of Health Officer and Elimination of Dangerous Crossings in the City—Personals and Socials.

Marshville, Jan. 1.—A new year before us. Here's to it: May its end be as its beginning—bright with hope, peace and prosperity, and undimmed by regrets because of good deeds not done.

The younger set have enjoyed a round of gaities since the opening of the holiday season, each occasion being informal which lent all the more charm and pleasure to the affairs. Mesdames Kate Bailey, Otis Marsh and Berniece Phifer were hostesses last week at their respective homes. Music, dancing, and amusing games furnished delightful entertainment and delicious refreshments were served. Other festivities are planned to take place before the college-folks return to their work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin and daughter Frances spent the holidays in Matthews. They were with Mrs. Griffin's parents Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and attended the marriage of their cousin Miss Willie Barrett.

Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Bivens of Charlotte spent this week here visiting relatives.

Misses Mary Marsh and Berniece Phifer and Messrs. Henry and Grier Marsh motored to Charlotte Tuesday. Miss Otis Marsh is visiting relatives in Wadesboro.

Miss Gwendolyn Fullerton of Port Williams, Nova Scotia, is the guest of Mrs. Charlie Morgan. Miss Fullerton was at one time a teacher in the school here. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Morgan entertained informally for her guest, inviting those who taught here with Miss Fullerton which included Mrs. R. L. Griffin, Mrs. W. M. Davis, Mrs. W. B. Marsh of Marshville, and Miss Pauline Pinkston of Wadesboro. The reunion was thoroughly enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

Messrs. Earl Marsh, Bremer Harrell, Gwyn Griffin and Myron Green attended the banquet in Monroe Monday evening given by the Union county club of the University of North Carolina.

Rev. A. E. Dallas of Mt. Vernon, Indiana and Mr. C. E. McLean of Memphis, Tennessee, were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garland.

Mr. W. G. McBride has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Georgia and Florida.

Mr. R. D. Marsh of Paezeland, S. C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. Marsh.

Mr. Spencer Harrell who has been working at Eldr's in Charlotte for sometime has returned home to enter school for the spring term.

The census enumerators of Marshville township are Messrs. Job Little and L. E. Huggins. The work will begin on Friday the second of January.

Mr. Arthur Strawn of Washington spent sometime last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strawn. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moore of New York were the guests of relatives here last week.

Mr. M. E. Applewhite who was carried to the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte a week or so ago was found to be suffering from a severe case of typhoid fever. Marshville has had several cases of fever during the fall, but those who were victims of the disease, it is said, had not taken the vaccination. This fact leads us to believe that had not the majority of citizens taken the vaccination the past summer the town would have suffered an epidemic. The cases so far have been very severe most of them resulting in death. There is evidently a local cause for the disease which it is nothing short of a crime to harbor. An investigation by the town authorities assisted by the advice of the physicians of the town would possibly be the means of saving some valuable lives in the future. If it could be thoroughly cleaned up and kept so, Marshville would be one of the healthiest towns in the State. We hope the health officer will hasten his coming.

The lack of house room here is amounting to a serious thing since the fruit basket has turned over and a number of families are grumbling frantically for a house. One citizen was heard to remark yesterday, "Well I have to move to-morrow and I have nowhere to go."

The tragedy which occurred at Polkton several days ago when the train collided with a car killing and injuring the occupants of the latter brings the horror of such happenings close home. Why should such dangerous road crossings be allowed, and why are people so careless in crossing them? Marshville has experienced several near tragedies of this kind because of the two dangerous crossings in the heart of the town, and we predict that it is only a matter of time until a repetition of the Polkton affair will occur here unless the box cars on the sidetracks are placed so as not to obstruct the view of approaching motorists; the train will give extra signals; and the motorist will carefully look in each direction before attempting to cross. The way the buildings are placed near both crossings make extra precaution necessary to insure safety. One lady driver here says she has adopted the plan of crossing the tracks in low gear, the slow speed thus enabling her to get a view of the tracks in each direction and also minimizing the dangers of a choked engine in a emergency.

Mrs. Rommie Griffin was hostess at a delightful party Wednesday afternoon entertaining the Book Club and several other guests complimentary to her sister, Miss Hattie Stevens of Matthews, who is her guest. Tables were arranged for progressive games when the score was counted. Mesdames W. M. Davis, Frank Harrell and J. S. Harrell tied for the prize. Mrs. Davis made the lucky cut and was presented with a box of correspondence cards. A sweet course was served. Besides club members there were present, Mesdames B. L. Biggers, Wade Givens, Arthur Russell, Loyd Green, Charlie Morgan, Jim Leonard E. C. Griffin and Whitener.

Mr. James Morgan who has been critically ill with pneumonia for over a week was carried to a hospital in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon for an operation on his lungs.

Mrs. Lillie Price went to Charlotte Wednesday to have her tonsils removed. She stood the operation very well.

### Recent Happenings.

Italy gets another loan from the United States of \$16,000, making a total of \$1,621,338,000 for Italy and \$9,647,834,000, to all the allies.

Secretary Daniels has announced that he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States.

The farm of S. A. Snead, near Maxton, one hundred and forty-nine acres sold the other day for \$68,275, or a little more than \$468 an acre.

Ninety prohibition institutes will be held in this state during January in order that every person will understand the movement for world prohibition.

Mrs. J. O. Webb, of Effend, N. C., was severely burned while trying to extinguish the flames that were burning the dress of her little daughter Myra which ignited from a grate.

The increase in the resources of the State banks for the 1918-1919 period was nearly two million dollars, or virtually equal to the entire resources of State banks in 1916.

Asheville police are looking for a wood alcohol place of sale. In several Northern and Western cities many deaths have occurred from drinking wood alcohol.

John W. Gabriel, a well known citizen of Catawba county, N. C., was shot to death by Kohler Holselaw, a former service man. No cause given. For several years the deceased was a Deputy Sheriff.

Following the lynching of Powell Green, a negro, in Franklinton last Saturday, an investigation was started by coroner and solicitor. The identity of the lynchers has not as yet been revealed.

C. C. Wright, colored, is in jail at Wilmington charged with running over and killing Edna Kerr, a nine-year-old white girl, near her home on the Castle Hayne road four miles from Wilmington.

The Senate fails to confirm Norman Hapgood's appointment by President Wilson and he has been recalled as minister to Denmark. It is charged that Hapgood was too sympathetic toward soviet authorities.

Governor Bickett pardoned eight prisoners during the holidays in addition to reducing the sentence of all life termers to thirty years. Among prisoners receiving pardons and paroles were three convicted of murder, two of manslaughter and one of burglary. Their sentences ranged from two years to life. In the case of Vermer Spurlin, of Ashe county, convicted of infanticide in 1916 in 1916 and sentenced to ten years, a petition six feet long brought release.

Building Permits For Quarter Total \$32,000.

Building permits, covering the erection and improvements of building in Monroe for the last quarter, totaled \$32,495, according to Building Inspector J. Frank Hill. The permits issued were as follows:

Blair and English, moving and remodeling house on Jefferson street \$1700.

S. A. Warlick, remodeling residence on Talleyrand Avenue, \$500.

Blair and English, moving and remodeling dwelling on Windsor Avenue, \$1500.

E. C. Carpenter, addition to garage, \$200.

English and Blair, addition to dwelling on Talleyrand Avenue, \$550.

J. R. Shute, changes in building on West Windsor Avenue, \$100.

Crowell's Variety Store, improvements on window display facilities, \$200.

James Griffith, improvements on residence on Crawford street, \$175.

Standy Polk, erecting barn, \$50.

R. S. Honston, erecting storerooms on Main and Jefferson streets, \$25,000.

James McNeely, addition to residence on Wadesboro Avenue, \$150.

Vann Funderburk, erecting garage at residence on South Church street, \$300.

J. W. Fowler, erecting garage on Church street, \$475.

Mrs. Ella Honston, changes in residence on Church street, \$165.

H. A. Shute, altering garage on Church street, \$2000.

Crowell's Variety Store, additional fixtures, \$50.

Central Methodist Church

Rev. John W. Moore, Pastor.

Sunday school 10:30 a. m.; morning worship at 11:30, with sermon on "A Growing Church." Evening discourse at 7 p. m., on "Why Should Everyone be a Christian?" Let all members attend these New Year's services, and all visitors are most cordially welcome.

## LATEST HAPPENINGS

### News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

Major Stedman announces that he will be a candidate for re-election to Congress from the fifth district.

Twenty arrests have been made in Chicopee, Mass., in connection with the Christmas liquor poisoning escapade.

Fourteen thousand people were killed by the Russian bolsheviki during the first three months of the year 1919.

William Erwin, a merchant of Eto-wah, North Carolina, near Hendersonville, was called from his home the other night by unidentified persons and shot to death.

Mrs. Bertie Sollinger, a former resident of New Bern, committed suicide the other day in a New York hotel. Grief over her departed husband is assigned as the cause for the act.

A nation-wide campaign to humanize the prisons of the United States has been undertaken by the Gray Brotherhood, an organization of reformed ex-convicts, says a dispatch from New York.

The Supreme Court affirms the decision of the lower court of Aaron Wiseman and Governor Bickett will either have to fix a date for his election or to compute his sentence to life. He killed Dr. Hennessee at Glen Alpine, N. C.

A citizen of Charlotte, proposes to give a substantial present to the first seven babies born in that city in 1920. Its object is to furnish the little ones a nest egg to which it is hoped they will add as the years go by. A novel but commendable act.

In Buncombe county, N. C., Miss Helen Jones, of Enkewie, is in a critical condition from a gunshot wound just below the heart. A gun in the hands of her seven-year-old brother accidentally discharged. He was fooling with the weapon in an adjoining room.

News comes from Lumberton of the killing at Rowland of two negroes by another negro, who used a pistol on his victims. He then wounded a white man who attempted to stop him. The murderer was recently pardoned by Governor Bickett while serving a two year road sentence.

Senator Hoke Smith has been spending his holidays in Georgia reaffirming his stand against the League of Nations. In his addresses he raps the sending of troops to Russia. He says: "We have twelve thousand men there now; for what we don't know. They are not at war. Congress has declared no war."

Ed Laili is dead, his wife is injured and the sixteen-year-old son is held for the murder of the father. The tragedy occurred in the mountain section of Burke county. Laili was drinking and brutally assaulted his wife to unconsciousness. The son came to the rescue of his mother and shot his father.

The closing year witnessed a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce, the trade balance being approximately four billions of dollars. A great fleet of merchant ships, new industries, new sources of supply and increased knowledge of our own resources are some of our assets gained from the war.

Franklin K. Lane, probably the best-killed man in the Wilson administration in both Republican and Democratic editions, is to leave the cabinet because he can no longer continue in public life at a personal sacrifice. Upon reconsideration he may remain until the health of the President improves sufficient to take the head seat at the cabinet table.

Henry A. Pratt, a prominent retired business man of Hornwell, N. J., called his office to his bedside early Tuesday morning, and dictated a notice of his death for the local newspaper, giving 8:45 o'clock as the hour of death. Promptly at the minute he passed away. He had previously picked out his coffin and arranged with the undertaker to conduct the services.

Berry Taylor, a young white man, and a negro, were burned to death in Wayne county a few days ago. Their automobile ran into a ditch and they finally succeeded in getting out the machine their clothing, however, being saturated with gasoline. Taylor lighted a cigarette and his clothing ignited. The negro went to his rescue and his clothes also caught fire and both were fatally burned.

Lesley Hicks, of Rainsboro, N. C., aged eighteen years, was found December 29th, in Greensboro, unconscious and seriously injured. He died later at St. Leo's Hospital. It is supposed that he was injured by a train.

Dr. William Oslar, a noted physician, died at Oxford, England, December 27th. His age was seventy years. He believed men should retire from active service at sixty years. He denied the statement attributed to him that men of sixty and upwards should be put out of the way.

Mrs. Lillian K. Lynch was shot and killed, and private Earl Hager probably fatally wounded during a quarrel between a negro and soldiers that started Monday night on a street car near Camp Taylor at Louisville, Ky. After he had been reprimanded by soldiers on the car for cursing in the presence of woman passengers, the negro drew a revolver and shot Hager. A fight between him and other soldiers ensued, and when the negro started to fire on another white man, Mrs. Lynch rushed in between the two, and received the fatal shot.