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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Rev. R. M. Haigler and family are ill with influenza.

Mr. Fred Helms has sold his home on east Windsor street, near the oil mill, to Mrs. Alice Billingsby. The consideration was \$5750.

County Demonstrator T. J. W. Broom has received two hundred bushels of Lespedeza seed, which he will distribute among those who placed orders with him several days ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson has sold a lot on the corner of Windos and Jackson streets to Messrs. D. L. Middleton and N. M. Redfern for a consideration of \$1200.

Mr. Robert May is the proud possessor of a leather overcoat made from the hide of his favorite horse, which went by the name of "Peter Arant," and which died several weeks ago. Bob was so fond of the horse that he shipped its hide to a manufacturer, who made it up into a good overcoat.

Mr. Wriston Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Presley of Monroe township, and Miss Cathline Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Thomas of Marshville township, were married Sunday afternoon at the residence of Rev. R. M. Haigler, the officiating minister. This is a splendid young couple, and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Prof. R. W. Allen, head of the local Red Cross chapter, says few new cases of influenza have been reported during the last two days, but many distress cases have been found. He was unable to secure nurses at Atlanta, Washington, Raleigh or Chester, and is depending upon volunteers to go to the aid of the stricken ones. A number of Monroe women have already offered their services.

Jesse M. Deese, a brother of Melvin Deese, the first Union county man killed in action in France, died Monday morning at the home of his brother, Clayton Deese, near Snyrna church, from the effects of influenza and pneumonia. He was a widower, and about thirty years old. Funeral services were held today at the Wolf Pond Baptist church, of which he was a member. Mr. Deese was an industrious, law-abiding citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Limerick returned home yesterday from Shelby where they attended the funeral services over the remains of Mr. A. Y. Patterson, father of Mrs. Limerick, who died Saturday from influenza. He was sixty-six years old, and was one of Cleveland county's most prominent citizens. A sister of Mrs. Limerick's died Thursday from influenza, and everyone else in the home, including the faithful negro servant, who has been in the family for forty years, are down with the disease.

The story in the morning paper about a Georgia farmer having discovered cotton seed that would produce a green-colored staple, reminds a local cotton buyer of a lot of blue cotton once offered him by a man who lives near Wingo. The staple was almost indigo blue, and was not of the kind usually classed as "stains." The man was unable to account for what he then considered a phenomenon. He had bought a new variety of seed, but was unable to recall the name of the dealer. He received no bid for his colored cotton.

Five hundred bales of low grade cotton have been offered to Mr. J. S. Wannamaker by the Union county cotton association to be shipped to some foreign country at prices ranging from 35 to 41 cents. The sale has not been definitely made, but 80 per cent of the purchase price is promised on delivery, the balance to bear interest at six per cent. Mr. Wannamaker is endeavoring to secure an option on 300,000 bales of this grade of cotton. He is offering from 10 to 15 cents per pound above current quotations.

Terrible tales of suffering have been coming into the influenza relief association headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. One family of seven on Mr. Frank Biggers's place in Sandy Ridge township are down with the disease, and Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft and Miss Emma Hunter, who went to their rescue, found four patients in one bed. One of them, the mother of the family, died the other day, leaving a two week-old child. This family received scant attention until the Monroe relief workers arrived. Mr. Biggers was unable to do more than prepare their food for them as his own family is suffering from influenza. The living room of this family is so crowded that Mrs. Ashcraft and Miss Hunter were forced to pack the baby snugly in a bureau drawer. There are other families in distress, and volunteer nurses are in great demand.

Mr. J. J. Crow, back from a four week's trip through the boll weevil infested sections of southern Georgia, is convinced the weevil will soon appear in this county, and he advocates the raising of hogs and cattle as an emergency measure. He went down there to appraise land, being an agent of the Columbia farm loan bank, of which Mr. D. A. Houston is president. The farmers in the infested sections are raising hogs, and are meeting with much success. They plant pasturage in corn and soy beans, and the hogs fatten themselves without any attention from their owners. Mr. Crow also found that the wet weather had caused as much damage in some sections as the weevil. One man's field of ten acres became so wet during the growing season that it produced only 40 pounds of seed cotton. Many

farmers are making money on sugar cane, while others are securing a good income from turpentine trees. Mr. Crow found corn in one county selling for only \$1.40 a bushel.

The "Calcott Farm," on Monroe, route 2, has had some beautiful stationery printed. Messrs. R. J. and Henry W. Dempster and A. G. Hemby are the proprietors of this farm.

A home, either temporary or permanent, is desired for a two weeks' old baby, whose mother died Saturday. The child has no relatives. Dr. H. D. Stewart will be glad to give full particulars.

The following assistant supervisors have been appointed by Esq. M. L. Flow to assist in taking personal property returns in their respective townships: New Salem, Davidson Vance; Goose Creek, L. C. Clontz; Vance, J. E. Broom; Sandy Ridge, J. N. Price; Jackson, H. D. Clark; Buford, T. L. Hinson; Lanes Creek, Fred Horton; and Marshville, Fred Ashcraft.

The candidacy of Mr. J. C. M. Vann received a great boost last week when one of the most prominent Democrats in the district announced his intention of supporting him. For obvious reasons, his name cannot be divulged. It is now pretty certain that Mr. Vann will be in the second primary, and if Union county people rally to his support he may go in on the first ballot. Union's chances of securing a Congressman were never better.

Relatives here were notified last Saturday of the death of Mrs. Lena R. Winchester, wife of Mr. Henry Winchester, at her home in Tarboro. She was a daughter of Mr. J. H. Pettaway and formerly lived here and has many friends in Monroe. She leaves her husband and six children. Pneumonia was the cause of her death. Funeral was held in Tarboro. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Postoffice receipts at Monroe for last year totaled \$17,291.63. This was a slight increase over the receipts of the year previous despite the three-cent war rate having been discontinued. The Gordon Insurance & Investment company and the Monroe Hardware company were the largest purchasers of stamps. The defunct Piedmont Buggy company, at the height of its prosperity, by far led other Monroe concerns, states Postmaster E. C. Winchester.

Monroe's new mill project may be held up a few months on account of Mr. Robinson's inability to secure the necessary machinery. He wrote to this effect to Mr. J. E. Stack, one of the leading promoters of the mill, Saturday. However, Mr. Robinson plans to come here next Saturday to confer with the stockholders in the proposed mill. By that time he may find some machinery, and work will start at once. At any odds, an organization may be perfected, to be erected at some future time when the machinery can be procured.

The following Confederate soldiers and widows have not claimed their pensions: Mesdames Rachel E. Alexander, M. A. Bass, Elizabeth Carriger, S. E. Leonard, M. A. Lingle, A. R. Meigs, Elizabeth McClelland, S. J. Norwood, E. J. Gordon, T. L. Pucher, Sarah A. Godwin, and Messrs. J. Hamstra Griffin, T. C. Griffin, John W. Eason and M. A. Rountree. Many of them have passed away during the past year, but if any of them died since the fifteenth of September their children are entitled to receive their pensions. Any information about these parties will be appreciated by Mr. R. W. Lemmond, clerk of court.

FIRING OF LANSING DUE TO OUTBURST OF TEMPER

The President Has Made a Mistake, and His Friends Are Bewildered, Says Lawrence.

(BY DAVID LAWRENCE, in The Greensboro News.)

President Wilson has made a mistake. His friends are bewildered. His opponents naturally rejoice. Few people know the facts—not more than two or three. The background of the episode, the thread of the narrative itself discloses the inner side of the White House and officialdom as it is to-day—the President incapacitated, irritable over his long confinement and extremely jealous of his presidential prerogatives, and officials generally are apprehensive lest they, too, become victims of presidential wrath. For, if there was "usurpation" of authority by Secretary Lansing, there was plenty of it by other persons equally as close to President Wilson.

It is easy for people outside of Washington to make an offhand judgment and assume that the President's blunt act is a direct consequence of the tedium of his illness—an impatience and petulance not unknown to persons, suffering from nervous exhaustion. But, instead of supposing that the President acted unaturally, one close at hand cannot but fall to have the impression that the President indeed acted naturally. Study of the Wilson temperament over a period of years and observation of what has been going on in the environs of the White House and Capitol Hill since the President got back from Europe leads more easily to the conclusion that Mr. Wilson gave vent to an outburst of temper which has appeared on previous occasions but which his advisers have wisely concealed or checked than to the notion that some newly developed irascibility brought about the curt dismissal of the secretary of state.

Of course it is quite possible to buy your popularity, but the market is liable to fluctuations.

A. LEX DAVIS, FORMERLY OF MONROE, DIES AT ROCKY MT.

Pneumonia and Influenza Claimed Former Business Man of This County—Was Son of Rev. A. C. Davis.

A telegram was received here yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock announcing the death of Mr. A. Lex Davis, which occurred a short while previous at his home in Rocky Mount. Mr. Davis was a native of this county. Influenza and pneumonia caused his death. He was about forty years old, and is survived by his father, Rev. A. C. Davis; his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Roxie Fulewider, daughter of the late G. O. Fulewider of Monroe; and a son and daughter, Mrs. Davis and son are both ill with influenza.

For years Mr. Davis was in the employ of the late T. J. Shannon, and when he disposed of his mercantile business to the Cash Mercantile Company, he remained with the new firm in the same capacity for some time. About fifteen years ago Mr. Davis went to Charlotte, where he entered the employ of Efrid Brothers. He was with this firm at the time of his death, being the manager of their store at Rocky Mount. Mr. Davis was a popular, likable man. He has many warm friends in Monroe today, who were shocked to learn of his death. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Death of Miss Edwards.

Marshville Route 1, Feb. 16.—Mr. R. J. Godfrey of Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Meigs Saturday, returning home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Godfrey and son James who have been spending some time here with her parents.

The "flu" situation seems to be some better in this neighborhood, there being but few new cases in the last several days. The community was saddened by the death of Miss Gladys Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Edwards, who died at her home last Saturday morning of influenza-pneumonia. She was a bright, cheerful young lady, and was loved by all who knew her. She was a loyal member of Gilboa Methodist church; punctual to all services, a faithful Sunday school worker, a devoted daughter and sister and will be greatly missed. Her loved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Meigs have returned home from Wake Forest. The small grain crop is looking fine. No services are held at the churches in our community on account of influenza. But then people are not hard to keep from church.—Pep.

Death of Mr. R. E. Deese.

Mr. R. E. Deese, a native of this county, died at Angelus, S. C., on Thursday night, February 12, after a long illness. He had been suffering a long time with kidney trouble and Bright's disease, which caused his death. Mr. Deese was a son of the late Christopher Deese and was therefore nearly 69 years old. He married twice, to the first union there were four children, all of whom are living: Fred and Vance Deese of Clayton, Ga., and Della Deese of this county, and Dena Collins of Albemarle. His last marriage was to Miss Ellen Hinson, and eight children, four sons and four daughters survive. The sons are Messrs. Robert, Ernest, Isom and Henry Deese of Angelus; the daughters are Mrs. Susie Tadlock of this county, Mrs. Ola Autry and Mrs. Nora Horton and Hannah Deese of Angelus.

Mr. Deese was a man of fine character and was loved by all who knew him. His death was a shock to his many friends. Six years ago he moved to Angelus, and wherever he went he was ever ready and willing to do something good and to help the sick and those in need. If he ever wronged anyone it was himself. He was a member of the Methodist church and we have all the hopes that he is in a better world where all is peace and love. We extend to his wife and children our sincere sympathy and point them to the great Burden Bearer, who said come unto me and I will give you rest. The interment was in the cemetery at Angelus, and as the influenza is raging down there, they will have his funeral when the epidemic is over. The date will be announced in the future.—A Friend.

Community League in Goose Creek.

Indian Trail, route 1, Feb. 16.—Messrs. D. L. Furr, J. E. Funderburk, J. A. Dixon and Earnest Hill, who were riding on the tractor which turned over here last week, deny they were "joy riding." They had been hauling a boiler to a saw mill when darkness overtook them.

A community league has been formed here with forty-eight members. Community betterment is the league's slogan.

Messrs. Berry Williams, Brady Williams and Clayton Williams are erecting a new barn for Mr. G. W. Scott.

On account of influenza there will be no Sunday school next Sunday at Ebenezer, Mill Grove and Union Grove churches. They will be closed for worship until the situation is improved.

Mr. Malcolm Braswell is building a bungalow.

Jerry Meders, colored, is at the point of death from pneumonia. He is as helpless as a child.—Fairness.

BUFORD MAN SUES HEAD OF STATE INSANE ASYLUM

E. L. Melton Claims John McCampbell of Asylum, and Kirksey & Co., Embalmers, Were Negligent About Sending His Wife's Body Home.

A damage suit, alleging mental anguish, has been started in Union County Superior court against John McCampbell, superintendent of the state insane asylum, and Kirksey & Company, embalmers of Morganton, by Mr. E. L. Melton of Buford township. The action is based on indifference and negligence displayed by the two defendants in the preparation and shipment of the body of the plaintiff's wife, who died at the asylum on November 24, according to Mr. Melton's attorneys Messrs. J. C. M. Vann and W. O. Lemmond.

The corpse of the deceased did not reach Monroe until the morning of Nov. 26th. It was expected to arrive on the morning of Nov. 25th, and Mr. Melton had made preparations for the funeral services to be conducted that day. As a result of this delay, "the plaintiff was greatly harassed in mind, his feelings were hurt, his family was greatly humiliated and mortified, and embarrassment and grief of his family and friends which resulted from the negligence of the defendants, contributed to plaintiff's anguish, says the complaint."

When Mrs. Melton was placed in the institution, the plaintiff claims he instructed the defendant, Mr. McCampbell, to notify the Clerk of the Court of Union county, in case of death, and to ship the body to Monroe. Expense of the performance of this request was guaranteed by Mr. Melton.

Section five of the complaint states: "The defendant telegraphed the plaintiff on the death of his wife, but carelessly and negligently failed to ship the body, as he had agreed to do."

"Continuing, the complaint alleges: "The defendant, after having the body turned over to Kirksey & Co., undertakers, to be prepared for burial, failed to give sufficient instructions to them for its shipment to Monroe. They did not undertake to secure the necessary expense money from the plaintiff, and the body laid in Kirksey & Company's undertaking parlors for two or three days.

"The plaintiff, worried over the delay in the arrival of the body, called Mr. Campbell over the telephone, who informed him in a rude, insulting manner, that he knew nothing of the body. He then called up Kirksey & Co., through Mr. T. P. Dillon, and found that they had willfully and negligently failed or refused for a period of two or three days to prepare said body for burial. The body did not arrive until the morning of November 26th."

FUNERAL SERVICES OF MR. BIVENS WERE HELD TO-DAY

Well-Known and Highly Respected Citizen Passes Away After Prolonged Illness.

In the passing of Mr. Edmund J. Bivens, who died at his home here Monday morning, the county lost another one of its older and substantial citizens. His death was not unexpected, as he had been critically ill for a number of weeks. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at his home on Wadesboro avenue by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. W. Moore.

Mr. Bivens was over seventy years of age, having been born at the Bivens homestead in Marshville township on October 7, 1849. Soon after his marriage to Miss Ellen Huntley, only daughter of the late Dr. Ellison Huntley, on September 23, 1868, he began keeping house on his farm on Richardson creek, where he lived until twelve years ago, at which time he moved to Monroe.

At their attractive home on the creek Mr. and Mrs. Bivens exhibited that fine old Southern hospitality to their many friends and relatives, and many of the older citizens of the county will recall with pleasure many of the delightful evenings they spent with them. In his farming operations Mr. Bivens was very successful, and he displayed great interest in the cultivation of his acres. In the community life he took a leading part, and was always numbered among that body which stood for progress in the intellectual and economic life of the county. Mr. Bivens was the father of a large family, and he gave all of his children the advantage of an education.

In his dealing he was honest and upright; tolerant of the views of his fellow-men; and one who was ready to perform a service to a stricken neighbor or friend. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Bivens was a good citizen in the strictest sense of the word, and he performed his duty as he saw it without hesitation. He never swerved from the path of righteousness, and there is no one who can speak evil of him.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, Messrs. E. Blair and Curtis Bivens, and seven daughters, Mrs. John R. Culp, of Remington, Va.; Mrs. T. C. Lee, of Monroe; Mrs. J. J. Hamilton, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Lee Griffin, of Monroe; Mrs. J. A. Kidd, of Atlanta; Mrs. W. T. Greenery, of Pageland, S. C.; and Mrs. Curtis W. Lee, of Monroe. A son, Mr. E. H. Bivens, was accidentally killed by an electric wire in 1913.

Recent Happenings.

The existing embargo on phosphate rock from Florida is preventing the manufacture of fertilizer essential to normal production.

Georges Carpenter, the French champion boxer, may fight the American champion, Jack Dempsey, on July 4th or on labor day.

The "Life, Law and Order society," whose mission is the abolishment of capital punishment, held a meeting in Raleigh Sunday.

Ex-president Taft says that the public will side with Secretary of State Lansing in the controversy with president Wilson which resulted in the resignation of Mr. Lansing.

Senator Simmons has asked for an investigation to charges of cruelty to soldier patients at Oteen, the government hospital near Asheville. Inmates wired the Senator that one patient had been struck by a guard, and that every meal is "a riot."

A Washington dispatch says that from the numerous appeals that are coming in from all parts of North Carolina, which the senators and congressmen from that state are receiving, it is seen that there is a crisis in the situation relating to the supply of phosphate.

Under-Secretary Polk, John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain, and Hugh C. Wallace, ambassador to France, are foremost among those being discussed to head the state department as successor to former Secretary Lansing, who announced his resignation after a dramatic clash with President Wilson.

Hoover is being discussed for President by papers all over the country, and many complimentary allusions to his ability have been made. The Chesterfield Advertiser likens him to Joseph of Biblical times by remarking: "He has played the part of Joseph during the years of war and famine. Will he be rewarded as Joseph was and made the ruler of the nation?"

Out But Not Forgotten.

(From the Wilmington Star.) What's the use of advertising when you haven't anything to sell? Queries of this kind often arise in the business man's mind in these "short" times. Out it may be but don't let your favorite product be forgotten when it can't be gotten. There's a chance for some lesser light to occupy the center of public buying favor unless the judicious advertising is done to keep old acquaintance ever in mind.

Make the public want what you have to sell whether they can get it immediately or not. Remember the fishmonger who went through the streets of a small New England town, blowing a horn and between blasts yelling, "Scup and Scrod! Scup and Scrod!"—two well known kinds of fish in that country.

A woman came to a door and said: "Gimme some scup."

"Haven't got any scup," said the fishmonger.

"Well, then," said the woman, "what are you yelling 'scup' for if you haven't got any scup?"

"Why," replied the fishmonger, "I didn't want you to forget scup when I got scup."

This little tale holds a moral which we hope will be taken to heart by somebody who has quit advertising because he is temporarily unable to fill orders.

BIG COTTON ACREAGE IS IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR

Dr. Knapp Says There Can Be No Increase Because There is no Labor to Handle It.

An increased acreage in cotton this year is out of the question, according to Dr. Bradford Knapp, who recently resigned as chief of the office of extension work in the South with the department of agriculture and became dean of the college of agriculture, University of Arkansas.

"The experiences of 1919 ought to teach Southern cotton farmers that they cannot handle, with their present supply of labor, an increased acreage in cotton; the labor is not there," writes Dr. Knapp in one of his last works before leaving the department of agriculture, entitled "Safe Farming in the Southern States in 1920."

"By 'safe farming,'" says Dr. Knapp, "is meant a system which maintains soil fertility, produces the food and feed for the people and the livestock in sufficient quantities to insure a comfortable surplus, and produces cotton as a strictly cash crop."

"Cotton," Dr. Knapp says, "is not actually very high. It is high as compared with prices in former years, not as compared with current prices of other commodities. Before the farmer decides that the high price of cotton will warrant his planting the entire acreage to that crop to the neglect of all else, he had better make a pretty thorough examination of the retail prices of the necessities of life at the place where he must purchase them during the year if he fails to produce them on his own farm."

"There is no thought that cotton acreage ought to be reduced, but only that the lure of prices should not blind out every eye as to the necessity of food and feed."

In Memory of Mrs. Edith McAtceer.

It seems so bad and mysterious that one so young and full of promise should pass away just as she began her life's work. May many others be found to take her place in the ripe harvest fields. Her memory is blessed; her influence will abide.—Fionnie Belk.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

Governor Bickett is appealing for more nurses to help combat the "flu" in this state.

Durham, in its fight against the "flu," has placed a ban on church weddings, club and lodge meetings.

Hoover and McAdoo have been placed in the Georgia democratic presidential primary, to be held April 20. McAdoo is a native of that state.

Dr. J. Ashton Blanchard, of Shreveport, La., son of former governor Blanchard of Louisiana, committed suicide Friday night in a Memphis, Tenn., hotel. Ill health and worry over a business transaction prompted the deed, it is believed.

With twelve murder cases to be heard at this week's term of Superior court at Macon, Ga., Judge Matthews has appealed to three of his fellow-jurists to assist him. All have agreed to come, and three sessions of Superior court will be held at the same time in one county.

The council of the league of nations concluded its session at London Saturday. The next session is to be held at Rome March 15. Switzerland was admitted to membership. A note was sent to Holland protesting against the asylum granted the ex-Kaiser in that country.

North Carolina republicans are whistling as they pass through their dismal and unwhiting political graveyard. They endeavor to be cheerful over the outlook, but the future is so dark for them that they can only promise to do their best in their efforts to turn the state over to their party, reads a Washington dispatch to the Wilmington Star.

Governor Bickett has commuted the sentence of the Winston-Salem men who were convicted of participating in the riots in that city over a year ago. While impressed with the fact that the conviction of these men for attempting to break into jail to lynch a negro was a triumph for law and order, the governor believes that certainty of punishment rather than its severity demonstrates the efficiency of the law.

Twenty-nine radicals, said by secret service agents to include the most dangerous of their kind in America, whose creed is assassination and violence by individuals—were captured Sunday morning by a picked force of 100 men at Patterson, N. J. All of the anarchists were armed. These men are said to be enemies of all governments, and "they seek their ends through the use of bombs and other agents of destruction to create terror and fear."

Thomas B. Marshall, vice-president of the United States, wants to go as a delegate-at-large to the Democratic convention in San Francisco and after he gets there Mr. Marshall wants to take part in shaping an old-fashioned Democratic Platform that will speak right out on the issues of the day. In addition to declaring for economy in the administration of the government, he would re-establish the sovereignty of states against centralization.

C. F. O'Brian, a farmer residing near Dalton, Ga., claims to have produced cotton, the staple of which is a pronounced green, thus attaining the objective long sought by agriculturalists and scientists. The sample of this cotton is of a beautiful green color and of very fine texture and fiber, resembling lamb's wool. Mr. O'Brian has experimented for years in his effort to produce a cotton plant bearing a colored fiber and has announced his intention of producing a full crop of his new staple the coming year.

Mrs. Ewait Sauer, young French bride of a former soldier, was held sane Saturday before a board of medical examiners at Council Bluffs, Iowa, before whom her husband had taken her. Mrs. Sauer had suffered nervous prostration over the high cost of living and what she termed "American extravagance." Mrs. Sauer cried for more than an hour as she told how all the money which her husband turns over to her each pay day "goes out as fast as it comes in." "Why is it that when I order some meat," she sobbed, "that it is brought in an automobile? That is extravagance horrible for poor people. I cannot afford to have my meat delivered in an automobile, and I won't." It developed that the Sauers are buying a home on installments and this was something the young wife couldn't understand. Her husband, she says, gives her his pay envelope. The commission advised her that her husband is a Jew.

President Wilson created a world sensation Friday when he requested the resignation of Secretary of State Lansing. In a letter to the secretary, made public, Mr. Wilson charged him with usurpation of presidential authority by calling cabinet meetings during his illness. Mr. Lansing replied that the cabinet meetings were held to secure an exchange of views on momentous questions facing the administration during the illness of the chief executive, and that his action was not an "usurpation of authority." An indifference to his policies is also charged against Mr. Lansing by the President. This indifference is said to have dated back for three years, and both the President and Mr. Lansing appear to be relieved by the severance of official ties. Cabinet members seem to side with Mr. Lansing in the issue, some of them even going so far as to declare their equal guilt.