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## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

### Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Rev. C. H. Martin will preach at New Salem next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Rev. Y. T. Shehane will preach at Hermon Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Ebenezer at three in the afternoon.

Miss Connie Helms of North Monroe was operated on yesterday at a hospital in Charlotte for pleurisy.

Mr. L. C. Griffin of New Salem township has bought a farm in Stanly county and will move there next week.

The Community League, an organization on Indian Trail Route 1, will meet next Wednesday night at the old Pyron school house.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lee took their small son, Walter, to a Charlotte hospital last Tuesday for a throat operation. He is recovering nicely.

Rev. R. M. Haigler will fill his appointments at Corinth church Saturday at 2 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m., also at Macedonia at 3 p. m. Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The meeting will be one of importance and all members are urged to be present.

Mr. J. E. Stack is preparing to erect a brick plant. After enough brick has been burned for the construction of a building on his lot on Hayne street, facing the court house, he will sell to the trade.

Ruby Edna, the daughter of Mr. J. E. Thomas of Benton Heights, died Wednesday of influenza-pneumonia and funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon. The little girl was only six weeks old. Her mother died a few years ago.

Four applicants for the Waxhaw postmasterhip, made vacant by the resignation of the present incumbent, Mr. J. W. McCain, stood the civil service examination here Wednesday at the post office. They were: Messrs. R. N. Nesbit, S. S. Dunlap, F. A. Krauss, and L. L. King.

The Iceomorie Band will leave this evening for Greensboro and from there will go to Winston-Salem to fill engagements for two days. Under the direction of Mr. D. W. Greene this band is getting to be one of the best and most popular in the State. They have held a number of engagements in South Carolina and Virginia.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor Central Methodist church, will preach at South Monroe School house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which a Sunday school will probably be organized. All residents of the community are specially invited to attend and co-operate in the contemplated good work.

Knight Templars, at their regular election night on March 12, chose officers, as follows, for the ensuing year: Lee Griffin, Eminent Commander; H. H. Wilson, Generalissimo; G. M. Beasley, Captain General; S. H. Green, Prelate; R. W. Lemmond, Senior Warden; E. B. Bivens, Junior Warden; P. H. Johnson, Treasurer; J. W. Hamilton, Recorder; and W. C. Wolfe, Tyler.

Wingate Baptists are determined to erect a handsome church building near the site of their present house of worship, and have appointed a committee, composed of Messrs. C. M. Beach, J. M. Lowery, J. W. Bivens, Jr., J. H. Williams, and W. D. Bivens, to visit several nearby towns, including Hamlet, in order to inspect churches, thereby obtaining a better idea of the kind they wish to build at Wingate.

Rev. John A. Wray writes from Reidsville, N. C., where he is engaged in a meeting, that Rev. M. L. Kesler, D. D., superintendent of the Thosaaville Orphanage, will supply his pulpit at the First Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Wray says Mr. Kesler is a splendid preacher, and that there is a treat in store for all who hear him. Rev. E. C. Snyder will conduct the prayer meeting service next Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. Wray says the prospects seem good for a splendid meeting in Reidsville.

Between \$175 and \$200 are necessary to complete paying for the treatment of James Pressley, a youthful cripple, who is now in a Baltimore hospital, and who was sent there by the Union county relief association, of which Mr. V. C. Redwine is the president, and Mr. T. P. Dillon the secretary and treasurer. An effort is being made to collect this amount from the charitable people of Monroe, and those disposed to help should send their contributions to any of the following persons: Mr. Redwine, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Rudge, Mr. E. G. Faust, Miss Mabel Belk and Miss Louise Morrow.

William, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ayscue, is the proud possessor of a silver medal, which he received for his prize-winning essay on the life of George Washington and the relations existing between European nations and the United States during his time. The contest was conducted by the Atlanta Georgian and the managing editor of that paper in writing to William said, "Although it did not net the \$500 prize which was won by a seventeen-year old high school girl, it was nevertheless, an exceedingly meritorious effort, far above the average of the hundreds of essays submitted." William's essay was entire-

ly original and no one knew of his decision to enter the contest.

There will be a box supper at the Unionville high school to-morrow night.

Dr. P. M. Abernethy attended a meeting of veterinary surgeons in Charlotte Thursday.

Mr. Henry Shute sold a bull that weighed between 1700 and 1800 pounds to a local butcher the other day.

All members of the Presbyterian congregation are asked to remember the offering for foreign missions on Sunday morning.

Mr. P. T. Way, former editor of the Waxhaw Enterprise, is in a critical condition as a result of a stroke of apoplexy sustained yesterday at his home in Henderson, where he is publisher of the Daily Dispatch.

Medlin Auto Repair Company is the name of a new automobile concern which will be located in a new garage building now going up at the intersection of Wadesboro avenue and Windsor street. Mr. C. E. Medlin is the general manager. Oils, gasoline, tires, accessories will be handled, and a repair department maintained. The agency for two or more cars will be taken when business gets well under way.

Approximately 800 people filed income returns with Mr. George D. Martin, United States revenue officer, prior to Tuesday, March 15, and paid taxes amounting to nearly \$20,000. Most of the tax was paid by Monroe citizens, but there were a good many farmers whose incomes justified a return, and many business men from Waxhaw, Marshville, and Wingate, also had incomes last year that were taxable. Mr. Martin expects another agent to arrive in this county in a short while to round up the tax evaders, if there were any.

## NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

### Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

Interest in the gubernatorial race is increasing in this county, and supporters of the respective candidates are beginning to "beat the bushes." All three have strong friends in this county, and at the present time it is impossible to forecast the winner in our primary, which will be held the first week in June. Mr. O. Max Gardner was here Wednesday conferring with his adherents, and Mr. Cameron Morrison is expected to come here soon to get a line on the local situation. So far Mr. R. N. Page has confined himself mostly to a letter campaign, but it is thought he will begin mingling with the boys in a short while. His supporters, and they are numerous, think he will visit Monroe before the day of the primary. From present indications, whoever carries the county will do so by a small majority.

"Men's clothes will sell this spring for prices nearly three times more than they were five years ago," says Mr. G. B. McClellan, manager of Belk Brothers' clothing department. "Suits that sold for \$17 in 1915 will bring \$45 now, while the class of goods that sold for \$25 in those days are now marked for \$60," he continued. "A blue serge suit, the most popular among men, now sells for \$50. Suits of this price are only of medium quality, too. Advances in made-to-measure clothes, however, are not so great. The \$35 and \$40 'cut to order' suits are now quoted at prices ranging from \$70 to \$85, about a hundred per cent increase." These prices are based on the new spring quotations, and it is still possible to secure left-over garments from some stores. Mr. McClellan does not look for relief from abnormal prices for some time yet, though there is a decided trend among many men to defer the purchase of new clothes in an effort to curtail the demand. Mr. McAdoo, it will be remembered, started this movement by wearing an old overcoat in preference to the purchase of a new one at prevailing prices. Locally, it is thought the demand for clothes is far in excess of previous sales.

"The next cotton crop will be the costliest one ever raised in this world," declares Mr. Sanford S. Richardson, who usually knows what he is talking about when it comes to a discussion about matters pertaining to the farm. Continuing, he says: "Fertilizers have slightly advanced; labor costs thirty-three and a third per cent, sometimes more, than it did last year; and commodities that the average farmer needs in producing his crop have increased proportionately. To make a profit on his crop, the average farmer must have 50 cents a pound for his cotton next year. He may come out on 40 cents, but that will be about all. Unless our cotton acreage is reduced, and more food-stuffs raised at home, many of our farmers are going to be in a bad fix next fall. I believe, unless cotton does go to 50 cents or more a pound, we will experience another disastrous year like we did in 1866. Then cotton was fairly high, labor was cheap, but owing to inadequate transportation facilities, western meat and wheat could not be readily imported. Consequently, when high prices attracted the farmer, he raised cotton, depending on his neighbor to raise the necessary foodstuffs. His neighbor viewed the matter in the same light, and when fall came most of them were unable to procure the necessary supplies. As a result, distress was rampant. My advice to farmers of this county is to plant more food-stuffs and less cotton. That's our only salvation, in my opinion."

Rowden cotton . . . . . 43  
Short cotton . . . . . 40 1/2  
Cotton seed . . . . . \$1.12 1/2  
Young chickens . . . . . 50-55  
Butter . . . . . 35-40  
Hams . . . . . 28-33  
Eggs . . . . . 30  
Beeswax . . . . . 30

## MARSHVILLE WILL OBSERVE DOLLAR DAY ON FRIDAY

In the Past These Bargain Days Have Been Very Successful—Three Day Chautauqua This Week.

Marshville, March 18.—Mrs. Flora Miller of Jefferson, S. C., is the guest of her brother, Mr. J. T. Garland.

Mrs. J. C. Marsh spent Monday with relatives in Monroe.

Misses Mable, Johnnie and Nannie Lee Long spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. J. Edwards is visiting relatives at Mt. Vela, N. C. Mrs. Edwards' brother and sister who are missionaries to Brazil have returned to the States and she is expecting to spend some time with them.

Mrs. John Stevens of Matthews is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greenleaf and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shelby of Charlotte were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

Miss Mary McWhirter of Charlotte has arrived and begun her work as trimmer for the United Cash Store.

Miss Mary Burns has returned to Charlotte to resume stenographic work for Swift and Company.

Marshville will observe Trade or Dollar Day next Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th of March. This is not the first time the town has observed special bargain days and the previous successes warrant many repetitions in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Biggers will go to house-keeping about the first of April having taken a house in north Marshville.

Mrs. Seeman and daughter, Miss Ruth Seeman, of Colorado, who have been the guests of Mrs. Seeman's brother, Mr. J. T. Garland for two weeks will leave in a few days for South Carolina to visit other relatives. They have been South since October and will return to their home about the last of April. This is the first time Mrs. Seeman has visited her old home in this section in eighteen years. Before her marriage she was Miss Suddie Garland and is well-known here.

Mrs. L. E. Huggins, Miss Lil Kirk Huggins, and Mrs. B. A. Hallman spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Marshville is having a three day chautauqua this week beginning Thursday. It comes highly recommended and will doubtless draw good crowds.

Mrs. N. O. Harrell and son, Max, returned Wednesday morning from an extended visit to Florida.

## "His House in Order."

Elsie Ferguson is one of the few dramatic actresses in the world who has won international fame on the screen as well as on the stage. Since she appeared in her first photoplay, "Barbary Sheep," two years ago, she has become a cinema celebrity. Previous to her screen success her histrionic powers won her a definite place in the spoken drama both in America and in Europe.

Twelve successful photoplays, each giving her an opportunity to add to her reputation as a versatile artist, have endeared this beautiful star to the hearts of many thousands of persons. Miss Ferguson is known as the aristocrat of the screen and not only does she register beauty, poise and grace, but every gesture and movement bespeaks that rare ability—breeding. The leading connoisseurs of fashions have recognized Miss Ferguson's artistic taste in clothes as the best dressed American actress. In "His House in Order," her latest Paramount Artercraft picture which will be shown at the Strand Theatre next Monday she wears many splendid gowns all of which will be admired by her feminine admirers.

## Personals from Stouts.

Stouts, March 17.—Mr. John Sutton of Charlotte spent Sunday in the village.—Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Yandle and children of Cent Grove were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ballentine, Sunday.—Mr. Perry Ritch of Charlotte visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritch, Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Conder and little daughter Madeline of Charlotte visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Conder, Sunday.

Rev. S. M. Needham preached a very interesting sermon in our church Sunday. We are glad that we can meet at our church once more and worship together. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. Little Miss Janie Harkey, daughter of Mr. W. S. Harkey, who was taken to the hospital some time ago, is getting along nicely and will soon be able to return home.—"Mose."

## Presbyterian Church.

Services next Sunday as follows: 11 a. m., Worship and sermon. 3:30 p. m., Sunday school. 4:30 p. m., Evening worship. The annual "Every Member" canvass will be made on Sunday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock. The church officers will call upon the entire membership. "Be ye therefore ready."

Let all pledges for 1919-1920 be paid in full to then end of the year, March 31st, on Sunday next at the morning service.—Reporter.

## JUDGE WILLIAMS IN BEST TEXAS BUSINESS CIRCLES

Former Monroe Man is Gaining Recognition in San Antonio—Dr. Smith is Much Admired.

(By OBSERVER)

A modest advertisement in The Journal states the fact that old Doc Smith will be out of his office after April first. This is a very modest statement made in a most unobtrusive way. Doc is tired of business and is going to take a few days rest. Just going to quit the drum hum drum and admire Dr. Smith because of the fact that he is the only man I know who has the full courage of his convictions. He is not only a philosopher of the first water but comes near being a statesman as well. He believes a man ought to take a rest occasionally and he goes ahead and does it, regardless. Some of his friends might say that his rests are rather long but they suit him and therefore they suit me. Doc feels that it is necessary for him to dangle the bobs and flies and worms before the fish from April to October in order to secure a rest from his labors, and goes right ahead and does so regardless of fickle and fussy public opinion, then I say he is a man with the courage of his convictions and should be honored as such. Many men groan and moan and claim they need a rest and can't get it. They could if they would. They either don't want it or haven't the nerve to take it. Doc believes that it is a man's duty to live as long as he can in the land which the Lord giveth and he goes ahead with steps in that direction. If I should write much more about him I would become too enthusiastic perhaps, and therefore stop here and now. Bob Ingersoll said that the best thing he knew about Grover Cleveland was that he fished on Sunday. Doc doesn't fish on Sunday but he has the grit to fish every day in the week from April to October because he wants to and that is a long shot ahead of most men.

George Washington was made President because he won the Revolution and also because he was a statesman of the first rank. Since his day other men have been made president because they were more conspicuous in wars but they were in some cases not conspicuous as statesmen. Andrew Jackson was made president because he won the battle of New Orleans and licked the savages and defied Spain and went hell roaring generally, which just suited the most of his fellow citizens at that time. Zachary Taylor was made president because he was the hero of the Mexican war, General Grant was made president because he won the war against the South. He was the worst failure of all, if there were other failures, because the politicians imposed upon him. Roosevelt was made vice-president because he pleaded guilty to winning the war against Spain and also because Tom Platt wanted to shelve him, and he became president on the death of Mr. McKinley. And now General Leonard Wood wants to be made president because he did not get the chance to win the European war. Of all the sticks who now and then want to be president Wood is about the limit.

I was glad to see in The Journal some time ago a complimentary reference to the service rendered by Judge Ellis C. Williams as commercial agent for the United States government at Laredo, Texas, and Mexico, during the war. This was a most important and trying position and was filled with tact, firmness and efficiency by Mr. Williams. There is not a shadow of doubt that he could have had a further important appointment in the government service after the war had he wished it, but he preferred to go in business upon a large scale when opportunity presented itself as it did about the close of the war. Mr. Williams has gained a most creditable and important recognition in the best business circles of the great city of San Antonio and his friends will be glad to learn of his continued success. San Antonio is located on the spot where the 144 Americans were butchered by ten thousand Mexicans and their old forest, the Alamo, is still preserved in the heart of the city. Among the notables who perished there were Col. Bowie, inventor of the famous Bowie knife of the early days, and David Crockett. Crockett had not been in Texas long. He got mad with his constituents in Kentucky after serving a term in Congress, and declared that they could go to Hell, he was going to Texas. In those days, if tradition runs aright, the two places were somewhat synonymous.

Speaking a moment ago about Old Andy reminds me of the pictures that the school histories used to give of the battle of New Orleans. They showed the squirrel riflemen of Jackson lined up behind a row of cotton bales on a nice new board wharf with squirrel tails in their bear skin caps and the British getting out of their ships very slowly and orderly and walking up in front of the bales of cotton as targets for the riflemen who were industriously picking them off. And that was the picture I always had of the battle. When in New Orleans two or three years ago I began to look about for that nice new wharf and some souvenirs of the battle. There were plenty of souvenirs and reminders of Jackson everywhere but there were no signs of the nice new wharf. The truth is, the battle was fought some eight miles from the city and took place in a lobby of mud and the cotton bales played no

part whatever. They did put some cotton bales in the line of fortifications but found out on the first day of the fight that they were useless. Lord Peckingham had cannon and when a cannon ball hit a bale of cotton the latter bounced around like a rubber ball and tore up the other part of the breast works, so they were discarded before the main battle took place. Jackson had been sick and was scarcely strong enough to sit on his horse, but he went several days without taking off his clothes and with eating nothing but a little rice. The days preceding the battle were ones of great anxiety because no one could tell when the British would strike nor what direction they would come. Peckingham, the British commander, was a very young man, and did not survive the loss of the battle and the disgrace of losing it. He was more confident than Cornwallis was after the defeat of Gates at Camden when he planned to conquer North Carolina. The British commanders of that day were very arrogant and confident as against the American for whose fighting qualities they had the same contempt that General Braddock had. And they did things that would not be tolerated today in any Anglo-Saxon commander. Judge Clark told me that there was a time in the war when the American army might have been overwhelmed if the British commanders had not wanted to prolong the war because they were making money out of army supplies.

I have been told that brickmasons in Lenoir county are receiving fourteen dollars per day for their work and jack-leg carpenters eight dollars for ten hours pass at a days work. That is one of the counties where so much tobacco money was turned loose, and if this story is correct it is proof of the old adage of come easy, go easy.

## W. J. RUDGE ACQUIRES ALL OF STOCK IN HIS COMPANY

Messrs. R. A. Morrow, Dr. J. M. Belk and W. H. Belk Dispose of Their Interest in This Popular and Well-Known Firm.

The largest business deal, in point of interest, that has occurred in Monroe for some time happened this morning when Mr. W. J. Rudge acquired the stock of Messrs. R. A. Morrow, J. M. Belk and W. H. Belk in the W. J. Rudge Co., jewelers and stationers. Mr. Rudge is now the sole owner. The consideration involved was not stated, though it is said the amount was large.

The W. J. Rudge Company was organized in 1900, with Mr. Rudge as general manager and secretary and treasurer. From the beginning the company was a success, and today it ranks among the leading jewelry and stationery stores in the state.

This deal is more than of general interest on account of the firm's close identity to the business and school life of the community for nearly a quarter of a century. It has numbered among its customers thousands of Union county people, who have been dependent upon it for their school books, stationery and office supplies. There is not hardly a person who has ever attended the public schools who has not had dealings with The W. J. Rudge Co.

In addition to stationery and supplies for schools, the company carries a large line of jewelry, cut glass, home furnishings, phonographs, books, office supplies and fixtures, sewing machines, and many other standard commodities.

The service that has always been characteristic of this firm will be continued, said Mr. Rudge this morning. Extensive additions to the already large and popular lines are planned.

## Items from Indian Trail Route One.

Indian Trail, Rt. 1, March 15.—Misses Florence and Bertha Connell have returned from Wingate where they have been in school.—Little Harrell Eugene Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Morris, spent last week with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill.—The many friends of Mr. Ernest Hill will be glad to learn that he is rapidly improving after a severe attack of influenza.

Mill Grove, Jerome, Simpson and Furr schools have all reopened with the same teachers at their posts of duty.—Miss Rena Furr has returned from a visit to Unionville.—Mr. Clayton Williams has opened a barber shop here.—One of the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Helms was taken to a Charlotte hospital last week for treatment.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Broom of Stallings were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Haigler Sunday.—The fruit trees are late about budding this year and that means a good yield may be looked for.—"Fairness."

## Central Methodist Church.

Rev. John W. Moore, pastor. 10:30 a. m., Sunday school. Special classes for men. 11:30 a. m., Worship with sermon on "The Holy Spirit." 7:30 p. m., subject of sermon, "Our Greatest Need."

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sunday, March 21, celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 2:30; C. H. Hasty, superintendent; Men's Bible class at 3:30; J. J. Parker, leader; Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30; Lenten services Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock, with address on the Lord's Prayer; Every Wednesday night at 7:30; Litany service with address.

## LATEST HAPPENINGS

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

About 650,000 workers have gone on strike in France.

The invention of a turbine motor promises an airplane speed of 250 miles an hour within a few years.

The North Carolina Social Service Conference will be held in Goldsboro March 24-26.

Because of massacres of Armenians the Allies have decided to occupy Constantinople at once.

A fire at Dayton, Ohio, destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of tobacco and a big warehouse.

The population of Hawaii is 249,992, an increase of three per cent since 1910.

"Dolly Madison" is the name selected for High Point's new ten story hotel to be erected soon.

Fifty-two members of the Egyptian Legislative Assembly have proclaimed the independence of Egypt and the Sudan.

Gen. Pershing goes to the Panama Canal zone the last of this month to inspect the U. S. military defenses there.

The U. S. court granted Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for violating the espionage law, a new trial. She has been out on bail, pending appeal.

Governor Ritchie of Maryland has taken an open stand for the passage of Legislation authorizing the manufacture and sale of beer, cider and light wines in his state.

The Pacific and Atlantic fleets will meet off the coast of Panama next January in their first joint maneuver, designed to keep the navy fit during times of peace.

John W. Davis, of Virginia, now ambassador to Great Britain, receives Democratic support in his State as a candidate for that party's nomination for President.

At the time of the first census, New York stood fifth in population, being surpassed by Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Massachusetts in the order named.

Sale of Red Cross seals in this country for 1919 totalled four million dollars according to advices from the National Tuberculosis Association. This is more than double the last previous sale in 1917.

Gilmer Stroud, a 17-year-old youth of High Point, was drowned in Scottish waters when the cargo steamer Lake Elko sank. The boy's parents first learned of his death through the press dispatches.

Ed Faulk, a negro of Lumberton, was instantly killed yesterday when a Seaboard train hit the truck he was driving. Another negro in the truck jumped through the windshield when he saw the train approaching and was only slightly bruised.

Claude Hancock, who was arrested last week in Danville, Va., on the charge of having two wives, is now facing the possibility of having to account for seven. Three of the so-called wives are South Carolinians and one is from Wadesboro.

The State Treasury of Mississippi has been authorized to pay Will Purvis five thousand dollars for twice facing the gallows and serving two years in the State Penitentiary. Purvis was exonerated by the death bed confession of a farmer.

By a vote of 79 to 25, many members being absent, the house of representatives rejected a bill to limit the U. S. army to 225,000 men and 14,200 officers. The reorganization bill calls for an army of over 300,000.

The American Army of Occupation, numbering eighteen thousand men, is being issued full field equipment, but there have been no orders to reinforce any positions. The total allied force on the Rhine is estimated at more than one hundred thousand men.

Claiming that their wife has had twenty-one husbands and is divorced from none of them, Tiffie Sallie, Cincinnati and James Nick, on Wednesday jointly asked the police of Dayton, Ohio, to arrest Margaret Foster, aged twenty-one, on a charge of bigamy.

F. M. Simmons, a road building contractor of Charlotte, has announced that the cost of building permanent highways has increased \$1,000 per mile in the past two weeks. The increase is said to be the result of an advance of from 50 to 100 per cent in the cost of cement and other supplies.

Press dispatches state that there has been much rejoicing and feasting within the quarters of the former crown prince since the news of the new development in Germany began to reach Wierengen. Wilhelm has declared his intention to remain in Holland.

Mrs. John W. Cross of New York city died in a Fayetteville hospital Wednesday morning as the result of injuries received when her horse threw her and dragged her across a railroad track. She was a member of a hunting party. P. A. Rockefeller, nephew of John W. was also in the party.

Roy Dickerson, charged with aiding a bank robbery in Phoenix, Alabama, made what is said to be his 130th escape from jail in Los Angeles last week when he used a crude key on his cell lock, climbed a ventilator shaft and fled. He was formerly a vaudeville performer and has never been confined for longer than two months.