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GRAPHIC PICTURE COUNTY'S ROAD BONDS TO BE SOLD MARCH 15 SUFFERING NATION

Mr. Thomas Writes of Desperate Condition of the Armenian Women and Children

FAITHFUL IN WORLD WAR

No People Did More in Proportion to Strength and Now We Must Care for the Helpless

By W. E. Thomas of the Monroe Bar On last Saturday at the Strand Theater a picture was shown that every citizen of Union county should have seen. It was not a romantic picture of high society life, in which langorously alluring women [half] clothed in purple and fine linen flitted through the picture eagerly pursued by gay Lotharios, smartly and nobishby gay Lotharios, smartly and nobishly attired. It was a picture showing the misery, suffering and death of a nation of heroic people.

It was a picture that would have stirred the stoniest of hearts. There were little children shown whose skull

bones were visible through the facial There were pale, wan-faced children with lusterless eyes and hag-gard expressions. Their pinched, wrinkled and saddened faces looked with led and saddened faces looked like the faces of old men rather than those of little children. It was indeed a pitiable sight—one that wrung the hearts of those that saw it in the deepest of sympathy. The scenes were taken in Armenia and presented

of the people of that country.

We are inclined to look upon the Armenians as "them foreigners' and straightway classify all foreigners as being alike and unworthy of our con-sideration. Such a view is unfair both to ourselves and to the Ar-menians. First of all, Armenia is a menians. First of all, Armenia is a Christian nation. It possesses the oldest national Christian church. It is the oldest Christian nation in the world. It is the scene of many of the events laid down in the Bible. Erivan, its capital, lies in the shadow of Mt. Ararat where Noah built the ark. To the southwest is the land where Jesus walked. For one thousand years Armenia as a nation has sand years Armenia as a nation has been persecuted by the unspeakable. Turks because they would not re-nounce Christ and all he stood for and become Mohammedans. During this thousand years of persecution there is no record of a single Ar-menian renouncing Christ and becom-ing Mohammedan. Has history recorded any more loyal spirit than this?

Have Held Steadfast

Men have been butchered in their Women have been carried off to unspeakable Turkish harems; little children have been turned into the streets to die; their mothers and Mr. G. L. Riggins of Lanes Creek fathers murdered by the brutal in-

massacres of Christians have been carried on for years, but the Turk never threw off his disguise, pretending all the while that he wanted every religion given free opportunity to exercise itself in the midst of the Sultan's realm. He never tore aside the out t curtain and revealed himself in all test. his diabolical shape, until his ally, the Kaiser, seemed to be winning on all fronts in the late war. Then he threw aside the mask, and announced that he intended to stamp out christianity from his dominion. So he let loose the fire and sword. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse began to ride across the Armenion plains. The Turk's program was to destroy all adults who believed in Christ. The men were all gone to war, but the women were outraged and slain or carried off to Turkish harems, and the little children turned into the streets

With three million inhabitants five years ago, Armenia has but one and a half million left today, and that million and a half, namely, women and children, will starve unless Christian America shall meet the needs of a nation about to die. They have nothnation about to die. The ing, absolutely nothing.

A Noble Record

Armenia made the greatest propor tionate sacrifice to the cause of free dom in the great war. We are ac-customed to think of the suffering of England, of the sacrifice of France, of the heroism of little Belgium, but not even Belgium gave as Armenia gave in proportion to numbers to the cause of freedom. Out of a population but one-fifth as large again as North Carolina, she sent 400,000 to the war and most of them never came back. It is not known that any unit of Armenians ever retreated or that they ever surrended. What nation in the World War has any such record as this? They did not retreat and they did not surrender, but with the spirit of men of Thermopylæ, they died. Their women and children were left. It is our sacred and patriotic duty to take care of these women and children of our former comrades in arms.

Armenia has paid the most dreadful price of the war for religious faith and national principle. Had the al-lied nations fulfilled their duty, she would today be on the way to re-habilitation, and with diseased and bestial Turk expelled from her boun-daries and her people at last permit-ted to call their souls their own. Ultimately this result will be achieved, but no man knows when. It can

Petitions Were Circulated Calling for an Election on the Prosposition But Few Signers Secured

The time for filing petitions for an election on the proposition of is-suing \$250,000 worth of bonds for building and maintaining roads in Union county expired yesterday. Quite a number of petitions were circulated in various sections of the county, but the check-up shows that comparatively few signers were se-

Mr. John C. Sikes, county attorney, informs The Journal that the County Commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday, Feb. 6th, and that arrangements are being made to offer the \$250,000 bonds for sale on March 15th.

There has been quite a hit of on-

March 15th.

There has been quite a bit of opposition to the issuing of the proposed bonds to continue road work in the county, but since the necessary per centage of the qualified voters failed to sign the petition for the election there is nothing for the commissioners to do but to go ahead and sell the bonds.

and sell the bonds.

Bonds to the amount of \$25,000 will also be sold on February 17th for the purpose of erecting a new school building and auditorium for the Marshville district. This new building will be in addition to the one already in use and is needed to take care of the increase in the school care of the increase in the school population in that district.

Death of Mrs. P. W. Cook

Mrs. P. W. Cook died almost suddenly Wednesday night at her home

denly Wednesday night at her home in Icemorlee. A short while after she retired her husband heard her making a strange noise as though she might be having a nightmare and could not be awakened and within a short time she was dead.

Mrs. Cook was afflicted with high blood pressure, but was in her usual health up to the time of her death. Decased is survived by her husband and six children. Mrs. Z. V. Gray of Great Falls, S. C., Mrs. Fred Coan of Monroe, Mrs. J. W. Shepperd of Rockingham, Mrs. Will Henderson of Charlotte, and Mrs. Earl Curlee of Monroe are the daughters and Mr. P. W. Cook of Hamlet is the surviving W. Cook of Hamlet is the surviving

Mrs. Cook's maiden name Miss Angle Hasty, daughter of the late Sheriff J. J. Hasty. She was nearly 63 years of age. She was a most excellent woman, a member of the Methodist church and her friends. are numerous.

Funeral was held this morning at 11 o'clock in Icemorlee Methodist church, Rev. J. R. Warren conducting the services, and the remains were interred in the Monroe cemtery.

Mr. Riggins Believes in Fish

vaders, but not a single Armenian fish that haven't been on cold storage. has given in to the Turk super-bigot. He recently received from the gov-The periodical massacres of Ar-ernment at Washington 3000 fish, menians reported by refugees who es-caped with their skin, were branded as false by the Turk. These regular prepared last spring. Mr. Riggins has prepared last spring. Mr. Riggins has already caught and placed in his pond a lot of creek fish—carp, brem and sun fish-some of them almost a foot long. He keeps them well fed in order to induce them to les alone the small ones in the pond, instead of carrying out the Liea of the survival of the fit-

St. Luke Latheran.

Bible school Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. Jennings Boger superintendent. Services at 11 o'clock. Subject: The Transfiguration of Lord. Text, Matt. 17:1, "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun and his raimant was white as the light. Luther League at 6:30 p. m. Vespers with sermon at 7 p. m. The public is invited to all services.

Do You Have Wool For Sale? The State Division of Marketing at Raleigh informs us that a wool buyer representing a Philadelphia firm has recently offered some of the wool growers in the State 28c per pound f o. b. shipping point for quarter to three-eighths blood grease wool and 5c less per pound for black and burry wool. If you have wool for sale and desire our help in marketing it, we shall be glad to hear from you. We would like to know how much wool there is in the county for sale. us know how many pounds you have. -T. J. W. Broom.

Ladies Invited to Join Auxiliary The American Legion Auxiliary ordially invites all ladies, who are eligible for membership in the auxiliary, i. e., those whose father, son, husband or brother died in service or whose father, son, husband or brother is now a paid-up member of the Legion, to the joint social meeting to be held with the Legion in its the recent affliction and death in my club rooms Monday evening, Feb. 6. at 7:30. Last year's membership in the Auxiliary was made up entirely of ladies, who were eligible through some member of the local post of the Legion, because in getting organized and doing something for the disabled soldiers, the time was taken up. However, the auxiliary is anxious to have every woman, who is eligible, become a member this year, and it is only through their own co-operation that the membership committee can know of their eligibility. The invin knows when. It can tation is yours. Come to the meeting and see if you wouldn't like to Join the Auxiliary.

TO BE SOLD MARCH 15TH MONROE TO HAVE A ROTARY CLUB

the Hotel Joffre

HAS 19 CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter Applied For and Monroe Definitely Placed in the International Association

Pledged in a spirit of practical service to the community, the individual and their craft, a group of prominent business and professional men placed this city definitely in the famous international associaton of Rotary Clubs last night by taking the preliminary steps for the organization of a club

The meeting was held in the Hotel Joffre at 6:30 o'clock and 19 business and professional men signed the pledge as charter members. The charter will be received within a few days and other members will then be received, at which time the officers will be elected.

The preliminary organization was assisted by six members of the Charlotte club, by Mr. John Fox of the Southern Power Company.

The meeting last evening was the culmination of a series of conferences that have been held between the local people interested in forming the or-ganization and representatives of the national office, the local district and the clubs of nearby cities where Ro-tary has been established for some

Through the formation of the new

Origin of Rotary

and to him belongs the credit for starting the great Rotary movement.
At this meeting of the four, when decision was made to organize a club.

it was also decided to invite to memthe man from each different business or professional calling. A printer, a real estate man, an insurance man, and a banker, were the next four admitted.

Its mangled and crushed story. I have read everything that has been written in the papers and I have read nothing that depicted the horrors I witnessed—for I was there.

Happened not to Go That Night

"Rotary" was chosen as the name of the new club because the members met in "rotation" at their places of business. "Rotation Club" seemed somewhat inapt so they adopted the shorter form "Rotary Club."

The Chicago club continued to in hree years after the first meetingion was held in Chicago and the na-

hold this office at the resent time. Rotary emerged from a national orcanization to an international organization two years later at the Duluth convention. A short time previous to this convention a club had been or anized at Winnipeg, Canada, and during the convention a cablegram was received from the Rotary Club of London, England, asking for a char-ter. Rotary had thus quickly evolv-ed from one club in 1905 to an inter-

national organization in 1912. Since 1912 the organization has rown even more rapidly than during the first seven years. Today there are more than one thousand Rotary Clubs in the world. Although the greater number are in the United States, where the movement originated, there are now Rotary Clubs in Canada, Newfoundland, Great Brit-ain and Ireland, Cuba, South Amer-ica the Republic of Panama, China, India, Australia, and New Zealand. The growth seems all the more remarkable when we realize that the organization has never at any time employed paid organizers. And in been exercised in surveying cities and towns applying for membership to make sure that such communities are ready for a Rotary Club and are of sufficient size from which to secure a membership of representative men and still have the membership restricted to one man from each business or profession.

Card of Thanks From Mr. Wright

I have not words to express the gratitude that I feel for the people of Wingate, and especially the Ladies' Circle, for the kindness and sympathy shown me and my family during family. May a kind Providence re-ward each and every one of you is my prayer .- E. B. Wright, Wingate.

Mr. J. H. Weddington, postmaster at Charlotte, died Wednesday, aged 76 years. He had been a prominent figure in Mecklenburg life for many years and was well-known to many Union county people.

He Was Married Judge: (to the colored defendent) "Have you ever been in trouble before?'

Defendant: "Yessah Jedge, I'se married man,"

WRITES VIVIDLY THEATRE WRECK One of the Most Respected Women

The Preliminary Organization Young Lady of Monroe Living Perfected Last Night at in Washington Was on the Scene of Disaster

HORRORS CANNOT BE TOLD

Frequent Attendant at the Theatre But Was Hindered from Going on the Fatal Evening

A young lady of Monroe who has ocen living in Washington some time has written a personal letter here describing the fearful scene when the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington collapsed and killed more than a hundred people. The letter was not intended for publication, but the following interesting extracts are made therefrom because they give a more intimate and detailed view of the fearful event than could be given in the ordinary press dispatches. The quotations are as follows:

It was the most gruesomely horri-ble thing that I have ever come in contact with and I've thanked God every minute since that I was simply providentially kept away. I go to that theatre on an average of two or three times a week and had been a few nights previous. It has been brought so horribly close to me for that very reason that among its clientelle, I know so many and among those that were killed were over a dozen that I knew either by intimate association or thru mutual friends. sent you several papers by or thru Through the formation of the new club, with its unique features of fellowship and conduct of business, this sational writeups, even the graphic city becomes a part of a world en-circling body of representative men dedicated to the spirit of service en-men, officers and doctors who went compassing more than a thousand thru the hell of France, fainted dead communities in twenty-five countries. away at suddenly coming upon the beheaded bodies of young women sit-Rotary came into being in Chicago, ting up in chairs or upon a mutilated february 23, 1905, with a group of and mangled form clasped in the four men—one a coal dealer, one a arms of a wife or husband. There mining operator, one a merchant are no words that can describe the tailor, and the fourth an attorney, agony, the fear, the gruesomeness, or the attorney, Paul P. Harris, first advanced the idea of forming a club different from any club then known, and silent with bated breath as all of the file of goldiers went by with are no words that can describe the ed and silent with bated breath as file after file of soldiers went by with stretchers covered with gray army blankets with only a lump of something underneath which told all of us its manufed and crushed story. I have

Happened not to Go That Night

We were having a dance at our house that evening (the only thing that possibly kept some of our family of thirty-one girls from being disposed of are the following: the call went around for doctors, two rease in membership. In 1908- who were at our dance hurried up immediately. Another girl and I he second Rotary club was organized rushed up stairs, changed from our n San Francisco. Other clubs fol- evening clothes into sport clothes lowed on the Pacific coast and then and heavy shoes and rushed up to he movement spread to the east and the theatre on the back of a paper then to the south until sixteen clubs delivery wagon. On account of the had been organized by the end of 1910.

It was in 1910 that the first convenanything could be gotten, nothing except these Ford delivery wagons tional association formed. At this convention Chesley R. Perry was elected secretary and he continues to there everything was still unorganized and the rescue work was hindered because of the lack of things with which to clear the wreckage. And inside and under all of this mass of concrete and steel lay over three hundred people.

In the candy shop next to the theatre first aid was being administered to those slightly hurt and who had managed to get out. The first sight of horror that met my eyes was a sheet tied together being carried out and over to the impromptu morgue and hospital, the Christian Science church, mute testimony of the crushed form within-too mangled and anihilated to be gotten on a stretcher. And then, soon after the acetylene torches could be gotten from the navy yard and the steel network could be burned thru to the victims pinned and crushed underneath, the ambulances and stretches and workers were kept busy every minute. There were willing and eager workers on every hand desirous of doing something to help, but as soon as the rescue forces could be organaddition, extreme care has always ized, we civilians were kept out and only uniforms and doctors and nurses were allowed. I stayed up there until three o'clock Sunday morning and when I left, there had been only six or eight gotten out after six hours (so I was told by officers.)

Brave Boy Looses His Mind

One of the men killed was engaged to a girl here at our house and other boy went up to see "Get-Rich-Quick-Wallingford." Peters, the boy who went with him, heard the hissing and cracking and cried out "Duck, Doc, get under your seat." As Doc went to dive under his cuff caught on the arm of the seat and of concrete hit his back, injuring his the Monroe cemetery. spine and knocking him senseless. Peters managed to crawl to an exit and after finding he could get thru, went back and dragged Doc out. He them went back for the two women who had been sitting in front of them and dragged them out, half dragging and half carrying them. As he came out the last time with the second woman, the exit thru which he had

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MRS. BLAKENEY DIED YESTERDAY MORNING

of Monroe passes Away Without Apparent Suffering

Mrs. Sallie Blakeney died at her home on Washington street early yesterday morning. She had not been real well but no alarm was felt about her. Late the evening before her daughter had been to her room to in-quire how she was feeling before retiring and was assured by her mother that she was all right. About seven o'clock next morning her son, Mr. Frank Blakeney, went to her room to make her morning fire and discovered that she had died peace-fully but a few minutes before. The funeral services were held from

the residence at eleven o'clock this morning by Dr. Weaver of Central Methodist church, of which Mrs. Blakency was a member, and the interment was in the Monroe cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by ference itself, viewed in the light of friends from Anson as well as from what had been expected. friends from Anson as well as from Monroe and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Mrs. Blakeney is survived by three children, Mrs. May Meacham and Mr. children, Mrs. May Meacham and Mr. Frank Blakeney, who made their home with her, and Mr. Bennett Blakeney of Spruce Pine, also by two grandsons, and two nieces and a nephew, Mrs. V. D. Sikes, Mrs. E. S. Greene, and Dr. Bennett Gaddy, to all of whom she was very dear. Her husband, Mr. J. C. Blakeney, died several years ago.

The deceased was a member of the prominent Bennett family of Anson county and was educated at Ansonville College. Mr. Blakeney, who was a native of Chesterfield county, ran a native of Chesterfield county, ran a material business in Anson and there they were married, moving to Monroe in 1873. They purchased and occupied the house on Washington street in which they both died. Mr. Blakeney was approach in merchan washington at later than the company was approach in merchan washington at later than the company was approach in merchan washington and in growing tension. This situation was, moreover, accentuated by the existence of an Anglo-Japanese alliance. Allied to it, too, was the problem of the company was approach in merchan washington as the company was approach in merchan washington.

of them ever heard her utter an unkind word about any person. She kept her mind fresh and bright as in youth and took an interest in every-body about her, especially the young and her old friends. She always took the youthful view of life and was as cheerful and happy and thoughtful in old age as in youth. Two or three weeks ago she attended the Union service at the Lutheran church at

Superior Court Adjourned Yesterday. adjourned yesterday. In addition to the cases reported in Tuesday's

and carrying concealed weapons, 13 months on road.

Press Hinson and Cy Mullis, as sault and battery, costs. Perry Dillard, assault, 30 days on roads

John Williams, keeping liquor, \$50.00 and costs. Center Gibson, assault and battery, \$10.00 and costs..

Anderson Hasty, abondonment. not guilty.
Robt. Rice, breaking and entering,

5 months on roads. K. H. Cox, blockading, not guilty, M. T. Taylor, embezzlement, not T. Taylor, embezzlement, not

Willie Sturdivant, carrying concealed weapons, \$50.00 and costs Neal Usher, false pretense, costs. appearing to the court that he had aid the prosecutor the money obained. F. A. Laney, false pretense, sen-

ence not passed. Charlie Massey and Harrison Mas-

ey, keeping liquor, Charlie not guilty; Harrison guilty of receiving, costs. Dewey Long, disposing of mort

raged property, not guilty. Emma McCain, assault and batery, costs.

Raymond Harrell, removing crops, costs.

The grand jury recommended that team heat be installed in the court house and roof of building be patched. Also that a judge's desk be provided. It also recommended that the roof on county home be repaired and electric lights installed in the chayn

Death of Mrs. B. F. Gulledge Mrs. B. F. Gulledge died yesterday it noon of heart trouble. She lived with her nephew, Mr. Paul Curlee, on East Franklin street.

Mrs. Gulledge was 76 years of age and was the widow of the late B. F. Guiledge of Anson county, and daughsomething happened and he and another boy went up to see "Get- of Monroe and Mrs. Edna Lingle of Charlotte.

Deceased was an excellent woman, member of Deep Creek Baptist church, Anson county.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. C. before he could get aloose a piece C. Weaver and the interment was in traditions.

> Bus Service to Charlotte Twice Daily The Blue Bus Line, a company in-corporated in Charlotte, has put on a double daily service between Monoe and Charlotte. They have a good bus and will make the trip at present in an hour and twenty minutes, from in advance of this conference to the Central Hotel in Charlotte to the reach such a political adjustment Joffre in Monroe. The schedule is as we have ourselves reached with given elsewhere. This will be a con-

THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

President Harding Had in Mind the Question of Arms and World Conditions

TWO - FOLD ADJUSTMENT

Naval Competition Eliminated-Britain for First Time in History Consents to Equal Strength

By Frank H. Simmonds

Washington, Feb. 1.—While certain minor details remain to be adjusted and another plenary session will be needed to close up the conference, the session of today in reality terminated the work and therefore calls for some preliminary examinations of the tasks accomplished and the success or failure of the con-

What, after all, was the main pur-pose of the Washington conference? It was two-fold. In summoning the representatives of the various natwo distinct sets of problems. There was the immediate question of arms and policies in the Pacific affecting the United States directly; there was in addition the question of the world conditions as affected by the world armaments.

To deal with the first question, there was in the Pacific an unmistakable rivalry growing up between Japan and the United States , an Blakeney was engaged in merchandising in Monroe many ears.

Mrs. Blakeney was a most lovable woman. She was loved because she loved others. On the most intimate terms with all her neighbors, no one of them ever heard her utter an un-

Four-Power Treaty

What then is the solution? First of all, we have, as is logical, arrived at a political adjustment, two-fold political adjustment, a four-power treaty, France being included at the request of Mr. Hughes, we have agreed with Britain and with Japan to respect territorial rights throughout the region of the Pacific ocean and to confer night and greeted and noticed her of the Pacific ocean and to confer friends and acquaintances as happily in case of differences between any of the four powers or in case of differences between one of the four powers and another nation not sig-The spring term of criminal court natory to the treaty. In the second place, and relying upon this guarantee of mutual respect, issue of The Journal as having been United States has consented to renounce the right to fortify all its there.) As soon as it happened and Zeb Smith, breaking and entering insular possessions west of Hawail, including the Aleution islands, Guam the Philippines and Samoa.

This means in fact that the United States has retired its naval frontier to the longitude of Hawaii, but our sacrifice is accompanied by similar, it not quite as considerable, concessions on the part of Japan and Great Britain and is based upon the treaty of guarantee which I have already mentioned.

In addition we have agreed with the other two Pacific powers to a relative strength of battleships, that is in fighting fleets, which eliminates all present competition in that arm, which at the moment represents the weapon of offense. Thus we have eliminated the element of naval competition, not alone between Japan and the United States but also between ourselves, and Britain for the first time in her history has consent. ed to recognize equality of fighting strength in another great power. France and Italy on their part have also accepted ratios which correspond with their present strength.

In sum, then we have achieved in naval strength and insular possessions a stable balance not alone in the Pacafic but also in the Atlantic, so far as offensive warships are concerned. We have achieved this by resignations which we announced in advance we were prepared to make, both in actual ship tonage and rights to fortify. And this result is written into those treaties which have been described as the four-power and five-power pacts.

Target of Criticism

Criticism in the United States so far has been concentrated upon the four-power treaty exculsively and upon that portion of the treaty which recemed to carry with it commitments with respect to France, Japan and Creat Britain in granting questions. On this issue much debate in the cenate is promised and many reservations are proposed. was among the first taken out. He ter of the late Clem Curlee of East but if one accept the statement was to have been at the dance but Monroe township. She is survived made by the negotiators themselves, that the treaty carries no such obligations, and if one conceive that as it finally emerges from the senate it will be fortified in this respect, then it is quite plain that conference we have abolished peril in the Pacific without going bethe limit imposed by our own

In so far as naval armament is concerned, the failure of the conference, and the failure is not chargeable to American representatives, covers all lines of war craft save only battleships. The simply fact has been that it was not poss. ble for France and Great Britai

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