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### DESPERADOES STILL AT LARGE

#### No Headway Made In Pursuit of the Men Who Annihilated Court

### REPORTED AT MT. AIRY

Desperadoes said to have crossed to North Carolina and to have robbed a hardware store at Mt. Airy last night—May be several days before a well-directed force gets on their track—Not expected that outlaws will be taken alive—State officers on scene.

Hillsville, Va., March 15.—Little or no headway had been made early this morning looking to the capture of the mountaineer desperadoes who yesterday shot-up Carroll county circuit court, killing Judge Thornton Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney Foster and Sheriff Lew Webb. It was reported here that the Allen brothers and their followers had succeeded in crossing the North Carolina line to Mount Airy where it is said they raided a hardware store, securing a new supply of ammunition and arms. There is little thought that the outlaws will be taken alive. It may be days before a well directed force gets on their track.

Yesterday's assassination wiped out all the county's law officers, leaving matters in absolute chaos. Outside help reached Hillsville this morning. State Attorney General Williams, and Corporation Judge Staples, ordered here by Governor Mann, will reach here some time during the day. They will direct the restoration of order.

The county's citizens, lacking a leader, could do little toward organizing a systematic hunt for the men. The Allens have long been known as desperadoes. Only through a well organized effort can they be captured.

A semblance of order followed the arrival this morning of twenty private detectives, all heavily armed and under temporary commission as state officers. One of their first acts was to take custody of Floyd Allen, who was wounded in the court room fight yesterday and left behind by his brothers. As he was being locked up he attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. He was disarmed.

It was the sentencing of Floyd Allen to one year's imprisonment by Judge Massie that started the fusillade of his avenging clan. He was found guilty of assisting a county prisoner to escape.

No attempt at organized search for Sidney and Jack Allen, and their associates had been undertaken up to noon today. The detectives here are waiting for reinforcement to arrive during the afternoon.

### Two Arrests Reported.

Cincinnati, March 15.—A special from Hillsville says Floyd Allen and his son, Victor, were arrested today by Detective Felts, who arrived with twenty men and assumed complete control of the town.

A man named Strickland, said to have been implicated in yesterday's shooting, also was arrested and placed in jail. A strong force, well (Continued on Page Seven.)

### WORST SNOWSTORM OF THE WINTER RAGING

Washington, March 15.—Official advices received by Superintendent Ingalls, of the railway mail service, declared the worst snow storm of the winter is raging throughout the central west. Many railway lines have abandoned trains, the mails being delayed seriously.

Weather bureau officials said the western and southwestern storms of Thursday combined into a single storm of greater intensity over the upper Ohio valley. It is moving rapidly northeastward, attended by general snows and rains in the lower Missouri valley and from the Mississippi valley eastward. In portions of North Carolina, Tennessee and the east gulf states the rainfall was torrential, averaging over five inches in eastern Alabama and western Georgia. There are high winds on the gulf and south Atlantic coasts.

### BLIND TIGER SENTENCED

#### Tom Morris Is Given Six Months—Appeals to Superior Court

Police Justice Watson's time was consumed last evening with blind tigers and a cussor. Frank Utley got mad on Martin street and so far forgot himself as to indulge in an old time cussing fest, for which he contributed \$5.00 to the city's coffers.

Tom Morris let his crave for lucre get the best of his judgment on February 3 and sold to J. A. Wiggs a half pint of whiskey for the sum of 25 cents. Wednesday he was before Commissioner Nichols charged with selling liquor without government license, he was found guilty and bound over to the federal term of court in May. Yesterday he was tried for violation of the state law and found guilty. Justice Watson sentenced him to six months on the county roads. The attorney for Morris immediately gave notice of an appeal. His bond was given to the amount of \$200.

Bill Terry and Ed Dixon were also tried on the retail charge, but judgment was suspended.

It is expected that several more whiskey cases will come up in the near future.

### CHARLOTTE TIED UP

#### Flood Stops Street Car and Electric Light Service

#### Water Highest in Twenty-Five Years And Still Rising—Railroads Are Threatened.

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, March 15.—The street car service and the service of the Southern Power Company were demolished today, by a terrific down-pour of rain, beginning last night, and continuing today.

The water in the creeks in the lower sections of the city, has reached the highest level in 25 years, and is still rising. Many streets are inundated, and the water is washing in the houses in one low section.

The water is reported to be several feet above the Southern Railway's bridge near Charlotte, on the main line to Atlanta, threatening to tie up train service.

### The Storm in Raleigh.

With the wind blowing 40 miles an hour and with the temperature unusually low, Raleigh experienced today more than the usual weather conditions that accompany the equinoctial period. The rain, according to the local weather bureau, is not expected to bother Raleigh people much more at this time, though tonight will be cloudy and colder. Tomorrow will be fair with continued high winds and colder.

### PRISONERS ESCAPE.

#### Killed Three of Prison Officials—Unable to Trace Them.

Lincoln, Nebraska, March 15.—No trace has been found of the three convicts who killed the prison warden, deputy warden, and an usher, then escaped in a blinding snowstorm. The escaped prisoners were clad in their prison suits. It is believed they were assisted by confederates. The posse which went in pursuit returned exhausted this morning, unable to get through the snow drifts.

### FESTIVITIES FOR KNOX

#### Lenten Season Will Not Interfere With Banquets and Dances.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 15.—The archbishop of Caracas has granted a dispensation permitting the Catholics to participate in banquets and dances during lent so they will be able to join in the festivities planned for the visit of American Secretary of States Knox. Knox and party will occupy the splendid residence of Prime Minister Alcantara.

### Four Killed in Snowslide.

Telleride, Colo., March 15.—Four men are dead and several missing, as the result of a snowslide that swept down on Black Bear Mine. The slide carried away the mine buildings.

### FOOD EXPERT RESIGNS JOB

#### Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Tired of Government Service, Severed Connection With Department Today

### FOR NATIONAL BOARD

Says Will Devote Remainder of His Life to Creation of Health Board Free of Politics—Has Many Offers to Make Big Money—Will Deliver Series of Lectures Soon—Resignation Comes as Surprise—Tired of Bickerings and Controversies Under Secretary Wilson.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, and assistant secretary of the department of agriculture, sent his resignation to Secretary Wilson today.

Dr. Wiley announced that he would devote the rest of his life to urging the creation of a national health department, entirely separate from any other branch of the government service. The resignation became effective today.

Dr. Wiley said he had a number of offers under consideration. One of these is a large salary by a lecture bureau, and the others are of editorial and commercial nature.

He declared positively, he would not enter business. Already he has agreed to deliver a series of lectures in Kansas and Colorado, and at various points in the east.

No More Government Jobs. Asked whether he would be a candidate for head of the proposed federal health department, for which he announced he was going to work, he declared he would not be, that he had held all government positions he cared to fill.

Until the appointment of a successor, Dr. L. D. Doolittle, one of the other members of the pure food board, will act as the bureau head. Dr. Wiley recommended to Commissioner Wilson a successor, but no intimation was given as to who it would be.

The president sent telegrams broadcast to the heads of universities and colleges throughout the county, asking them to recommend a successor to Dr. Wiley. The president hoped in this way to get a consensus of opinion as to the most available chemist.

### Secretary Wilson's Views.

At a cabinet meeting, the president was informed of Dr. Wiley's resignation by Secretary Wilson. To newspaper men after the cabinet meeting, Wilson said:

"The relations between me and Dr. Wiley have always been pleasant, personally."

"He has been a valuable man and has been in the department 29 years. He has seen it grow from a bureau with fifteen or possibly twenty men, to a great department. In that time he has been increased from a salary of \$2,500 to double that."

### BIG TOBACCO CROP

#### Cuban Crop the Largest Ever Produced.

New York, March 15.—The Cuban tobacco crop this year will exceed the largest previous crop of 75,000 bales, according to New York experts, recently returned from an inspection of the island's markets. The farmers have taken advantage of the first uniformly favorable weather in several years. Predictions in Havana are that the year's output will exceed 700,000 bales, more than double that of last year.

### SNOWSTORM IN THE WEST

#### Storm Due to Reach the Eastern Seaboard Tonight.

Chicago, March 15.—A snowstorm approaching blizzard proportions raged throughout the night and continues this morning. The telegraph companies are embarrassed. The storm is due to reach the eastern seaboard tonight.

### May Abolish Commerce Court.

Washington, March 15.—The house interstate commerce committee decided to favorably report the Sims bill, abolishing the commerce court. The committee voted 11 to 3.

### MR. TRAVIS IS A CANDIDATE

#### Will Ask For Nomination to Succeed Himself On Commission

### FOR PRACTICAL ENGINEER

Hon. E. L. Travis, who was appointed corporation commissioner by Governor Kitchin last July to succeed Henry Clay Brown, deceased, said today that he would be a candidate at the hands of the democratic convention for the nomination for the full term. Mr. Travis came to the commission from Halifax county. He is a lawyer of unusual ability, is a competent and popular man and is in position, after his several months' connection with the commission, to render the state even more intelligent service by reason of his experience. He has a host of friends who will do some good work for him.

Mr. A. J. Maxwell, clerk to the commission is being urged to become a candidate to succeed Chairman McNeill, who will retire at the end of his present term. Mr. Maxwell is thoroughly competent and, like Mr. Travis, knows the details of the business, and should be received with favor by the people of the state. The other commissioner, Hon. W. T. Lee, was elected two years ago for a full term.

### GRACE SAID TO BE DYING

#### Interest Intense As to Whether Dying Statement Counts

Atlanta, March 15.—All interest in the Grace case now centers around whether or not Eugene H. Grace's dying statement, accusing his wife of killing him, can be used against her in court.

If Grace dies, she will go to trial on a charge of murder is now considered a settled fact. The prosecuting attorneys, Solicitor Hugh Dorsey, Reuben R. Arnold and Lenar Hill, declare positively that the dying declaration is legally admissible, and contend in addition that outside of it they have a complete chain of circumstantial evidence sufficient to convict before a reasonable jury.

On the other hand the attorneys for the defense, John W. Moore and Luther Z. Rosser, declare that the dying statement is not admissible, and further stress the fact that there is not one iota in the statement or out of it, of direct evidence against Mrs. Grace. There is a great mass of evidence, but it is all circumstantial.

If no other evidence comes to light either for or against Mrs. Grace, and the case goes to trial as it now stands, laws of evidence will play an important part in the conclusion. (Continued on Page Seven.)

### STORM REACHES CYCLONIC PROPORTIONS ABOUT ROCKINGHAM.

News comes here that a storm of cyclonic proportions raged throughout Richmond county and perhaps other counties along the southern border about noon, or shortly after today. The report says that several houses were blown down at Hoffman, which is in the northern part of Richmond county. It is also reported that more houses were blown down at Cheraw, S. C., and that several people were injured. Cheraw is just across the line from Richmond county. The wires, both telegraph and telephone are all down in that section and it is impossible to get communication with Rockingham or Hamlet or any other town in that part of the state. This is in itself an indication of the severity of the storm. The messages telling of the disaster came in in fragments just before the wires went down.

### BIG MEETING IS EXPECTED

#### Good Roads Advocates Will Gather In Courthouse In Week to Consider Problems

### FOR PRACTICAL ENGINEER

Wisdom of Employing Practical and Competent Expert Will Be Explained to Gathering—Prominent Road Men to Speak—Free Illustrated Lecture at Almo Theatre—Program Committee Has Worked Hard For Event.

Unusual preparations are being made by the program committee of the Wake County Good Roads Association for the public meeting to be held Saturday at noon, March 23, in the court-house. Practical road experts from other sections have been invited to speak, and it is expected that the meeting will do much toward the creating of a sentiment for good roads.

The main object of the meeting, as was announced by Chairman Pogue today, is to get down to practical business principles in the building of roads, and this will mean, it is hoped, that Wake county will join the other progressive counties and employ a practical road engineer to oversee every bit of construction. Farmers, merchants and all people interested in the matter—the commercial organizations, the board of commissioners and township trustees especially—are invited to attend the meeting.

In the afternoon, through the courtesy of the Almo Theatre management, the latest road drags and machinery will be thrown on the screen for the benefit of those attending the meeting. Good roads literature will be distributed.

The program committee is composed of Col. Joseph E. Pogue, chairman; Dr. J. M. Templeton, president of the association; E. G. Crowder, M. A. Griffin, K. B. Johnson, Rev. Geo. W. Lay and Col. Benehan Cameron. The committee has had several meetings for the purpose of arranging the details.

### OKLAHOMA FOR ROOSEVELT

#### Taft Men Outnumbered Two to One—Solid Delegation for Roosevelt.

Guthrie, Okla., March 15.—Roosevelt supporters took the upper hand in the Oklahoma republican convention this morning. Roosevelt forces are unseated. Contesting Taft delegates substituting Roosevelt men in their places.

Roosevelt's adherents elected George Priestley as national committeeman. That the delegation to the Chicago national convention will be instructed for Roosevelt seems a certainty. The Taft followers were outnumbered two to one. They failed to get a voice in the delegation proceedings. There was an all night session ending in the convention voting to send a solid delegation, ten men, instructed for Roosevelt to Chicago.

### Major Lang Out of Danger.

Rome, March 15.—Major Giovanni Lang, commander of the royal body guard, who was wounded when Antonio Dalba, the anarchist, attempted to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, is considered out of danger. Suspicion increases that the Dalba's crime was the consequence of a plot.

### Writing Cotton Message.

Washington, March 15.—Summary of the boards' investigation of the cotton schedule, was laid before President Taft today. It is probable that the president will begin writing his message immediately. The message will probably go to congress next week.

### Pitney Introduced to Taft.

Washington, March 15.—Mahlon Pitney, the new associate justice of the supreme court was introduced to the president by Senator Briggs, of New Jersey. Pitney will probably take the oath Monday.

### Admiral Bowyer Dead.

Tampa, Fla., March 15.—Rear Admiral John M. Bowyer, retired, former superintendent of Annapolis Naval Academy, died here. He had been ill a long time.

### DORMITORY FOR COLLEGE

#### New \$25,000 Building For Greensboro Female College, Will Begin at Once and That the Construction Will Be Pushed Forward as Rapidly as Possible.

### FOR PRACTICAL ENGINEER

Greensboro, March 15.—It is understood that work on the proposed new dormitory for the Greensboro Female College, will begin at once and that the construction will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The building inspector yesterday afternoon issued a building permit for the new dormitory, which will be located on the college campus, and will be a structure containing 72 rooms. The permit called for a building to cost \$25,000, while a second permit was issued for servants' quarters, to cost \$1,000.

The people of the negro A. and M. section of Greensboro, are keenly alive to the opportunity of securing an extension of the public service corporation's street car system into that end of town, and at a mass meeting held at the A. and M. last night, a committee was appointed to look into the establishment of a fair grounds or ball park and to assure the management of the car system of the hearty co-operation of the race. Incidentally while the negroes are keenly anxious for the car line and the amusement park. (Continued on Page Seven.)

### FIRE AT NASHVILLE

#### Entire Business District of Town Burned

Loss of Seventy Thousand Dollars—Flames, Supposed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin, Started at Five O'clock This Morning.

### Higher Than Tide Level.

Curiously enough the drainage of Lake Mattamuskeet is entirely feasible in view of the circumstances that the lake is actually several feet higher than the tide level of the surrounding bodies of water. What is now a shallow body of water twelve miles long, in fact, was in some years ago a fertile farming property. There came a destructive fire in a period of prolonged drought and the peaty soil which filled with rain water and seepage. Since then the shores have gradually widened as the rains eroded the farms which come down to the water's edge.

### Obstacles in Way.

Projects to drain off the waters of the lake and recover the farming land have been as numerous as the obstacles which have hitherto intervened to prevent their carrying out. The history of the plans involved in legislative delay. Finally an act was passed by the state legislature several years ago authorizing the board of education to dispose of the property. As a result Mattamuskeet Drainage District No. 1 was formed, and the Southern Land Reclamation Company organized.

### At Dollar an Acre.

This company paid to the board of education the sum of one dollar per acre for the land, and plans for draining the lake were immediately undertaken when the legislature allowed the drainage district to issue one-half million dollars in bonds for the purpose.

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### HURRIED OFF TO PRISON

#### Five Minutes Sufficient to Convict Assailant of Girl.

Salisbury, Md., March 15.—Indicted, secretly tried, and sentenced to ten years in the Maryland penitentiary, is the history of five minutes today in the life of Emmons Waller, confessed assailant of 16-year-old Ella Bailey, near Hebron, last Monday.

Rumors that an attempt would be made tonight to lynch Waller prompted this speedy disposition of his case.

When Sheriff Smith heard the rumors he conferred with Judge Stanford and Jones, holding court here. The grand jury was informed and immediately returned an indictment. The judges adjourned court, and when the spectators had departed called Waller before them. His attorney entered a plea of guilty; sentence was then pronounced, and within ten minutes from the time Waller was brought into court he was being whirled away in an automobile, his ultimate destination being the penitentiary at Baltimore.

### Wilkesbarre, March 15.—Enjoying fine health, Mrs. Baker Hillman celebrated her hundredth birthday.

### BIG DRAINAGE CONTRACT LET

#### Proposed to Make Basin of Mattamuskeet Suitable For Home-Steads—Five Thousand

### FERTILE AS THE NILE

For Years and Years Rich Top Soil of Surrounding Country Has Been Carried Into Great Basin With Result that Its Drainage Would Represent Millions of Dollars in Lands—Some of Obstacles Met and Overcome in Project—A Big Undertaking That Is Practicable.

Eight sixty-inch pumps, delivering an aggregate of 1,000,000 gallons of water each minute, are expected to reclaim fifty-four thousand acres of the most fertile farming land in Hyde county, this state, at present the basin of Lake Mattamuskeet, furnishing thereby homesteads for approximately five thousand families. Contracts calling for an expenditure of more than five hundred thousand dollars in the undertaking have just been announced.

Lake Mattamuskeet has long been Hyde county's most serious problem. From year to year its waters have washed away the shores of the richest corn farms in the United States, until the bottom of the lake is covered with a thick deposit of the surface soil, a veritable bonanza should the water of the lake ever be drawn off and the bed become available for cultivation.

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### MINERS REFUSE OFFER OF OPERATORS

New York, March 15.—Reiterating demands for recognition of the union, 20 per cent, wages increase, shorter working day and other changes, the United Mine Workers of America replied to the counter-proposition offered them by the anthracite coal operators. The operators' proposition is declined. No mention is made in the miners' reply of their willingness or unwillingness to compromise.

### Refugees From Mexico.

El Paso, March 15.—Two trains arriving here from Chihuahua last night, brought 215 refugees. Governor Abram Gonzalez, of Chihuahua, is reported at Fresno, a small town, 8 miles from Chihuahua city, preparing to make a dash with a small force for Ojinaga to join the royal forces.