SHORT CIRCUIT THROWS GRANITE INTO DARKNESS

Many Strange Names and New Faces in the Hustling City-Much Other News of Interest from That Community

(By J. E. Yount)

The electric current furnishing Granite's lights was short-circuited Monday night and the town was left where Moses and other folks were when the light went out. Some of the new plant, here yesterday. Mr. Stone recently arrived from Cleveland, Ohio, to take the homes depending on electric charge of installing the machinery lights had thrown away their lamps and assume management of the plant. or, like the foolish virgins, had no oil for them, and had to resort to some of the primitive methods of lighting and incidentally learned how Chairs of both period and plain deinconvenient such methods would be today, or rather tonight.

Miss Lizzie Keever, who is teaching at Cherryville, spent the week end at home. Rev. H. G. Allen is spending a few

days in Charlotte. Miss Marjorie Barnhill of Robertsonville, N. C., is visiting Miss Nell

Mrs. W. F. Russell is coming back from Lexington this, Wednesday, evening, bringing her mother, Mrs. Terrell, with her. Mrs. Terrell has been right seriously ill for some time. Mr. Forbes of York, S. C., father of our townsman, Mr. M. C. Forbes,

is in town this week. Mrs. W. S. Smith of Newport News, Va., is here visiting her par-

Mrs. Lula Hickman, Mrs. D. H. Warlick, Mrs. A. D. Abernethy and perhaps others from this burg will attend the conference at Greensboro

next week. Misses Wren and Marybell and Master Earl Teague of King's Creek are staying at Mr. E. A. Rockett's and going to school here. Their father, Mr. B. O. Teague, will move near here the last of this month.

Granite is full of strange men with queer names, machinists, electricians and pipe fitters, who are doing various, divers, sundry things down at the new cotton mill, getting it ready

to start up soon. It is rumored that a new cotton mill, to be run on natural gas or hot air, is to be built about a mile north of town.

What has become of North Carolina's dog-gone dog law with teeth

(canine teeth) in it?
Times don't be as they used to was; people don't ride as they used to did. Why, just last week Messrs. Stanford Tilley and Robert Flowers Henry Forded all the way to Greens-boro to see their girls. Not so many years ago if a fellow's girl went over ten miles away to school he had to wait until she came home at Christmas to see her.
Mr. Ed Kirby, tiring of his bicycle,

switched off to a motorcycle and has now promoted himself up to an automobile. Guess Ed will next be seen scooting through the air in a flying machine.

Mr. James (Chick) Houck is attending Lenoir College, Hickory, at Granite Falls. The postmaster's assistant here can tell you how he manages to do this. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robinson of

Edgefield, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. A. D. Abernethy, of this place.
Mrs. H. V. Bolick's aunt, Miss Jet-

Mr. Cecil Hickman will soon be ready to make shirts. That is what a shirt factory is for.

ton, of Lincolnton, is visiting her this

CALDWELL FARMERS SELLING TOBACCO IN STATESVILLE Editor News-Topic:

I met a number of Caldwell county farmers at the Statesville Tobacco Warehouse today, five cars of tobacco being sold at one warehouse and a number of loads at the other. This was indeed an eye-opener for me, as I, having been in the Caldwell county most of my life, was not aware that there was so much interest in tobacco growing in the county.

The farmers of Caldwell will real ize several thousand dollars from tobacco this year, and I am writing this in the hope that many more will try out the business next year. Tobacco is bringing a good price on the market, some of the best having sold on the Statesville market today at \$1 a pound.

While I am becoming a Statesville and Iredell county booster, I amistill interested in my native county and am anxious to see her people increase in prosperity and happiness Tobacco growing will help. W. M. MOORE.

Statesville, N. C., Oct. 15.

PEACE TREATY IS RATIFIED BY THE FRENCH SENATE The French senate last Friday rati-

fied the peace treaty and also the Franco-American and Franco-British defense treaties. The vote on the peace treaty with Germany was 217 for ratification, none against and one abstention. The vote for the adop-tion of the ratification of the two defense treaties was unanimous, all of the 218 votes being cast in its fa-

Only the formal act of the French executive is now required to bring into effect the second ratification of the three required ratifications by principal allied and associated pow-ers, Great Britain having already completed its ratification.

WILL SOON BEGIN WORK

Mr. T. J. Stone Here Awaiting Machinery Shipments-Plant to Be In Operation in About Three More Weeks

Within three more weeks the Caro-Here's Granite again. Did you lina Chair Company, the Lincolnton think we were dead or had just gottal, will be in operation unless some

> The plant will be equipped with the most modern machinery known to the chair manufacturing business. signs will be turned out in quantity production.

Mr. Stone, who assumes management of the plant, is one of the most competent and efficient chair manufacturers to be found. His friends here are very glad that he has re-turned to the State and to Lenoir.

DAUGHTERS IN SESSION SELECT THEIR OFFICERS

the annual convention of the North Carolina division of the Daughters of the Confederacy, held in High Point last week, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Felix Harvey, Kinston, president; Mrs. Jesse F. Hayden, High Point, first vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Jr., Asheville, second vicepresident; Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell, Hendersonville, third vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Fayetteville, recording secretary; Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Kinston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. F. Long, Newton, treasurer; Mrs. S. N. Harrold, Tarboro, resorder of crosses; Mrs. L. E. Fisher, Asheville, registrar; Miss Lowrey Shuford, Gastonia, historian; Mrs. Fred A. Woodard, Wilson, chaplain; Mrs. H. D. Strayhorn, Thomasville, director

of children's chapters. The sum of \$1,300 was raised by the convention for the purpose of employing a whole-time nurse for the Confederate woman's home at Fayetteville, of which Mrs. Hunter Smith

MRS. W. M. CREWS DIED AT THOMASVILLE 'YESTERDAY

News was received here yesterday morning of the death of Mrs. W. M. lrews, who died early in the morning at her home in Thomasville. Mrs. Crews had been sick for some time and had recently been taken home from a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Crews lived here for number of years. They moved to Thomasville a few months ago. Lenoir folks are saddened by the news of Mrs. Crews' death.

The burial will take place today at Walkerton, near Winston-Salem.

DARKEST DAY FOR ENGLAND Official figures given out in Lon-don show that the darkest day of the war for England was on July 1, 1916, when casualties in killed and wounded numbered 170,000. It was the opening day of the first battle of the

NEW MOTOR COMPANY BUYS HENKEL BUILDING

Will Sell Automobiles, Trucks and Other Power Farm Machinery; To Have Garage for Gen-eral Repair Work

A big new motor company has been organized here to handle automobiles, trucks and power farm machinery. The company, which will operate under the name of the Caldwell Motor Company, has bought the Henkel-Craig Livestock Company building, and as soon as the proper changes can be made will open for business.

A charter has been secured by the following original subscribers to the stock: Messrs. W. J. Lenoir, T. H. Broyhill, C. H. Hopkins, E. F. Allen, W. B. Lindsay, W. L. Lenoir and T. B. Lenoir of this place and Mr. C. V. Henkel of Statesville. The officers or the company are: W. J. Lenoir, president; C. H. Hopkins, vice-president; W. B. Lindsay, secretary, and W. L. Lenoir, treasurer. The authorized capital stock is \$125,000, with \$25,000 paid in.

Plans are being made to operate the business on a large scale. No announcements have been given out yet, but it is understood that the company has some of the most popular automobile agencies lined up for dealerships. Aside from handling automobiles, trucks and power farm machinery the company will operate a big garage for general automobile

They have an ideal location for this business. The Henkel building is one of the best business buildings in the city. It is three stories high, including the basement, which will be used for the garage. The building is 52x100 feet, containing nearly 20,-

000 square feet of floor space. The new company will be in operation by the first of the coming year, or before then if they are able to get the necessary changes made in the building and the automobile and truck dealerships lined up.

CAROLINA CHAIR COMPANY | Fig. 7 MEETING AMERICAN | FAIR CROWD WAS MUCH LEGIUM TOMORROW NIGHT

Call Issued for 8 O'clock at the Court House-Charter Has Been Received - Organization Will Be Effected

The local post of the American Leat this meeting.

At this meeting the local post will up for action.

A war risk officer will be appointed charge, any help that any member may need in adjusting with the gov-ernment any claims relating to allotments and allowances, Liberty bonds, pay, bonuses, travel pay and allowances, etc. This service will be furnished free only to members of the Legion. The war department has already furnished a supply of blank forms and useful information.

There is no initiation nor initiation fees. The only expense that the members of the Legion are required to assume is the yearly membership

fee of \$1.50, payable in advance. A State convention will be held on Oct. 23 and 24 at which representa- ty minutes, when suddenly the plane tion will be in proportion to paid-up membership on Oct. 20. It is hoped that all service men will join promptly so that the local post may not be outclassed by other local posts in the State and so that we may be well represented at the coming State convention, which will take action on a number of matters of vital concern to all of us. The State convention will also elect delegates to represent the State in the big national conven-

tion to be held next month. The charter members of the Legion

are as follows: Jay M. Suddreth, H. C. Corpening, Paul M. Sherrill, Thomas W. Mc-Bane, W. Clyde Suddreth, J. Roy Moore, Hunt Gwyn, J. W. Walsh, R. K. Courtney, M. R. Bernhardt, J. Clarke Smith, W. B. Lnidsay, J. T. Pritchett, John A. Kent, William P.

OLD VETERANS ENDORSE THE LEAGUE COVENANT

Ratification of the German peace treaty and league of nations covenant without amendments or textual reservations was asked of the Senate in federate Veterans. The vote on the was heard.

Payment by Cngress of pensions to Confederate veterans also was asked Mr. Davis Alexander. in another resolution adopted. The pensions for Federal soldiers and that the Federal government owes the South an unpaid debt of \$25,000,000 for captured property which was

Requests that Congress appropri-ate \$50,000 to complete Memorial arch, in Vicksburg, Miss., national park; and that the name of the civil war be formally made "Confederate war" were also made in resolutions

GERMAN PAPER IS BITTER IN ASSAILING THE ALLIES

Discussing the coming international labor conference at Washington, the Berlin Voerwarts declares it is "impossible for Germany to submit to the humiliation of seeing her delegates wait in penitential garments while Haiti, Liberia and other negro republics may decide for themselves whether they will attend the conference. The newspaper thinks that before the international labor bureau, before which the matter has been laid, can reach a decision, it may be too late to send German delegates to Washington. "Is this not, perhaps, the intention of the inter-allied governments?" the Vorwaerts asks, in conclusion.

EMBARGOES PUT ON NEW YORK **EXPRESS**

With at least 220,000 workers either on strike or idle as the result of strikes, according to union estimates, New York is viewing with increasing nervousness the prospects of a food shortage as the result of tying up of ships and trains. The walkout of the 11,000 teamsters, chauffeurs and helpers has caused the American Railway Express Company to place embargoes on all express entering New York. Virtually all of the fish, vegetables and other perishable foods are shipped to New York by express. The strike of the longshoremen has caused food to rot on the docks. No coal has reached the city for several

When the busy little bee gets a load he goes straight home—which is more than any man can do.

PLEASED BY AIRPLANE

Many Thought Machine Was Falling; Mrs. R. B. Hartley is First Woman Miss Gibbs Gives Facts in Strong Aviator Was Caught in Storm Crossing the Mountains; Engine Out of Shape

Lieut. Harry J. Runser's flying and gion has received its charter and the air stunts pleased the greatest fair and stunts of Lieut. Runser at the temporary chairman, William F. crowd ever seen in Lenoir, when, fair here Friday Lenoir and Caldwell crowd ever seen in Lenoir, when, ing to be held at the court house tomorrow (Saturday) night at 8 Lieut. Runser first arrived here Tueso'clock. The purposes and aims, as day evening the first day he made his first exhibition folks have become accustomed to the Cross, was at the school one day durthrills. Not satisfied with seeing the aviator do these stunts, a number impressive talk to the day avening the first arrived here Tueso'clock. The purposes and aims, as day evening, the first day of the fair, well as the advantages of the organ-his engine had gone back on him. He ization, will be thoroughly explained was unable to fly the following morning, and finally when he did make a successful getaway from the Lower be organized and the following offi-creek field he was unable to turn his cers will be elected: Post command-plane back to the fair grounds, but tant, post finance officer, post war risk officer. The adoption of the constitution and by-laws will also plane back to the fair grounds, but stitution and by-laws will also come ell. The next two days the aviator and his mechanic were busy overhauling the engine, and it was Friday afwhose duty it will be to give, free of ternoon before he was able to take

to the air again. Lieut. Runser made good with the big fair crowd when he did get his plane going. Driving the first air-plane ever brought to Lenoir or to Caldwell county, the aviator has given the people of the county and section much to talk of during the coming years. During the first flight given an excited crowd watched the great Curtiss training plane as the aviator drove it to and fro and circled over the fair grounds and the town. It was a steady climb and the plane grew smaller and smaller. The aviator continued to climb for twentook a long shoot at a downward angle and glided over in a loop-theloop. There were many exclamations from the startled crowd, which now expected the birdman to turn his plane back to the landing field. The plane began to climb again. This continued for several minutes until the plane seemed no larger than a crow or hawk. Suddenly the plane toppled over, turning its nose towards the ground, dropping like a plummet, whirling around and around as it fell. A shudder went up from the crowd. "He's gone! He's gone!" was heard on every side. The falling plane shot out of sight behind some trees on a low-hanging hill. Sud-"Yondenly a shout of joy rang out. "Yon-der he is! Yonder he is! I sure thought he was falling," came from dozens of anxious spectators. Lieut, Runser had given the people of Caldwell county one of the most sensational thrills they had ever experienced. Coming out of tail spin while behind the trees and hily, he glided his plane to the field and landed.

Caught in Terrific Storm In making the flight across the resolutions adopted in Atlanta at the Blue Ridge mountains from Jonesannual reunion of the United Con- ville, Va., to Lenoir, Lieut. Runser treaty an dleague of nations was an left Jonesvill eabout 3 o'clock Sunaye and no affair, but no voice day afternoon of last week. He was against adoption of the resolution driven nearly twenty miles off his course. This accounts for his landing near Morganton on the farm of

Threatening storm clouds had been request was made on the ground that hanging over the mountains for sev-\$68,000,000 worth of cotton was il- eral days, but shortly after noon of legally confiscated by the United this Sunday they seemed to break States government during and after and the aviator took advantage of the war and never paid for; that the the clearing sky for his trip across South for mor ethan 30 years has the ridge. The trip during the first paid out millions of dollars towards three-quarters of an hour was uneventful. Climbing above one ridge and then another, the airman had no ticed thickening clouds. The storm came almost without warning, bursting suddenly with all its fury. The driving wind flung the airplane through dense banks of rain clouds. To keep a course was an impossi bility, and at times the aviator said that he could see the tops of the trees not over twenty feet below him through openings in the clouds.

The aviator's course lay north and east of Mount Mitchell, and almost directly over Grandfather mountain. When he finally hurdled out of the in strange territory, completely off the course he had mapped. He had crossed a part of Mount Mitchell, nearly twenty miles off the course on which he had started.

He came out of the storm after more than an hour's battling to find himself lost. However, keeping to the

TO MAKE EFFORT TO STOP SOFT COAL MINERS' STRIKE

Some official action either by Pres ident Wilson or the cabinet to avert the strike of the soft coal miners Nov. 1 is to be expected, it was said Monday at the White House. Officials regard the matter as one requiring governmental action if further efforts to avert the tie-up of coal raines fail. Officials are hopeful that the miners and operators will work out an amicable solution and press reports from Philadelphia that was probable the negotiations would be renewed were read with interest. There was no indication that the administration had determined upon a line of action should it decide to take a hand. It was considered probable, however, that a strike of coal miners would have such a far-reaching effect on the country interesting and instructive talk concerning the medical work in France.

FLIGHTS WITH BUNSER

to Fly in Caldwell County-People Drive Twenty Miles to See the Airplane

Since the first sensational flights have taken trips with the aviator as public health nursing. Some of her passengers on the machine. Passen- statements were especially worth gers have not been satisfied with noting. Among them was the fact straight flying. They have taken the that 38 per cent of the boys of draft tail spins and nose dives. The pas- age were defective, and nine out of senger rate was twenty bucks, but te nof these could have been cured if this did not seem to bother. If the taken in time. Again in talking on person who wanted to ride was shy the fearful mortality of children, she a few dollars, or maybe the whole stated that it was five times as danamount, see the ship go up.

The first passenger to view Lenoir and that most of these deaths are from on high was E. C. Pitts of preventable. Gwyn's garage. Pitts was a good advertiser and there was a rush for heartily to express best wishes for all

reservations. To Mrs. R. B. Hartley goes the distinction of being the first Caldwell passenger on an airplane. Mrs. Hartey was the third passenger to go up. the town and circle back to the field. Mrs. Hartley says that a person does not know how to appreciate good riding until a trip is taken on a flying machine. She was thoroughly pleased with the experience and says that she has been much mose scared on some automobile trip. Other ladies to take the flights were Misses Dina Cox, Fries Hall and Christine

Andrew S. Nelson was the only passenger to take the tail spin. The plane climbed to about 3,000 feet before the aviator cut off his engine missions of the Holston presbytery of for the 2,000-foot drop. Mr. Nelson said tha tit looked like the whole

earth was being thrown right at him. Next to the tail spin the nose dive was probably the most exciting, or the most thrilling to the passenger. The first to try these stunts was Mr. T. J. Stone and Dr. A. W. Dula. It was all right until you got to the dips, they said. At this point it seemed that something had a leaving

McGhee, Wade Link, Luther Baker, Ralph Triplett, Fred Prestwood, Raymond Rice, Bill Correll, John Carl-ton, J. G. Ballew, Hall Cobb and sincerely sympathize with them in George Brnhardt.

BERLIN REFUSES TO BLOCKADE

SOVIET RUSSIA Suggestions of the entente that Germany join in the blockade of soviet Russia have not as yet been officially taken up, but it is said that Germany will refuse and suggest an international commission. Primarily the government takes the position that it cannot participate in an enterprise tantamount to the hunger blockade imposed upon Germany five years ago.

METHODISTS HOLD BIG RALLY AT GRANITE FALLS

West of Hickory Delivered the Address-Memorial Service to Perry Link Held in the Afternoon

Sunday was a great day for the

Methodists of Granite Falls, when they observed their annual homecoming and Sunday school rally day.
A special feature of the morning was an address by Mr. A. M. West of storm Lieut. Runser found himself Hickory. He presented, in a most logical and constructive manner, the subject, "More of the Bible." He addressed himself primarily to the teachers, and said that the highest aim of every teacher should be to Not figuring on crossing this section of territory, the aviator had not prepared a map or any flying guide. Bible was the best seller in the world. The master minds of past history were believers in the Bible. It is said that Shakespeare quoted from general direction in which he knew the Bible over 3,000 times. If you Lenoir must be, he landed on a farm like poetry, short story, love story, near the first town of any considerable size which he sighted. The tendency today, said Mr. West, is to let lesson helps and commentaries take the place of a first-hand study of the Bible. So many of our young people leave the Sunday school after the age of 16. According to reports, said the speaker, only twelve out of every one hundred boys in North Carolina attend the Sunday school; and since the day school does not give biblical training where are these boys going to receive their religious instruction?

In the afternoon Rev. H. G. Allen gave a memoral address in honor of Private Perry Link, who died soon after his return from France. The service flag was then lowered and presented to the pastor by Privates Robert Flowers and Albert Yount. The flag was accepted from the pas-tor by the chairman of the board of stewards, Mr. M. C. Forbes. Maj. A. M. Shuford of Hickory gave a very

STUDENTS HEAR LECTURE BY RED CROSS DIRECTOR

Talk to the Training School Students-Other News of Boone

(By J. M. Downum)

Miss Virginia M. Gibbs of Atlanta, he could pass the hat gerous to be a child as it was to be a Everybody was anxious to soldier in war, for that one child out of every nine die in North Carolina,

The Training School desires most parties concerned in the Spainhour-Mast marriage a week ago. Miss Mast was one of the most popular young county woman to take a trip as a ladies in the county, and deservedly so, owing to her accomplishments and many attractions. Mr. Spainhour is The course of flight lay out towards a very promising young business man, Hartland and back and then across at present under the employ of the at present under the employ of the Highway Motor Company, with his headquarters at North Wilkesboro. After a short honeymoon in Asheville and other places they will return to Boone for a short stay before going to their permanent home. Both of

these young people are former students of the school Quite a number of our citizens at-tended the fair at Lenoir the past week and pronounced it good, save

the airplane feature. the Presbyterian Church, was at the school Saturday and made a most rivid and impressive talk to the stu-

dents.

Hazel, the daughter of Mr. and buMrs. David Ray of Boone, died at Banners Elk on the 10th and was buried at the Ray cemetery east of Boone on Saturday. She had gone to Banners Elk to undergo an operation for apuendicitis, but complications setting in, she was not able to rally Among others to go up as passengers were Hill Prestwood, Foy Powell, Mr. Mooney, Hub Beard, Bass the Methodist church in Boone only a few weeks ago. This makes the their deep affliction.

The music students of Misses Stancury and Campbell of the Training school gave their first term recital for this school year on Monday evenng to an appreciative audience. execution was unusually good, showing efficiency both for teachers and students. Mrs. Brewton gave several of her most excellent readings, to the pleasure of all present.

WILSON SAID TO BE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Absence of any new complications in President Wilson's illness brought from his bedside late Wednesday the assurance that he is "getting better." Elimination of the recent annoyance caused by a slightly enlarged gland has removed the only outstanding obstacle to his convelascence, and about the White House there was manifested a decided atmosphere of optimism. With the exception of the news

furnished him by Mrs. Wilson the President has learned very little of national and international developments, although he is given daily a general summary of events. He has at times expressed a keen desire for more comprehensive reports and has asked Rear Admiral Grayson, his personal physician, for news, but always Dr. Grayson has succeeded in keeping away from his patient information that might prove trying to his nerves with the reminder tha tas a physician He he has been too busy to keep in touch with government subjects. The President's appetite is report-

ed to be as good as expected and a recurrence of the glandular trouble is not anticipated. Only a moderate rate of recovery is looked for and indications, official and otherwise, are that the improvement announced may be continued.

MAYNARD IS AGAIN BLAZING TRAIL IN AERIAL RACE

A dispatch from Chicago Wednesday says Lieut. B. W. Maynard, the "flying parson" continued his rush through the western skies on the return trip from San Francisco to New York, having left San Francisco Tuesday, and between sunrise and sunset had covered 742 miles of the second lap of the army's aerial derby over the trans-continental course, spending Wednesday night at Sidney, Neb. While he was hurrying toward the eastern goal two fliers met death in a 200-foot fall at Castle Rock, Utah. Their deaths make a total of seven fatalities since the start of the race on Oct. 8.

Lieut. Maynard expected to reach Chicago last night and hopes to land in New York before sundown today.

The national department of agriculture estimates that by 1920 7,-000,000 acres of wet land in the South will be drained, North Carolina having the largest number of drainage districts.