

# The Evening Dispatch.

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## MR. ROOSEVELT "THE LASHER" Sends Red Hot Message to Congress Today

The Panama Canal Deal His Subject and He "Lets 'Er Rip" Goes For Editor of New York World and Wants Him Indicted For Libel—Attorney General Now Considering This.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The President sent a special message to Congress today on the Panama Canal deal. He says the stories of crooked dealing are scurrilous and libelous in character. He arraigns Mr. Pulitzer, editor of The World. He says he should be sued for libel by the Government; that his attack is not alone upon individuals but upon the American people, and it is a high national duty to bring him to justice; that the Attorney General has under consideration the form under which an indictment against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought. With the message he submits the papers in the canal matter.

### MRS. W. E. ANNIS

Saw Her Husband's Murderer Today For the First Time Since the Tragedy.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. William E. Annis saw T. Jenkins Hains today for the first time since the murder of her husband. She saw him as he was taken into the court room but made no comment. She will undoubtedly be called as a witness. The work of selecting the jury goes on, the seventh having been secured up to twelve o'clock.

### ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Used Names of Employers on Checks for \$10,000.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Edward E. Perkins was arrested this morning charged with forging twenty checks, aggregating ten thousand dollars. The accused forged the names of former employers.

### FORM COMPACT TO DIE

So Three "Turned On the Gas" this Morning.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Three people formed a death compact here last night and early today turned on the gas. One is dead and two are dying. The people were out of work and despondent. The policeman who entered the house is suffering from temporary asphyxiation.

### DUTCH CRUISERS

Captured a Vessel Off Venezuelan Coast Today.

The Hague, Dec. 15.—Dutch men of war are patrolling the Venezuelan coast and have captured another ship known as "23 Mayo." It was a coasting police boat and was conveyed to Curacao harbor today. As in case of the Alexis the Captain protested his ship was a merchantman.

### CLEAR STATEMENT

Issued Today by Manager C. J. Cooper, of Southern Life Insurance Co. Special to The Dispatch.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 15.—A statement was issued today by General Manager C. J. Cooper, of the Southern Life Insurance Company in regard to the sale of \$115,000 Treasury stock and \$35,000 of individual stock to the Senoile Securities Co. This statement contains about 2,000 words and gives in detail all the transactions between the two companies and their representatives. It is very gratifying to Fayettevillians to see that the Southern Life is no way implicated with the fraud if any has been done. The exhibits show everything complete, and an accurate statement of all transactions. It is well gotten up and shows the ability of General Manager Cooper in the discharge of his duty in this big deal.

### JUDGE JONES

Is Determined to Have a Square Jury in Rankin Murder Trial.

Union City, Dec. 15.—Judge Jones this morning handed the names of 300 citizens to a score of deputy sheriffs of Obion county to be summoned as veniremen to appear in court at once, so that the jury might be selected to try the men accused of murder of Captain Rankin. Within a few minutes the deputy sheriffs had scattered to all parts of the county to serve the summons. Judge Jones' decision to prepare his own venire is a victory for the State, the defense having objected to anything but ordinary proceedings which gives the sheriff power to select a venire. It will probably take all the week to select a jury.

## THE RESCUE HOME

Committee Appointed by the Ministerial Association After Making an Investigation, Report That They Cannot Countenance the Institution as it is Now Conducted—Reasons Advanced for the Positions of the Ministers Committee.

The following communication from a committee of ministers appointed by the Ministerial Association of this city several months ago, will be read with interest by the public on account of the fact that frequent appeals have been made to the citizens of Wilmington for financial and other forms of aid in support of the project:

"Some time ago an apparently independent and unauthorized rescue work was begun in Wilmington, and the citizens were called upon for support.

"This enterprise, with varying fortune, has continued to the present; and appeals are constantly made to the people of the city for its maintenance.

"The ministers of the city felt much interest in this undertaking, because any rescue work appeals to them strongly; and they are very desirous of furthering any worthy efforts to this great end.

"But in view of reports circulated from time to time and from a sense of great difficulty and delicacy of such a work, a committee was appointed by the Pastors' Association to look into the Rescue Home and make reports.

"The committee, after conference with the mayor and chief of police, visited the Home and made such investigation as was possible under the circumstances; and reported back to the association the results of the investigation.

"The committee was convinced that the work was not wisely managed, however, honest the intention. In addition to the inmates, some of whom were very evidently using the Home as a temporary convenience, we found that children were being placed in the same Home, surrounded by what could only be considered most unwholesome environment, that must prove hurtful to youthful minds.

"We have learned more recently, on efficient authority, that an agent of the Home is making a canvass of the State for the purpose of inducing persons to come to the Home—many of whom are manifestly making of it a convenience, as they pay board while there and usually a fee of eight dollars for care. This seems to be a very questionable feature of the work and we strongly condemn it.

"We are unable to discover that any reputable or responsible organization is behind the work; and the official heads of the institution are affiliated with the leaders of a seemingly fanatical set, while claiming membership in the Methodist Church, which in no way endorses them.

"In the judgment of the committee, which has the endorsement of the Pastors' Association, the work as at present conducted is not only unwise but dangerous; and until properly organized and administered in responsible manner, does not merit the support of the people here. And we further suggest that the mayor take the matter under consideration, as being a possible menace to our community by the introduction of an undesirable class of women into our community, together with their sinful offspring."

### \$50 REWARD

Offered for the Conviction of Persons Throwing Nails and Glass on the City and County Roads.

The attention of the public is called to the advertisement of Mr. Frank Herbst, agent for the Maxwell automobiles, in which he offers a reward of \$50 for information sufficient to convict any one of placing glass, nails, etc., on the public highways of the city and county, contrary to the ordinances governing such violations of the law. It is proposed to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law persons caught indulging in these nefarious practices, and as owners of horses and automobiles have encountered much trouble recently through malicious persons throwing glass and nails on the roads, those convicted of such practices will be made to suffer for their work.

### A SWELL BILL

Another Good Offering at the Crystal Palace and the Turkey Feature.

The present week's offering at the Crystal Palace is indeed a delightful one and drew capacity houses yesterday. All the acts are good, while the acrobatic stunts of little Miss Barker are delightful. Much interest is being shown in the turkey feature, which means that three turkeys will be given away Friday night, and persons who attend any of the performances this week and may not be present Friday night will have a chance.

The bride of every lady is her toilet. Victor E. Zoeller & Co. have just received a new lot of Manicure and Comb, Brush and Mirror sets in sterling silver.

## IN UNCLE SAM'S COURT TODAY

Well Known Cumberland Farmer on Trial

Charged With Violation of the Internal Revenue Laws and Case Hard Fought—Jury Adjourned for Dinner and Will Get Further Instructions—One of the Fayetteville "Blind Tigers" Cases Tried.

Two highly interesting cases were tried in the United States District Court today and both came from Cumberland county. One was the outcome of a "blind tiger" hunt, and the other was that of a well known white farmer, and married man, John L. Smith. The jury took the case about 12:30 o'clock, but at 2:45 o'clock sent back a request for further instructions. The jurors were then allowed to go to dinner, with directions to report back for the instructions desired at 3:30 o'clock. Then they will further consider the case.

Just before court adjourned for the day yesterday afternoon a case of retailing without a license was taken up against Dave White, a middle aged darky from Cumberland county. This morning, trial of the case was resumed. It was of decidedly more than ordinary interest as the three South Carolina detectives, Stanley, Morris and Huggins, who trapped and made so many arrests of alleged "blind tigers" in Cumberland county a short while ago, and which raised quite a sensation stir in Fayetteville, was the three witnesses against the negro. They swore that it had been usually the practice to get some one to buy whiskey from the "blind tigers" and then indict them. This manner of making a person violate the law and then arrest him did not seem to meet the court's approval. No comment was made, but at the end of such testimony Judge Waddill ordered a verdict of not guilty returned and the negro was discharged, the court advising him to go back to Fayetteville and go to work.

The defendant was represented by J. W. Bolton, Esq.

The case against John L. Smith was a hard fought one and was of much interest. The bill of indictment contained a number of counts, being retailing without a license, concealing spirits and rectifying. The defendant, a large, healthy looking person, of probably forty-three years, was in court with his counsel, Hon. John D. Bellamy, of this city. Revenue Officers Downing, Poole and Holland testified to having searched Smith's house, near Hope Mills, Cumberland county, and of having found thirty odd gallons of corn whiskey, which was in jugs, save for four gallons and a half in a barrel. They testified, too, finding over a score of empty jugs, empty barrels, funnels, coloring matter, etc., but no still; that while they were there a negro man drove up in a buggy, having an empty jug with him, and his intention was evidently to purchase whiskey. Smith, they further testified, had told them that the whiskey did not belong to him, but did not tell who owned it, and that part of the whiskey was in the bath-room of the house and part in the smokehouse, the latter being in the barrel and covered over with a dry-goods box.

The accused testified in his own behalf and admitted having the whiskey, but said that it was for his own, private use; that he had purchased most of it during November and December of last year at Wadesboro, getting it cheap on account of Wadesboro going prohibition and because he wanted to lay in a stock before the State went prohibition; that some of it he got from Virginia. He stated that he had jugs and barrels, coloring matter, etc., on hand as he conducted a vineyard, making about 2,000 gallons of wine a year; that he owned several plantations in Cumberland.

The defense then introduced an ex-saloon keeper of Wadesboro who testified that he had made a number of sales of four and five gallons of whiskey to the defendant. Capt. James D. McNeill and Capt. Robinson, of Cumberland county, were introduced and testified to the excellent character of the accused.

Revenue Officer Downing was recalled and testified that Smith's character was bad for retailing whiskey. Mr. Bellamy then brought out the fact that the officer had once killed a man, but the officer testified that it was in the discharge of his duty and in self-defense. He was acquitted by jury.

Counsel for the defense asked that the case not be allowed to go to the jury, but His Honor deemed the evidence sufficient for that. Mr. Bellamy then argued for the defense and District Attorney Skinner for the Gov-

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## CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Master Robert Craig, the Three Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Craig, Was the Victim of a Horrible Accident This Morning—Little Fellow's Night Gown Caught Fire From a Stove—His Recovery Deemed an Impossibility.

As the result of a most distressing occurrence this morning, Master Robert Craig, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Craig, was probably fatally burned at the residence of his parents, 924 North Fourth street. The child received burns of such a nature on the entire surface of his body that recovery for the little fellow is deemed an impossibility.

The circumstances surrounding the sad affair are of a most distressing nature. A few minutes after 7 o'clock this morning Mr. Craig left his home for his work and before doing so, he kindled a fire in a stove in one of the rooms of his residence. The boy accompanied his father down stairs and after Mr. Craig departed the child looked to see how the fire was progressing. The little fellow was clad in his night gown only and when he opened the stove door to put in a piece of wood the inflammable material of which his gown was composed immediately caught fire.

The child ran screaming up the stairs and when his mother got to him flames enveloped his entire body. Mrs. Craig immediately suppressed the flames and neighbors were hastily called in.

A physician was summoned to attend the injuries of the child who suffered most excruciating pain. Dr. J. T. Schonwald was the first physician to reach the residence, and he applied temporary remedies to relieve the extreme agony which the child was undergoing from his burns. Dr. Schonwald then made an examination and he stated he did not think there was the slightest chance for the child to survive the effects of the injuries received in such terrible and unexpected manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig will have the sincere sympathy of their friends in the city because of this sad accident to their child and everyone will hope that the little fellow may be able to survive, slight though the chance for his recovery may be.

### At the Bijou.

The feature film at the popular Bijou theatre today is called "How Mabel Found a Husband" and "Caught With the Goods." Both pictures are very attractive and will please everyone.

### PUBLIC ABATTOIR

Was Considered at a Meeting of the County Health Board Yesterday Afternoon.

A special called meeting of the County Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon at the county court house, at which the question of a public slaughter house, or abattoir, was given careful consideration, following complaints which have recently been made with regard to the slaughter and care of cattle. The interest manifested in this question was clearly shown in the attendance upon the meeting and the careful and painstaking discussion which attended the consideration of the matter. It was finally decided to adopt rules and regulations providing for immediate temporary benefit, and such regulations were recommended to the Sanitary Board of the county, in connection with the appointment of a committee, to discuss the matter with that organization.

### BRILLIANT EVENT TONIGHT

Eminent Actor, James K. Hackett, Will Appear at the Academy.

Tonight the Academy offers its star attraction in Mr. James K. Hackett in "The Prisoner of Zenda." Travelling on their own private cars, with a big sixty-foot scenic car also, the New York star and superb company arrived this afternoon. Since then big scenic wagons have been hauling huge stage mountings to the Academy. An extra force of stage hands had to be employed and has been busily at work since. The appearance of the distinguished actor marks a notable event and a packed house should greet him. In case the balcony, which is small, will not accommodate those who go on "rush seats," why the gallery, which has been thoroughly cleaned, will be opened for them. The number of "rush seats" in the balcony is limited.

### Dick Hand Indicted.

Dick Hand was indicted today by A. H. Pait, Esq., charged with the concealment of \$28.50, alleged to be the property of E. Mallen. The warrant was sworn out before Justice G. W. Bornemann. Hand gave bond in the sum of \$100, with his attorney, L. V. Grady, Esq., as surety for his appearance.

Victor E. Zoeller & Co. have just opened up a handsome line of Silver and Gold Mounted Umbrellas, Sterling Bags and Purses and other suitable novelties for Christmas favors.

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Statement of the Condition of the

## The American National Bank

(the youngest and most progressive in the city)

Of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of Business November 27th, 1908.

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans and Discounts . . . \$208,543.38	Capital Stock . . . \$100,000.00
Overdrafts . . . . . 45.53	Profits-net . . . . . 2,649.50
U. S. Bonds and premiums . . . 46,684.38	Circulation . . . . . 45,000.00
Redemption Fund . . . . . 2,850.00	Deposits . . . . . 222,182.31
Furniture and Fixtures . . . . . 4,880.49	
Cash . . . . . 107,073.41	
\$369,782.19	\$369,782.19

W. B. COOPER, President. GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice President.

THOS. E. COOPER, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF

## The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

At the close of Business, Nov. 27th, 1908.

(Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.)

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans and discounts . . . \$1,363,390.68	Capital . . . . . \$ 100,000.00
First mortgage bonds . . . 1,500.00	Undivided Profits . . . . . 138,102.21
Real Estate . . . . . 45,000.00	Deposits . . . . . 1,308,982.31
Furniture and fixtures . . . . . 1.00	
Cash and due from banks . . . 137,141.69	
\$1,547,033.37	\$1,547,033.37

J. W. Norwood, President. C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier.  
H. Walters, Vice President. J. L. Williams, Assistant Cashier.

Malaga Grapes,  
Large Cocoanuts,  
Loose Buckwheat,  
Seeded Raisins,  
Big Pineapples,  
Fine Bananas,  
Codfish Waffles,  
Cleaned Currants,  
Nice Prunes.

## CARPENTER GROCERY

STATEMENT CONDITION

## THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business November 27, 1908.

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans and Discounts . . . \$2,574,534.92	Capital . . . . . \$ 550,000.00
N. C. State and other . . . . .	Surplus and Net Profits . . . . . 298,134.69
Bonds . . . . . 138,044.25	Circulation . . . . . 550,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . 550,000.00	U. S. Bond Account . . . . . 100,000.00
Bank Buildings . . . . . 55,000.00	Deposits . . . . . 3,098,102.64
Cash . . . . . 1,228,698.18	
\$4,596,237.35	\$4,596,237.35

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President.  
J. W. YATES, Vice President. C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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