

The Evening Dispatch.

VOLUME FOURTEEN

WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30, 1908.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

THE NUMBER OF DEAD GROWS

Now Placed at Two Hundred Thousand

Yet Complete Number of Those Killed Will Likely Never be Known—Relief Work is Being Pushed and Dead Being Rapidly Buried—European Countries Send Warships to the Scene.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The death list from the earthquake in Southern Italy becomes more appalling as days go by. While the number of dead will probably never be known, estimates today place the list as high as two hundred thousand. It is said that not more than half a dozen people of the city of Reggio, with a population of 45,000, survived. All towns in the district suffered fearfully. Warships have been dispatched by European countries to the scene of the disaster to render any aid possible. The work of burying the dead goes on rapidly, no ceremony being observed and no attempt at identification being made. The relief work is being pushed, and lives are being saved. People imprisoned in the ruins are being dug out and saved. Many have lost their reason with the horror of it all.

Consul and Family Dead.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The State Department has received a dispatch from Consul Cayle, at Maeta, saying the Consul at Messina was totally destroyed. Consul Cherry, wife and entire official family are dead.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Wood pulp placed on the free list and a reduction of duty on steel of fifty per cent will constitute the principal points in the new tariff law to be enacted at the special session of Congress. Free lumber, coal, shoes and hides are also it is said, to be other principal changes in the schedule. Besides this the revision will tend toward reduction of fifteen to seventeen per cent. Many articles will be affected.

INSURANCE MAN IN TROUBLE.

M. F. Scott, of Fayetteville, Charged With Defrauding a Colored Preacher. Special to News and Observer. Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 29.—M. F. Scott, an insurance agent, was tried and bound over to court by Magistrate Overby of this city today for the defrauding of Rev. R. H. Simmons, a colored preacher. The minister testified that he gave Scott a mortgage in the sum of \$25,000 for which the insurance man was to secure for him 25 shares in the Southern Mutual Loan and Real Estate Company, of Wilmington, N. C., and that Scott disposed of the paper of \$18,000, retaining the money without fulfilling the contract. Scott was formerly bound over to court some time ago on a somewhat similar charge.

BONI LOSES AGAIN.

Court Refuses Him Permanent Control of Children. Paris, Dec. 30.—Count Boni De Castellane has lost his suit to get permanent control of his children. The court today awarded the custody of the children to their mother, Princess De Sagan. Count Boni had asked that the children be given his mother to rear, claiming the atmosphere at the De Sagan household injurious to their morals.

The Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat was a little lower, but turned firm. Opening wheat, May, 107 3/4; corn, May, 61 1/2; oats, May, 51 7/8; pork, May, 1660.

Stocks Today

New York, Dec. 30.—There was some irregularity in the opening of the stock market today, but soon disappeared. There was a drop in Interborough Metropolitan, but recovered and was followed by development of strength in the rest of the list.

Charters Granted Today.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Prim Company, wholesale grocers of High Point, was chartered today; also the Randolph Power Company, electric power, Greensboro, \$100,000.

THE NEW YEAR

Is the beginning of a regular interest period at The Peoples Savings Bank, deposit now and you will get your interest in Three Months.

KILLED BY A WOMAN

Jealousy Causes a Tragedy in Washington, N. C.—Last Night Pianist From New York Slain by a Woman, Who Then Shoots Herself and Is in a Precarious Condition.

Special to The Dispatch. Washington, N. C., Dec. 30.—Luther Stone, hailing from New York and pianist of the Dixie Theatre, this city, was murdered in a house of ill-fame last night by May Willard, an inmate. The killing seems to have been the outcome of jealousy. As he ascended a stairway and was near the top the woman, without warning, fired her revolver several times. Two bullets took effect in his head, proving fatal. The woman then tried to take her own life by firing two shots into her body. The man died this morning at the Washington Hospital and the woman's condition is thought to be precarious. The entire city is wrought up over the affair. Both the dead man and woman are comparative strangers here.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Christmas Exercises of Delgado Presbyterian Sunday School Last Night.

Last night the regular annual Christmas tree of the Delgado Presbyterian Sunday School was given. As usual it was a very delightful occasion. The tree was beautifully decorated and was laden with good things for the members of the school. The church building was crowded, a large number of visitors from the city being in attendance.

Besides the distribution of presents there were other attractive and interesting features of the occasion. Some fine tableaux were given, and a most excellent musical program rendered, under the direction of Mr. Jas. E. Wilson. There were in the orchestra Messrs. W. A. Martin, Cameron F. MacRae and W. A. Woods, with Mrs. E. C. Holt, leading soprano. Selections were rendered from the Christmas cantata, "The Messiah," and a large chorus took part in the singing. The audience expressed their appreciation of the musical program by a ringing vote of thanks to the members of the orchestra.

CHRISTMAS DANCE TONIGHT.

Harmony Circle Will Give a Brilliant Event.

Harmony Circle will present its Christmas dance tonight and its annual affair is always of brilliant nature. The dance, and an elegant supper, will take place at the Circle's attractive home, on South Front street, and music will be furnished by the Hollowbush Academy orchestra.

DIED IN BURGAW.

Prominent Pender County Man Passes Away.

Mr. L. H. Sanders, of Burgaw, one of Pender county's most prominent citizens, died last night at his home. He was a man nearing the three score and ten in age and had lived a most useful and happy life. He has relatives here, and many, many friends.

Mr. Geo. Bellamy's Condition.

News early this afternoon was to the effect that the condition of Mr. Geo. H. Bellamy is not as good today as yesterday. Dr. Russell Bellamy went to his home in Brunswick county this morning and Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy and Mr. R. R. Bellamy left for there this afternoon.

Special Sale at Goodman's.

Goodman Brothers have on a special hat and collar sale. The firm does not handle this line of merchandise, having entered the ladies' ready-to-wear line exclusively, but had the opportunity to purchase a stock of men's hats and collars remarkably cheap and saw fit to do so. This stock is being sold at their establishment. Hats worth \$2.00 and \$3.00 are now going at \$1.00. Collars worth 15c each are now going at 3 for 25c.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pearsall, of Rocky Mount, arrived last night to be with their son, Mr. Norwood Pearsall, who was operated on for appendicitis this morning at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Friends of young Mr. Pearsall will hope that he will soon recover from the effects of his attack.

No Special Term.

On account of a conflict of dates for Solicitor N. A. Sinclair, the order recently issued for a special term of the Superior Court of Brunswick county for the purpose of trying the man Walker charged with the murder of the late Sheriff Stanland has been revoked. The alleged murderer will be tried at the regular March term of the court and every effort will be made by the prosecution to prove a first degree charge.

TO YOUR INTEREST

Interest from January 1st on all deposits made on or before January 2nd at The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

CHURCH WEDDING THIS EVENING

Miss Keith Covington and Mr. I. W. Murphy

Will Be United in Marriage at Grace Methodist Church—The Ceremony Will Be Performed by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot—Mr. Murphy and His Bride Will Make Their Home at Greensboro.

A wedding of much interest to many friends in this city and elsewhere will be celebrated at 8:30 o'clock this evening when Miss Louise Keith Covington, sister of Mr. C. C. Covington, will be united in marriage to Mr. Isaac Wright Murphy, a prominent young business man of Greensboro. The ceremony will transpire at Grace Methodist church and the officiating minister will be Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of the church. Quite a number of invitations for the ceremony have been issued to friends here and elsewhere.

The church has been prettily and effectively decorated for the wedding and will present a most charming scene during the performance of the nuptials. The bride will have as her maid of honor, Miss Nora Thompson, of Baltimore, Md., and the bridesmaids will be Misses Marguerite Thompson, of Baltimore, Del. Sutton, of Fayetteville, Isabel Brown, of Salisbury, and Faith Covington, of Rockingham.

The groom will be accompanied by his brother, Mr. Paul Murphy, of Lowell, N. C., as best man, and the groomsmen will be Messrs. Eric Norden, of Wilmington, William Williams, of Raleigh, C. N. Brand, of Charleston, S. C., and Dr. Joel Murphy, of Wilmington.

Mr. Murphy and his bride will spend their honeymoon in the north where they will visit various points of interest. Upon their return south they will go to Greensboro, which city is to be their future home. The bride elect is a young lady of many charming traits of character and her friends in this city while viewing her departure from Wilmington with real regret, will wish her an unlimited amount of happiness in her new home. The groom is a well known young business man of Greensboro.

OFFERING FOR ORPHANS

Will be Made Tomorrow by Fifth Street Methodist Sunday School. The annual Christmas exercises of Fifth Street Methodist Church will be held tomorrow, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and continuing until 9 p. m. The formal part of the exercises in connection with the program will be held in the evening, and the preliminary hours will be devoted to receiving gifts from the members of the Sunday School which will be sent to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the evening's exercises and everyone is assured a delightful evening.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Of the First Baptist Church Sunday School Held Last Night. The regular Christmas exercises of the First Baptist Church Sunday School were held last night and a most enjoyable program was carried out. There were several hundred people in attendance and a delightful evening was spent by everyone. Following a custom of the Baptist schools in the State, each class in the local school contributed a substantial gift for the orphanage at Thomasville. Music for the entertainment was rendered by the school orchestra.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

At Boys' Brigade Armory, Corner Second and Church Streets.

Following the usual custom, the public is invited to attend the night watch services, beginning at 11 p. m. Thursday night, December 31st, and lasting one hour, at the Boys' Brigade Armory.

A very attractive musical program has been arranged and the following subjects will be discussed in ten minute talks by the following ministers: "Responsibility to Self," by Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Fifth Street Methodist Church.

"Responsibility to Neighbor," by Rev. Mr. Noe, of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal.

"Responsibility to State," by Rev. Mr. Martin, of Southside Baptist Church.

"Responsibility to Church," by Rev. Mr. Crowley, of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

TO YOUR INTEREST

Interest from January 1st on all deposits made on or before January 2nd at The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

GAMBLERS WERE TRIED

A Disabled Pair of Negroes Sent to the Superior Court Today From the Municipal Tribunal on the Charge of Engaging in a Game of "Craps"—Young Boy's Pathetic Appeal for His Father.

Ernest Lyon and John Lewis, a disabled pair of darkies were tried in the mayor's court at noon today on the charge of gambling. The pair of ebony hued defendants presented the appearance of maimed soldiers as they lined up in the prisoners' dock, as one was minus a leg and the other leered at His Honor with only one eye.

Lewis and Lyon were arrested last night by Police Officers D. W. Coleman and W. G. Brinkley. They were found in a house in the southern section of the city engaged in a most interesting game of "craps," and the officers watched the progress of the game for some minutes before they interrupted the gamblers. After hearing the evidence as brought against the disabled pair, the mayor sent each to the next term of the Superior Court under a bond of \$50.

Richard Register, a white man who has appeared before the court several times in the past was tried on the charge of being drunk and down. Register was already under a suspended sentence for a similar charge and the mayor stated the only thing which had prompted him to give Register another chance, was a pathetic appeal for clemency presented by Register's ten-year-old son, who seemed greatly affected by the predicament of his father. Solely on account of the child's appeal the mayor decided to give Register one more chance, and therefore imposed a sentence of thirty days upon the defendant, the same to be suspended during good behavior.

MR. ANDREW J. GARRISON

Died Last Night at His Late Residence at Hampstead.

Friends in the city of Mr. Andrew J. Garrison in this city will deeply regret to learn that he died last night at his home at Hampstead, shortly after 9 o'clock. Mr. Garrison was in the 46th year of his age and he is survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons. The children are, Misses Annie and Elizabeth, and Messrs. Don, Joe, John, and Leonard L. Garrison. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock from the late home of the deceased at Hampstead and the interment will be made in the family burying ground at Harrison Creek.

WORD FROM THE JONES.

At Brunswick for Coal and Has a Heavy Tow—Made a Superb Run Down.

Word was received from the tug Alexander Jones this morning and she is safe, and just as serene as ever, while her crew is well to a man. The tug was delayed on account of her heavy tow and is now at Brunswick, Ga., for coal. She has a big schooner in tow and which had been dismantled. She went to Jamaica, especially for this tow and on the way down made a wonderful run. She maintained a speed of 10 1/2 knots without a break. In other words, it was a straight stretch until she landed safe at Kingston, Jamaica.

Her tow is the schooner Carrie A. Norton, which she brings here to, under go repairs and then to be loaded with lumber.

TO YOUR INTEREST

Interest from January 1st on all deposits made on or before January 2nd at The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company.

TO GO WITH TAFT.

Engineer Who Has Been in Wilmington Will Accompany Taft to Panama.

It will be of interest to Wilmington people who remember him to know that President Roosevelt has named Mr. Allen Hazen, of New York, one of the corps of civil engineers to accompany President-elect Taft to Panama. Mr. Hazen has a number of friends here and was the engineer employed by the Clarendon Waterworks Company to get at the value of its plant when the city obtained the services of Engineer Ludlow.

MR. LEON JEWELL

Entertained a Number of His Friends at His Residence Last Evening.

Mr. Leon Jewell delightfully entertained a number of his friends at his home on Church street last night. During the evening music was furnished by an orchestra and dainty refreshments added to the pleasure of the occasion. Those fortunate enough to be the recipients of Mr. Jewell's cordial hospitality spent a most enjoyable evening as his guests.

JANUARY 1st, 1909.

Is the beginning of a regular interest period, deposits made now will be credited with Three Months Interest April 1st. THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK.



Gas Heaters FOR Bed Room Bath Room Halls.

Ask the Gas Company

Our New Interest Quarter

Begins January the First. Don't forget to give us your account.

4 per cent compound interest.

The American National Bank OF WILMINGTON

Savings Deposits

MADE WITH US ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2nd WILL BEAR INTEREST FROM THAT DATE. ADD SOMETHING TO YOUR ACCOUNT, IF ALREADY A DEPOSITOR; IF NOT, OPEN AN ACCOUNT NOW.

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

(Opposite Orton Hotel)

NORTH CAROLINA Soft Shelled Pecans ! 15 CENTS POUND. CARPENTER GROCERY

FOR RENT !

Three Desirable Offices on the Second Floor of The Murchison National Bank Building. These Rooms are Well Lighted, Heated and Ventilated.

For terms apply to Bank.

The Carolina Insurance Co.

Has secured this space for the purpose of calling the attention of property owners in Wilmington to the fact that it is the only local fire insurance company in Wilmington; that it has been in successful operation for the past twenty years; that it has paid in losses during that time more than one hundred and sixty thousand dollars; that it pays all of its losses without discount on the day proofs of loss are signed by check on a city bank; that it is represented by every insurance agent in Wilmington, any one of whom will be glad to place your business in this company upon request; that all of its investments are made here in Wilmington; and that it solicits the patronage of every property owner in Wilmington who is interested in building up Wilmington institutions.

AGENTS:

CLAYTON GILES & SON, WALKER TAYLOR, J. VAN B. METTS, J. H. BOATWRIGHT & SON, H. F. WILDER,	JAMES OWEN REILLY, C. L. DICKINSON, SMITH & LOBB, A. W. FATE COMPANY, WILL. REALTY AND INS. CO.
--	---

Fancy Groceries at the Siwasa

Anchovy Paste, Bar-le-duc, Swiss Cheese, Sap-Sago, Crystalized Fruits.

Phones 108-109 S. W. SANDERS.