VOLUME XXX No. 17.

REIDSVILLE, N. C. FRIDAY MAY 11, 1917

ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

THE JURY ACQUITTED PROFESSOR VAWTER

A special from Christiansburg, Va. says: The "unwritten law" of tre South tonight saved Prof. Caarles E Vawter from death in the electric chair. As the jury after deliberating for one hour and fifty-five minutes filed into the court room and freed the man who had slain Stockton Heth, Jr . his wife's admirer, his old mother rushed to his side, put her arms around him and sobbed hysterially

Not a tear dimmed the eyes of the man whose life he saved. But he was the most radiant man in the room. His wife alsoo became hysterical when the verdict of ',no' ball ty" was announced.

"I didd't do it in vain," she said sobbingly. "Tell Charley-Oh, let me tell my babies." She was too overcome to say more.

After his return to his home in Placksburg. Vawter was overwhelmed by congratulations from friends in the faculty and the student body of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, with which he was connected until May 1, the day his trial opened. He dictated the following statement to the newspaper men:

"I greatly regret the whole sad affair and the sorrow caused. The injustice done Mrs. Vawter is the one blot upon the whole case. While biameless as to Stockton's death I realize that I have been guilty of weakness when I should have been strong.

"The future stares me darkly in the face, but with God's aid I shall try to build somewhere a happy and wholesome home for my wife and children. My immediate plans are to rest.

A sudden and dramatic delay was caused in the trial when Judge W. W. Moffett was forced to adjourn court to let the jury compose themselves after R. L. Jordan, speaking for the defense, had caused every member of the jury, many of the audience and newspaper men to break into tears. When the climax of the speech came Attorney Jordan so vividly pictured the tragedy that the jury completely broke down and wept.

After having devoted practically all of Saturday afternoon to inspecting the home of Charles E. Vawter, to other crimes. After he had finished on trial for the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., and spending Sunday in restful quiet after an exacting week the jury Monay morning was prerared to hear closing evidence.

Because of the late arrival of a train on which Judge Moffett was returning from his home in Roanoke, where he spent Sunday, the morning session did not open until 11:30 o'clock. Immediately after court met it was announced that a strain on the ccurt house from the unusual crowds throughout the week had weaknened the structure and the session adjourned to a moving picture theatre.

The commonwealth had announced its intention as introducing as its first witness Monday Dr. J. C. King, formor superintendent of the Southwestern State hospital for the insane at Marion, Va., and Dr. J. S. de Jarnette superintendent of the Western State hospital at Staunton. To rebut testimony of these experts, the defense expected to present Dr. J. K. Hall, superintendent of Westbroook Sanitorium for the insane at Richmond, and Dr. L. Pedigo, of Roanoke.

It was learned that tentative instructions in the case were submitted Saturday evening and Judge Moffett spent Sunday considering them. This, it is believed may mean that only a few hours will be required to reach an agreement on instructions when that period of the trial is reached, instead of probably a day as had been feared.

Could Save 125,000,000 Bushels of

Wheat a Year, Says Vrooman, A suggestion that American millers might render a great public service in the campaign to prevent a war shortage of food by converting into flour a greater percentage of milled wheat was made in an authorized statement by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture.

"No step could do as much to increase our food supply immediately.' wrote Mr. Vrooman, "as to put the na-tion on a 'war bread' basis."

He pointed out that, while the present milling standard in this country converts only about 72 per cent of the wheat berry into flour, England has adopted an 81 per cent standard, Italy 85 per cent, Switzerland 80 per cent and France 77 per cent, and all of the belligerents are making bread from wheat flour mixed with rye, barley, corn and potato flour.

"Now, before necessity pinches us

these are facts which should be considered in all their possible practical bearings," he said,

THE NEWS IN BRIEF FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

A monster parade of the Filipinos of Manila was held Satrday as a den: enstration and pledge of their allegiance to the United States.

The minister of finance of the Canadian government states that plans are under way for joint action by Carada and the United States to reduce which has shaken the world creates the price of wheat.

Hunger riots have occurred in various points in Sweden within the past few days. The people, unable to buy food, raided the shops and soldiers had to be called to suppress the riot-

The ferment among the Hungarian working classes caused by the government's refusal of an effective reform of the franchisees, is very serious according to to a report from Copenha-

of the Milwaukee American Association baseball team, shot and fatally wounded a negro waiter in a hotel at Indianapolis, Ind., in an argument over a sugar bowl.

Walter George Newman, who played high and "put on a good deal of dog" about Salisbury when he was operating mines at Gold Hill, was in jail in Washington at last account for obtaining money under false pretence.

Mat Williams was drowned and C. A. White and E. M. Bellanger, all white men, barely escaped the same fate at New Berne when the automobile in which they were riding crashed through the railing of the bridge over Trent river and dropped into 20 feet

Senator Hale of Maine has introduced a resolution in the United Stars. Senate authorizing the transporting of German prisoners from England and France to the United States. The Senator pointed out that the measure would aid in solving the food problem of the allies.

Star Daley, who by his own confession, killed Ray Gibson of Tucson, Arizona, and then assaulted Mrs. Gibson, was hanged by a mob. After the capture, Daley told how he had committed the crime and also confessed his story he showed the mob leaders how he wanted the noose to be adjust-

Col. H. J. Slocum has received orders from General Wood's headquarters rescinding assembling of applicants at training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and publication of names of successful men until further orders. The total registration at camp was 3.621. This includes national guardsmen, 85 from North Carolina, 64 from South Carolina, and 56 from Tennes-

At Coleman, Texas, a verdict of guilty of murder was returned by the jury in the case of Harry J. Spanell. charged with the killing of Lieutenant M. C. Butler. Punishment was fixed at five years imprisonment. Spanel they were riding in a carriage with He was insanely jealous but there was no evidence to support his suspicions. Strange to say the man was acquitted of the murder of his wife.

WANTED, A BATTLE SONG; ONE WITH A PUNCH IN IT

In the cabarets the yodelers are workhearken and remain unmoved. They men every ethers. Thousands, na rise for "The Star Spangled Banner," cheer for "Dixie" and put their forks down for "America." But the whimsies Michigan, Oshkosh, Arkansas and Illinois leave them cold. The big song is still unborn, the song that will make the feet of the army tingle and the heart of It grow strong.

It is "Tipperary" that is credited with winning as many battles for the English as any of their generals. The French likewise have walked through of the country and to all who work the hall across No Man's Land with boulevard refrains on their lips.

"Something with a swing," said Captain F. R. Kenney of the regular army recruiting station in Chicago. "If I fcodstuffs, The importance of an adeknew what I'd write it myself. There quate food supply, especially for the comes, though. Everybody will know abundant food, alike for the armies it's the song.

"Now is the time for every brass band here to come to the ald of his country," said another officer at the station. "We don't want any classical stuff or any old stuff. The old airs are still great, but this is a new war, and we want s new song.

Roofings are still going higher, but we have big stock yet.-Reidsville Hardware Co.

APPEAL TO FARMERS

My Fellow Countrymen:

The entrance of our own beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights so many problems of national life and action which call for immediate concideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address to you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them.

We are rapidly putting our navy upon an effective war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these are the simplest part of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves. There is not a single selfish element, so far as I can see, in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind Dan Shaw of Kansas City, manager and for the future peace and security of the world. To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself. We must realize to the full how great the task is and how many things, how many kinds of elements of capacity and service and self-sacrifice, it involves.

These, then, are the things we must do, and do well, besides fighting-the things without which mere fighting would be fruitless:

We must supply abundant food for curselves and for our armies and our seamen not only, but but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting.

We must supply ships by the hundreds out of our shipyards to carry to the other side of the sea, submarines or no submarines, what will every day be needed there, and abundant materials out of our fields and our mines and our factories with which not only to clotne and equip our own forces on land and sea but also to clothe and support our people for whom the gallant fellows under arms can no longer work, to help clothe and equip the armies with which we are co-operating in Europe and to keep the looms and manufactories in raw material; coal to keep the fires going in ships at sea and in furnaces of hundreds of factories across the sea; steel out of which to make arms and ammunition both here and there; rails for worn out railways tack of the fighting fronts; locomotives and rolling stock to take the place of those every day going to pieces; mules, horses, cattle for labor and for military service; everything with which the people of England and France and Italy and Russia have usually supplied themselves but can not now afford the men, the materials, or the machinery to make.

It is evident to every thinking man that our industries, on the farms, in the shipyards, in the mines, in the factories, must be made more prolific and more efficient and that they must be more economically managed and better killed Butler and Mrs. Spannel while adapted to the particular requir ments of our task than they have been; and what I want to say is that the men and the women who devote their thought and energy to these things will be serving the country and conducting the fight for peace and freedom just as truly and just as effectively as the men on the battlefield or in the trenches. The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great national, a great international, Service Anmy,-a notable ing their larynxes to death trying to and honored host engaged in the ser-"put a real one over." The critical pa- vice of the nation and the world, the triots draped about the cafe tables efficient friends and saviors of free hundreds of thousands, of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and necessity be excused from about the assorted hearts of Maryland, that service and assigned to the fundamental, sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much part of the great patriotic forces of the nation as the I take the liberty, therefore, of

men under fire. addressing this word to the farmers on the farms: The supreme need of our own nation and the nations with which we are cooperating is an abundance of supplies, and especially of won't be any mistaking it when it present year, is superlative. Without and the peoples now at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fail. The world's food reserves are low. Not only during the present emergency but for some time after peace shall have come both our people and a large proportion of the peo-

(Continued on Page 4)

MISS EDNA EARLE KING -MR. S. WHITE SIDDLE

On Wednesday, May 9th, at six clock, Miss Edna Earle King, daughor of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. King, became the bride of Mr. S. White Siddle of Akron, Ohio. The Main street Methodiist church was the setting of this simple, yet beautiful wedding.

Rawley sang, "Because." Then Miss Plair Spencer sang "At Dawning." Miss Charlotte Matthewson was at ine organ. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bridal party entered the church down opposite aisles. First came Mr. Julius Johnston of Yanceyville and Mr. Clyde siddle, brother of the groom. Then ame Miss Lucy Blair Wray and Miss Sadie King, sister of the bride. Next Mr. Alvis Florence and Mr. Robert Wray followed by Miss Susie Stokes Mrs. Henry B. Clark, a bride of two weeks. Little Miss Mary Strader was ring bearer carrying the ring in peculiar in railway annals, many a a flower. The bride, attired in a going away costume of tan entered on King and was met at the altar by the ly dressed in dainty white net dresses with large hats, carrying baskets drawing them slowly as they dumped two are Rev. Harold Thomas and Dr. of pink sweet peas. The dame of the rails over the side of the car end honor wore pink taffeta, draped with to end, these metals to replace those tulle and a pink tulle polk-bonnett. She carried a basket of lavender When they started they had a full going to find it hard to get men to resweet peas.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Siddle left on train No. and requiring many men to move. A ministry and the other in the work of 35 for Greensboro. They are to go man named Turner was in charge of by Washington, Philadelphia, and the railway hands. Buffalo to Akron, O., where Mr. Siddle holds a responsible position with the Goodyear Tire Co.

One of the social events of the week was the Silk Hose Shower, given by Misses Ruth and Kate Burton, at their apartments at the Piedmont Hotel Sat- fell down an embankment amid a urady afternoon, May 5th, at 3:30 Cang of metal and finally came to a cises to the fabric of every American complimentary to-Miss Edna King, standstill with the trucks in the air, home was formally presented to the whose marriage to Mr. S. White Siddle of Akron, Ohio, was solemnized Wednesday, May 9th, at 6:00 p. m.

The apartments were artistically

was found that Miss Marion Oliver men managed to get away from the people of the British Isles-half as was the lucky winner and she was presented with a handpainted ivory fan limb after the accident getting poles While the principal features of the which she gracefully presented it to and leavering up the ends of rails and new war levy are increases in income the bride to be. At the conclusion of thus allowing the suffering, trapped and profits taxes, internal revenue the games, Master Nat. Burton, uner the car, which was held poised rates and customs duties, many of its nephew of the hostesses, entered with of the rails to come from under the provisions reach the innermost struca fancy basket, containing many pairs wreckage. There was nothing that ture of every American home and of beautiful silk hose for the bride. The hostesses presented Miss King one the cries died down, the injured mostformidable ever faced by the with a pair of blue Italian hose, while men who had been freed being able American people. Miss Bruce Long of Rockingham and Mrs. H. B. Clark, a recent bride, were each given an embroidered crepe de chine handkerchief.

Refreshments were then served consisting of a salad course, followed by lemon ice and cake demitasse, coffee and mints.

invited guests were: Missess Edna Benaja, Brown Summit and Reids-King, Sadie King, Lucy Wray, Ruth Hairston, Kittle Irvin, Marion Oliver, Thelma Young, Kathleen Terry, Mary afternoon, at the home of Miss Ruth Freddy, Bruce Long of Rockingham, Rawley by Miss Rawley and Miss Suhouse guest of the hostesses, Minnie sie Stokes, as hostess. The guests Lee Whittemore, Blair Spencer, Ruth enjoyed an interesting game of Hearts, diawley, Susie Stokes, Gladys Burton, at the conclusion of which, Miss King Mesdames H. B. Clark, Willie Glancy, was given two baskets filled with hand-W. W. Williams.

Clark. Six tables were arranged for Wray, Sadie King, Minnie Lee Whitthe game of Bridge, which was enthus temore, Blair Spencer, Kitty Irvin, the game, the entertainment was in Eurton, Bruce Long, Kathryn Moss, brideto-be, Miss Edna King. Decora- Whittemore, Mesdames Willie Glancy tions of pink honeysuckle made the Dave Shreve, Will Williams, Jr. T. R. table lovely, and in center was sus- Rankin, and J. B. Balsley. pended a pink parasol, containing lovely gifts of linen. Little Miss Margaret Whittemore, in pink crepe de chine, at the church, Miss Edna King enwas given the honor to lower the para- tertained her bridal party at her gol of gifts to Miss King. The prize home on North Scales street. The at bridge was won by Miss King, a home was decorated throughout with bottle of Azurea sachet, and the honor- ferns and pink blossoms. Punch was ees were presented, Mrs. Clark with a served in the hall by Mrs. W. B. beudoir cap, and Miss King, a box of Wray. Many beautiful and useful Azurea powder. A salad course for presents were displayed in the living lowed by ices was served. Those en- room. joying the evening were Misses Edra King, Lucy, Wray, Effle Bangle, Sadie King, Mary Winkinson, Dora Courts, forded much amusement, Miss Ruth Pattie Spargeon, Elizabeth Craig, Ruth Rawley, Irene Taylor, Mary Preday, Ollie Terry, Bruce Long, Sue Car- Ruth Burton cut the grain of coffee. er, Famile Gardner, Uran Whittemore, Kathleen Terry, Marion Oliver, Louise refreshments were served the guests Johnston, Mesdames Henry Clark. T. before their departure. R. Rankin, Willie Glancy, Will Wil-Hams, Jr., B. R. Stone, T. R. Whittemore, and J. B. Balsley.

A Handkerchief shower honoring Miss King was also given on Monday

ONE KILLED AND MANY HURT IN AN ACCIDENT

Dave Wilson of Reidsville was killed and ten negroes and one white man were injured at Rudd six miles north Prior to the ceremony, Miss Ruth of Greensboro Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when a flat car loaded while being unloaded, the men being caught beneath the car. One negro, Cager Powell is not expected to live. The others injured will recover.

Five of the injured negroes were carried to Danville for treatment and some of them said that they saw the badly broken bodies of three colored men in the wreckage and could hear the screams of others who were and Miss Minnie Lee Whittemore, out of view. Several of the injured has taken active interest in the affairs Following came the dame of honor, negroes were taken to Greensboro for of the city, and has assisted in every treatment.

The acciednt was one of the most fast flyer has been ditched with few. his friends here." er casualities than in this instance he arm of her brother, Mr. Reuben when the flat car suddenly turned over

The negroes told graphic tales about groom and his best man, Mr. Henry it. They were at work distributing two of her citizens who have been B. Clark. The maids were charming- rails along the side of the track. amon, if not leaders in so much of Theirs was a short train, the engine which were worn out on the track. lead of thirty foot rails, each one place them in this community. In weighing approximately 900 pounds their spheres of activity, one in the

They had practically emptied one pened. The long flat car bearing the himself in service." tremendous weight, relieved of the rails on one side, suddenly tilted up and dolled off the track tearing itself loose from the other cars. The car that there was at least a score of men | passage. standing on the pile of rails just debris, the few who were sound of many-now pay per capita of \$60. to see by peering under the wreckage bleeding bodies. One man's body was caught at the waist.

John Brown, Rufus Johnson, James of the bond issue to finance the for-Abernethy, Cager Powell, Dave Young, eign loan. Will Moore, Buck Adams, Edward Plackwell, Major Sidney and Al Wheel-Favors were miniature flags. The er. All of them lived around Ruffin, ville.

kerchiefs, gifts of her numerous friends. Mrs. Clark a recent bride, ation. The men will be paid for work On Friday evening Misses Blair was presented with candle sticks, and Spencer and Minnie Lee Whittemore Miss King with an attractive vase. were hostesses at the home of Mrs. W. Salad course followed by sweets, was L. Gardner on Lindsey street in honor served. Those present were Miss of Miss Edna King and Mrs. H. B. King, Mrs. H. B. Clark, Misses Lucy tatically enjoyed, at the conclusion of Louise Johnston, Kate Burton, Ruth ne form of a linen shower for the Kathleen Terry, Sue Carter, Ursa

Tuesday night after the rehearsal

These showed the popularity of the young couple. The wedding cake af Rawley cutting the ring. Mr. Alvis Florence cut the thimble and Miss No one found the money. Delightful

The local banks were closed yesterday in observance of Southern Memorial Day.

Read the paper regularly.

DR. H. R. THOMPSON GOES FROM FLORENCE TO DECATUR

The following frmo the Florence, S. C. Times, will be read with interest by the many friends here of Dr. H.

R. Thompson, formerly of Reidsville: Dr. H. R. Thompson has been notified of his appointment as General Secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association at Decatur, Ala. and will leave Florence on May 15th. to take up his new duties. The Assowith steel rails toppled from the train ciation there has a membership of over a thousand, and is in a flourishing condition. Dr. Thmpson has been assistant secretary of the Florence Association for several years and has made hosts of friends since coming here who will regret sincerely to ten him leave. The Doctor has been a great favorite, not only among the members of the "Y" but among the citizens of the city generally. He movement for its uplift and advancement. While he is naturally gratified

The same paper says editorially: "Florence is going to suffer a very distinct loss in the moving away of the good work of the community. The H. R. Thompson of the Y. M. C. A. They are both men whose abilities are worthy of broader fields, but we are the great Y. M. C. A., they have been instrumental in shaping the character and standards of the people of the side of the car when the accident hap. community and neither one spared

over his promotion he is sorry to leave

WAR BILL MEANS DIRECT TAX OF \$33 PER CAPITA

The war tax bill extending its ex-The scene that followed, according to House Wednesday by the ways and the negroes was terrible. They said means committee with plans for quick

It proposes special taxes to raise decorated in the National colors. The before the accident. A few were \$1,800,000,000 in addition to the prespunch bowl, presided over by Miss thrown clear but others were caught ontnormal annual revenue of \$1,500,-Sadie King, was the center of attrac- by the slipping metals and their feet 000,000. When its terms are effective tion, with its draperies of "Old Glory." terribly injured, some being wedged the American people will be paying After a spirited round of bridge, it and others being thrown clear. Twelve direct taxes of \$33 per capita. The

could be done for them and one by make up a list of taxes, probably the

The committee estimated the war expenditures for the remainder of this and the whole of the next fiscal The injured were Bencen Yancey, year at about \$3,800,000,000, exclusive

> INTERNED GERMANS WILL BE SENT TO HENDERSONVILLE

> More than 3,000 interned Germans now being detained at Ellis Island N Y., will be transferred to a detention camp at Lake Kanuga, near Hendersonville, N. C. It is probable that more camps will be established in the Western part of the Stat.

The Germans will be afforded an opportunity for road work and recre-

It Was He Who Ordered the Execution of Edith Cavell.

General Baron Moritz Ferdinand von Bissing, who was recently reported dead, was appointed governor general of Belgium in November, 1914, in succession to General von der Golts. He was born in 1844.

During his rule in Belgium General von Bissing came into prominence many times, notably in connection with the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, the Eligish nurse; frequent clashes with Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, and the deportation of Belgians.

It was reported in 1915 that he had ordered the roundup of spies and persons suspected of working against the Germans in Belgium and that scores of executions followed the carrying out of his order. Several times by his order Belgian cities and towns were fined heavily for alleged breaking of

rules laid down by him. He had been ill off and on for more than a year.

Two-End Repression.

Mingus (spenking of one who has just passed) - He certainly has a squelched appearance.

Sillbent-No wonder. His wife won't let him express his mind at home, and his boss won't let him express it at the office.

Mingus-What's his business? Sillbent-He's a newspaper editor .-

Read the paper regularly.