

### "ANGEL OF MONS" MYSTERY SOLVED

After Sixteen Years Ghostly Figures Seen On Clouds About Flanders Battlefield Explained.

At the Battle of Mons in Flanders during the World war soldiers of the French and English armies in a night attack were terrified to see the illuminated forms of angels reflected upon low-hanging clouds above the German line. Superstitious Tommies and poilus thought it a sign of supernatural protection for the Germans and but for their officers many would have fled from the field of battle.

Both French and English officers did some fast thinking and not only kept this ghostly phenomenon from halting their attack but turned it to their own account. English commanders convinced their men the figures in the clouds were the spirits of England's knights of old beckoning them on. The French troops were told the soul of Joan of Arc was calling them on to victory. And so the soldiers of both nations attacked with greater vigor than before. The "angels of Mons" did not appear again.

Now after 16 years the mystery of this strange phenomenon is cleared up. The ghostly figures were merely motion pictures thrown upon the clouds by powerful projectors by Germans in hopes they would demoralize the fighting spirit of the French and English and check their fierce attack.

This is the story now told by Colonel Frederick Herenwirth who was in the German secret service during the war. The same trick had been tried earlier in Russia, the colonial states, and results were all that could have been hoped for until the secret became known. On the Russian front the Germans threw the likeness of the Virgin Mary with upraised hands upon the clouds. Russian troops, made up of superstitious, ignorant peasants for the most part, quit fighting and fled in terror or surrendered by thousands.

### TOULUCA AND KNOB CREEK CLEANINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Young Have New Son. New House is Erected. Personal.

(Special to The Star.) Toluca, Mar. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young are the proud parents of a new arrival, a bouncing big boy, born on last Wednesday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. David Boyles who is suffering with a stroke paralysis is improving at this writing.

Mr. Willie Sain is having a nice new four room house erected on his farm his mother gave him, and expects to move a family of colored tenants into it as soon as it is finished. Mr. John Miller is the contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sain, of Charlotte, visited at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hartman on last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Yarbro and daughter, Miss Catherine, of Morganton, were supper guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Yarbro on last Saturday.

Mrs. R. P. Boyles and children were dinner guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Griffin Leatherman, of Lincoln county on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar King and daughter, Inez, of Lincoln county, spent last Friday night with her daughter, Mrs. Textie Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Boyles, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Yarbro last Sunday evening.

Miss Vivian Peeler, of Belwood, spent last Tuesday night with Miss Corene Self.

Mrs. Theodore Boyles, of Lincoln county spent last Monday night with Mrs. M. S. Boyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Eskridge Hallman, and little son, Roy, of Shelby, were supper guests of Mrs. Textie Boyles on last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Scism spent last Saturday night with Misses Salls and Essie Blanton, of Lincoln county.

Master Arnold Deal, of Rockdale spent last Tuesday night with Master Thaxter Sain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mull, of Catawba county, spent last Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sain.

Mr. J. C. Mull, of Shelby, was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sain on last Monday night. Others spending awhile were Messrs. Earn and DeVaughn Boyles of Lincoln county, A. C. Costner, Andy and Blain Willis, F. A. Boyles, Ellis Hartman and Melvin Spake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaker moved to their farm near Bessemer City last week.

Messrs. Evans Hartgrove and Hazel Allen spent the week-end with home folks.

Twenty-one years ago Andrew Ellis of Adrian, Mich., loaned Vivian Pescha 20 cents to get a hair cut. Recently Pescha sent Ellis the 2 cents, plus five cent for interest.

### TUCKER IN FAVOR SALES TAXATION

State College Professor Addresses Real Estate Board On Taxation Methods.

Some forms of sales tax, as fair and as easily collected as the gasoline tax, is the most probable solution of the present tax problem and the unjust burden on land, Professor Harry Tucker, highway engineer of the State college faculty, told members of the Raleigh Real Estate board at their luncheon.

People today demand more service from their government and there is little reason to believe that this demand will be lessened and the speaker. Consequently a new and fairer method of taxation is necessary. "If the various systems of taxation are compared it will be found that the property tax, in many respects, is one of the most unsatisfactory forms of taxation in use. While it cannot be readily evaded, it often proves inequitable and may actually be confiscatory where the property has been assessed on high valuation which later proves far beyond the actual worth of the property on an income producing basis.

"The income tax is adapted to the ability of a citizen to pay but it can and often is evaded. In many ways the gasoline tax of all forms of taxation most nearly fills the rules laid down for a successful method of raising revenue. If not carried to an excess it is a reasonable tax. It applies to those able to pay it and who receive direct benefit of the funds raised; and it is easy to collect and cannot be evaded. Essentially it is a sales tax. The success of this form of taxation leads one to believe that other commodities might be taxed in a similar way with as satisfactory results."

Mr. Tucker recommended full state support of schools and the formation of a national as well as a state highway system as a means of improving roads and taking burden off the counties and land.

### Store Tells Why It Uses Paper "Ads"

Space Taken in Colorado Daily Merchant to Explain Policy of Using Newspapers.

Editor and Publisher. Five-column space was taken recently in the Colorado Springs (Colo.) Gazette by Kaufman's, a local department store, to tell its reasons for using newspaper space almost exclusively for advertising. The copy, which was headed "Why Do We Use Newspapers Almost Exclusively for Our Store News?" follows.

"Have you ever wondered why you never see an advertising message from Kaufman's on a billboard in a street car, or on any outdoor medium save our corner benches? ... Have you ever wondered why we do not send you 'ballyhoo' sales circulars? Why you seldom hear from us over the radio? ... In short, why we use the newspapers almost exclusively for our store news?"

"The reason is simple. Newspaper advertising is the most economical way for us to reach the greatest number of prospects for our merchandise. ... We have found that by concentrating our expenditure in the newspapers we can bring our store news to the attention of the most people at the least cost and as often as every day. To use the other mediums to any great extent would be for us largely a duplication—and it is because of this and other of our efficiency methods of reducing operating costs that we are able for reasonable prices. ... We ask you to look for our messages mainly in newspapers."

### CASES MAY AID FARMERS IN RIDDANCE OF INSECTS

Ames, Ia.—Poison gases, similar to those used in warfare, are being tested to ascertain if they will aid the farmer against damaging bugs.

Scientists at Iowa State college here are investigating the feasibility of using gases instead of sprays, smudges and powders with which crops have been protected heretofore.

Bugs are placed in glass vials and admitted to contact with different gases to learn which gas is most effective against each type of insect.

### Danger Every 14 Miles

Washington. — One unprotected trade crossing to every fourteen miles of highway threatens the safety of motorists, the American automobile association reports.

The statement was based on a total of 210,874 unprotected crossings for 3,000,000 miles of highway of all types. It was estimated that unprotected crossings increase at a rate of 1,000 a year.

In 1928 there was a net increase of 1,687 crossings, despite campaigns to eliminate the transportation hazard, according to figures of the Interstate Commerce commission.

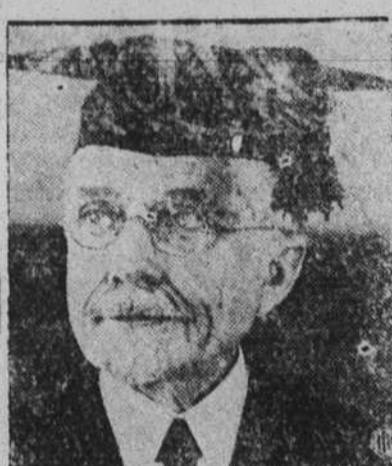
W. R. Patton of Princeton, Va., recently the attorney of a woman in a term rather than return to live with his deserted wife.

### May Forecast Dictators Overthrow



Has the passing of the Iron Man of Spain shaken the foundations under the other minor Napoleons or is the effacement of the Spanish military leader without much significance beyond the country's borders? It is generally agreed that De Rivera's eclipse will not have serious effects in the other countries under the rule of dictators. Above are pictured some of the leading dictators of Europe, born as an after effect of the World War.

### Professor Honored At Temple University



Dr. Chevalier Jackson, professor of bronchology in Temple School of Medicine, Philadelphia, was awarded the degree of doctor of laws at the mid-Winter commencement exercises at Temple University, which were held in connection with the annual founder's day.

### Disastrous Fire Hits Lincolnton

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Lincolnton, Hickory, Gastonia and Cherryville firemen in an endeavor to keep the flames confined to the Square store and Lincolnton Furniture and Undertaking Co., buildings.

The two brick buildings, housing four stores and an Odd Fellows lodge hall, were completely destroyed. The Square store, the Shoe store and Betty Mays, a women's shop, all operated by Karesh Enterprises, Inc. and the Lincolnton Furniture and Undertaking Co., operated by the Whitley-Wilkinson chain of Kannapolis, lost practically all of their stocks of goods.

H. Karesh and I. M. Karesh said the loss of goods. In their three stores approximated \$40,000 with \$25,000 insurance. D. A. Yoder of the furniture firm said its loss amounted to \$6,000, covered by insurance. Most of the furniture on the ground floor was saved.

The furniture store building was owned by E. C. Baker, who is touring Florida, and was valued at \$35,000. It is reported to be partially covered with insurance. The Square store building, owned by W. E. Grigg, was valued at the same amount and was also partially covered.

### Fire Origin Unknown

Water and smoke caused heavy damage to the stores of the Land's Hardware company and the Lincoln Drug company, which adjoined the burned buildings. No estimate of the total loss to those two stores had been made by the owners last night.

The small flame that originated in a mysterious way on the second floor of the Square store building was quickly spread over the entire building by the strong wind, while Fire Chief Oscar Shuford's volunteer firemen fought uneven odds.

Despairing of ever getting the flames under control in the face of the brisk morning breeze, the fire chief telephoned the nearby cities for assistance, Hickory sending a truck over the 26-mile route in 26 minutes.

Fireman Whitfield Tobey of Lincolnton was struck on the head by a concrete block when a retaining wall of the Square store, Lincolnton's only three-story building, fell. Kenneth Crowell, a comrade, rushed to his aid and dug him from the rubble. Tobey received slight lacerations on his head and was treated at the Lincoln hospital.

As the fire progressed, the March

### Air Romance Poneymooners



Although she has "taken dictation" from him for several years of the capacity of his office secretary, the former Miss Olive A. Mellor will no longer play a subordinate role, according to Walt H. Beech, nationally known aviation leader. The woman became husband and wife in Wichita, Kan., recently, and are now enjoying an aerial honeymoon. The groom is president of Travel Air, large commercial aircraft company and president of the Curtiss-Wright Sales Corporation of New York.

### Impached Governor Will Stage Comeback



Former Governor James E. Ferguson, of Texas, who, although he was impeached and removed from office in 1917, announces that he will be a Democratic candidate for Governor in the July elections. Since his removal from office as Governor, Ferguson has been an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate and ran for President in the American Party ticket.

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