

CHARLES D. SLAUGHTER
SUCCEUMBS AT DANVILLE

Former Mayor of North Danville and Prominent Mason Victim of Hoax Attack—Other State News.

DANVILLE, March 14.—Charles Darwin Slaughter, for some years Mayor of North Danville, died suddenly at his home, on Lee Street, last night from a heart attack. He had for seven years suffered from malaria which could not be cured, but this did not prevent him from carrying out his duties as mayor of North Danville, which position he held for five years. The funeral will be held from the home of Mrs. Slaughter tomorrow afternoon.

Tobacco Sales Light.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—The warm rain of the past few days, creating a season in which tobacco could be ordered for the market, it is believed, caused the market during the coming week to see a practical wind-up of the tobacco raising in the hands of the farmers. During the past week the sales aggregated only 130,000 pounds, the sales being 100,000 pounds for any week during the season. Good tobacco was in strong demand at good prices, and the nondescript grades also sold well, though lower. The quotations, based on sales, are: lugs, \$10 to \$12; leaf, \$19 to \$24, and wrappers, \$19 to \$25. The sales aggregated 9,730,000 pounds so far. This is 5,358,800 pounds below the sales for the 1915 crop at the same time last year.

Danville Chooses Delegates.
DANVILLE, March 14.—Republicans of Danville meeting last night at the courthouse to choose delegates to the district and State conventions, harmony prevailing, although there was apparent a slight undercurrent of feeling—an outgrowth of the old split in the meeting. Frank Lumpkin presided at the meeting and stated the purposes of the call. The following delegates were chosen to represent this county at the district convention: R. J. Mustain, a member of the Board of Aldermen; J. B. Stovall and Frank D. Lumpkin. The name of G. M. Tucker was presented, but objections were raised. The action on the score that he lived and transacted his business in Roanoke. He was chosen as an alternate to vote for Congressman Bascom Semp. Other delegates named were: J. B. Stovall, H. L. Lawson, of Floyd; J. T. Crupper, of Giles; and delegates to the national convention, J. B. Stovall being named as delegate at large to the Chicago convention.

Arrest Alleged Defrauder.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—According to a report which has been received here, E. Haydon Bozell, formerly of this city, has been arrested in Nebraska, and is being held on a charge which was preferred against him some time ago in Richmond. The report is that he had been using the mails to defraud, and the offense was committed more than two years ago, since which time the authorities here, by trying the case, have been living in the West under an alias since leaving Richmond, according to the moving-picture business here.

Narrow Escape From Auto.
DANVILLE, March 14.—Beulah Boissau, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boissau, narrowly escaped being run over by an automobile. Gliding down a concrete alley on roller skates, she went out on the street, where she was struck by a machine, which knocked her down in a position that the car completely passed over her. She was badly injured, but she picked herself up and continued skating, while an older sister, who had seen the accident, ran to her aid and took her home thoroughly unnerved by the sight.

Fire Mains Inadequate.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—A test of water for fire protection at public institutions outside of the city, which has been made for this purpose, has disclosed that the protection is inadequate at the Presbyterian Orphanage and the Miller Orphanage. Larger mains will have to be provided for these respective institutions. The investigation resulted from a fire in a building on Monday night which destroyed a \$20,000 residence when there was a lack of water.

Seriously Injured by Truck.
DANVILLE, March 14.—J. W. Lewis, a resident of North Danville, was mangled and injured early this morning when he was struck by a truck driven by H. O. Lynch. Mr. Lewis was unconscious. At the General Hospital it was said that he had sustained injuries to his head, but that he was recovering. The truck driver was arrested, charged with reckless driving, and is under \$500 bond for his appearance in court next Saturday morning.

Appointed on Educational Board.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—Forest Halsey, of this city, has been placed on the Committee of Visual Instruction, of the New York City educational system, and will be in charge of the extension of the motion pictures as a means of education in the New York schools. Mr. Halsey is associated with the moving picture industry and while his home is here he spends considerable time in New York.

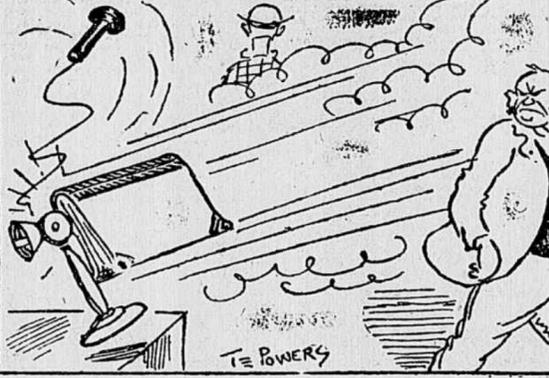
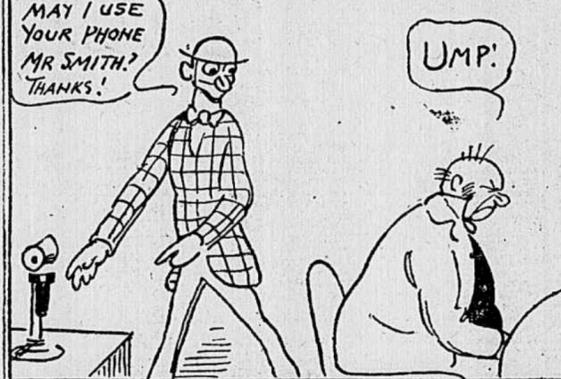
Invitation Close to Arrest.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—An invitation bidding Robert Rose, colored, to a birthday party here, which was found by the police in an automobile belonging to I. M. Hamilton, led the police to recover after it had been stolen, led to the arrest of Rose, and James Tucker and Paul Simpson, all colored. The car, it is believed, was taken to take guests to the party.

Baggett Farm Sold.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—The farm in Spotsylvania County, belonging to the estate of the late S. I. Baggett, consisting of 240 acres and located between this city and Spotsylvania Courthouse, was sold at public auction here yesterday, by Judge Alvin R. Emrey, trustee, for \$3,100. S. I. Baggett was for many years a clerk in the office of Auditor of Post-Office Department at Washington, and was well known.

LYNCHBURG, March 14.—Because of the cold winter farm work in this section is unusually backward, for nothing has been done since early December. There has been little snow, but the frozen condition of the ground has kept the farmers out of the field for some months. The weather, with less shortage seems to indicate a short acreage under cultivation in this part of the State this year.

Extensive Mill Improvements.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—L. K. Lowry has sold his mill property at Brooke, Va., Stafford County, to Jethro Kloss, who expects to make extensive improvements in same. It is a new corn mill, and the new owner will add a flouring mill and a cannery factory for fruit products and will

It's a Gift



employ from twenty-five to fifty people in this new enterprise. Mr. Kloss came to Virginia from Minnesota.

Dr. Anderson to Address High School.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—Dr. Dice R. Anderson, of Richmond, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the local high school June 14. Dr. Anderson is to take up his duties as president of the college here April 1.

Plans for Fredericksburg Fair.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—The Fredericksburg Fair Association will hold its next annual fair on the grounds here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 23, 29 and 30. This was decided at a meeting of the board of directors held today when \$2,000 was appropriated for free acts and other plans laid for making the exhibition a success.

New Street Sweeper for Danville.
DANVILLE, March 14.—The city's recently ordered motor sweeper arrived today. It closely resembles a war tank and weighs 12,000 pounds. It cost nearly \$10,000, and it is claimed by the manufacturer not only sweeps the streets and gutters, but collects the material in a large tank.

Big Fish Catch.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—Two big loads of fish were in the market here today, having been brought from Passapatany shore on the Potomac, which is operated by Robert Jennings. The load represented over 2,000 pounds and included ten varieties were rock, perch, pike, some catfish and a nice lot of herring. Most of the lot was shipped to Washington.

Alarming Decrease in Dog Tax.
DANVILLE, March 14.—Danville officials has only thirty-five dogs, for taxes on only this number have been paid into the State Treasury. February 1 was the last day on which the tax could be paid without penalty. Last year state taxes on 420 dogs were paid before the lapse of that time.

Record Catch of Season.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—Fishermen along the Potomac River brought here yesterday the largest quantity of fish for any one day so far this season. Thirty barrels, representing some half-dozen varieties, were shipped by express to Northern markets.

Four Million Increase in Stock.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—The charter of the Lynchburg Co-operative Building and Loan Association has been amended to permit an increase of the capital stock from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA
Mrs. Laura Harris Green. Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Harris Green, wife of John L. Green, who died Saturday night at her home in Hanover County, near Ashland, in her seventy-fifth year, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Clara, Loula, Annie Lee and one son, Willard W. Green, of Bowling Green.

Former Mayor Dies.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 14.—Culpepper Exum, former Mayor of Birmingham, president of the Chamber of Commerce and prominent in the fertilizer and sulphuric acid business for many years, died at his home here this morning after an illness of more than a year. The funeral will be held here Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Sullivan.
FREDERICKSBURG, March 14.—Mrs. Lucy J. Sullivan, 82, died at her home near White Oak, in Stafford, last night. She had been ill for some time. Her survivors include four children, Willard Sullivan, Mrs. Sarah Jeff, Mrs. Lucy Chilton, Mrs. Isabelle Fines.

FIND BODY OF SLAIN WIFE HIDDEN IN DESERTED BARN
Tennessee Sheriff Is Now Searching Surrounding Territory for Missing Husband.

CHIATTANOOGA, TENN., March 14.—The body of Mrs. Laura Vaughn, 25, was found in a deserted barn in a field near Bushy, a negro settlement at the eastern outskirts of the city, at 9 o'clock this morning, and officers are searching for her husband, John Vaughn, who is accused of the murder. The woman's face and neck were badly bruised and marks about the throat indicated that she had been strangled to death. Sheriff's officers, who made the investigation, say that Mrs. Vaughn was murdered some time Saturday night in a field near the barn where the body was found, and then carried to the building and thrown in the ground outside showing evidence of a struggle. Sheriff Robert P. Bass stated tonight that he has found an eye-witness to the murder and that there was no doubt as to the guilt of her late husband. The couple had been separated for some time, but are said to have been seen together during the day Saturday.

Ship Has Engine Trouble.
NORFOLK, Va., March 14.—A wireless message picked up here late tonight reported the Clyde liner Mohawk in distress fifty miles north of Fry's Pan Gas Buoy, off Cape Hatteras. The message said the ship was having engine trouble. The collier Ulysses was reported as standing by, and the coast-guard cutter Manning was sent out to the Mohawk's assistance.

To Start College Building June 1.
LYNCHBURG, March 14.—The cornerstone of the W. W. Smith building at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, which has been made possible by a \$100,000 fund raised by students and alumnae, will be laid June 1.

TAFT BLAMES CONGRESS
Says Revolution Is Due to Failure to Enact Peace Treaty Promptly.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 14.—"I believe that the revolution in Germany was hastened by the failure of Congress to pass on the peace treaty," declared ex-President William Howard Taft Sunday night while stopping over en route to Florence, Ala., where he will speak Monday night on the league of nations. "The moderates under Ebert and Noske were republicans at heart, who needed the moral support of this country, which should have been supplied by the passage of the treaty," he said. "The revolution will not hasten the acceptance of the treaty," he declared. "Although the treaty question is due to come up Monday, I do not believe that it will be discussed. I cannot say that I agree with Article X of the treaty," he continued. "I would like to see the treaty passed in its original form because so much depends on its passage. There is no reason, however, why the whole thing should be rejected because one part does not strike the President's fancy."

PRESIDENT TAKES SPIN
Fourth Automobile Ride Since Illness Is Much Enjoyed, Despite Wind.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson took his fourth automobile ride since his illness today, braving a typical March wind in an open machine accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Rear-Admiral Grayson. The President spent two hours on the park roads about the city and seemed refreshed on his return to the White House.

GOMPERS SOUNDLY FLAYS DRY STATE OF AFFAIRS
Leader Asserts That Majority Must Be Governed by a Fanatical Few.

TRENTON, N. J., March 14.—A presentation of labor's cause against prohibition in public life was made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, at a labor mass-meeting held here today under the auspices of the Mercer County Central Labor Union. He declared that the men in office who have not carried out labor's wishes should be "elected to a vacation." Referring to prohibition, the speaker said there was little doubt as to what would happen to the eighteenth amendment if it were submitted to the people. In his journey through the United States, he said, he had yet to come in contact with any one who did not "damn prohibition up hill and down dale." "I have not met one man," he said, "who has said to me that he was in favor of prohibition just as it stands today. We are the object of the ridicule and contempt of the people of other countries who cannot understand why 100,000,000 people have been subjected to the wishes of a few fanatics who have attempted to make people good by law."

MARINES HOME AGAIN
Detachment of Forty "Leathernecks" Are Last to See Service in France With A. E. F.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A detachment of forty United States marines, the last to see duty in France, arrived here today on the French line steamship Niagara from Bordeaux. The last service in France performed by the men was the guarding of the LaFayette radio station near Bordeaux.

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SIX DIE WHEN EXPRESS HITS FREIGHT HEAD ON
Five of Train Crews and One Passenger Killed as Boston-Montreal Limited Collided.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT., March 14.—Six men were killed, four were severely injured and several suffered lesser injuries in a head-on collision late today between the Boston-Montreal express and a freight train on the Rutland railroad, four miles north of here. The dead were the engine driver, one fireman, two brakemen and a conductor. One of the passengers, F. S. Lent, of Rockingham, a passenger, who died early tonight in a hospital. So far as is known few passengers were severely injured.

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