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GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 17, 1917.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

MORE MEN ACCEPTED

Of the 200 men summoned to appear before the board for examination Monday and Tuesday of this week the following were accepted:

- Henry H. Roberts, Lowell.
- Ernest Robert Warren, Gastonia.
- William Hurley Horsley, Belmont.
- Eliza Black Bridges, Kings Mtn.
- Larkin Kenneth Ratchford, Belmont.
- Ralph Carlisle Jenkins, Lowell.
- Hillard McDaniel, Gastonia.
- Draper Holmes Ward, Gastonia.
- Marshall Bell, Dallas.
- William Press Hamilton, Mt. Holly.
- Gregory Eichenlaub, Belmont.
- Audie Lee Kiser, Gastonia.
- Lum Wilson, Bowling Green, S. C.
- Claude Thomas Abernethy, Alexs.
- Alfred Locke Harvell, Belmont.
- John Mack Daniel, colored, Gastonia.
- Robert S. Spratt, Gastonia.
- Fletcher Bowman Tate, B. City.
- Robert Carl Brafford, Belmont.
- James Jamison Queen, Gastonia.
- Adeel Lee Williams, Gastonia.
- Edward C. Adams, Gastonia.
- Samuel Meek Lockridge, Dallas.
- John Joe Cobb, Lowell.
- Columbus Neil, Lowell.
- Raford Gunning, Gastonia.
- Thomas Wilson McCree, Charlotte.
- Frank Wallace, Lowell.
- John Felix McKnight, Belmont.
- John Edgar Holt, Cherryville.
- George Lay Carpenter, Lincolnton.
- Roland Burton Price, Gastonia.
- Howard Garrison Oates, B. City.
- Guy Alexander Sigmon, Mt. Holly.
- Oscar R. Jenkins, Gastonia.
- Loy Franklin Plank, Dallas.
- George Douglas Phifer, B. City.
- Watson Clegg Whitaker, M. Holly.
- James Corbett White, Gastonia.
- John Guy, colored, Gastonia.
- Eubert Zerno Ratchford, Lowell.
- James Franklin Wallace, Gastonia.
- Aaron Alfred Willis, Dallas.
- William Luther Bowman, M. Holly.
- Leonard Lee Oliver, Belmont.
- Hugh A. Query, Belmont.
- Jno. Hillary Workman, Cherryville.
- James Philatus Rankin, McAdenville.
- William Orlaw Bennett, K. Mtn.
- Manson Crawford Jones, Gastonia.
- Luther Hutto, Belmont.
- William Jordan, Gastonia.
- Doras Clay Pasour, Kings Mtn.
- William Sloan Carson, Gastonia.
- William Misenheimer, colored, No. address.
- George Guilford Ross, Gastonia.
- Meek L. Shannon, Gastonia.
- William Garfield Harvey, K. Mtn.
- Robert McLean Brandon, Gastonia.
- Robert Ray Rhyne, Dallas.
- Maurice McNeely, Gastonia.
- Ernest Watson Black, Gastonia.
- Charles W. Kennedy, B. City.
- John Grady Stone, Mayworth.
- William Junius Springs, M. Holly.
- King David Taylor, Gastonia.
- Hayne Nelson, (Col.), Gastonia.
- Carance Weber, (Col.), B. City.
- Robert O. Craig, Gastonia.
- William Ervin Barnes, Belmont.
- Frank Hedrick, Gastonia.
- John Thomas Finger, colored, Gastonia.
- James McDowell Stowe, Belmont.
- John Branche, Gastonia.
- Edward Lytonia Fraley, Lowell.
- Willie Fred Rhyne, Mount Holly.
- Jephie Lee Pack, Belmont.
- Merrill Clinton Lingerfelt, Gastonia.
- John Maxwell, (Col.), Dallas.
- Jacob Earl Jenkins Costner, Cherryville.
- Fred Smith Rhyne, Gastonia.
- Patrick Henry Black, B. City.
- George Washington Dixon, colored, Kings Mountain.
- Tom Williams, Lowell.
- Ben Frank Martin, colored, Gastonia.
- George B. Ratchford, Lowell.
- Clyde Vance Kale, Gastonia.
- Lester Furman Crenshaw, Belmont.
- Charlie Williams Hedgepath, Dallas.
- Theodore Hoffman, Gastonia.
- James Rinkel Helms, McAdenville.
- Belvie Jackson, (Col.), Gastonia.
- Wade Sherrill, (Col.), Mt. Holly.
- Walter Clifton Hedgepath, Lincolnton.
- John Robert Sadler, Alexs.
- Claude McLean Glenn, Gastonia.
- Ulyes Napoleon Jackson, colored, Gastonia.
- John Franklin Lowe, Mt. Holly.
- E. Norman Thompson, Gastonia.
- Joseph R. Nixon, Cherryville.
- Alfred Lucky, (Col.), Stanley.
- Robt. Charlie Harrell, Gastonia.
- Lawrence Hendell, Stanley.
- Benjamin Hunter, (Col.), Belmont.
- The following men were accepted Wednesday and Thursday:
- Baxter Woodruff, (Col.) Gastonia.
- Charlie Columbus Cobb, Gastonia.
- Meek Currence, McAdenville.
- Sanders Hudson, Dallas.
- Charlie Rheinhardt, (col.) Dallas.
- J. Hoyle Wallace, Gastonia.
- Adam Miller Cloninger, B. City.
- Amos Roberts, High Shoals.
- Samuel Williams, (Col.), Gastonia.
- Lennie Adams, (Col.), Gastonia.
- Henry Harrison, Mount Holly.
- Grover C. Henderson, Gastonia.
- Wm. Henderson Herms, M. Holly.
- Amos Morris, Gastonia.
- Arthur Hansel, Lowell.
- Walter Arthur Sigmon, M. Holly.
- James Austin Gantt, Kings Mtn.
- Roby Thomas Sides, Lowell.
- George W. Michaels, Mayworth.
- Marshall Ernest Smith, Gastonia.
- Ivy Alexander Fisher, Mt. Holly.
- Albert Rubertis Rudisill, Dallas.
- Luther Wince Avery, Dallas.
- Henry McDowell, (Col.), Stanley.
- Daid Dow Black, Cherryville.
- Buford Rainey, Gastonia.
- Walter Lloyd Pasour, Dallas.
- Clarence Creed Morrow, Gastonia.
- Giles Fronberger, (Col.) Stanley.

OFFICERS GO TO FRANCE FOR TRAINING UNDER GEN. PERSHING

Considerable Number of Officers Trained at Camps This Summer to be Sent to France Soon for Intensive Training Under General Pershing—Will be Attached to Regiments Now in France.

Washington, Aug. 16.—From the 27,000 officers taken from the training camps just closed a considerable number are being selected to begin immediately intensive training in France under direction of Major General Pershing.

The plan provides for establishing an officers' school in the American army where they can be given intensive instruction similar to that being given the regular army contingent already there.

In addition some of the young officers may be sent to French and British officers' schools as both governments have expressed their willingness to undertake post-graduate work of that nature.

Some of the young officers also will be attached to the regular regiments now in France. When they have received sufficient training they may replace officers now in charge of the American units and whose experience would be of value in training the new armies at home. It is possible also that many of the new officers will be sent home as instructors as soon as they have completed training courses in France.

A review of the work of the first series of training camps which closed officially yesterday was issued today by Adjutant General McCain, showing all the new officers already have been assigned to duty and are to report for active service not later than August 29.

There are included in the list two colonels appointed in 1916 to the officers' reserve corps and who were confirmed in that rank after attendance at the training camps; one lieutenant colonel; 235 majors; 3,722 captains; 4,452 first lieutenants and 18,929 second lieutenants. Most of the officers go to the infantry service, 13,109 being commissioned in that arm. Of the remainder, 1,482 to the cavalry, 4,055 to the field artillery, 838 to the coast artillery, 1,966 to the engineers, 3,067 to the quartermasters' corps and 152 to the new statistical division of the adjutant general's office.

In addition to these provisional second lieutenants were assigned to the regular army as follows: 305 to the ordnance bureau, 80 to the machine gun service, 1,375 to the infantry, 178 to the cavalry, 510 to the field and 224 to the coast artillery.

BUILD LASTING ROADS MAY GO DIRECT TO FRANCE

Thirty-Odd Miles Already Ordered Built and Eventually All Roads in County Will Be Given Permanent Construction—Contractor Already at Work on New Hope Penetration and Surfacing Methods Both Being Used.

Gaston county has already entered upon the construction of permanent roads and, barring the possibility of a serious set back to business and industries generally by the present war, the next year or two will see many miles of permanent asphalt roads constructed in the county. Already the work of building about 35 miles of this character of roads has been commenced. A contract has been let to Sam B. Finley, of Atlanta, who now has a force at work on the New Hope road southeast of the city. This first stretch of road is being built from Babington heights, a couple of miles out from the city, back towards Gastonia and will connect with the city's asphalt paving on Franklin avenue at Church street.

On newly constructed macadam where there is a solid bed in good repair, the surfacing method will be used. For instance, the new road connecting Stanley and Mount Holly, a distance of six and a half miles. On the New Hope road the penetration method is being used, this including two operations instead of one as does the surfacing method.

So far the following stretches of road have been decided upon for permanent work of this character: The New Hope road from Gastonia to Belmont, 11 or 12 miles. From Hoyle's Bridge through Dallas to the Cherryville road, a point west of the county home, six miles. Belmont through Mount Holly to a point near Lucia, six miles. From the Lincoln county line through Cherryville towards Bessemer City, six miles. Stanley to Mount Holly, six and a half miles.

It is stated that this character of road has been thoroughly tested and has been found to be the most durable and best around road for the country. Fulton county Georgia, in which is located Atlanta, has this type of road exclusively. The cost of the penetration method is about \$2,000 per mile and that of the surfacing less than half that amount.

It is an accepted theory in every section of the country now that it is not only impractical but expensive to construct either the sand-clay or old-style macadam roads. Vehicular traffic, especially as regards autos, has grown to such proportions that only permanent roads are now worth considering.

This is a long step forward for Gaston county and the action of the board of county commissioners in taking this step will undoubtedly meet with general approval.

WAR PLANS STILL PROGRESSING

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—While the president and other cabinet members were carefully digesting the Pope's peace proposal, the machinery of the army and navy were advancing at top speed. Among the real war movements it is only possible to make a few known. The others must remain a secret until they are actually in effect. It may be stated, however, that the approval of the president to certain plans, is calculated to make the navy more efficient in the war, especially in curbing the submarine menace. The assignment of duty, by the president and secretary of war, the best brain in the army including all ranking major generals and those just promoted to active duty with field forces can be ready for France long before the snow flies. The new national army can take its place in the reserve camps of France before the Spring drive. The sharp curbing of the pro-Germanism, a complete organization of the national army and national guard in the cantonments are the most vital movements at present.

NOTE HINTED AT SUICIDE

The latest development in the case of A. C. Stroup, whose mysterious disappearance a week ago last night remains unsolved, was the finding of a note Wednesday afternoon which the missing man left in his trunk. The family has not made the note public but it is stated by those in a position to know its contents that the note stated the writer was gone for good and that he "did not believe that all suicides were lost." This note lends some color to the theory that Stroup committed suicide. However, if he did, destroy himself no trace of his body has been found.

Mr. Ernest Stroup, son of the missing man, does not believe, however, that his father has committed suicide. He attaches considerable importance to the various reports to the effect that his father has been seen at various places, notwithstanding the fact that has been unable so far to get any tangible clue. He spent Sunday at Camp Greene, near Charlotte, and discovered that a man answering the description of his father spent Saturday night at the camp and ate supper Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning with one of the military companies doing guard duty there. The men who talked with him were of the opinion that he was somewhat off mentally.

The search for the missing man is still going on with but little prospect, however, of bringing about a solution of the mystery.

BLOODY BATTLE LAST NIGHT

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Aug. 17.—(Official.) Battles raged all along the British front last night. While soldiers surged over the blood-soaked soil in West Flanders, the Germans north of Lens made desperate efforts to relieve the pressure on the Loos sector. Two heavy assaults were launched against the trenches won by the Canadians and temporary success was gained but the British later re-took all the ground lost. The British lines were re-established intact and the menace to the German stronghold at Lens was heightened.

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ORDERED TO BE MORE RIGID

Provost General Crowder has issued a new bulletin, a copy of which was received by the Gaston County Exemption Board this morning, in which he gives the boards wider latitude in passing on claims for exemption on the ground of dependence. The new order gives the board the right to disregard the affidavits filed by applicants for exemption on this ground and conduct independent investigations where they see fit. Gen. Crowder calls attention to the fact that many applications for exemption on this ground will undoubtedly be unworthy of consideration and he urges the board to use their best common judgment in making their rulings. He calls attention to the fact that it will be impossible to secure an army if serious consideration is given to every claim laid before the board. In short he asks the board to use the information they have at hand or can secure, outside the facts set forth in affidavits and thus reduce as far as possible the letting off of men who have no genuine claim to exemption.

PORK IS ADVANCING

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—The hog market touched \$18.45 today, which is another high record. Pork chops are retelling at 40 cents per pound. September wheat is \$1.99 3-4.

PEACE PROPOSALS NOT DELIVERED

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary Lansing told newspaper men that he had received no intimation when the Pope's peace proposal will be delivered or how and from what source it will be delivered.

AMERICAN NAVY WANTS ACTION

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The American navy wants more of a prominent part in the war. At a conference of President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, the President was told that the fleet would like to get into action. The sentiment in the navy is growing more active for a campaign against the submarines, and the navy officials think the time is ripe to carry the war directly to the German navy. The spirit, that is prevalent in the navy is expressed as follows: "Damn the torpedoes."

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE

A surprise wedding took place Saturday when Miss Hester Anthony, daughter of Mr. John R. Anthony, of route one, Gastonia, became the bride of Sergeant Walter C. Cheney, of the Quartermaster's Corps, United States Army. The groom is spending a few days on furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheney, near Gastonia. He will return this week to his post of duty at Fort Caswell. Both young people have numerous friends to whom this announcement will be of interest.

—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beal and children have returned from a motor trip in Western North Carolina. While away they visited Mrs. Beal's mother, Mrs. M. E. Detwiler, in Hendersonville, and Mrs. Beal's sister, Mrs. J. C. Sales, at Fletcher.

MR. DAVENPORT HONORED

Mr. R. K. Davenport, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Gaston, has returned from Wilson where he attended the annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners. As noted elsewhere in today's Gazette Mr. Davenport secured this convention for Gastonia for next year. It will meet here in August and will bring to Gastonia over a hundred of the leading men of the State.

Mr. Davenport was elected secretary of the association for the coming year, an honor deservedly placed. Mr. Davenport is a business man of splendid ability and is one of Gaston's leading citizens.

MR. LINEBERGER IS APPOINTED

Mr. Lester T. Lineberger, of Gastonia, who took his examination for admittance to the second training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, received a notice of his appointment today. He will report for duty August 27th.

A BUSINESS CHANGE

Mr. F. E. Saunders has sold his interest in the Saunders Tailoring Company to Messrs. W. H. Taylor and J. C. Quinn and will relinquish the management next Monday. He will be succeeded as manager by Mr. Arthur Watts. Mr. Saunders has purchased the interest of Mr. J. R. Dellinger in the Gastonia Garage and will succeed Mr. Dellinger as manager of that business. Mr. Dellinger will continue with the garage until the 10th of next month. He has not yet decided just what branch of business he will enter.

—Miss Louise Beal is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Sales, at Fletcher.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. White Ware and little daughter, Margaret, left today for a ten days stay at Wrightsville Beach.

—Mr. S. J. Horton and son, Mr. Ralph Horton, of Salisbury, arrived yesterday to spend a few days with the former's nephew, Dr. C. J. McCombs, and family.

FOR RENT: The P. T. Heath store room formerly occupied by the Efrord Company will be for rent January 1, 1918. See J. White Ware, Citizens National Bank building. S-14c

COAL STRIKE ENDS AROUND THE RECRUITING OFFICE

LEXINGTON, KY., Aug. 17.—The end of the strike of 18,000 miners in Kentucky and Tennessee is believed to be near today, 24 coal companies having signed an agreement with the miners conceding their demands.

AT THE MOVIES

BROADWAY
TODAY: Edison's Conquest Program, seven reels.
SATURDAY: K. E. S. E. Western pictures.
COZY
TODAY: Gladys Huiette in "Pots and Pans Peggie." A Gold Rooster play in five acts.
FRIDAY, Aug. 24: Mary Pickford in "Romance of the Redwoods."

IDEAL
TODAY: Red Cross Day. "THE Man Who Made Good," featuring Jack Deveraux and Winifred Allen.
SATURDAY: First Authentic Pictures of American Soldiers in France.

BENEFIT AT BROADWAY.
The Broadway is giving one day in each month a liberal percentage of its receipts to the Gaston County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Next Thursday, the 23rd is Red Cross day at the Broadway and for that day a special Fox feature "Her Temptation," has been provided.

BENEFIT AT IDEAL.
Manager Cunningham, of the Ideal Theater, will give 30 per cent of the Gross receipts of this theater today to the Red Cross. The following young ladies have been appointed to act as ushers: Misses Ethelda Armstrong, Sadie Thomson, Lula Rankin, Mary LaFar, Burnie Boyce and Christine Sloan. They will wear the uniform of Red Cross nurses.

The Ideal Theater will present on Monday a special Vitagraph blue ribbon feature. "The battle cry of peace," featuring Charles Richman and other eminent Vitagraph Stars. This picture was written and produced and based on facts as stated by Hudson Maxim's "Defenseless America". The price on the attraction will be 5c and 15c. Open at 9:30 a. m.

OPPOSITION TO REVENUE BILL

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The \$2,000,000,000 revenue bill encountered strong opposition today from the Senators, who oppose the finance committee's tax upon excess profits. LaPollette is securing more recruits among the senators, who advocate that the wealth pay the bigger share of this year's war expense, which is now estimated at \$17,000,000,000. The senate is considering the automobile tax.

"SAMMIES" IN FINE SPIRITS

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP, FRANCE, Aug. 16.—When the "Sammies" hit the bay last night they were considered real fighters by most competent observers. They marched and drilled like finished veterans and Gen. Sibert declared that he was proud to be commander of such a body of men. The soldier boys were in fine spirits and as they marched they sang "We'll hang the old Kaiser on the sour apple tree." The French showered attentions enthusiastically upon the marchers.

COTTON MARKET FOR TODAY

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Opening October 24.24, January 24.22.