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A THANKSGIVING THEME FOR THE NATION

Manufacturers Record.

In deepest reverence and with contrite hearts the people of this nation should assemble on Thanksgiving Day and render unto Almighty God their gratitude that in His Divine Providence we were, by the sacrifices of England and France and Belgium and Italy and Serbia and Roumania, for three years, saved from destruction.

As the nation bows in reverent thanksgiving on Thursday next and contemplates the horrors from which these nations have saved us, and how, by the shedding of their blood, the women and the children of this land have been saved, there should go up, in endless gratitude to them and thanksgiving, praise to God for His mercies and His blessings.

As we review the fact that for three years we hid behind the battle fleets of England and France, and that for three years the heroic soldiers of the Allies made fertile the fields of France and Belgium and other countries with their life blood in our defense, as well as in their own, our hearts should be bowed with a realization of our unworthiness and our lips should give forth unstinted praise for the men through whose death we have been saved. From every church in America—indeed, from every home in America—there should go out to our Allies in Europe an expression of our profound appreciation of what they have done in saving us from the sufferings which they have endured.

It would, indeed, be a glorious thing if, in every church in America, the Thanksgiving Day theme should be an expression of thanksgiving unto God and to our Allies that we have been saved from the awful horrors of Belgium and France and Serbia and kept unto this hour through the sacrifice of those who died that we and all civilized nations might live.

GASTONIA AND GASTON SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Library to Be Closed.

The Gastonia Public Library will be closed tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

Holiday Hours.

Tomorrow will be observed at the local postoffice as a legal holiday. The city carriers will make only one collection and delivery, in the morning. The rural carriers will not go out on their routes at all. General delivery and stamp windows will be open from 8 to 10 a. m., and from 5 to 6 p. m. The local banks and the public library will also be closed for the day.

For Colored Soldiers.

Beginning next Monday night, December 3, there will be a week's series of special services at Mt. Calvary Baptist church, colored, on North Falls street, for the benefit of the colored soldiers who expect soon to be called into service. There will be services every night by various colored ministers, and on Sunday afternoon, December 9th, at 2 o'clock Hon. O. F. Mason, of the local bar, will deliver a lecture on the war and the special needs of the Nation at this critical time.

50 CENTS TO CONSCIENCE FUND

Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association received the following letter a day or two ago, which speaks for itself: Mr. Holland, Gastonia

Dear sir:

During the fair I was given a teacher's free ticket and I entered the fair ground on it, but I was not teaching at that time and I feel that it was not right and I wish to make restitution for it, so I am enclosing 50 cents in this letter.

FROM ONE WHO IS TRYING TO LIVE THE RIGHT LIFE.

MRS. ROBINSON ENTERTAINS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, Nov. 27. — Mrs. John Robinson entertained the Union Book Club in her pleasant home Saturday. Their purpose was to sew for the soldiers, and, since there were a good many present, much work was accomplished. At noon Mrs. Robinson served a delightful dinner which every one enjoyed immensely.

There were several present who did not belong to the club. Among them were Misses Nixon, Long, Sledge, Lottie Stroup, and Susie Oliver, Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Craig.

MISSION STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. SPENCER.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church held its first regular meeting for the fall season Monday afternoon with Mrs. G. R. Spencer at her home on East Airline avenue. The class is taking up the study of "An African Trail" by McKenzie and studied the first two chapters at this meeting. Mrs. J. W. Atkins is the leader. Following the study light refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. C. Davis two weeks hence.

SIX SAILORS DROWNED.

(By International News Service.) BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.—Six sailors of a Dutch vessel were drowned this morning when their launch overturned.

GAS, DOGS, SPEEDING DISCUSSED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

City Council Last Night Heard Plea of Gas Company for Permission to Raise Prices — Citizens Make Talks in Favor of Rigid Enforcement of Dog-Muzzling, Auto Speeding and Roller Skating Laws.

Quite a number of Gastonia citizens were present last night at the called meeting of the city council, the purpose of which was to hear a petition from the Gastonia & Suburban Gas Co. for an amendment to its franchise which would allow the company to increase the charge for gas from \$1.40 per 1000 cubic feet to \$1.75, an increase of 25 per cent.

Mr. J. W. Timberlake, managing director of the company, presented an array of figures to show that the company, confronted with increased cost of coal, coke, oil and other things necessary to the manufacture of gas, is unable at present to make operating expenses, to say nothing of securing any return on the investment. At the conclusion of his statement, which included an elaborate resume of cost figures and revenue for the five months the plant has been operated by the present owners, Mr. Timberlake was plied with a few questions from interested citizens.

Among other things, Mr. Timberlake told the council that other towns, notably Henderson and Oxford, had recently granted similar increases.

Mr. J. H. Separk, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Mr. Bismarck Capps and others made short talks on the subject and asked a number of questions regarding the company's actual capital, its overhead expenses, how the present number of services compared with the number in use a year or two ago and other questions of a similar nature.

Those who talked recognized the fact that there has been a large increase in the last year or two in the cost of all kinds of material. Their attitude was not one of opposition to the proposition but rather of seeking definite information on which to base an accurate opinion as to the justness of the request being made. The question was also asked as to whether the company was asking for temporary relief, during the course of the war and the high cost of materials, or whether they were asking for the increase as a permanent thing. This question was not definitely answered.

No action was taken by the board in a matter of this kind it is required that the proposition stand open before the council for a period covering two regular monthly meetings before action is taken. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the company's request and to hear an expression of opinion from the citizens of the town.

Following the discussion of the gas proposition, attention was turned to the question of the enforcement of the city ordinance requiring that all dogs running off the premises of their owners shall be effectively muzzled. Dr. H. F. Glenn and Mr. J. H. Separk made vigorous talks in favor of the enforcement of this law. Dr. Glenn told of the experiences in France and England with rabid dogs and the effectiveness of muzzling the dogs as a preventive. In England all dogs are properly muzzled and there has not been a case of hydrophobia for six years. Similar effective measures have been employed in France. Both Dr. Glenn and Mr. Separk dwelt on the necessity for the law and for its enforcement. All those present were apparently interested in the enforcement of this law.

From a discussion of the dog-muzzling law the talk drifted naturally to the laws regulating the speed of automobiles and restricting roller skating. There was considerable discussion on these and it was the consensus of opinion that all of these laws should be rigidly enforced.

Those present at last night's meeting as well as many who were prevented from being there hope that the free discussion of these subjects will result in a strict enforcement of these laws in the future.

HUNGARY IS READY TO MAKE PEACE.

(By International News Service.) ZURICH, Nov. 27. — Hungary is ready for a peace without annexations, according to Count Karolyi, the famous Hungarian statesman who is here on a peace mission.

SIX GERMAN U-BOATS SUNK.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Six German submarines have been sunk in the last four days, Ambassador Jusserand told a party of French-American naval officers at a banquet.

ATLANTIC COAST HARBORS UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. — All harbors on the Atlantic coast on water fronts are under martial law. Later martial law will be extended to Gulf and Pacific ports. Regulars will guard the docks from the spy demons.

K. OF P. LODGE'S "ROLL OF HONOR"

Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias did honor to its members now serving in the army Monday night by unveiling a service flag in the lodge hall in the Armory building. The flag, which is in reality a series of small American flags—one for each member in the army—is framed and hung on the wall. Above each of these small silk flags appears the name of the member in whose honor it was placed there. Judge A. C. Jones made the unveiling address, expressing in most touching and expressive language the pride the lodge feels in those members who have laid their lives on their country's altar. He paid them a splendid tribute. In the course of the unveiling exercises several members added words of appreciation for these loyal and courageous men.

Out of a membership of about 175 this lodge has sent 20 men to the army and it is a matter of especial pride to the lodge that every one is an officer. They are:

Major A. L. Bulwinkle.
Capt. R. G. Cherry.
Sergeant-Maj. M. D. Abernethy.
Lieut. Ben E. Douglass.
Sgt. R. S. McLean.
Sgt. William McArver.
Sgt. W. S. Morris.
Lieut. Ralph Ray.
Sgt. W. K. Reid.
Lieut. F. A. Whitesides.
Lieut. J. A. Dimmette.
Lieut. Walter Carter.
Corp. E. M. Craig.
Sgt. M. Harry Shuford.
Capt. W. B. Hair.
Lieut. D. T. Outz.
Corp. J. Carl Loughridge.
Sgt. C. C. Riddle.
Sgt. R. A. Atkinson.
Sgt. H. A. Query.

These men will be further honored in that their names, constituting the lodge's "roll of honor" will be called at each meeting of the lodge. It was decided to send each one of them a Christmas box.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected Monday night as follows: Chancellor commander, F. C. Abernethy; vice-chancellor, Carl E. Carpenter; prelate, Henry Rankin; master at arms, W. M. Nolen, Jr.; master of finance, John I. Faysoux; keeper of records and seal, J. Holland Morrow; master of exchequer, J. W. Atkins; master of work, R. Lee Spencer; inside guard, W. L. Pursley; outside guard, C. E. Huesteter. These officers will be installed at an early date.

CHILD INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

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Ann Harriett Beach, the little eight-year-old daughter of Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Beach, was painfully though not seriously injured yesterday afternoon when, while skating, she came in contact with an automobile at the intersection of South street and Second avenue, near Mrs. J. W. Moore's residence. Drs. H. F. Glenn and D. A. Garrison were promptly summoned and dressed the child's wounds. Her chief injury was a severe cut on the forehead. She sustained no broken bones but was painfully bruised.

The child's father, who is captain of a Wyoming company of infantry formerly stationed at Camp Greene, is now at Mineola, L. I. from which point he expects soon to sail for France. When he was ordered to Mineola recently Mrs. Beach went with him to spend a short time and their children were left here with friends. Ann Harriett, the one injured, is staying at the home of Mr. Edmund Mazzyk.

News from the injured child this morning is to the effect that she is resting well.

From all the information obtainable it does not appear that the driver of the auto, a boy, was to blame for the accident. The child was skating down South street and the auto was on Second avenue. Both were going probably at a good rate of speed and, when they saw each other, were in such close proximity that the collision was unavoidable. The boy stopped to find out about the child's injuries and offer his assistance. He told his name but, in the excitement of the moment, those around forgot the name.

MEANS WILL CLAIM MRS. KING SUICIDED.

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, Nov. 27. — That Mrs. King suicided will be the defense of Gaston Means, it is reported this morning. It is stated that he will testify he did not make the facts known before, because he wished to save the dead woman from the stigma of self murder. The State is using extreme care in the selection of a jury, which it is believed will take two days.

Advertise in The Gazette.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

U. C. CLUB MET WITH MRS. BABINGTON.

Mrs. Kenneth Babington was hostess to the U. C. Club Friday afternoon at 3:30. The study of Hamlet was continued. Mrs. J. W. Timberlake read an interesting paper on the character of Ophelia. During the social hour which followed the program the hostess served refreshments.

TO MEET SATURDAY WITH MR. AND MRS. WARREN.

Next Saturday evening at seven o'clock the members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church are invited to bring needles and thread 'round to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Warren on South Marietta street and continue the work for the Doll Bazaar soon to be held for the benefit of the C. E. Society.

U. D. C. MEETS FRIDAY.

Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapter room at the Chamber of Commerce building. The president of the chapter will give a brief report of her recent visit to the Soldiers Home in Raleigh and to the Confederate Women's Home at Fayetteville. At this meeting the annual election of officers will be held. All members are urged to be present.

SOCIAL MEETING OF ODD FELLOWS.

Following the regular business meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 tomorrow night, there will be a social meeting, to which all Odd Fellows, whether members of the local lodge or not, are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served, and it is anticipated that a very pleasant fraternal gathering will be held.

MAJOR UNDERWOOD WEDS WASHINGTON GIRL.

A wedding of much interest to Gastonia was solemnized in Washington, D. C., Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The contracting parties were Major Robert Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps, and Miss Nina Marguerite Stockton.

Major Underwood is a Gastonia man, a brother of Mrs. Z. B. Harry. For the last two years he has been serving in the island of Haiti, with the rank of colonel in the Gendarmes of Haiti in command of the department of Port au Prince in which city he resides.

Miss Stockton is the niece of the late Gen. Reid, of Washington, where she has resided since childhood.

The happy occasion is the result of a long-standing acquaintance, which began at Annapolis, Md., while Miss Stockton was spending a winter at "Cavell Hall," the mansion of historical fame.

Major and Mrs. Underwood, after a few days visit in Philadelphia and New York, will sail the first of December for Haiti.

Major Underwood spent Friday and Saturday in Gastonia and his brother, Lieut. Raymond Underwood, came up from Camp Jackson to see him, returning Sunday.

STUDY CLUB MEETINGS.

On November 13th, despite a hail storm and a heavy downpour of rain, ten members attended the meeting of the Study Club at the home of Mrs. J. S. Wray on East Third avenue. The subject for study was "The Lake School of Poets" and the program was as follows: Roll call, current events; paper, "The Lake School of Poets" — Wordsworth, Southey, Coleridge; Mrs. D. E. McConnell; reading, "To a Skylark"; Mrs. H. M. Eddleman; round-table discussion led by Mrs. J. P. Reid. She called on the following for short talks: on Hood, Mrs. Frank L. Wilson; on Keats, Mrs. J. P. Reid; on Shelley, Mrs. J. F. Thomson; on Byron, Mrs. J. H. Kennedy. The inclement weather without only intensified the cheer within and a most delightful afternoon was spent with Mrs. Wray.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week the club met with Mrs. J. P. Reid at her home on South Broad street. The roll call was answered by each member telling an Irish joke. Only two were absent. After much merriment over the jokes the regular program for the afternoon was carried out. Romantic Ireland was the subject of study and the program was as follows: Paper, "Heroic Romances of Ireland," Mrs. T. W. Wilson; reading, selection from Lalah Rook (Thomas Moore), by Mrs. Kennedy; round table discussion on "Folk Tales and Fairy Lore," led by Mrs. Wray. She called on the following Mrs. W. J. Clifford for a talk on "St. Patrick"; "The Doon Well," by Mrs. Thomson; "The Blarney Stone" by Mrs. Garrison; "The Giants' Causeway, Mrs. Barnes," by Miss Harris; an Irish song, Kathleen Mavourneen. The program was a most interesting one and the meeting altogether delightful.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at 29.25; May 29.50.

MUST U. S. ANSWER THE BOLSHEVIKI? THE BOLSHIEVIKI?

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—There is a growing feeling that the United States must answer the Bolshevik note demanding a three-months armistice. A refusal to answer might be construed as meaning that the United States does not want peace. It is believed that President Wilson may be able to convince the Russian people that war should be continued against Kaiserism. Reports that the Allies are planning summary action against Russia have been spread by German agents to embitter the Russians against the Allies.

ITALIANS MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS

(By International News Service.) Important gains for the Italians between the Brenta and the Piave valleys is reported from headquarters today. The Italian lines were extended East of the Brenta valley and heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

HEAVY GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE

(By International News Service.) DONDON, Nov. 28.—During last night the British positions were deluged with shells on the lines around Paschaendale and were also subjected to heavy artillery fire from the Germans.

MAY RELEASE MILLION PRISONERS

(By International News Service.) STOCKHOLM, Nov. 28. — Representatives of the German General Staff have gone to Petrograd to open negotiations with Bolshevik government for the release of approximately one million prisoners, according to advices from Haparanda. Political conditions in Russia continue chaotic. The socialists are trying to win the support of the leading generals for a coalition government.

HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IN WEST

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Nov. 28. — Violent fighting with bayonets and bombs is reported from Northern France where the Germans today renewed their hand-to-hand struggle in an effort to drive the British from Bourton, Fontaine and Notre Dame. Many fresh troops, some from the Eastern front, have joined the Teutons and it is evident that they will fight to the last to keep from giving up Cambrai.

TESTIMONY IN THE MEANS CASE

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, Nov. 28.—The State today plunged deep into the evidence against Gaston Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude King. The first witness was D. A. Weddington, the undertaker who prepared Mrs. King's body for burial. He testified to powder marks about the wound. The State also attempted to show that Means was in a hurry to have the body buried. Captain W. S. Bingham, a member of the fatal party, testified that he wandered away from Means and Mrs. King to shoot a rabbit. As he returned he heard a shot and Means called his brother Afton to "come here quick. Maude has shot herself." Mrs. Melvin, Mrs. King's sister, sat beside the defendant this morning. Dr. McFayden testified that Mrs. King's ankle was broken.

AMERICAN OFFICERS HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 27. — An American Major-General and his aide had a narrow escape when the Germans suddenly began bombarding a section of the French trenches where the Americans were visiting. They took refuge in a dugout till the shelling ceased.