

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE
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NEWS AND FACTS ABOUT
THE AMERICAN LEGION

THREE BIG PROBLEMS
BEFORE LEGISLATURE

GOVERNMENT REPORT ON
COTTON SEED CRUSHED

WEATHER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—
Forecast for North Carolina:
Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder
tonight, in east and south por-
tions; Tuesday cold wave.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran church, of the Landers Chapel section, will meet at the home of Mrs. John Cooper on Saturday, January 23, at 2:30 p. m.

Over 100 members of the Y. M. C. A. are expected to attend the winter camp at Hot Springs, Ark., which will start on Saturday, January 23, at 2:30 p. m.

The high school girls of Gastonia have organized a basketball team and will play their first game on the court this evening. They expect to see some good games within the next few weeks. The manager, J. W. Taylor, is in charge of the team.

News reached Gastonia this morning of a serious accident that befell Mr. J. A. Taylor, of Mr. Holly, last night as he was returning from church. As he was returning from church he was struck and knocked down by an automobile driven by Dr. B. C. Taylor. His head struck the sidewalk and he sustained a severe fracture of the skull. He is being treated at the hospital in Raleigh.

MRS. MARY I. PATRICK
VERY CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Mary I. Patrick, of the city of Gastonia, is very critically ill. She has been suffering from a severe case of pneumonia and is being treated at the hospital in Raleigh. Her condition is very serious and it is hoped that she will recover.

The Saturday Mr. John Riddle, who is a brother of Mrs. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mrs. Clyde Riddle, and Rev. G. A. Sparrow, her pastor, went to Belmont to see her. Mrs. Patrick is one of the best beloved women of the county, and has many friends who are hoping to hear good news from her.

BAR ASSOCIATION
HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Gaston County Bar Association held its regular meeting in the court house at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The attendance was quite gratifying, practically every member of the bar being present. Major A. L. Bulwinkle, president of the association for the year, after calling the meeting to order, proceeded immediately to the transaction of business.

Mr. C. M. Austin was duly elected to membership. Mr. E. B. Denny, the retiring secretary and treasurer, made his report which was approved. Upon a prevailing motion the president then appointed a committee to recommend officers for the ensuing year. The following recommendations were made and accepted: Mr. A. C. Jones, president; Mr. A. G. Manning, vice president; Mr. C. M. Austin, secretary and treasurer. In addition to these officers, the nominating committee named the clerk and also the executive committee. Mr. Jones then took the chair as president. Upon motion made and passed a committee of six was appointed to make arrangements for the spring banquet of the association.

Although the more pressing matters were considered and disposed of, it was decided that a special meeting should be held on the 28th of this month, at which several reports are to be made as well as several important recommendations. The association was highly pleased with the steps taken on Friday afternoon.

A STRANGE OMISSION

The friends of the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia, were much cast down over the circumstances that the institution around which their hopes have been firmly centered was left out of the report of the Budget Committee. The State had made appropriation to the extent of \$40,000. That was long ago expended in buildings and naturally the State was looked to for enough money to complete the plant. But other money than that contributed by the State had been put into the institution. A popular contribution of \$45,000 had been made by 9,000 people, friends of the institution and appreciative of the great good it was to do. The hospital needs \$100,000 with which to complete buildings and equipment. It had reason to look to the present Legislature for additional aid, and The Observer believes its call will be heard before the budget is finally written in. But the strange omission of the Gastonia institution from the budget report was in the reason assigned. Because Mr. Fred Seelye pro-

A complete survey of the "shameful neglect" and inefficiency attending the care of the sick and wounded veterans of the world war was presented January 10th by the American Legion in the form of a memorial to President Wilson, President-elect Harding, all senators and congressmen and to the people of the United States through the press and from the mouths of three thousand volunteer Legion speakers.

In addition to the summary of deplorable existing conditions, the Legion's solutions for remedy were presented. These included the combining of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the Federal Board for Vocational Education and the Public Health Service under one head, responsible directly to a member of the cabinet, and the immediate appropriation of money for the construction of a large number of hospitals.

The memorial was presented to President Wilson by John Thomas Taylor, chairman of the Legion's national executive committee, and to Senator Harding by F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander, in a conference on the general situation of the disabled at Merion, O.

Franklin D'Olier, Past National Commander of the American Legion, who has just returned from a trip to the Orient, recently related details of how he was constantly under the surveillance of suspicious agents of the Japanese government during his visit to that country.

During his action on the ridiculous assumption that Mr. D'Olier was in the country to organize American veterans into a force to invade the Japanese, according to the National Commander, made a practice of searching his baggage and checking his personal papers and books to determine if anything of the kind was being carried by a spy.

The Japanese government has a number of spies in this country and it is a matter of fact that the Japanese exclusion law was voted and passed by the United States Congress in 1907. Mr. D'Olier's experience was that of a spy.

Keene's amendment to the American Legion again in the future of a struggle as champions of the cigarette. The fight is centered at Touka where the local post has urged the repeal of the Kansas law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes. Dr. William A. McKeever, of the University of Kansas, author of the anti-cigarette law and leading opponent of the Legion's stand, has appealed to the ex-soldiers to "stand aside from the selfish cigarette and come out on the side of Christ and Kansas" and has proposed a debate with the Legionnaires on the question of the cigarette as a menace. Legion members, in a recent resolution, asked Governor Allen to urge the repeal of the anti-cigarette law.

Russell G. Christian, assistant national adjutant will address three hundred adjutants of Nebraska posts of the American Legion who will meet at Lincoln to discuss the problem of organization. Among the other speakers will be Robert C. Simmons, Department Commander, and George Fawell, Jr., Commander of the Lincoln, Neb. post. Other department conferences scheduled for January will be held at Burlington, Vt.; Palatka, Ill.; Clarkburg, W. Va.; and Columbia, S. C.

All anti-State conferences of the room members and adjutants of the Department of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arkansas is in prospect for January, to be held at Austin, Tex.

It was the resolutions were notations of patriotism. New York Legionnaires in 1917, 1918 and 1919 a strenuous fight against the sale of German goods in New York City. This winter there will be a Legion campaign on the German opera, "The Merry Widow" at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City.

In conformity with American Legion's general policy of management of education William B. Coonan, Past of Merion, O., has established a \$2000 a year scholarship in the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Major General Leonard Wood should be named as secretary of war in the opinion of Post No. 48 of the American Legion as expressed in a resolution sent to President-elect Harding.

National Commander F. W. Galbraith, Jr., of the American Legion, will address the first state convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at Vermont, which will be held in Burlington on January 13. The National Commander also will attend a conference of post commanders and adjutants and a meeting of the state executive committee which will be held at the same time.

poses at some time building a hospital at Asheville for crippled children, it would abandon the Gastonia institution to its fate, which means that it would regard the money the State has already put into it as lost money. The Seelye institution as designed, is an excellent one and will serve a useful purpose, but it could never supply the service which is to be rendered by the Orthopaedic. The Seelye institution is designed for 25 or 30 beds and it was to take in children from all over the State. The Gastonia institution is designed to take care of the crippled girls in particular of the State, and is estimated at between 7,000 and 8,000.

When the time comes, the Legislature must certainly prove very critical of a report which would ignore one of North Carolina's greatest benefactors.

Senators and Representatives Will Turn Their Attention This Week to Good Roads, Health and Education—Local Bills Have About All Been Introduced.

(By Max Abernethy.)
RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—Good roads, health and education, three of the biggest problems that the General Assembly will have to deal with this year, are expected to be brought before both houses this week.

Introduction of a good roads bill that will give the State a system of hard-surfaced highways will probably be made first and it was learned today that Representative Tom Bowie of Ashe would sponsor this measure. Whether the bill Mr. Bowie intends to introduce will be the one drafted by a joint committee of the two good roads associations, the North Carolina Good Roads Association and the Citizens Highway Association, is not known but it is understood that the bill drawn by the good roads advocates will be used as a basis for the proposed Bowie bill.

Members of the General Assembly are falling in line with the program outlined by Governor Morrison in his inaugural address that if the people of North Carolina have made-up their minds for a modern system of hard-surfaced highways the roads should be built within the next five or ten years.

The governor's suggestion that the roads should not be built by piecemeal has found lodgment in the minds of a number of senators and representatives and they are expected to support a measure which will start the road construction simultaneously in all sections of the State rather than the present policy of having short stretches over the State.

The governor has pointed out that while a state-wide system of highways will entail an enormous outlay of money it will and can be constructed if the people of the State are in earnest in their demands for good roads.

The question of raising revenue for carrying out the road program and the matter of maintenance will be the main questions over which the legislators will disagree. Governor Morrison favors the issuance of a bond issue for financing the program, as do some members of the General Assembly. He does not incline to the idea of levying a heavy ad valorem tax for State purposes and is supported in this by Speaker Grier and Representative Rufe Doughton and others.

As to the matter of maintenance Governor Morrison favors a system of county upkeep rather than by the State. Speaking of maintenance the governor said today that it was his opinion that the universal sentiment over the State favored the county idea. The maintenance, he said, could be carried on by the counties which already have their machinery for keeping the "mud roads" in repair and if the State built hard-surfaced highways through the counties they could be maintained at far less cost, and much better than by the State.

Monday's Sessions.

Today's sessions of the senate and house are expected to be given over to consideration of the resolutions introduced Saturday for an investigation of the State architect's office and of the senate expenditures. The senate meets this afternoon while the house will not get down to business until 7:30 o'clock.

Speaker Grier is of the opinion that the majority of the purely local bills, affecting only the counties, have been introduced. If this is true consideration of the bigger problems will soon be under way.

The bill introduced last week by Representative McSwain of Cleveland providing for the limitation of the terms of office held by State officials has been killed, the committee refusing to make a favorable report.

The McSwain bill would have limited the term of office for all State officials, with the exception of governor, to two terms of four years each. This was inspired, it is said, in answer to the charge so often made that it was well nigh impossible to "pry some of the present office holders loose" in spite of the fact that they have held their offices for about twenty years.

Urges State Police.

The recommendation from Federal supervisor S. S. Brame, of the prohibition forces, that a State constabulary be established to enforce the Volstead act in North Carolina is recognized as the first gun to be fired by Anti-saloon leaders who desire some legislation to curb the manufacture of illicit liquor in this State.

Governor Morrison believes in law enforcement to the letter but he is not expected to ask the legislature to establish a State constabulary. He believes each locality is better able to do the work.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Cottonseed crushed during the period from August 1 to December 31 amounted to 2,039,005 tons, compared with 2,357,788 the previous year, and seed on hand at mills December 31 amounted to \$93,507 tons, compared with 636,148 a year ago, the census bureau announced today.

Cottonseed products manufactured during the period and on hand December 31, with comparisons for the previous year were:
Crude oil produced 642,133,110 pounds, compared with 712,359,112, and on hand 156,801,104 compared with 177,333,924.



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