

## ROTARY CLUB IS HOST TO NURSES AND COMMUNITY WORKERS OF THE COUNTY

Delightful Halloween Party  
Staged at Country  
Club.

COSTUMES WERE GREAT

Program Was Informal One  
Throughout and Many  
Amusing Features.

Characterized by a wealth of originality in costume and an informality of program thoroughly in keeping with the Halloween season, the Rotary entertainment Thursday evening, when the nurses and community workers were the guests of the club, was voted a huge success by all present. More than 150 Rotarians, ladies and guests were present in every imaginable costume known to the human mind. From the time they were greeted at the door of the Country Club by W. T. Love, cotton mill president, hideous as a butler, and Mrs. Love, dainty and petite as a maid, to the goodnight song, the guests were kept on their toes all evening.

No set program was prescribed, the evening being one of absolute informality in which George Coker, dressed as Sam Sing, proved the chief entertainer. Following his amusing introduction of all the disguised Rotarians, a delightful buffet luncheon was served, after which a series of humorous recitations by Ed Switzer, solos by Miss Gretchen Eigenshuh and short talks by Woods Garland, Joe Separk, Dr. Glenn and Dr. Hendelick were enjoyed. The biggest thing on the evening's program was the costuming of the attendants. Everybody was masked and some of the costumes were thrillers. Parks Huffstetter and Luther Coley were there in bathing suits. Will Haynes was a regular devil. Charlie Thompson and Chris Levantis as negro man and woman furnished a great part of the evening's entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Byens, the former a negro man, the latter as a prairie flower, were strikingly arrayed. Ed Adams as a Jew peddler, and Mrs. Adams, as a high school girl, were good. There were clovis and buffoons galore and Indiana squaws in plenty. Mrs. Switzer as a "Mangle," of comic sheet fame, and John Eck, as Jiggs, brought down the house several times with their escapades. Andy Armstrong was Dinty Moore. Mrs. Armstrong was dainty and demure as a school girl. Joe Separk, impersonating Woodrow Wilson, was a striking personality. His whoopdoobobolink-squeaker stunts provoked much amusement. Sam Stewart and Harvey Williams as the Gold Dust Twins, were good. The two country rube, Will Anderson and Dr. Oscar Miller, kept the crowd roaring at their antics. English nobility was there in the persons of Woods Garland as Lord Helpus and Dr. DeLaney as Count Necrom. Ed Rankin as the irrepressible and omnipresent "my made life miserable" for Harry Adams, the burglar-prizefighter. John R. Rankin was distinguishable as Uncle Sam, the greatest money-lender in the world. Hugh E. White was better looking than ordinarily in a handsome suit of Confederate gray. He remarked that it was the best reunion he had ever attended, noting that it was the first time he had seen George Coker since Bull Run, when George was en route to Washington. Others more or less notable were the sailor lads, Will Warren and Stacy Boyce; the Scotch highlander, Dr. McLain; George Smith as Father Time; John Deal as a jockey, Will Morris as an Indian chief, Thomas L. Craig as a colonel on the governor's staff, etc. Dr. Hendelick was resplendent in his medals won at recent golf meets. Ed Switzer was Little Boy Blue, in big blouse and knickerbockers. The ladies' disguises and costumes were beautiful. It is impossible to mention all of them for there were more than 100, including all the nurses from the three hospitals in the city, community workers, public health and industrial nurses.

## DR. GEORGE R. STUART TO GIVE LECTURE HERE DEC. 13

Nationally Known and Loved  
Entertainer to Appear Under  
Auspices of Philathea  
Class of Main Street Meth-  
odist Church.

Rev. Dr. George R. Stuart, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala., and one of the best known popular lecturers in the United States, will lecture in Gastonia on the night of Wednesday, December 13, under the auspices of the Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church. Gastonia is exceedingly fortunate in securing Dr. Stuart for this lecture as he is in very great demand and is consequently hard to secure.

"Lop-Sided Folks" is one of George Stuart's best known humorous lectures and has been heard by thousands in every section of the country with great delight. As a lyricist and chautauqua lecturer he is greatly sought after and has been recognized as an entertainer of the first class wherever he has been heard.

GASTONIA COTTON.

Today's Receipts ..... 25 Bales  
Price ..... 23 3/4 Cents

## FIGHT FOR COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION IS HOTTEST IN ITS HISTORY

Texas and New York Men Are  
Leading in Race for Na-  
tional Commander.

IS HOTTEST RACE EVER

Owsley, of Texas, Claims Solid  
Support of South and  
West.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—Alvin M. Owsley, Texas, was elected national commander of the American Legion at the close of the fourth annual convention here. The vote was overwhelming.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—The fourth annual convention of the American Legion will conclude its sessions here today following the hearing of reports of several committees and the election of the next commander in chief and other officers.

Early today indications were that the race for leadership of the legion would be the hottest the organization has seen in its four years of existence. Many caucuses were held last night, both state and sectional, but few of them were reported to have ended in any agreement. Both the Southern and Western gatherings are said to have broken up hopelessly, disagreed on a choice and even state delegations were reported in many cases to have been widely split.

It was believed by many of the delegates that of the many candidates whose names have been mentioned in connection with Hanford McNider's success in the fight has narrowed down to a race between William F. Deegan, of New York, who has been an avowed candidate since the convention opened; James R. McQuigg, former adjutant general of Ohio, and Alvin M. Owsley, of Texas.

Joseph H. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, who in a previous statement declared he was a candidate for the office, was last night said to have thrown his hat in the ring. His supporters claim he is the second choice of the Deegan people, but this is stoutly denied by them.

Owsley supporters claim the solid southern and western vote, but this claim is confronted by the fact that Deegan was reported to be with Deegan following a state caucus yesterday. The legion women of the American Legion Auxiliary will conclude their sessions today after listening to reports of committees and the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Out of the names of candidates for the national commandery, William F. Deegan, of New York, and Alvin M. Owsley, of Texas, stood forth most prominently, if the gossip of the lobbies and committee rooms was any indication.

Both assert confidence that their campaigns will be successful. Neither man had anything further to add early tonight to his pronouncements, already made public, as to his stand on legion politics. Owsley, in his report as head of the legion's Americanization commission, had laid stress upon what he termed the necessity for "100 per cent Americanism," total exclusion of immigrants from this country for an indefinite period, and correction of alleged deficiencies in text books dealing with the war in such manner that the Germans have been given too favorable a report.

Deegan has chosen as his principal policy continuation of the bonus fight. Both endorse the policy and the record of Hanford McNider, the present commander.

Matthew Murphy, of Birmingham, Ala., whose name was suggested several days ago by Milton J. Foreman, of Chicago, as a promising candidate, had practically withdrawn from the race tonight.

Another name which continues to be discussed is that of Joseph Thompson, Wilkesbarre, Pa., a former state commander of the legion in that state.

It was hinted tonight that a resolution calling for definite action in behalf of universal peace might be introduced tomorrow by legionnaires who also are members of the inter-allied veterans federation.

Although the inter-allied veterans formally concluded their convention Monday, an executive committee of the organization, empowered by the convention to take what action it deemed expedient toward forwarding world peace, has been in session here all day today, and is expected to make a statement shortly covering its position.

Demand Sawyer's Removal  
The resolution attacking and demanding the removal of Brigadier General Sawyer, President Harding's personal physician, from the post of chief co-ordinator of the federal hospitalization board was adopted by the convention by a vote of 691 to 375.

## MAGISTRATE BLACKENS EYES OF WIFE BEATER

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Oct. 18.—A man charged with wife beating had both eyes blackened today by the magistrate, who ended the incident by imposing a \$10 fine.

The magistrate, Alderman Edward Burke, of Pittston, had heard only part of the wife's testimony when he shouted, "I am going to see how he likes it," and jumping over his desk, ordered Anthony Azakas, the defendant, to stand up. As Azakas did the magistrate hit him a sharp blow over the left eye. The defendant fell, but was ordered up again and received another judicial punch over the other eye which once more sent him to the floor. Azakas promised never to strike his wife again.

## OMAHA CHAIN MAN GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Fred Brown, Who Had Terrorized  
Parts of Nebraska,  
Is Convicted in Court After  
Long Chase.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 20.—Fred Brown, Omaha "chain man," today faced a sentence of life imprisonment for kidnaping with intent to assault. Mrs. Jean Jenkins, 21 years old.

In returning a verdict of "guilty as charged" late yesterday after 44 hours' deliberation, and recommending life imprisonment, the jury ended one of Nebraska's most spectacular criminal cases.

Brown's ability to elude apprehension when apparently inescapably cornered attracted wide attention. In his pursuit, Nebraska officers employed every available method of travel and his capture was effected only after he had been dangerously wounded.

In striking contrast to the terror caused Nebraska citizens by the carrying reports of Brown's success in his efforts to get away from the state, stood the almost dwarfed stature of the man and his mild demeanor throughout the trial.

Testimony offered in the trial was to the effect that Brown "picked up" Mrs. Jenkins and her friend, Katherine McManaman, offering them a ride to an outlying amusement park but forced the women to accompany him to his shack on the outskirts of Omaha. There he was said to have forced them into a pit beneath the floor, chained them and attacked them. Testimony further showed that Harry Boyd, a neighbor, endeavored to release the women, and also was chained by Brown and threatened the life of the would-be rescuer.

Brown is said to have stolen the car of Boyd with which to make a getaway. He was accused of having stolen other cars in Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and Rawlins, Wyo., near which town he was captured.

On the stand Brown caused laughter by his description of the scare he had caused officers who sought to arrest him. He tied up a sheriff and his deputy in eastern Wyoming and declared an Omaha policeman, after having placed him under arrest at the point of a shotgun, allowed him to go when Brown merely asked it.

Following his conviction Brown declared himself surprised at the verdict and reiterated his defense that the women had accompanied him to his home willingly, that they had been there several times prior to the chaining episode and that their threat to inform the authorities concerning his possession of alleged stolen jewelry unless he divided with them was the cause of the chaining.

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES TO TOUR THE COUNTY

Campaign in the County  
Opens at McAdenville Next  
Monday Evening—Runs for  
Two Weeks Over County.

Beginning Monday evening, October 23, the Democratic candidates in Gaston county will start on a speaking tour of the county. Every candidate for a Gaston county office will be in the party that will tour the county according to the schedule as published.

Below is the itinerary of the candidates. All speakings will take place at 7:30 p. m. Where two places are designated the candidates will be divided.

The schedule is as follows:  
Monday, October 23—McAdenville.  
Tuesday, October 24—Lowell and Pan Handle school house.  
Wednesday, October 25—Bessemer City and Mountain View Mills.  
Thursday, October 26—Cherryville.  
Friday, October 27—Mt. Holly and Glenn's.  
Saturday, October 28—Lucia.  
Monday, October 30—Stanley and Belmont.  
Tuesday, October 31—Dallas and Ranlo school house.  
Wednesday, November 1—Landers Chapel.  
Thursday, November 2—Cramerton and South Point.  
Friday, November 3—Union school house.  
Saturday, October 4—Alexis.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 19.—The latest investigation into the double slaying of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Eleanor R. Mills, choir singer, which the authorities have been guarding with such secrecy that they have considered it essential to remove their official headquarters to Bound Brook, N. J., leads directly into the home of "one of the leading families of New Brunswick," a county official said tonight.

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## Guess Who



Who's this trim old gentleman in neat business suit heading for his office with a brief-case under his arm? Why, Marshal Ferdinand Koch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies in the World War and the world's greatest military strategist!

## MRS. HALL AND MRS. MILLS HAD QUARRELED. LAST SUMMER AT CHURCH CAMP

Detectives Believe They Are  
Now On Right Track  
to Solution.

## THE TWO UNFRIENDLY

Since Vacation Time There  
Had Been Feeling Be-  
tween the Two.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Search for an automobile of old model which B. K. Soper, retired business man of Highland Park, declared he saw in the DeBussy's Lane near where the bodies of the slain rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and his choir leader, were found September 14, was instituted today by all forces seeking solution of the crime.

He declared he was returning by motor from a visit to Somerville, the night of the murders and that the car attracted his attention because of its model and the fact that it was coming from a section seldom followed by motorists in the middle of the night.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 20.—Authorities investigating the Hall-Mills murder mystery today were checking up details of new information which, they said, dovetails with facts previously obtained and points to a definite solution of the case which has baffled officials and detectives of Middlesex and Somerset counties for more than a month.

They were said to be weighing carefully a story to the effect that Mrs. Frances N. Hall, widow of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, choir singer, who was murdered shortly before the Halls' left Brunswick for a vacation last summer, and that the ill feeling was pronounced after the vacationists returned.

Information of the quarrel was given out by Miss Florence North, woman attorney for Charlotte Mills, daughter of the slain choir leader. Miss North told reporters that a scene had taken place between Mrs. Mills and the rector's wife at a camp maintained by the church at Point Pleasant, on the Jersey coast, last summer. Reference was made to the quarrel in a letter written by Dr. Hall to Mrs. Mills, she said.

The alleged trouble arose at the time the camp was breaking up, according to Miss North. Mrs. Hall, who had not remained at the camp, drove to Point Pleasant to get her husband. As she and the rector started to drive off, Mrs. Mills ran after the car and demanded of Dr. Hall if he intended to take her with them. He invited her to get into the car and she rode to New Brunswick with him. This incident was the prelude to a more or less open rupture between the two women, it was said. After Mrs. Hall returned from her vacation in New England she and Mrs. Mills spoke to each other perfunctorily but it was evident there was no friendship between them, Miss North stated. Charlotte had informed her, Miss North said, that the two were decidedly cold toward each other during the ten days immediately preceding the murder.

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## ANDREW BONAR LAW IS BUSY AT TASK SELECTING CONSERVATIVE CABINET TO SUCCEED DEPOSED COALITIONISTS

## London Press Comment Almost All Favorable To New Regime

Political Writers On London Newspapers Have Already  
Started Speculations—Believe Cabinet Will Be Completed  
Within a Week—Rumored That Lloyd George Will Form  
A New Party.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The conservative party organizers were busy today arranging the meeting at which a leader will be elected to succeed Austen Chamberlain. It is understood that the Carlton Club, which yesterday saw the deposition of the old leader, will be the scene of the choice of his successor.

The election of Andrew Bonar Law is a foregone conclusion and as soon as the party's vote has been registered will be in a position to begin formation of a cabinet to succeed the resigned Lloyd George ministry.

Rumor will be overworked in the next few days, filling the various cabinet posts. Some of the political writers in the morning newspapers have already started speculations, and a number giving greater prominence to the name of Lord Salisbury than might be expected in view of his political activities.

It is believed in conservative quarters that the cabinet will be completed before the end of next week. This prediction ignores dark hints from some coalition sources of the difficulties which Bonar Law may perhaps encounter. Prominence is given to a story that Lloyd George proposes to form a center party with Mr. Chamberlain and the leading coalition unionists, it being intimated that this composes important opposition to the regular conservatives.

Others went this as wholly groundless, declaring Mr. Chamberlain and his followers will make no attempt to obstruct Mr. Bonar Law in his work.

The political expert of the Westminster Gazette, anti-Lloyd George newspaper, hints at the possibility of the retiring prime minister taking a course which will compel an immediate election.

"Much will depend," he writes, "on Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Leeds. It is a challenge to the conservative party in its new independence, an at-

## Legless British Veteran of The Battle of Ypres Pleads With Legion For Help To End Wars

Lays Before the Legion the Eight Points Upon Which Inter-  
Allied Federation Pins Faith of Ending Wars—Legionnaires  
Deeply Stirred as Major Cohen Makes His Speech.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Representatives of the veterans of the world war in eight of the nations' associated in war against the central powers, men who have given health, eyesight and limbs in a war which they believed was to end wars, today made their plea to the American Legion to help them make that promise and that hope come true.

Their spokesman was J. B. Cohen, of Great Britain, one time major in a territorial regiment. At Ypres Major Cohen lost both legs.

He was brought to the front of the platform of the convention hall in a wheel chair, after he had been introduced by H. Nelson Jackson, one of the American delegates to the convention of the Inter-Allied Veterans' Federation, which has been deliberating here for its executive committee.

As Cohen wheeled forward in his chair there was a hush in the great hall. There was a man who had given everything that active men hold dear, because his country called on him.

He was a man of the old "Hundred Thousand" of England's little army of continental soldiers of the untrained, latter, leg, staggering and limping, who had fought until they dropped and then got up again and fought some more.

There was hardly a dry eye in the house. Men cried and laughed and were entirely unshaken of their emotion.

Then Cohen spoke. He laid before the legion the "eight points" upon which the wounded veterans of the Inter-Allied Federation pin their faith of ending wars.

The principal points of the pronouncement as presented were:

"1.—That all international agreements among governments affecting the entire people shall be open and above board, with full publicity.  
"2.—That treaties make the law between the nations and they must be executed in good faith.  
"3.—To oppose the territorial aggrandizement.  
"4.—To vigorously suppress within our boundaries all persons and propaganda seeking to overthrow by force, government existing by will of the people.  
"5.—That the financial policies of the Allied governments must have as their aim the stability of exchange and the resumption of international commerce, and we recommend the suspension of trade relations with countries maintaining armies organized for aggressive purposes.

## MARQUIS CURZON AND EARL OF DERBY ARE BOTH READY TO AID ANYWHERE

Law's Secretary Declares He  
Is In Good Shape and  
Ready.

## THE SITUATION IS ACUTE

Will Find Plenty of Timber  
Among the Younger  
Men.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Andrew Bonar Law appeared to be making rapid progress today in forming a cabinet to replace the fallen coalition government.

This was evidenced by the announcement that Marquis Curzon and the Earl of Derby, both of influence and experienced cabinet ministers, have agreed to serve under him in any capacity. Bonar Law cannot officially announce the formation of his ministry until he is elected head of the unionist party to succeed Austen Chamberlain, but it is generally conceded that this election will be only a formality.

Although the split in the unionist ranks has deprived him of such cabinet material as Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead, the Earl of Balfour, and some lesser lights, political experts believe Mr. Bonar Law will find plenty of timber among the younger men of the party who have shown promise in the political field and are marked for advancement at a favorable moment.

The premier-designate was busy seeking out eligibles at an early hour today. His secretary declared he is in good health again and ready to "buckle to" the work which lays before him. Certainly he is giving every evidence of his old intense energy, though whether he is strong enough to stand the long hard strain of office is problematical.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Developments in the British political situation following the fall of the Lloyd George government continued to hold close attention in both governmental and diplomatic circles here today. Outside of the immediate effect already felt in Washington of the postponement of the coming to this country of the British debt commission, however, the possibility of any further results concerning the relations of the two governments, it was said, was to be gauged only in the light of developments and the success of Premier Designate Bonar Law's efforts to form a new cabinet.

Although it appeared doubtful to officials today when the political situation in London would be sufficiently clarified to permit the sending of a British commission to this country to discuss the problem of refunding that country's war debt to the United States, for which the commission named by the Lloyd George government was to have sailed a week ago, there was little doubt that then negotiations ultimately would be carried out practically on the basis already mapped out.

## MEN'S LEAGUE BANQUET WAS A DECIDED SUCCESS

Ladies' Night at the Baptist  
Annex Was Delightful Occa-  
sion—Mrs. Highsmith  
Scores Bachelor Members.

(Reported for the Gazette)

Ladies' night at the banquet of the Men's League of the First Baptist church, held in the Annex on Thursday night of this week, was a brilliant success. The hall was beautifully decorated with dogwood cuttings, black eyes, hallowe'en lanterns, etc., making a most pleasing effect to behold. Mr. Emery B. Deany was never more at his best than on this occasion, he acting as presiding officer. Mr. Deany stated the object of the meeting and the Men's League and then called on Rev. W. C. Barrett to extend words of welcome to our good ladies which he did in choice words very befitting. The orchestra, led by Mrs. F. C. Michael, guests of the league, rendered a number of selections that would be hard to beat anywhere in the State.

Two splendid selections were rendered by male quartette composed of Messrs. Myers, Highsmith, Thorpe and Deany. Mr. Arthur Thorpe sang a beautiful solo. It was at his best and the members of the League and their guests enjoyed this solo beyond words of expression. A humorous reading was rendered by Mrs. Dr. C. Highsmith, with evoked laughter all the way through. She took the scalp off a few of our bachelor members.

The banquet was prepared and served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church.

HARTLEYS ARE TAKEN OUT  
AND SHOT TO DEATH  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Ed Hartley and his son, George Hartley, recently convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Countess Hartley, Ed Hartley's nephew, in Benton county last February, were taken from the jail at Camden at midnight and shot to death in a vacant lot 250 yards from the jail.

## THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature.