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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

TOM LAWSON TALKS OUT

STARTLES THE RULES COMMITTEE

Spectacular Financier, Summoned to Tell What He Knows About "Leak," Throws a Bomb by Mentioning Secretary McAdoo, Chairman Henry and Other Big "High-Ups" as Being Implicated—His Testimony.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Thomas W. Lawson, hailed before the house rules committee to tell what he knew or had heard about a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note or be punished, calmly declared today that the mysterious congressman who told him a cabinet officer, a senator and a banker were engaged in a stock gambling pool, was none other than Representative Henry, chairman of the committee.

Then, before his hearers had time to recover from the shock, Lawson sprung one sensation after the other by declaring that the cabinet officer referred to was Secretary McAdoo; that the banker was H. Pliny Fiske, of New York, and that he knew the senator only by the initial "O."

To complete the explosion, Lawson went on to charge that Paul M. Warburg, of the federal reserve board, had knowledge of the leak machinery; repeated a rumor that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, had made two millions in the stock market and to mention a list of well-known men whom he thought should be questioned. The committee promptly issued subpoenas for all of them.

Mr. Lawson said he had been told that Malcolm McAdoo, the secretary's brother, knew of the leak, as did C. E. Barney & Co. and Stewart G. Gibbons, of New York. A Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, of this city, he said, had declared to him in the presence of her attorney that Secretary Tumulty "received his bit" and that W. W. Price, one of the White House correspondents, was the go-between for Tumulty and others.

H. Pliny Fiske, Lawson said, was the banker he referred to previously as dominating a cabinet officer and Archibald S. White, he said had given him this information.

Representative Henry was said by Lawson to have told him, at the conference that preceded the opening of the leak investigation, of reports connecting the cabinet officer, banker, and senator, and also had told him of reports that Secretary Lansing had been seen conferring with Bernard Baruch, the Wall Street operator, said to have made a clean-up on the falling market which accompanied the peace note.

Lawson declared Henry had asked him on patriotic grounds not to press his charges. At no time, the Boston financier testified, did he ever say he had direct information.

When Lawson had finished his recital, Chairman Henry took the stand and swore that at no time had he mentioned to Lawson the names of the financier brought out on the witness stand, that he had no information then and had none now of his own knowledge, and denied generally and completely all of Lawson's testimony relative to him.

When he had concluded, Lawson rose and solemnly declared that every word he had uttered on the stand was "the truth, so help me God, without variation."

To back it up, Lawson said that immediately after leaving Henry at their conference he laid his information before John O'Hara Cosgrove, Sunday editor of The New York World, Erman J. Ridgway, president of Everybody's Magazine, and Donald McDonald, publisher of a Boston financial paper.

"Call these men," he demanded, "and they will bear me out in what I say."

Almost in tears at Henry's absolute denial of his statements, Lawson shouted:

"I'll make good here, and I won't go to jail as the goat."

Secretaries McAdoo and Tumulty and Mr. Price at once issued statements denying Lawson's references to them. The committee promptly ordered subpoenas for Ridgway, Cosgrove, Warburg, Fiske, Price, Malcolm McAdoo, White, Gibbons, Barney & Company, Mrs. Visconti and John R. Rathom, editor of The Providence Journal, who published some articles about "leaks." Secretaries Tumulty and McAdoo will appear without subpoena.

With that the committee adjourned until tomorrow morning, to resume its hearing on the most dramatic charges of scandal the capital has seen in years.

Today's sensational proceedings disposed of the elaborate preparations for holding Lawson in contempt of the house for his defiance of the committee at the previous hearing.

A great crowd was packed into the room when Lawson arrived. Police cleared an entrance for him.

With a set of 14 questions before him, prepared by Representative Lenroot, Chairman Henry began to question Lawson. When he had completed his first question, demanding the name of the congressman who Lawson said told him of a cabinet officer, a member of Congress and a banker reported to have been connected with the "leak," and also their names, Lawson rose and said he desired to make a statement.

"I am going to answer your ques-

IS NOT ALL PAID FOR

GASTONIA'S NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING

Some of the Creditors of Bankrupt Construction Company Enter Suit in Federal Court at Greensboro—Fact in the Case.

The following from Sunday's Greensboro News will be of interest to Gastonians:

Gastonia's new postoffice is not all paid for, according to the plaintiffs in a suit begun yesterday before Judge James E. Boyd in the district court of the United States for the western North Carolina district. The papers were filed here. The suit is named the "United States of America to the use and benefit of J. B. Cline, trading as the Gas Fixture and Brass company, vs. W. J. Brent Construction company, of Norfolk, Va., William J. Brent, George H. Brent, Alice W. Brent, of Norfolk, W. R. L. Taylor, trustee in bankruptcy of the construction company, and the Southwestern Surety Insurance Company."

The surety company, bondsmen for the bankrupt corporation, is relied upon for the amount of the judgment prayed, the allegations including that the company and its owners are bankrupt and that Mr. Taylor, who finished the work on the postoffice building as trustee after the decree of bankruptcy, without funds for the payment of the remaining creditors of the company.

The plaintiff alleges that July 9, 1914, the W. J. Brent Construction Company contracted with B. R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury of the United States for the erection of the Gastonia postoffice for \$22,241, agreeing to complete it or pay a penalty in 15 months from that date. The Southwestern Surety Insurance company, allegedly, went surety to the extent of \$27,000 that these terms would be carried out. December 11, 1915, the company petitioned for a decree of bankruptcy, the papers being filed in the court of the eastern division of Virginia. The decree was granted and the plaintiff seeks to recover from the bondsmen the sum of \$690 remaining unpaid the plaintiff for fixtures supplied for the new building.

In addition to this plea, there are intervenors in the case with a number of other claims. These are the Southern Gypsum company, of North Holston, Va., for \$153,773; the Miller Safe company, of Baltimore, for \$210; the Carolina Portland Cement company, of Charleston, S. C., for \$193,500; Guilin and Company, of Gastonia, for \$438,441; R. F. Taylor and company, of Indianapolis, for \$2,123,98; and the J. E. Smith Granite company, of Mt. Airy, for \$190,441.

Viola Dana Cozy Today.

MRS. J. E. RAGAN DEAD.

Well-known Lady of New Hope Section Victim of Ptomaine Poisoning—Sister of Col. C. B. Armstrong—Funeral and Burial This Afternoon.

At her home in the New Hope neighborhood, in the southeastern section of the county, Mrs. Laura Ragan, wife of Mr. J. L. Ragan, died last night at 8 o'clock following an illness of just a week from ptomaine poisoning. She became ill on Monday, the 8th, and grew steadily worse despite the efforts of physicians to save her life.

Funeral services will be conducted at New Hope Presbyterian church, of which deceased had been a member since girlhood, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Her pastor, Rev. R. S. Burwell, will officiate. Interment will be in the New Hope cemetery. Colonel Armstrong and family and other friends from Gastonia will attend the funeral.

Deceased was a daughter of the late John Armstrong and was born March 30, 1867, being in her fiftieth year. She is survived by her husband and five children, namely: Carlyle Ragan, of Gastonia; Miss Zaida Ragan, who is stenographer in the offices of the Armstrong mills here; Lloyd, Ola and Olive Ragan, at home; two sisters, Mrs. T. M. Bradley, of the New Hope section, and Mrs. R. L. Young, of Newdale, and two brothers, Col. C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia, and Mr. W. M. Armstrong, of Charlotte.

Mrs. Ragan was universally esteemed in her neighborhood and by all who knew her and her death, following such a brief illness, brings sorrow to many hearts.

Viola Dana Cozy Today.

Mrs. R. L. Weathers, aged 44, wife of a prominent Cleveland county farmer, died Saturday at the Rutherford hospital and was buried Sunday at Union Baptist church, in that county.

Winter Brings Colds to Children.

A child rarely goes through the whole winter without a cold, and every mother should have a reliable remedy handy. Fever, sore throat, tight chest and croupy coughs are sure symptoms. A dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will loosen the phlegm, relieve the congested lungs and stop the cough. Its antiseptic pine balsams heal and soothe. For croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial troubles try Dr. Bell's Pine Tar and Honey. At all Drug-gists, 25c.

A FINE BANKING HOUSE

FIRST NATIONAL'S AT CHERRYVILLE

Handsome Four-Story Structure Thrown Open to Public Friday Night—Is One of Most Up-to-date in This Section and a Splendid Advertisement for a Hustling Town—Reception Was a Delightful Affair.

It is a doubtful proposition whether any other town of its size in North Carolina has as handsome and up-to-date a banking house as the one just occupied in Cherryville by the First National Bank of that town. To use a term of the street, it is a "beauty". Cherryville is proud of this building, and justly so, for no one would controvert the statement that it is several years ahead of the town in size and equipment. Its very existence, however, is an indication of the firm faith its owners have in the sureness with which the town is growing to it. Outsiders, who are not acquainted with the new spirit which animates the business life of Cherryville, are amazed that it contains such a modern building.

Responding to a general invitation sent out to come and inspect this building, all of Cherryville (together with many people from the surrounding country) were present. The night was inclement but this fact kept but few away. Not a few came from farms miles away to inspect the new building and to mix and mingle with the crowd. The event was a success from every standpoint. It was a pleasant social occasion for the people as well as an excellent advertisement for the bank.

Receiving on the first floor were all of the resident directors and their wives, namely: Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Self, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Houser, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rudisill, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mauney. Two of the directors, Mr. W. A. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Charles C. Blanton, of Shelby, were unable to be present.

Punch was served in the rear hall near the directors' room by Mesdames L. L. Self, M. L. Mauney, D. P. McLeod, C. B. Fetner and Misses Irene Adendorff, Ruby Moose and Kern George. The guests were shown over the upper floors by several of the stockholders and their wives.

This building stands at the corner of Main and Mountain streets, occupying the site where formerly stood the residence of its president, Mr. S. S. Mauney. "Right on this spot," he told The Gazette reporter, who was fortunate enough to be present, "I lived for years, raised corn and cotton, and reared my children." Mr. Mauney, who is one of Cherryville's leading citizens and business men, was everywhere, making his friends feel at home. He was proud of the bank's new home and his fellow townsmen shared that pride with him. His sons, Mr. M. L. Mauney and Mr. M. C. Mauney, are cashier and assistant cashier respectively of the institution.

The following details about the building are gleaned from a neat little pamphlet distributed to the guests:

The building cost, furnished, \$30,000. It is four stories high. It is steam heated. The basement houses the heating plant and fire-proof vaults for keeping valuable records. The first floor is occupied entirely by the bank. The banking rooms proper are large and well lighted. The floor is of tiling and the fixtures are of marble, bronze and mahogany.

On the second floor are twelve offices, several of which have already been rented.

The third and fourth floors are given over to a large lodge hall, lounge, ball kitchen, etc. This hall will be occupied by Cherryville Lodge No. 505 A. F. and A. M. and Cherryville Lodge No. 174 K. of P. It is one of the handsomest lodge halls in the State.

There are two vaults on the first floor, both of the latest Mosler type. One is for the exclusive use of the bank while the other contains safety deposit boxes for customers. Adjoining the latter is a customers' room nicely and comfortably equipped. Back of the main vault is the director's room which is magnificently furnished in golden oak. Across the hall from the director's room is a ladies' rest room designed for the comfort of the wives and other lady members of customer's families. Here they can rest in privacy while their husbands attend to business in the bank or elsewhere. A writing desk, easy chairs and other conveniences are provided here for the ladies.

A unique feature of this bank is a farmer's public room on the first floor. It is intended for use by them for meetings and gatherings of any kind or for rest when they come to town. It is equipped with tables, chairs, etc., and has a large fire place. At the opening reception music was furnished in this room by the Atkins Orchestra, of Gastonia.

The first National Bank of Cherryville began business in the fall of 1904 with a capital of \$5,000. That has been increased from time to time until now it is \$50,000. This new home was built out of the surplus. At present the surplus and undivided profits account totals \$30,000. In the twelve years of its existence the bank has paid out 110 per cent in cash dividends. Its deposits now run

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. J. Ed Campbell, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baber spent Sunday in Charlotte with their daughter, Mrs. R. V. Williams, and family.

—Mr. P. W. Miller, of Belmont, principal of the graded schools in that town, was a Gastonia visitor Sunday.

—Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, whose illness is noted elsewhere, is reported today as having rested well last night and is considered much better.

—The many friends of Mrs. Geo. E. Marvin will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis she underwent at the City Hospital several days ago.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLean and A. A. McLean, Jr., left Saturday night for a ten-days trip to New York city and other eastern points where the Messrs. McLean go in the interest of the McLean Mills at Bessemer City.

—Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, who had been quite ill at her home on the New Hope road for some days last week, was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Almond, on South street Friday, and continues quite ill.

—Lenoir News, 12th: A message late Wednesday from Mr. M. L. Cornwell at Gastonia says that Mrs. Cornwell is recovering nicely from the operation which she underwent at a Gastonia hospital Monday. Mr. Cornwell left here Saturday for Chicago, going by way of Dallas to spend Sunday with Mrs. Cornwell, who was visiting at the home of her parents. Mrs. Cornwell was taken sick and he was unable to continue his trip. However, since Mrs. Cornwell is improving so nicely he will leave Monday or Tuesday.

Viola Dana Cozy Today.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Three Deeds Recorded in Register of Deeds Office Last Week Transferring as Many Residences in This City.

Among the deeds recorded in the office of the register of deeds last week were three in which property in Gastonia was transferred. They were:

Lillian and E. Price Rankin to Saida Marshall, property conveyed, house and lot, on South Oakland street, consideration \$8,700.

Lillian and E. Price Rankin to John G. Carpenter, property, house and lot, lies on South Oakland street, consideration \$3,000.

G. B. Mason and wife to O. B. Carpenter, property, house and lot, lies on East Airline avenue, consideration \$4,500.

Coming Monday Clara Kimball Young in her greatest picture Ideal Theater.

Mrs. Honeycutt Dead.

The following from Friday's Statesville Landmark will be of interest to Gastonians inasmuch as Rev. Mr. Honeycutt was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Jowell: "Mrs. W. V. Honeycutt, wife of Rev. W. V. Honeycutt, of Granite Falls, died Wednesday night. Mrs. Honeycutt was Miss Sherrill before her marriage and a native of Rowan county. Rev. Mr. Honeycutt is a native of Iredell county and formerly lived in the Elmwood vicinity. Rev. W. R. Ware will go to Granite Falls this morning, where he will conduct the funeral services this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock."

A Betterment Association.

Prof. Dean M. Thompson, principal of the Union school, was in the city Saturday on business and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call. He stated that on Friday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock a woman's betterment association will be formed at Union school house, composed of the ladies of the Union neighborhood. Miss Carrie Glenn, of Gastonia, supervisor of county primary schools, will be present to assist in the perfecting of an organization. Union is one of the very best communities in the county and has plenty of splendid material for such an organization. That this association will shortly begin to manifest itself as a community builder is certain.

Sleet and Ice.

Gastonia is having a taste of real winter. Since noon yesterday the ground has been covered with ice. Yesterday morning sleet fell for a while, followed by rain which froze as it fell. As a result navigation by pedestrians, horses and motor vehicles has been exceedingly difficult and dangerous. The streets were deserted early last night. Every person who was not compelled to brave the elements remained at home by the bright firelight. Today also traffic is light. So far The Gazette has heard of no accidents, though several near-accidents have been reported. The weather man predicted snow for this section today but up to noon today the prediction had failed to materialize.

Trade With Gazette Advertisers.

over \$200,000.

Architect W. G. Rogers, of Charlotte, furnished the plans and specifications for the building and it was erected by Contractor J. W. Campbell, of the same city.

ANOTHER BIG FACTORY

CAPITAL \$200,000; MAKE FINE YARNS

Stock Nearly All Subscribed Without Any Canvass—Charter to be Applied for Today or Tomorrow—Will Probably be Known as A. M. Smyre Manufacturing Company—To be Ready for Operation by Fall.

One, two, three, four, five—well, what's the use? The reporter started to count Gastonia's cotton mills and see how many there would be if another were added to the list. It's hard to keep tab on them. Suffice it to say that the number is up in the twenties and there is going to be one more, a brand new one that the public has not heard about before.

The Gazette is not permitted to tell in this issue who the principal stockholders are nor who the incorporators are. We are able to state, however, that the new enterprise will very probably be known as the A. M. Smyre Manufacturing Company. The men behind the movement looking to its establishment are all prominent and successful Gastonia business men and the fact that practically all of the capital stock of \$200,000 has been taken by local people without any effort having been made to secure it, guarantees that the mill will be built.

Today or tomorrow, in fact, an application for a charter will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, immediately upon its receipt a meeting of the stockholders will be held for the purpose of organizing and getting down to business at once. Already several sites are under consideration and a deal for one will probably be closed before the end of the week. Work will commence on the buildings at once and the promoters expect to have the factory in operation early in the fall. It will manufacture fine yarns. More details regarding this new enterprise will be given Gazette readers in Friday's issue.

Viola Dana Cozy Today.

BONDS WILL BE SOLD.

Gastonia County Commissioners Set February 16 as Date on Which Improvement Bonds Will be Sold.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Friday the board made preparations to sell bonds in the sum of \$100,000 on February 16. Sealed bids will be received by the board at the court house on that date up to 12 o'clock noon, at which time all of the bids will be opened and the successful bidder named.

These bonds are being sold in order to liquidate the \$100,000 that was borrowed from the First National Bank, of this city, in July 1916, for the purpose of replacing the county bridges that were destroyed by the flood at that time.

An act was last week passed by the Legislature authorizing Gastonia county to sell bonds in the above-named sum. Improvements will be made on bridges and road work.

Coming Monday Clara Kimball Young in her greatest picture Ideal Theater.

New Phone Directory.

One of The Gazette's wishes for the year 1917, expressed at the outset of the new year, was for a new telephone directory. We got it Saturday—considerably sooner than we expected. This new directory is neatly and conveniently gotten up. It contains lists of the Gastonia, Belmont and Bessemer City exchanges. A new feature, which will prove of great value to subscribers, is a numerical listing of phones; this is in addition to the regular list.

"The Road to Love" Ideal Tuesday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WEEKLY ORGAIZE.

At the home of Mr. J. H. Separk, superintendent of Main Street Methodist Sunday school, Friday night a Teachers and Officers Council was organized, composed of the teachers and officers of that Sunday school. Rev. H. H. Jordan was chosen permanent chairman and Mr. J. M. Holland secretary. On the second Friday night of each month a social meeting will be held with some one of the members and on the following Sunday a meeting of the council will be held at the church. At these Sunday meetings a teacher's training course will be taken up and the members will rotate as teachers of this class. There were present at Friday night's meeting Rev. H. H. Jordan, Messrs. G. R. Spencer, C. W. Roberts, J. M. Holland, J. H. Separk, Rev. W. L. C. Killian, Mesdames, W. C. Davis, L. A. States, T. E. Summerrow, B. F. Dixon, H. H. Jordan, A. R. Rankin and Misses Jane Morris, Carrie Morris, Susie Rawlings, Nell McAllister and Lola Davis. A committee of three will be appointed to provide a program for each meeting.

EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD.

H. H. Adams, Springfield, Mo., writes: "I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I am getting old, 87 years. I tried different treatments, but none did me so much good as Foley Kidney Pills." Foley Kidney Pills build up weakened kidneys, help rid the blood of acids and poisons, and relieve bladder troubles. J. H. Kennedy & Co.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH MRS. GARRISON.

The regular meeting of the Public Health Nurse Committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will be held at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week, January 19, with Mrs. D. A. Garrison at her home on South York street. All members are requested to be present.

MEETS WITH MRS. BARKLEY.

The Music Club will hold its meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. F. D. Barkley at her home on Second avenue instead of with Mrs. Will Wetzel, as was scheduled. The change in place of meeting was made because of the illness and death of Mrs. Wetzel's aunt.

OPERAETTA WAS WELL ATTENDED.

"The Witch of Fairy Dell," the play which was presented at the Central graded school auditorium last Friday evening by the girls of the high school, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The many songs and other parts by the 40 young ladies were well rendered, and showed excellent preparation. A neat sum was realized for the music department of the school.

STUDY CLUB MET WITH MRS. LA FAR.

Mrs. D.-R. La Far was the Study club hostess on last Thursday morning, January 11th. This was the first meeting of 1917 and all members were present.

A splendid program was rendered on "The Art and Artists of London." Mrs. Frank L. Wilson had the paper of the day, her subject being, "Art Galleries of London." Mrs. Kennedy's reading was "Willow-Wood," from Rossetti. The round table on "The Pre-Raphaelites" was conducted by Mrs. G. A. Sparrow.

At the conclusion of the program, a delicious salad course was served. Bowls of narcissus and hyacinths adorned the dining room tables and at each plate was a card bearing good wishes for the New Year. Mrs. A. A. McLean was a pleasant visitor. The president, Mrs. Joe S. Wray, appointed the program committee for 1917-18 as follows: Mesdames D. A. Garrison, J. H. Kennedy, J. M. Sloan, F. L. Wilson, T. W. Wilson.

TO INSPECT SCHOOL WORK.

The education committee of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association has arranged a meeting of the teachers of the first, second and third grades at the Central school and the mothers of the pupils in those grades to be held at the Central school building tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon, from 3 to 4 o'clock. From 3 till 3:30 o'clock the mothers will visit the rooms where their children are being instructed for the purpose of observing the work as it is done daily in those rooms. From 3:30 to 4 o'clock there will be a joint meeting of the teachers of these grades and the mothers at which there will be informal talks regarding the problems presented by these grades. The committee is desirous of having at this meeting a large attendance of mothers. They want the mothers to get acquainted with those who are teaching their children and to familiarize themselves with the manner in which the school work is carried on.

BOYS WORKING FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.

Four little boys, Masters Thomas Moore, James Henderlite, Henry Franklin Michael and Bobbie Adams Gilliam, are engaged in the very laudable enterprise of raising money for the orphans in war-stricken France by collecting papers and magazines which they store and sell. They are calling on their friends every Saturday morning for such clean newspapers and magazines as they can spare and these are stored at the offices of D. M. Jones & Co., on West Main avenue until a sufficient quantity has been accumulated to make a shipment. They are working in connection with the Fleur de Lis Aid Club, an account of which was carried in The Gazette of November 22. The sum of \$73, remitted through the well-known New York publication, Life, will support an orphan with its mother or other relative for two years. Already the club has sent in more than this amount and expects to keep the good work up. All who are interested can help very materially by saving papers and magazines that would otherwise be burned or thrown away and notifying the boys to call for them on Saturdays.

"The Road to Love" Ideal Tuesday.

CONSTIPATION MAKES YOU DULL.

That drabby, listless, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation. The intestines are clogged and the blood becomes poisoned. Relieve this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills; this gentle, non-gripping laxative is quickly effective. A dose at bedtime will make you feel brighter in the morning. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 25c.