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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

BIG LINER IS TORPEDOED

LAONIA WAS NOT GIVEN WARNING

Sailed From New York the 18th With 100 Passengers, Ten of Them Americans—Was One of Largest Liners in Service—Survivors Numbering 270 Landed at Queenstown. Queenstown, Feb. 26.—The Cunard line steamship Laonia, of 18,099 tons gross, which sailed from New York February 18 for Liverpool, has been sunk.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Leake Carraway, of Charlotte, were in town Sunday. —Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., spent yesterday in Charlotte. —Mr. L. D. Proffitt, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent yesterday in the city on business.

FOR ARMED NEUTRALITY

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS FOR POWER

President Addressed Joint Session of Congress Yesterday and Asked Assent of That Body to Put Nation in State of Armed Neutrality—He Publicly Not Willing to Sign a "Blank Check" so Extra Session Will Probably be Necessary. Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson today took the inevitable step and asked Congress for authority to use the forces of the United States to protect American ships and lives against the German submarine menace—to put the Nation in a state of armed neutrality.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

COMPLETED STUDY OF MISSION BOOK. At its meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. B. E. Atkins, the Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church completed the study of "Our South American Neighbors." Mrs. T. E. Summerrow was the leader.

ANOTHER OUT FOR MAYOR

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ALSO ENTER RACE

Mayoralty Contest Grows Warmer When Mr. Arthur M. Dixon Flings His Hat in the Ring—He Wants to Be Mayor of the Best City in the State, He Says—Dr. J. M. Sloan is Added from Ward Five Instead of Mr. Kirby and the Present Aldermen Stand for Re-election. "I am in the race for mayor of Gastonia. My only excuse for entering the race is that I have an ambition to be mayor of the best city in North Carolina," declared Mr. Arthur M. Dixon to a Gazette representative this morning.

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LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

To Preach at St. Mark's. Rev. Warren W. Way, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church at Salisbury, will preach at St. Mark's church Wednesday night at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him. Lenten Services. Week-day Lenten services will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Rev. E. N. LeBlanc rector, as follows: Tuesday at 10:30 a. m.; Wednesday at 8 p. m.; Friday at 5:30 p. m. Visiting clergymen will preach every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Clara Kibball Young in "Dark Silence" at the Ideal Wednesday. —Miss Bess Thomasson, who for the past six years has held a position with W. T. Sledge at Hickory, has resigned her position there to accept a position with J. B. Ivey & Co. in Charlotte.

—Miss Lillian A. Ferguson goes to Charlotte tonight to attend the Treble Clef Concert to be given at the Woman's Club Rooms in the Chamber of Commerce quarters. —Miss Mabel McArthur spent the week-end with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chaney, in the Pisgah section. Miss Ethel Chaney accompanied her home.

The President's long expected action, while received in the main with expressions of support, threatens to force an extra session of Congress. The Republicans, disinclined to grant him blanket authority while Congress is in recess, give evidence of opposing the legislation the President asks, not for the purpose of withholding it, but to force him to have Congress in special session to take a hand in the next steps, which they feel will lead to war.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING: "Using What We Have" was the topic for discussion at the first meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society which was held in the Sunday school room of the First Presbyterian church Sunday night at 6:45.

ALDERMEN ENTER RACE. The present members of the board of aldermen, with one exception, have announced themselves as candidates for re-election in today's issue of The Gazette. The new candidate is Dr. J. M. Sloan from Ward Five, who is making the race instead of the present alderman, Mr. A. J. Kirby.

Musical Entertainment Thursday. A national and folk song entertainment will be given at the Central school auditorium Thursday evening, March 1st, at 8 o'clock by the music department of the high school. The entertainment will be under the direction of Miss Mary Frew, of the high school faculty.

Old newspapers for sale at Gazette office, five cents a bundle. If it's a White Mountain or Ice King Refrigerator it's the best. Gastonia Furniture Company, Agents.

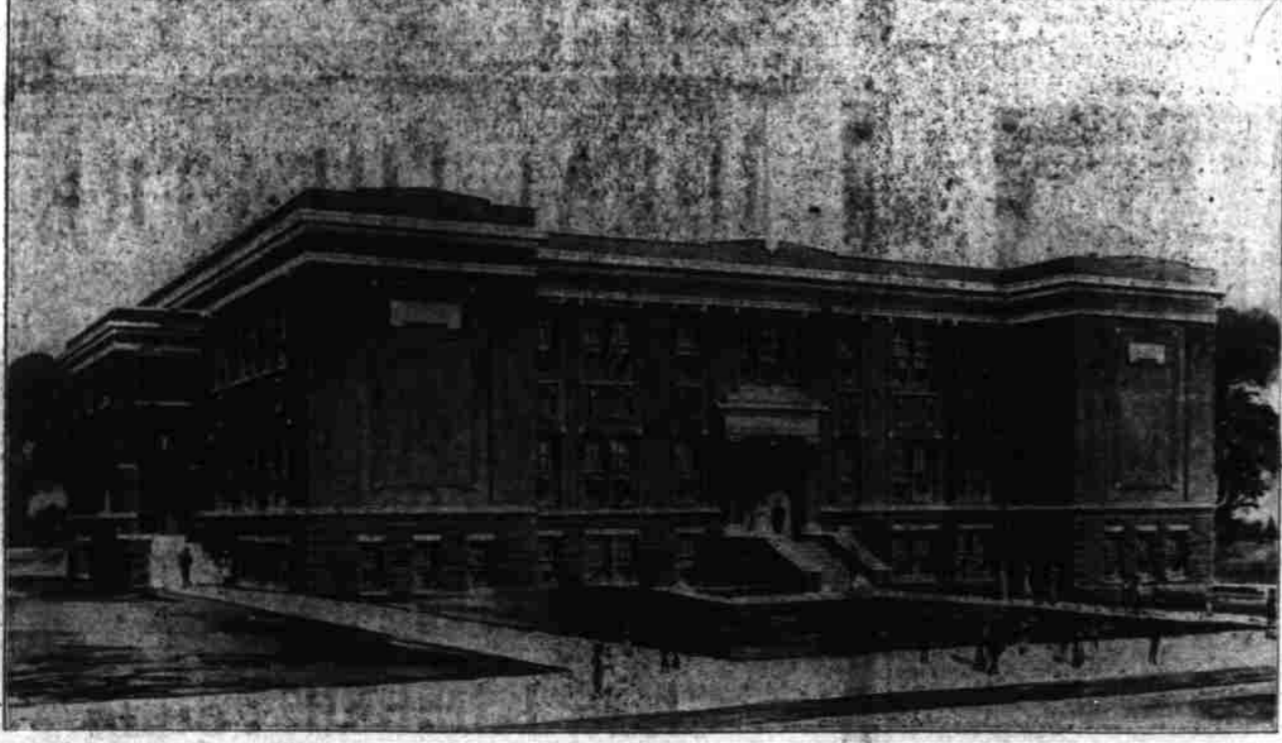
Buy It In Gastonia. Neither one of the buildings, however, can be used until the playgrounds adjacent to the buildings are leveled and filled in. This work has been delayed for a great while because of the rains, but the weather has now cleared up and this work can be done.

an auditorium in each building. An indoor playroom has also been provided in the basement of the buildings. The auditoriums have a seating capacity of 500, and are unusually well planned. The new buildings have their own steam heating plants. When the school grounds are put in shape and these buildings are opened the congestion at the Central graded school will be greatly relieved.

TO GIVE CONCERT IN CHARLOTTE TONIGHT. Miss Marie Torrence, of Gastonia, is to give a concert tonight at Charlotte. Sunday's Charlotte Observer gave the program and other details as follows: Music lovers are looking forward with much pleasure to the appearance of Miss Marie Torrence, of Gastonia, February 27 at 8:15 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Car of Stoves and Iron Beds at old prices. Gastonia Furniture Co. Addition to Church. The addition to the Loray Baptist church which has been in course of construction for several weeks will be completed this week and will be put in use next Sunday for the first time.

New Ice Plant. Within the next 30 days Messrs. R. Hope Brison & Company expect to have their new ice manufacturing plant on East Franklin avenue and Columbia street complete and ready to operate. The building, which is some 42 by 108 feet, of brick and corrugated iron construction, is now finished, and all that remains to be done is the installation of machinery, which is all to be of the latest and most approved type.



THE NEW EAST AND THE WEST GASTONIA SCHOOLS ARE EXACTLY ALIKE. THE ABOVE CUT, MADE FROM THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWINGS, SHOWS THEIR APPEARANCE. ARE READY FOR OCCUPANCY.