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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

BIGLINER IS TORPEDOED SHORT LOCAL ITEMS FOR ARMED NEUTRALITY IN SOCIAL CIRCLES ANOTHER OUTFOR MAYOR GASTONIA LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD BOARD OF ALDERMEN ALSO ENTER RACE, LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND LACONIA WAS NOT GIVEN WARNING WILSON ASKS CONGRESS FOR POWER -Mr. and Mrs. J. Leake Carraway, of Charlotte, were in town Sunday. To Preach at St. Mark's.

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 steamskip Laconia, of 18,-099 tons gross, which sailed from New York February 18 for Liverpool, has been sunk.

The Cunard Liner Laconia, sailed from New York on February 18 with 100 passengers, among whom were 10 or more Americans.

The survivors of the Laconia are said to number 270. They will be landed tonight.

It is stated authentically that the Laconia was torpedoed without warning.

First cabin passengers totalled 33 and second cabin 42. The crew numbered 216. There were no steerage passengers.

Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, telegraphed the American embassy here today:

"Cunarder Laconia torpedoed 10: 50 Sunday night. Two hundred and seventy-eight survivors landed. Details lacking but known some missing, one dead.'

The Cunard line received confirmation from the British Admiralty of the destruction of the Laconia. Americans on board were Miss Phyllis Barker, New York; Arthur T. Kirby, Bainbridge, N. J.; Mrs. F. E. Harris, New York; F. P. Gibbons, of the Chicago Tribune; Mrs. Mary E Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy, of Chicago, and Rev. James Wareing, of New York.

Twenty Americans, all native born, were members of the crew of the Laconfa.

Five thousand sacks of United States mail were carried by the Laconia

The Laconia was one of the largest vessels of the Cunard fleet and the largest thus far sunk since the new German submarine warfare was commenced. She registered 18,099 tons. was 600 feet long. 71 feet beam and 40 feet depth. She was built in 1911 at Newcastle.

Clara Kibmall 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

-Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., spent yesterday in Charlotte. -Mr. L. D. Proffitt, of Spartan-

Service States

burg, S. C., spent yesterday in the city on business.

-Mr. J. B. Hall, mayor of Belmont, spent several hours in Gastonia on business today.

-Mr. R. E. Allen, of Clover, S. C. was in town yesterday and left for Buffalo, N. Y., on business.

-The Cozy Theater is showing today "The Stolen Triumph" a fiveact Metro masterpiece. Silence.

-Mrs. B. T. Morris will have as her guests tomorrow her sister, Mrs. E. L. Pleasants, of Charlotte, and a cousin, Mrs. A. H. Page, of Cheraw, S. C.

-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 accompaned her home.

-Mr. O. O. Baber went to Charlotte Sunday and brought back with him his little nieces, Misses Elizabelle and Ruby Williams, who will spend several days here.

-Miss Louise Connelly, of Connelly Springs, arrived in the city Friday to accept a position as teacher in the city public schools. She will have charge of the fifth grade.

-Mr. L. F. Groves, of the Flint, Groves and Arlington mills, is expected home one day this week from Philadelphia and New York where he has been for the past ten days on business.

-Sergeant Erskine Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, who returned home this month with Company B. from the Mexican border. left Saturday for West Raleigh where he goes to re-enter A. & M. College.

-Misses Lucile 'Hamilton and Vera Fowler, members of the faculty of the Clover, S. C., graded, schools, were the guests recently of Miss Margaret Morris at her home on West Main Avenue.

-Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who has been quite ill at her rooms at the Armington since her return Saturday night from a visit to Birmingham, Ala., is reported today as being considerably better.

-Miss Kate Padg President Addressed Joint Session of Congress Yesterday and Asked Assent of That Body to Put Nation in State of Armed Neutrality-Hepublicans 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.

The immediate response was the introduction in the House of a bill empowering him to furnish guns and gunners to American merchantmen, 'to employ such other instrumentalities and methods" as may become necessary, and providing for a \$100,-000,000 bond issue to be used in his discretion for war insurance to encourage American commerce to brave the submarine peril. The bill may be brought up in the House tomorrow with special rules for its immediate

consideration. A similar bill will be considered tomorrow by the Senate Foreign Re-**Aations** Committee.

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. The Republicans are receiving passive support from the Democratic element classed as "pacifist."

The President's advisers deplore this situation for its effect in Germany, where they are convinced it will feed the official impression that Congress will not support the President if he finds it necessary to go to war, and that he is not speaking the sentiments of a united country.

The President's request for authority to "use other instrumentalities" is the principal sticking point. Even the Republicans and some of the Democrats who hesitate to give him what he asks, say they would be willing to give him authority to arm American ships or act on a definite proposal, but are reluctant to "sign

COMPLETED STUDY OF MISSION BOOK.

At its meeting yesterday afternool with Mrs. B. E. Atkins, the Mission Study Class of Main Street Metho dist church completed the study of "Our South American Neighbors. Mrs. T. E. Summerrow was the leader. Following the study refreshments were served and a social half hour enjoyed. The class will next take up the study of "The South Today" The study of this book will be car ried on at home and no meeting will be held until the home study of the book has -been completed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET HERE SATURDAY.

On Saturday, February 17th, the executive committee of the Kings Mountain Presbyterial held an allday meeting at the home of Mrs. D. R. LaFar on South Chester street. Those present were Mrs. J. S. Wise and Mrs. R. S. Abernethy, of Lincolnton; Miss Corinne Puett, of Dallas; Mrs. F. P. Hall and Mrs. R. P. Stowe, of Belmont: Mrs. George Patterson, of Spencer Mountain; Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mrs. C. J. McCombs and Miss Lena Wilson, of Gastonia. The chief business of the meeting was the arrangement of the program for the annual meeting of the presbyterial which is to be held in Belmont April 18 to 20.

٠ SCROGGS-ALLGOOD MARRIAGE.

A wedding of interest to many Gastonians was solemnized in the First Baptist church Saturday night at 8:30 o'colck when Miss Irene Allgood became the bride of Mr. R. E. Scroggs. No cards had been issued and only a few intimate friends of the contracting persons knew that might be acquainted with his platthe marriage was to take place. Only a few witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs will make their home in Wilkes county where the groom has a position with a construction company. The bride spent several years in Gastonia and at Linwood College where she was educa ted. She is attractive both in person and manner and has many friends here to whom this announcement will be of more than usual interest.

. . . 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. There were about 50 present and much interest and enthusiasm was manifested. Each one performed his part splendidly and so helped to make the first meeting a success. Miss Lillian Ferguson, the president. led the meeting and made a short out very interesting talk about some of the things the society wishes to do in the near future. These meetings are held every Sunday night in the Sunday school room at 6:45 and the programs rendered by the members are always enjoyable. The public is

Mayoralty Contest Grows Warmen When Mr. Arthur M. Dixon Fling His Hat in the Ring-He Want to Be Mayor of the Best City 1 the State, He Says-Dr. J. Sloan is Added from Ward Five In stead 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. His formal announcement will be found eise zhere

in this issue.

Upon being asked as to his platform Mr. Dixon said: "If elected it will be my purpose to do anything and everything in my power for the further advancement and progress of Gastonia."

Mr. Dixon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Sr., of this city and is one of Gastonia's prominent young mill men, being superintendent of the Trenton Cotton Mills. He has figured in local politics to some extent heretofore, having been chosen as alderman from the Fifth Ward for two successive terms several years ago. Two years ago he represented Gaston county in the upper house of the General Assembly.

Because of the great length of time until the primary Mr. Dixon stated at this time that he would make no detailed statement of the policies of his platform. He stated, however, that such a statement would be made by him within the near future in order that the voters of Gastonia

form. Thus the mayoralty race is converted into a three-cornered fight, the candidates being Messrs. V. E. Long, A, E. Woltz and A. M. Dixon in the order announced. There are rumors to the effect that there will be other entrances ere long but none of the rumors can be vouched for.

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.

Rev. Warren W. Way, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church at Salis-bury, 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.

Plant Nearing Completion.

The plant of the Gastonia Ice. Coal Company, which was burned in November, has been entirely rebuilt and is now very near comp Unless there is further delay in ting material and machinery plant will be ready for the ma facture of ice within two or three weeks. In rebuilding the plant its capacity was greatly increased.

Meeting of Elders and Deacons.

The Gazette has been requested by Rev. George A. Sparrow, pastor of Olney and Union Presbyterian churches, to make the announcen that there will be .a ing of the deacons and elders of OI ney church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 8th, at the church All members of the official boards are urged to be present.

Improving Postoffice Grounds.

Landscape Architect Leigh Colyer, of Charlotte, is doing some work on the postoffice grounds which will no doubt increase the attractiveness of the appearance of that property. Two of the trees on the western lawn are to be transferred to the eastern lawn next to the new bank building and a hedge is to be set all around the three open sides of the yard. On the Main avenue front flower plats will be planted.

Death of Mrs. George Moore.

Following an illness of many months with tuberculosis Mrs. Geo. Moore died at her home at the Ozark Mill Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. She was 28 years of age, and is survived by several small children. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the home, Rev. O lones pastor Methodist church, conducted the services. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery.

resigned her position there to ac cept a position with J. B. Ivey & Co. in Charlotte. Miss Thomasson is an experienced saleswoman, having held a position in Gastonia some time before going to Hickory. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is to have a position at Ivey's.

Clara Kibmall Young in "Dark Silence" at the Ideal Wednesday.

-Charlotte Observer, 27: Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Greenville, S. C., brother of Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, of this city, arrived in Charlotte Monday night and entered the Charlotte Sanatorium, where he will undergo an operation this morning for appendicitis. Mr. Kirpatrick was accompanied to the city by his wife, and sons, Grier and J. W. Kirkpatrick, They are with Mr. and Mrs. W. Jr. They are with Mr. and Mrs. w. B. Lindsay, at their home on West Third street.

If it's a White Mountain or Ice King Refrigerator it's the best. Gastonia Furniture Company, Agents.

Old newspapers for sale at Gazette office, five cents a bundle.

through the city on No. 37 this morning en route from Baltimore, where she has been purchasing spring millinery, to Laurens, S. C., where she has a position as milliner for the season with the firm of Minter Bros.

-Miss Annie Louise Wills, of Brinkleyville. has accepted a position in the faculty of the Gastonia High School. She has already arrived in the city and entered upon her new work, having charge of the seventh grade.

-Mr. Alex McLean, who has for the past several years held a position with Belk's as cashier and bookkeeper, has resigned to take a position as bookkeeper with the Robinson Shoe Co. He succeeds Mr. J. B. Reeves, who resigned to study textiles.

-Dr. R. H. Parker, the veterinars ian, is giving the Pasteur treatment to a mule belonging to Mr. W. T. McLean of the New Hope section. The mule was bitten last Wednesday by a dog of 'Mr. McLean's which was rabid. This is the first time a mule has been given the Pasteur treatment in this county.

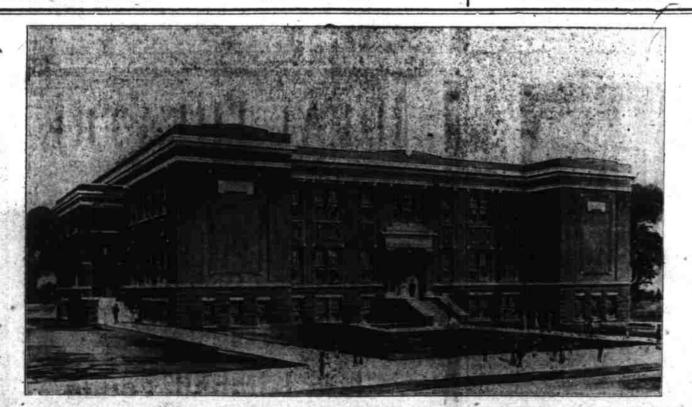
Buy It In Gastonia.

a blank check.

The Administration faces this division in its own ranks in its effort to convince the Kaiser that the United States is now preparing to enforce respect for its rights on the high seas. Some Democrats point to the President's own statement today that he considered that he had already implied authority to act, and might do so without sanction of Congress. Mr. Wilson himself, however, said he preferred not to act on implications, and did not desire to be left without specific authority and no Congress to which to turn. All these things point toward an extra session, although a way out may develop at the last moment.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- After conferences with Democratic and Republican leaders, Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affair's Committee, introduced late today a bill authorizing the President to arm merchant ships and use "such other instrumentalities as necessary" to protect them on the high seas, and providing for a special bond issue of

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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.

The New School Building in East and West Gastonia Are Now Ready for Occupancy-Delay is Being Occasioned by Condition of the Playgrounds

The new school buildings in East and West Gastonia have been during Both of these buildings are mod-the past few weeks put in first-class ern and up-to-date in every particu-tral graded school will be greatly re-

work can be done.

condition and are now ready for oc- lar. There are 15 class rooms and lieved

cupancy. Neither one of the build- | an auditorium in each building. An ings, however, can be used until the indoor playroom has also been proplaygrounds adjacent to the build- vided in the basement of the buildings are leveled and filled in. This ings. The auditoriums have a seatwork has been delayed for a great ing capacity of 500, and are unusualwhile because of the rains, but the ly well planned. The new buildings weather has now cleared up and this have their own steam heating plants. When the school grounds are put

most cordially invited to attend. This is the program for the meeting last Sunday night:

Topic, "Using What We Have.", Song, "As a Volunteer." Song. "Keep the Heart Singing."

Scripture Reading, Miss May Withers.

Prayer, Mr. Henderlite. Quartette, "Holy Twilight Hour," Misses Armstrong, Thomson, Wilson

and LaFar. Poem, "Pray for One Another."

Miss LaFar. Short Talk, "Using What We

Have," Miss Ferguson. Poem, "Your Kind of a League," Gordon Kincaid.

Song, "Somebody Did a Golden Deed.

Benediction.

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. Miss Torrence is a young soprano who has achieved an enviable success in the line of work her unusual talents have directed her, her concert record having placed her in the forefront of artists in Charlotte and vicinity. Members of the Treble Clef take pride in presenting Miss Torrence; for, in addition to furnishing a delightful evening, they will live up to one of their avowed principles, that of encouraging home musicians and fostering and cultivating a taste for the best in music. Miss Sallie Dixon will accompany Miss Torrence and Misses Elsie Stokes, Louise Mc-Crae and Helen Foil will assist as pi-

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	Misses Dixon and Foil.	100 400
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	La Perle du Braz'el (David)	15 36
t.	3-(a) Spring's Awakening	7-(a)
9	(Sanderson)	(b
	(b) Staccato Polka (Mulder)	(c)

Aria-Du puis le joer

Mr. Kirby will within a short time move to his new home on the New Hope road east of the city and will, therefore, not be eligible to make the race.

Following are the aldermen who have announced: B. F. S. Austin, S. M. Morris, A. B. Elliott, T. M. Mc-Entire, J. M Sloan, W. F. Kincaid and R. C. Patrick.

Is Able to Be'Out.

His many friends in Gastonia will be glad to learn that Mr. Clyde Mc-Lean is able to be up again after a long illness with typhoid fever. He was on the streets this afternoon for the first time in eleven weeks.

Brings Good Price,

A lot on South Broad street belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Lamar C. Pegram was sold at public auction this morning by Messrs. A. G. Mangum and Mark Squires commissioners appointed in a special proceeding in the Superior Court. The lost was purchased by Mr. A. E Woltz for \$3,500.

Buys Controlling Interest.

A deal has been made whereby Mr. G. R. Spencer has sold his entire holdings in the Price Real Estate & Insurance Co., of this city, to Messrs. A. E. Woltz and A. E. Moore. These last two gentlemen have therefore secured the controlling interest in the company. Mr. Moore, it is understood, will be made president when the company is re-organized. No change in the management of the company has been made at this time.

Car of Stoves and Iron Beds at old prices. Gastonia Furniture Co.

Addition to Church:

The addition to the Loray Bap tist 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. The addition consists of eight Sunday school class rooms, all of which, by means of folding doors, can be opened into the auditorium giving the church a seating capacity of 1,000. The new addition, which fs 28 by 42 feet and two stories high, represents an outlay of \$1,500. The work was done by Mr. W. S. Quinn, contractor. The enlargement of the seating capacity of the church will be of very great benefit during the revival meeting which is to begin March 11th.

Clara Kibmall Young in "Dark Silence" at the Ideal Wednesday. (Carpenter) uise semble-Piano e Bride of the Valkyre (Wagner) sses Stokes, McCrae, Dixon and Foil. Als die alte mutter (Dvorak) (Brahms) Sandmuchen

Ungeduld (Schubert) Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark (Bishop)

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 music department of the high school. The entertainment will be under the direction of Miss Mary Frew, of the high school faculty. Besides inspir-ing national songs there will be folk songs, tableaux, fancy drills and numerous other interesting features. An admission of 10 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the music department,

Moves to Lincolnton.

Mr. S. E. McArthur, one of Gastonia's pioneer citizens and mer-chants, left yesterday with his family for Lincolnton, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. McArthur has leased from Mr. J. L. Lineberger the Eureka Foundry and Machine Shops and will have charge of that enterprise. He will?occupy the Bob Reinhart residence. Mr McArthur has been in the mercantile business in Gastonia for nearly thirty years until a few months ago, when he sold his stock of merchandise. His many friends wish for himgreat success in his new location.

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 plant will have a capacity of thirty tons of ice daily. The coal chute has also been completed and within the next few days the firm will begin delivering coal from their new location.

To Play Ball.

Mr. J. F. Whitney left Sunday for Fayette, Ala., where he will spend a few days before going to Fort Worth. Texas, to train with one of the Western league baseball teams. Whitney is the left-handed pitcher who played on Gastonia's crack team two years ago. Jimmie Hickman, another former Gastonian, left Saturday for his home in Johnson City, Tenn., from which place he goes in a few days to Hot Springs, Ark., to train with the Brooklyn team. Oscar Je kins also leaves today for H Springs to go into training with t Boston team which bought him I year. Gastonians will watch the fu ture of these players with great interest.

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