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## FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

### GASTON WOMEN TO ORGANIZE ON 24TH

Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston, Temporary County Chairman, Calls Meeting of All Women of County to Be Held Here to Organize County Unit of Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense—Something About the Organization.

Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston, who was recently appointed temporary chairman for Gaston county of the North Carolina Division of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, yesterday issued the following letter to the women of the county:

"Dear Madam:  
"At the request of the State chairman of the Woman's Committee of Council of National Defense, I am calling the women of Gaston county to meet in the assembly room of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon, July 24th, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of forming a Gaston county Woman's Committee of Council of National Defense. May we expect you to come and will you see that this invitation is extended to each woman's organization (Red Cross Chapters, church societies, social clubs, etc.), in your town that they may be represented in this patriotic work.

"Please let us hear at your earliest convenience that we can depend on you to secure a large delegation from your town to attend this meeting. State officers will be present to make addresses."

It is expected that a large number of women from the various towns, villages and rural communities of the county will attend this meeting and join heartily in the work of perfecting the county unit of this State and Nation-wide organization.

The North Carolina Division of the council was organized at Raleigh on June 8th with the following officers: Mrs. Eugene Kelley, of Charlotte, chairman; Mrs. Palmer Jerman, first vice-chairman; Mrs. William N. Reynolds, second vice-chairman; Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton, secretary; Mrs. Eugene Sternberger, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett and Mrs. Robert R. Cotten, honorary chairmen. The Raleigh meeting consumed two full days during which time the proposed work of the organization was gone into thoroughly with the result that it was decided to group the work into eleven divisions, viz: Registration, food production, food conservation and home economics, women in industry, child welfare, social service (maintenance of existing social agencies), public health, education (by means of schools, literature, speakers, and training classes for women), Liberty Loan, home and foreign relief, safeguarding of moral and spiritual forces. Each of these departments is to be under a committee chairman.

A circular sent out by the National Council says that the object of the plan of organization proposed is to co-ordinate women's organizations and their working forces in order to enlist at once the greatest possible number in the service which the national crisis demands. It is also most desirable that no defense work of any kind already done shall be lost. Each State Division will be expected to investigate the work under way and so to co-ordinate activities as to eliminate duplication and overlapping. Each State and city will find problems peculiar to itself but the good judgment of all women in charge of organized work will so clearly realize the importance of unification that the solution should readily be found. It should be remembered that the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense desires to conserve everything useful in the way of work and organization and advises centralization in the interest of higher efficiency.

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.  
Are you Patriotic? If so see "The Birth of Patriotism" at the Broadway today, only 5 and 10 cents.

Cherryville Chat.  
Correspondence of The Gazette.  
CHERRYVILLE, July 17.—Miss Cloe Beam, of this place, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the City Hospital, Gastonia, today. She has had several attacks and this seemed to be a serious one, but she stood the operation well and it seems will soon recover.

Rev. J. W. Whitley, of Gastonia, is assisting the pastor of the Baptist church in a protracted meeting this week. Mr. Whitley makes a good impression on the people. There were several additions to the church the first day.

There has been a change in the Miller & Carpenter garage. T. J. Mos-teller acquiring the interest of Ernest Miller. The business will hereafter be run in the name of the City Garage of Cherryville. Mr. Miller, one of the finest machinists in this section, has not announced what business he will enter.

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.  
—Mrs. B. H. Winget is seriously ill at her home on South street. Her friends will be glad to know that there is a slight improvement in her condition today.

## WAR BULLETINS

### COMMITTEE APPROVES AVIATION BILL.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—The Senate committee today recommended the immediate passage of the six hundred and forty million dollar aviation bill which has already passed the House.

### FINAL PREPARATIONS NOW UNDER WAY.

(By International News Service.)  
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, July 17.—The final intensive drills before going to the firing line are now under way at the American camp. The American officers and troops are closely co-operating with a French division in the last stages of this preparation.

### CAPTURED FOUR GERMAN STEAMERS.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, July 17.—In a brush with armed German steamers British light vessels captured four of the German steamers and sent two others to the Dutch coast badly damaged.

### KRUPP WORKS AGAIN RAIDED.

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, July 17.—Essex, Germany, where the Krupp gun works are located was raided by Allied aviators Saturday night. The bombardment was followed by tremendous explosions.

### GIRL ROOKIE BACK HOME.

(By International News Service.)  
AN AMERICAN PORT, July 17.—Mrs. Hazel Blausner Carter, aged 22, who disguised herself as a soldier and sailed for France on a transport with her husband, arrived here today on her way to her home in Arizona. She laughed at her experience and said it was dead easy to pass herself off as a rookie. Five days out an officer became suspicious of her voice and her discovery followed.

### BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, July 17.—The British in an attack last night made progress northeast of Warneton, the War Office announces. Great battles have developed in the Russian theater and an increasing activity on the Italian front indicates a renewal of the drive against Trieste.

### DRAWING MAY BE MADE THIS WEEK.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—Authorities in the War Department expect all to be ready for the draft by tomorrow night. It is thought possible that the drawing may take place this week. Details will probably be announced tomorrow.

### MORE TROUBLE OVER SHIP-BUILDING.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 17.—Further trouble between Gen. Goethals and Chairman Denman, of the shipping board, is imminent as a result of the chairman's request for the details of Goethals's program to spend \$750,000,000 of the public money for ships. General Goethals's reply is said to have been a hot one. The directors of the emergency fleet corporation are to meet this afternoon to consider the situation.

### NEW CHANCELLOR'S FIRST SPEECH.

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, July 16.—Chancellor Michaelis will make the first speech in the Reichstag Thursday. He is expected to announce his program this afternoon.

## AT THE MOVIES

BROADWAY.  
WEDNESDAY: Big feature picture "The Birth of Patriotism," with Irma Hunt in the leading role.

IDEAL.  
WEDNESDAY: "Kitty McKay," drama, and "Captain Jinks, Husband," a rattling good comedy.

COZY.  
WEDNESDAY: A Mutual special feature, Mary Miles Minter in "The Gentle Intruder."

THURSDAY: Jimmie Dale, alias "The Grey Seal," featuring E. K. Lincoln and Paul Panzer.

FRIDAY: Extraordinary attraction, Mary Pickford in "The Little American."

"The Little American."  
In undoubtedly the most gripping and thrilling photodrama in which she has ever appeared, the nation's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, will be seen at the Cozy Theatre Friday in her newest Artcraft picture, "The Little American." A vital story by Cecil B. De Mille and Jeanie Macpherson and produced under the personal direction of Mr. De Mille, whose many creations have made him one of the foremost masters of photoplay technique, this film offers a particularly timely subject of patriotic theme.

## MEETINGS FOR FARMERS

### ELEVEN ARE TO BE HELD THIS MONTH

Institutes Held Last Summer Were so Successful That a Large Number Has Been Scheduled for This Summer—First Held at Lander's Chapel Yesterday—Full List of Appointments—Large Attendance at Each Gathering is Expected.

The first of a series of eleven farmers institutes was held at Lander's Chapel yesterday and was largely attended. Addresses were made by Prof. S. J. Kirby, principal of the Farm Life School; Mr. J. B. Steel, the new county demonstrator, and Mr. J. M. Holland, secretary of the Gaston County Fair Association. Topics of vital interest to the farmers and housewives were discussed by Prof. Kirby and Mr. Steel while Mr. Holland talked on the community and county fairs.

A similar institute is being held today at Mount Olivet. In addition to those named above Miss Ella Belle Copeland talked to the women on the subject of canning and drying. Miss Marion Thompson, domestic science teacher in the farm life school, will arrive tonight from Virginia and will attend the remaining nine institutes to talk on drying and canning.

The following is a copy of a letter recently sent to the farmers of the county by County Demonstration Agent J. M. Gray and is self-explanatory:

"The farmers' meetings held last summer in different parts of the county were so successful that it has been decided to hold another series this year. At these meetings there will be discussions of Soil Fertility, Soil Improvement, Farm Crops and Live Stock for men and boys. At the same time there will be a program for the women and girls that will cover some of the most important problems of the home.

"Every family is expected to bring a basket filled with the 'Fruits of the Land' and at noon there will be a good old-fashioned dinner served in picnic style. Also, let every one come with a list of the problems that are worrying them so that they may be discussed at the meetings.

"Talk the meeting up with every one you meet and try to make the attendance at your meeting the best in the county. The places and dates of the meetings are given below. All meetings will start at 10 o'clock except those at Alexis and Hickory Grove which will start at 8 p. m.

Union school house, Thursday, July 19, 1917.

Pisbah school house, Friday, July 20, 1917.

Panhandle school house, Saturday, July 21, 1917.

Alexis school house, 8 p. m. Monday, July 23, 1917.

New Hope school house, Tuesday, July 24, 1917.

South Point school house, Wednesday, July 25, 1917.

Lucia school house, Thursday, July 26, 1917.

Hickory Grove school house, 8 p. m. (River Bend township), Friday, July 27, 1917.

Sunnyside school house, Saturday, July 28, 1917.

"Among the speakers at these meetings will be Mr. S. J. Kirby, of the Farm-Life School, and Mr. John B. Steele, county agent for Gaston county. Mr. Kirby needs no introduction to you as you know him for the energetic, capable man that he is. Mr. Steele is succeeding me in this work. You will find him a fine, able man, one who is worthy of your confidence. With your hearty cooperation he will be of great service to you and to the whole people of Gaston county. I bespeak for him your loyal support.

"Let old and young do their part in making these meetings a success by advertising them and attending them. The leaders will try to do their part by having something worth while to say. Begin to talk it now and when the time comes let all lay aside the cares of the farm and home for a few hours and mingle with their neighbors for their mutual good and for the good of the community.

"Respectfully,  
"J. M. GRAY,  
"County Agent of Gaston County."

Mary Pickford Cozy Friday.

At The Broadway today "The Birth of Patriotism" or "The Call to Arms."

## GOETHALS MAY BE REMOVED

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 18.—There are indications that President Wilson will be asked to remove both General Goethals and Chairman Denman if they do not immediately reconcile their differences. Both men are being bitterly attacked in Congressional and official circles today. Their quarrel is holding up the construction of shipping which is badly needed by the American troops.

Chairman Denman told the President that General Goethals had publicly discussed plans for spending six hundred million dollars, but as yet had submitted no plans to the shipping board and had apparently determined to assume all the power and responsibility of the board. The retirement of Gen. Goethals would not be a surprise to official circles in Washington.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mrs. H. J. Floyd has recently returned from Meridian, Miss.

—Mr. J. H. Ramseur was here from Bessemer City Monday.

—Rev. Neal Williams, of Stanley, was a visitor in Gastonia Monday.

—Mr. A. Q. Kale was down Tuesday from High Shoals.

—Mr. Ed Campbell, of Kings Mountain, was here Tuesday.

—Mr. Jake Burgin, of Lincolnton, was in town yesterday.

—Mr. F. A. Henderson, of Hickory, was a visitor in town yesterday.

—Miss Millicent Blanton, of Shelby, is visiting Miss Mary LaFar.

—Miss Ruth Seabook, of Hickory, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. James A. Estridge.

—David P. Dellinger, Esq., of Cherryville, was in the city Tuesday on business.

—Mrs. Mattie S. Anderson will leave tomorrow for Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit relatives.

—Mrs. G. W. Falls, of Crowders Creek, was the guest yesterday of Dr. P. R. Falls' family.

—Mr. E. N. King, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. C. J. Huss, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in town Monday.

—Mr. J. W. Fletcher, of Chester, S. C., was here on business yesterday, today.

—Mr. L. T. Nichols, of Chester, S. C., general manager of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Miss Mary Hildebrand, of McNeely's sales force, has gone to Monticello where she will spend two weeks or more with relatives.

—Mr. Fred M. Arrowood, formerly of Bessemer City, is now with Battery D, 8th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The city hall is being "dressed up" by the painters, paper hangers and furnishers. The interior is being made to look quite attractive.

—Mr. Warren Gardner and Misses Myrtle and Lottie Warren went to Shelby this morning to spend a week with relatives and friends.

—Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College for Women, was in town yesterday in the interest of that institution.

—Mr. D. R. LaFar and family have just returned from Columbia, S. C. They made the trip in their machine.

—Mrs. James Campbell, of Rock Hill, S. C., is spending the week here with Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Campbell. Mr. Campbell spent Sunday here with her.

—Miss Cloe Beam, daughter of Mr. John L. Beam, of Cherryville, was brought to the City Hospital yesterday for an operation for appendicitis.

—Miss Mary Emma Pursley fell Saturday at the home of Mr. Joe Riddle in Crowders Creek and broke her collar bone. She is getting along very well today.

—Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston will entertain the S. and O. Club Thursday morning at 9:30 at the Red Cross work shop. Some time will be devoted to the study of surgical dressing.

—Miss Margaret Williams, of Glade Springs, Va., arrived last night to visit Miss Lillian Atkins. She came from Chattanooga, Tenn., where she had been visiting relatives.

—Misses Sarah Grist, Ella Roda Mackorel, Sarah Carroll and Ida Miller Quinn, of York, S. C., are attending a house party given by Miss Mattie Mae Brown at her home, 502 Chester street.

—Mr. John Edwards, who has been in feeble health for many months, has been very critically ill at the home of his son, Mr. R. W. Edwards on East Main avenue, for the past two weeks. There is no improvement in his condition today.

—Mrs. H. G. Love, of Anderson, S. C., formerly Miss Rebecca Adams, of Gastonia, is the guest for a few days of Mrs. E. W. Gilliam and Mrs. J. Lean Adams. Mr. Love will join her here in a few days and they will go to Rock Hill for a visit to friends.

—Mrs. G. H. Marvin, Mrs. R. W. Langford and the latter's two children, Ralph and Elizabeth, are spending a fortnight at the Isotherm Inn, Rutherfordton. Mr. Marvin took them up in his car Sunday, and will go for them at the expiration of their two weeks visit.

—Rev. G. C. Hedgepeth, of Grover, will deliver his lecture, "The Man Without a Country," at the auditorium of the West Gastonia graded school next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association. An admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged.

—Mr. R. B. Babington made a flying business trip last week to Columbia, S. C., and several Georgia towns. At Columbia he visited the army cantonment in course of construction and was impressed with the magnitude of the camp. Hundreds of workmen are employed and the buildings, he says, are being rushed to completion.

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Mary Miles Minter Cozy today.

## GASTON WILL COLLECT TAXES

The board of county commissioners is in session again today working on the tax books. The board is assessing taxes against all the property owners and citizens in the disputed territory in the Western part of the county. It is recalled that this territory was voted into Cleveland county but when the surveyors went to run the lines it was discovered that the men who drew the bill that the General Assembly passed calling for this election fell down somewhere and it was impossible for the surveyors to run the lines without giving Gaston some Cleveland territory that was not contemplated in the bill. Hence the territory, according to Gaston's commissioners, is still in Gaston county and this county will collect the taxes for the current year.

## MISS FERGUSON HAS RESIGNED

Miss Lillian A. Ferguson, for the past two months secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, tendered her resignation to the board of directors of the chamber this morning to take effect August 1. It is understood that Miss Ferguson gives up this position to take up another line of work.

It is understood that the board of directors will fill this position with a man and arrangements will be made to have the work of the chamber go on uninterruptedly whether a permanent secretary has been engaged by that time or not.

## TOMORROW MAY BE DATE OF DRAFT

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 18.—Drafting the national army is expected to take place tomorrow evening. All states have completed their exemption boards except New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Mississippi and Pennsylvania. Reports from these states are expected today or tomorrow, and the draft will begin within a few hours after the receipt of the last report.

## REPORTED KAISER'S HEALTH IS BAD

(By International News Service.)  
ROME, July 18.—Unconfirmed reports that have reached here from Swiss sources indicate that the Kaiser's health is again bad. Both his physical and mental condition are said to be unsatisfactory.

## U. S. MAY DECIDE WAR IN THE AIR

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, July 18.—American genius is developing a new aeroplane engine that surpasses the British and French engines and may wrest the control of the air from all other nations, according to a statement made today by Major Reese, a member of the British air commission now helping the war department perfect aviation plans. Major Reese also declared that American college men make ideal aviators. The climatic conditions for training are excellent and the British may send their aviators to Texas to train. The war will end in the air and America will very probably be the deciding factor, thinks Major Reese.

## BRITISH GAIN FURTHER GROUND

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, July 18.—The British renewed their attacks in the Monchy Le Preux sector of the Arras front last night, gaining further ground. The British also carried out successful raids west of Flanders.

Mary Miles Minter Cozy today.

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## WANT TEDDY TO HUNT THE LION

(By International News Service.)  
MONTICELLO, Ill., July 18.—After several days of fruitless search for an escaped carnival lion that has been terrorizing the countryside since it escaped from its cage, local citizens have wired Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, of Oyster Bay, asking him to come to Monticello and hunt the beast.

## LIBERALS DEMAND PEACE PROGRAM

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, July 18.—The opinion that Chancellor Michaelis may be succeeded by a military dictator if the Liberal element continues to defy the government is strengthened today. If the Kaiser decides on such a drastic move as this it is believed that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg or General Ludendorff will be appointed dictator. The Liberal element of the Reichstag are still on a strike and declare that they will push their peace resolution calling for a peace with no annexations and no indemnities.

All Germany is on tip-toe with eager expectation for the new chancellor's speech to be delivered in the Reichstag Thursday. It is believed here that he will appeal to all factions to support the government for patriotic reasons, and will demand the immediate passage of the war credit. It is believed that a military dictatorship is almost certain to follow.

## "SAMMIES" FEEL AT HOME

(By International News Service.)  
AMERICAN CAMP IN FRANCE, July 18.—"Sammy", as the American soldier is now everywhere known, is enjoying the touch of domesticity which the French system of billeting gives to army life. The French families with whom the American soldiers are quartered are enthusiastic over their guests. They love the sunny dispositions of the boys and their eagerness to help about the house. They keep the Americans supplied with delicacies and have much fun over their attempts to learn the French language. The Americans feel to some extent isolated, and wonder if the folks at home know where they are and what they are doing. The liberty of the press correspondents is very limited.

Mary Miles Minter Cozy today.

## TROOPS ORDERED TO ATLANTIC PORT

(By International News Service.)  
CHICAGO, July 18.—The thirtieth regiment, United States engineers, received orders today to leave for an American port.

## GERMAN TROOPS CROSS LOMNICA

(By International News Service.)  
GENEVA, July 18.—According to unofficial reports from Vienna received here today, the Austro-German troops have forced the passage of the Lomnica river near La Katucz.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.  
(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, July 18.—Cotton market opened today with October selling at 25.20, January 25 cents.

A Big Fish Catch.  
Newton Enterprise.

On last Friday several of our townsmen went on a fishing trip to the Catawba river at the Green-Abernethy place, near Mount Holly. They caught that afternoon 422 nice size fish, some of them were large size.

Exercised Good Judgment.  
Greensboro Daily News.  
Statesville, July 17.—Miss Esther Horne, Mocksville, passenger on the wrecked train No. 26, was congratulated by railroad officials upon her display of coolness. The coach in which she was riding was completely overturned. Miss Horne, who was unhurt, immediately extinguished the lights to prevent a conflagration, and assisted in extricating passengers and attending the injured.

Argentina has instructed her minister to demand an answer to her note relative to the sinking of the steamer Toro. The reply of Germany will determine the action of Argentina.