

## GASTON IN THE EIGHTIES

Interesting Events in the County Thirty-Odd Years Ago as Recorded in the Gazette—To Which is Added State and General News Notes and Some General Reading Matter That Proved of Interest a Third of a Century Ago.

### 144TH INSTALLMENT.

#### Locals.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '83.) Mrs. C. P. L. Hoffman, of Dallas, was in our office yesterday.

Mr. J. G. Gullick, of South Point township, was in town yesterday. Charlotte, having "busted" on her street railway scheme is now considering the electric light.

Mr. Charlie Huss has accepted a position at the depot under Mr. O. M. Gaines. A good appointment.

We are pained to hear of the death of Mr. Nathan Armstrong, Sr., near Lowell, which occurred on Wednesday morning.

Parties interested will read the notice signed by J. G. Gullick, administrator upon the estate of Ann M. Friday, deceased.

The paintings of Mr. Butts, exhibited here on last Monday and Tuesday nights, were well patronized by the people of the town and vicinity. Mr. Butts is an artist of decided merit.

#### Going West.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '85.) Messrs. J. M. and O. P. Rhodes and John Lineberger, of Dallas and vicinity, will leave about the 20th inst. for Minnesota. If they are pleased with the country they will probably move out there to live. We wish them a pleasant trip, but do not like to hear of citizens of this State seeking homes elsewhere. North Carolina needs all of her sons, and we hope the gentlemen will return to the "Old North State."

#### Dr. E. E. Boyce.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '85.) The Statesville Landmark of last week contained the following notice of our townsman, Rev. E. E. Boyce: "In the communion service of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, which embraced last Sunday, the pastor was assisted by Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D., of Gastonia. He charmed the congregation by his preaching. His series of sermons was remarkable for the ability which they displayed and their elegance of diction, and it will be long before Dr. Boyce

is forgotten by those who heard him here.

#### Mr. George F. Bason.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '83.) The people of Gaston county generally will be glad to hear that there is a probability of the appointment of Hon. Geo. F. Bason, of this county, to the office of Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Bason is the choice of District Attorney Jones. He will make a good officer, and will, no doubt, appreciate the position as much on account of its having come to him unsolicited as for the other inducements that make the position a desirable one. By-the-way, if the appointment should be made, it will be the second time within a year that an office has sought Mr. Bason.

#### Whiskey's Work.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '85.) At a corn shucking in Lincoln county, near Cherryville, a man under the influence of whiskey attacked and severely cut Mr. Jonathan Harvey, a citizen of this county. Whiskey generally gets in some ugly work; but, may be, the day will yet come when the good and true people of the country will unite in some way to drive it from the land. "Woe unto him who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth and make him drunk also."

#### Still Progressing.

(From The Gazette of Nov. 6, '85.) It is generally a cold time when we do not find something to report every week that indicates that we are progressing.

This week it is our pleasure to say that a gentleman from Denver, in Lincoln county, named Kidd, has rented the storehouse of Mr. A. M. Smyre and the residence of Mr. Miles Hanna and that he is going into the mercantile business in our town, and will move his family here and locate with us.

(To Be Continued.)

## SITUATION SERIOUS IN SWEDEN

(By Karl H. von Wiegand, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. — "If the American people expect that Sweden can be forced to break with Germany and enter the war with all its miseries, either on the one side or on the other, they do not know Sweden's situation and will be disappointed." This is the statement made to me in Stockholm by a high official the day I left for America.

"It is quite impossible — yes quite impossible," he said with emphasis. "You do not understand the difficulties of our position between two fires." Disagreed as they may be on some points, the Swedish people are in absolute accord and unity to preserve our neutrality to the end of the war and unalterably opposed to entering the war. Even the opposition or so-called Pro-Ally party, which is very strong in Sweden, does not want to enter the war, and on that point is in accord with the government. Only one thing can bring Sweden into this conflict and that is, if one or the other side attacks or invades us. That and that alone. With our difficulties and miseries already great, with the horrors of war so close before our eyes for three years, we would be nothing short of madmen to plunge into this conflict which could only increase, not diminish, our miseries and sufferings and in which Sweden could only lose and gain nothing."

If I were permitted to quote the official by name, the importance of the statement would be seen. But he insisted that he was talking privately and not officially. I touched upon Sweden breaking relations with Germany or closing her borders to the central empires. "Impossible — quite impossible. We are too dependent upon Germany for certain things, especially coal — things we must have to live."

The question, much talked about in Europe, whether an absolute agreement exists between the three Scandinavian countries to jointly maintain neutrality and not to act singly, the official declined to discuss. That some such agreement, whether only a "gentleman's agreement," or something more formal, does exist, I was assured in well-informed circles, both in Copenhagen and in Stockholm.

Sweden with an effective army as large as that of both Norway and Denmark, undoubtedly better equipped and far better supplied with guns and ammunition than either, can be said to practically dominate the Scandinavian situation. Danish officials frankly told me that Denmark would last about two weeks if it entered the war against Germany, even in the present stage, without other assistance. They profess to believe that Denmark's entrance in the war could only serve to strengthen Germany's position strategically and help her out greatly.

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## THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1917.

### TIME TO WAKE UP.

Americans as a people have not yet awakened to a realization of the peril which this country confronts. We have seen no fighting, we have heard no guns booming on the battlefield, no airships have dropped explosives on our towns and villages, no scarcity of food has pinched us. Hence we are going on in about the same old way. It is hard to realize that our country is really in imminent danger but such is certainly the case if we are to believe the men who are in a position to know the real situation as it exists. Perhaps we shall begin to realize it ere long.

Hudson Maxim, a member of the advisory board of the American Defense Society, inventor of smokeless powder and other weapons of war, has recently written an article which was given wide publicity in the Sunday papers, under the heading "America in Grave Peril; the War is Going Against Us." Some may think Mr. Maxim overly pessimistic but we can well afford to pause and read what he has to say. Among other interesting things in this article the following paragraphs are worthy of serious consideration:

"The war is going against us. Our country is in grave danger. The foundations of free institutions are quaking under the assaults of Germany's great guns. It is of the utmost importance that the American people should realize, and without a moment's delay, that our peril is actual, colossal and imminent.

"The time for united supreme effort is now. The time has come when party politics and policies must be submerged and every selfish interest made to yield to the one common supreme interest, the salvation of the nation.

"It is time that treason should be defined, and if its definition is not found encompassing enough to include all traitors and enemies of the country, its definition should be broadened to include the activities of all persons, whether actuated by good intentions or by bad intentions, whether based on ignorance or on German propaganda, so long as those activities tend toward the country's undoing.

"To advocate pacifism, that tells the people there is no danger, when there is very great danger, should be treason.

"To advocate disarmament when we should arm, to tell us that we should disarm our army when we are in urgent need of raising and training a great army, should hereafter be treason.

"To proclaim that there is no danger of war and to discourage enlistment, when we are resting on a very volcano of war, should be declared treason. If such activities be not already recognized as actual treason, they should be so recognized and so proclaimed and made punishable with death.

"There is, even now, a wide lack of appreciation of the fact that the country is in danger, the pernicious fatism that of course we could lick all creation and not half try is hard to eradicate. Had we entered the war at the start and done then exactly what we have started to do now, we might have made the winning of the war by the allies assured; but now it may very likely be too late.

"No statesman, no philosopher, no prophet has yet, to my knowledge, foreseen or foresaid that if Germany wins the war, which means the winning of world domination, nothing ever afterward can break that domination.

"Once the German yoke shall have been forced upon the world's neck, it will then be beyond the power of any people to throw off that yoke."

icles not obtainable elsewhere.

Sweden imports from Germany all the fine copper wire nets used in the making of wool pulp. Sweden has never had the facilities for manufacturing these copper nets which require a special process. For this and for machinery with brass bearings, Sweden furnishes the German manufacturers with the amount of copper returned to Sweden as manufactured articles together with a specified allowance for wastage.

Touching upon Sweden's mercantile marine, the following figures were given: Sweden has a total tonnage of 1,600,000 dead weight or "loading tons." Of this amount, 362,000 tons are held in British ports, and 170,000 tons in other ports controlled by the Allies. Sailing in the service of the Allies are 125,000 tons of Swedish ships, 210,000 tons have been lost and sunk since the beginning of the war and between 200 and 300 lives lost.

That Swedish ships were reluctant to sail to England, was explained on the ground that they had to run the risk of being torpedoed, and if they did reach British ports, they were impressed into service and compelled to make a voyage to France or Italy before allowed to return to Sweden with coal or other cargo. It was stated that over \$6,000,000 worth of Swedish goods were tied up in British ports. The Swedish trans-Atlantic passenger steamer "Stockholm," it was pointed out, was held in Halifax from February until the middle of July. Sweden is very hard up for cotton. Whether the action was based upon evidence or belief, that Sweden was letting imported cotton reach Germany, the fact is that England has allowed little or no cotton to get into Sweden for more than a year. It was stated to me by high official personages that no cotton had been exported to Germany for two years and no cereals for one year.

Sweden has bread, sugar and coffee cards. The bread allowance in Sweden is one-fifth less than the present bread rations in Germany.

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way. Eread is better and much more plentiful in those two countries than in Sweden. The cost of living is much higher in Sweden than in the two other Scandinavian countries.

## RUSSIANS WILL GIVE SUPPORT

(By Agence Radlo to I. N. S.)

PARIS, Aug. 13. — I am convinced after return of firm discipline that the Russian army will shortly lend full support to the allies and all its efforts will be directed toward common end," said a telegram to General Foch from General Korniloff, the new Russian commander-in-chief.

## MUST STAND BY AGREEMENT

(By International News Service.)

PETROGRAD, Aug. 13. — Russia must continue in the war in accordance with an agreement with the allies, declared former foreign minister at a national congress cadets today. He states further that we must not lose our heads. Russia needs only one government and to it all must submit, and we must use force where persuasion is useless.

## WHEAT ON DECLINE

(By International News Service.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 13. — September wheat dropped nine cents and it is \$2.06 today.

## WILL DELAY DRAFTED MEN

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. — The drafted men for the new national army will start for the cantonments September 5th instead of the first General Order announced today. The delay is due to a necessity to avoid labor day excursions and congestions.

## USE ELECTRICITY TO TAME "DRUNKS."

(By International News Service.)

SIoux CITY, IOWA, Aug. 13. — An electric chair, which will convey just enough "juice" to make the person sitting in it think he is on needles, has been built at police headquarters for use on drunken prisoners who are obstreperous. An "annoying voltage" is the way the builders describe the current that will be used.

## 96. CUTS DOWN TREE AND MENDS A BRIDGE.

(By International News Service.)

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Aug. 14. — Elbert Moran, 39 years old, does not shy at hard work despite his age. To insure the safety of the many guests who were coming to his home to help him celebrate his birthday, Moran went out on his farm at 2 o'clock in the morning and chopped down a tree. With the aid of a son, he cut the tree into sleepers for the support of a bridge it was necessary for his guests to cross.

Milton H. Rohleder was drowned in the Catawba river Sunday. He was in swimming with several of his friends and his brother made an attempt to rescue him, but was unable to save the drowning man. Physicians worked several hours trying to restore life, but their efforts were all to no avail.

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All communications pertaining to this subject should be addressed to J. W. CONNELLY, Chief Special Agent, Southern Railway System, Charlotte, N. C.

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