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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

TEUTONS FORCED BACK IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

ITALIANS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL STAND

Announcement by War Office at Rome is Encouraging — Stand Made in Lower Plave River and Germans Are Forced Back — Italian Success Admitted by Berlin.

ROME, Nov. 11. — The announcement by the war office today on the progress of the campaign reads:

"At dawn yesterday, after artillery preparation, which began the evening before, the enemy, having passed our line of observation in the neighborhood of Asiago, attacked our advanced posts on Gallio and on Mont Serragh—Hill 1116—behind that line, and after a bitter struggle succeeded in taking them.

"The 160th storming unit and units of Esiga (Pisa?) — the 29th and 20th regiments — and of Toscana — the 77th and 78th regiments — and of the 5th Bersaglieri, by a resolute counter-attack recaptured the positions, driving the enemy back and taking about 100 prisoners.

"The enemy vanguard, which had reached the village of Tezze, in the Sugana valley, was promptly attacked and captured.

"On the Plave our covering troops, after having repulsed enemy parties which attacked them on the heights of Voldobladene, passed to the right bank of the river and destroyed the Vidor bridge. On the middle and lower reaches of the river there were reciprocal cannonades and machine gun firing."

ITALIAN SUCCESS IS ADMITTED BY BERLIN.

BERLIN, Nov. 11. — (Via London, British Admiralty, Per Wireless Press.) — The Austro-Hungarian troops which are carrying out the new offensive on the Trentino front were attacked yesterday by strong Italian detachments, which pressed them back at one point, the war office announces. The Italians have made a stand on the lower Plave river.

The city of Belluno, on the upper Plave, has been captured by Austro-German troops. (Belluno is in the foothills of the Alps, 51 miles north of Venice. It is on the west bank of the Plave.) The official communication follows:

"Strong Italian forces threw themselves against detachments advancing eastwards beyond Asiago, and pressed them back somewhat at one point. Belluno has been taken by allied (Teutonic) troops.

"The enemy made a stand on the lower Plave."

GASTON PRODUCTS AT STATE FAIR

At the request of Miss Bradford, of Moore county, who had charge of the dried products booth at the State Fair, held recently in Raleigh, Mrs. M. P. Shetley, county home demonstration agent, of Gaston county, sent a collection of dried fruits and vegetables to Raleigh for exhibition. It will be gratifying to the people of the county to know that Miss Bradford states that the Gaston exhibit of dried products was by far the best seen at the State Fair.

Mrs. Shetley sent dried apples (two kinds), damsons, okra, squash, cabbage, corn, sage and snap beans. These products were sundried by Mrs. Monroe Fairles, of Belmont, Mrs. John V. Hanna, of Lowell, members of the New Hope Demonstration Club; Mrs. James Ware, of Kings Mountain, and Miss Lydia Ormand, of the Sunnyside Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Shetley is having this same exhibit sent to Pinehurst to be exhibited at the Sandhills Fair to be held there November 22nd and 23rd.

Beethoven in Base Hospital.

Charlotte Observer. Frederic von Beethoven, who on October 25 was seriously shot by a provost guard from whom he tried to escape when the latter was playing him under arrest, has recovered from the wound inflicted by the guard sufficiently to leave the Charlotte sanatorium. He has been removed to the base hospital at Camp Greene. For a time it was thought that Beethoven was fatally shot.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shannon were in the city Saturday, being en route from Winston-Salem to Badin, where they will make their home for some time.

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

SOCIAL MEETING TONIGHT.

The social meeting for the Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church for November will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the league room. The time will be largely given to sewing on articles for the parcel post booth, which the class will have at the Methodist church bazaar in December. This is the third meeting at which articles have been made and it is expected that a large crowd will be present. Indications are that more than 500 articles will be on sale by these young ladies.

GASTONIA GIRL WEDS SOLDIER.

A marriage which came as a great surprise to the family and friends of the bride was that of Miss Jeanette Fayssoux, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Fayssoux, to Private Charles Plank, of the Medical Corps, 164th Infantry, now stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte. The marriage was solemnized at St. Mark's Episcopal church Saturday night by the rector, Rev. E. N. LeBlanc, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a Gastonia girl, having been born and reared here, and has a wide circle of friends. She has recently held a position as stenographer with McGee, Dean & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Plank are staying at the Armington Hotel, where they will probably be for a week or more. Mr. Plank is expecting to be ordered to Mineola, L. I., some time in the near future. His home is in Jamestown, North Dakota.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Will Begin a "Big Drive" for New Members on Wednesday of This Week—Workers Will Meet at Supper at the Armington Tuesday Night.

Seeking to line up a large number of citizens, not now members, in the activities of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, a campaign for new members will be staged Wednesday. J. Lawrence Beal, chairman of the membership committee, is in general charge of the work. There are many citizens who should take a part in the work for Gastonia who are not at present members.

The team workers will meet at the Armington tomorrow night at a little spread when they will go over the plans for Wednesday carefully. It is believed that the work can be completed in one day.

The membership campaign will be followed up by a big membership dinner at the Armington on November 23rd, according to present plans. The keynote of the next year's work will there be sounded.

Secretary Fred M. Allen is issuing a little folder from The Gazette press giving a brief review of work recently done and planned. This is not an annual report but simply a review.

Plans for the Chamber of Commerce as approved by the board of directors include the drawing of the membership into a more vital part in the work. Committee activity will be pushed to its highest efficiency in order that the greatest good possible may be accomplished for Gastonia by the organization.

LARGE STEEL ORDERS UNFILED.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Nov. 10. — The United States steel corporation today reported unfilled orders on their books on October 21st, of 9,000,675 tons as against 10,015,260 on the same date last year.

ONLY THREE POUNDS OF SUGAR A WEEK.

(By International News Service.) MOBILE, Nov. 10. — Three pounds of sugar a week is all that any one customer will be allowed to purchase in Mobile hereafter.

BRITISH LAUNCH BIG ATTACK.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Nov. 10. — (Official) At dawn today the British launched another big attack on the German lines in West Flanders. At noon favorable progress was being made. Through rainstorms, over muddy swamps the British surged forward from the position northwest of Pashendael captured several days ago, towards Reuters.

Born

On Wednesday, November 7, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Plyler, Linwood road, a son.

MADE REPORT OF YEAR'S WORK

Following his farewell sermon for the present conference year, Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, made a brief report of the year's work of that congregation Sunday morning. The report showed 112 accessions to the membership during the year and a total of about \$8,000 raised for all purposes. The pastor will go to conference with a "clean sheet" which means that every obligation has been met in full.

Mr. Jordan is completing his third year as pastor of this church. At the recent session of the fourth quarterly conference resolutions previously passed by the board of stewards by a unanimous vote were presented to the presiding elder, Rev. John F. Kirk, requesting that Mr. Jordan be returned to this work for the fourth year. It is known that two or three other excellent appointments in the conference are asking for Mr. Jordan but there is every reason to believe that he will be returned to Gastonia. During his three years here Mr. Jordan has won the confidence and esteem not only of the Methodists but of all denominations. Under his administration the church has prospered splendidly and his congregation is unanimous in its desire for his return.

At a recent meeting of the board of stewards it was decided to ask the conference to appoint an assistant pastor for Main Street church to aid the pastor in suburban work. At the same time financial provision for this work was made.

Conference meets in Central church, Asheville, Wednesday morning, with Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, presiding.

Several interesting matters are to come before the conference, among them being the election of delegates to the general conference to be held in Atlanta in May. There will be six clerical and six lay delegates from the Western North Carolina Conference.

There is a strong movement afoot to start a fight on the conference floor for a larger lay representation in conference, it is understood. It is said that a number of prominent Methodist laymen will insist that they be given larger representation from the churches in the future.

The historical society will also be re-organized and put on a working basis. It is understood, following resolutions from the district conference held in Wadesboro, several months ago, to that effect.

At West End church Rev. E. P. Stabler has closed the most successful year in the history of that charge. All financial obligations were met in full, including considerable money spent in improvements on the church building, both exterior and interior. Additions to the membership numbered 87, with a loss of 16 or a net gain of 69 for the year. The congregations at three churches on this charge have unanimously asked for Mr. Stabler's return.

Rev. O. J. Jones is closing his first year on the Ozark charge in East Gastonia. He will have a good report to make. This congregation worked against difficulties this year, chief of which was the fact that the storm last spring so damaged their house of worship that it had to be torn down. Considerable progress, however, has been made on this work. A new parsonage is now being built on the charge, a new site has been secured for a church building and considerable progress has been made toward raising a building fund.

VACCINATION GOOD FOR THESE HENS.

(By International News Service.) POMONA, Cal. Nov. 7. — Vaccination of chickens, advocated by a University of California poultry expert, and tried out here by Henry Boon on his 500 hens, is a remarkable bit of Hooverism, according to Boon, who has reported that his hens now scratch so energetically for worms that he has to feed them far less than formerly.

The poultry association here also advocates vaccination, asserting it prevents disease, causes the fowls to lay more eggs and gives them an astonishing amount of "pep" to scratch for a living.

At a meeting of the trustees of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon league, held in Raleigh Thursday Rev. R. L. Davis was re-elected superintendent and Governor Bickett was asked to head a delegation of 100 from this State to the national convention in Washington December 1-3.

DR. ROLSTON ON Y. M. C. A. WORK

Rev. Dr. D. H. Rolston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, delivered a magnificent address at a mass meeting of Gastonians held last night at the First Presbyterian church in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. War Campaign. This campaign began this morning all over the United States and has as its object the raising of \$35,000,000 for carrying on the Y. M. C. A. work in the military camps in this country and on the battlefields of Europe.

Dr. Rolston said that we might as well face the seriousness of the situation. We are at war and it may be a long war. We are going to have to make sacrifices and the sooner we learn that lesson the better for us. The speaker recalled the fact that a great revolution has taken place in this country during the past few years in the manner in which the people regard money. "When I was young," he said, "and that hasn't been so very long ago, people bowed down to the man who had money. They didn't ask any questions, but worshiped at his shrine. A little later they began to ask how he got his money and refused to bow down to the possessor of great wealth unless he came by his dollars honestly. Recently we have gone a step further. Now we ask not only how much money a man has and how he got it but what is he doing with it. A dollar is only valuable today in so far as it can be transformed into life and character."

Dr. Rolston told of the wonderful work the Y. M. C. A. has so far done in the camps and on the battlefields and laid stress on the fact that the opportunities it has for service in the future are almost limitless. "It's a great big amount we are asking for \$35,000,000, but it's a great big work and covers a great big territory," added the speaker. He told of numerous instances happening in the camps illustrative of the wide range of the activities of this organization.

A large and attentive congregation listened to Dr. Rolston and the effectiveness of his plea will no doubt be evidenced by the liberal subscriptions which are being made here today. It was generally conceded to have been one of the strongest and most compelling pleas ever made here for any cause.

MINISTERS JAILED.

All But Kerensky Were Captured by Maximalists — Petrograd Now Quiet—Radical Movement Spreading.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. — The ministers who were overthrown by the new provisional government of Russia, except Premier Kerensky, have been jailed, according to an official uncensored cablegram to the State department from Petrograd today. This confirms the press reports to the effect that Bolsheviks completely control Petrograd, but it is stated that it is extremely difficult to obtain information as to what is going on in the new republic outside of the capital. Petrograd is now quiet. Foreign lives and property are apparently safe. The Bolshevik government has not yet been organized. Earlier dispatches today indicated that the radical movement is spreading throughout all Russia but it is emphasized that this does not mean an immediate German-made peace. It is probable that the Russian radicals will appeal to the inter-allied council at Paris next Thursday to consider Russia's position, and try to bring about peace with no annexation, and no indemnity. It is not believed that Germany will be able to withdraw any appreciable number of her forces from the Eastern front soon.

SUSPECT EVASION OF U. S. COAL PRICES.

(By International News Service.) NEW CASTLE, Pa. Nov. 7. — What are suspected to be methods of evading the coal price fixing regulations of the United States Government are being practiced here it is charged. Consumers, when offering their orders to some of the big mining companies, are told that the entire output has been sold to brokers. Inquiry at the brokers shows that the coal can be bought at a considerable advance over the set figures. Coal prices continue to advance here in spite of the Government regulations.

—Charlotte Observer, Sunday: Mrs. M. C. Pegram and son, Mr. Edward Pegram, of Gastonia, spent Friday in the city with Mrs. Earle S. Pegram, of Charleston, S. C. — Mrs. E. W. Mellon and daughter Miss Sara Mellon, have returned home after a visit of several weeks to friends in Madison, Wis., and Chicago.

SAMMIES FIGHT DESPERATELY

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 12. — The American forces gave a good account of themselves in the recent German raid. Outnumbered four to one, they put up an heroic struggle, killing and wounding many Germans. Reports to headquarters show one corporal was attacked by five Germans and he killed three of them. He is now in the trenches was hand-to-hand and of a most desperate character.

FIRST MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. — The first medal for "extraordinary bravery" during the present war was today awarded to Patrick McGonigal, a ship carpenter, the Navy Department announces. McGonigal's home is in Ohio. He rescued a pilot off of the Kyle balloon from drowning.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Best cotton is bringing 28 cents a pound on the local market today.

—Mr. John A. Price, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. J. T. Suggs, a former Gastonian now living in Salisbury, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias will hold its regular meeting tonight and do work in the first rank. All members are urged to be present.

—There will be a meeting of the Gastonia Chapter of the Childs Conservation at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Frazier, of Mecklenburg county, Mrs. W. E. Todd's father and mother, and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Todd's brother-in-law and sister, spent Sunday with Mr. W. E. Todd and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Adams, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. Adams' mother, Mrs. John H. Adams, spent Friday at Bowling Green, S. C., with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Flannagan. They also motored to Clover, Bethel and Mr. Adams' old home place in Bethel township.

—Mr. R. C. Ormand, of Bessemer City, was a pleasant caller at the Gazette office Saturday. Mr. Ormand is one of The Gazette's many good subscribers who have been taking the paper almost if not quite continuously since it was first established.

—Mrs. S. A. Wilkins, of Dallas, who has been undergoing treatment for the past several weeks at Tranquil Park Sanitarium, Charlotte, is very much better, her friends will be glad to learn. She is still, however, under the care of a trained nurse.

—Mr. W. C. Champion has been critically ill at his home near the Dunn Mill for some days past. He recently suffered a partial stroke of paralysis and also suffers from an affection of the heart. His chances for recovery, it is stated, are but slight.

—Miss Katherine McLean, who is attending the State Normal College at Greensboro, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean. Mr. Robert McLean, who is a student at Westminster School, also spent the week-end at home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Adams, who have been visiting Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Adams, left this morning for Charlotte to be with Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. J. H. Mayes, who underwent an operation at Mercy General Hospital this morning. They will probably be in Charlotte the remainder of the week.

—Sunday's Charlotte Observer says that thirteen young men enlisted for army service at the recruiting station there last week. Among the number was W. D. Lewis, of Gastonia.

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TWO MORE YEARS OF WAR

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. — White advices from Petrograd indicate that Kerensky is regaining the upperhand and Rome dispatches state that the Italians are now successfully resisting the German advance. Officials decline to believe that all danger is past in Russia. They believe that Russia is out of the war for a year at least, even if Kerensky should be returned to power. It is by no means certain that the Italians will be able to hold their line. The situation seems to be a race between the Anglo-French reinforcements and the German reserves as to which will reach the Italian line first and swing victory to their side.

Army officials here have gone back to their original program which calls for two years more of war.

U. S. ARMY EAGER FOR FIGHT SAYS CABANNE.

Director and Author of "The Slackers" Studies Present Conditions for Patriotic Film.

William Christy Cabanne, author and director of Metro's forthcoming patriotic wonderplay "The Slackers" recently spent two days at Fort Totten getting scenes for that picture.

"The American army is the melting pot of armies," said the well known director upon his return, "and believe me when those 3,000 men who are training at Fort Totten are turned loose on the Germans the Kaiser's men will know that they are fighting. I saw at Fort Totten, a first sergeant, a big, powerful Swede who could hardly speak English. But how that man could drill men! Next to him stood an Italian, a man over six feet, broad shouldered, big muscled, with a face that expressed determination. A third sergeant, and one assigned to assist me in taking the scenes for "The Slackers," was a native Poland, who had been in the United States but a short time. He was a military man from the top of his head to the tips of his toes. And there were other nationalities there, many of them. They were either members of the New York engineers force, recently recruited or had been in the regular army before war was declared. It made no difference which was the case, I did not see or talk to a man who was not anxious to go to France, and what is a better indication of the final outcome of the war, there was not a man who did not believe that the sooner he got to the front the quicker the war would be over.

"If any man doubts that the young men of the United States who are tasting liberty for the first time in this generation, who have been held down in Europe before they came here, are not anxious to do their bit for the cause of universal liberty, let him get permission from the government to visit Fort Totten. There at the melting pot of armies he will see a sight that will help him to understand that it will soon be 'America Awake' on the Western front."

GERMAN THEOLOGY HAS BULLIED US, HE SAYS.

(By International News Service.) COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 7. — "German-made theology has bullied us for fifty years," the Rev. William E. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, Ill., and editor of The Advance, told the National Council of Congregational Churches recently.

"We need to pray for a new theology, at once conservative and progressive, native to America, but akin to the forward-looking and spiritually-minded thinking of all the Christian world," declared Dr. Barton. "We cannot afford to constitute untrained evangelists our authorities in Christian doctrine. Our churches require, and we must provide, a sound theology.

"It must be scholarly; it must be Biblical; it must be evangelistic in spirit; it must be true to the facts of human nature; it must be not only good, it must be good for something."

This summing up came at the conclusion of a vivid word picture of the 300 years of Congregational history, which the national council is now celebrating.

"The nineteenth century began with three significant movements in Pilgrim history," said Dr. Barton. "First was the revival of religion in colleges, the second was the mighty foreign missionary movement, the third was the plan of union for the spiritual care of immigrants in the Northwest territory."

A. R. P. Synod Comes to Charlotte in 1918.

Charlotte Observer, 11th. Communication received in Charlotte yesterday announced that this city had been chosen by the synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of the south, in session in Fayetteville, Tenn., as the meeting place for next year. George S. Mower, of Newberry, S. C., was elected moderator of the synod for next year.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Summey, Saturday November 10, 1917, a son, T. A., Jr. Mrs. Summey and baby are at the Gaston Sanatorium.