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GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 30, 1917.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

BAD FIRE THIS MORNING

J. L. ADAMS DRUG STORE DAMAGED

Blaze Which Originated in Basement Caused Damage of Probably \$10,000, Partially Covered by Insurance—Local Fire Department, Badly Hampered by Concealed Fire, Did Splendid Work—Favorable Weather Conditions Perhaps Prevented Blaze From Being Much Worse.

Fire which was discovered about 9 o'clock this morning damaged the Adams building and J. Lean Adams Drug Store to the extent of something like \$8,000 to \$10,000. In the case of the drug company the loss is only partially covered by insurance. Favorable weather conditions and heroic work by the fire department prevented what at one time threatened to be a most disastrous conflagration. No theory has been advanced as to the origin of the fire.

About 9 o'clock Walter Anderson, one of the clerks in the J. Lean Adams Drug Store, went to the basement to get some syrup for the soda fountain, entering the basement from steps near the front. The janitor had been in the basement looking after the furnace probably half an hour previous. Anderson discovered the blaze near the front and raised the alarm at once. The fire was no where near the furnace which is at the extreme rear, eighty feet or more from the place where the fire originated. The fire department responded at once but by the time they arrived smoke was filling the first floor and they found it impossible to enter the basement from the rear or from the stairs near the front. The tile entrance, just outside the front door, was torn up quickly and water was gotten to the fire. It is altogether probable that, but for the quick and proper action of firemen the building might have been destroyed.

Owing to the location of the fire it required sometime to get it entirely under control. When it was finally put out so the firemen could get in to the basement it was found that a barrel of turpentine at the front, near where the fire originated, was still intact, though the barrel had been badly charred. Had this turpentine caught fire the blaze would undoubtedly have been worse. As it was the flames rapidly ate their way to the third floor, though the damage there was small. The offices of Drs. T. A. Wilkins and L. N. Patrick on the second floor were undamaged.

Mr. J. Lean Adams, manager of the drug store, stated that he did not have any very definite idea as to his loss though from the looks of things he judged it might be \$8,000 or more. The magnificent circus-like walnut furniture and fixtures were very badly damaged, mostly by smoke and water. The damage to the building will probably not exceed \$1,000. The store room adjoining, occupied temporarily by Jake Southall, hat renovator, suffered considerable damage.

Chief Terrell of the fire department and his men did splendid work and were ably assisted by several citizens. They had a stubborn opposition to handle. Had the fire gotten a little more headway before being discovered and had the wind been blowing Gastonia would in all probability have suffered a very disastrous fire.

CAN'T ENLIST AFTER DEC. 15

The local army recruiting station announces that after December 15, no persons who were required to register for the selective draft last June will be allowed to volunteer for service in the army, according to instructions received here from the War Department. The only exception noted in the order is a clause relative to the surgeon-general's jurisdiction. The official announcement, printed below, will more than cause recruiting to pick up with unusual vigor. For some time it has been known that men subject to draft would not be permitted to enlist after December 15, but various persons were prone to disbelieve this, declaring that the local recruiting offices had received no instructions with regard to the matter. The order, which is directed to all officers of the General Recruiting Service, follows:

"1. Under the new regulation approved by the President, no registrant may enlist voluntarily in the military service of the United States from and after December 15, 1917, except that under such regulation as the surgeon-general may prescribe and upon receiving permission from the surgeon-general to do so, any medical student, hospital intern, dentist, dental student, veterinarian, or veterinary student may enlist in the enlisted corps of the medical department. 2. All recruiting officers will be governed accordingly, and no registrant will be accepted after such date that there is not reasonable assurance that the enlistment will be completed before December 15. In the meantime the provisions of the present regulations that a man who has been called for physical examination by his local board is ineligible for voluntary enlistment will be carefully observed."

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Christmas is the next stop. —Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jackson, of Crowders Creek, were in town yesterday.

—Miss Katherine Shuford, of Faison College, Hendersonville, N. C., is spending Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shuford.

—Miss Sallie Kirby, of Goldsboro, and Miss Susie Fulghum, of Raleigh, will arrive tomorrow to be the guests for a few days of Mrs. A. E. Woltz.

—The Gazette is requested to state that there will be no meeting of Troop No. 3 Boy Scouts tonight as Scoutmaster Babington is out of the city.

—Captain and Mrs. Archie L. Jenkins, who have been at Waco, Texas, for several months, are now at Jacksonville, Fla., Capt. Jenkins being stationed at Camp Johnston.

—Miss Maude Rankin and her guests, Miss Sallie Webb, of Oxford, and Miss Maude Wilkins, of Raleigh, spent Thanksgiving day in Charlotte as the guests of Mrs. C. T. Brown.

—Mr. Miles McAllister is at home from Mount Pleasant Military Institute, Mount Pleasant, to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McAllister.

—Judge and Mrs. A. C. Jones have as their guests for the Thanksgiving holidays Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bissell and Mr. Earl Jones, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Martha Latimer, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Bissell and Miss Latimer are sisters of Mrs. Jones.

—Sgt. William McArver is at home from Camp Sevier spending a few days with his folks. He says that the health conditions at the camp are rapidly improving and that the quarantine will probably be lifted within a very short time. He states that none of the Gastonia boys has been seriously ill.

—Misses Christine Sloan and Ethel Armstrong arrived Wednesday from Converse College. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Virginia Ervin, from Concord, Miss Narcissa Riddick, from Raleigh and Miss Faith Price from Lexington, who spent Thanksgiving with them. Miss Sloan remained over for the week end.

—The third attraction in the lyceum course was given Tuesday night in the school auditorium by Marion Ballou Fiske, cartoonist-lecturer. It was well patronized and the entertainment was a most delightful one. The next attraction will be the Cordova Concert Company, the date for which will be announced later.

—Owing to the fact that the city was without gas for several hours yesterday The Gazette's linotype machine was out of commission. As a result a considerable amount of live news matter could not be put into type. This explains the use today of a considerable amount of "plate matter", which, however, our readers will find quite interesting.

—Lieut. Francis Whitesides, who received his commission at the conclusion of the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, has been promoted and is now stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is connected with the Motor Supply Train. He has been at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., since he received his commission. Mr. Major Whitesides, who attended the second Reserve Officers Training Camp, received a commission a few days ago. He is expected home in a day or two to visit homefolks.

CREATED, BUT LITTLE SENSATION.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. — Lord Lansdowne's peace letter created only a momentary sensation here. He pointed out that the President's reply to the Pope set forth that the United States desires no territory nor the dismemberment of Germany. This country's demand for a responsible government in Germany and a guarantee against militarism remains unchanged.

MEN GOING IN STEADY STREAM TO FRANCE.

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 30. — Every unit of the American national guard is now represented in France, correspondents were permitted to announce today. The men have been coming in a steady stream. They are enthusiastically welcomed by the French people in the villages where they are billeted. They settle down to work as soon as they arrive. With every State in the union represented the French get a composite view of Americans. All are struck by the determination of every section to win.

MEANS TO GO ON STAND.

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, Nov. 30. — Gaston Means will undergo a scathing cross examination by States Attorney Dooling. This was decided today, when it was learned that the prisoner will take the stand in his own behalf. Doctors Burmeister and Schuitze testified this morning that they believed it impossible for Mrs. King to have shot herself.

FOOD PROBLEM SERIOUS

HAS GREAT BEARING ON WAR SITUATION

Fate Not Only of the Allied Countries in War But the Lives of Many Thousands of Innocent People in Neutral Countries Depends on America—Only Strictest Conservation and Economy in Foodstuffs Can Save the Day for Liberty and Democracy—Are You Doing Your Part.

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—That the food situation is much more serious than even the experts have considered it until just recently and that the critical period of the war is the next few months is the authoritative information brought to Raleigh by Dr. R. L. Wilbur, Food Administrator Herbert Hoover's able lieutenant, who was in consultation with officials of the State Food Administration and other leaders in conservation during the last two days.

The greatest danger that threatens the Allied cause and human liberty is that there may be a collapse in France, or England, or Italy as a result of a food shortage. That this is a real danger is frankly recognized by those who are directing the war for the Allies. The United States and Canada are the only countries from which the Allies can draw for supplies. The transportation problem is of such a grave nature that the utmost endeavor will be required to enable the authorities to transport even from America the amount of foodstuffs that will be required. The shipping problem, in fact, is giving the authorities almost as much concern as the food problem itself.

Just how grave the food situation is may be judged from the fact that within another week we will have exported to our Allies as much wheat as our normal margin amounts to. The same is true of beef and pork products, and fats. A larger quantity of sugar was long since exported. All that we can send to our Allies and to the neutrals of Europe from now on will be what we can save from our normal consumption through economy and through the substitution of vegetables for meat. The fats and sugar we send must come through reduced consumption of these products.

The supply of these exportable products is being carefully gauged by the Food Administration experts and exports will be made as rapidly as they can be to not endanger the supply required by our own people. The first consideration of the Food Administration, of course, is the welfare of the people at home and their welfare will not be endangered by shipments which will draw too heavily upon the supply which they will require. At the same time every individual is being urged and entreated to reduce his consumption of the exportable products to the very lowest possible minimum to the end that the supply available for shipping may be increased every ounce possible.

Not only does the success of the war depend upon the co-operation of the American people in the matter of foodstuffs but the fate of several hundred thousands of European neutrals is at stake. In fact, Dr. Wilbur brings the startling information that, despite the very most that we can do, tens of thousands of neutral people in Europe will no doubt perish from starvation during the next few months. If the American people, through economy and substitution, save more than sufficient foodstuffs to barely suffice for our Allies, the balance will be diverted to the neutral nations to save as many as possible of their people from starvation.

Every man, woman, or child in America who saves the smallest quantity of beef or pork or mutton or sugar or fats can have the satisfaction of knowing that he is not only helping to save our friends and Allies but that he is helping to save the innocent people of neutral Europe from actual starvation and death.

PROSPEROUS TIMES FOR MINERS REPORTED.

(By International News Service.) CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 30. —These are the prosperous days for the miner. Analysis of the new wage scale of the H. C. Frick Company, which became effective Saturday, shows that some employees were boosted 22-1-2 per cent. The new rate makes it possible for the average miner to earn \$80 to \$90 every two weeks, and first class miners—men who can mine and load about 500 bushels a day—upward of \$150 in two weeks. An average workman mines and loads 300 bushels daily.

Seventh Son Went to War. Christopher J. Haughey of Reading, Pa., a railroad man, whose six brothers were already serving the United States, recently purchased a service flag containing seven stars, gave it to his mother and then enlisted in the navy. The mother and two sisters are the only ones left at home.

London Mob Fires Pacifist Church. An angry London mob attacked the Rev. F. R. Swan, pacifist, when he attempted to speak in a church on Kingsland road. After hurling the speaker from the church, the edifice was burned to the ground.

EPIDEMIC OF HYDROPHOBIA IN KINSTON.

An epidemic of hydrophobia among dogs in Kinston during the past two months is to be checked by drastic methods. The mayor has ordered that canines running unleashed be impounded for not longer than three days before being killed, while the police today started rounding up those known to have been bitten by rabid animals. A number of persons have been bitten and are undergoing treatment.

NEW REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA?

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. — Reports that a new revolution has broken out in Petrograd reached here today. No official confirmation of the report has been received but it is stated at both the Russian embassy and the State Department that the report is probably true. The hungry soldiers probably have a hand in it. Advice from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd confirm the report that Bolshevik government will repudiate the Allies but the American officials are not worried as such action is needed and Russia will "pay up" some day.

GOT LOT OF MRS. KING'S MONEY

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, Nov. 29. — Attorney Americus Melville, of Chicago, lawyer for Mrs. King, for whose murder Gaston B. Means is on trial, told the court today how Means had secured \$257,000 of her trust fund. Assistant District Attorney Dooling, of New York, took a hand in the cross examination of the witnesses today.

HELD MRS. KING AS PRISONER

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, Nov. 29. —The prosecution in the case of the State against Gaston B. Means for the murder of Mrs. Maude King today set out to prove a motive for Means saying Mrs. King, W. D. Rockefeller, proprietor of a Chicago hotel, on cross examination, said that Mrs. King was practically a prisoner of Means. He stated that he had been warned against Means by Government agents. The mother of the dead woman will probably take the stand today.

ASSISTANT MGR. ARMSTRONG MILLS

Mr. Clyde C. Armstrong has been named assistant manager of the Armstrong chain of mills in Gastonia and will take up his new duties tomorrow. His father, Col. C. C. Armstrong, is general manager of these mills. Mr. Armstrong is one of Gastonia's rising young business men. He is a member of the firm of D. M. Jones & Co., cotton brokers, and for the past two or three years has been actively connected with that firm. His many friends will congratulate him on his promotion to this responsible position.

PREFERENCE TO COAL SHIPMENTS

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. —Judge Robert Lovette, director of priority shipments, will issue within the next twenty-four hours a sweeping order giving preference to all rail movements of coal and coke and empty coal cars. This order is intended to avert a threatened coal famine and bring the production of the mines up to the maximum.

CONGRESSMAN IS INDICTED

(By International News Service.) MADISON, Wis., Nov. 29. — Congressman Nelson and his son, Byron, are under indictment here today in Federal court charged with conspiracy to defeat the draft act. It is charged that Congressman Nelson advised his son not to register. Mr. Nelson is in Washington and his son is out under bond of \$2,500.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES TO MOBILIZE LAWYERS

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

SPECIAL MEETING EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Rev. Fred H. Price, the new assistant pastor of Main Street Methodist church, will conduct the devotional service of the Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock. Misses Wills and Holden will sing a duet and there will be other special music. All the young people of the church are urged to attend.

HOLD BAZAAR DECEMBER 7TH.

The Ladies Aid Society of Main Street Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar on Friday, December 7th, in the Heath building. They will have for sale quantities of beautiful fancy work and many things desirable for Christmas gifts. A very attractive menu is being prepared for the noonday meal and at night. Prices will be very reasonable. The ladies will appreciate your patronage.

MR. KENNEDY GIVES STAG DINNER.

In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of his entrance into business in Gastonia Mr. J. H. Kennedy gave a six o'clock dinner last evening at his home on South York street, having as his guests the members of the clerical force at Kennedy's and the physicians who have their offices with the firm. Mr. Kennedy's guests were Ed C. Adams, manager of the store; J. M. McNeely, prescriptionist; George S. Wilson, assistant prescriptionist; Ewart Knight, soda clerk and Drs. H. F. Glenn, D. A. Garrison, T. C. Quickel, J. H. Jenkins, J. A. Dimmette and J. M. Caldwell. The repast served was a sumptuous one and the evening was spent in a most delightful manner.

RHYNE-RATCHFORD MARRIAGE.

A marriage of interest to a large number of people was that of Miss Connie Ratchford and Mr. Coit E. Rhyme which was solemnized Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ratchford, on the New Hope road. It was a quiet home affair, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a small gathering of friends and relatives by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Quite a number of friends from Gastonia were present. The bride is a popular and attractive young lady. For the past several years she has held a position in the offices of the Southern Power Company at Charlotte. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rhyme and holds a position with the city light department. Mr. and Mrs. Rhyme will make their home in Gastonia.

MEETING OF PHILATHEA OFFICERS.

An interesting meeting of the officers of the Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church was held in the League room last Monday evening.

The most important matter to come up was that of the Parcel Post Booth which will be held in connection with the Ladies' Bazaar of Main Street church on next Friday, December 7th.

It was decided that no article will be offered through the Parcel Post Booth this year that is not handmade. Every purchaser will be guaranteed their money's worth or their money back.

Many handsome articles have been made by the young ladies during the summer months, and because of the fact that every one has been too busy to make as many Christmas gifts as usual, there is likely to be a big demand. This, aside from the fascination of buying something and not knowing what it is, but assured that you will get value received, is expected to make this booth extremely popular.

NEW GOVERNMENT IS BEING FORMED

(By International News Service.) STOCKHOLM, Nov. 30. — A coalition government containing Socialists, Revolutionists, Maximalists and Moderate Bolsheviks is being formed in Petrograd, according to a dispatch from Haparanda today. The dispatch makes no mention of the fate of the Lenin-Trotsky government, but indications are that it has collapsed or voluntarily retired from power.

TODAY'S COTTON.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Nov. 30. — The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at 29.50; May 28.90.

BIG GUN'S SHELL CAMBRIAL

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Nov. 30. — Big guns shelled the British positions in the Cambrai sector all last night, the war office announced at noon. British artillery replied vigorously. Artillery activity is also reported South of Ypres on the Flanders front.

TO MOBILIZE LAWYERS

ATTORNEY TO HELP WIN THIS WAR

Governor Bickett Calls on Lawyers to Organize and Prepare to Lead Their Services for the Proper Carrying Out of the Selective Draft Law — Their Advice and Assistance Needed.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

November 27, 1917.
Mr. A. C. Jones,
Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Sir:
I beg to advise that you have been appointed a member of the Legal Advisory Board of your county, and request that you organize and prepare for business. The President is exceedingly anxious to mobilize the entire legal force of the nation in the prosecution of the war, and the first work the Advisory Board is called upon to do is to secure the enrollment of every lawyer in the county who is willing to place his services, without charge, at the disposal of the exemption boards and registrars with respect to the matters connected with the war. I beg to quote the following extract from a letter received from the War Department in regard to this mobilization:

"We have not yet given the legal profession a definite place in the organized ranks of the nation, and what is here proposed offers a chance that should be welcomed enthusiastically by every lawyer in particular and by the whole legal profession. The most direct and practical way to insure having a responsible and effective central unit in each community would be to include in the permanent membership of each Legal Advisory Board, as executive head thereof, the county judge, or a judge of a court of similar jurisdiction, and by this means to provide a powerful stimulus to the efforts of the younger men of the profession.

Special appeal will be made to every member of the legal profession to give his services to this work and it is proposed that the permanent Board shall maintain a sort of roster of lawyers so that there will always be present at the office of the Board a force of competent legal advisors to whom registrars may apply for advice on any matter concerning their rights and duties under the Selective Service Law. No more important post could be offered a lawyer at this time than the active duty of assisting in the raising of our armies, and in this way can be provided a very necessary auxiliary of the Selective Service System without making any demand on the time of any lawyer to which any patriotic citizen would hesitate to respond. During the period of classification the duties of these boards will be rather heavy, but after that period I hardly think that much will remain for them to do."

Please have the names of the lawyers who thus enroll recorded in the office of the Clerk Superior Court of your county, and also let the chairman of your County Board send a list of these names to the Adjutant General of the State, where a permanent record will be made of the lawyers who have thus, in patriotic fashion, offered to serve their country.

More specific instructions will be mailed to you within the next few days, and copies of the Selective Service Regulations will be sent to each lawyer to the end that he may inform himself so as to be prepared to give advice to the local boards and registrars whenever called upon to do so. I have the utmost faith in the unalloyed patriotism of the legal profession in North Carolina, and I trust that you will endeavor to make the enrollment contain one hundred per cent of the lawyers in your county.

Very truly yours,
T. W. BICKETT.

YOUNG WOMEN FORM "OVERALLS" CLUB.

(By International News Service.) HENRYETTA, Okla., Nov. 30. — The "Overalls Club" has made its appearance among the elite of this city, with a membership of twenty young ladies. The young women of the newly formed organization have announced that they are ready and willing to take the places of young men called to the colors.

The girls plan to take the places of clerks or others whose duties are of a light nature, although they express their determination to accept any good position offered them, in place of a man called to the army.

OPENS THEATRE NEAR BIG TRAINING CAMP.

(By International News Service.) CAMP GORDON, Ga., Nov. 30. — To provide more entertainment for the Sammies in the cantonment here from New York and other sections East and North and from some Southern States, Jake Wells, manager of the Atlantic Lyric Theatre, showing Keith's vaudeville, will soon have completed a big theatre near the camp, and it is stated that the show house will be in operation within a few weeks. Popular prices will prevail.

TO RELIEVE COAL SHORTAGE.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. — The priority order giving preference to coal and coke shipments and the return of empty cars to mines was issued by Priority Administrator Lovett today. The order was issued at the request of Mr. Carlisle to relieve the coal shortage throughout the country. Fuel shipments will be expedited in every possible way.