BULGARIA BALKS AT GERMAN PEACE PLANS

(By International News Service.) GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Bulgaria Bas balked at the Bolsheviki peace terms, states a dispatch from the German border today. Bulgaria particularly protests against the clause calling for no annexations and no indemnity.

BOLL WEEVIL RUINING LONG STAPLE COTTON

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .. - The ravages of the boll weevil have done so much damage that the production of long staple cotton has been imperrilled, the Department of Agriculture announced today. At the same time the department announced that powerful industrial interests are experimenting with cotton stalks with a view to converting them into paper and other materials. If this is suc-cessful, the stalk will be more valuable than the cotton that grows on it.

FIVE MONTHS SUPPLY

(By International News Service) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. - The United States now has a five months supply of flour and wheat despite unrestrained foreign buying which has helped to drain the market. Food Administrator Hoover announced today. He expects an Increase of at least fifty per cent over last year. The stocks on hand are much larger than the flour men themselves believe.

ANARCHISTS TO MEET IN PETROGRAD ON 7TH

(By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 26. - A convention of anarchists will convene in this city January 7th, it was announced today.

FIRST STEEL VESSEL IN SERVICE TODAY.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. — The first vessel constructed in the antisubmarine campaign went into service today. She is an 8,800 ton steel ship, built at Seattle, Wash., under the shipping board's direction.

SWIFT COMPANY OPEN THEIR BOOKS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. - The threats of court action by the federal trade commission to obtain access to the books of Swift & Co. brought results today when Swift telegraphed the commission he now sees no reason for withholding records from the representatives of the commission. Examinations of the books will be made at once.

BELIEF GROWING THAT PEACE WHAL BE CONCLUDED.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Dec. 26. — The peace conference at Brest-Litovzk adjourned today to allow the German representatives to confer with their government, states a dispatch received here from Petrograd. Other advices stated that the belief is growing that a peace will be effected.

AMERICAN SENTRY MURDERED BY THE GERMANS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Publication by General Pershing of the fact that an American sentry had been murdered after being captured by the Germans is taken to mean that Americans will be given little quarter by the Germans. Canadians have been murdered after surrendering ever since they appeared on the Western front. It is believed the Americans will be given the same treatment.

BOLSHEVIKI AND SOCIALISTS

REACH A COMPROMISE. (By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—A com-promise has been reached between the Bolsheviki and the social revolu-tionaires. Seven of the latter will be given places on the coalition cabinet.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET. (By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at 29.80, May at 29.05

Mr. R. Dobson has sold his store and residence property on East Air-line avenue to Mr. M. T. Parham and left this week for Atlanta, where he will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. G. F. Richards.

Blinker—I woke up last night with the feeling that my gold watch was gone. The impression was so strong that I got up to look.

Jinker—Well, was it gone
Blinker—No, but it was going!—
Philadelphia Ledger.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

NANTZ-CARPENTER WEDDING AT MOUNT HOLLY.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd. Mr. Robert Nantz and Miss Cora Carpenter were united in marmiage at the Methodist parsonage in Mt. Holly by Rev. J. S. Hiatt. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter, of Mt. Helly and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nantz, of Iron Station. Both have many friends at Mt. Holly, where they will reside. where they will reside.

CELEBRATING THEIR SOTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitesides gave a dinner at their home on West Main avenue today in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. They were married by the late Dr. E. E. Boyce at the old Crawford home place on the York road. now owned by Sheriff W. N. Davis, mong the guests today were brothers and sisters of both Mr. and Mrs. White-sides, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Mrs. Nancy Whitesides. Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Whitesides, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitesides, Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitesides. Miss Jane Crawford, a cousin of the bride, Mrs. Margaret Carson and Mrs. Rachel Gamble, all of whom were present at the wed-ding, were invited guests at today's celebration.

TWO CHRISTMAS EVE WEDDINGS.

On Monday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock, Mr. Sylvanus Deck and Miss Stella Rhyne were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Rhyne, near Bessemer City. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties by Rev. J. C. Dietz, pastor of the Gastonia Lutheran church. At 8 o'elock the same evening, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Emma Wolfe, in the same neighborhood, Miss Candace Wolfe became the bride of Mr. M. P. McArver, of Gastonia. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. J. D. Rankin, pastor of the Bessemer City Methodist church, and was witnessed by a large gathering of the friends and relatives of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McArver, as manager of the Craig & Wilson farms. Both these couples have many friends throughout the county who will be interested in the news of their respective mar-

MR. DOLLEY WEDS WEST VIRGINIA GIRL.

The following from the social columns of The Morganton (W. Va.) News of Monday will be of interest to many Gastonians:

"In a quiet home wedding which was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pennington, early this morning Miss Eunice Pennington became the bride of Mr. Stephen B. Dolley, of Gastonia, N. C. Only relatives and a few close personal friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Jarrett, pastor of the Christian church, of which the bride is a member.

"The marriage of these two young people was the culmination of a romance which had its beginning when Mr. Dolley was principal of the North Fork high school and Miss Pennington was a member of the faculty. The bride is an attractive and accomplished young lady. She is a graduate of the Concord State Normal College at Athens, W. Va., and also of the West Virginia University. During the present year she has been teaching in the Central high school of this city. The groom is a prominent young attorney of Gastonia, N. C., where he has been located for the past two years. Mr. Dolley was educated at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, where he received his A. B. degree and at Washington and Lee, Lexington, Va., where he received his LL.B. degree. After leaving college he taught at North Fork and later practiced law there. He is a son of the late Rev. W. L. Dolley, for many years a prominent member of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

'Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dolley left over the northbound B. & O. for a bridal trip of a week or ten days after which they will be at home at Gastonia,

North Carolina." The above will be of interest to many Gastonians. Mr. Dolley came to Gastonia nearly two years ago to enter upon the practice of his profession, that of law. Since he came here he has made many friends who will congratulate him upon this hap-py event and whoh will welcome his bride to the city.

—Miss Nola E. Clarke, of The Gazette's office force, left Saturday for Morganton to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

—The Southern Express Company moved last week into the Craig building on Airline avenue under the armory where it has spacious quarters. In its previous quarters, the company was badly dramped but now has ample room for the handling of the large amount of express business here without crowding.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year For All Our Readers Is The Wish Of The Gazette.

ASKS AID FOR LEGAL **ADVISORY BOARDS**

Governor Bickett has issued a call to all the teachers and business men of the State to assist the Legal Advisory Boards in the matter of helping registrants fill out their questionaires. This has assumed the proportions of a huge task and the lawyers of the State, who comprise the advisory boards, have been working overtime for some days past. They need help and hence the Governor is asking teachers and business men to aid

It appears that practically none of the registrants is attempting to fill out his own questionaire. Many of the men could do this themselves and thus relieve the board of a considerable amount of work. Judge A. C. McArver are at home with the groom's mother, Mrs. J. F. McArver has Gazette to appeal to all registrants succeeded his father, the late J. who can do so to fill out their own blanks.

Merchants Meet Friday.

Gastonia merchants will meet at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of fixing the date for the placing in effect of regulations regarding abolishing of the returngoods and other customs, regulations recently endorsed by the Womans Betterment Association after most careful consideration. The meeting las been called by Chairman W. B. Morris of the Department of Merchantile Affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. All merchants interested are urged to be present.

OVERCARSH-LOVE WEDDING SATURDAY EVENING.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Love, in Myers Park, Charlotte, Mr. Creasy Overcarsh and Miss Hazeline Dunn Love were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 22nd, at 8:30 o'clock, the ceremony being pronounced by Rev. M. McG. Shields, of Atlanta, a former pastor and friend of the bride's family. The wedding was beautiful in all its appointments, and was followed by a delightful reception. After Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Overcarsh will go to Columbia, S. C., where the groom is a member of Company E, 402nd telegraph battalion, at Camp Jackson. Mrs. Overcarsh is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Love, who formerly lived in Gastonia, and has many friends here who will be interested in the news of her marriage.

NEWS FROM ALEXIS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

ALEXIS, Dec. 22.-The graded school closed yesterday for the holi-days. It will have two weeks for Christmas. School will open again January 7, 1918.

The Antonian Literary Society met last night for the following exercises: The society debated the question, "Resolved, That iron is more useful for constructive purposes than wood. The affirmative fought hard to win the decision, but the negative won by a small majority.

Mr. George McAlister, of Roanoke Rapids, came in yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents. Mr. Walter Abernethy and wife, of

Spencer Mountain, are visiting rela-

Miss Edna Black, of the graded hool faculty, will spend the holidays at her home in Lucia.

Miss Edna Roberts will spend the

holidays with homefolks.

Miss Mary Agness Ferrell and Mr.

D. T. Ferrell went home last night.

They will spend Christmas with relatives and friends in Durham.

Want ads bring results. Have on tried 'em? If not, now's the ime.. One cent a word each inser-ion, cash with order.

DEATHS

MRS, THOMAS JENKINS. Mrs. Esther Jenkins, wife of Mr Thomas Jenkins, died at her home, 105 West Fourth avenue, at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening following an illness of ten days from appendicitis. She had been in a very critical condition for several days and her death was not unexpected. Funeral services were held at the First Baptists church this afternoon, Rev. W. C. Barrett officiating and interment was in Hollywood Cemetery. Deceased was born in Mecklenburg county May 7, 1872, the daughter of Thomas H. Winget. She was a hairsister of Mr. B. H. Winget, of this city. She had been a resident of Gastonia for a number of years past. She had many friends to whom the news of her death brings great sor-

Lyle Smith. War Savings.

J. Clifford, Robert

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."-Secre-

row. The pall-bearers were J. S.

Wray, J. R. Shuford, H. B. Moore, W.

tary of the Treasury McAdoo. Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Net only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the Na-

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Sav ings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens, it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

Fraternal Organizations and War Loans.

Representatives of fraternal insurance organizations and societies from every part of the United States at a meeting in Washington called by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on December 13 agreed to form War Savings associations and to conduct economy and savings campaigns all over the country and themselves invest and urge others to invest in Government War Loans.

A resolution was passed recommending to the respective organizations of the representatives present that they ratify and indorse the meeting in its purpose and co-operate in the campaigns for War Savings and Liberty Loans.

The enlistment of the united and active support, of fraternal organizations in the campaign for economy and saving is a most hopeful sign. The fraternal societies of the United States wield a tremendous influence and form a body of citizens which is a great factor in our national life as well as in their respective localities. The value of their active co-operaings campaign will be of incalculable

Capt. James P. Sawyer, aged 80, one of Asheville's most prominent citizens, died suddenly last night. He was president of the Battery Park Bank and had been closely identified with the business and social life of Asheville for half a century.

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Have you holiday visitors? If so phone The Gazette about them. -Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers and little son, A. G., Jr., spent yesterday in Charlotte with relatives.

-Mr. and Mrs. W. Hugh Wray are spending a few days with relatives in Shelby. -Miss Louise Hambright,

Kings Mountain, was the guest last week of Mrs. R. O. Craig. -Mrs. 'R. O. Craig is spending a

few days this week with homefolks near Kings Mountain. -Mr. Perry Wright, of Bessemer

City, route two, was in the city on business Saturday. -Have you visitors this week? If so please phone The Gazette about them.

-Remember the new dog and roller skating ordinances go into effect January first.

-Just four more days in which to pay your taxes without having to pay the penalty of two per cent.

-There will be no prayer service at the First Presbyterian church to-

-Little Miss Kathleen Beatty is spending the week at Greenville, S. C., with her aunt, Mrs. Lloyd Bynum. -Mr. R. W. Adams, of Atlanta, 18 spending a few days in the city as the guest of his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Adams. -Mr. Fred S. Wetzell, of New York city, is spending the holidays in the city with his parents. Mr. and Mrs, L. F. Wetzell.

-Mr. W. E. Miller, of Hickory, is spending the Christmas holidays in Gastonia as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Coon.

-Miss Rebecca McLean underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils at the City Hospital Saturday.

-Gastonia merchants are unaninous in the statement that the holfday trade here this season was the heaviest they have ever experienced. -Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Plyler left

today for Columbia, S. C., where they will spend a week or more visiting relatives. -Mr. Alex Armstrong came home

from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., to spend Christmas day with his father, Mr. Sam Armstrong. -Mrs. Steven Foster, of Virginia, who is spending sometime with relatives at Kings Mountain, is spending

the day here with Miss Mamie Aiken. - The Gazette force received a very acceptable Christmas remem-

brance from Messrs. P. P. Leventis & Co. in the shape of a large box of choice Florida oranges. -Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers had

as their guests for dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

-Major A. L. Bulwinkle and Capts. R. G. Cherry and Erskine Boyce, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent Christmas here with homefolks.

Mr. W. R. Turner and family, who have been living at Quitman, Ark., for some time, have returned to good old Gaston, and are now living on route one from Dallas.

-Mr. R. E. Currence and family, of Asheville, are spending the holfdays with homefolks at Clover. Mr. Currence was in Gastonia this morn-

-Mr. W. T. Ford, for many years merchant and farmer of the New Hope section of the county, has moved to Gastonia and is living at 409 S. Columbia street.

-Miss Helen Ragan, of Flora Mc-Donald College, and Mr. Caldwell Ragan, of A. & E., are at home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ragan.

-Gastonians were surprised when they awoke this morning to find the ground white with snow again. The sun came out, however, about o'clock and as a result most of the snow has disappeared.

-According to the report of the Department of Commerce of December 20th there were ginned in Gaston county from the 1917, prior to December 13th, cotton crop 4,628 bales as against 4,347 bales for the same period in 1916.

-Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lanier and little son, Master Allison, of Memphis, Tenn., are the guests for the holidays of Mrs. Lanier's sister, Mrs. J. M. Holland. Dr. W. C. Boyden, or China Grove, Mrs. Holland's brother, spent yesterday here with Mr. and Mrs. Holland.

-The local banks now havt the first Liberty Loan Bonds and are distributing them to the purchasers. The first semi-annual interest is now due and payable at the postoffices. It is at the rate of three and a half per cent. Subsequent interest payments will be at the rate of four per cent.

-Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saunders went Monday to Greenville, S. C., to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Bynum. Mr. Saunders has returned but Mrs. Saunders remained over for the balance of the

-There were fifteen cases on the Municipal Court docket this morning. They were mostly drunks and trivial offenses. There were no accidents or tragedies marking the holiday season and things were quieter than usual for Christmas with the police department.

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LOCAL ITEMS NEWS OF THE LATEST FROM OUR1 CORRESPONDENTS

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Dec. 24 .- On Thursday night of last week the Glenn Literary Society of the Farm Life School gave an entertainment for the people of the town. A very good sized crowd was present. The stories, oral and original, were excellently given and well written. The recitations, songs, monologs, pantomimes and plays showed the work and enthusiasm which had been put in the entertainment by the girls.

Before the program was given Mr. John G. Carpenter, of Gastonia, spoke on the Thrift Saving Stamp movement. Then Prof. J. B. Henson made a simple and earnest plea for the Red Cross.

Then the following program was given:

Oral story, "The Other Wise Man," Nellie Craig. Recitation, "Christmas on the San Gabril," Ruth McGill.

Song, "Jingle Bells." Original story, "The Old Couple's Christmas," Lillian Webb.

Recitation, "Playing Santa Claus," sabel Hoffman.

Pantomime, "A Christmas Dream. Recitation, "On Chirstmas Day." illa Rhyne. Original story, "Too Late." Betty

asour. Song, "Star of the East." Monolog, "Christmas Greens." Ja-ette Jenkins.

Illustrated story, "Little Gretch-

Scene from "Little Women."
Recitation, "The Ballad of Mistress Sweet Pea," Vera Rhyne.
The Animated Christmas Tree.
After the program was finished
Red Cross nurses stood at each door
and received the offerings that the

crowd gave. The subject of Thrift Stamps has been taken up in Dallas. Prof. J. B. Henson, who is acting as agent here,

has sold a great many up to now. The students of the Farm Life School

The students of the Farm Life School have bought a very good amount of these. Prof. Henson still hopes to dispose of more of these stamps.

The students of the various colleges returned home for the Christmas holidays are Caleb Rhodes, A. and E. Raleigh, Cecil Cornwell, Trinity College, Durham; Misses Alena Rhyne, Katie Lee Lewis, Bertie Craig, Ethel Craig, Artie Lee Puett and Modena Durham, of the State Normal Durham, of the State Normal.

The following teachers have gone home for the holidays: Miss Lots Harrold, to Montreat; Miss Harriett Anderson, to Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Leafly Brown, to Statesville; Miss Elva Hall, to Belmont.

The Scoutmaster and a few of the loyal Scouts of Troop No. I wish to make it known to the citizens of Dallas that the troop has not disbanded but is yet alive. The only trouble is the dropping out of a few discontented boys who do not think it manly to obey the Scout Law.

On Friday morning of last week the graded school gave an entertainment for the public. The following program was given:

Song, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. Song, "Away in a Manger." Devotional exercises by Rev. R. A.

Taylor. Song, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. Piano duet, Margaret Gribble and

Ollie Ray. Vocal duet, Kathryn Lewis and Inez Gribble. Solo, Miss Lela Durham.

Piano solo, Margaret Gribble. Song, "Silent Night, Holy Night." Song, "Upon the House Top." "Jingle Bells." Song.

Song, "America." "Star Spangled Banner." Song. The following boarding students of the Farm Life School have gone

home for the holidays: Irl Newton to Whiteville, Edward Senter to Lexington, Miss Flora Summerville to Paw Creek, Will Ferguson to Clover, S. C., Misses Ruth and Willie McGill to Kings Mountain, Clarence Car-penter to Landers Chapel, Misses Pearl and Janette Jenkins, Ola Rhyne, Oscar Falls and Will Morrow to Gastonia.

Dallas, Route Two Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Ruote 2, Dec. 24. - The public school at Little's school house closed Friday afternoon for the holfdays with exercises which were highly enjoyable. There was a tree with many little articles on it made by the pupils and, since this school is composed largely of small children, the different articles displayed both taste and skill on the part of the makers. There was also a "treat" for the children given by the teacher, Miss Sulve Brown, of Iron Station. There was also the singing of hymns and Christmas carols with choice selections on the Victor talking machine.

All were happy and, after enjoying the music, the treat and the tree, all exchanged the world-wide wish "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" and each went his way voting for a tree and a talking machine in every school house.

On Tuesday, December 25th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Huffstetler, a

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