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## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Just three more days.  
—Then you'll be writing it 1918.  
—That is if you don't forget to do so.  
—Mr. P. W. Hand, of Lowell, was a business visitor in town yesterday.  
—Mr. Dave Craig, of Statesville, was in town yesterday.  
—Miss Marie Torrence, who is spending the winter in New York city, is at home for the holidays.  
—Mr. W. A. Bryan returned this morning to Durham after a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. Y. Warren.  
—Miss Bess Withers returned Tuesday from Broadway where she visited homefolks.  
—Dr. Otis Lineberger, of Raleigh, spent a few days in the city with relatives this week.  
—Miss Julia Elam, of the City Hospital staff, left this morning for Statesville to visit homefolks.  
—Miss Lantie Abernethy, of Mt. Holly, route two, spent the holidays here with her brother, Rev. G. P. Abernethy.  
—Misses Sallie and Nell Dixon, of Charlotte, are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman.  
—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins and Miss Willie Jenkins spent Christmas day in Charlotte as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Craver.  
—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitfield, of Albemarle, are spending the Christmas holidays here with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Rawlings.  
—Mrs. R. W. Langford and children left Wednesday morning for Atlanta to spend several days visiting relatives.  
—Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hopper returned yesterday from York, where they spent several days visiting relatives.  
—Mr. Clyde Brawley, of the coast artillery corps at Fort Caswell, spent the holidays in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brawley.  
—Mrs. A. E. Wolts and children are spending the holidays with relatives at Granite Falls. Mr. Wolts also spent a day or so there.  
—Lieut. Wilson McArver, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McArver.  
—Sgt. F. L. Morrow, of Camp Wordsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., spent Christmas day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrow.  
—Mr. Paul Harmon, who is stationed at Fort Caswell, was the guest Christmas day of his uncle and aunt, Mrs. C. Morrow.  
—Miss Mary Harmon and Miss Ethel Howe, of Kings Mountain, have been the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrow.  
—There was a "skiff" of snow last night about 8 o'clock — not enough to make a show on the ground, however.  
—Miss Maude Faysoux, of Greenville, S. C., is spending the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Faysoux.  
—Mrs. L. C. Davis and Miss Annie Davis spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Charlotte as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Faysoux.  
—Sgt. John McCullough, of Camp Greene, and Miss Annie McCullough, of Pineville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. Gilmer Winget.  
—Mr. T. S. Royster, the popular rural carrier on route one from Bessemer City, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.  
—At Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning Mrs. Lacy Jordan Taylor will sing. At night Miss Ruth Mason will sing.  
—Mr. Kenneth Babington returned Wednesday from Raleigh where he spent a few days with Mrs. Babington, who is visiting homefolks there.  
—Master R. B. Babington, Jr., is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. McLurd, at Stanley.  
—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spurrier and children, of Charlotte, spent the Christmas holidays in the city as the guest of Mrs. Spurrier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd.

—Dr. and Mrs. I. W. McLean and little son, I. W., Jr., of Panama, arrived last night to spend some time with Mrs. McLean's father, Mr. A. F. Rudisill, at his home near Dallas.  
—Mrs. J. B. Steele and children left Wednesday for Yadkin Valley where they will spend several weeks with Mr. Steele's uncle, Mr. H. A. Steele, who is in very feeble health.  
—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daley and little son, of Charlotte, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daley and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. White.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Timmons and son, of Pinehurst, spent the holidays here with Mrs. Timmons' mother Mrs. W. D. Barringer, at her home on West Airline avenue.  
—Mrs. James A. Estridge has as her guests her sisters, Miss Ruth Seabock, of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Grace Seabock, of Hickory. They will spend several weeks here.  
—Mr. Robert L. Durham, of the faculty of Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., is spending a few days in the city as the guest of his mother, Mrs. B. F. Dixon.  
—Mr. Floyd C. Todd left yesterday for Athens, Ga., where he will be engaged for two weeks or more installing new machinery for the Athens Manufacturing Co.  
—Lieut. J. Wilson McArver and Sgt. E. R. Warren have returned to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., after spending the holidays here with their parents.  
—Have you joined a Christmas Savings Club for next year? If not, there are three such clubs in town asking you to do so. It's a splendid way to save money.  
—Mr. Hazel Long, who is at home from Erskine College, Due West, S. C., spending the holidays with homefolks, has as his guest his classmate, Mr. L. H. McDaniel, of Covington, Tenn.  
—An important meeting of the merchants of Gastonia will be held tonight in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped that all the merchants of the city will be in attendance.  
—Mrs. Frank L. Wilson has had as her guests during the holidays her sisters, Miss Jessie Stockard and Mrs. Hardee Stockard, a niece, Miss Margaret Stockard, and a nephew, Mr. Ralph Stockard, all of Granam.  
—Mr. George A. Gray is building a beautiful home on the New Hope road east of the city in the Baginton Heights section. It is near the handsome new home of Mr. Charles D. Gray, recently completed.  
—Mr. J. B. Hatcher returned yesterday from Winston-Salem where he spent Christmas. Mrs. Hatcher remained over for a more extended visit to her mother, Mrs. D. D. Trivette.  
—Miss Mary Goode, of Rutherford College, will arrive in the city Sunday to be the guest for the New Year holidays of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins at their home on South Marietta street.  
—Dr. L. N. Patrick is having material placed for the erection of a handsome modern residence on the New Hope road opposite the orthopaedic hospital site. The work of construction will be commenced at an early date.  
—On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke entertained at dinner at their home in Bessemer City, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ormand and Mr. Theron Ormand, of Gastonia, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Payne, of Elmina, Texas.  
—Mrs. E. C. Wilson had as her guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lineberger and Mr. Robert Michael, of Lincolnton; Miss Mary Shipp, of Hendersonville, and Misses Elizabeth and Eleanor Rankin, of Charlotte.  
—Mr. F. H. Cunningham, formerly manager of the Ideal Theater here left today for Monroe to take over the management of the Strand Theater, formerly the Bru-Nell, which is now owned by Mr. Cunningham and Mr. J. White Ware, of this city.  
—Prof. and Mrs. Edgar Long and children, of Due West, S. C., are spending the holidays here with Prof. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Long. They will return to Due West next week. Mr. Hazel Long, who is a student at Erskine, is also at home for the holidays.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Dana J. Caldwell and little daughter, Cornelia Elizabeth, of Columbia, S. C., have returned home after being the guests during the Christmas holidays of Mr. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, at their home on Columbia street.  
—Her many friends will be glad to learn that Miss Carrie Morris, who has been confined to her home for the past three weeks by illness, is improving and is now able to sit up. She expects to be able to return soon to Charlotte where she teaches in the city schools.  
—Mrs. W. H. Burbury, of Sparta, Tenn., arrived last night to visit her sister, Mrs. T. W. Wilson. Messrs. Henry and Forrest Duff, of New York, brothers of Mrs. Wilson, are also here for the holidays as is also Mrs. Wilson's son, Mr. Henry Wilson, who is a student at Davidson College.  
—Sgt. H. A. Query was in town a short while Wednesday from Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. He was spending his Christmas vacation with friends at Belmont where he was formerly superintendent of the pub-

lic schools. His many Gastonia friends were delighted to see him again. Sgt. Query will try for the officers training camp in January.  
—Clarence E. Shives, of Winston-Salem and Robert Scholar, of Bessemer City, left yesterday for Fort Caswell to join the Coast Artillery Corps. John Q. Gardner, of Cherryville, left this morning and Ernest O. McSwain will leave Sunday for the same place to enter this branch of the service. All four enlisted at the local recruiting station.  
—Miss Maude Rankin is spending a part of the holiday season in New York city. She left Christmas day and was joined at Danville, Va., by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Vivian F. Rankin. The latter was visiting relatives there after having been on a visit to her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rankin, here. She went from New York this week to her home in California.  
—Mr. Theron Ormand, a member of Company A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Sevier, returned to camp last night after spending a furlough of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ormand, at their home on West Airline avenue. On Wednesday Mr. Ormand had as his guests at a Christmas dinner a number of members of his company who were at home on furlough.  
—Miss Pauline Faysoux, who has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Walter R. Jones, in Rockingham for the past three years, arrived Monday accompanied by Mrs. Jones and little son, Walter Jones, Jr., to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. T. M. Faysoux, Sr. Miss Faysoux will not return to Rockingham, having accepted a position as secretary to Mr. W. D. Anderson, of the Loyal Mills. Mrs. Jones and son will leave for their home Sunday.  
—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. States had as their guest for two or three days this week Sgt. John Burns Brown, who is temporarily at Camp Greene. Sgt. Brown is a chemist and is making the rounds of the Southern camps analyzing the foodstuffs used by the army. His home is in Illinois. Sgt. Brown is to be married soon to Miss Bertha States, of Urbana, Illinois, a niece of Mr. L. A. States.  
—Because of unexpected delay in getting some materials the contractor will not have the new First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church building ready for occupancy January 1st as had been expected. The congregation had hoped to hold the first service in this handsome new structure on the first Sunday in January especially because of the fact that on that day they celebrate the 24th anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thorpe had as their guests Tuesday and Wednesday Sgt. W. J. Hall and Sgt. W. M. Day, of the British army. These officers are instructors of machine gun firing and trench mortar work at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. They arrived in the United States about a month ago from the Western front, where they participated in a number of the big drives during the past two years.  
—Gastonia's second municipal Christmas tree was a decided success. The exercises were held in front of the Armington Hotel Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock. The singing, under the direction of the ladies of the Gastonia Music Club, was excellent. The ministers participating were Rev. J. H. Henderlite, who made the address, Rev. H. H. Jordan, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway and Rev. W. C. Barrett. The crowd was a large one and all present enjoyed the event immensely.  
—Mr. J. F. Thomson is building a six-room residence on South Chester street, adjoining Mr. W. L. Balfour's property on the south. Mr. H. F. Oakley has the contract. Mr. George W. Brown is preparing to build a six-room residence on the same street and adjoining Mr. Balfour's on the north. Mr. J. E. Keller has the contract for this house. Mr. Thomson recently sold his residence on West Main avenue to Mr. J. B. Atkinson, of Lenoir, who will move to Gastonia as soon as he can secure his house.

## NEW IMPETUS GIVEN ARTILLERY RANGE

New impetus was given the artillery range proposition Wednesday when Wilbur W. Smith, representing the topographical department of the quartermasters corps, arrived from Camp Greene, under orders from General Dickman, commanding general at the camp, to make a survey of the entire range and camp sites. Mr. W. T. Rankin, representing the Chamber of Commerce committee, went over the matter thoroughly with Mr. Smith, giving all necessary information for the making of the survey, except that which must be secured by field work. Mr. Rankin has devoted much time and effort to the entire proposition.  
In the meantime the judge advocate's office is handling the lease proposition with headquarters. General Dickman is hopeful that artillery units may begin work on the range as soon as better weather arrives. The work of making the survey will take one or two weeks.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

**U. D. C. MEETING TOMORROW.**  
Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapter room at the Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting plans for the annual Lee-Jackson Celebration on January 19th will be made.

**SOCIAL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT.**  
The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Loyal Baptist church will hold its Christmas social meeting tomorrow night at the home of their pastor, Rev. G. P. Abernethy, in West Gastonia. Each member of the union has been given the privilege of inviting one or more friends and it is expected that there will be a large crowd present and that the occasion will be a most delightful one.

**CHRISTMAS TREE AT FRANKLIN HOTEL.**  
Christmas Day was greatly enjoyed by the guests at the Franklin Hotel. A large Christmas tree had been placed in the parlor and this was filled with gifts, there being more than one hundred. The guests assembled in the parlor on Christmas morning and, after the distribution of the gifts, the proprietress, Mrs. S. F. New, was presented with a purse of gold from all the guests as a mark of their appreciation.

**LIEUT. J. O. RANKIN WEDS WINSTON GIRL.**  
His hosts of friends in Gastonia were surprised a day, or so ago to learn that Lieut. John O. Rankin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rankin, of this city, was married last Friday night in Winston-Salem, his bride being Miss Placid Dunford, a popular and attractive young lady of that city. The news came as a surprise not only to Lieut. Rankin's friends but to his family also. He was at home on a visit just a few days prior to his marriage but gave no intimation either to his family or friends of his intentions. The groom returned to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., where he is an officer in Company A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, R. G. Cherry, captain. Mrs. Rankin will join him there. It will also be a matter of interest to Mr. Rankin's friends to know that he was only a few days ago promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

**ADAMS-POTTS WEDDING IN ATLANTA.**  
In a quiet but beautiful home wedding solemnized at the home of the bride's mother in Atlanta on Thursday, December 20, Mr. Robert W. Adams and Miss Helen Potts were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Lyons, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Frank M. Potts, of Atlanta, and is a highly accomplished and attractive young woman. She is a graduate of Brenau College, and attained first distinction in art at that institution. Handsomely engraved wedding announcements were issued, reading as follows:  
Mrs. Frank M. Potts announces the marriage of her daughter Helen to Mr. Robert W. Adams on Thursday, December twentieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Atlanta, Ga.  
Mr. Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Adams, of Gastonia, and has been for the past several years a traveling salesman for the Westinghouse Electric Co., with headquarters in Atlanta. He has hosts of friends here who will be interested in the news of his marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Adams arrived in Gastonia Sunday night and were the guests of the groom's parents until Wednesday, when they returned to Atlanta.

**LEEPER-STOWE WEDDING.**  
A wedding of interest to a large number of people not only in Gastonia but in the bride's home town and over the county was solemnized at Belmont Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Zoe Stowe became the bride of Lieut. Ned Leeper. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. R. P. Washam, by Rev. J. T. Dendy, pastor of the Belmont Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet home affair and was witnessed by a number of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties.  
Before the entrance of the bridal party Mrs. Robert Cox sang "I Love You Truly," the accompaniment being played by Mrs. N. A. Orr. During the ceremony Mrs. Orr played softly a selection on the piano. There were no attendants. The vows were taken in front of an improvised arch, decorated with ivy and cedar, with a background of potted plants. The bride was most becomingly gowned in white crepe de chine. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and bride's roses.  
Lieut. Leeper is a member of the graduating class of the A. and E. College at Raleigh. He attended the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Oglethorpe last summer where he was commissioned as a lieutenant. He is a son of the late John F. Leeper and has a large circle of friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Stowe and is a young lady of charming personality and has a host of friends here. For the past year or two she has been stenographer in Mr. Charles D. Gray's cotton office.

## FIVE INJURED IN BAD AUTO WRECK

Five people were more or less painfully injured in a head-on collision between two automobiles about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon near the fair grounds on the New Hope road just east of the city. Both cars were almost completely demolished and the occupants count their escape from death as almost miraculous.  
Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, was driving one car and Mr. Harry McGraw, of Gaffney, S. C., was driving the other. Mr. Whitley was coming into town while the other car was going towards Belmont. Mr. Whitley sustained a severe bruise on the back of his head and other painful wounds. Mrs. Whitley, the only other occupant of the car, was also badly cut and bruised. In the car with McGraw were Misses Iva Lineberger and Olivia Short, both nurses at the City Hospital. Miss Lineberger was carried to the hospital in what was believed to be a serious condition, her wounds having bled very profusely. It was necessary to administer an anesthetic in order to dress her wounds, which consisted of a number of very painful cuts on and about the head. Miss Short also sustained painful cuts and bruises but was not as seriously injured as Miss Lineberger. Mr. McGraw was able to return on a night train to his home at Gaffney though suffering considerably from his wounds.  
Just how the accident occurred is hardly known, the explanation being probably that, in the gathering darkness, the drivers of the machines did not see each other in time to avoid the collision.

**GASTONIA TO HAVE NEW JEWELRY STORE**  
Gastonia's newest business enterprise is the Winget Jewelry Company which will open for business next week in the building on West Main avenue to be vacated by H. M. Van Sleen, the jeweler, who moves into one of the new buildings of the National Realty Company a few doors further east. The new firm is composed of Messrs. J. Sidney Winget, Arthur K. Winget and H. Gilmer Winget and will be managed by Mr. J. Sidney Winget. The building will be refurbished and refitted throughout with handsome new fixtures and will be stocked with new goods throughout. Mr. Winget has already purchased his goods and expects to be ready for business within a very few days. Watch and jewelry repairing will be done and small musical instruments will be handled.  
Mr. Winget is an experienced hand in the jewelry business, having held a responsible position for the past eleven years with the Torrence-Morris Company, Jewelers. He is well known to the buying public and this, together with his experience, is sufficient guarantee that the new firm will be a success from the start.

**AMERICAN AVIATORS TRAINING IN EGYPT.**  
(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Dec. 28.—American aviators are learning to fly at the British aviation school in Cairo, Egypt. Many have already received their commissions. One American aviator was in the air convoy which accompanied General Allenby when he entered Jerusalem.

**MAKE TRENCHES WIDER TO BALK THE TANKS.**  
(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—In an effort to balk the British tanks Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has ordered the German trenches widened to 20 feet so that the tanks cannot cross them.

**GARFIELD WORKING ON A NEW PLAN.**  
(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Fuel Administrator Garfield is working out a new plan of coal distribution to consumers. Coal shipments will hereafter be given the most direct routing and every effort will be made to assist the State distributors.

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## BOLSHEVIKI PEACE PLANS ACCEPTED

(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 26.—A wireless message, evidently sent out from Petrograd and picked up today, stated that the Central Powers have accepted in principle the Bolshevik peace terms. The Austro-German envoys are quoted as saying that Germany is "opposed to a war of conquest and is willing to negotiate peace without annexations or indemnities if the Allies will guarantee not to exclude Germany from international agreements after the war." Fighting has broken out at Irkutsk, Siberia.

## WILL GIVE HIS TIME TO RAILROAD PROBLEMS

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson and Mr. McAdoo conferred for some time today arranging the final details for taking over the railroads tomorrow. It was afterwards learned that Mr. McAdoo will devote practically all of his time for the next three months to bringing the roads to their highest possible efficiency. No general financing scheme will be necessary at present, it is believed. Officials here today declared that no railroad "can stand on its own bottom." A cordial reception has been given by the country and the railroads themselves to the President's move, which is very gratifying to the administration.

**RUSSIANS HAVE RELEASED GERMAN CIVILIAN PRISONERS.**  
(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—A number of German civilian prisoners, released in Russia by the Bolshevik government, arrived at Haparanda today on their way to Germany. More than a score of German army officers and twice as many German and Austrian peace delegates are reported to have arrived at Petrograd. A meeting to discuss questions relating to the armistice will be held Wednesday.

**QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT.**  
(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The official announcement of the war office today states there is nothing special to report from the Western front.

**TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.**  
(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at 30.60, May 29.57.

**SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT.**  
(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—There were 21 more deaths in the national army last week than the week before, Surgeon General Gorgas announced today. Deaths in the national guard decreased by 45. Pneumonia took the largest toll.

**MINISTER EGAN ARRIVES.**  
(By International News Service.)  
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 28.—Minister Egan and his wife were among 500 passengers who arrived here on a Danish steamer today.

**PRESIDENT 61 YEARS OLD.**  
(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson celebrated his 61st birthday anniversary today by putting in his usual hard day's work. He received many congratulatory messages.

**FRANCE FIRST TO ANSWER.**  
(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Dec. 28.—France was the first nation to answer the Austro-German peace proposals. Foreign Minister Fichon announced in the Chamber of Deputies that France will refuse to enter into a treaty with Germany on the basis of those proposals. The speech was enthusiastically received.

**Hager-Payne Marriage.**  
At the parsonage of Main Street Methodist church Monday Mr. F. E. Hager and Miss Juanita Payne, both of Bessemer City, were united in marriage by Rev. H. H. Jordan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Payne, of Bessemer City.