

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. J. L. Price has just returned from a business trip to Union, S. C.

—Mr. J. P. Reid has gone to New York to visit his daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Reid Cannon.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wray will leave Sunday for a ten-day trip to New York and Detroit, Mich.

—The Gray Manufacturing Company and the Parkdale Mills each paid a ten per cent dividend January 1st.

—Miss Roberta Love will return tomorrow to her home in Lincoln after a visit to friends and relatives in the city.

—Mrs. J. M. Sloan has as her guests her father, Mr. W. L. Rose, and her sister, Mrs. May Rose Thompson, both of Wadesboro.

—Mr. J. R. Simpson, of Washington, D. C., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. Nell Craig, of Union. He left Wednesday night for his home.

—Rev. W. L. Latham, of Concord, will preach at New Hope Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, provided the weather will permit.

—Local thermometers stood at 3 degrees above zero this morning. If that reading was correct it was next to the coldest weather of the present cold spell.

—Miss Marie Torrence will return tonight to New York city to resume her musical studies after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence.

—Rev. John F. Kirk, of Shelby, presiding elder of the Shelby district, will preach at Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning and at East Gastonia Methodist church Sunday night.

—His many friends will regret to learn that Policeman Tom Rankin is confined to his home by an attack of pneumonia. He has been ill since Sunday but his condition is reported today as slightly improved.

—Miss Rebekah McLean returned yesterday to Greensboro to resume her studies in the State Normal College after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. McLean.

—A. S. Karsch has leased the Ragan building formerly occupied by the Bynum Cafe and will open a second store there in the near future. A new front will be put in and other improvements made at once.

—Mr. Theodore Morris, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris, has gone to New Bedford, Mass., to take a course in a large textile school there. Mr. Morris spent three years at the State A. and E. College and recently has been working at the Dunn Mill.

—McNeely Company has leased the store room in the Adams building formerly occupied by Sherman Brothers and will move into it about the middle of the month. The interior will be entirely overhauled and remodeled and will be made into one of the handsomest store rooms in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dolley arrived in Gastonia Wednesday night and are at home in the Jenkins cottage on South street. Mr. and Mrs. Dolley were married at the bride's home town, Morgantown, W. Va., the day before Christmas and came to Gastonia from their wedding trip. Mr. Dolley's many friends will welcome his bride to Gastonia.

—The first offender against the new city ordinance forbidding dogs to run loose was before Judge Jones in Municipal Court this morning and was taxed with the costs. Chief Carroll says that the new ordinances are going to be enforced rigidly. If you don't want to be fined in court, see that your dogs are securely fastened up at home or, if you bring them out, lead them with a chain.

—Chairman A. C. Jones of the Legal Advisory Board asks the Gazette to state that the board appreciates very highly the liberal responses that have been made to the calls for assistance in filling out the questionnaires. However, the board needs still more help and any persons, either men or women, who are willing to give some time to this work, are asked to so notify Mr. Jones at once.

—Mr. C. H. Haynes, representing the internal revenue department, is spending the week here listing incomes for taxes. This is his third day and he will be here through tomorrow. He will return to Gastonia February 4th and remain here through the 16th. Mr. Haynes has his office on the second floor of the postoffice building. He has been kept busy since he arrived here but there are still many who have not made their returns.

—Secretary H. B. Moore of the Associated Charities says that, while a good many calls have been made on the board during the past three weeks, the demands have not been as heavy as was anticipated. Most of the calls have been, of course, for fuel. The weather, the worst in this section for many years, found many of the poorer people unprepared for it. The fact that the calls for help have been comparatively light is a tribute to the thrift and industry of our people.

Was 116 Years Old.

The Gazette is informed by reliable citizens of Belmont that Isabelle Torrence, colored, who died at her home near Belmont on Monday, December 31st, was 116 years old. It is a correct fact that she was the oldest person in Gaston county.

MUTUAL B. AND L. HAD GOOD YEAR

Secretary E. G. McLurd's annual report for the year 1917, made to the stockholders of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association at the fourteenth annual meeting held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the city hall, showed that this organization experienced an excellent business during the past 12 months. The report showed total assets of \$211,253.91, undivided profits of \$21,751.60, loans outstanding \$204,303.00, mortgage loans made during the year \$68,150.00, stock loans during the year \$11,296.00, collected in installments \$71,285.75, net profits for year \$10,250.43. The rate of interest earned during the year was 5.05 per cent. The series just matured cost the stockholders \$83.50 and matured in six years and five months. The association now has in force 5,911 shares. During the year 628 shares matured on which there was paid out \$62,600.00.

All of the old officers were re-elected. They are: President, S. A. Robinson; first vice-president, V. E. Long; second vice-president, T. W. Wilson; secretary and treasurer, E. G. McLurd. The oldest building and loan association in the city, the Gastonia Mutual has enjoyed a steadily increasing business and starts its fifteenth year with flattering prospects.

FIRE IN GARAGE DOES \$1,000 DAMAGE

Damage to the extent of about \$1,000 was done yesterday afternoon by fire which started about 5 o'clock in the storeroom occupied by the Auto Repair Company on North Marietta street. Just how the blaze originated is not known though the workmen in the building stated that it started when an electric bulb broke and the wire probably came in contact with gasoline. At any rate the interior was enveloped in flames almost in an instant. The fire department responded immediately and soon had the fire under control. There were four automobiles in the place, two of which were damaged. One was a new Ford, belonging to a colored man at Dallas. It was almost completely destroyed. A Grant, belonging to J. L. Price, was damaged to the extent of \$100. This business belonged to F. B. Spake and J. W. Setzer, who purchased it just a few days ago from J. L. Price. Mr. Spake was at work under one of the machines and had a narrow escape from being burned. They had no insurance. The building belongs to Mr. G. W. Ragan.

CITY HELPS DELIVER COAL OVER CITY

Notwithstanding the fact that Gastonia fuel dealers have plenty of coal, many persons have found it difficult to get their needs supplied. So heavy have the demands been on the wagon and truck forces of the coal yards during the past three weeks that they have been unable, running almost day and night, to keep up with orders. Yesterday morning found them about three days behind with deliveries. The situation was beginning to get serious so the city came to the rescue and turned its teams and wagons over to the coal companies for use until they caught up with deliveries. There is no danger, it seems, of Gastonia suffering for fuel but delivering it over snow and ice covered streets is slow work.

ARROW MILLS, INC. ORGANIZED HERE

The Arrow Mills, Inc., was organized here December 25th, with the following officers: President, J. Lee Robinson, Vice-President, J. L. Gray, secretary and treasurer, J. H. Separk, directors, J. Lee Robinson, J. L. Gray, J. H. Separk, L. L. Jenkins, T. L. Craig, F. D. Barkley and S. N. Boyce. The capitol stock is \$300,000. The plant was purchased recently from D. E. Rhyno, it having been operated heretofore as the Daniel Mills. It is located at Lincoln. It has 12,500 spindles and makes combed peeler and Sea Island yarns Nos. 40 to 80.

The business office of the mill will be in Gastonia. Mr. J. L. Gray, of Gastonia, has been appointed general superintendent, while Mr. T. J. Lillard, a well-known mill man of Thomasville, will be in charge of the Washington office.

Mr. W. Steve Morris is at home from Camp Sevier, Greenville, for a few days with homefolks.

Mr. W. K. Reid arrived yesterday morning from Charleston, S. C., to spend a day or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reid. Mr. Reid has been transferred to the flying branch of the aerial service and expects to be ordered soon to an aviation training camp. He stood the examination in Atlanta the first of the week and passed.

GERMAN U-BOAT CREW SURRENDERS TO AMERICANS

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Jan. 3.—How the crew of a German submarine mutinied, killed their officers and surrendered is told today. A certain American transport after disembarking its troops in France started on its return journey. It sighted an enemy submarine a few hours out and zig-zagged back to port. The submarine followed but did not fire and kept in the wake of the transport through the mine fields. When safe in the harbor the crew surrendered. The sailors said they had been forced to sea against their will. They said that their shore leaves had been curtailed because they had failed to make big hauls on their last two trips. The food, they said, was poor. Two commissioned and three non-commissioned officers were slain by the crew.

WILL BE FORCED TO STAY AT HOME.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A good part of the American people will be forced to stay at home this year in order to release locomotives for hauling coal and food munitions. Hundreds of passenger trains will be discontinued. "Travel will become so uncomfortable through lack of facilities that only those who must travel will do so," stated Mr. McAdoo. Long distance auto traffic is expected to be curtailed by the high price of gasoline.

EXPLAINS SHORTAGE IN CLOTHING.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The military probe commenced today and questioned Charles Eiseaman, head of the contract committee of the council of defense. Eiseaman declared the shortage of clothing for the troops was due to a lack of knowledge as to how many men will be called out. Sharply questioned, he maintained he has never been given accurate figures.

HUNTING FOR WEAK SPOTS.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Germans are still feeling out the Western front with strong raids in an effort to find a weak point. It is believed that the raids are preliminary to an offensive. Heavy artillery duelling continues, especially on the uplands.

AT LEAST 2,000 PERISHED.

(By International News Service.)
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—The loss of life by earthquake in Guatemala will go over 2,000 according to advices today.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MT. HOLLY, Jan. 3.—This weather calls to mind that the ground hog is to have his day in February. Better stock up when you can with wood and coal.

These are the days for the small boy with his sled. He, too, should have his day when the weather permits.

Mr. A. Fredericks and Miss Myra Elizabeth Ake, of the Bryant Lyceum Lecture Bureau headquarters in Charlotte, are spending a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Costner. They have just finished a 13 weeks trip through Texas and Oklahoma. From here they go North, as far as Massachusetts.

Mr. Lesh Hamilton's mother is spending the holidays with him. She was accompanied by her daughter, Cornelia.

The weather and short coal supply have put the opening of school up to the 7th Monday. Miss Pursor, who takes the place of Miss Gertrude Kohn as English teacher, will be on hand as well as Miss Mae Rhodes, to take Miss Green's place as teacher of music. Miss Pursor is from Unionville and Miss Rhodes is from Lincoln.

The Red Cross during the holidays has been a busy place if we may speak of it thus. Each day has found quite a number of workers in the room at tables rolling, cutting and stitching away for the dear boys. The ladies have made 1,229 compresses, 9 sweaters and 3 pairs socks during December. The average attendance of workers has been eight, not large it is true, but very faithful. The workroom is under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Costner and Miss Bess Rankin. Both these took the training course in Gastonia last Summer. All the workers have nimble fingers, rapid needles and a mind to work.

The room used has been donated rent free by Mr. A. P. Rhyno, our mayor.

Corp. William Bowman, of Camp Jackson, and Sgt. Edwin Hutchison, of Camp Sevier in quartermaster's department, are with us for several days. Lieut. B. F. Moore also spent a few days last week with relatives in town.

The handsome brick house of Mr. R. G. Rhyno is finished and ready for occupancy. Mr. Rhyno expects to move in next week if the weather is favorable.

Mr. A. U. Stroupe, of Lucia, will occupy the house Mr. Rhyno vacates. He has bought the place from Mr. Rhyno.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MILLEN-SARVICK WEDDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Robert O. Millen and Miss Eunice Sarvick were united in marriage Wednesday night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, at his residence on East Airline avenue. The bride is a daughter of Mr. John Sarvick. Mr. Millen is in the grocery business at the Clara Mill. They will reside on South Church street.

A DOUBLE WEDDING YESTERDAY.

Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Baptist church, performed a double marriage ceremony at the parsonage yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All of the contracting persons were from the Union neighborhood. They were Laban B. Jenkins, a son of Nathan Jenkins, and Miss Blanche Pressley, a daughter of John Pressley, and Alonzo Hoffman, a son of J. H. Hoffman, and Miss Annie Hanna, a daughter of Mr. John V. Hanna. The young folks were accompanied by a number of their friends who witnessed the ceremony.

SHAYER-JENKINS MARRIAGE.

Miss Katherine Mulvina Jenkins and Mr. William Clarence Shayer were quietly married Tuesday afternoon, January 1st. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist parsonage at Morganton by Rev. E. E. Williamson in the presence of only a few of the bride's friends.

Miss Jenkins will be sadly missed by a large number of friends and classmates at Morganton with whom she has become very popular while nursing there. Miss Jenkins finished her training course in June and has filled the position of head night nurse since.

The groom is the son of Mr. I. C. Shayer, a well-known citizen of Salisbury.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple, amid the congratulations and farewells of the bride's many friends, boarded the train for Salisbury. The bride and groom are now spending a few days with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, in West Gastonia.

MRS. TODD'S SISTER MARRIED.

The following item from Wednesday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Gastonians: Cards reading as follows have been received in this city:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Todd announce the marriage of their sister, Jessie Darlington, to Mr. Henry Walter Eddy, Jr., on Saturday, the fifteenth of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, Bristol, Tennessee.

The bride is an accomplished and attractive young woman and is exceedingly popular.

Mr. Eddy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Eddy, Sr., the former secretary and treasurer of the Charlotte Supply Co., of this city.

Mr. Eddy made his home in Charlotte prior to locating in Bristol, Tenn., some months ago. He is a talented musician and especially gifted as a pianist.

Mr. Eddy commands a host of friends in Charlotte and his native city, Providence, R. I., who are keenly interested in his recent marriage.

Grouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LINCOLN, Route 6, Jan. 3.—School began the Spring term yesterday at Hickory Grove with a goodly number, considering the snow.

The neat sum of \$7.25 was realized from the box supper here Saturday night, December 22nd, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

Misses Onie Carpenter and Alder Paysor returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with relatives at Bessemer City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Biggerstaff, of Hickory, spent the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. Lester Jones and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. C. L. Biggerstaff in Gastonia.

Miss Ada Rayfield returned to Bessemer City Tuesday after spending several days with homefolks.

Miss Pearl Stroup spent Wednesday and Thursday with Misses Zoe and Mary Kiser.

Messrs. W. S. Carpenter, E. G. Rudisill and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hastings and Mrs. Lucinda Hastings were Gastonia visitors yesterday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Rudisill, on last Saturday night, a son.

Mrs. Earl Clark spent last week with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Miss Essie Biggerstaff and Master Fred Biggerstaff were Cleveland county visitors last week.

Mr. Jonah Froneberger, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Luther Barbee was the guest last week of Mrs. Elmira Hager.

VON LUXBURG IS INSANE.

(By International News Service.)
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3.—Count Von Luxburg, former German minister to Argentina, has been pronounced insane by alienists who have had him under observation in a sanatorium. Luxburg was the author of the "sink without trace" message.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Jan. 3.—Miss Leah and Mr. Ben Clark spent last week in Canton visiting relatives.

Misses Myrtle Titman and Reta Lowry visited Miss Mary Wilson, of Union, last week.

Miss Carrie Mitchem has for her guests Misses Sara Shipman, of Clarkton, and Kate Lewis, of Bladenboro.

Prof. Baxter Overcash, of Davidson, was a visitor in town last week.

Lieut. H. B. Gaston, accompanied by his friend, Lieut. Winters, of Camp Greene, were in town for a few days this week visiting Mr. Gaston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gaston.

Mrs. Tom Ford had for her guest last week her father, Mr. C. M. Dean, of Witmore, S. C.

Misses Georgia and Lydia Rankin visited their brother last week, Mr. Tom P. Rankin.

Mrs. Claude Wilson and little son, Claude, Jr., of Charlotte, are spending a few days in town with Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Mr. Cecil Cobb, who has been with the Robinson Co. for some time, will leave Thursday for Hopewell, Va., where he has accepted a position with the DuPont powder plant.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Cox died Wednesday.

The members of the Methodist church gave the pastor a pounding Sunday afternoon, but instead of clubs and sticks they carried an amount of good things to eat.

Here's hoping how soon the little country town "of Lowell will co-operate with the Piedmont & Northern Lines if that is the hindering cause," but if a business firm can have its own rules and regulations, don't expect the town to make them for you.

Landers Chapel News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LANDER'S CHAPEL, Dec. 31.—The high school closed last Friday for the holidays.

Mr. C. C. Carpenter, who has been in Columbia at the training camp, is spending the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rutledge and Mr. Edward Rutledge spent Sunday at Mr. B. G. Rutledge's.

Misses Hester Summey and Lula Bridges are spending the holidays with homefolks.

Rev. O. W. Adderholdt and family spent Wednesday at J. F. Carpenter's. Mrs. Noah Carpenter, of Crouse, spent Christmas day with her father, Rev. M. L. Carpenter, who is seriously ill.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—Despite the fact that the weather has been very severe, the members of the local Red Cross have been busily engaged making bandages, etc., for the wounded. A good many new members were received in a recent campaign. The local chapter has sent, up to the present time, several boxes of bandages to the Gastonia headquarters. Some of the ladies have been knitting sweaters for the soldiers and they have also sent some of these to Atlanta.

Some of the people of Dallas celebrated the coming of the New Year last Tuesday morning. As usual fire works were displayed and the church bells were rung. Some of the crowd went beyond this and persisted in disgracefully mutilating signs, store buildings and streets.

Mr. Paul Costner, of Comp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has been in town since Saturday.

Mr. Purvey Summey, who has until recently been employed as a druggist in Laurinburg, arrived here last week. His intentions are to join some branch of Uncle Sam's big army or navy.

The Dallas schools will again open Monday, January 7th. It is hoped that the attendance will be good. The students should be rested by the two-weeks holiday and should be ready to get down to hard work.

GENERALS RETURN FROM FRANCE.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Major General Quillman has returned from the command of the Rainbow division in France and today was ordered to assume command of the Department of the East with headquarters on Governors Island. He succeeds General Hoyle. Maj. General Sibert has also returned from France and is ordered to the command of the Department of the Southeast with headquarters at Charleston. He succeeds General Duval.

SLEW NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE.

(By International News Service.)

EL PASO, TEX., Jan. 3.—William Russell, a wealthy banker, was placed in jail last night for killing Chas. Guigley, a millionaire of New York last night. Self-defense is his plea for the killing. An old grudge existed between the men.

ADDRESSES CONGRESS TODAY.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The President will address Congress at 12:39 tomorrow on the railroad situation.

MANY SPINDLES ARE IDLE

POWER WAS CUT OFF AT NOON TODAY

Low Water and Lack of Fuel Forces Southern Power Plant to Cut Off Power Temporarily—Hundreds and Fifty Cotton Mills Standing Idle—May be Necessary to Curtail Street Lights and Residence Districts.

Thousands of spindles in Gastonia other thousands in the county and many other thousands throughout the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina are idle today because of the fact that the Southern Power Company found it necessary to shut off the power at noon today.

No relief is promised before Monday. It is not absolutely certain that it will come then.

This state of affairs is the result of low water in the rivers and a shortage of fuel. The rivers on which the big plants of the Southern Power Company are located have been getting lower and lower for some time. Now the crisis has been reached.

In Gastonia out of twenty-odd factories the only ones able to run are the Loray, which maintains an auxiliary steam plant, the Modens, the Old Mill, the Trenton and the Arlington. All the others ceased operations at noon today.

Supt. H. Rutter of the city light and water plants states that the city is in reality dependent upon the Southern Power Company just at this time for lights as well as for power and adds that it may become necessary to curtail street lights and possible store and residence lights, temporarily.

The city's contract is with the Spencer Mountain Power Company but that concern is, in emergencies like this, dependent in turn upon the Southern Power Company.

At present it appears that the situation thus brought about will be relieved Monday.

FIGHTING BEGINS AGAIN IN THE LENS SECTOR.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Fighting has broken out again in the Lens sector, where a great drive will be made in a last effort to break the German hold on the French coal fields. Today's official statement reports a British attack resulting in a slight advance South of Lens. Artillery fire near Bullecourt reached great intensity during the night.

REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER RELIEVED FROM DUTY.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—As a result of the sinking of the American transport Antilles by a submarine, with an accompanying loss of 76 American lives, Rear Admiral W. B. Fletcher, who was in charge of the convoy system of the navy, has been relieved from duty and ordered home. Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced that there would be no court-martial, but an investigation is still in progress. The Antilles was sunk while returning from France.

WANTS CONGRESS TO FIX WAGES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A sharp demand that Congress fix wages during the war in order to prevent an industrial collapse was made by Senator Wing today. He will introduce legislation fixing wages on government contracts.

AMERICAN AVIATORS TO THE FIRING LINE.

(By International News Service.)

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 4.—The first group of American aviators ready for duty were turned out today from the air school near the firing line. The full class graduated with one exception, withheld for disciplinary reasons. After one week's rest the aviators will be sent to the firing line, their first work being with French veterans.

ASKS FOR CREATION OF NEW DEPARTMENT.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Flatly charging that "the war establishment lacks co-ordination" Senator Chamberlain today introduced a bill creating a new executive department to be known as the Department of Munitions, to take over the whole task of furnishing supplies to the army in France.

WILL MAKE ANOTHER PEACE OFFER.

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Jan. 2.—A Berne dispatch says that Germany is expected to make a general peace offer within ten days.

IN SESSION ONLY FEW MINUTES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The House and Senate were in session only a few minutes and adjourned for the day out of respect to the memory of Senator Newlands and Representative Bathrick.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened this morning with January contracts selling at \$1.60, May at \$1.65.