

## A PICTURE OF GASTONIA TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Yesterday marked the 24th anniversary of Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway's pastorate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here. Both pastor and members had hoped that the event could be fittingly observed in the congregation's handsome new house of worship now nearing completion at the corner of South York street and West Franklin avenue but unavoidable delay in securing some materials rendered this impossible. They hope, however, to occupy this building within the next few weeks.

The Gazette requested Dr. Galloway to give its readers a picture of Gastonia as it was when he came here 24 years ago in order that those of our citizens who have come in since then might have some idea as to the wonderful growth of Gastonia. Dr. Galloway very kindly complied with this request and wrote as follows:

To the Editor of The Gazette:

You asked me for some recollections of Gastonia as I found it when I came here 24 years ago. No one who saw it then and saw it again now would have the remotest idea that it was the same place. The railway station was a little wooden shack which stood just where the present freight office stands and was a combination freight and passenger affair. The passenger part was large enough to hold 8 or 10 persons and was dingy and dirty. A cheap wooden hotel building stood where the Armington now stands. The town had a population of 2,000. The Southern Railroad (then the Richmond and Danville) had five or six passenger trains, and three or four freights a day. There were no Pullmans and no vestibuled trains. The Southern has built two passenger stations since then.

Practically every store and bank-building on Main Street, or anywhere near it, has either been torn down, or else rebuilt. After three or four days of rain Main street would become a river of liquid mud a foot deep and stepping stones were placed in the street so that foot passengers might get over. The stores and drug stores were all small and cheap and dingy affairs. There were no buildings on West Main street below the Gastonia Hardware Company's building, on the north side, and none on the south side below the Efford store rooms. The First National Bank was in a wooden building on the site of the store now occupied by Morris Bros. and Mr. John Love was doing a banking business in the building now occupied by the Citizens Bank.

The Gazette office and composing rooms were upstairs in the building occupied by the old postoffice. Mr. W. F. Marshall was editor and many an interesting chat your scribe has had with him in his cosy office. When he decided to build a new home for The Gazette and bought a lot on the ground where the Realty building now stands and paid the astounding price of \$20.00 per front foot the wise-ones said he would never get his money out of it. Real estate everywhere was cheap. I was offered the double lot on which the residences of Mr. J. H. Kennedy and Mr. Frost Torrence now stand for \$500.00. It was then planted in corn. The lot on which I now live was a cornfield and I bought the lot the next year for \$230.00. The lot on which the A. R. Presbyterian church and manse stand was bought in 1890 for \$140.

When I first came to Gastonia I could find only one vacant house, a rough brick affair which stood on the corner of York and Second Avenue, where Mrs. Rankin now lives, but I was very reluctant to move into it, as it was then so far out of town and the street ended just below it, there being only one small house below. All of South York that was below this was in fields and broom sedge. Chester street was just a country road.

The Trenton Mill was the last settlement on the west side. Where the Lory Mill now stands was a dense pine forest and the Gray and Arlington Mill sites were far out in the country. Even the Avon Mill site was a dense forest and so of all that lay back of it. There were only gulches and fields where the Clara and Dunn Mills are. That part of the city now occupied by the Modena, Ozark, Flint and Groves Mills was out in the country, and all these mills have been built since. When Mr. John Love paid the owners of the land on which the Lory is built, \$79.00 per acre it was regarded as an unjustifiable extravagance.

There were five church buildings in the town. The oldest was the Methodist Protestant house on the corner of Air Line Street and the old Dallas road and known far and near as the "White Church" because for many years after its building it was the only painted house in the country. The others were the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and A. R. P. All these were small and rather cheap buildings. The Presbyterian building stood just west of the Gaston Sanatorium and Rev. R. P. Smith was pastor. The Baptist was a wooden structure and stood where the present house is and Rev. Mr. Jones was pastor. The Methodist house was on the same lot the present building occupies and Rev. C. M.

## MAY BE SHAKEUP IN WAR DEPARTMENT

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The general demand for a shakeup of the War Department has assumed formidable proportions today. Senator Chamberlain's resolution providing for a department of munitions will have the solid support of the Republicans and the Senator's measure is very popular in the House. Only a direct appeal from the President can defeat its passage.

## TO DOUBLE CAMP GREENE AT ONCE

Camp Greene, at Charlotte, is to be doubled. It will then accommodate two brigades or 60,000 men. At present there are about 33,000 men there. The War Department, it is stated, decided on this enlargement last week and construction work will be commenced at once. Land for the enlargement, it is stated, will be bought outright.

## TWO MASKED MEN HOLD UP STOREKEEPER

Saturday night about 8 o'clock as Mr. J. J. Nivens, who runs a store on South Marietta street near the Armstrong Mill, was going home from the store, he was approached by two masked men who commanded him to throw up his hands, saying that if he did not do so they would kill him. Mr. Nivens, who had already reached Eighth street, was then only about 130 yards from his home. When confronted by the would-be robbers, Mr. Nivens, instead of complying with their demands, proceeded on his way, whereupon one of the men fired five times. However, Mr. Nivens was fortunate enough to escape without being hit.

## WOULD REGULATE SEA TRADE.

(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 5.—Added to Turkey's suggestions that individual war losses be refunded, a convention of the powers to regulate further sea trade is suggested. Turkey offers to recognize the independence of Persia and suggests that armies be limited to enough for national defense only.

## ENGLAND STANDS WITH FRANCE.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Jan. 5.—England stands besides France in her demand for the return of Alsace-Lorraine. This declaration was made by Lloyd George today in a speech to the laborites. The Premier stated that England will back up the position of President Wilson that the conquest of Austria-Hungary is no part of the allies' war aims. Following so closely upon the recent German peace offer, Premier Lloyd-George's statement of the allies' aims created a profound impression.

## U. S. MAY TAKE OVER ELECTRIC ROADS.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The next step in the railroad administration will be the commandeering of electric railroads, according to present indications. Plans to that end are now under consideration.

## BAD FIRE IN HOBOKEN.

(By International News Service.)  
HOBOKEN, Jan. 4.—Fire of an incendiary origin gutted the Gatti and McQuade paper plant and several other concerns today. Fear that flames would spread to big government warehouses and the Remington Arms plant nearby caused help to be sent from New York.

## NOT TO TAKE OVER COAL MINES.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Fuel Administrator Garfield announces that the government does not intend to seize the coal mines.

## CAMPBELL WAS PASTOR.

The A. R. P. house was erected last and was built in 1899. Dr. E. E. Boyce was pastor. As land and lots were cheap so were all other of the necessities of life. It may have a melancholy interest to some of our house holders, in these snowy days, to know that wood was \$1.50 a cord, eggs 12-13 cents per dozen, butter 15c and three pounds of the best porterhouse steak was to be had from Mr. John Hanna for 25c.

The town's high school building stood on the ground now occupied by the residence of Mr. O. E. Mason and was under the management of Messrs. J. P. Reid and F. P. Hall. On the lot where now stands the handsome home of Mrs. George Gray was an abandoned saw mill building, and also a frog pond, the benches of which nightly serenaded the town.

Capt. R. C. G. Love, Capt. J. D. Moore, Capt. J. Q. Holland, Mr. J. F. Love, Mr. T. L. Craig, Mr. T. W. Wilson and Mr. Geo. A. Gray were among the leading spirits in the business and mercantile world.  
J. C. GALLOWAY.

## OTTO RUPP AND WIFE AS GERMAN FIREBRANDS

Gastonians will be interested to know that Otto Rupp and his wife, Germans, are held in the Norfolk, Va., jail without bail pending further investigation as to the origin of the destructive fire of last Tuesday which did property damage to the extent of \$2,000,000 or more. Seven other men and one other woman are held in the same connection. All were arrested by secret service agents of the government, assisted by the Norfolk police. An account of the arrest of these people is contained in The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of last Wednesday.

Rupp, it will be recalled, formerly operated a meat market here. About a year ago he left, going to Richmond. He was here a year or more. Of a very belligerent disposition, Rupp and his wife were both involved in numerous small difficulties while here. They were strong pro-Germans and talked bitterly, while here, against the United States government for supplying the Allies with munitions and foodstuffs. Gastonians will watch with interest the progress of the cases against Rupp and his wife.

## NO TRAINS TAKEN OFF IN THIS SECTION

Twenty per cent of the through passenger trains on the eastern railroads were taken off yesterday in order to provide larger facilities for the transportation of freight. This order, however, does not affect the Southern Railroad south of Washington. The same trains and schedules are still in operation in this section of the country. The speed of passenger trains, however, is to be cut down and Pullman and observation car accommodations greatly restricted.

Mr. McAdoo, government director of railroads, issued a statement Saturday calling on the public to refrain from traveling except where it is absolutely necessary.

Congress will take up this week the subject of railroad legislation following President Wilson's message of last week dealing with this subject.

## BETTERMENT GIVES \$50 TO THE LIBRARY

In spite of the very inclement weather about twenty ladies met in the graded school auditorium Friday afternoon for the regular meeting of the betterment association. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. C. Warren and Mrs. B. T. Morris led in prayer.

The reports of the various committees were necessarily omitted on account of the absence of the chairman. The principal business of the afternoon was to vote on the money previously asked for by the educational and library committees. It was decided that twenty-five dollars be given to the educational for the school library and that the library committee be given fifty dollars for the public library.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. J. H. Separk, chairman of the health nurse committee. The first number was an excellent paper by Mrs. T. E. Summerrow on "Public Health, the Basis of Prosperity". Miss Potts gave a report of her year's work together with an account of several of the most interesting cases. So few ladies were present to hear these fine papers that they were asked to have them published, so no attempt will be made to give a synopsis of them.

The February meeting will be in charge of the home economics committee and will be on the first day of the month.

## PRESIDENT WILSON ON RAILROAD SITUATION

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The President today asked Congress to guarantee the value of railroad securities on the basis of the average net operating income for three years ending January 30, 1917. The President delivered a message stating his position to a joint session, as he is accustomed to do. In the message he said that he would later confer with Congressional Committees on any subjects that are found necessary. Nowhere did Mr. Wilson touch on permanent ownership. He told Congress that Governmental operation is necessary in order to coordinate and bring about maximum prices and prevent schemes interfering with the Government's financing of the war. Immediately after the address Representative Sims introduced a bill giving the President the desired jurisdiction.

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

### D. A. H. TO MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The regular meeting of William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 11, with Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston, at her residence on South Broad street. Following is the program: Roll call, Interesting Facts About North Carolina, Boston in the Revolution, "Boston's Part in Bringing on the Revolution," by Mrs. John G. Carpenter; "Social Life in Boston Prior to and During the Revolution," by Mrs. P. R. Falls; Discussion on "Puritans in Contrast with Cavaliers," led by Mrs. J. M. Caldwell. Report from Our Soldier Boys.

### MISS FREW WEDS LIEUT. SAMSSON.

The following under a Rock Hill date line of the 5th, taken from yesterday's Columbia, S. C. State, will be of interest to many Gastonia people: Miss Mary Frew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Frew, of this city, was married to Lieut. Ernest Samsson, of the Three Hundred and Seventy-first infantry, U. S. A., today at 5 p. m., the Rev. L. P. McGhee, pastor of the St. John's Methodist Church officiating. Relatives and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. Miss Frew was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn Frew. The bride was attired in a charming coat suit and carried orchids and lilies of the valley. The couple stood before a draped United States flag at one side of the parlor. The ring ceremony was used. Preceding the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson and J. R. McElwee played several pieces in keeping with the spirit of the hour. Miss Katherine McElwee, cousin of the bride, sang. Preceding the wedding march by Mendelssohn, "The Star Spangled Banner" was played.

Lieut. and Mrs. Samsson left for Columbia on the 5:50 Southern train, where he is on duty as regimental intelligence officer with his regiment.

Mrs. Samsson, prominent socially here, is a gifted soprano soloist and was at home for the holiday season from her studies in vocal training in New York. She has taken a prominent part in music circles at Winthrop College, of which she is a graduate and at St. John's Methodist Church and Sunday school. For some time she was in charge of the music department of the Gastonia, N. C., public schools.

Lieut. Samsson is a member of a prominent Savannah, Ga., family and after five years service in the regular army and recently returned from service in the Panama Canal Zone, stands high in the estimation of his superior officers.

## TO GREAT RAILROAD WAGE BOARD

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Mr. McAdoo and the brotherhood chiefs today reached an agreement to create a wage board which will have jurisdiction over the wages of railway employees and which will settle disputes arising during the war.

## TURKEY MAKES PEACE OFFER TO RUSSIA

(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 5.—Turkey has made a peace offer to Russia, guaranteeing no annexations, disarmament and free passage of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus on certain conditions, according to a Petrograd dispatch received today.

### TO FURNISH WORKMEN HOMES.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Drastic action to speed up shipbuilding is contemplated in measures introduced in the Senate by Senator Fletcher today. A \$50,000,000 appropriation is authorized in the bill for commanding and constructing homes for workmen who have been kept away by rent pirates.

### DELAYED PURCHASES OF CLOTHING.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Responsibility for army clothing shortage was placed on the Secretary of the supply committee of the Council of Defense by Colonel Linkley today. The Quartermaster General's department, he declared, and their associates had delayed purchases when clothing was seriously short.

### FEDERAL OFFICERS APPOINTED.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The President today re-appointed the incumbent United States Attorneys in Alabama and North Georgia and the United States Marshals for North Carolina.

It is kinder to say that a man or woman is ignorant than that they are so selfish as to disregard the pitiful cries of starving humanity on the other side.

## AMERICAN WOMEN NEAR FIRING LINE

(By International News Service.)  
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Jan. 7.—American women will be right behind the American trenches, the chief surgeon announced today. Women nurses will be installed in the evacuation hospitals, which will be located eight miles behind the actual fighting line, where they will risk death from German shells and bombs. Women are now volunteering for this work. Some of them are anxious to get to the first-line dressing stations but this will hardly be permitted.

## GERMANS DEMAND VON KUHLMANN'S SCALP

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 7.—The retirement of Foreign Minister Von Kuhlmann is now being demanded in Berlin as a result of the failure of the Russian peace negotiations. The Vossische Zeitung says that Germany's best intentions were frustrated by his clever methods. Herr Bernhardt demands the heads of all the peace envoys as well as that of Von Kuhlmann and accuses the government of misleading the German people.

## JAPS READY TO DEFEND VLADIVOSTOK

(By International News Service.)  
TOKIO, Jan. 7.—Japan is prepared for emergency measures in Vladivostok and Siberia, it is semi-officially announced today. At the same time, it is stated, the army will not be mobilized with unnecessary haste. The statement says that the Allied public fears that Germany might get Vladivostok.

### From the Trenches.

This year's celebration of Lee-Jackson Day, January 19th, will be rendered unusually interesting because of the fact that the principal speaker will be a man who has seen two years and a half of service in the trenches. He is Lieut. R. Dael, of the French army who is now stationed at Camp Greene as an instructor in trench warfare. He will tell Gastonians of his experiences in the trenches. A complete program of this celebration will be given the public within a few days.

### Grocers to Meet.

For the purpose of considering plans for the improvement of delivery service by curtailment of unnecessary service with a consequent saving to both merchant and consumer, the retail grocers of Gastonia will hold a meeting at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Every retail grocer is asked to be present in order that a frank and free discussion of the new problems constantly arising in the trade may be indulged in and the ideas of each secured.

### To Open the 15th.

The city schools will re-open next Tuesday, January the 15th. This was determined Saturday by the local school board.

### SOLDIERS' AND WORKMEN'S CONFERENCE JANUARY 21.

(By International News Service.)  
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7.—The third congress of workmen and soldiers' delegates has been summoned to meet in Petrograd on January 21st. The constituent assembly will meet on January 18th if enough representatives are present to constitute a quorum.

### ONLY THE ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE TODAY.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—Today's official statement says that artillery fire near Messines in Western France is the only activity reported today.

### CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS.

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for statements of the condition of all national banks throughout the country at the close of Business December 31.

### ATLANTA PEOPLE STANDING IN LINE FOR COAL TICKETS

(By International News Service.)  
ATLANTA, Jan. 7.—With the mercury below freezing and predictions of colder weather by Tuesday long lines of coal-less people are standing at the city hall seeking coal tickets which will entitle them to priority at the coal yards. Dealers maintain that their supply is only enough for a few. Red tickets are issued to those having sickness in their homes, blue to those entirely out of fuel. Reports from Chicago and the middle and western states indicate the worst blizzard of the winter, resulting in the demoralization of rail and water traffic.

## FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED

Reports From Allies Picture Food Conditions, as Worse Than Ever — Is Critical in England and France — Allowances to be Reduced — Only Consolation is That Food Situation is Even Worse With the Teutons.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The food situation in the allied countries of Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war, and is giving American government officials deep concern. Official reports picture extreme food shortages in England, France and Italy.

The fact that conditions in Germany and Austria are far worse offers the only ground for optimism in viewing the situation.

In England and France the situation is described as critical in a cablegram to the food administration today from Lord Rhonda, the British food controller, which concluded with these words:

"I view the situation with grave anxiety."

Yesterday a cablegram from the French government said that the wheat crop had been requisitioned and that the bread ration would be cut to allow only seven ounces of bread daily to all persons except the very poor and those doing hard manual labor. In Italy conditions are not as good perhaps as in either England or France.

Compulsory rationing will be started in England immediately with meats the first commodity to be put under control. Distribution of butter and margarine will be taken in hand next and other foods will be added as they become scarcer. All of the principal foodstuffs will be rationed by April.

"I have repeatedly said in public and private that there is no reason for immediate alarm, although there is every reason for strict economy and precautionary measures," said Lord Rhonda's message. "These statements in some instances have been twisted into a declaration that there is plenty of food in England and France."

"The food position in this country, and I understand in France also, can without exaggeration be described as critical and anxious. As I am now unable to avoid compulsory rationing, I fear it will have to come with long queues of people awaiting in the severe weather in practically every town in England for the daily necessities of life."

Compulsory control of foodstuffs in England, France and Italy was insisted on by the American delegates to the Paris conference and was promised at that time.

### NAVAL CONFERENCE COMES TO AN END.

(By International News Service.)  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 7.—The naval conference carried on between representatives of the German government and the Bolsheviks simultaneously with the peace parley has collapsed. The admiral today rejected Germany's terms and refused to remove the blockade.

### GERMANS MOVING MORE MEN TO WESTERN FRONT.

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Jan. 7.—The Germans are still moving soldiers to the western front. Heavy cannonading is reported today from certain sections of the western lines. Fighting is also reported from Macedonia, while the Bulgarians, Austrians and Germans have become suddenly very active in the Monastir sector. The Italians and Teutons fought a sharp engagement across the Pleave river, firing across with rifles, machine guns and small artillery.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The cotton market opened with March contracts selling at 31.05, July 30.42.

## YALE HAS COLLECTION OF WAR LITERATURE

New Haven, Conn.—Yale university has collected probably the most exhaustive mass of material on the great world war in this country. Under direction of Prof. Wilbur C. Abbott, a committee, appointed in the fall of 1914, has secured this country and Europe for publications of all kinds on the war. The collection consists not only of books, but complete files of newspapers and magazines from Europe and this country, besides pamphlets, proclamations, posters and letters of all kinds and descriptions.

### Holland's Great Windmills.

It was at one time stated that there were in Holland at least 9,000 large windmills, of which the sails ranged from 80 to 100 feet long. At that time their yearly cost was reported to be nearly \$10,000,000. The mills are used for many purposes—for sawing timber, beating hay, grinding, but their principal use has always been to pump water from the lowlands into the canals, to protect the little country from being inundated.