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GATLEY GUEST OF HONOR

MASONS TO HAVE SMOKER TONIGHT

Scroll of Honor Containing Names of Local Masons in the Army to be Unveiled Tonight—Addresses by Gen. Gatley, Major Bulwinkle, Chaplain Lacy and Others—Will be Notable Event in Local Masonic History.

Gastonia Masons are preparing for a smoker to be held tonight which promises to be a meeting of much more than ordinary interest. Its purpose is to honor the members of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 who have answered their country's call and are now in the military service of the United States. A feature of the exercises will be the unveiling of a scroll on which the names of these men have been engraved.

Honor guests will be General Geo. G. Gatley, commanding the artillery at Camp Sevier; Major A. L. Bulwinkle and Chaplain B. R. Lacy, Jr., of the 113th Field Artillery, Camp Sevier. A special invitation is extended to all local Masons and visiting Masons also to be present, as the occasion will be a memorable one in local Masonic history.

Mr. J. W. Timberlake will preside and Mr. O. F. Mason will be master of ceremonies. Mayor A. M. Dixon will welcome the visitors. Addresses will be made by General Gatley, Major Bulwinkle, Chaplain Lacy and others.

AN EXPLANATION.

Why the Soldier Boys in Camp Did Not Get Christmas Boxes—An Unfortunate Situation Explained.

Chair W. L. Balthis of the local Chapter of the Red Cross requests The Gazette to publish the following, which explains itself:

The executive committee of the local Chapter of the Red Cross has been very much worried recently on account of the fact that our boys did not receive boxes at Christmas and for the benefit of our boys in the camps and for those who worked so hard in getting boxes off to headquarters and also those who contributed, the executive committee hopes the following letter will clear up the situation, as it explains fully why our boys did not get their boxes. The committee regrets very much that our boys should not have received their boxes, but feels that Mr. Bidwell's statement will prove to them that it was an unfortunate chain of circumstances over which we had no control, and that they will rejoice with us that, as the boxes could not be given to all the boys, they were at least sent to the ones in hospitals.

Mr. Bidwell's letter follows: Mr. W. L. Balthis, Chair, American Red Cross Chapter, Gastonia, N. C., Dear Sir:

Your telegram to Doctor Snively has just been called to my attention for reply. In as much as it is too late for a wire to reach you advantageously, I am writing you a short but full explanation of the conditions on the Christmas packet affair.

We had here in Atlanta made all arrangements for the preparation of Christmas trees on the delivery of packages when it was found that the chapters throughout the country had not furnished their quota of Christmas packages for delivery to the Washington headquarters.

We in the Southern division were not advised that we should not receive these packages until a few days before Christmas, when it was too late to do anything, except what we finally did, make arrangements for the delivery of Christmas packages to the soldiers in the hospitals and no one else. The writer personally attempted to handle this matter in the two weeks prior to Christmas, and it has been the source of great mortification to me personally, as I made special pleas to a number of chapters, who desired, as you did, to send packages to their own boys, advising them that they would be looked after from the other divisions.

I trust after this explanation you will be able to appreciate the great personal regret I felt in the matter. Yours very truly,

C. B. BIDWELL, Associate Manager.

CAMP HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Health conditions at the army camps improved slightly during the week ending January 4th, the surgeon general's department announced today. Epidemics of measles and pneumonia are subsiding. The malarial situation is also showing a marked improvement. Camp Wheeler has the highest sick rate. Pneumonia continues despite the decreasing sick list. Deaths total two hundred and seventy-eight, an increase of seventy over the preceding week.

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1,500,000 MEN IN ARMS

BAKER REVIEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Secretary of War Says We Now Have a Substantial Army in France Ready to Fight—Answers Critics of War Department and Declares Such an Army Was Never Raised, Equipped and Trained so Quickly.

Washington.—Every phase of the war department's preparations for battle against Germany was outlined and defended by Secretary Baker before the senate military committee. He answered those who have criticized the department, during the committee's investigation with the assertion that no such army as that now under the American flag ever had been raised, equipped or trained so quickly, and that never before had such provision been made for the comfort and health of an army.

The secretary read an exhaustive prepared statement when he took the stand and was not interrupted until it was concluded. Then questions began to fly from every side of the committee table, launching a cross-examination that was not concluded at adjournment.

Chairman Chamberlain and other committee members wanted to know particularly about delays in furnishing machine guns and rifles, and much attention was devoted to the army's supply purchasing system. Mr. Baker admitted that there had been some mistakes and delays, but declared that all fighting men in France were adequately equipped and armed and that all sent over would be. He took full responsibility for delay in approving a machine gun holding that the value of the Browning gun now developed was worth it. He also said the superior weapon obtained by having the British Enfield rifle rechambered for American ammunition compensated for the delay there.

More than 1,500,000 Americans are now under arms, Secretary Baker said, and an army of substantial size already is in France ready for active service.

Members of the committee were frank in their disapproval of the secret purchasing system of the department. They did not shake Mr. Baker's support of it, however.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BARELY WINS IN HOUSE

Washington.—Woman suffrage by federal constitutional amendment won in the house with exactly the required number of affirmative votes.

While members in their seats and throngs in the galleries waited with eager interest, the house adopted by a vote of 274 to 136, a resolution providing for submission to the states of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment for enfranchisement of women.

But for the promise of Speaker Clark to cast his vote for the chair for the resolution if it was needed, the change of a single vote to the opposition would have meant defeat. Republican Leader Mann, who came from a Baltimore hospital where he has been under treatment ever since congress convened, and Representative Sims of Tennessee, just out of a sick bed and hardly able to walk to his seat, brought the votes that settled the issue.

Advocates of the amendment had been supremely confident of the result in the house after President Wilson advised the members who called upon him last night to support. They were so confident that the close vote was received with amazement, and some of the opponents were almost as much surprised.

Announcement of the vote was greeted with wild applause and cheering. Women in the galleries literally fell upon each others' necks, kissing and embracing, and shouting, "Glory Glory, Hallelujah!"

YANKEES AND BRAVES TO PLAY 10 SOUTHERN CITIES

New York.—The New York American league team will play in 10 southern cities with the Boston Nationals and three games with the Brooklyn Nationals in Brooklyn during its training season, it was announced here. The games will start April 1 with Boston at Macon, Ga., and subsequent games at Dublin, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Orangeburg, S. C., Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Charlotte, N. C., Greensboro and Petersburg, Va.

MARGUERITE CLARK TELLS OF FIRST THEATER EXPERIENCE.

Marguerite Clark, winsome Paramount star in speaking of her latest production, "Bab's Matinee Idol" which is to be shown at the Ideal theater on Friday recently said: "It is truly remarkable how closely 'Bab's' escapades follow some of my own youthful boarding school experiences while at the Ursuline convent, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Communion service will be held at Main Street Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

BIRTHS LARGELY EXCEED DEATHS LAST YEAR

"Watch Gastonia Grow" would be a very appropriate heading for this article giving the vital statistics of Gastonia township for the year 1917. There were during that period 627 births and 335 deaths in the township, an excess of births over deaths of 292.

According to the records in the office of Esquire W. Meek Adams the vital statistics for the past year are as follows:

GASTONIA—CITY.

Births: White 444, colored 57, total 501.
Deaths: White 201, colored 50, total 251.

GASTONIA—OUTSIDE.

Births: White 80, colored 46, total 126.
Deaths: White 43, colored 41, total 84.

It will be seen from the above figures that the birthrate inside the city was practically double the death rate. Outside the city the record was not quite so good.

Records from the other five townships in the county will be available for publication within a few days. According to law they must be turned in to the Register of Deeds by January 15th.

TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRAL POWERS

(By International News Service.)

GENEVA, Jan. 10.—Territorial agreements between Germany and Austria are disclosed in dispatches from Czech it is announced today. Austria is to annex Serbia, Montenegro and Albania and is to retain the Trentino while Germany will retain Alsace-Lorraine and her colonies. Petrograd dispatches from Brest-Litovsk state that the Austro-Germans have agreed to move the peace negotiations to some neutral capitol.

—Miss Margaret Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Elmer Spencer, is quite ill at her home on South Chester street.

—His friends will be interested to learn that Sgt. J. Edgar McLean, of Co. E, 322nd Infantry at Camp Jackson, has been promoted to the officers training camp at Camp Jackson, being one of two men from his company to be thus honored. Mr. McLean is a son of Mrs. R. J. Smith, of Gastonia.

"TOMMY" FINE FIGHTER

Americans Admire the Spirit of British Army.

Entirely New Feeling Growing Up Between Two Kindred Nations in Arms.

London.—The military correspondent of the London Times, writing from France, says:

"In France we have suddenly discovered America, and America has discovered us. How different we both are from our preconceived notions of each other! We did not know what a highly educated, professional and modest gentleman the American regular officer was, nor did we quite realize what a splendid body of active fighting men he was going to bring over with him.

"We are a great deal more enthusiastic about the Americans, and, if I may say so, more proud of them, than we show on the surface. How can we not regard as men of our own flesh and blood the relays of American soldiers of all grades who come to us, who speak our own language and bear our own names, who understand us in a flash of time, and whose point of view on almost every conceivable subject under heaven is our own?

"These sentiments are, I hope, mutual. The Americans did not know what our armies were, nor what they had done or are doing. Many of them know now. They witness under fire our grand attacks and our raids. They observe with astonishment the terrific power of our modern artillery and the glorious activities of our splendid air-men.

"They see the spirit, the discipline and the emulation of our infantry, and they are profoundly impressed by them. I hope that the pride which we feel, without venturing to express it, in the Americans is a little reciprocated by them. I can only say that every American soldier who has told me of his experiences on the British front has spoken with enthusiastic admiration of our men, and that an entirely new feeling, the consequences of which may be immense, is growing up between the two kindred nations in arms."

REVOLUTION REPORTED IMMINENT IN GERMANY

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11.—The internal situation in Germany and Austria is so serious that a statement of their modified terms of peace is expected very soon, according to information from authoritative sources today. The military party still demands annexations and indemnities, while the civilians and conscripts are insistently demanding concessions that will bring peace. Persons arriving from Germany state that the Kaiser and Hindenburg are loathed in Berlin. Women are suffering terrible privations and revolution seems imminent.

ENEMY PROPAGANDA DENOUNCED BY OFFICIALS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Insidious pro-German propaganda, designed to discourage the American people, are denounced as lies by officials today. Among the stories spread by Germany were rumors to the effect that the movement of American troops had been stopped because food shortage in France made it necessary to devote all cargo space to food transportation; that the submarines were concentrating their efforts on big liners and sinking more than ever before; that Germany is ready to make peace on liberal terms.

Officials point out that all of these stories are false and say that troop movements continue and are considerably ahead of schedule.

RAILROADS WILL SERVE GOVERNMENT WELL

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—"American railroads are going to be good soldiers". This promise was made to the Senate Commerce committee today by Julius Kruttschnitt, president of the Southern Pacific. Kruttschnitt expressed the belief that the railroads could have done better with government support minus government control, but declared all the roads will support President Wilson's policy. President Dustin, of the Fort Smith and Western, states that his road could not operate under the present plan of compensation.

AMERICAN IS BRITISH LORD



Frank Cooper, chief of the information bureau of the office of the district attorney of New York, received word that through the death of his elder brother, Sir Horace Cooper, he succeeds not only to the English baronetcy of his brother, but also to the family estate in England appraised at half a million dollars. Sir Horace's only son, who would have become the baron was killed in the battle of the Somme. A full-fledged citizen, he will not, he declares, exchange that citizenship for the title. Mr. Cooper, or Lord Cooper, is a nephew of the first Lady Dufferin, and a younger brother, Maj. Charles Cooper, is now governor of the Western Soldiers' home, near London. Mr. Cooper since becoming an American, has been a newspaper man and an actor.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

FOSTER-MARTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ISSUED.

The following is from Thursday's Charlotte Observer. "Friends in this city will be interested in the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Mary Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Martin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Major Foster, U. S. A., which will take place in Brooklyn on the 15th. Mr. Martin is a native of Gaston county.

"The bride-elect is well known in Charlotte having on several occasions visited Mrs. Joseph Hull, Jr., formerly Miss Minta Jones, and Miss Sara Tanner. She is a charming and cultured young woman.

"Major Foster and bride will leave soon after their marriage for Fort Meade, South Dakota.

The above item is of interest to many of our readers in the county, inasmuch as the bride is a niece of Mrs. J. Graham McLean, of this city.

MUSIC CLUB WITH MISS PURSLEY.

The January meeting of the Music Club will be held on Wednesday afternoon, January 16th, at 3:30 with Miss Ida Pursley as hostess. The members are urged to be present, as important business will be disposed of at this time. The following program will be rendered, consisting of patriotic music:

Roll Cal, Musical Events.
Paper on Song, "America," by Miss Nellie Rose Sloan.

Solo, "America," by Music Club Chorus.

"Marching Through Georgia", with descriptive paper on same, by Mrs. Arthur C. Jones.

Solo, Selected, by Mrs. Lewis Hall Bathis.

Violin Solo, "Dixie", with descriptive paper on same, by Miss Lillian Atkins.

Chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner", by the Music Club Chorus.

The members of the club are requested to familiarize themselves with the choruses that appear on the program for this meeting, and to bring the music of the song "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner" to the club meeting Wednesday.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE WINS WITHOUT A VOTE TO SPARE

Woman suffrage by Federal constitutional amendment won in the House of Representatives last night by exactly the required number of affirmative votes. While members in their seats and throngs in the galleries waited with eager interest, the House adopted by a vote of 274 to 136 a resolution providing for submission to the states of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment for national enfranchisement of women.

Republican Leader Mann left a hospital and Representative Sims came from a sick bed in Tennessee to vote for the measure, thus saving the day for the women. The vote came 40 years to a day from the date of its introduction.

Only one North Carolina Representative voted for the measure, Mr. Weaver of the tenth district. Mr. Webb, of this district, and seven others voted "no."

Owing to the fact that hundreds of people who wished to see the Metro picture "Draft 258" at the Cozy Theater yesterday and last night could not be accommodated by the capacity of the theater, Manager Estridge is showing the picture again today and tonight. This proved to be one of the most popular and interesting motion pictures ever shown in Gastonia.

THINK "STONEWALL" JACKSON BEST LEADER

Washington.—Which of all the American generals is it that has given European strategists most food for thought? Give a guess, or two, or three. And then you will be wrong, according to a prominent Southern congressman, who says it is not Washington or Sherman or Grant or Robert E. Lee.

"Stonewall Jackson is the man," this congressman declared. "I was surprised recently in talking to British army officers to learn that they have made it a point to study all of Jackson's campaigns. It seems they regard him as the cleverest of all the American generals, and the most capable in maneuvering against odds.

"One British officer told me that he personally, with a staff of subordinates, had gone on foot over all the ground covered by General Jackson in his great raids during the Civil war. He said it was as fine a study in tactics as could be found anywhere."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT BUSINESS

The county commissioners met in regular session for January Monday and transacted business as follows:

Tax releases and refunds were granted as follows: S. L. Grayson from poll tax, account physical infirmities; J. D. Ragan's estate refunded \$142.55 on real property erroneously charged; Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$310.64, erroneously charged; O. L. Fry from poll tax, account physical infirmities; George Cox, from poll tax, account physical infirmities; G. B. Stowe, J. C. Stewart, D. C. Dellinger and D. P. Stowe released from Belmont S. S. tax; Lem Leeper released from special school tax, erroneously charged; K. M. Kee from Belmont special school tax; Mrs. P. E. Leutz from tax on \$4,000 erroneously charged; Angelo Brooks from poll tax erroneously charged; Gaston Creamery Co., released of 50 per cent of tax, county and Stanley special school; C. C. Armstrong from tax on \$1,000 erroneously charged; M. S. Cloninger released and refunded \$4 income tax erroneously charged; G. B. Armstrong from bank stock erroneously charged; J. W. Wellman from tax on \$660 erroneously charged.

Frank Queen was given permission to run an auto for hire without paying county license.

Jim Edmunds and J. H. Henry were allowed to go to the county home.

Dock Hurst's daughter was allowed to go to the county home. Permission was given the colored glee club to use the court room for an entertainment.

Mary Dellinger was declared an outside pauper and given \$6 per quarter with L. C. McDowell as agent.

The following officers were appointed by the board to serve for the ensuing year: Supt. of roads, T. L. Ware, salary \$133.34 per month; superintendent of chain gang, E. L. Sandifer, salary \$100 per month; janitor, W. M. Nolen, salary \$50 per month; Keeper of county home, C. C. Craig, salary \$50 per month; attorney, A. G. Mangum, salary \$100 per year.

Will Weaver was declared an outside pauper for three months at \$12 per quarter with George W. Vambie as agent.

Accounts were audited and vouchers issued as follows:

Road and Bridge Work.

J. B. Biggers, \$11.67; E. R. Rhyne, \$157.29; W. H. Crawford, \$183.16; rock, Cherryville township, \$48.70; rock, South Point township, \$156; Jno. S. Black, \$343.54; J. R. Carson, \$31.35; R. F. Lay, \$524.46; T. L. Ware, chain gang expenses, \$1,666.03.

Salaries.

Carl Finger, \$100; W. M. Nolen, janitor, \$50; W. N. Davis, sheriff, \$125; J. Henry Craig, jailor, \$50; T. L. Ware, superintendent of roads, \$125.94; C. C. Cornwell, clerk of the court, salary and clerk hire, \$241.67; L. E. Rankin, auditor, \$100; J. C. Steele, farm demonstrator, \$65; C. C. Craig, superintendent of county home, \$50; O. B. Carpenter, register of deeds, salary and clerk hire, \$241.67; Miss Nell Pickens, home demonstrator, \$50; L. N. Glenn, county physician, salary and supplies, \$45.16.

Miscellaneous.

O. P. Rhodes, interest on \$1,000 note, \$60; Mrs. Emma Moseley, burial expenses of W. F. Moseley, pensioner, \$20; J. Riley, burial expenses of Mrs. M. A. Riley, pensioner, \$20; C. C. Cornwell, burial expenses of Ella Morrison, pensioner, \$20; Carl Finger, sinking fund loan to J. B. Henson, \$2,600; Miss Georgia Connelley, court stenographer, \$30; Carl Finger, interest on bonds, \$3,508.75; Carl Finger, miscellaneous bills, \$139.90; G. Lee Beam, services summoning registrars and judges of election, \$3.60; Gastonia Wagon & Auto Co., supplies for county home, \$1; T. A. Henry, supplies for jail, \$176.13; Morris Bros., supplies for jail, \$6; Dr. R. H. Parker, veterinary services, \$3.50; Thomas Carson, wood for jail, \$22.50; Ford Undertaking Co., coffin for pauper, \$7.50; Star Grocery Co., brooms, \$1.50; T. L. Ware, feeds, \$462.57; G. W. Wallace, outside pauper, \$5; N. B. Davis, burial expenses Frances Davis, pensioner, \$20; J. D. Ragan's estate tax refund, \$142.55; S. S. Morris & Co., stamer for jury, \$6.50; J. B. Steele, supplies, \$15.58; G. V. Lohr, coffin for pauper, \$7.50; City of Gastonia, liabilities city court, \$30; Mrs. M. P. Shetley, services as home demonstrator, \$50; O. B. Carpenter, supplies, \$8.87; E. E. Summy, damage to land, \$15; L. L. Clemmer, burial expenses of G. P. Clemmer, pensioner, \$20; C. C. Cornwell, burial expenses of Robert Stone, pensioner, \$20; Mrs. Essie West, burial expenses of Olive Howe, pensioner, \$10; Piedmont T. & T. Co. tax refund, \$319.64; W. H. & D. P. Stowe, coffin for pauper, \$5.90; Carl Finger, services finance committee, \$8.

Union Service.

There will be a union service at Main Street Methodist church next Sunday night, January 14th, at 7 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach.