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GASTONIA, N. C. MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 14, 1918.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

City schools open tomorrow.

The weather-wise are predicting some more "weather" for the next few days.

Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias will do work in the first rank tonight.

Mr. Durward Morrow has been confined to his bed at his home on West Airline avenue for the past few days.

Mr. W. Y. Warren will leave tonight or in the morning for Raleigh to represent Gastonia Lodge No. 369 at the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting.

Mrs. John C. Baber has been quite ill at the City Hospital since Saturday afternoon, but is reported as slightly better this afternoon.

Mrs. S. C. Cornwell and little daughter, Helen Lewis, left last week for Bartow, Fla., to join Mr. Cornwell, who is making his headquarters there this winter.

Mr. J. T. Sadler was host at a dinner Sunday evening at the Armington. His guests were Misses Martha Morrow, Alma Bostick and Mildred McLean, and Mr. Albert G. Illich, of New York city.

Friends of Mrs. W. Lyle Smith, who underwent an operation last Wednesday at the Gaston County Sanatorium, will be glad to know that she is making very satisfactory recovery.

On account of the very severe weather the Union service which was to have been held at Main Street Methodist church last night was postponed. Consequently there were no services in any of the uptown churches last night.

Fire Saturday destroyed a tenant house on the farm of Mr. Neal Hawkins, two miles south of town on the York road. John Ford, colored, who occupied the house, was away from home and lost all of his household goods. The total loss was about \$100, no insurance.

The special meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 Masons to honor those members who have joined the colors was postponed because the unusual weather prevented the guests of honor, General Gately, Major Bulwinkle and Chaplain Lacy, from getting here. A new date will be set for this meeting and will be announced later.

The fire department was called to the Trenton Mill Saturday afternoon to extinguish a fire which had started in an unopened car of cotton which had just been placed on the sidetrack near the mill. The truck responded promptly and put out the flames in short order, only three or four bales in the center of the car being damaged.

Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Sisk returned this morning from Waco, Cleveland county, where they spent the holidays with the former's folks. "You folks down here are more fortunate than they are up around Waco," said Mr. Sisk this morning. "When I left there was two inches of snow on the ground and the trees and wires were covered with ice."

Perhaps the "freakiest" weather seen in this section of the country for years prevailed Friday night. Following an all-day sleet Friday which turned to rain in the afternoon and caused a thick coating of ice to gather on the trees and wires, a warm rain accompanied by lightning and thunder prevailed throughout most of Friday night, washing away the sleet and ice. Saturday morning a bitter cold wind was blowing and this continued throughout the day. Sunday was cold but not so windy. Today there has been a considerable rise in the temperature and the sun has been shining but the prospects for tonight and tomorrow are not so bright.

NAMING COMMITTEES FOR COMING YEAR

Organization of the membership of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce for the new year's work is proceeding rapidly. The assignments to the various departments are being made and President C. B. Armstrong will soon announce committee assignments, too.

Director J. W. Atkins of the Department of Publicity has announced the following assignments to his department: R. K. Babington, G. H. Marvin, A. B. O'Neil, R. S. Shelby, J. M. Holland, W. A. Klutz, J. E. Phillips, J. B. Beard, J. S. Boyce.

Director J. O. Rankin of the Department of Traffic and Transportation has announced the following for his department: R. Hope Brison, Z. B. Harry, J. White Ware, W. W. Glenn, J. W. Timberlake, B. T. Morris, C. Coletta, C. I. Loftin, Edmund mazyck, L. H. Balthis, P. P. Leventis.

No Telegraph Service.

The Gazette is forced to go to press today without any late telegraphic news, this being due to the demoralization of the wire service. No telegrams were received Saturday for the same reason. It is hoped that the wires will be working satisfactorily before our next issue.

Your kitchen may be either a "base of supplies" or an alien aid according to the measure of our practice of food economy and conservation.

COUNTRY-WIDE STORM DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Twelve Killed in Georgia and Alabama—Camp Wheeler Greatly Damaged and One Man Killed—Storm Causes Record Low Temperatures in Many Parts of the South.

Twelve persons are believed to have lost their lives, a score or more were injured and extensive damage to property was reported as a result of tornadoes in Alabama and Georgia Friday afternoon and night. Seven persons were reported to have been killed and 25 injured at Cowarts, Ala., in a windstorm, which, according to meager advices, virtually wrecked that town late Friday. One man is reported to have been killed and much damage to property done by a tornado which struck Camp Wheeler and the State fair grounds near Macon, Ga.

All the wires to Camp Wheeler were down and the only information available at a late hour Friday night of the damage there was word brought by a messenger to Macon. Wire communication with the storm-swept section of Alabama also was cut off and verification of loss of life could not be secured. Four persons lost their lives in Texas and many thousands of dollars' damage was done to truck gardens and orchards.

Record low temperatures and the heaviest snowfall in years marked the disturbance west of the Mississippi river where the blizzard was at its height Friday. At Mission, Tex., in the Rio Grande valley, snow fell for the first time in 40 years and in north Texas the snowfall measured six inches with temperatures ranging from eight degrees below zero to a few degrees above in the eastern part of the State.

Oklahoma City reported the heaviest fall of snow in 15 years and the lowest temperature in eight years. Eight inches of snow fell at Little Rock, Ark., and at Memphis, Tenn., the blizzard reached such proportions as to cause street car service to be suspended on a number of lines and dismissal of schools, and brought street traffic virtually to a standstill. The storm left near-zero temperatures in its wake in the central southern states.

RAILROADS TIED UP.

Not a Train in or Out of Chicago for 20 Hours—Trains Stalled in Snow.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Not a passenger or freight train will leave Chicago terminals for at least 20 hours, according to a prediction made by operating officials of railways entering this city, tonight. The intense blizzard that for days paralyzed all traffic of the middle west, tonight had completely paralyzed all its transportation lines.

Railroads entering Chicago abandoned all attempts to operate trains today. The lashing, below-zero wind made it impossible for workmen to make any headway in their efforts to clear snow from the switch intersections. Scores of passenger trains were reported stalled in drifts throughout the central west.

Attempts to move freight were abandoned early. Passenger trains were kept running for a time as they could be moved with two engines on the front pulling and one pushing in the rear. Snow plows were ordered out with three engines behind them, but their work was futile. The wind piled the drifts in back of them as fast as they could push it from the tracks ahead.

At night the usual crowds of travelers assembled at the railway stations in Chicago and being unable to get trains or hotel accommodations, hundreds spent the night in the stations sleeping on their baggage. At the Illinois Central station the railway officials threw open 15 Pullman cars for women and children.

Throughout the southwest traffic conditions are reported here as desperate. No mail has been received in Chicago since early this morning, postoffice officials report, and none is going out.

Friday night's storm did \$50,000 damage at Lowryville on the C. & N. W. between York and Chester. Near Chester a negro woman was killed when the wind blew her house down.

STOCK DIVIDENDS TO BEAR INCOME TAX.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—Stock dividends will be included in taxable income, the internal revenue bureau announced today, despite the supreme court's decision that dividends are not taxable under the 1913 income tax law.

"The act of September 8, 1916," said a bureau announcement, "contains an express provision taxing stock dividends declared and paid out of earnings accrued since March 1, 1913. In the absence of a decision as to the legal effect of these express provisions contained in the latter act, the bureau of internal revenue naturally will continue to be governed by the express provisions of the latter act in reference to stock dividends."

Contracts for 9,000,000 pairs of half-soles and 7,000,000 toppers for heels have been let by the section on supplies of the advisory commission of the council of national defense. The half-soles will cost \$4,350,000 and the toppers \$1,350,000.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Claude Wilson and little son, Claude, Jr., who have been spending some time with Mrs. J. M. Wilson, returned to their home in Charlotte Saturday.

Mr. Paul Titman has returned from a visit to "somewhere" in Virginia.

Mrs. M. A. Thornburg, of Bessemer City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Holmes.

Mr. Lee Thornburg, brother of Mrs. W. H. Holmes, of this place, who was seriously hurt while operating a saw mill in Beaumont, Texas, is gradually improving.

Mrs. Linwood Robinson and Linwood, Jr., who have been making their home in Rutherfordton for the past few months, have returned here.

Mrs. W. H. Wilkerson moved yesterday to her new home in Charlotte. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. S. M. Robinson.

Mrs. J. K. Dixon and J. Y. Miller, of Gastonia, were visitors to the Red Cross workroom Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Beacham and children, who have been visiting relatives in Toccoa, Ga., have returned home accompanied by Mrs. Beacham's sister, Miss Thelma Wansley.

Miss Oland Curry, of Clover, S. C., was a visitor in town last week.

Miss Claude Baker is spending some time in Charlotte as the guest of Miss Jane Baker.

The Red Cross auxiliary is accomplishing much since the holidays are over. Everyone seems more enthusiastic and many new members are coming in. This week there were finished up, since the first of December, 1,000 4x4 compresses, 187 9x9 compresses. Miss Moena Hand has led the class in compress making. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the holidays, think this is a fine showing for the few faithful workers.

Miss Edith Robinson spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

The school has been postponed until January 14th, on account of the coal supply being exhausted.

Those who saw "Experience" in Charlotte were Mrs. J. R. Titman, Misses Myrtle, Clara and Nell Titman, Misses Edith and Ora Coit and M. Robinson.

Dr. J. R. Bridges, of Charlotte, preached a very inspiring sermon Sunday at the Presbyterian church.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Jan. 10.—Misses Mary and Lillian West, of Charlotte, have been spending some time with their cousin, Miss Pauline Lentz. They have returned home.

Mr. E. A. Thompson is still indisposed, having been in bed for several weeks. His trouble is inflammatory rheumatism.

Saturday night at 7 o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. D. P. Hoffman, Mr. T. S. Black and Miss Lillian Lentz were married by Rev. E. H. Kohn. A number of friends had gathered to see the nuptial knot tied and wished the parties joy and long life.

Some of our soldier boys are at home with relatives on furlough. They are Ralph Holland and Richard Davenport.

Misses Grace Kohn and Gertrude Belk have returned to Lenoir College at Hickory.

Mr. Tom Belk is at A. and E. Raleigh, again. He finishes the four-year course in May.

Mr. Robert Costner, of Lincoln, spent several days with us visiting his sister, Mrs. R. C. Belk, and brother, Mr. J. A. Costner.

Mr. M. L. Barnes, superintendent of the high school, has for several days been confined to the house by an attack of grip. He is up, and will be able to resume his duties at school Monday.

Mrs. Cliff Richardson and two children, Jenkins and Elizabeth, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Lineberger. Jenkins is confined to the bed with a mild attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Hugh Michael has finished for Mr. A. P. Rhyne a nice seven-room semi-bungalow on the lot next to the parsonage of the Church of the Good Shepherd. He also has the contract for an up-to-date residence for Mr. Guy Howard.

WAR BREAD AND FOOD CARDS ARE PREDICTED.

(By International News Service.)

Chicago, Jan. 14.—War bread and food cards loom as possibilities, according to two members of the National Food Administration, who attended the Patriotic Food Show here.

"Real war bread must come," according to F. C. Walcott, one of Herbert C. Hoover's aides. "The public should demand that bakers produce nothing but war bread, which must be made of at least 20 per cent non-wheat materials, such as cornmeal, oatmeal, rye and barley."

"Volunteer saving has not yet been enough to make certain that we can furnish our soldiers and the civilian populations of our Allies with sufficient food. And the greatest need that exists now is that we save more wheat. This is imperative."

Wasting food now means starvation for some one else—if not in the United States, in Europe.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 13.—Fire broke out in the Industrial building which housed thirty manufacturing concerns tonight and destroyed the building and adjoining property, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Fire Chief Loucks said he believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. Several of the manufacturing companies were making machinery for the government under war contracts.

Six dwellings, a church, grocery and saloon were burned. No lives were lost, although falling walls placed firemen in great danger and hindered them in their work by cutting line after line of hose which were playing water on the flames.

The flames spread rapidly, and, fanned by a high wind, sent showers of sparks throughout the neighborhood, setting fire to nearby buildings.

STATE ROAD INSTITUTE.

Important Good Roads Meeting to Be Held at Chapel Hill February 19 to 22—Road Officials May Attend at the Public Expense.

The North Carolina Road Institute, which will be conducted at the State University, Chapel Hill, February 19-22, inclusive, under the auspices of the State University of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, will afford an opportunity to road engineers, superintendents, patrolmen, commissioners, trustees, and others to obtain practical instruction in regard to various phases of road building and maintenance. Every road-building unit, whether county, township or road district, which has in charge the expenditure of a road fund, should have as many representatives as possible at this institute.

Provision has been made by law for the attendance of road officials at this institute in Chapter 284, Section 47 of the Public Laws of 1917, which is as follows:

"Sec. 47. The members of the county road commission of any county, or the members of whatever commission or board, has charge of the road work in any county, township, or road district, are herewith authorized to attend the road institute held annually at the University of North Carolina, and the county road commission of any county, or whatever commission or board has charge of the road work in any county, township, or road district, are herewith authorized to detail any and all persons employed by said county in connection with the road work of said county, township, or road district to attend said institute, when in their judgment such attendance will inure to the benefit of the road work of said county, township, or road district; and the said road commission, or other commission or board, is herewith authorized to pay the expenses of the members of said county road commission or board, and other persons detailed to attend said road institute, out of the funds of the said county, township, or road district."

German Again Stricken from Parochial Schools.

(By International News Service.)

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—Resolutions adopted by the Nebraska State Council of Defense denouncing "certain members" of the German Lutheran church of the State as "disloyal," and asserting they opposed the Liberty Loan and Red Cross, are thought by State officials here to have brought about the passing of loyalty resolutions by representatives of 151 parochial schools, coming under the jurisdiction of the Missouri synod of the church, when they met in Seward, Neb.

The school representatives went on record in favor of the elimination of the German language from the studies in the schools during the war, and church leaders say the parochial schools will comply with the request.

Hirsute Conservation Latest War Measure.

(By International News Service.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—Conservation of whiskers is the latest war-time measure advocated here. If every man and youth would refrain from getting a haircut and shave for a month, mathematicians figure something like \$5,000,000 would be saved in labor, time, rent, electricity and gas.

This, however, admittedly would be hard on the barber and the opposition of the ladies to a month's growth of picturesque hirsute adornments on beau and husband is insurmountable.

Kicks Bomb Out of the Way, Then Investigates.

(By International News Service.)

New York, Jan. 14.—Salvatore Nuccio, a carpenter, stumbled over something when he went home the other night, kicked it out of the way, and entered his room. When his curiosity got the better of him he went out in the hall and struck a match. The "something" was an eight-inch bomb. It had failed to explode because the fuse had been wound too tightly.

Many a French home would be brightened by the waste from an American home.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MRS. MOORE ENTERTAINED FOR VISITING SOLDIERS.

Mrs. H. B. Moore entertained at an elegantly appointed dinner Saturday evening at 6 o'clock in honor of Messrs. Albert G. Illich, Roy Jordan and Joe Martinez, of New York city, now stationed at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg. Other guests were Mrs. W. H. Poole, Misses Martha Morrow, Mildred McLean, Alma Bostick, Messrs. Durward Morrow and J. T. Sadler.

MRS. POOLE GAVE DINNER.

Mrs. W. H. Poole was the charming hostess at a beautiful luncheon at 2 o'clock Sunday. The dining room presented a scene of beauty with its decorations of narcissus and roses. Mrs. Poole was charmingly assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Miss Martha Moore. The guests were Messrs. Albert G. Illich, Roy Jordan, Joe Martinez, J. T. Sadler and Misses Mildred McLean and Alma Bostick.

HAD FRENCH OFFICERS AS THEIR GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Holland Morrow had as their guests Sunday Adj. S. Ruellan, Lieut. Pierre Henckel, R. Lepers, Leon Guittard, all of whom are members of the French Mission to the United States and are now detailed to Camp Greene, Charlotte, where they are giving the men special instruction in modern methods of warfare as actually used on the battlefields of Europe. Their visit, it is needless to say, was greatly enjoyed by the host and hostess and the friends whom they had invited to meet them.

ELLIS-COTHRAN MARRIAGE AT GREENVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sifford and sons, Lloyd and James, have returned from Greenville, S. C., where they attended the marriage of Mrs. Sifford's sister, Miss Jim Ellis, and Lieut. Thomas Perrin Cothran of the regular army now stationed at Fort Oglethorpe. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother on January 10th and was marked by sweet simplicity. The parlors and library were thrown together and were beautifully decorated in narcissus, Southern smilax and ferns. Miss Marguerite Allison played the wedding music and Mrs. Rachel McDonald sweetly sang "Call Me Thine Own." Miss Nelle Ellis, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and a brother, Mr. Zack Ellis, gave her away. Lieut. Cothran was attended by his best man, Lieut. Smythe Blake, and the ceremony was performed by Chaplain E. R. Mason, of Camp Sevier.

Immediately following the ceremony a luncheon was served and the couple left for Florida, where they will spend ten days, after which they will be at home in Chattanooga.

MISS MORRIS' NEW YORK CONCERT.

The many friends of Miss Jane Morris, who is an artist pupil of Ralfe Leech Sterner at the New York School of Music and Arts, will be interested in the program of recital given at the auditorium, 95th street and Central park West, New York City, of Thursday night of last week, January 10th. Following is the program in full:

Thursday evening, January 10th, 1918, at eight-thirty o'clock Ralfe Leech Sterner presents his pupil, Jane Morris, dramatic soprano.

PROGRAM.

1. Scene and Gavotte (Manon), Massenet.
2. A Cradle Song, Kate Vannah; b. Life's Merry Morn, Eben Bailey.
3. Romanza (Cavalleria Rusticana), Mascagni.
4. a. Magic, Frank Howard Warner; b. Jamie Dear, J. W. Bischoff.
5. a. Good Night Beloved, Nevin; b. Whisper and I Shall Hear, Piccolomini.
- Violin obligato by Louis Ferraro.
7. a. Forest Song, Benjamin Whelpley; b. Dinna Ask Me, Sidney Homer; c. Madrigal, Chamade.
8. Aria, Ah, fors' eu lui (La Traviata), Verdi.

The words of the song "Magic" number 4a on the above program, were written for Miss Morris by Mrs. Zoe Kincaid Brockman, of Gastonia, and were set to music by Mr. Frank Howard Warner, who was Miss Morris's accompanist. As will be seen from the program given, Miss Morris's repertoire includes a wide range of operatic and dramatic selections of great difficulty, in all of which her voice measured up to the highest expectations of her friends and her director.

Cotton Ginned.

According to report made to the bureau of census, Department of Commerce, by Mr. W. E. Johnson, of Belmont, county crop reporter, there were 4,956 bales of cotton of the 1917 crop ginned prior to January 1, 1918, in Gaston county, as compared with 4,214 bales of the 1916 crop ginned in the county prior to January 1, 1917.

The Plant of the Carolina Veneer Company at Columbia, S. C., was totally destroyed by fire Friday.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The company manufactured cabinets for one of the large phonograph companies.

SENATOR BRADY OF IDAHO DIES SUNDAY

Prominent Republican from the West Succumbs to Acute Attack of Heart Disease.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator James H. Brady, of Idaho, died at his home here tonight from heart disease. He suffered an acute attack a week ago yesterday while on his way to Washington from Idaho, and had been in a critical state since.

Senator Brady was born in Pennsylvania 56 years ago, but moved to Kansas when a boy, and was educated in the public schools and the Leavenworth Normal College. He taught school for three years and later engaged in newspaper work. He moved to Idaho in 1895 and soon became prominent in Republican politics. He was made chairman of the Republican state committee in 1904 and was elected governor in 1908. After his term expired he was elected to the Senate by the state legislature and re-elected by the people in 1914 for seven years.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, S. E. Brady, of Chandler, Okla., and J. Robb Brady, of Kansas.

QUESTIONNAIRES ALL SHOULD BE IN TODAY

Today is the last day on which registrants can file their questionnaires with the local exemption board. In view of the fact, however, that some of the blanks were delayed in the mails because of incorrect or inadequate addresses it is hardly probable that the local board will adhere rigidly to this rule.

Already the board has classified something like 1,400 of the registrants and are busily engaged in this task. It will probably be the 15th of February before any of the registrants are called up for examination.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Lieutenant Francis Whitesides, Gastonia Boy, Was Asleep in Officers' Barracks When Fire Broke Out—Saved Only Part of His Effects.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitesides, Lieutenant Francis A. Whitesides, of the Quartermasters Corps, National Army, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., tells of a thrilling experience he had on Monday night of last week, when one of the large officers' barracks of the 11th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe was completely destroyed. He says:

"I was in this building and was asleep in another officers' room when the fire was discovered. As soon as I was awakened I rushed into my room and got part of my things out. He enclosed a clipping from the Chattanooga Times of Tuesday giving all the details of the fire, which at one time threatened the entire camp. Fortunately the direction of the wind was favorable and the building was on the end of the row away from the direction in which the wind was blowing, so no other buildings caught."

First War Conference of Illinois Includes Great Mass Meeting.

(By International News Service.)

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The first "War Conference" of Illinois opened here today, with representatives of practically every organization in the State interested in war work and individuals active in war movements, in attendance. The conference will close tomorrow evening.

The conference opened this afternoon with a joint meeting of all participants, at which various forms of war work now in progress were considered, as well as ways and means of making this work more efficient.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and Sir Frederick E. Smith, Attorney-General of Great Britain, will be the principal speakers at a great mass meeting to be held this evening.

The conference was called by the Illinois State Council of Defense.

River Becomes Tired of Bed and Seeks New One.

(By International News Service.)

Mollala, Ore., Jan. 12.—The Mollala river, in the course of a Winter freshet, changed its course over night, completely wiped out the Hoenig ranch and store and left the old covered wagon bridge, built 70 years ago, spanning a muddy chasm 40 feet deep.

The Mollala river is subjected to periodical floods, but has never before changed its course. Its usual depth is in many places less in width than in depth—has made pioneers look upon it as a fixture.

The change in the river's course, which extends for nearly two miles, together with other flood damage, ruined about \$40,000 worth of prime agricultural land.

71, But Wants to Fight.

(By International News Service.)

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 13.—I. H. Eddy, 71 years old, and an employee of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad here, wants to join the army as a soldier. He has taken the matter up with officials at Washington. He will seek the aid of Senator Owen in the matter.