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## BOOMING OF GUNS ON THE AMERICAN SECTOR

With the American Army in France, Saturday, Feb. 2, (By the Associated Press.)—The whole American sector is resounding with the booming of guns. Airmen became exceedingly active along the American front on Saturday. Enemy snipers wounded two Americans slightly early this morning.

A shift of the wind today cleared away the mist which has hindered aerial operations and other activities for several days. A number of battles in the air were fought by patrolling planes early this afternoon. In one instance the French aviators defeated an attempt of German fliers to cross behind the American trenches.

The artillery and snipers also have become increasingly active. American 75s are harassing traffic behind the enemy trenches. The Germans are confining their fire largely to the American trenches.

Throughout Friday night machine guns rattled ceaselessly from German positions.

## ANNOUNCEMENT PERMITTED BY MILITARY CENSORS.

American troops are now occupying a sector of the Lorraine front in France. This announcement is permitted by the military censors.

The correspondents permanently accredited to the American army have been informed that they may proceed to virtually any point within the zone of fire, except the trenches, without escort and without special permission. Arrangements were made today whereby newspaper men may proceed to any brigade headquarters a few kilometers behind the trenches after first reporting their presence within the zone to the headquarters of the division of which the brigade is a part. Unless there is some occurrence which makes it inadvisable in the opinion of the brigade commander for correspondents to move nearer the front, they may walk from his headquarters to regimental headquarters behind the lines.

Since all roads immediately behind the front are within easy German gun range and under German observation, not more than two correspondents may move forward together. They must wear gas masks in alert position and helmets. Newspaper men must obtain special permission to visit the trenches and must be accompanied by an escorting officer.

## AMERICAN ARTILLERY SENDS SHELL FOR SHELL.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 3, (By the Associated Press.)—A German barrage fire at sundown last night opened the heaviest bombardment of many days along the American sector, the American artillery replying shell for shell as the firing of the heavy guns spread along several kilometers of front.

Two Americans were killed and nine wounded during the bombardment and one suffered shell shock.

It was ascertained today that the American gunners wrecked several of the enemy dugouts and so badly damaged the first line positions that at one point the Germans were unable to occupy them Sunday.

When the bombardment had reached its greatest intensity, the Germans suddenly concentrated their fire at two points, throwing about 350 shells into a town in which the headquarters of a certain regiment are located, and which heretofore had been immune to enemy fire.

After the bombardment, a wounded American soldier was discovered in a position where it was necessary to carry him over a trench top to a field dressing station. A medical corpsman displayed the Red Cross and the Germans ceased firing until the man was removed.

Early in the day an American was wounded by a sniper.

## NEW HALF-MILLION DOLLAR MILL FOR GASTONIA

Application has been made by J. H. Separk and associates to the Secretary of State for a charter for the Myrtle Mills, Inc., with an authorized capital of \$500,000. The charter, it is expected, will be received today or tomorrow, and immediately upon its arrival the organization will be perfected.

The Myrtle will begin operations with 10,000 spindles and will manufacture fine yarns. Its exact location has not been designated but it will probably be located in West Gastonia near the Parkdale Mills.

Contracts have been let for the machinery.

A contract has also been let for 5,000 additional spindles for the Parkdale Mill.

## BRITISH CAPTURE GERMAN PRISONERS.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—Southwest of Arras the British carried out raids last night and captured some German prisoners. Near Passchendaele the Germans attempted to raid the British trenches but were driven off.

## COMMITTEES FOR WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

Mr. G. W. Wilson, county chairman of the National War Savings Campaign Committee, following a conference here Saturday with Judge Gilbert Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, State organizer, announced the following committees to carry on the campaign in Gaston county:

### GASTON COUNTY WAR-SAVINGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman, Geo. W. Wilson, Gastonia.  
Vice Chairman, John G. Carpenter, Gastonia.

Secretary, Carl Finger, Gastonia.  
Publicity Manager, J. M. Holland, Gastonia.

### Departmental Committees:

A. Organization and Service, composed of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, chairman of each of the departmental committees, and in addition to these, the following: John R. Rankin, Gastonia; Hoke Huss, Cherryville; Dr. L. N. Glenn, Gastonia; Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Gastonia.

B. Finance: C. B. Armstrong, Chairman, Gastonia; J. H. Separk, Gastonia; Matthew A. Stroupe, Cherryville.

C. Schools: F. P. Hall, Chairman, County Superintendent, Belmont; Miss Carrie Glenn, Assistant County Superintendent, Gastonia; Joe S. Wray, Gastonia; S. N. Boyce, Gastonia; J. D. Rankin, Bessemer City; R. A. Marsh, Belmont; Joe R. Nixon, Cherryville; J. B. Henson, Dallas; M. L. Barnes, Mount Holly; C. E. Hutchison, Mount Holly; J. H. Rudisill, Cherryville.

D. Churches: Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Chairman, Gastonia; Rev. H. H. Jordan, Gastonia; Rev. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; Rev. A. T. Lindsay, Gastonia; Edmund Mazzyk, Gastonia; Rev. E. H. Kohn, Mount Holly; Rev. R. R. Caldwell, Bessemer City; Dr. S. A. Wilkins, Dallas; Rev. J. F. Moser, Cherryville; S. S. Mauney, Cherryville; H. R. Thompson, Stanley.

E. Fraternal Organizations: W. Y. Warren, Chairman, Gastonia; Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Vice Chairman, Gastonia; Mrs. F. P. Hall, Belmont; Miss Nelle Pickens, County Home Demonstration, Gastonia; Mrs. M. P. Shetty, Bessemer City, R-1; A. M. Dixon, Gastonia; Frank C. Abernethy, Gastonia; O. B. Carpenter, Gastonia; G. H. Marvin, Gastonia. W. P. Upton, Gastonia.

F. Manufacturing Enterprises: Col. C. B. Armstrong, Chairman, Gastonia; R. R. Ray, McAdenville; W. T. Rankin, Gastonia; W. T. Love, Gastonia; T. M. McEntire, Gastonia; A. Q. Kale, High Shoals; S. M. Robinson, Lowell; John J. George, Cherryville; Evon L. Houser, Dallas; C. D. Welch, Mayworth.

G. Banks, Stores and Railroads: J. Lee Robinson, Chairman, Gastonia; A. G. Myers, Gastonia; M. A. Carpenter, Gastonia; M. A. Turner, Gastonia; E. J. Rankin, Gastonia; S. Settlemyer, Gastonia; M. L. Mauney, Cherryville; N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville; J. A. Costner, Mount Holly; W. L. Tucker, Mount Holly; L. M. Hoffman, Jr., Dallas; J. P. Hoffman, Dallas; W. B. Puett, Belmont; S. P. Stowe, Belmont; Howard R. Thompson, Stanley; D. F. Harris, Stanley; Jas. M. Reinhardt, Stanley; M. A. Teague, Lowell; H. D. George, Bessemer City; R. C. Kennedy, Bessemer City.

H. Farmers: J. B. Steele, Chairman, County Farm Demonstration, Gastonia; John F. Jackson, Gastonia; John L. Robinson, Gastonia; R. John R. Carson, Gastonia; R. S. L. Kiser, Bessemer City; Thomas Royster, Bessemer City; A. P. Rudisill, Dallas; S. J. Kirby, Dallas; J. W. Summey, Dallas; R. K. Davenport, Mount Holly; Dr. Frank Robinson, Lowell; J. G. Rutledge, Stanley.

I. Publicity: J. M. Holland, Chairman, Gastonia; J. W. Atkins, Gastonia; E. D. Atkins, Gastonia; L. H. J. Houser, Cherryville; E. L. Tate, Gastonia.

J. Speakers: O. F. Mason, Chairman, Gastonia; A. G. Mangum, Gastonia; S. B. Dolly, Gastonia.

K. Colored People: G. C. Caldwell, Chairman, Gastonia; Rev. J. A. Rollins, Gastonia; John Goode, Gastonia; Silas W. Smith, Gastonia.

### GASTON COUNTY'S PART OF THE WAR-SAVINGS FUND.

United States ..... \$2,000,000,000  
North Carolina ..... \$48,538,314  
Gaston County ..... \$815,386  
Cherryville Township ..... \$95,216  
Crowder Mt. Township ..... \$96,404  
Dallas Township ..... \$96,448  
Gastonia Township ..... \$269,896  
River Bend Township ..... \$99,682  
South Point Township ..... \$157,540

The above apportionment is upon the basis of \$20 per capita of the estimated population on July 1, 1917, which is the basis of apportionment for the entire United States.

—Mrs. O. E. White spent Sunday and Monday in Charlotte as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Daley.

—Major A. L. Bulwinkle is spending a day or two here before leaving for Fort Sill, Okla., to which place he was recently ordered from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

—Today is the third "heatless Monday" holiday. There is a possibility that the National Fuel Administration may revoke its previous order and thus make today the last of these "heatless" Mondays.

—His many friends will be delighted to know that Mr. A. J. Rankin is again able to be out after having been confined to his home for eight weeks by an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Rankin has moved his family to Gastonia.

## TEACHERS HELD PATRIOTIC MEETING ON SATURDAY

That Gaston county's public school teachers, or certainly the majority of them, are patriotic Americans was evidenced at the court house Saturday where a patriotic session of the Gaston County Teachers Association was held, with County Superintendent F. P. Hall presiding. The attendance was splendid, notwithstanding the very inclement weather.

The first hour of the meeting was devoted entirely to patriotic subjects. Col. C. B. Armstrong, county food administrator, talked to the teachers about the food regulations and the necessity of the observance of the rules by all the people. He urged them to teach the children patriotism by teaching them the necessity of conserving every ounce of food possible. Judge Gilbert Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, then presented to the teachers the subject of War Savings Stamps. Judge Stephenson has been appointed by Col. F. H. Fries to organize the entire State for this work. The speaker explained in detail the workings of the War Savings Stamps campaign and called on the teachers to show their patriotism by doing everything possible to further the sale of these stamps.

Mr. W. L. Balthis was scheduled to present the Red Cross cause to the teachers but was prevented by illness from being present.

Rev. Dr. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, was present and conducted the opening exercises. Miss Harris, teacher of vocal music in the city schools rendered several patriotic selections to the delight of the audience.

Following the patriotic meeting the teachers spent an hour in a general discussion of the subject of increased salaries for teachers and the county commencement. It was decided, on account of the conditions now prevailing and the fact that all of the schools have lost some time from work on account of the severe weather, to do away with the parade at the county commencement. The contests, however, will be held as usual.

This meeting was characterized by those present as perhaps the best meeting of the county teachers ever held. That all who were present went back to their work with renewed zeal and determination to serve their country to the best of their ability during the present crisis, is assured.

## WILL RETURN ROADS 18 MONTHS AFTER WAR

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate Commerce Committee this afternoon reported out the railway control bill. The measure as finally agreed on is practically the administration bill with a compromise agreement to return the roads to the private owners 18 months after the close of the war. The President is given power to fix rates with the interstate commerce commission as a court of approval.

## AMERICAN TROOPS REPEL GERMAN ATTACK

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 2.—A heavy barrage fire from the American artillery prevented what is believed to have been an attempted raid by the Germans on the American trenches shortly after daybreak Friday. Several of the enemy were seen attempting to cross No-Man's land in the fog. The Americans quickly opened up with rifle, machine gun and artillery fire and the Germans hurried to cover. The past 18 hours has been the liveliest period the American sector has known for many days. Capt. Raold Amundsen, famous Arctic explorer, and Capt. Orerding, of the Swiss General Staff, have arrived at American headquarters on a visit.

## OFFICIALS IN CRUGER CASE ON TRIAL TODAY.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The trial of Acting Captain Alonzo Cooper and three detectives who were indicted for failure to intercept and arrest the murderer of Ruth Cruger, a high school girl, opened in the Supreme Court here today.

After a long search the body of Miss Cruger was found buried in the cellar of Alfred Cocchi's motorcycle shop. Cocchi was personally acquainted with many policemen. He fled to Italy before the girl's body was found. He confessed that he murdered the girl, but the Italian Government refused to permit his extradition to the United States.

## LOYALTY OF 75 NATIONS EXPRESSED AT BANQUET.

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 2.—Loyalty of 75 nationalities to the cause of the United States and its allies in the world war will be sounded at a banquet to be given here today by the National Security League.

"The purpose of the banquet is to sound the loyalty of the whole country," according to Peter S. Lambros, chairman of the reception committee. "It is to be dedicated to President Wilson and to the successful prosecution of the war, with a happy reconstruction to follow."

Among the nationalities which will be represented are Chinese, Chilean, French, German-American, Hindu, Irish, Japanese, Jewish, Persian and Siamese. Representatives of Ecuador, Panama and Asia Minor are expected to attend.

## RIGID MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE.

(By International News Service.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1.—Martial law in the industrial centers of Germany is being heightened R2N. oc from the border this afternoon state that all public meetings are prohibited. The palace and government buildings are under the strictest guard. The streets of Berlin swarm with soldiers under orders to fire on the first sign of disorder. Strikers are threatened with a discontinuance of food. The newspapers sound a warning that the Bolsheviks are ruining the morale of the army.

—Today's bright sunshine looks mighty good after days and days of rain and clouds.

—The board of county commissioners is in regular session at the courthouse today.

—This is Smileage Book week in Gaston. See page three for particulars.

—Every man, woman and child in the county should have a part in the Smileage Boog campaign.

—A dollar put into a Smileage Book will bring many a cheerful night to the soldier in camp.

—Mr. Arthur M. Spencer, of the Atkins-Baber Book Company, left this morning for High Point and Asheville on business for his firm.

—Reports from the Gaston Sanatorium are to the effect that Robert Wolfe, the young white man who attempted suicide one day last week by shooting himself, is getting along splendidly and will, in all probability, recover.

—Don't Lose Your Temper.  
He who loses his temper, loses much besides. He loses his self-respect; he loses the respect of others; he loses an element out of his character and reputation which he cannot regain; he loses vital force, and stamps an impression on his whole being which time cannot efface.

## CALL ISSUED TODAY FOR FINAL QUOTA

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Orders were issued today by the War Department calling out the final quota of 74,000 select men. Their movement to camp will begin February 23rd, and continue through five days.

## RAILROAD BILL

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE. (By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator Smith, of South Carolina, today reported favorably the administration railroad bill in the committee to provide for the return of the railroads to private owners 18 months after the close of the war. The bill gives the President power to fix rates with the Commerce Commission as a court of appeals.

## FINNS AND BOLSHEVIKI HAVE FIERCE CLASH.

(By International News Service.) STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4.—Violent fighting between Finnish republic troops and Bolsheviki forces is reported from Uleaborg today.

## SECRETARY BAKER'S WEEKLY WAR REVIEW.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—While the American troops now occupy a part of the actual battle front in France, Secretary Baker announced in his weekly war review that the operations in which Americans have so far engaged have been of a minor character. The Review warns Americans not to let the reports of internal strife in Germany slacken our war preparations. He also states that the Allies still have the superiority in both men and guns on the Western front. On January 30th the Germans launched a strong attack against the American lines for purposes of identification, but were repulsed after inflicting slight losses. Two days later the enemies again made a raid but were driven off. Secretary Baker states.

## AMERICANS WON THEIR FIRST ARTILLERY DUEL.

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 4.—A street filled with debris from the battering in of the walls today attested to the violence of Saturday night's bombardment. The Germans used a tremendous amount of shells of all kinds but little damage was done to the American trenches. The fire was directed principally at the headquarters of certain regiments. The American return fire demolished the dugouts and portions of the enemy trenches. It can be stated that the Americans won the first artillery duel.

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## DEMENTED SOLDIER TAKEN BACK TO CAMP

Louis Beardsley, the soldier who was caught here last week tampering with a switch and who was removed from the city hall to the City Hospital apparently suffering from some mental disease, was taken back to Charlotte Friday afternoon by a provost marshal. He was still acting strangely when taken back. He was a member of Company K, 61st Medical Corps at Camp Greene. It was learned here yesterday that Beardsley, after he was back in camp, made out like he wanted to commit suicide but did not carry out his threat.

## SULLIVAN, FAMOUS PUGILIST, DROPPED DEAD SATURDAY.

(By International News Service.) ABINGTON, MASS., John L. Sullivan dropped dead on his farm here today, aged 59 years. He was the most widely known prize fighter in the world.

Stricken with heart disease three weeks ago, Sullivan quickly improved, and was about to leave his home for a visit to Boston when the final "knockout" came.

Since losing the championship to James J. Corbett on Sept. 7, 1892, Sullivan had followed a somewhat checkered career. The fortune made in the prize ring had been lost in a venture into the liquor business. Some years ago he became a strong prohibitionist and made many convincing temperance speeches.

## DR. LEN G. BROUGHTON COMING HERE IN MAY

The announcement made today by the Ministers' Association of the city that Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Gastonia beginning on May 20th will be of very special interest to members of all the religious denominations in the city. The various committees of the pastor's association have been at work quietly on the matter for some months and are making public their plans today.

The meeting to be held by Dr. Broughton will be a union campaign, supported by the pastors and congregations of the several uptown churches, including the First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First Associate Reformed Presbyterian and Main Street Methodist churches.

The lot at the corner of South street and Second avenue, belonging to the T. L. Clinton estate, has been secured, and a committee, consisting of Rev. H. H. Jordan, Mr. T. W. Wilson, Mr. G. R. Spencer, Mr. T. A. Henry and Mr. E. B. Hogan, has been appointed to secure plans and specifications and let the contract for the erection of a tabernacle on this lot.

All details of the campaign are in the hands of competent committees and the careful planning which has been done should guarantee the complete success of the meeting in all its phases. Dr. Broughton will be accompanied by a song leader of his own appointment, and a large local choir will be organized and trained to provide music for the occasion.

Dr. Broughton, who is a native North Carolinian, is doubtless as well-known to Gastonians as any great preacher or evangelist of the day. He has served large churches in many American cities and was for several years pastor of the Tabernacle in London, where he was successor to the noted Spurgeon.

## OIL STEAMER AGROUND OFF ATLANTIC COAST

(By International News Service.) AN ATLANTIC PORT, Feb. 2.—The oil steamer Alabama is on a ledge off the Atlantic coast and is in danger of being pounded to pieces. Several vessels are speeding to her assistance.

## GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE CURBING THE STRIKES

(By International News Service.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.—German military authorities have served an ultimatum on the strikers, threatening military penalties unless all strikers return to work Monday. Food rations to the families of strikers were cut down today. Herr Dittman, socialist member of the Reichstag, has been arrested. The military is gaining the upper hand. The present strike seems to be doomed to failure.

## BIG ARMY BALLOON IS LOST IN A FOG

(By International News Service.) MACON, GA., Feb. 2.—A giant government balloon with four aviation students and Pilot Jewell has been missing since it made its ascent at 10 o'clock Friday morning. A reward has been offered for information concerning the missing men and balloon. When the bag ascended it soon disappeared in a thick mist, going in a southeasterly direction. Jewell is an experienced aviator. It is believed the men are marooned somewhere in the Georgia swamps.

## GERMANS HAVE CHANGED PENALTY FOR DESERTION

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—The morale of the German army is lower than at any previous time, but its discipline is far from being broken. The officers fearing the influence of the Bolsheviks, have ordered that no more death penalties shall be inflicted. For desertion, instead of being shot, men are sentenced to life in the coal mines.

## GREEK RESERVES CALLED OUT.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 1.—Sixteen classes of Greek reserves have been called to the colors. Greece joined the Allies when Constantine resigned.

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