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ON WHEATLESS DAYS
USE NO BEARD CRACKER, BAKERY OR BREAKFAST FOODS CONTAINING WHEAT.



BANQUET MONEY IS GIVEN TO RED CROSS

Mr. A. G. Myers, treasurer of the Gaston County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has received from Southern Power Company manager a check for \$39 and the accompanying letter, which is self-explanatory: Dear Sir:

Ever since the organization of the Southern Power Company in 1905 it has been customary to hold a banquet for all employees on the last Saturday night of the year in Charlotte. In the past these banquets have been a source of a great deal of pleasure, affording as they did opportunity to all employees to get together and renew old acquaintances and to make new. During all of these years there was never a failure to hold the banquet and each year the interest became greater and greater. In the year 1917, however, extraordinary circumstances brought on by the World War led to the feeling that much good could be done by diverting the money which the banquet would cost to some patriotic cause and when 120 out of a total of 635 employees of the Company joined the Colors, this feeling was crystallized into one of conviction and the employees decided to forego the pleasure of the banquet and to donate to the Red Cross the amount which it would have cost. By this action of the employees of the Southern Power Company there immediately became available for the Red Cross \$1,905, and we are enclosing check to you for your proportionate amount which has been determined by the number of Southern Power Company employees in your town and immediate vicinity.

Yours very truly,
CHAS. I. BURKHOLDER,
General Manager.
Charlotte, N. C., March, 14, 1918.

ALLIES REPUDIATE RUSSIAN PEACE TREATY.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, March 19.—Virtual repudiation of the peace treaty effected between the Bolsheviks and the Central Empires was contained in the official statement of the Supreme War Council of the Entente Allies at Versailles today. The statement makes it plain that the war will go on until Prussian militarism is crushed and the crimes committed by Germany are righted. The statement declares that the Russians, after the collapse of a fighting power, were duped into a trap by the Germans, who, under the guise of "self-determination," sent armies into Russia, afterwards throwing off the mask and showing that they meant nothing but annexation.

GERMAN CITIES REDOUBLE THEIR POLICE FORCES

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, March 19.—Although disorders in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany are of a passive nature, travelers arriving from the frontier today told of redoubled police precautions which are being taken in Berlin. At the slightest sign of trouble the Berlin police are reinforced with soldiers and sometimes with machine guns.

Following recent disorders from labor troubles the soldiers were removed but the government is preparing to return them for the May day period when another big strike movement is threatened.

Though the Germans are experiencing a keen food shortage, at it is stated that there is little hope of a collapse from privation yet. Much food profiteering in Berlin is arousing discontent but no dangerous open outbreaks have occurred.

PRICE-FIXING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN NAMED.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 19.—The appointment of a price-fixing committee to designate the price to be paid for all raw materials by the government in its war preparations was announced by the council for national defense today. Robert Brookings is chairman and Dr. Harry Garfield, T. W. Taubing, W. J. Harris, Hugh France, Bernard Baruch and another civilian yet to be named compose the committee. Prices will be made after costs have been calculated by the federal trade commission and problems of distribution will be considered. General Palmer Pierce and Naval Paymaster John Hancock have been added to the committee.

FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

(By International News Service.)
COPENHAGEN, March 19.—Fighting for the control of the Trans-Siberian railway along the Southern shores of Lake Balkalmid, Siberia, is in progress, say dispatches today. The Anti-Bolshevik outnumbered the 150,000 Teuton prisoners on the East and on the West of the lake.

—Mrs. Jake Burgin, of Lincoln, was in the city shopping Monday.

JUDGE LONG PRESIDING COURT DISPATCHES BUSINESS IN A HURRY

March Term Likely to End This Afternoon — Judge Takes Charge of Children Involved in Habeas Corpus Proceedings and Will Place Them in Orphanage—Negro Who Burned House Given Five Years on Roads—Number Get Long Road Sentences.

Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, which began the March session Monday morning, will very probably adjourn before night. Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, is presiding and business has been dispatched rapidly. Judge Long runs the court on a business basis. Defendants, witnesses and bondsmen who are not right on the spot when their presence is demanded are promptly "called out." The attorneys are not disposed to consume very much time in arguing trivial matters. Witnesses are interrogated by the Judge. Judge Long, who is here for his first time, has made a splendid impression on the court and on the public.

In the midst of a habeas corpus hearing at the beginning of court this morning, in which Drayton Harris was seeking to recover the possession of two children who had been taken from him by their mother, Judge Long stopped the proceedings and stated that, in his opinion, neither the petitioner nor the defendant were the proper parties to have these children and that he would attempt to get them placed in an orphanage. He ordered the children, Vernie Pennington, aged 13, and her brother, Lee Pennington, aged 12, placed in the charge of the sheriff pending a reply to a message the Judge dispatched immediately to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. It appeared that the mother had been a woman of questionable character and that these two children had been practically raised from infancy by their uncle, Drayton Harris. Recently the mother returned from Florida where she has been living for several years, went to the Harris home and took the children away forcibly during his absence. Habeas corpus proceedings were at once instituted. When, in the midst of her testimony, the mother admitted that she married a man named McFarland while she had a living husband from whom she had not obtained a divorce, he quit hearing evidence and stated that the children should be in some good home. Their uncle, he stated, was apparently not financially able to educate them. If the effort to get them into the Thomasville orphanage fails, said the judge, he would try every orphanage in the State.

Waddell Wilson, the negro charged with the larceny of corn from a vacant house belonging to Mr. John R. Rankin on the New Hope road and of burning the house to conceal his crime, was convicted and given five years on the roads in one case. The power was reserved by the court to try the other case at any time within the next six years.

Road sentences have been imposed as follows:
Joe Stringfellow, larceny, ten months.
Avery Giles, larceny, 12 months.
John Branch and John Helms, store breaking, each 12 months on the roads with privilege to the county commissioners to hire them out to designated parties.
Tom Davis, carrying concealed weapons, 20 months.
Waddell Wilson, larceny and arson, five years.
Charlie Costner, larceny and house breaking, 16 months.
Henry Graham, Clarence Luckey and George Luckey, larceny. Clarence and George Luckey were each given 12 months. It appearing that Graham had been called to enter the service of the country in the Army April 1st no sentence was imposed.
Jim Alexander, 20 months.

CUBA FULL OF GERMAN SPIES.

(By International News Service.)
TIFFIN, Ga., Mar. 20.—"Cuba is infested with German spies," declared J. L. Williams, a prominent citizen of Tiffin, who has just returned from a month's stay on that island. "There is a strong feeling in Cuba among the friends of the United States that these spies should be summarily dealt with. Most Cubans are pro-American but there is a strong anti-American sentiment among the Spaniards. Imports from the United States have been greatly restricted. Flour bread is a rare luxury and all imported foods are sold at extravagant prices. Insufficient shipping facilities is greatly hampering Cuban industries especially sugar."

SOLDIERS LEAVE OIL FIELDS.

(By International News Service.)
SHREVEPORT, La., Mar. 20.—The oil fields have been evacuated by the soldiers of Uncle Sam, after an occupation of several months. The Second Battalion of the Forty Third Infantry, United States Army, about 600 officers and men, who have been doing guard and police duty in the North Louisiana oil fields since early in January have been moved to Camp Nicholls, at New Orleans.

Mrs. W. W. Jenkins returned Monday to her home at York after spending several days here with her daughter, Mrs. J. Y. Miller.

FIRING ON THE RANGE MAY BEGIN TOMORROW

Firing on the Gastonia artillery range will begin tomorrow, if weather conditions permit. The Fourth Field Artillery Brigade, in command of Brigadier General Edwin B. Babbitt, arrived in full force Monday afternoon and is now in camp on the Boyd and Bradley places west of the city on the Linwood road. The camp has been a point of great interest to Gastonia people.

General Babbitt's headquarters are located on the east side of the road and immediately south of a small wooded tract which juts out to the road at that point. The field hospital, splendidly equipped for any emergency, is located south and a little east of brigade headquarters. Major Perkins is surgeon in charge.

The portion of the 77th Artillery in the brigade is encamped on the Bradley place on the west side of the road. Colonel Guy H. Preston is in command of the 77th. The 16th Field Artillery, in command of Colonel H. L. Newbold, and the 13th Field Artillery, in command of Colonel Smith, are encamped on the Boyd place on the east side of the road, nearest Gastonia.

JAPS SEND ARMED FORCES INTO AMUR

(By International News Service.)
TOKIO, March 20.—Armed Japanese forces composed of volunteers are being sent into the Siberian province of Amur to protect the lives of Japanese residents from Bolshevik rioters. It is officially declared. The Bolshevik outrages in northeastern Siberia have increased greatly since the Soviets ratified the separate peace.

OPINIONS DIFFER AS TO GERMAN OFFENSIVE

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, March 20.—Opinion of the military critics regarding the report of the high commanders that the German army will invade the Western front and that correspondents will leave today for the Western front to witness "the beginning of the German offensive" differs, but the majority believe that such an invitation has not been issued.

Others believe that the Germans are bluffing and they do not intend to start an offensive at all. Intense raiding activities and artillery dueling continue along the greater part of the Western battle line. Some raids were carried out in great force and were supported by violent cannonading. The Germans are turning their attention to the Belgians, claiming the capture of 300 Belgian soldiers near the North Sea.

POLICEMAN SHOT FOUR AND THEN SUICIDES

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Because his wife sued for divorce, Lawrence Farquhar, a policeman, went to the home of Harry White this morning and shot and killed Mrs. White, fatally wounded Mrs. Farquhar, wounded White and Clarence Triplett, a boarder, then hastened to the home of a friend where he confessed and suicided with the same pistol. He died while confessing the killings.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT MOREPLACE.

The young people of the Fleur de Lis Club are preparing to have an Easter egg hunt at Moreplace, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Moore, on West Franklin avenue on Saturday afternoon before Easter day, March 30th. The hours will be from 4 to 6. The small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged and the proceeds will go to the club fund for providing for French orphans. Miss Martha Moore is president of the club and she is actively planning to make this a most enjoyable event. There will be prizes for those who find the largest number of eggs and a booby prize for the one who finds the smallest number. A cordial invitation is extended to all the young folks of the town to attend this egg hunt and thereby lend assistance and comfort to the suffering little French orphans.

TWO MEN KILLED WHEN HANGAR COLLAPSES.

(By International News Service.)
MIAMI, Fla., March 19.—An unfinished hangar being constructed by the naval air station near here collapsed this morning, resulting in the death of Matthew Mullen, of Brooklyn, and an unidentified man. Thirty-one were injured, nine seriously. The men were working under the hangar which collapsed in a gale.

Promoted to Captaincy.

His many friends will be interested to learn that Lieut. W. B. Hunter, of the 105th Engineers, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has been promoted to the rank of captain. He was the guest Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, here.

BOOKS ARE WANTED FOR THE ARMY CAMPS

A campaign is being carried on this week in Gastonia to secure books for the army camps. This work is being directed by the library committee of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association, of which Mrs. J. Y. Miller is chairman. Books may be left with Miss Lottie Blake at the public library, at the rooms of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce or may be taken to any of the churches on Sunday. Persons who desire to contribute money with which to purchase books, instead of giving books can do so. Such contributions may be given to Miss Blake, Mrs. Miller, any minister of the city or to Secretary Allen of the Chamber of Commerce. The furnishing of wholesome reading matter to the soldier boys is an important work and deserves the hearty support and co-operation of the people of Gastonia.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS BEATS THEM ALL.

Mr. N. A. McIntosh, of Lucia, Has Not Missed a Sunday from Sunday School in Over 17 Years. Correspondence of The Gazette.

LUCIA, March 19.—Mr. J. H. Underwood has been very sick for the past week, but we are glad to say that he is improving now.

Mrs. C. A. Beatty has also been right sick. Her sister, Mrs. Laura King, of Cornelius, has been with her for a few days.

Mrs. Samuel Rogers and family, of Charlotte, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rogers Sunday.

Miss Gladys Dellinger spent the week-end with Mrs. T. S. McIntosh. Mrs. Oral Abernathy and little daughter are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hultt.

Mrs. N. B. McIntosh has been right sick but is some better today.

Mrs. Connor Killian visited her mother, Mrs. J. M. McIntosh, Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Henkle, of Lowesville, is visiting his son and daughter, Mr. I. W. Henkle and Mrs. J. A. McIntosh.

Prayermeeting has been started again at the Methodist church here. Mr. J. A. McIntosh led last Sunday night and Mr. N. L. Black is appointed for next Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Allen is still improving some. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Misses Hattie May and Rosa Belle Rogers made a business trip to Charlotte Monday.

Mrs. A. R. Walker, of Pleasant Ridge, who spent some time in the hospital at Gastonia on account of a broken leg, is now making her home with her niece and nephew, Miss Fannie and Mr. Oscar Edwards.

We noticed in The Gazette recently the records of two persons who had not missed Sunday school, one in 10 years and another in 11 years. Those are excellent records, but Mr. N. A. McIntosh, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school here, states that he has not missed a single time since December, 1900, which gives him a record of more than 17 years.

DRIVING CARS HOME.

Mr. W. H. Wray, dealer in Dodge cars, is having three machines driven through the country from Detroit for his customers, being unable to get freight shipments through with any satisfaction. The three Gastonia cars are in a string of 14 Dodge cars for this territory which left Detroit the latter part of last week. They are now between Washington and Gastonia and are expected to arrive here soon. Another party will leave here on Saturday night of this week.

New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Route 1, March 20.—Mrs. J. D. B. McLean is quite ill at her home, Seven Oaks.

Mr. Dewey Oak, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent last week with homefolks.

Miss Sara Alexander, principal of the New Hope school, has gone home, and her sister is here to finish the school.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow, of Union, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Faires.

Mrs. Guy Ford spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jackson.

Mr. Elbridge Craig, of Camp Sevier, was at home Saturday and Sunday.

SECRETARY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IS DEAD.

(By International News Service.)
ATLANTA, March 19.—Philip Cook, aged 60 years, Secretary of State of Georgia since 1898, died suddenly of heart failure at his home in this city this morning. He attended the duties of his office yesterday and was apparently in good health.

—Another case of smallpox is reported in the city, the victim being Nesbitt Willis, a negro, living on Pryor street.

—There will be prayer meeting to-night at the First Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. W. J. Roach, pastor of Loray Presbyterian Church.

—A party of Cloverites consisting of Messrs. H. L. Wright, Leslie McGill, T. W. McElwee, J. C. Ford, J. E. Brison, B. P. Lilly, D. D. Cook, W. P. Smith, J. Meach Smith, R. E. Love, D. A. Matthews, S. J. Matthews, H. Deal and Harold Davis, passed through Gastonia Monday en route to Detroit, Mich., from which point they will bring back a number of Buick cars through the country.

ON ALL DAYS WITH EACH PURCHASE OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE YOU GET FREE ALSO AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS

CAR LOAD OF HOGS EN ROUTE TO GASTONIA

County Agent John B. Steele received a telegram this morning stating that a car load of hogs is on the road to Gaston county from Kentucky. There are 180 in the car and they average 55 pounds in weight. Mr. Steele expects that this car will arrive in Gastonia about Saturday and they will be put on sale about noon Monday.

The price of these hogs cannot be stated till it is learned just what the freight charges are, but they will be sold at the lowest possible price.

Mr. Steele has had applications for many more hogs than this car contains but this lot is all he has been able to obtain up to the present time. He fears also that this will be the only car load he can secure this season. He states that the hogs will be sold to the man who is on hand at the time of the sale. They will be sold for cash on the spot, the same to all.

The telegram did not state the breed of the hogs bought. They are so scarce, says Mr. Steele, that we cannot afford to be choicé about the breed. They have all been vaccinated for cholera.

PRACTICE GAS-MASK WARFARE.

(By International News Service.)
CAMP HANCOCK, AUGUSTA, GA., March 18.—Gas mask drill is to be pushed with all possible speed at Camp Hancock, according to announcements just made from division headquarters. Intensive training in this particular feature of defensive warfare has already begun.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN SERVICE FLAG.

(By International News Service.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 20.—The service flag of the Third Liberty Loan campaign will be of white, with a blue border and three vertical blue bars. It was announced at the headquarters of the Sixth Federal Reserve district today. Service flags from tiny paper ones intended for home window displays to big cotton and wool flags for the use of towns, cities, etc., will be provided by the treasury department.

Towns and counties which meet their respective quotas in Liberty bond sales will be permitted to fly the service flag from some public place. Every investor in a Liberty bond will be given a small flag for home display.

WOMEN BARRED FROM CAMP WHEELER.

(By International News Service.)
MACON, Ga., Mar. 20.—An order barring women from Camp Wheeler except on non-pass days has been issued at Division headquarters. This action was due to the fact that many women of questionable character have been visiting the camp and interfering with the work of the soldiers. Hereafter women will be admitted to camp only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

ENCOURAGE OPERATIVES TO PLANT GARDENS.

(By International News Service.)
HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Mar. 20.—The West Huntsville Cotton Mills officers are encouraging their operatives to plant war gardens and do as much as possible toward feeding themselves this year. Superintendent Walter Millen purchased and distributed seeds among the mill employees paying for them himself. Prizes for the best gardens have been offered.

SOME GERMANS TAKEN PRISONERS.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, March 19.—(Official) Extensive raiding activities took place last night near Neuva Chapelle. The Portuguese penetrated a German trench and captured several prisoners and two machine guns. With the Allies they raided the sectors of Villers, Guelain, Bossgrenier and Lavaquerie, capturing prisoners. Three German raids were repulsed in various sectors. The artillery is active in the Ypres sector.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

At the present time, owing to the great congestion of the railway and mail service due to the war, a delay in the delivery of The Gazette occurs now and then. It is impossible to prevent it. All newspapers and periodicals are suffering in the same manner. All of us must endure inconvenience. Wait a little before sending in a complaint.