

# SAYS RUSSIA IS A "DOOMED NATION"

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary of the Interior Lane today declared that Russia is a "doomed nation," but merely in "the making." He expressed confidence in an Allied victory on the Picardy front as a result of the spirit of sacrifice shown by the peoples of the Allied nations.

# SUPT. WRAY RE-ELECTED; MORE PAY FOR TEACHERS

Prof. Joe S. Wray was re-elected superintendent of Gastonia's city schools for the seventeenth consecutive time by the board of city school commissioners which met in adjourned session at the city hall last night. Mr. Wray took charge of the schools in the fall of 1901 and under his direction they have kept pace with the growth of the town.

In raising the salaries of all of the city school teachers \$10 per month, the board took a forward step in a State-wide movement looking to better pay for teachers. This increase is for the last three months of the current school year. It is probable that an increase over this amount will be effective beginning with the 1918-19 session.

### LOAN OF \$200,000,000

TO ENGLAND.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, April 2. — Great
Britain today received another loan
of \$200,000,000. The United States
Treasurer announced that the British credits with the United States
now amounts to \$2,720,000,000. The
total Allied credits have now reached
\$5,160,000,000.

## BULGARIANS NOT FIGHTING.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, April 2. — The
Buigarians are not fighting on the
Western front. General Murphy today cabled the State Department
from Sofia that the only Buigarians
now engaged are on the Macedonian
front.

#### AMERICAN AVIATORS ON WESTERN FRONT.

(By International News Service.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, April 2.—An American aviation corps is fighting on the Somme
front under the son of a former governor of Minnesota, who has the
rank of a major.

## FRENCH ADVANCE THEIR LINES.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, April 2.—(Official.) The French lines have been advanced to-day between the Somme river and Demuim. Heavy bombardments have taken place along the Somme part of the battle front. Infantry operations have slackened near the Colone trench, near Verdun. On and in the Vosges mountains the French have penetrated the German trenches, capturing some prisoners. The Germans attacked Cambretts, but were driven back.

#### MUST LEND MEN TO HELP IN HARVESTING.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, April, 2.—Industries located near the agricultural districts will have to lend groups of their employees to farmers during the regular harvest periods. The United States is going to reap a great crop during the coming harvest season. The project was suggested by the Department of Labor. The employment service is making arrangements with the Department of Agriculture and the Posteffice Department for this labor. Many American manufacturers tried out this plan successfully last summer.

## Mr. Kirby to Raleigh.

Mr. S. J. Kirby, who has been for the past two or three years principal of the Gaston County Farm Life School at Dallas, has accepted a position as field worker in the State Department of Agriculture, and left yesterday with Mrs. Kirby for West Raleigh, where he will make his head-quarters in his new position. During the remaining four weeks of the school term the pupils of the Farm Life School will do experiment work under the supervision of County Agent John B. Steele. During their residence in the county Mr. and Mrs. Kirby made many friends, who regret that they are moving from the county.

McKinley Hogland, of Gastonia, was sent to the coast artillery section of the army at Fort . Thomas, Ky., yesterday by the local army recruiting station, making a total of seven men sent to the army from this station within the week.

# COUNTY COMMENCEMENT HERE SATURDAY

The various county school contests will be held in Gastonia Saturday, thus marking the close of the public school year in Gaston. Most of the rural schools closed last Friday. A few which lost time during the winter are making it up and will close Friday of this week.

Following is a schedule of the contests, all of which will commence at 11 o'clock:

Debate, at courthouse, Prof. Joe R. Nixon in charge.

High School Recitation, at First Presbyterian church, Prof. J. S. Wray in charge. High School Declaration at Con-

High School Declamation, at Central school auditorium, Prof J. B. Henson in charge.

Spelling, at Main Street Methodist

church, Prof. R. A. Marsh in charge.
Oral Reproduction of Story, first
grades, in Mr. Grier's room at Central school, Miss Glenn in charge.
Oral Reproduction, grades two.
three and four, Miss Bradley's room,

Central school, Prof. M. L. Barnes in charge.

Grammar School Recitation, at First Baptist church.

Grammar School Declamation,

First Baptist church.

The basketball and baseball games will take place at the Loray Park between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Death of a Soldier.

Henry G. Hepburn, a member of Battery B, 16th Field Artillery, died at the base hospital at Camp Chronicle here at 3 o'clock yesterday morning of acute appendicitis, following a brief illness. His body was shipped to his former home at Baltimore, Md., for burial.

### Coffee Demonstration.

Temple Garden Products, coffees and teas, are being demonstrated this week at the store of the Star Grocery Company on South street. The demonstration will continue through Friday. Mr. S. D. O'Dell, the "man in red," is in charge of the display and states that he is much pleased with the reception he met with in Gastonia. Tea and coffee are being served at the demonstration counter and he invites the patrons of the store and others to come in and sample these delicious products. An advertisement of the demonstration appears in another column.

## GERMAN DRIVE SLACKENS,

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, April 2.—Another German drive in the direction of Arras is indicated by the developments of the past 36 hours in the great battle in Picardy. During a comparative lull both sides are rushing reinforcements of men and guns to the front. The German drive has slackened all along the line before the desperate resistance of the Allies.

## NOT TORPEDOED.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, April 2.—The Celtic,
which was reported in a cablegram
to the White Star office last evening
to have been torpedoed, was docked
today at a British port, according to
a cablegram received this afternoon.

## BOMBED PARIS AGAIN.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, April 2.—German airmen
bombed Paris again early today. Altogether about 60 machines attacked
the city beginning at 3 o'clock and
continuing until four.

## THE DEUTSCHLAND CAPTURED.

(By International News Service.)
AN ATLANTIS PORT, April 2.—
Captain Koening, commander of the German merchant ship Deutschland. is a prisoner in a British port and the Deutschland has been captured by the British, says a British ship's captain who arrived at this port today.

#### BACK AT THE FRONT. International News Service

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, April 2. — Col.
Douglas McArthur, division chief of
staff, who was recently wounded, is
again at the front. He was gased
while leading his men in a raid, but
has now entirely recovered.

# Community Song Festival.

A community song festival will be held at the East graded school Saturday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. Miss Harris, teacher of music in the city schools, will be in charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### NEW HEALTH OFFICER FOR PITT COUNTY.

Special to The Gazette.

Raleigh, N. C. April 1st—The State Board of Health announces the appointment of Dr. C. P. P. Fryer as whole-time health officer of Pitt county. Dr. Fryer comes to North Caselina from the State Board of Health of Florida and will be a valuable addition to the health forces of the State. He is a man of thorough training and wide experience in public health work, being a graduate of medicine of Willamette University and holding the degree of Doctor of Public Health from Tulane University. He has had experience in the practice of medicine and was for four years whole-time health officer of Cowlitz county. Washington, and for one year was a member of the United States Indian Service. Dr. Fryer comes to Pitt county from Florida, where he has been State Bacteriologist for the past

# HEROIC DEEDS BY BRITISH SOLDIERS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 2.—Numberless deeds of heroism mark the conduct of the British soldiers on the gigantic Picardy battle line. In the first German attack east of Arras certain Essex troops were cut off all around Facing German guns, with no way open for escape, they sent back word "we shall fight to the last man." So far as learned today all died facing the enemy.

### Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Apr. 3. — The debaters representing Dallas in the triangular debate, spoke last Friday night in Mt. Holly against Belmont, and in Belmont against Mt. Holly. They were losers at both places. All the speakers however acquitted themselves with great credit. The speakers representing Dallas were: At Belmont, affirmative: Nelle Craig and Irl Newton, at Mt. Holly, negative: Hugh Rhyne and Kelly Elmore.

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James Brown, of Camp Sevier,
Greenville, S. C., was here for a few
days last week.

The people of Dallas were entertained last Friday night by an interesting debate between Belmont and Mt. Holly, in the graded school auditorium. The speakers were for Mt. Holly, Ester Davenport and Earl Connel; for Belmont, Catherine Gaston and Leslie West. Mt. Holly was the winner. Prof. J. B. Henson presided over the meeting. The judges were Messrs. F. L. Carpenter, E. L. Houser and J. F. Puett.

Cecii C. Cornwell, a student of Trinity College, was in Dallas for the

Easter holidays.

The Dallas high school baseball team contested in two games with Cherryville high school last week. The first game was broken up on account of rain, in the fifth inning, Cherryville being the winner 14 to 3. The second game was a little more intresting, Cherryville winning, 12 to

Mr. C. E. Rhodes, a student of A. & E. College, was home Easter.
The girls basketball team was de-

feated by Crouse last Thursday in Crouse, by the score of 13 to 6.

Mr. Fritz, father of Rev. C. E. Fritz, was a visitor here recently.

An Easter service was given at the Lutheran church last Sunday night. A very large crowd heard the interesting program rendered.

The people of Dallas were surprised and grieved to learn last week that Prof. S. J. Kirby had accepted a position at Raleigh and would immediately take up work there. He was given a farewell dinner Monday by the senior domestic science class. Everyone is sorry to see him leave.

Miss Leona Kirby and Miss Grace McMillian and Miss Margaret Hood were recent visitors at the home of Prof. S. J. Kirby.

# LOCAL RECRUITING OFFICE SENDS SIX MEN AWAY

Six men have been sent to the army this week by the local recruiting office. Five of them were white and one colored. Hulbert Thompson, colored, of Rock Hill, S. C., enlisted here Sunday and was sent to the stevedore section at Fortress Monroe, Va. The other five left on No. 36 yesterday morning for Fort Thomas, Ky. They were Clarence P. Whisnant, of Rock Hill. S. C., and Ernest L. Summit, of Gastonia, to the medical department: Lester Eves and Fred Turner, of Bessemer City, to the coast artillery, and Robert L. Lee, of Bessemer City, to the infantry.

During the month of March 28 men were sent from the local recruiting office to the army.

## MORE CORN THIS YEAR.

WEST RALEIGH, April 3 .- North Carolina needs more corn this year than ever before in the history of the State. North Carolina should produce more corn this year than ever before in her history. She should do this in spite of a shortage of labor by paying more attention to better soil preparation and better fertilization. Mr. C. B. Williams, chief, Division of Agronomy, Agricultural Extension Service, states that these matters are of high importance, and that at least a 20 per cent increase in the number of bushels should be made. This can be done, he states, and no effort must be spared to bring it about. If it is a normal season and the corn is given better cultivation and more intelligent fertilization the increase can

Nothwithstanding the high price of fertilizers, it would pay to use them where the eorn needs more plant food. The advances in price of corn has been considerably more than the advance in price of fertilizer materials, and if a small increase of from 100 to 150 pounds of fertilizer per acre is wisely used, a good increase in the yields of corn will be made at a considerably less price than will be the value of the increases in the yields of grain, brought about through the use of the fertilization. Especially is this true when the soil is given careful preparation and corn is well cultivated.

# IN SOCIAL CIRCLES IS ONLY ANOTHER

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

GASTONIA, N. C. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 3, 1918.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association will be held at 3:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week, April 5th, in the auditorium of the Central raded school, All members are urgently requested to be present.

# ENJOYED AN OUTING AT ARMSTRONG PARK.

The class of boys in the First Presbyterian Sunday School of which Mrs. R. C. McLean is teacher, Misses Mildred Rankin and Vista Lindsay assistant teachers, enjoyed a most pleasant outing in the nature of an egg fry at Armstrong Park Monday afternoon. Those present, besides the teachers, were I. N. Alexander, Jr., Wm. Bradley, Dan Brawley, Reid Brawley, John Craig, John Rankin Falls, Wm. Garabaldi, Billie Glenn, Ralph Glenn, Leon Kendrick, Glenn Kindley, Ralph Kincaid, Robert Kincaid, Andrew Love, Dan McConnell, Robert Morris, Leroy Page, Henry Ratchford, Martin S. Reid, Alfred Robinson, J. Lee Robinson, Jr., Lindley Rutter, Russell Talley, Clarence Underwood, Robert Grier, Billie Warren, Robert Glenn, Frost Lineberger, Gilmore Kincaid, Paul Kincaid, Roy Deal, Claude Rhyne, Forrest Herndon, Neal Hanks, Quinn Mc-Combs, Joe Jordan and Walter Pharr.

#### BOOK CAMPAIGN WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

The campaign which was conducted by the Gastonia Library Association to secure books for the soldiers in Camp Chronicle was a decided success. The committee wishes to thank the Boy Scouts and the girls who so willingly assisted in the work by making an active collecting canvass Monday. More than 500 volumes besides magazines, were secured, and it is hoped that further contributions will be made. The books are being held at the local library to be sent to Camp Chronicle as soon as arrangements for them can be made. It is impossible for the committee to publish the names of all who gave books or eash contributions, but they wish to especially commend the Clara Mill Sunday School, which gave the entire collection one Sunday to the good cause. The campaign is still open, and any who wish to contribute either books or money can send same to the library or notify the librarian, Miss Blake, by telephone.

### LINCOLNTON GIRL MARRIES IN TEXAS,

Thursday's Lincoln County News

Sgt. Adolph F. Kaufmann, Jr., of Camp Bowfe, Fort Worth, but formerly of Kennedy, Texas, and Miss Nannette Rudisill. of Lincolnton, were married in the parlors of the Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, March 16th. Rev. C. W. Webdell of Travis Park Methodist church offici-

Sergt. Kaufman before he enlisted with headquarters held a responsible position with the First State Bank & Trust Co., Kennedy, Texas. He is a young man of sterling qualities and is especially noted for his thoroughness and ability as a business man.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rudisill, of Lincolnton. She is popular and attractive and has many friends in this State and in Texas who wish her well. Sergt. and Mrs. Kaufman will be at home in Fort Worth until his departure for France.

### MISS EMMA STOWE MARRIED TO MR. RALPH KENDRICK.

Miss Emma Stowe and Private Ralph Kendrick, of Camp Jackson. Columbia, S. C., took their many friends by surprise when they were married in Charlotte Monday night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Sibley, pastor of the North Graham Street Presbyterian church Members of the families of the contracting parties and perhaps a few intimate friends knew that they were planning to be married sometime but the plans were kept secret. Mr. Kendrick wired his bride-to-be Monday to meet him in Charlotte. Mrs. Wiley Hanna accompanied her was present at the marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick came to Gastonia Monday night and will be with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Madison Kendrick, on the New Hope road until the last of the week when Mr. Kendrick has to return to his duty. Mrs. Kendrick will accompany him to Columbia.

The groom is well known here. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stowe, of the New Hope section. For the past three years she has been a saleslady at Belk's and H. P. Stowe's and has many friends here. She is a young lady of attractive personality—Both have the best wishes of many admiring friends for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Since the declaration of war 1,591 employees of the Department of Commerce have entered military and naval services.

Reports are received every two weeks by the food administration from the 19 binder twine establishments of the country. According to a recent statement there will be an ample supply of twine for the 1918 harvest.

# S ONLY ANOTHER "PEACE FEFLER"

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 3. — Count
Czernin's latest announcement before the Vienna municipal council
that the peace views of President
Wilson are identic with those of the
Austrian emperor awakened only
small interest in Washington. It is
believed that this is only another
"peace feeler." Official Washington
is convinced that the Austrian government is entirely dominated by

# COLORED SELECTMEN GIVEN ROUSING FAREWELL

Singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,,' "Sometime We'll Understand" and other familiar songs and hymns, Gastonia's colored population gave a rousing farewell to the thirty colored men who left here Monday afternoon for Camp Grant, Ills., to enter the National Army. The occasion took on the proportions of an informal reception. It was held at the eastern end of the Southern passenger depot and lasted for fully three-quarters of an hour just prior to the arrival of No. 45 to which was attached a special car for the accommodation of the drafted men.

Mounted on an express truck Rev. J. A. Rollins, principal of the colored graded school; Rev. D. J. Avery and pastors of the other colored churches, with G. C. Caldwell, as master of ceremonies, made short talks to the men, exhorting them to acquit themselves like men and to do their level best in defense of their country. Prayer was offered for them by Rev.

selves like men and to do their level best in defense of their country. Prayer was offered for them by Rev. D. J. Avery.

Gathered around the station were perhaps a thousand colored people, mothers and fathers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts of the men who were 'leaving. While occasionally there was seen a tear-dimmed eye

there was seen a tear-dimmed eye the crowd was as a whole in a most optimistic frame of mind and there was no audible weeping or mourning. On the rear of the special car, which was at the end of the train, was a pile of baskets and boxes containing lunches and delicacies which the friends and relatives had brought for the men to enjoy on the long trip. The men themselves were in good spirits and apparently were leaving with a determination to do their

duty.
Out of 45 summoned to report to the board Monday morning and from whom 30 were taken for this instalment, it is significant that only one registrant failed to show up. Fortyfour were right there on the dot.

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Following is a list of the men who
went on this train:
David Keerans, Joe Hunter, Curtis
Johnson, Floyd Clark, George Hanks,
Alonzo Falls, Frank Duncen, Willia

Johnson, Floyd Clark, George Hanks, Alonzo Falls, Frank Duncan, Willie Borders, William Henry Smith, Wallace Earl Costner, Henry Walter Graham, Ferdinand Virgil Watson, Sam Jim Knox, Floyd Collins Jamison, William Manuel Froneberger, Charlie Stringfellow, William Rankin, Benjamin McLeary, Ernest Stowe, Fred Johnson, Lum Wilson, Hays Nelson, John Thomas Finger, Judge Mackson, Tom Williams, Ulysses Napoleon Jackson, Henry Harrison, Joseph Westbrook, Giles Froneberger, Will Elms.\*

# GASTONIA DEBATERS TO GO TO CHAPEL HILL

Gastonia's high school representatives in the triangular debates, held last Friday night did themselves proud. As a result of their excellent work Gastonia will be represented in the final debating contest at the University at Chapel Hill April 10th. Both the affirmative and the negative teams were victorious. Miss Clara Brawley and Mr. Robertson LaFar constituted the affirmative team and met and defeated Lincolnton at Shel-Miss Myrtle Warren and Mr. Robert Boyd represented the negative and defeated Shelby at Lincolnton. From these four representatives will be chosen to go to Chapel Hill to try for the final honors.

Local high school pupils demonstrated their superiority in lines other than debate also. They won in every township preliminary contest in story telling, short story writing, oral reproduction of story, etc. That they will hold up their end of the line nobly in the finals in May is expected.

## FOUND A "JOKER."

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, April 2, — The
discovery of a "joker" in the third
Liberty Loan bond authorization bill
passed by the House Saturday threw
the bill back into the House for reconsideration this afternoon. The
joker would have exempted from local and State taxation all banks buying Liberty Loan bonds in amounts
equal to their capital and surplus.

—Rev. W. S. Hammeter, of Blackstock, S. C., will preach at New Hope Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

# ON ALL DAYS

WITH LACH PURCHASE OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOHE USE YOU HEST BUY ALSO AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF OTHER CREAKS



# SOLDIERS' REST ROOM TO BE OPENED FRIDAY

For the comfort, pleasure and benefit of the soldiers at Camp Chronicle here, a well-equipped rest room, representing the spontaneous voluntary gift of the citizens of Gastonia, will be thrown open Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It is located on the ground floor of the Rankin building at the corner of West Main avenue and York street.

Forming a part of the equipment of the establishment are twelve shower baths, two with hot water and ten with cold water; twelve lockers, two toilet rooms, writing and reading tables, stationery, books and periodicals. Mr. John Redford has been appointed custodian of the rooms, which will be open from 3 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. daily.

Mr. J. H. Separk, chairman of the committee appointed to secure and equip these rooms, and the other members of the committee have seen to it that every possible convenience is installed for the benefit of the soldiers. Workmen are now putting on the finishing touches. The rooms will be thrown open Friday morning at 10 o'clock to the ladies who have volunteered to arrange and decorate the rooms.

This rest room represents a free will offering of the citizens of Gastonia to the soldiers, to whom it is entirely free. The committee charged with its establishment was appointed recently at a conference composed of the ministers of the city and representatives of all of the women's organizations of Gastonia.

# GASTON MAN NOT GUILTY OF CHARGE OF DISLOYALTY

Robert L. Lineberger, of Dallas, was declared not guilty of the charge of disloyalty and giving utterance to pro-German views after a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Cobb in Charlotte yesterday afternoon. Attorney George B. Mason, of Gastonia, represented

the defendant.

Commissioner Cobb stated that the evidence presented at the hearing failed to support the charge against Lineberger and the opinion was expressed that there was animosity behind the reports that led to Lineberger's arrest.

Lineberger was arrested Monday afternoon by a secret service agent and was taken to Charlotte where he was released on bond for his appearance yesterday. Until a few days ago he had held the position of blacksmith for the county chaingang. He quit that job with the intention, it is said, of going to Norfolk to work in the shipyards. At his trial yesterday there were 25 or 30 Gaston county men present who testified to Lineberger's good character and his loyalty.

# SITE IS PURCHASED FOR THE MYRTLE MILLS

Surveyors were busy yesterday surveying the site just west of the city recently purchased for the Myrtle Mills. The tract covers 38 acres, of which 26 and 1-2 acres were purchased from Judge William H. Lewis, 10 acres from Edward and A. F. Whitesides and one and a half acres from A. G. Bcheler. The mill buildings will be located between the county road and the Southern Railway, about opposite the present location of Judge Lewis' residence. The dwellings for operatives will be on the south side of the county road.

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The Gazette is informed that material for the buildings is expected to begin coming in this week, and construction work will begin soon with a view to having the mill ready for operation in the late fall.

# TAKE GERMAN . PRISONERS AND GUNS.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 2,—Two German counter assaults, delivered at a point on their salient between the Luce and Avre rivers, were shattered by the British artillery, the War Office reported today. The Germans lost heavily during the fighting in that sector. The British captured 50 prisoners and 13 machine guns. In the Hebuterne sector the British raided the enemy lines, capturing 70 Germans. During Monday evening the Germans delivered thrusts in the same sector, but were thrown back. The British successfully raided the West Flanders front. Fighting has again died down on the British part

—Prafer meeting services at the First Presbyterian church tonight at 7:30, new time.