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**ON WHEATLESS DAYS**  
USE NO BREAD CRACKERS,  
BISCUITS OR BREAKFAST  
FOODS CONTAINING  
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**ON ALL DAYS**  
WITH EACH PURCHASE OF  
WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE  
YOU MUST BUY ALSO AN EQUAL  
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### THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN ALL IN READINESS FOR THE CAMPAIGN

**Drive Starts Tomorrow With National Wide Celebration**—President Signs the Bill—Bonds Will Mature in Ten Years—Campaign to Continue Four Weeks, Ending May Fourth.

Washington, April 4.—The legislative foundation for the third Liberty loan was laid tonight when Congress completed and President Wilson signed the bill authorizing issuance of additional bonds at 4-4-4 per cent.

Earlier in the day the treasury announced that the bonds would be matured in ten years, that the loan campaign, opening Saturday, will continue four weeks until May 4, and that after the initial payment of 5 per cent on subscription, installments of 20, 35 and 40 per cent would be due, respectively, on May 26, July 18 and August 15. The amount is \$3,000,000,000 and over-subscriptions, and the only remaining details to be determined by the treasury are the arrangements for conversion of bonds of the first and second loans into third Liberty bonds.

### FINAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Final county organization for the drive for the third Liberty loan was effected at a long meeting held by the county executive committee and presided over by County Chairman W. T. Love yesterday afternoon. The next task is the organization of committees in each community and this work is now going forward rapidly. The quota for Gaston county and its apportionment will be announced in Monday's Gazette. Mr. Fred M. Allen is county secretary. Mr. J. Lee Robinson is executive committeeman for the Gastonia district, Mr. R. R. Ray for McAdenville, Dr. S. A. Wilkins for Dallas district, Mr. M. L. Mauney and Mr. S. L. Kiser for the Cherryville district, Mr. A. C. Linberger for the Belmont district, Mr. J. A. Costner for the Mt. Holly district, Mr. S. E. McNeely for the Bessemer City district, Mr. Fred Rhyne for Stanley, Mr. A. Q. Kale for High Shoals, Mr. C. M. Robinson for Lowell, Mr. J. R. Rogers for Lucia, Mr. Press Stroup for Alexis, Mr. H. A. Costner for Worth. Mr. C. D. Welch for Mayworth.

### FURIOUS FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, April 5.—Heavy German assaults flung along the 60-mile front between the Somme and Avre rivers have broken the stagnation that has lasted for several days in the gigantic battle on the Picardy front. Fighting continues today with extreme violence.

### CHANGES IN GROVES MILL MANAGEMENT

A deal was recently consummated whereby Mr. A. G. Myers and Mr. A. G. Mangum acquired stock in the Groves Mill and are now actively identified with that corporation. Mr. Myers as president and Mr. Mangum as vice-president and both as members of the board of directors. They were elected to these positions at a recent meeting of the board of directors. Mr. L. F. Groves retires as president and treasurer on account of ill health, which necessitates his giving up active business. Mr. Henry H. Groves was elected secretary and treasurer and was also elected a member of the board of directors to succeed Mr. L. L. Jenkins.

### THE WAR SITUATION AS IT WAS YESTERDAY

No break has occurred in the lull on the British section of the great Picardy battle line. Artillery activity is reported from some points in West Flanders and elsewhere, and the big guns are active in the Menin and Paschendaele sectors, but there has been no infantry fighting. There is no change in the general situation. It is becoming more evident every day that the German drive has been definitely checked. Despite stormy weather the Allied armies are extremely active all along the 90-mile front. Many German planes are being shot down daily, while observations are being carried out on all the sectors. Behind the German front Allied observers report indications that the Germans are preparing for another effort against Amiens. Dispatches from Amsterdam state that the Kaiser is worried over the situation and that the inability of the German armies to gain more ground in the face of their heavy losses is having a grave effect upon the morale of the German soldiers.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS' MEETING

Transacting much business, the directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held a busy April meeting yesterday afternoon. Present were President C. B. Armstrong, Vice Presidents J. H. Kennedy and Fred L. Smyre, and directors J. H. Separk, A. M. Dixon, W. T. Rankin, E. N. Hahn, J. W. Atkins, D. M. Jones.

Chairman Kennedy reported that his committee had completed the raising of the special \$3,000 fund for the financing of the budget and publicity purposes and the committee received a vote of appreciation for its splendid work. The other members are Messrs. D. M. Jones and J. H. Separk.

The request of the executive secretary that an auditing committee be named and that a quarterly audit be made of the books, the results of the audit to be sent to the membership was granted. Messrs. S. N. Boyce and A. G. Myers were named on the committee.

Mr. R. K. Davenport and Col. C. B. Armstrong were endorsed as delegates to the Bankhead Highway meeting in Little Rock. Mr. Davenport goes as the representative of the county unit and Col. Armstrong as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

Approval was given the suggestion of the secretary that a bulletin be issued to members when there is information which they should have.

Chairman W. T. Rankin, of the Artillery Range committee, made an interesting report, and final details yet to be settled were left to him and the secretary.

A committee composed of Messrs. A. E. Woltz, C. D. Gray and M. F. Kirby made a report regarding Referendum No. 24 of the United States Chamber of Commerce and it was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce is desirous that the best results possible be attained in the drive for the Third Liberty Loan, and

Whereas, the payment of excess profit war taxes in this county on June 15th will impose a heavy burden upon the textile interests of the county, as many of them will have to borrow to meet the payment, as they have large investments in raw material, and

Whereas, this will undoubtedly have the effect of preventing these corporations from subscribing as heavily to the Third Liberty Loan as they might desire, this condition existing generally over the country. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, Inc., that the request be made that the Federal Government permit the payment of these taxes in three equal installments of one-third each on June 15th, July 15th, and August 15th. Such action would prove of great relief to them and would enable them to subscribe to much larger sums of the Third Liberty Loan than would otherwise be possible.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent at once to the professional government officials.

### GERMANY TAKES OVER ROUMANIA'S OIL WELLS

(By International News Service.)  
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### COUNTY SCHOOL CONTESTS TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the day set apart for the various county school contests, all of which will be held in Gastonia. These contests will begin at eleven o'clock and will be held at the following places:

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

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

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 and grammar school declamation contests, First Baptist church, Prof. H. C. Sisk in charge.

### TO INVESTIGATE WIRE COMPANIES

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, April 5.—Forty-three telegraph and cable companies of the United States were made the subjects of investigation in an order filed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Property owned, its value and use, any increases or decreases in stocks, bonds or other securities and monies received through the issuance of securities will be scrutinized. Syndicating, banking and other financial arrangements under which such issues have been made and the expense incurred will also be searched into. It is believed that this is the first step toward taking over the telegraph and cable lines in the United States by the government.

### VON KUEHLMANN TO MAKE PEACE SPEECH

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, April 5.—The peace speech of Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, will be followed shortly by a similar address by Foreign Minister Kuehlmann. It is learned today. German newspapers "expect his utterances to make a good impression in all German circles."

### SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. C. T. Cornwell, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Prof. Joe R. Nixon, of Cherryville, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Mr. J. Ross Ratchford, of Belmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mrs. W. J. Leaptrott is spending today in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. J. R. Blackburn.

—Mr. W. B. Guy, of Ware Shoals, S. C., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. C. Quickel.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Moore, Mrs. Robert Dulin and Mrs. D. M. Ford, of Clover, were in town shopping Wednesday.

—Messrs. Gordon Kincaid, Rufus Johnston and T. J. Brawley, of the University, are spending a few days with homefolks this week.

—Mrs. F. S. Morrow has gone to Spartanburg to join her husband, Sergeant Morrow, who is stationed at Camp Wadsworth.

—Mr. T. H. White, a former Gastonian now living at Bamburg, S. C., is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Bruce Rhyne.

—There will be two morning services at St. Michael's Catholic church on next Sunday, April 8, the first at 9:30, the second at eleven.

—Mrs. W. C. Davis returned yesterday from Winston-Salem, where she spent two weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. T. M. Benton.

—Miss Lola Woltz, of Mount Airy, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning to spend the week-end with the family of her uncle, Mr. A. E. Woltz.

—Rev. E. N. LeBlanc, former rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, but who is now located in Philadelphia, is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

—Mrs. C. C. Beam had as her guests this week her sisters, Mrs. M. H. Lohr, of Hickory, and Mrs. K. E. Sherrill, of Hot Springs, who left this morning for their respective homes.

—Mrs. C. P. Johnson has returned from a visit of several weeks to her husband, Sergeant C. P. Johnson, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., and is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stilwell.

—Mr. Harry Fink, of Galveston, Texas, and Miss Ruby Mashburn, of Quitman, Ga., were married at the parsonage of Main Street Methodist church Wednesday evening at six o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. H. Jordan.

—Mrs. Ada S. Rhyne has as her guests this week her father, Esquire Thomas H. White, her sister, Mrs. L. W. Spake, and the latter's children, who are en route from Bamberg, S. C., to Lancaster, S. C., where Mr. Spake has accepted a position in the Springs Mills.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shuford have as their guest today the latter's nephew, Bonnie G. Rowe, of the U. S. battleship North Dakota, stationed at Fortress Monroe, Va. Mr. Rowe has been on a visit to his home at Buford, Ga., and is en route back to his post of duty.

—Mr. C. C. Craig, a member of Gaston Lodge No. 263 A. F. and A. M., Dallas, has been commissioned as district deputy grand master for the twenty-eighth district composed of Gaston and Lincoln counties and will, within a few weeks, begin to visit lodges in this district for inspection.

—Word has been received by Mrs. B. L. Hicks from her son, Anderson M. Hicks, that he has arrived in France. He is in the aviation corps, having volunteered for special service as a brick mason. Another son of Mrs. Hicks, Lloyd Hicks, is now in training for service at Camp Jackson, having gone with the last increment of selectmen from Kannapolis.

—"I'd rather spend that money for War Savings Stamps" said little Miss Catherine Coon yesterday when her mother asked her if she wanted to go see "The Birth of a Nation." Miss Katherine is about nine years old and is a favorite at the boarding house conducted by her mother, Mrs. W. L. Coon. She is a thoroughgoing young American and patriotic to the core.

### GERMAN SHELL STOPPED SAMMIES' BALL GAME

(By International News Service.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 4.—A German shell which burst over the diamond this morning interrupted a ball game the Americans were playing. The players miraculously escaped death. The Germans vigorously shelled parts of the front northwest of Toul but the bombardment had little effect. Clearing weather is causing activity among the airmen. Several biplanes attempted to cross our lines but were repulsed by the American fire.

### Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**BESSEMER CITY, Route 2, April 1.**—Aunt Betsy Kiser, mother of Mrs. D. H. Harmon, is very feeble at this writing.

Mr. William Holland, who has been quite ill from pneumonia, is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carpenter moved to this vicinity last Friday from Lincolnton, route five.

Quite a number from this section attended the singing convention at Shady Grove last Sunday and report a most enjoyable time.

The next convention will be held at Mount Beulah Baptist church on the fifth Sunday in June.

Mr. Sample Hager was a visitor to Gastonia Saturday.

Messrs. Paul and Henry Kiser, Misses Geneva, Maude, Maggie and Lorena Kiser spent Easter with their uncle, Dr. Will Kiser, at Henry.

Miss Mary Hager is spending the week with relatives in Cherryville.

**Five Dogs and no Land or Pig.**

**Shelby News.**

In Shelby township here lives a clever and thoughtless tenant, who owns and pays taxes on five dogs, no land and no pig does he possess. For many years has he farmed in Cleveland county, but has never been able to buy land, even through the aid of the building and loan associations that lend money on lands. Why he has such a strong affection for his dogs five, I know not. Whether it is an index of his character and thriftlessness, I know not, but it is clear that ownership of less dogs and more pigs would be more conducive to his food and prosperity.

**A Good Example.**

Raleigh News and Observer.

Jefferson county, Arkansas, set an example for the whole country when its food dealers held a meeting, voted to turn over all the flour in the wholesale and retail houses of the county to the government and, effective at once, to stop handling wheat flour. This county has given conclusive proof that it bears worthily the name of Jefferson. Named after a great apostle of democracy it has shown that it is prepared to make sacrifices and to make them gladly for democracy. The spirit of Jefferson county, Arkansas, is the spirit which should animate all the people.

Read "Over the Top."

### CREEL'S NIGHTWATCHMAN MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED

(By International News Service.)  
WASHINGTON, April 4.—James King, night watchman at the Creel Public Information Bureau, was shot to death this morning in a hallway of the building. The scene of the tragedy was almost directly across the street from the White House. The first theory was that King was murdered by a German spy who was surprised while trying to secure valuable information believed to be locked in the safes in the Creel bureau. Later developments, however, caused the police officials to believe that the killing was the result of a quarrel between King and negro help in the building, among whom he had made a number of enemies. A negro char woman saw King stagger along the hallway and fall dead but did not see the actual shooting. She gave the alarm.

### GERMANS WERE REPULSED.

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, April 4.—Increasing violence today marks the artillery duels along the front in Picardy, especially north of Montdidier, north of Rheims in the Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse the French have entered the German trenches, capturing some prisoners and machine guns. The Germans tried to make a raid on the French trenches in Avocourt wood, but were repulsed.

—Mrs. J. L. Carraway, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here with her mother, Mrs. E. F. Glenn.

### LUTHERAN SYNODS MAY COMBINE.

Special to The Gazette.

LINCOLN, April 4.—The North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met here yesterday, the first session beginning at 10 a. m. On the day before a colloquium was held with a representation from the Southern Conference of the North Carolina Synod with a view to consolidating the two bodies into one Synod. The following were present from the North Carolina Synod: Revs. W. A. Lutz, R. A. Goodman, N. D. Brodie, L. A. Thomas, Prof. G. F. McAllister, Dr. E. A. Reppas.

After a full and free discussion of the points at issue, several resolutions were adopted which, it is hoped, will aid the two synods in forming the desired union.

Besides the regular routine business an interesting program is being rendered each day with divine services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The sermons are good, the discussions interesting and the hospitality given by the members of Emanuel congregation to the members of the conference is unbounded. The conference expects to close its work Friday afternoon.

### LUCIA LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LUCIA, April 4.—Mrs. J. R. Rogers is still quite sick.

Misses Lula Belle and Edna Black spent the week-end at home.

A nice Easter exercise was rendered at Snow Hill Sunday night after which the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sharpe, made a very appropriate address.

Miss Hattie Gibson is spending a while with her aunt, Mrs. N. A. McIntosh, before returning to her home in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson, of Mount Holly, visited Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McIntosh Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Rogers and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rogers.

Miss Velma McIntosh of Charlotte, and Miss Lucile McIntosh, of Mount Holly, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIntosh.

The teachers took all the children for a picnic Monday afternoon. They all enjoyed it very much.

Miss Gladys Dellinger gave a nice commencement exercise at the close of her school Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. McIntosh spent Easter with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Allison.

Mr. Earle Connell was a Lucia visitor Wednesday.

### SINKINGS ON THE DECREASE.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, April 4.—The sinking of six British vessels over five fishing vessels during the past week bears out the claims of the British Admiralty that the losses of ships are steadily decreasing.

**USING BRAZILIAN WARSHIPS.**

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, April 4.—A number of Brazilian warships are being sent to reinforce the Allies in their naval operations against submarines.

### ALABAMA BANK CASHIER KILLED.

(By International News Service.)  
MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 5.—Reuben Kelley, cashier of the Bank of Tuskegee, was killed last night on a mountain road, seven miles out, when his automobile turned over into a ditch. There was one other occupant of the machine who escaped uninjured.

### TODAY'S COTTON

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, April 5.—The cotton market opened today with May contracts selling at 34.35, October at 32.38.

**To Attend Grand Lodge.**

At the regular meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held last night, Mr. Frank C. Abernethy was elected as representative of the lodge to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in Wilmington May 21, with Mr. J. E. McAllister as alternate.

Read "Over the Top."