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ALLIED ARMIES REPULSE ONRUSH OF TEUTON HORDES

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, April 19.—The Germans renewed attacks on both ends of the Flanders battlefield late Thursday, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Determined efforts were made by the Germans to take Kemmel Ridge, just west of the lower end of Messines Ridge, but they broke down under British fire. On the Southern flank the Germans concentrated their pressure around Givenchy, in the sector of the La Bassée Canal, but they were repulsed there also. Confidence runs higher than ever in London and Paris over the brilliant stand of the Allied armies on the Flanders front and the magnificent success gained by the French in front of Amiens.

The Germans have thrown a hundred and twenty-five thousand men in solid ranks against the British railroad at Bethune in a desperate lunge but they failed to gain any ground. The French have opened a bombardment against German positions on a 55-mile front which is being carried out with great intensity with guns of all calibre. The Canadians are proving themselves superior at every point against the Boches.

SPLENDID PROGRAM FOR KHAKI CONCERT

Below is given in full the program for the Khaki Concert to be given under the auspices of Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. at the Central school auditorium this evening at 8:30 o'clock for the benefit of the soldier's rest room.

The program is as follows:
Violin Solo, Selected, Mr. Don Gorham.
Vocal Solo, "Anchored," Mr. John S. James.
Vocal Quartette, Selected, Messrs. Kosakowsky, Buck, Davis, Boggie.
Vocal Solo, "Lovely Spring," Miss Ruth Mason.
Violin Duet, Selected, Miss Atkins, Mr. Gorham.
Vocal Solo, "Blow, Blow Thou Wintry Wind," Mr. John S. James.
Vocal Quartette, Selected, Messrs. Kosakowsky, Buck, Davis, Boggie.
Vocal Solo, "Bend Low, O Dusky Night," Miss Ruth Mason.
Vocal Solo, "Dixie Volunteer," Mr. Kosakowsky.
Vocal Duet, "I Would That My Love," Miss Jane Morris, Mr. John S. James.
Vocal Solo, "O Heart of Mine," Miss Ruth Mason.
Vocal Solo, Selected, Mr. John S. James.
Vocal Quartette, Selected, Messrs. Kosakowsky, Buck, Davis, Boggie.
"America."

SLASHER AT OLD MILL EXPLODED YESTERDAY

Employees of the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Co.'s plant (the Old Mill) were startled yesterday morning shortly after going to work by a loud explosion, which was described by some of them as sounding "just like bombs dropping from airships."
Too much steam pressure on the slasher had caused it to explode or rather to blow the ends out. The windows in the room were shattered and a heavy joist above was broken nearly in two. Fortunately no one was injured. An employee, Mr. Sanders, was standing a few feet away at the door connecting the slasher room with the main part of the building. Luckily the force of the explosion was in the opposite direction from him.
Aside from a possible slight hitch in operations pending the installation of a new slasher, the damage was not large.

PRIMARIES SATURDAY GASTONIA AND GASTON

INTEREST IN POLITICAL EVENT SMALL

Probably Because of War Conditions People Generally Apparently But Little Interested in Approaching Democratic Primary or Any Other Political Event—Contests for Offices of Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Commissioner and House—Primary Begins at 1 O'clock and Closes at Sunset.

With the greatest war in the world's history going on it is not surprising to find that people are not in a mood to get excited over politics. Tomorrow is the day for the Democratic county primaries and yet one has heard very little about it. In ordinary times a county primary is something to cause talk. No so at this time.

As is very often the case the race for the sheriff's office is perhaps the hottest if the word "hot" can be applied to any of the contests. Sheriff Davis is not a candidate for reelection. Since the running began one candidate, I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville, has dropped out. The candidates who are still running are J. W. Carroll, chief of police of Gastonia; G. V. Lohr, deputy sheriff, of Dallas, and Junius R. Beam, of Gastonia.

Scarcely less spirited than the sheriff's race is that for the office of clerk of court. C. C. Cornwell, who is rounding out twenty consecutive years of service in this office, in which he has made a State-wide reputation for efficiency, is not a candidate. Three men in the Democratic ranks are seeking to fall heir to his toga. They are David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville; S. C. Hendricks, of Cherryville; and E. Lee Wilson, of Gastonia.

There is a local fight on in Dallas township for the offices of county commissioner. J. W. Summey and John F. Puett are trying conclusions for this place. In Gastonia township R. Grady Rankin, only recently appointed to fill out the expired term of County Commissioner W. T. Love, is a candidate for the nomination to succeed himself and has no opposition. River Bend township is the only other one of the townships which names a commissioner this year. There is no avowed candidate for the nomination but it is understood that the voters of that township have, by common consent, selected R. K. Davenport, present commissioner from that township and chairman of the board, to succeed himself.

Gastonia county has two representatives in the lower house of the General Assembly and, until this week, there were only two avowed candidates for those places, namely S. A. Wilkins, of Dallas, and Matthew A. Stroup, of Cherryville. Isaac A. White, of Bessemer City, this week announced his candidacy for the House and as a result there will be a contest.

Register of Deeds O. B. Carpenter and Treasurer Carl Finger have no opposition in the primary for nomination to succeed themselves.
There are no avowed candidates for the offices of county surveyor or coroner.
The primary will commence at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will close at sunset. The county convention, or ratify the results of the primary, will be held in Gastonia the following Saturday, the 27th.

ONE DAY'S WORK RAISED 50 PER CENT

With reports still lacking from the majority of the sections of the county, it is quite evident that the drive made yesterday resulted in raising probably 50 per cent of Gaston county's quota of \$418,700. It is believed by the organization that a big push during the next few days, backed by the solid and patriotic support of the people of the county, will carry Gaston well "over the top." County Chairman W. T. Love is preparing for the "big drive."

Many and pleasing reports came in yesterday from some of the country school districts of Gastonia township to Township Chairman J. Lee Robinson. It is evident that many farmers in some of these districts placed themselves upon the honor roll of Liberty Bond buyers.
Reports from the town committees will not be in hand fully until tonight. One especially pleasing report received by Township Chairman Robinson was that from the committee in charge of the territory including the Spencer Lumber Co. Mr. G. Rush Spencer spoke briefly to his men, explaining the need of buying bonds and urging them to buy as a patriotic duty. He stated that for those who wished to buy but were not in a position to do so that the company would assist them. Every employee, white and colored, placed his name on the list for bonds. This is a most excellent showing and sets a splendid example.
—Miss Gertrude Courtney, of Hickory, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson on West Main avenue.
—Miss Sue Ramsey Johnston will arrive this afternoon from the State Normal College, Greensboro, to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnston.

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Born
On Sunday, April 14, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Todd, a son. Mrs. Todd and baby are at Charlotte Sanatorium.
On Thursday, April 18, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Padgett, a daughter.

No Court Next Week.
Gaston Superior Court, which has been in session since Monday morning for the trial of civil cases with Judge B. F. Long presiding, will complete its work this week. Judge Long has instructed Sheriff Davis to notify jurors who had been summoned for next week that they need not attend.

Has Arrived Overseas.
Friends of Henry G. Mauney, a son of Mrs. Sidney E. Mauney, now of Alamo, Ga., but a former resident of Gastonia, will be interested to learn that cards have been received from him announcing his safe arrival overseas. He is a member of Company C, 9th Bn., 20th Engineers.

Died in Charlotte Hospital.
Yesterday afternoon's Charlotte News says:
"Holmes Toomey, aged 29, a mill operative from Gastonia, died at a local hospital Tuesday after a brief illness.
The Deceased was a son of J. J. Toomey, of Gastonia. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery today."

Patriotic Service.
We are requested to announce that there will be a patriotic service at the Bessemer City Methodist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of special music and addresses. A service flag is to be presented to the church by Mrs. S. J. Durham, and Mr. S. J. Durham will make the speech or presentation. All are cordially invited to attend.

Another Knitting Mill.
Dr. L. N. Patrick will commence the erection within the next few days of a building at the corner of South street and West Sixth avenue which will house a new knitting mill. Dr. Patrick is the principal stockholder. A charter will be applied for within a few days. The paid-in capital stock will be \$15,000 and the authorized capital stock \$50,000. This will be Gastonia's second knitting mill, the first, the Standard, having been in operation for some months.

Presbytery Adjourns.
The Kings Mountain Presbytery, which convened in the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night, adjourned at noon Thursday. Of local interest was the action of the Presbytery in electing Mr. A. Robinson, of Gastonia, to the board of trustees of Davidson College, also the election of Elder J. H. Kennedy, of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. J. Roach, pastor of the Lora Y. Presbyterian church, as representatives of the Presbytery in the General Assembly, which is to meet at Durant, Okla., on May 16.

Pigeons Bear Messages.
Yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: "Carrier pigeons are now being utilized as messenger bearers from the artillery regiments engaged in firing practice at the artillery range, near Gastonia, to Camp Greene, it was learned yesterday at the camp. These pigeons are being trained to carry messages over battlefields. Rapid progress is being made in their training, which first was started by taking them only a mile or so from camp and liberating them. Now they make the 28-mile trip from the range to headquarters of Major General Cameron, commanding, in a few minutes. These beautiful little birds are wonderfully swift fliers."

BABER-BOYLES MARRIAGE AT SHELBY.
Miss Janet Davis returned home yesterday from Shelby where she attended the marriage of her cousin, Mr. Wilbur Baber and Miss Iris Boyles. The wedding was a very quiet home affair on account of the recent death of the groom's father, the late Mr. B. A. Baber. Only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessed the taking of the vows. Rev. C. A. Wood, pastor of the Shelby Methodist church, officiated. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Ella Boyles and is a very popular young lady of Shelby. The groom is an employee of the postoffice at that place and is a prominent business man. Both have a large circle of friends, including not a few in Gaston county. They left soon after the ceremony, which took place Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, for a brief bridal trip after which they will be at home in Shelby.

—Rev. E. L. Egger, of Terrell, Texas, arrived in the city Wednesday night and joined Mrs. Egger as the guest of Mrs. L. C. Davis. Mr. Egger will be here until May 2, when he goes to Atlanta to attend the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, being a delegate from his conference in Texas. After the adjournment of the General Conference Mrs. Egger will join him and they will return to Texas.

BAKER WRITES LETTER TO PERSHING'S FORCES

"We Are Building a Great Army to Vindicate a Great Cause," Says Secretary—Pershing Appreciative.
With the American Army in France, April 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Pershing today made public the following letter dated France, April 7, sent by Secretary of War Baker to the officers and men of the American expeditionary forces:

"After a thorough inspection of the American expeditionary forces I am returning to the United States with fresh enthusiasm to speed up the transportation of the remainder of the great army of which you are the vanguard. What I have seen here gives comfortable assurances that plans for the effectiveness of our fighting forces and for the comfort and welfare of our men have been broadly made and vigorously executed.

"Our schools and system of instruction are adding to the general soldier training the specialized knowledge which developed among our French and British associates during the four years of heroic action which they have displayed from the beginning of the war.
"Fortunately, the relations between our soldiers and those of the British and French are uniformly cordial and happy, and the welcome of the civil population of France has been met by our soldiers with chivalrous appreciation in return.

"We are building a great army to vindicate a great cause and the spirit which you are showing; the courage, the resourcefulness and the zeal for the performance of duty, both as soldiers and as men, is not only promising of military success, but is worthy of the traditions of America and of the allied armies with which we are associated. Press on!
(Signed) "NEWTON BAKER."
The following statement was added by "order of Gen. Pershing":
"In addition to his own appreciation of the splendid spirit of our army, the commander-in-chief wishes to impress upon the officers and men of all ranks a keen sense of the serious obligation which rests upon them, while at the same time giving fresh assurance of his complete confidence in their loyalty, their courage, and their sincere devotion to duty."

Dallas Dots.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, April 28.—Monday night the people of Dallas met at the Farm life school to discuss ways and means of selling Dallas' quota of the third Liberty Loan. Dr. S. A. Wilkins was made chairman of the working committees. Two committees were appointed to canvass Dallas township. These committees were constituted as follows: Town, L. M. Hoffman, Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, Miss Callie Garner and E. L. Houser; country, R. S. Lewis, S. T. Wilson, J. J. Hoffman, P. D. Summey, J. W. Summey and J. B. Henson. These committees started to work at once. It is hoped that Dallas may earn an honor flag.

William Clemmer, of Camp Sevier, was a visitor in Dallas Sunday.
Marshall Brown, of Camp Sevier, was here for the week-end.
The Dallas mill team played the Lowell mill team on the local diamond. The game resulted in a victory for Lowell with a score of 7 to 4.
Rev. D. L. Jones has been visiting here during the week.
The Dallas schools will close May 3rd. Commencement will consist of five days work, as follows: Saturday afternoon, May 4th, graded school pageant; Sunday morning, May 5th, baccalaureate sermon; Monday night, May 6th, graduating exercises; Tuesday night, May 7th, baccalaureate address; Wednesday night, May 8th, home talent play "Deacon Jubbs."

J. B. Henson has been appointed to act as registrar for the board of elections on May 8th in place of Mr. Summey, who recently announced himself a candidate for county commissioner for this township. E. L. Houser and R. S. Lewis will be the judges.
The annual exhibition of the domestic science department of the Farm Life School was held Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Corn muffins and corn bread played an important part in the exhibition. Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent, was the judge. Miss Marion Thompson is in charge of this department and is an expert in her line.

HOSTILE PROPAGANDA WORRIES THE GERMANS

(By International News Service.)
WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, APRIL 19.—The German military authorities in Germany are becoming intensely active in suppressing hostile propaganda. At Munster the general in charge offers three thousand marks to any one who succeeds in implicating any English or American as being guilty of inciting disturbances or revolts.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Cherryville Chat.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
CHERRYVILLE, April 18.—At a mass meeting of the citizens of the town, which was held in the city hall Saturday night, the 13th inst., the following ticket was nominated and will be voted on at the town election which will be held on the 7th of May:
For mayor, C. A. Riddiss; city clerk, W. C. Hicks; aldermen, ward 1, Sylvanus Costner; ward 2, E. L. Webb; ward 3, A. L. Houser; ward 4, D. M. Brittain.
Mr. E. L. Webb, the nominee for ward two, has refused the nomination and it is agreed that Mr. M. C. Mauney will be elected in his place.

LUCIA LOCALS.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
LUCIA, April 18.—Miss Hattie Gibson will leave tomorrow for her home in Georgia.
Mr. Fred McIntosh and mother were business visitors in Gastonia Tuesday. He will move his family from Virginia and make his home with his mother since the death of her husband last week.
The commencement exercises of the Lucia graded school will be next Wednesday and Thursday nights, the 24th and 25th.
Mr. J. E. Black and Mrs. J. R. Rogers are both still improving and hope to be out in a few days, if the weather stays warm.

Stanley Happenings.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
STANLEY, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred McIntosh will make their home with the former's mother, Mrs. J. M. McIntosh, since the death of Mr. J. M. McIntosh. He will run the machinery here. Mr. McIntosh was heard to say a few days before he died that he had given cotton and sawed lumber for this place for 34 years.
Mr. Frank Davis came home from Lawndale Wednesday, where he had been in school. He won the debater's medal in a contest shortly before the school closed. He also graduated this year.
Miss Edna Black returned to her home Friday.
Private Fate Hipp spent the week-end with his uncle, Mr. J. E. Black. Mr. Black has been quite sick, but is improving slowly.
George Black spent the week-end at home.
Mr. C. A. Beatty and son, Leroy, were business visitors at Mt. Holly Monday.

Commencement exercises will be held at Lucia school house Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week. The first night will be the exercises by the primary and intermediate grades, together with a minstrel show by the boys of the high school. Thursday night the high school will give a play entitled, "Al Martin's Country Store." No admission will be charged. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, April 18.—The home of Mr. D. H. Harmon was saddened Saturday night when the death claim announced Mrs. Betsy Kiser, the aged mother of Mrs. Harmon. Deceased was 86 years, five months and 27 days old. She joined Bethel Lutheran church when only 15 years old and ever since had been a faithful and consistent member of this congregation.
She was kind and loving to all who knew her and will be greatly missed. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Mr. Caleb Kiser, of Georgia, and one daughter, Mrs. D. H. Harmon, of this section, with a number of grand children and great grand children.
She was tenderly laid to rest Monday in Bethel cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. Ray Aderholdt, of Crouse, conducting the funeral services.
Mrs. Ferris and daughter, Anna May, were in Gastonia Saturday visiting Mrs. Ferris' sister, who is in the City Hospital.
Mrs. Bert Kaiser and children spent Sunday night with Mr. Jim Kiser at Bessemer City.
Mr. Columbus Harmon was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.
Misses Ferris and Ora Froneberger spent the week end with home folks.
The young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. E. H. Biggestaff, Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Harmon, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kiser, of Gastonia, were among those present at the funeral of Mrs. Betsy Kiser.

Not the Man Wanted.

The Gazette of Wednesday, April 10th, stated that the local police department on that day arrested Robert Autrey, a young white man employed at the Armstrong Mill, on a charge of murder preferred by the officers of Carnesville, Ga. Officers from Carnesville arrived here later in the week and discovered that the man held here, while bearing the same name and filling the description in many particulars, was not the man wanted. Upon their representations Autrey was discharged from custody.

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

WHITNEY-MASON WEDDING A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.
The most elaborate home wedding of the spring season in Gastonia so far was that of Miss Katherine Mason and Mr. Floyd Gilbert Whitney which was solemnized at the beautiful colonial home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ferdinand Mason, on South Oakland street last evening at 6:30 o'clock. A large number of relatives and friends of both parties witnessed the ceremony and attended an informal reception immediately following the taking of the nuptial vows.
Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, using the beautiful ring ceremony of the Baptist church. The bride and groom took the vows standing before an attractively decorated bay window in the parlor which served as an improvised altar. It was decorated with ivy, ferns and snowballs. The bride, a young lady of beautiful and attractive personality, was charming in her wedding gown of white satin and lace, with veil caught up with orange blossoms, and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses and flowers. She was attended by Mrs. George B. Mason as dame of honor and her sisters, Misses Ruth and Lucile Mason, as maids of honor, the three wearing gowns of white chiffon and carrying bouquets of pink sweet peas. Mr. William Julian was best man. Little Miss Anna Boyce Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Grady Rankin, was ring bearer. She was dressed in white with pink sash and hair ribbon and carried the ring on a silver waiter. Mr. George B. Mason, brother of the bride, gave her away.
Before the ceremony Mrs. D. Ward Milam sang sweetly "Beloved, It is Morn," the piano accompaniment being played by Mrs. Thomas Cline, of Raleigh. During the ceremony Mrs. Cline played softly Traumerel. Lohegrin's march was played as the party entered the parlor and Mendelssohn's march as they departed.
Following the ceremony a delightful informal reception was tendered the bride and groom which was attended by a large number of friends. The guests were greeted at the front door by Mrs. L. F. Wetzell. Others assisting in entertaining were: Mrs. H. B. Moore and Miss Blanche Gray at the parlor door, Mrs. J. Lean Adams and Mrs. W. H. Poole in the front hall, Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence at the library door, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Welch, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gray, Miss Lois Torrence, Miss Philpott, Mrs. J. V. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wetzell in the punch room, Mrs. D. Ward Milam and Mrs. Thomas Cline at the door between the library and dining room, Miss Lowry Shuford, Mrs. O. B. Carpenter, Mrs. George E. Marvin, Miss Maude Rankin, Miss Lillian Watson and Miss Myrtle Gray in the dining room, Mrs. J. W. Timberlake and Mrs. T. A. Wilkins at the stairway in the rear hall, Prof. and Mrs. Joe S. Wray and Mrs. M. A. Turner in the present room.

Refreshments consisting of punch, cream in pink heart shapes and white cake were served.
Throughout the decorating pink and white were the prevailing colors. In the parlor pink snapdragons and white roses were used. In the library pink snapdragons and spirea, in the dining room white and pink roses, in the front hall snowballs and pink flowers.
Attesting the wide popularity of the young couple was a large number of handsome and costly presents in silver, cut glass and linen. A particularly prized present was a handsome silver loving cup presented by the groom's co-workers in the legal section of the War Department at Washington. It was engraved as follows: "Floyd G. Whitney, April 15, 1918, from the Officers and enlisted Men and Civilian Personnel of the Contract Section, Procurement Division, Ordnance Department, United States Army." Inside the cup was \$20 in War Savings Stamps.
Mr. and Mrs. Whitney left on No. 38, shortly after the reception, for Washington. On account of the great pressure of business in his department, the groom had a very limited leave of absence. They will make their home in Washington.

The bride is one of the most popular members of Gastonia's younger social set. She was educated at the Presbyterian College at Charlotte. She was a valued member of the choir of the First Baptist church from which she will be greatly missed. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney, of Bessemer City. He was graduated from the State University, where he also took his law course. Since last fall he has been in the legal section of the War Department at Washington. Both have a large circle of friends here and elsewhere whose best wishes will go with them to their new home.

The teacher was giving a talk on coins and they had been through the entire range from pennies to double eagles. One little girl was inattentive. Her gaze was fixed upon a playful sparrow on the window sill, and she had no thought for coins.
Suddenly the teacher placed a half dollar on the pupil's desk and demanded: "What's that?"
"Heads," came the instantaneous answer.—Boston Transcript.

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