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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

SPENDING A FORTNIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY.

Misses Blanche and Myrtle Gray, Miss Lois Torrence and guest, Miss Lillian Philpott, of Pine Bluff, Ark., left Wednesday night for New York City, where they will spend two weeks.

HISTORICAL MEETING NEXT TUESDAY.

Following is the program for the historical meeting to be held by Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. A. Gray on South street: Music, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Prayer, by Miss Jane Morris. Paper, "Matthew Fontaine Maury," by Mrs. J. S. Wray. Paper, "J. E. B. Stuart," by Mrs. George V. Patterson. Round Table, leader, Miss Lowry Shuford. Song, "God Save Our Men," (tune "America.")

MANY GASTONIANS ATTENDING MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

A large number of Gastonia music lovers will go to Charlotte tonight and Saturday to attend the three concerts which constitute the big Entente Allies Music Festival. Among the number are Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Barkley and their guests, Mrs. W. C. Boshamer, of Statesville, and Mrs. R. C. Gouger, of Bennettsville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Parker, Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. W. H. Poole, Mrs. W. T. Love, Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Mr. R. L. Adams, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, Misses Ethel Lewis Harris, Sadie Lee Holden, Nellie Rose Sloan, Margaret Morris, Lillian Atkins, Jamie Murray, Martha Morrow, May Durham, Mary Ragan and Lowry Shuford.

STUDY CLUB MET WITH MRS. SLOAN.

The Study Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. J. M. Sloan at her home on South York street Tuesday afternoon. "Modern Novelists" was the subject of study, the following program being carried out:

Current Events: Paper, Kipling, Mrs. LaFar; Reading, Courtships, Barrie, Mrs. McConnell; Round Table on Gilbert Parker, Arnold Bennett, Eden Philpotts, Hall Caine, Cowan Doyle, Anthony Hope, H. F. Wells, by Mrs. Kennedy. Miss Elizabeth Rankin, of Charlotte, was a guest of the club. The hostess served delightful refreshments at the close of the program, assisted by her daughter, Miss Nellie Rose Sloan, and Miss Lavinia Hunter.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY IN ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 25.—Since the beginning of the Picardy and Flanders battle the British have lost nearly 1,000 guns and around 5,000 machine guns, Munitions Minister Churchill announced in the House of Commons this afternoon. They have also lost over two-weeks output of ammunition.

BIG LINER SINKS IN HOME HARBOR.

(By International News Service.) AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 25.—The 10,000-ton American liner St. Paul sunk at dock this afternoon. It had just been reconstructed. Unofficial estimates state there were 600 aboard, two of whom were drowned. More may have been trapped in the hull. It is known others were injured by jumping overboard.

Negro Caught Stealing.

Gilbert C. Derr, a well-known negro employee of the baggage department at the Southern depot, was arrested shortly after midnight this morning by Policeman Charles Hord in the Southern's freight depot where he was engaged in rifling freight. He was locked up and later was released on a bond of \$500. He will probably be tried tomorrow. Derr has been suspected for some time of being guilty of stealing and has been under the surveillance of the police department but not until last night were the officers able to catch him.

GERMANY IS STILL ACTIVE IN THE CRIMEA.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 25.—Germany is continuing her operations in the Crimea. The Russians are now apprehensive that it is Germany's intention to violate her treaties and capture or destroy the Russian Black sea fleet. It is learned officially today that the Moscow authorities telegraphed the German foreign office protesting against the German military operations and declaring that the Germans in Ukraine had advanced beyond Perkepad and were now moving toward Simeropol. The protest declared that this territory does not form a part of the Ukrainian republic.

Nothing impossible. What men have done can still be done and shall be done today.—George Barlow.

AN APPEAL FROM CHAIRMAN LOVE

"I wish to urge every one who can possibly buy bonds who has not already done so to subscribe at once—today and tomorrow. And I wish to urge those who have bought to increase their subscriptions at once. Gaston county must subscribe heavily during the next few days to reach her quota and besides that we must do our part," said County Chairman W. T. Love of the Third Liberty Loan Committee this morning.

"The headlines in this morning's papers state that our men are now engaged in one of the greatest battles in the world's history. Casualty lists are heavy. 'Hurry, hurry, hurry' is the message from overseas. And we here at home must back the men to the limit. The Third Liberty Loan is to help us hurry. As every man we can send is needed, so every dollar we can lend is needed."

"Are you going to do, not your bit, but all you can? If so please go to the bank at once and subscribe." Figures compiled this morning by County Secretary Fred M. Allen show that \$155,000 or over 30 per cent must be raised within the next few days. Belmont is nearing her goal and will soon be able to claim an honor flag. Good work is being done in some other sections of the county but in order to raise the quota extraordinary work must be done within the week. Every one who can possibly subscribe is urged to do so at once by the county organization.

SCOUT CAMPAIGN FOR LIBERTY BONDS

For the third time the President of the United States has asked the Boy scouts to do their share in America's great business, the business of winning the war, by selling Liberty Bonds. The Scouts' answer has gone back to the President that they would do their duty gallantly and efficiently.

Gastonia Scouts will launch their drive tomorrow. They have divided the town and assigned certain districts to those Scouts who are able to take part in a house to house campaign. They believe that it is not necessary for them to advertise the bonds, for every one knows what they are, but they do believe that there are numbers of people who would gladly subscribe for Liberty Bonds if they were only solicited.

A house to house canvass is the particular service that has been assigned to the Boy Scouts by the Treasury Department. The Scouts have not been asked to participate in these Liberty loans for the purpose of taking the places of other agencies for securing subscriptions or for mere purpose of making a record. They are to be "Gleaners after the Reapers." The Scout wishes particularly to see those persons who have "Tea Cup Reserves," "Small Savings," "Pin Money," "Stocking Banks," "Loose Change," "Petty Cash," "Odds and Ends," and "Pocket Banks." Scouts who are to canvass the town and their territory are as follows:

- York street, Scout Falls. Chester street, Scout Smith. Broad street, Scout Quickle. Second street, Scout Robinson. South street, Scout L. Spencer. Third street, Scout W. Spencer. Marietta street, Scout Beal. Oakland street, Scout Ferguson. W. Franklin street, Scout Davis. E. Franklin street, Scout Grier. W. Airline, Scout F. Kincaid. E. Airline, Scout Gardner. Chesterplace, Scout Ratchford. Fourth, Fifth and Lee, Scout Rockett. Columbia and Willow, Scout Talley. Long and Falls, Scout Mangum. Dallas and Page, Scout Fayssoux. Boyce, Morris, Pryor and Highland, Scout Walker. Main (business section not included), Scout Brawley. Dunn Mill district, Scout R. Kincaid.

Officers Installed. Gastonia Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, installed officers Tuesday night as follows for the ensuing term: R. K. Babington, high priest; G. G. Willis, king; J. S. Winget, scribe; O. O. Baber, C. of H.; G. W. Smith, R. A. C.; L. F. Wetzel, treasurer; W. Y. Warren, secretary; W. J. Roach, master of the third veil; T. S. Trot, master of the second veil; P. P. Leventis, master of the first veil; F. A. Costner, sentinel.

Age of the Fountain Pen. The fountain pen is not a recent invention, as might be imagined; for it is referred to in Samuel Taylor's "Universal System of Shorthand Writing," published in 1796.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

'ROBERT A. GROVES'

Well Known Citizen and Confederate Veteran of Lowell Passed Away Tuesday Morning.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, April 26.—Mr. Robert Alexander Groves died at his home here Tuesday morning at 2:20 o'clock. Mr. Groves was an esteemed citizen and being of an advanced age was known by all. He was a Confederate veteran, volunteering with the young boys. He was a member of Co. A, 11th N. C. Regiment, known as the "Charlotte Volunteers." He was in most all of the great battles of the Civil War, coming through unharmed. He endured the hardships of being a prisoner for four months, being captured once after the battle of Petersburg, Va. He was a good soldier in every respect and a faithful comrade, as was remarked by an old veteran who fought, slept and ate with him during all of the bitter days. While in the army he was united to the Baptist church, being baptized in Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Groves was married three times, first in 1866 to Margerit Lawing Waddell, who died March 11, 1876. To them were born the following children, all of whom survive him: D. A. Groves, of Greensboro; J. W. Groves, of Lowell; J. A. Groves, of Albemarle; Mrs. Ed Wilson, of Jerome, Ariz., and Mrs. W. M. Gooch, of Asheville. He was married again in 1876 to Nancy E. Armstrong, to them were no children born. He was married again in 1900 to Laura Albertine Hand, who survives him. To them were two children, Ida, aged 12, and Austin, aged nine. He was laid to rest in the Lowell cemetery Wednesday afternoon in a casket of confederate gray, Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, officiating. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, April 25.—The playground equipment which arrived some time ago has been put up and now the children can play to their hearts' content. Until the novelty wears off the playground will be crowded with children. Mrs. L. M. Hoffman, who spent the winter in Florida, returned to Dallas this week. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. Ernest Hoffman. The students of the graded school had an enjoyable time on a picnic at the South Fork river Tuesday evening. They spent the evening in boating, playing and eating. A good many people of Dallas have been affected with grip during the past few weeks.

New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Route 1, April 25.—The New Hope Home Demonstration Club will meet May 2nd with Mrs. T. T. Craig. Mr. Fred B. Fairies spent Saturday with his sister, Miss Florida Fairies, at Sunderland, where she is a student of the Laura Sunderland School. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Craig were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Ratchford. Robert Earl Froeberker is spending the week with his uncle, Mr. L. K. Ratchford. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Featherstone spent Sunday in Belmont. Miss Pearl Stowe spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Featherstone. Mrs. Ralph Kendrick and Miss Ethel Stowe were at home Monday. Mrs. J. M. Fairies and little daughters, Ruth, Lucy and Hattie Lee, visited relatives in Union Tuesday. Mrs. T. T. Craig, Mrs. S. L. Jackson and Mrs. Jack McLean were the guests Wednesday of Mrs. J. L. Stowe. Mr. Carlyle Ragan and Miss Zaida Ragan were at home Sunday. Miss Eula Harrison has been called home from Sunderland School on account of her mother's illness. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McLean and several friends were in Gastonia Monday night to hear W. J. Bryan. ADD NEW HOPE. Mr. E. Z. Ratchford and Miss Grace Bradley spent Monday with their sister, Mrs. T. E. Dixon. Miss Nell Lewis spent the weekend with her cousin, Miss Violet Elmore. Misses Olive Ragan and Grace Bradley were in town shopping Tuesday. Mrs. G. R. Lewis spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Bradley.

GERMANS LAUNCH DOUBLE OFFENSIVE.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 25.—A great double battle in which Americans are taking part is raging today on the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts. The Germans are striking towards Amiens and along the Franco-Belgian fronts. The Germans, at heavy sacrifices, took the village of Hangard-Santerre, nine miles southeast of Amiens, but the French still hold strategic ground around the place. This village has changed hands three times.

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P. AND N. FORCE IS

100 P. C. AMERICAN

The P. & N. Railway is 100 per cent American so far as its employees in Gaston county are concerned. Every one of the thirty three is a subscriber to the Third Liberty Loan, from the station agents to porters. Following is a list of them:

- L. B. Freeman, motorman, Gastonia. H. B. Roberts, motorman, Gastonia. S. H. Johnson, motorman, Gastonia. F. A. Clarke, motorman, Gastonia. R. W. Young, motorman, Gastonia. R. M. Nolen, motorman, Gastonia. G. C. Champion, motorman, Gastonia. T. S. Trot, conductor, Gastonia. W. H. Taylor, conductor, Gastonia. T. H. Tyson, conductor, Gastonia. D. R. Champion, conductor, Gastonia. E. D. Jordan, conductor, Gastonia. G. W. Stockton, conductor, Gastonia. W. C. Caudle, conductor, Gastonia. F. L. McKinney, agent, Lowell. T. L. Teague, agent, McAdenville. J. L. Thompson, agent, Belmont. W. G. Jackson, agent, Mount Holly. D. K. Jackson, agent, Gastonia. F. A. Cathey, cashier, Gastonia. Mrs. D. K. Jackson, bill clerk, Gastonia. C. E. Craig, car clerk, Gastonia. C. W. H. Crenshaw, T. A. and operator, Gastonia. George Terrell, warehouseman, Gastonia. R. A. Spargo, car inspector, Gastonia. T. B. Terrell, section master, Gastonia. C. S. Carpenter, section master, Belmont Junction. Frank White, substation operator, Gastonia. Mack Farmer, substation operator, Gastonia. Oscar Morrison, brakeman, Gastonia. Henry Crawford, brakeman, Gastonia. Cack Tate, porter, Gastonia. Sandy Biggers, car cleaner, Gastonia.

RAISE TEN PER CENT OF WAR SAVINGS

Record of Four Counties—Nineteen Counties Have Not Raised One Per Cent. Seven Counties Have Over One Hundred Members of Limit Club. Forsyth and Guilford Lead in War Savings Societies.

Special to The Gazette.

WINSTON-SALEM, April 23rd.—Only four counties in the State have raised as much as 10 per cent of their quota of War Savings, according to a report issued today from State Headquarters here. These are: Cabarrus 12 per cent, Cleveland 14, Forsyth 17, and Northampton 19. Franklin, Moore and Pasquotank each have raised 9 per cent of their quota. Alamance, Chowan, Rockingham, Stanly and Union have raised 8 per cent. Catawba, Granville, Warren and Wilson have raised 7 per cent, while Durham, Edgecomb, Haywood, Newk Hanover, Orange, Perquimans, Scotland and Wake have raised 6 per cent and Anson, Burke, Buncombe, Davidson, Montgomery, and Rowan have raised 5 per cent. The average per cent raised by the one hundred counties of the State is only 4.

Nineteen counties have not yet raised 1 per cent of their quota. These are: Alexander, Avery, Ashe, Brunswick, Camden, Caldwell, Clay, Currituck, Columbus, Dare, Gates, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Mitchell, Pamlico, Pender, Watauga and Wilkes.

Seven counties report over 100 members of the Limit Club,—that is those who have bought \$1,000 of War Savings Stamps, or all that the law will allow one person to buy. These are: Buncombe 110, Cleveland 125, Edgecomb 110, Forsyth 182, Gaston 130, Wake 140, and Wilson 111. Four counties report over fifty. These are McDowell 95, Guilford 93, Durham 58 and Pasquotank 50.

Forsyth county leads the State in the number of War Savings Societies organized, which is 100. Guilford is next with 90. Richmond follows with 47, Edgecomb 30, Halifax 27, Buncombe 26, Mecklenburg 17, Bladen 15, Cleveland 15, Nash 15, Surry 15, Franklin 14, McDowell 14, Vance 15, Caldwell 12, Gaston 12, Hyde 12, Robeson 12, Rockingham, Alamance 11 and Chowan 10.

The following counties have not reported any War Savings Societies to State Headquarters: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden, Caswell, Clay, Cumberland, Dare, Davie, Graham, Granville, Johnson, Sampson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Montgomery, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Watauga, Yadkin, and Yancey.

KILLED IN STREET

(By International News Service.) BIRMINGHAM, April 25.—T. H. Thomas, a motorman, L. T. Walker, a passenger, and two unidentified negroes were killed today when an Owenton and Easley street car was completely overturned rounding a sharp curve at high speed. Thomas was decapitated. The brakes were unworkable.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mrs. L. T. McLean left yesterday morning to spend a week with relatives in Lincolnton.

—Mrs. J. I. Fayssoux left Monday for Winnsboro, S. C., to spend a week or ten days visiting homefolks.

—Mr. J. M. Holland is still confined to his home by illness but his many friends will be glad to know that his condition is greatly improved.

—Mrs. C. W. Boshamer, of Statesville, is spending some time in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barkley at their home on West Second avenue.

—Miss Frances Atkins, who is teaching at Kannapolis, will arrive tonight to spend the week-end in the city as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. E. Atkins.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Separk will leave this afternoon for Charlotte to attend the music festival. While in Charlotte they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mayer at their home in Myers Park.

—Lt. L. W. Cleland and Sgt. Frederick Tabeny, both of the 16th Field Artillery, Camp Greene, and Mr. P. R. Huffstetter, of Gastonia, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hawkins at their home on route three.

—The following ladies attended the Kings Mountain Presbyterial which met in Kings Mountain yesterday: Mesdames E. C. Wilson, J. H. Henderlite, H. M. Eddleman, S. A. Robinson, C. J. McCombs, J. H. Workman, R. C. McLean, R. C. Warren, O. O. Baber, B. F. Ormand, W. F. Kincaid, Ell Lineberger and Miss Mary Ragan.

—Sheriff Davis, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff J. Madison Kendrick and local police officers, captured a still Tuesday night at the Southern pumping station just south of the city on the Clover road. A quantity of beer was also discovered. The still was not in operation. While the officers have suspicions no arrests have as yet been made.

—Judge W. H. Lewis, who recently sold his farm west of the city to the Myrtle Mills, moved Wednesday into the house at 508 South street which he recently purchased from Mr. Ed C. Adams. "I am at home to all my friends," said the Judge yesterday, "any time except between midnight and sunup."

—Sgt. H. A. Query, who recently completed the course of training at the third officers' training school at Camp Jackson, and who is at home on a 20 days furlough, is spending the day with friends in the city. Mr. Query successfully passed all the requirements of the officers' training course and is therefore in line for a commission, which he expects to receive within a short time.

—Miss Mary McLean returned home Wednesday night from Mooresville, where she attended the wedding of Miss Reba Brawley, a former class-mate at Queen's College. Miss McLean played the wedding march. Miss Brawley married Mr. C. C. Ward, of Belvidere, N. C. He is now engaged in government work at Newport News, Va. Mrs. Ward has many friends in Gastonia who will be interested in her wedding.

BRITISH REPULSE GERMANS

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 25.—Three German attacks in the Sector of Villiers and Bretenneux were repulsed by the British. The British gained ground there, capturing some prisoners and fighting continues. Northwest of Bailleul the Germans resumed their assaults but were repulsed. Lord Rothersmere, head of the air ministry, resigned today.

HOWARD COFFIN RESIGNS

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 25.—Howard Coffin has formally resigned as a member of the aircraft board. John Ryan takes full charge.

WEDNESDAY CASUALTY LIST.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—Today's casualty list contains the names of two killed in action, six who died of wounds, seven of disease, four by accident, five wounded severely and twenty-four slightly. One who died of disease was unknown. Private Hector Rollman, previously reported as missing, is now reported to be a prisoner in Germany.

NEARS \$2,000,000,000 MARK

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 25.—Actual subscriptions reported today to the Third Liberty Loan were \$1,837,868,350.

PATROLLING DUTCH FRONTIERS

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 25.—German cavalry has made hostile military demonstrations along the Dutch Frontiers on the Westphalia border, says a Rotterdam dispatch today. It is believed that Germany is demanding transportation rights on railways and canals for various kinds of supplies.

Concrete for Irrigation Gates. Concrete as a material for gate structures in American irrigation canals is beginning to displace wood, its durability overcoming the disadvantage of higher cost.

ALLIED TROOPS ARE

MAKING FIRM STAND

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 26.—Hard fighting continues along the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts. After an all day struggle along the Bailleul and Holtebeke line, the Allies were compelled to give a little ground in the sector around Kemmel hill, Belgium, where the Germans had gained a footing. The Anglo-French forces were greatly outnumbered. The battle continues around Drenouire, Kemmel and Vierstadt. The British captured 50 prisoners and three machine guns last night west of Meriville. The German artillery was very active on the front between the Lys river and Givenchy. The Germans were ejected from the positions they held in the district of Villier-Bretenneux, nine miles east of Amiens. The Americans and English made a brilliant record at Kemmel ridge, driving the Germans from the village of Kemmel and capturing over 600 prisoners. The German losses in this sector were very heavy.

BRITISH TANKS PLOWED THROUGH GERMAN LINES

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 26.—A tank battle was a spectacular feature on the Picardy front, the British remaining complete masters in this phase of the fighting. The tanks plowed through the German ranks, mowing them down right and left with machine guns. French troops are fighting beside the British on both the Picardy and Flanders fronts, the Germans being utterly unable to take any of the objectives set for the present assaults.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LISTS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—Today's casualty lists include the names of nine men killed in action, five who died from wounds, three who died of disease, 33 severely wounded and 25 slightly wounded.

PLANNED TO INVADE UNITED STATES THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Must Come from Under Camouflage That America is Not Fighting for Life—Must Support the Treasury or Lose.

Special to The Gazette.

WINSTON-SALEM, April 26.—"Germany continues to furnish proof that an invasion of the United States has been her plan for more than 30 years," says today's bulletin from State Headquarters for War Savings. The bulletin says further that every development since our entry into the war has justified and proved the wisdom, the imperative necessity, of America's participation in the war for self-protection.

"An American student at a German University over 30 years ago has said that nearly every student of military science in Germany of that time was required to submit a plan for the invasion of the United States as a part of his training. While the idea at that time seemed fantastical to him, he says now it has come to have a very sinister meaning, and that the United States should take into serious consideration, at once, that Germany has many well-laid plans for the invasion of the United States reposing in the archives of the German General Staff. She may be sure, he says, that they are worked out to the last detail ready for use the moment there is any chance of carrying them out successfully.

The bulletin would make it clear that the United States is no longer fighting England's battles or defending the lives of Belgians, Frenchmen and Italians, but that it is fighting to protect her own shores, her own homes and her own people. Every German success and every German failure has shown how necessary to our own welfare and peace, how necessary to the safety and peace of the world, the defeat of Germany is. Every foot of ground has been forced to give up, every foot of land she has seized, has demonstrated the absolute necessity of defeating that sinister intolerable thing called Prussianism.

Again the bulletin says, "We must come from under the camouflage that America is fighting someone else's battle and not for her own life. We must get away from the delusion that the war will soon be ended that as it is now we are winning. Germany is not yet defeated and unless we defeat her this year it will be a harder task next year or the next. We must see that the Treasury of the United States does not fail. When the Treasury fails, Germany wins. Loans invested in War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds will support the Treasury and will win the war."