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## FERRED TO W. L. BALTHIS

Gastonians are proud of the news which comes in an Associated Press dispatch from France, as printed on the front page of The Observer Friday morning, that W. L. Balthis, of this city, who recently went to the front with the American Red Cross, has rendered such distinguished service as to be given special mention in the press dispatches. The Associated Press dispatch in Toe Observer carried the name, among a list of several, of "M. L. Balthis,

It was believed here that W. L. Balthis was meant and confirmation was received when Mrs. Balthis received a letter from Mr. Balthis from Paris stating that he and a number of others, including E. W. Lowrey, whose name was mentioned in the same dispatch, were starting for the Picardy battle line. This information leaves no doubt that the name, M. L. Balthis, in the dispatches, was intended for W. L. Balthis. Mr. Balthis was a prominent Gastonia cotton broker and recently gave up his business and went to France at his own expense to work for the Red

## ALL COMING OF AGE MUST REGISTER

Washington, April 25-The house late today adopted the senate resolution for the registration for military service of young men who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, last. The measure now goes to conference.

An amendment offered by Representative Hull, of lows, and adopted, 119 to 81, provides that men registered under the bill shall be placed at the bottom of the classes to which they may be assigned.

The house sustained the military committe in striking out a provision of the bill as it passed the senate which would exempt from registratio those eligibles who have entered medical or divinity schools since June 5, last.

Representatives Kahn, of California, ranking republican on the military committee, told the house the proposed new registration would place from 500,000 to 700,000 new registrants avaliable for military service. In that connection recently called into service its class of 1919, consisting of approximately 550,000

Chairman Dent, of the military committee, opposed the amendment of Mr. Hull. He said he understood it is the plan of the war department to place the newly registered at the bottom of the newly respective class unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent, but did not believe it proper to tie the hands of the department by an amendment which would require that action.

Mr. Kahn also opposed the amendment and declared there are thousands of young men now under 21 who volunteered at the beginning of the war and who now are serving in

#### A FAREWELL SERVICE.

Colored Selectmen Leaving for Camp Tomorrow Will Be Presented With Testaments.

At 4:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a farewell service will be held at the Southern Railway passenger station for the 39 colored selectmen who are to leave at 5 o'clock for Camp Jackson to be inducted into the military service of the United States.

The program of the exercises will consist of short talks by the colored pastors of the city and others, and national airs by the choir of St. Paul's Baptist Sunday school. Each of the departing soldiers will be presented with a testament, the fund for the purchase of these having been contributed by the colored citizens of

#### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

WILL JOIN THE STRIKE. (By International News Service.) ZURICH, April 27. - University students will join the general labor strike in Hungary on May first. A nation-wide demonstration by strikers is being planned.

#### LOSS OF KEMMEL RIDGE WEAKENS BRITISH POSITIONS,

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 26.-For 24 hours the Germans have concentrated their mightiest efforts on the Flanders battle front towards the capture of Kemmel Hill, obtaining a slight foothold by superior numbers. The loss of this ridge places the British positions at Ypres in a serious predicament. Americans are on a sector of the French front south of the Somme and near the Avre river, where heavy bombardments are making the struggle around Kemmel most sanguinary, the Germans suffering tremendous losses.



## A. P. DISPATCHES RE- VIN SOCIAL CIRCLES SENSATIONAL STORY NOT

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

ALLIES' MUSIC FESTIVAL WAS GREAT SUCCESS.

The Entente Allies' Music Festival, which was held in the Charlotte city auditorium Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night, for the benefit of the Red Cross, was a most brilliant success. At every concert the great auditorium was full, and the artists gave the people of Charlotte and this entire section such a series of musical treats as they rarely have the opportunity to hear. There was a large number of Gastonia people at each of the concerts. In addition Friday's Gazette, some others who attended were Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Mrs. H. Rutter, Mrs. W. T. Rankin, Mrs. Frost Torrence, Mrs. A. G. Myers, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Miss Lottie Blake and Miss Emma Cornwell.

#### LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

Miss Mary Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Cobb, received a few days ago from her brother, Paul E. Cobb, who is at the front in France, a letter which is reproduced below: Somewhere in France, Mar. 28, '18. Dear Sister Mary:

I received your last letter and was glad to hear from you. Also your picture and the rest of them. You look very good, but somewhat different. I didn't know half of the people in the group. Do you play basketball yet? We have many teams over here. I will send you some of my photos as soon as I settle down. The ones I sent you before were not very good; it was the best I could do at the time. The reason I sent them was because I didn't think you had any of me at home. I was going to the front then. I went to the front four times and was lucky so far. I am in possession of Lillie's letter and will answer very soon. I can't write long for I haven't much to say. It is getting warmer over here. suppose it is real hot at home. haven't met any of the boys, but one, from Gastonia. I'll never meet him again though!

Your loving brother, PAUL E. COBB. P. S. Why can't I get a picture of mother?

Below are published three letters recently received by Mr. Charles board, stated this morning, when Mooney, of this city, from France in asked by The Gazette as to the facts regard to the death of his son. Clarence Mooney, who was recently killed in action as chronicled in The Ga-

Following are the letters: The 16th U.S. Inft. A. E. F. FRANCE March 3, 1918

My Dear Mr. Mooney: It is my sad duty to write and tell you that I buried your boy Clarence in the little French cemetery back of the lines where he fell on the field of honor. I hope it will be some consolation to you to know that he laid down his life for his country.

May the Lord give you strength to bear the loss which has befallen you.

Yours faithfully. F. C. ARMSTRONG. Chaplain 16th Inft. P. S. I burfed Clarence Feb. 28th.

France, March 15, 1918, From: The Chief, Graves Registration Service, A. E. F. To: Mr. Charles Mooney, 110 6th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Subject: Location of Grave, My heart always bleeds in sympathy for sorrowing friends at home, when I am writing such a letter as that which I am sending now to you. And yet, you will want to know what I have to tell you

You have doubtless already re ceived the terrible news of the death of your son, Clarence Mooney, who has gone from us into life immortal, through the martyrdom of service. and in defense of the principles of liberty. He has not died in vain and his comrades will carry on his work. His remains are buried in Grave

etery, at Mandres, France. The service of which I am in command will guard this spot of his sepulture and we shall try to care for it as you would wish. This will be our

No. 157, in the French Military Cem-

sacred trust. I do not want to write a formal let ter. I want you to know of our heartfelt sympathy. May God bless and comfort you in your grief.

CHARLES C. PIERCE, Major, A. Q. M.; U. S. A.

Paris, March 5, 1918. Mr. Charles Mooney, 110th 6th Ave., Gastonia, N. C. U.

My Dear Mr. Mooney: I write to tell you of the deep sympathy of the American Red Cross in France on the death of your son, Clarence. It must be a comfort for you to realize that he died nobly, while performing his duty towards

his country. We realize how hard it is for you to be so far away and hope that you will remember that the American Red Cross in France is here to help you in any possible way. With renewed sympathy, I am,

faithfully yours, E. C. CHADWICK, Information Service.

## BACKED UP BY FACTS

Under the highly sensational heading, "Pro-German, Recently Wedded, Faces Arrest as War Draft Dodger,' Saturday's Atlanta Georgian carried the following story:

"Rome, Ga., April 26.-Wayne F. Rhyne, until recently a prominent druggist of Rome, but who removed to Gastonia, N. C., a few weeks ago. is in much trouble. A warrant for his arrest was issued last night at the instance of Branner Gilmer, of Atlanta, agent of the Department of Justice, charging him with a fraudulent effort to evade the draft.

"Rhyne is of German descent, and has been outspoken in favor of Germany, until sentiment against him here grew very strong. He married a to those whose names were given in | day or two before he sold his interest in a drug store here, and his wife, after their honeymoon trip, returned to ] Rome for a visit with relatives, and is now here.

"Rhyne is said to have sworn in his questionnaire that he was a farmer, and when he went to Gastonia, but not until then, began operating a farm near that city. He married after he had been drafted. He had been in partnership with the present Clerk of the Superior Court.

"His wife's family and friends here learned last night of the order for his arrest, which will probably be made by the United States Marshal of Charlotte, N. C.

An investigation here revealed the following facts with reference to the above: Wayne F. Rhyne is a son of J. Laban Rhyne, a well-to-do farmer living just east of the city. He is a registered pharmacist and for several years past has been in the drug business in Rome, owning a interest in a drug store which bore his name. Being in the draft age, he registered at Rome. Some two or three months ago he married a Rome girl and came here on his honeymoon trip. He was taken sick soon after coming here and was confined to his father's home for two or three weeks. In the meantime he was called by the Rome exemption board to appear there for exemption board to appear there for examination. Rhyne wired and asked for permission to be examined here. The permission was granted. The local board examined him and found him unfit physically for regular duty but accepted him for light or special duty. He was sent to the advisory board at Charlotte and that board confirmed the local boards action. The records in the case were transmitted to the board at Rome.

Mr. A. C. Jones, clerk of the local in the case, that, despite the fact that Rhyne's classification was such that he could not be inducted into the regular military service, the Rome board notified him last week to appear there to entrain for camp on the 26th. Rhyne left Gastonia Wednesday in order to be there Friday the 26th.

It is learned that Rhyne has employed an attorney and has taken the matter up with the adjutant general of Georgia. He thinks and his friends think that influences in Rome are endeavoring to "railroad" him into the army in order, it is claimed, to get him out of business. It is stated as a fact that Rhyne's partner in the Rome drug business is chairman of the local exemption board

Soldiers Appreciative.

Rev. A. R. Brown, who was in charge of the Y. M. C. A. hut at Camp Chronicle here, is in town today, having come over to get some supplies which were stored here when the soldiers left last week. Mr. Brown stopped in at The Gazette office to ask the paper to express for him and for the men who were at the camp their sincere appreciation for the splendid treatment they all received at the hands of Gastonians. "Every day, said Mr. Brown, "some of the boys drop in to see me or stop me simply to say 'didn't we have a good time at Gastonia' or something of the kind.' Mr. Brown said that he had never been in a town where he and those with whom he was connected received better treatment than they received

Dr. Egger Preached.

The congregation of Main Street Methodist church heard a most splendid sermon Sunday, morning from Rev. Dr. E. L. Eggers, of Terrell, Texas. Dr. Egger is visiting friends and relatives here for a short time and will leave Wednesday for Atlanta to attend the quadrennial session of the General Conference of the M. E Church, South. Dr. Eggers is one of the ministerial delegates from his annual conference. Gastonia Methodists were greatly pleased at the opportunity of hearing him. Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, who was to have preached at Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning, was unable to fill his appointment.

TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON

PAPER MILL STRIKE, (By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 27 .. - Im pressed with the seriousness of the situation, the National War Labor Board will take up Monday the threatened nation-wide strike of paper mill workers, it was announced this afternoon. President Dodge, of the International Paper Co., and International President Garey, representing the employers and employees, will sit with the board.

### OVER-SUNDAY CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 29th-One hundred and fifty-six casualties were reportd in the over-Sunday lists. Eighteen were killed in action, one was captured, Arthur Locke; thirteen died from disease, six from wounds, two by accident, one from cause not given; twenty-five were wounded severely, eighty-seven injured slightly, and four missing in action.

### BIG LOUISIANA RAILROAD MAN ARRESTED IS SPY

New Orleans, April 28 .- William Edenborn, president of the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Co., and reputed many times a millionaire, was arrested by department of justice officials at Shrewsbury, La., near here, tonight on an affidavit charging violation of Section 3 of the espionage act. Edenborn was taken into custody as he stepped from an L. R. & N. train and taken to a place the location of which the authorities refused to divulge.

Assistant District Attorney Nicho las Callan announced tonight that Edenborn's arrest was independent of action taken at a meeting today of the Louisiana division of the National Security league when a resolution was adopted calling for federal prosecution of the capitalist for utterances which were declared seditious. Beyond this statement the federal authorities declined to comment on the arrest. Newspaper men were warned against making efforts to discover where Edenborn was being

Edenborn, founder of the American Steel & Wire Co., now a part of the United States Steel Corporation, has been referred to as "father of the wire industry in America," having erected mills and produced wire in 1870, three years after he came to the United States from his birthplace, Westphalia, Prussia. He came to Louisiana in 1903, where he has been known as a railroad builder and operator. He is 70 years old.

## **ALLIES WITHSTOOD** FIERCE ATTACK SUNDAY

(By International News Service) London (NOON) April 29-The Geramns renewed their drive in the Locre sector Sunday afternoon, but were repulsed. Locre is on high ground just West of Kemmel Hill. Attacking colums withered away under the intense machine gun and artillery fire. Vooremezeele was in German hands for a while, but was recaptured by the Allies. bombardments continue there and at Villers-Brettenneux. A thick fog continues to impede aerial observations. The artillery activity is strong around Noyon.

#### Mrs. Harris to Speak.

On Wednesday night of this week Mrs. W. R. Harris, of Asheville, will deliver a missionary address at Main Street Methodist church. This address will take the place of the usual Wednesday night prayer service at 8 o'clock. At the recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference in Winston-Salem, Mrs. Harris was elected first vice-president, and was re-elected editor of the woman's page in the North Carolina Christian

#### Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette STANLEY, April 26 .- Mrs. M. Peterson and little granddaughter. Elizabeth Deal, returned home Thursday from an extended visit to relatives in Raleigh, Mebane, Landis and Charlotte.

Miss Lottle Stroup is visiting her brother, Mr. C. M. Stroup at Sanford. Miss Willie Summerrow, of Charlotte, spent Sunday at home.

Master Glenn Bolick entertained a number of his friends at his home Thursday evening in honor of his birthday.

Miss Annie King spent the week end in Denver with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jenkins, Mr. Polie Jenkins and Miss Sarah Moore motored to Kings Mountain Monday. Miss May Smith spent Sunday in

Iron Station visiting Miss Jennie Troutman Among those who attended the Denver commencement Monday and Tuesday night were Misses Mary and Willie Rutledge, Annie King, Lillian

Peterson and Ersie Stroup. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Abernethy, of Charlotte, are spending a few days with relatives here. Mr. Polie Jenkins left Thursday

for Camp Jackson, where he will be drilled for military service. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Archer, a son.

CLARK DECLINES SENATORSHIP. (By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.-Speak er Clark this afternoon declined the appointment as Senator from Missouri to succeed the deceased Senator Stone. Mr. Clark said he could best serve his country where he now is.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

RANLO NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

RANLO, April 22.-Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Berryhill, of Charlotte, spent the week-end here with relatives. Mr. Leland L. Lewis, of 16th Co. 4 T. R. Battalion, Camp Jackson, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis.

Mr. Grier Rhyne returned Thursday to Detroit, after spending some time here with relatives.

Mrs. Wayne F. Rhyne returned Friday after spending a month at Rome, Ga., with relatives.

Mrs. J. F. Cox left last week for

Old Fort where she will spend the summer. Mrs. I. N. Price was a Kings Moun-

tain visitor last week. The Raplo Demonstration Club held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Jane McArver. Miss Pickens read an interesting paper on the war, written by Mr. Whitehair. Miss Otey read a poem entitled "Little Herble Hoover." A demonstration was giv-A demonstration was giv-

en on baked oat meal and nuts. Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and cake was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held April 26th, at the Rex hall.

CHINA HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY JAPAN.

Has Agreed to New Demands Made from Tokio—Shanghai Paper Says Country Has Virtually Been Turned Over to the Japanese.

Shanghai, Wednesday, April 24, (By the Associated Press.) - The statement is made in the first issue of The Shanghai Gazette, which has made its appearance under the editorship of Eugene Chen, that the PREPARING PUBLIC FOR Chinese government has agreed to new demands made by Japan which are of such a nature that the country has virtually been turned over to the Japanese. The Gazette asserts it has been informed by a high official at Peking that the Japanese demands are far more serious than those in Group V, of the famous 21 demands

made by Japan in 1915. "Notwithstanding the fact that the utmost secrecy is being observed," says The Gazette, "it may be stated safely that the following is not far from the true terms of the agreement

"Chinese expeditionary forces sent to Siberia shall be commanded by a Japanese

"Chinese police shall be organized by Japanese officers. Japan shall control all of China's

arsenals and dockyards. "Japan shall have the privilege of working mines in all parts of China. "Special privileges shall be grant-

golia and the whole of Manchuria. "Other articles include provisions for financial control and educational

ed to Japan in outer and inner Mon-

A dispatch filed in Peking April 4 said it was reported there that Japan mands to China, including complete hase of 50 per cent of China's ammunition in Japan, operation of Chinese iron mines and dockyards under Japanese control and recognition of cution of the war." special Japanese interests in Mongolia, as in Manchuria.

A dispatch received Saturday from

Peking said that for the purpose of putting an end to sensational speculation on the diplomatic situation as between Japan and China, the government had authorized the statement that the negotiations in progress between the Chinese and Japanese governments were intended to refer solely to co-operation against the enemy, and that the agreement would lapse as soon as the European war ter minated, without infringing on the political or territorial integrity of China. It was said the agreement foreign office for final examination in a few days.

#### HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS ON BOTH FRONTS FRIDAY.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, April 27 .- The German attack last night against the French in the Thennes sector, southeast of Amiens, was repulsed. There was a violent bombardment on the Hangard on Santerre and Villiers-Bret-teneux fronts. The French raided along the Oise canal near Loivre, capturing some prisoners. A Serbian detachment penetrated the Teutons' positions on the Tcherna river in Macedonia. There were heavy artillery engagements on that front and intense artillery firing north and south of Ypres in Belgium, and around the Heoutolst forest at St. Julian. A Belgian airman brought down a German plane.

#### AUSTRIAN PREMIER HAS AGAIN RESIGNED.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 27.-Premier von Seidler, of Austria, again tendered his resignation Friday, says a Zurich news dispatch today. It is stated that his position has become untenable as a result of declarations made in Germany. The Emperor has asked the premier for time to consider the matter. A conversation of the Austrian crown council with influential members of the imperial family is thought to be imminent.

### JOHN G. CARPENTER NEW **COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

The Democratic county convention was held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. County Chairman T. L. Craig presided. The action of the primary held on the Saturday previous was ratified, Mr. John G. Carpenter, of the local bar, was chosen county chairman, and resolutions were unanimously adopted endorsing the National, State and county administrations. Short talks were made by Chairman Craig, A. G. Mangum, O. F. Mason, C. B. Armstrong and others. Everything was harmonious from beginning to end. The attendance was good, leading Democrats from all sections of the county being present.

## ANTI-GERMAN RIOT AT LAIBECH, AUSTRIA

(By International News Service.) AMSTERDAM, April 29th-Strong anti-German demonstration has taken place at Laibech in Southewestern Hungary, says a news dispatch to Berlin from Vienna. German Shops and buildings were wrecked and other damage was done. Slavonians marched through the streets yelling:
"Long live the Entente," and "We refuse to fight for Germany." It was later reported that a State of seige had been declared at Laibech.

## LOSS OF CHANNEL PORTS

LONDON, April 28.—Some of the newspapers appear to be preparing the public for the loss of the channel ports.

The Times today says: "There is no denying that the loss

of Kemmel Hill is a considerable tactical success for the enemy, and it will be well, therefore, to prepare for the receipt of other disagreeable news. If the enemy is able to extend his grip on Kemmel, we may be compelled to evacuate Ypres. Such evacuation would not inevitably en-tail the abandonment of Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne, but it is well realize that these consequences might ensue. We must remember that the Germans cannot win the war by the occupation of Ypres and the channel ports.

The Evening News said last night: "The capture of Kemmel Hill undoubtedly is a useful step in the direction of Calias and Boulogne, and it is frankly admitted that its loss gravely imperils Ypres. We hope and believe the channel ports will be saved. Yet we must face the fact had submitted a new series of de- that their loss comes within the range of contingencies to be reckoncontrol of China's finances, the pur- ed with, and we have already made up our minds that even if the worst should come to the worst it will make no difference to our vigorous prose-

HOLLAND MAY ACCEPT

GERMANY'S HARSH TERMS (By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, April 26 .- A dispatch from Berlin today states that the Lokal Anzeiger declares Holland is likely to accept the conditions imposed by Germany. It is reported here today that the situation is still serious.

DETAILS OF THE RAID ON SUBMARINE BASES.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 26.-Additional reports emphasize the success of the would be placed before the Chinese British raid against the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, particularly Zeebrugge. Not only was the harbor blocked by the voluntary sinking of two ships, put a part of the mole was blown up and hangars and storage sheds destroyed. At Ostend the wind changed, blowing away the British smoke screen and revealing the light cruisers Sirus and Brilliant. Both were grounded and sunk. It is now known that two previous attempts were made to raid submarine bases and frustrated by bad weather. Colonel Elliott, leading the marines, and Captain Helecan, leading the Bluejackets, were killed before the assault started. Many British were killed on gangways and on the lower deck of the cruiser Vindictive.

> The appointment as United States Senator from Missouri to succeed the late Senator Stone, which was declined last week by Speaker Champ Clark, of the House of Representatives, has been tendered by Governor Gardner to Judge Walter Graves, a member of the Missouri Supreme

