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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

29 CONSPIRATORS SENT TO PRISON

Lurid Chapter of Germany's Intrigues in This Country Concluded at San Francisco - Had Big Plans to Overthrow British Rule in India.

The trial of the principals in the world-wide conspiracy was a series of sensations, including exposures of criminal German diplomacy and the shooting to death of two Hindu defendants in the courtroom a week ago.

The total of the prison terms imposed was 23 2-3 years and the fines totalled \$64,000.

Louis T. Hengstler, San Francisco admiralty lawyer, was the only defendant to escape a prison sentence.

Guilt for the conspiracy was placed squarely on the German supreme command, Judge Vanfleet characterizing the Hindu conspirators as mere cats-paws of the "ruthless Prussian military system."

The German foreign office, embassy at Washington and consulate at San Francisco were the nerve centers of the world-wide plot to wrest India from England.

Judge Vanfleet indicated that no action would be taken to deport the Hindu defendants in the event they refrained from revolutionary actions after completing their prison terms.

"The people of this country are taking the law into their own hands, much as we may regret it," Judge Vanfleet said, in warning the Hindus not to return to their propaganda activities when they are freed from prison.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

BETTERMENT MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association will meet in the Central school auditorium Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

LINDSAY-TORRENCE MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT.

In a pretty but quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lindsay on the York road, south of the city, at 9 o'clock last night, Mr. John D. Lindsay and Mrs. Sallie Torrence were united in marriage.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. L. C. Eury and the widow of the late W. G. Torrence.

Guard for Finger Ring.

An ingenious new guard for finger rings is worn inside a ring and presses against the finger to prevent it turning, at the same time being almost invisible.

KAISER'S MENTAL CONDITION IS ALARMING

KAISER MIND . . . . . dOsz . . . . . (By International News Service)

LONDON, May 1.—The German Imperial entourage is alarmed at the Kaiser's mental condition, says a news dispatch received here from Berne today.

BELMONT AND MT. HOLLY HAVE RAISED THEIR QUOTA

With Belmont and Mount Holly already awarded honor flags for reaching their quota and each going ahead in an effort to double the quota and thus win a star for their flags, Gaston county is showing ahead to win the flag for the county by completing the quota of \$417,000.

Every one is urged by the county organization to do all possible in making the campaign for the third Liberty loan a success.

BOY SCOUTS TO GIVE MINSTREL FRIDAY NIGHT

On Friday night of this week, May 3rd, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, the Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 3, will give an entertainment at the Central school auditorium.

CONTRACTS LET FOR THOUSAND LOCOMOTIVES.

Washington, April 30.—Contracts for 1,025 freight and passenger locomotives, the largest single order ever placed in the history of American railways, were let today by the railroad administration to the American Locomotive Company and the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

The entire order represents a cost of about \$60,000,000, or an average price of a little less than \$60,000 for each locomotive.

Deliveries will begin in July and continue through the year, and most of the new engines, it is understood, will be assigned to eastern roads where the shortage of motive power is greatest.

HOPE OF FINDING THE CYCLOPS ABOUT GONE.

Washington, April 30.—As the final phase in the search for the missing naval collier Cyclops, the navy department announced today that numerous boat crews are being landed by warships to question fishermen along the coasts of the West Indian Islands near the route taken by the collier when she sailed from the Barbadoes nearly two months ago.

MRS. W. R. HARRIS TO SPEAK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, of Asheville, will be in the city tonight and will address the young people at Main Street Methodist church at 8 p. m.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—One quarter of 1918 is gone.

—Buy that Liberty Bond today.

—Tax listing time is here again.

—Mr. John Kirby, of Charlotte, was in Gastonia Monday.

—Mr. W. L. Hogan, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in Gastonia Monday.

—Mr. R. G. Rhyne and Rev. E. H. Kohn, of Mount Holly, were business visitors in the city Monday.

—Prof. R. A. Marsh, of Belmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Union prayer service every evening at 6:15 at Main Street Methodist church. Lasts just 30 minutes.

—Mrs. E. O. Jennings returned Saturday from a ten days visit to friends in Atlanta.

—Mr. A. L. Quikkel, of Washington, D. C., has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Quikkel. Mr. Quikkel is a brother of Dr. Quikkel.

—Communion services will be held at Main Street Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Jordan.

—Mrs. A. J. Kirby is quite sick at her home on the New Hope road, suffering from pneumonia. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

—Miss Von Sherrill and Miss Ethel Whitener, of Sherrill's Ford, Catawba county, have entered the City Hospital Training School for Nurses.

—Mrs. A. M. Herron and Mrs. Walter McEachin, of Charlotte, were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, of the McAden Mills, McAdenville, is attending the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association meeting in New York this week.

—Mr. Glenn Pickens and Miss Edith Pickens, of Asheville, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to their sister, Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent.

—Mr. J. Edgar McLean, who has been in the third officers' Training Camp at Camp Jackson, Columbia, is home on a 20 day furlough. He is eligible for second lieutenant's place.

—Mrs. E. F. Glenn attended the musical festival in Charlotte last week and remained over for the week-end as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Leake Carraway, returning to the city yesterday.

—Mrs. M. J. Patrick, Joseph Patrick and Miss Lula Riddle, of the Union section, and Mrs. George M. Nolen, of Atlanta, and Mrs. A. C. Kelley, of Hickory, were among Monday's shoppers in Gastonia.

—Mr. A. B. O'Neil left yesterday for Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., to spend a few days with his son, Mr. Alfred B. O'Neil, who expects soon to receive his commission as second lieutenant, having qualified for the same at the third officers' training school.

—A Washington dispatch in this morning's papers states that Colie W. Roberts, formerly secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, now occupying a similar position at Henderson, has been appointed a clerk in the War Department.

—Mrs. J. B. Wiley and child, of Lancaster, S. C., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Costner. Mrs. Costner has been confined to her bed by illness but her friends will be glad to know that her condition is improved.

—Among the Gastonia mill men who are in New York this week attending the annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association are Messrs. A. K. Winget, A. M. Dixon, W. T. Rankin, W. R. Armstrong, Frost Torrence, L. D. Gribble and W. D. Anderson.

—Miss Wray Ramsey has completed the course at the City Hospital Training School for Nurses and left Monday for her home at Durham. She will stand examination before the State board of examiners May 15th and will probably locate in Durham as a private nurse.

—Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, returned this morning from Atlanta, where he attended a meeting of the General Educational Board of the Methodist church as a representative of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, of which he is chairman.

—Miss Sallie Morton returned Monday from Rocky Mount, where she attended the annual State convention of Baraca and Philathea classes, being a representative of the Philathea class of the First Baptist church of this city. The convention was in session Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

—Corporal John A. All and Mr. Alfred E. Fuller, of Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg S. C., Messrs. Martin Anderson and Richard E. Smith, of Camp Greene, Charlotte, and Misses Ruby and Ruth Polk, of Charlotte, were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings at their home on South Broad street.

—Monroe Journal, 26th: "Mr. Pascal M. Abernethy, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Abernethy, was a member of the graduating class of the Kansas City Veterinary College Monday. He will arrive home from the school today or tomorrow."

Young Abernethy has many friends here who will be interested in the above. He formerly lived here, his father having been pastor of Main Street Methodist church.

STORMY SCENES IN THE PRUSSIAN DIET

(By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, May 1.—Stormy scenes occurred in the Prussian Diet Thursday when a member of the Centre party proposed that the inauguration of electoral reforms be postponed until after the war, says a dispatch received here today.

Soldiers participated in the debate. Liberal members strongly rejected the proposal for delay and predicted serious consequences.

Hoffman, an independent socialist, declared that if the proposed delay be accepted, he would ask the soldiers not to fight any longer. Extreme excitement followed amid cries of "Traitor."

The proposal was rejected. Chancellor Hertling advocated general suffrage.

POPE MAY MAKE ANOTHER PEACE MOVE

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, May 1.—Pope Benedict intends to put out another peace feeler to all the belligerents, containing a concrete offer of mediation with the possible co-operation of neutrals, says a wireless from the Hague.

Reports stated that the contemplated offer was received sympathetically in Berlin. The move is expected about the end of May.

FRENCH HAVE IMPROVED POSITIONS NEAR LOCRE

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, (NOON) May 1.—The French improved their positions in the sector around Locre. A local attack near St. Julien by the enemy was repulsed. Machine gun posts held by the enemy in the Meteren district were rushed by the British last night and some prisoners were taken.

SLIGHTLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Morris Grant, aged 14, son of A. M. Grant, of West Gastonia, is in the City Hospital where he was carried last night suffering from slight wounds received when he was struck by an automobile driven by E. Price Rankin, of the Rankin-Chandler Furniture Company. His wounds consist of a flesh cut, a sprained ankle and minor scratches.

The accident occurred about 6:30 o'clock last evening on West Franklin avenue. It is understood that Mr. Rankin's car skidded on the wet pavement when he attempted to get his car out from the street car track and that it shot over to the sidewalk where the boy was walking. Reports from the hospital this morning were to the effect that young Grant was getting along nicely.

LOYALTY DECLARED BY LUTHERAN SYNOD.

New York, April 30.—No assistance or guidance has ever come to the American Lutheran church from the Hohenzollerns, who have not been Lutherans since 1614, or from any other sources in Germany, and accusations of disloyalty to the United States of American Lutherans are attributable to either ignorance or malice, according to resolutions adopted at the annual convention of the Atlantic district of the Missouri Lutheran Synod here today.

More than 165,000 Lutheran men now are engaged in American war service, the resolution declare, adding "there is no more democratic institution in the world than the Lutheran church."

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES' ATTACK FAILED

(By International News Service.) BERLIN, May 1.—The Allied attack between Dorain and Vardar river broke down.

LIBERTY LOAN IS NEARING THREE BILLIONS.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 1.—The total subscriptions to the third Liberty Loan announced by the Treasury Department today reached \$2,509,314,600.

E. G. M'LURD PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

In addition to the transaction of routine business the members of the Gastonia Commercial Club, in annual session Monday, appointed a committee composed of its president, E. G. McLurd; the secretary, J. W. Timberlake, and R. B. Babington, to secure a service flag and an honor roll, and have the same placed in the club rooms in honor of those members of the club who are in the military and naval service of the United States.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, E. G. McLurd; first vice-president, A. E. Woltz; second vice-president, W. T. Love; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Timberlake; directors to serve for one year, W. D. Anderson, A. B. O'Neil, D. K. Jackson, Carl Finger and C. J. McCombs.

PROF. H. C. SISK GOES TO BELMONT NEXT YEAR

There will be several changes in the superintendency of Gaston county schools next year on account of the war and its demand, not only by the army and navy but by many lines of industry for men.

Prof. R. A. Marsh, for the past year superintendent of the Belmont high schools, has recently been accepted for service in the aviation section of the army and expects to be called for active duty at an early date.

He succeeded Mr. H. A. Query, who is also in the army. Prof. Marsh will be succeeded at Belmont by Prof. H. C. Sisk, for the past two years principal of the East Gastonia graded school. Mr. Sisk was elected to this position some time ago and only recently signified his acceptance.

During the summer Mr. Sisk and Miss Melva Gullick, who is a member of the faculty of the Belmont schools, will direct war gardening in Belmont. They already have more than a hundred war gardens under cultivation by high school pupils.

Mr. Sisk's successor here has not yet been chosen. It is understood that Prof. Joe R. Nixon, for the past several years superintendent of the Cherryville graded school, has accepted a similar position at Edenton, in the eastern part of the State. His successor has not yet been named.

It is probable that there will be still other changes in the schools of the county but no announcements have been made as to them yet.

LIGHT CASUALTY LIST WAS ISSUED TODAY

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The casualty list issued this morning contained the names of 8 killed in action; three died of disease; one from wounds; one from accident; five severely wounded and 51 slightly wounded. Two lieutenants are reported as missing in action; one died from other causes.

TODAYS COTTON MARKET

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, May 1.—The cotton market opened with July contracts selling at 26.00; October 25-30.

Friends of Mrs. W. L. Walters, who underwent an operation at the City Hospital last Wednesday, will be glad to learn that she is making a very satisfactory recovery and expects to be able to return home the latter part of this week.

Born

On Monday, April 29, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Falls, a son.

Underwent Operation.

Mr. George E. Marvin underwent an operation yesterday morning for appendicitis at the City Hospital. His friends will be glad to know that he stood the operation well and that he is getting along nicely.

School Closing.

The Mt. Olivet school will hold its closing exercises and a picnic Saturday of this week, May 4, and Saturday night the school will give a play entitled "A Kentucky Belle." Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

Decoration Day.

We are requested to announce that Saturday of next week, May 11th, will be observed at Mt. Olivet church as Decoration Day. All families who have plots in the cemetery are requested to have the plots cleaned off before the exercises begin at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

TO VOTE ON INCREASE IN CITY SCHOOL TAXES

An election will be held in Gastonia on Monday, May 27th, from 7 a. m. until sunset for the purpose of giving the citizens of the town an opportunity to express their wishes in the matter of increasing the school tax from 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property to a sum not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 worth.

This election was called by the city council after more than one-third of the taxpayers of the city had petitioned the council to do so. In an advertisement appearing elsewhere in today's Gazette the particulars with reference to the election are set forth.

R. Scott Loughridge has been appointed registrar and B. T. Morris and E. J. Rankin judges for this election, which will be held in the city hall. This is a new registration and no citizen, no matter how long he has been registered and voting in regular elections, can vote unless he registers anew for this new special election.

That the demands on the city school board have been increasing not only steadily but rapidly for the past several years is a fact of general knowledge. There are now more than 2,000 children in the city schools. Every year it is found necessary to increase the teaching force, and, on account of the great increase in the cost of living, it has been necessary to raise the salaries of teachers. That it will be necessary to raise them still further in the future seems not improbable.

It is the purpose of The Gazette to present to its readers the facts and figures as to the amount of taxes collected under the present schedule, how it is expended, what the growth in demands has been, how much the increase will afford for increased operating expenses, etc., as rapidly as these facts and figures can be gotten together.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, April 30.—Miss Christine Henkel, of Statesville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry A. Rhyne.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt is spending a few days in Winston-Salem among his former parishioners.

Mr. R. K. Davenport, who went to Little Rock, Ark., on the Bankhead Highway matter, reports finely and enthusiastically on the prospects of the highway. It cannot come too soon.

This calls to mind that the county bridge across the Catawba here is making more rapid progress. The contractors are about ready to put up the iron supports, then the bridge proper, and then you quit paying toll.

Rev. E. H. Kohn, married at the home of Mrs. Janie Belk, Mr. Jule Williams and Miss Ethel Crump.

Last week Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted a successful revival. He did the preaching and the singing was conducted by Misses Williams and Lineberger. A number of accessions to the church resulted from the meeting.

Mrs. Karl Keller, who spent the winter in Philadelphia, is at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Kohn, spending some time.

Miss Carrie Lentz and sister, Pauline, spent last Sunday in Spartanburg with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Springs.

Mrs. A. P. Rhyne has been spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Cannon, at Charlotte.

The intermediate grades of the high school give in the school auditorium Friday night a patriotic play, Drills, dialogues, songs and such will add to the enjoyment.

In the sale of Liberty bonds on this, the third drive, the committee put the town "over the top" in short order by subscribing the allotment, and have eight days to work up the excess.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rhyne Monday, a dainty little daughter.

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, April 30.—Final negotiations between Germany and Holland over the use of the Dutch railways by the Germans has not yet been concluded, says a dispatch from The Hague today. A definite agreement is improbable until the Western battle front becomes calmer.

FOR AN INCREASED ARMY.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, April 30.—Three different bills were introduced in the Senate this afternoon to increase the American army. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, introduced a resolution asking for 5,000,000 men, Senator Reed one for 3,000,000, and Senator Poin-dexter one for 1,500,000.

Keep Up the Good Work.

"When you git a sinner reformed," said Uncle Eben, "don't lose interest in him so quick dat he feels lonesome an' neglected."

WEDNESDAY ALL MEALS WHEATLESS

THURSDAY ONE MEAL WHEATLESS