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SATURDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

ALLIES CARRY OUT SUCCESSFUL AIR RAIDS.
(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, May 4.—Allied aviators blew up 25 Belgian canal boats laden with gravel and metals for use on the Western battle front. The Luxembourg bridge at Naumar was practically destroyed by bombs from the air, a boat in the river was blown up, and several German sentries were killed. Forty-four freight cars at Attres station were destroyed and many Germans were killed from the air. The Germans are trying to mend the roads in France they have overrun in the present offensive.

SATURDAY'S CASUALTY LIST.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 4.—This morning's casualty list contains the names of 5 who died of wounds, 3 who were killed in action; eight died of disease; one was drowned; four were victims of accidents; one reported missing; 14 were severely wounded; 50 slightly wounded. Southerners who died of disease were Privates Raymond Allen, of Texas, Simpson Rutner, of Virginia, and Harry Lewis, of Chickamauga, Ga. The one drowned was Cecil Harding, of Oklahoma. Among the slightly wounded was Eddie Henderson, of Douglas, Ga.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, May 4.—There were heavy bombardments on the Picardy battle front last night, centering along the Aisne river. The French made a number of successful raids in the Oise sector, taking some prisoners. A successful shot hit the long range gun which has been bombarding Paris.

ROME, May 4.—Fourteen more Austro-German aeroplanes were shot down on the Italian front.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—The Germans have violated Dutch neutrality by sending a steamer from Zeebrugge to Antwerp through the mouth of the Scheldt river, which has been closed.

PARIS, May 4.—German losses in the recent offensive are estimated at 100,000 by a correspondent of the Matin at the front. German reserves are estimated at 650,000. Over 150,000 slightly wounded will be able to return for the firing lines.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The president this afternoon nominated Clifford Leonard, of Chicago, for director of the war finance corporation for a term of two years.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—Germany's efforts to solve the problem of successful air defense, have failed, a staff officer announced in the Reichstag, saying "there is no sure means of preventing air attacks. Anti-aircraft barrage is the best means and reprisal threats against London and Paris are the next."

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Increased commodity rates on sugar from New Orleans to points in Northern Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, were today found to be justified by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—At a monster massmeeting of peasants at Kiev Monday Gen. Skoropodski was proclaimed leader and was inaugurated with religious ceremonies. Rejoicing, which was occupied by the Ukrainian government, has been stormed and captured. Skoropodski now holds the city which is again quiet.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The president's clemency which was extended to the four American soldiers recently court-martialed in France and sentenced to death, two for being asleep on duty and two for disobedience, orders that two be given "free and unconditional pardons," and that the sentences of the two others be commuted to three years at hard labor at Fort Leavenworth. Privates Forrest Sebastian and Jeff Cook were pardoned and Olan Ledowen and Stanley Fishback had their sentences commuted.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—British losses in the offensive now raging on the Western front have been almost a quarter of a million, according to the latest estimates of the British military mission announced this afternoon.

ZURICH, May 4.—Violent fighting is going on at Kiev between the new Ukrainian government forces and the old Rada which is "anti-German."

LONDON, May 4.—The British improved their positions northeast of Hinges last night. The French made gains in the sector around Loere, capturing some prisoners. The Germans are showing increased activity in the Nieppe forest and at Meeteren.

FRENCH CAPTURE PRISONERS.
(By International News Service.)
PARIS, May 3.—A French advance south of Villers-Bretonneux is reported today. The French attacked the enemy further south in the Halliers-Castle sector, capturing 160 prisoners. Americans were recently reported as fighting with the French

BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION IN MONTHLY SESSION

(Reported for The Gazette.)
The Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association held its regular monthly meeting in the Central school auditorium Friday afternoon and was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. C. Warren. The meeting was opened with prayer by Prof. Joe S. Wray and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. W. C. Barrett.

An invitation to the State Federation which is to meet in Raleigh May 28-30 was read, giving an outline of the program which promises to be one full of interest.

Splendid and enthusiastic reports of the district meeting of the federation which was held in Charlotte last month were given by Mesdames D. A. Garrison and S. A. Robinson. The list of committees for next year was announced by the president. This meeting was under special direction of the music committee who presented a program of very great interest, as follows:

Trio, by Charlie Jordan, Lucius Wilson and Bonnie Morris.
Vocal selection by Miss Jane Morris.
Paper by Mrs. A. E. Woltz, on "The Artistic Value of Musical Culture."

Introducing her special program by the little folks under her tuition in piano, Miss Little made some forcible remarks concerning the necessity of music as a factor in a well-rounded education. The program follows: Duet by Edith and Elizabeth Parker; piano solo by Sarah Glenn, piano solo by Madelyn Moore, piano solo by Margaret McConnell, trio, one instrument, by Isabel Babington, Louisa Wilson and Sarah Glenn.

This program of the little people was of unusual merit and was much enjoyed.

The meeting was then adjourned, this being the last regular meeting of the betterment until the fall.

MILES S. SMYRE ARRESTED IN NEWTON.

Prominent Hardware Merchant Charged With Violation of the Espionage Law.
Hickory Record.
Newton, May 4.—A sensation was sprung in Newton this morning when Mr. John L. Milholland appeared in Newton with a warrant and arrested Mr. Miles S. Smyre, one of Newton's leading hardware men.

Mr. Milholland is a deputy United States marshal and the arrest is the result of an investigation that was made here some days ago by a secret service man of the United States government.

The warrant charges a violation of the federal espionage law and the hearing, which will be one of probable causes will be passed upon Monday in the city of Hickory by Mr. J. M. Miller, United States commissioner. Mr. Smyre gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance Monday.

Mr. W. A. Self has been employed by Mr. Smyre to represent him in the case. It is rumored that this is only the beginning of what may be expected in Catawba county. Other prominent citizens' records have been investigated and future developments will be watched with great interest in this community and county.

The arrest of Miles S. Smyre, Newton hardware merchant, reported in the foregoing dispatch, had been expected for several days. The warrant was issued early this week by Mr. John F. Miller, United States commissioner.

It is alleged that Mr. Smyre had been taking quite an interest in the German drive, at the same time expressing himself freely on the United States. He is said to have asserted that the Kaiser would be in Paris by a certain date, would move from there to London and from London would come to New York, and when the Kaiser and his army reach the United States, Mr. Smyre was to join it. The Record has been informed.

His arrest will cause no less a sensation here than at Newton, because there is said to have been a good deal of loose talk around this city and special agents have the names of a number of alleged citizens.

Smyre is a nephew of Mr. A. M. Smyre, of Gastonia, and is well known here, having frequently visited Gastonia. His acquaintances here express themselves as not being surprised at Smyre's arrest as it was known that he was very outspoken in his pro-German views.

GERMANS AGAIN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE LINES.
(By International News Service.)
LONDON, May 4.—Intense bombardment was opened by the Germans this morning against the French and British between Loere and a point south of Ypres. This sector was the scene of a violent battle last Monday when the Germans were severely defeated. It is believed the bombardment presages a renewal of German efforts to break through.

LONG EXPECTED BLOW ON ITALIAN FRONT

This morning's dispatches say: Over the battle lines along the Piave river and in the mountainous region in northern Italy, where the allied forces have been holding their positions since last November after the great Italian retreat from the Isonzo, there is increased tension and the long threatened blow at this front may be launched by the Teutonic allies within a few days. For many weeks, the Italian war office has been aware that the Austrians have been assembling the legions withdrawn from the Russian and Rumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies, and it is believed that it will not be long before the central powers will make another attempt to reach the plains of Venetia, break through the allies' lines and seek to bring about a decisive combat in that theater of the war.

Emperor Charles, of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff and high German and Austrian army officers, is reported on his way to the Italian front and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions.

NEW LIQUIFIED GAS NOW USED BY TEUTONS

With the Americans on a French Battle Front, Saturday, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—What probably is a new German liquified gas was projected this morning against the Picardy front where American troops are fighting.

The gas, in its fluid form, is contained in glass bottles. On bursting they give off some substance from which heavy, white fumes, transparent in texture, continue to arise for five minutes.

No detonation was heard as the bottles were hurled through the air and apparently they were thrown by a spring. The gas caused nausea, sneezing and coughing, but did not harm any of the Americans.

There has been lively artillery fire, but the Americans here have not been attacked by the infantry.

Last night an enemy sergeant major and eight men attempted to raid one of our forward posts, consisting of three men. The Germans captured one of our men, but he escaped before he could be taken into the enemy lines. In attempting to recover their prisoner the Germans strayed into the American lines. They were attacked and the patrol leader was wounded and captured. He belonged to a reserve Saxon regiment.

One of the American patrols encountered a superior enemy force of 22 men. Fighting as they went, they made their way back to the American lines without losses.

Two German airplanes were brought down today.

59 RAILWAYS FOLLOW LEAD OF HOTEL MEN

Special to The Gazette.
WASHINGTON, May 4.—Following the pledge of five hundred hotel and restaurant men to refrain from the use of wheat in their establishments until after the next harvest, a similar pledge has been given by 59 out of 63 dining car services in the country and the other four are expected to adopt the "no wheat" program.

Full reports from the railways of the country show that during the month of February the dining car services saved 424,198 pounds of meats and 251,138 pounds of wheat flour.

The Union Pacific saved 29,633 pounds of wheat flour; and the Pennsylvania Lines, East, saved 26,943 pounds of wheat flour.

The Southern Railway used less than 20 per cent of the quantity of wheat flour it used in February, 1917.

MORTALITY IN UPPER HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Public officials in Washington are commenting on the recent high mortality among the members of the United States senate. It is said that in the entire history of congress the records fail to show during any twelve months period so many deaths among the members of the upper house as have occurred during the past year. Seven senators have passed away since last May. The senators and the dates of their deaths are as follows:

- May 23, 1917—Harry Lane of Oregon, democrat.
- October 21, 1917—Paul O. Husting of Wisconsin, democrat.
- December 24, 1917—James H. Brady of Idaho, republican.
- January 30, 1918—William Hughes of New Jersey, democrat.
- April 12, 1918—Robert F. Broussard of Louisiana, democrat.
- April 14, 1918—William J. Stone of Missouri, democrat.

LOAN WAS OVERSUBSCRIBED BY TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT

Gaston county went "over the top" in splendid manner in the third Liberty loan. Final returns are not yet in hand but from figures received Saturday night the county exceeded its quota of \$418,700 by at least 25 per cent. Complete returns will be in by Wednesday.

Gastonia went over in the true "Gastonia way," exceeding the quota of \$331,400 by over \$40,000. Cherryville by splendid work reached the goal of \$39,000. Belmont and Mt. Holly each more than doubled their quotas and won stars in their honor flags, which have already arrived. Lenoir City's honor flag has also arrived and others will soon be here for Gaston county, Gastonia, Dallas, Cherryville and Lowell.

"The county executive committee desires to thank the citizens of Gaston county for the splendid co-operation they gave the committee and the wonderful way in which they subscribed to the third Liberty loan," said County Chairman W. T. Love this morning. "The county organization planned to put the loan over without any speeches or brass band methods. Through the excellent aid rendered by district committees and those who have bought bonds the plan worked out most pleasingly. We are highly appreciative of the loyal showing made by the people of old Gaston."

GIVEN SIX MONTHS FOR SELLING 90 P. C. EXTRACTS

S. W. Grayson, who conducts a general merchandise business in West Gastonia, was convicted in Municipal Court last week of violating the liquor laws by selling extracts containing a heavy percentage of alcohol. Judge Jones sentenced him to six months on the chain-gang. Grayson appealed to Superior Court and was released on bond.

It was in evidence that 75 or more bottles of extracts containing 90 per cent alcohol were found in Grayson's place of business when he was arrested. Grayson had been before the court before on similar charges and was under a good behavior sentence when arrested last week.

Annual Meeting

The second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gaston County Building & Loan Association will be held at the City Hall tomorrow, Tuesday, May 7th, at 3 o'clock p. m. The present officers of the association are G. R. Spencer, president; J. White Ware, first vice-president; J. L. Price, secretary and treasurer. The association is just winding up its first year of business, and the reports of the officers are expected to show a very successful year.

SHOULD BUY BONDS AND STAMPS WITH NEW SAVINGS.

Money Made and Saved This Year Will Win the War—Money in Savings Banks Already Invested.
Special to The Gazette.

WINSTON-SALEM, May 4.—Just a word about drawing money out of the Savings Bank and investing it in War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds. Should you do it?

Today's bulletin from State headquarters for War Savings says when you do this you are not buying bonds and stamps in the way that the government intended you should buy them, and in a measure you are defeating the purpose of the campaigns. It says further that this war must be financed largely out of new savings. The money you have in the Savings Bank represents past savings—that is capital. Your bank has already invested it in essential industries and government bonds. If you withdraw it to buy government bonds you are simply shifting an obligation to pay the bank to an obligation to pay you. You are not really adding to the financial resources of your government. You will help your country more by buying a \$50 bond on a partial payment plan, with current savings, than by buying a \$1,000 bond with money drawn from your savings bank. Again, you will help the government to carry out its program in meeting the war's needs more by buying Thrift and War Savings Stamps regularly and systematically than by buying \$1,000 worth at one time and taking the money out of the savings bank to do it.

To get new savings, and to encourage the making and saving of money in ways people have never known before, and to do it this year, is the purpose of the War Savings Campaign. This calls for doing without many things not essential, for saving and using again things that were once wasted or discarded, and for producing more ourselves, that our government may have labor and material for winning the war. When we fail to do this, we hinder the government's war program.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAID
(By International News Service.)
LONDON, May 3.—The British made a successful raid South of Arras and East St. Venant, capturing ten prisoners and five machine guns.

MICKIE SAYS

HEY, Y' POOR WAMPUS! PAY FER THAT PAPER ER ELSE PUT IT BACK! IT COSTS US MONEY T' PRINT 'EM AN WE AIN' GIVIN 'EM AWAY, EVEN IF YA DO SAY "THANKS" WHY DON' YA GO ROUN' TO THE BANK AN ASK 'EM FER A SAMPLE, TOO!



REV. F. P. ANDERSON TOLD OF ARMY Y. M. C. A. WORK

Rev. Frank P. Anderson, secretary of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Greene, Charlotte, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday night and delighted a large congregation with a description of the work being done in the camps by the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Anderson is pleasantly remembered here, having spent one summer here as an assistant to Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

REFORM MEASURE VOTED ON FAVORABLY

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, May 6.—The suffrage bill passed the lower house of the Prussian diet Saturday, says a delayed dispatch from Berlin today. The bill is an electoral reform measure.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Under Call No. 209, today received from the Adjutant General, the Local Board will induct three men to be entrained on the 15th day of May, 1918. These men are to receive training at West-Raleigh, North Carolina, and must be entrained so as to report to the Commanding Officer of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering on May 16, 1918, which means that they must leave Gastonia not later than the 15th.

The men selected for this service will receive a course of training at government expense fitting them to serve in army positions, requiring knowledge of automobile driving, and repairing blacksmithing, carpentry, electricity, and other mechanical duties incident to many kinds of military service at the front and behind the lines. The men taking this course will receive thorough instructions, which will be of great personal value in making their way ahead both in the Army and in civil life. This is an exceptional opportunity for energetic ambitious men. The Board is authorized to fill this call from volunteers, who are registrants. If qualified for general military duty the Board may accept said volunteer and induct him under this call. The volunteer must be a registrant. The volunteer period will continue until May 8th. If not filled by volunteers at that time, selection will be in sequence of order numbers from Class 1 men. Only white men who have completed at least a grammar school education and have had some experience along mechanical lines and some aptitude for mechanical work will be eligible.

This the 4th day of May, 1918.
Thos. L. Craig,
Chairman.

Hog Sale.

Owing to the fine weather for planting cotton last Saturday most of those who applied to the county agent for gilts did not attend the sale. About half of the car was sold, and County Agent Steele says that he believes the best half is there yet. Steele expects to hold another sale tomorrow morning, May 7th. At this sale the county lines will be disregarded. A number have applied from Lincoln and York counties. Demonstrator Steele wants as many of them to stay in the county as possible but says he is now at the place where they must go. If the county breeders want to keep these valuable animals they will have to act now.

The Liberty Bond drive is over. The next stop is a big Red Cross drive beginning May 20th. In the meantime buy more war savings stamps.

BRITISH ADVANCE AND IMPROVE THEIR LINES

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, May 6.—The British lines have been advanced and improved on both the Picardy and Flanders fronts, the War Office announced today. The British lines have been extended in the sectors of the Somme and Ancre rivers and in the neighborhood of Morlancoeur.

ARTILLERY ACTION ON ITALIAN FRONT

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, May 6.—The Austrian War Office official statement says: On the lower Piave river Italian reconnoissances were frustrated. Artillery duels continue all along the southeastern front.

RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET TAKEN INTACT

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, May 6.—The Russian Black Sea fleet has been captured intact, it was officially announced in Constantinople, according to a news agency dispatch received today. The dispatch quoted a Turkish statement as saying further that the former German cruiser Goeben was at Sebastopol where the capture was effected.

THIRD LONG-RANGE GUN PUT OUT OF ACTION

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, May 6.—The new long range German cannon that has been bombarding Paris has been silent for three days. This is taken as confirmation of the report that it had received a direct hit from French artillery. This is the third of the "Big Berthas" to be knocked out but reports from Holland are to the effect that other giant guns are on their way through Belgium.

THIRTY-SIX NAMES IN TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 6.—The casualty list this morning contained the names of six killed in action, three who died from wounds, 15 missing in action, nine who succumbed to disease, two who died from accident and one from other causes.

DEATHS

MRS. L. S. SHILLINGLAW.
At her home at the Mutual Mill, west of the city, Sunday Mrs. Josie Shillinglaw, wife of Leander S. Shillinglaw, died from cancer after a long illness. She was about forty years old. Surviving are her husband, one son and one daughter. Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. J. H. Henderlite officiating. Interment was in the cemetery at Lowell.

Deceased was a woman of sterling Christian character. For a number of years she had been a member of the First Presbyterian church, to which she was ever faithful and loyal.

—Fire which was discovered about 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning destroyed the residence of Mr. H. C. Barkley on North Broad street. When the family awoke the entire rear of the house was in flames. The fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the house. Some of the contents were saved. The loss was only partially covered by insurance.