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MILLIONS HAVE DIED OF STARVATION AND DISEASE

New York, May 23.—The greatest human calamity in Europe has not been wrought by German bullets but by starvation and its attendant diseases in the districts overrun by the German military power, declared Food Administrator Hoover in an address to the National Dairy League here today.

At The Churches

TO OBSERVE MAY 30 AS DAY OF PRAYER. In accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson, setting apart next Thursday, May 30th, which is National Memorial Day, as a day of prayer for the people of the United States, the ministerial association of Gastonia earnestly recommends to the people of the city that they carefully observe the day in conformity with the appointment of the President of the Nation.

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NEW HOPE.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. M. McLain, of Clover, will preach at New Hope Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. After the preaching service there will be a congregational meeting and all members are urged to be present.

BELMONT BAPTIST.

Next Sunday will be observed as Old Folks' Day at the First Baptist church of Belmont. Rev. D. W. Thomason and Rev. S. F. Conrad

BAPTISTS ADOPT AMBITIOUS PROGRAM

Southern Baptist Convention Will Raise Large Sums This Year for Home and Foreign Missions and Education — Stand Squarely Back of Government in Prosecution of the War. Rev. G. P. Abernethy returned Wednesday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he attended the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was gone ten days.

SIX NEGROES LYNCHED TO AVENGE MURDER

(By International News Service.) VALDOSTA, GA., May 23.—Order has been restored today. The police authorities are confident that they are able to handle the situation without the aid of soldiers who arrived early today upon order of the Governor proclaiming martial law.

LATEST EDICT IS "WORK OR FIGHT"

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 23.—"Work or fight" that is the dictum of the Government as announced today by General Crowder in an amendment to the regulations compelling registered men who are not engaged in useful occupations to immediately begin labor, contributing to the general good.

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will preach, the former at 11 a. m. and the latter at 3 p. m. All former members of the church are requested to be present by the pastor Rev. F. M. Higgins.

CITIZENS NEGLIGENT IN SCHOOL TAX MATTER

Gastonians appear to be exceedingly indifferent to the approaching election on the question of an increase in the local school tax rate. With 2,000 or more voters inside the city limits the ridiculously small number of 135 have so far registered for the election which will be held Monday.

MOB OF 500 MEN LYNCHES NEGRO

(By International News Service.) CORDELE, GA., May 23.—A mob of 500 men stormed the jail here after midnight and seized Jim Cobb, a cowering negro, suspected of the brutal murder of Mrs. A. L. Simmons late yesterday, and rushed him in an automobile to the scene of the crime and hanged him to a tree just after daylight this morning and riddled the body with bullets.

87 IN YESTERDAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 23.—This morning's casualty list contains the names of 14 killed in action, 12 died of wounds, 11 died of disease, 40 were wounded severely and 9 slightly wounded; one missing in action. James Cothran, of Bradley, S. C.; John Jones, of Spartanburg, S. C.; and Walter Hunter, of Laurens, S. C., died of disease. Mack Inman, of Inman, S. C., and Dolphus Cooper, of Jacksonville, N. C., were severely wounded.

BRITISH RAID ENEMY LINES.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 23.—The British successfully raided the enemy lines in the neighborhood of Aytta, Bois-leux and St. Marie, inflicting casualties upon the Germans. Heavy artillery firing continues on the Picardy and Flanders fronts. The Germans rushed the advanced post in Aveluis wood last night. Two Britishers are missing. The enemy were driven off by heavy fire in an attempted raid in the vicinity of Rebus-Venas.

EX-CZAR NICK TRIED TO ESCAPE.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, May 23.—The former Czar of Russia is imprisoned at Ekaterinburg in the Ural mountains, following a plot to escape, says a Reuters' Amsterdam dispatch today.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON PARIS.

(By International News Service.) PARIS, May 23.—Again German aeroplanes raided Paris early today and bombs were dropped in the Paris area.

LOCAL RED CROSS FUND NOW \$13,250

With reports from over the county still very incomplete the contributions so far to the second Red Cross fund of \$100,000,000 by Gastonians already totals \$13,250. Chairman S. A. Robinson of the finance committee and Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Chamber of Commerce who are tabulating the reports as they come in, feel confident that when the drive is over Gastonia county's contribution will total at least \$15,000 or 50 per cent more than its assessment.

TWO GASTONIA NURSES TO GO TO THE FRONT

Miss Edith Bailey and Miss Lola Boyd, two graduate nurses of Gastonia, have enlisted in Dr. J. W. Long's hospital unit and will leave about June first for foreign service. Miss Bailey is in Dr. H. F. Glenn's office and Miss Boyd is doing private nursing. Both are graduates of the training school for nurses at Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville. Miss Bailey's home is at Morganton. Miss Boyd is a daughter of Mr. Charles Boyd, of Gastonia.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

U. C. CLUB MET WITH MRS. HENDERLITE. The U. C. Club held its last regular meeting for the year with Mrs. J. H. Henderlite Thursday afternoon. A contribution of \$5 was made to the Red Cross. The club decided to work as a unit at the Red Cross work room during the summer months. The reading of "The Winter's Tale" was finished at this meeting. At the conclusion of the program a delightful social hour was spent.

ATTENDED SISTER'S MARRIAGE AT WINSTON-SALEM.

Miss Faye Hall, of the City Hospital staff, returned Tuesday from Winston-Salem where she attended the marriage on that day of her sister, Miss Bessie Hall, to Mr. W. N. Skeeter, of Hopewell, Va. The marriage was a quiet affair celebrated at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Dr. H. A. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Skeeter left for Washington, New York and other Eastern cities on a bridal trip. On their return they will make their home in Hopewell. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Winston-Salem and both parties have many friends to whom the announcement of their marriage was of special interest.

LITTLE MISS MOORE CELEBRATES HER FOURTH BIRTHDAY.

Little Miss Nancy Jane Moore, the attractive and popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Moore, celebrated her fourth birthday yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock by delightfully entertaining about twenty of her young friends at her home, 424 West Air Line avenue. The young folks played games and enjoyed refreshments and each was the recipient of a souvenir from the little hostess. Those present were little Misses Mary Morris, Susannah Jones, Mary Gray and Bennie Winget, Virginia Boyce, Lois Hogan, Mildred Long, Ray Summey, Hester Cline, Madeline and Frances Moore, Helen Shuford, Margaret Barrett, Grace and Alice Moore, Rebecca Capps, Edna Love and Rachel Viperman and Masters Lamar and P. D. Summey, Jr., Samuel Austell Wilkins, F. L. Smyre, Jr., Charles Barrett and A. C. Jones, Jr.

WE ARE ASKED TO STATE THAT ANY PERSONS WHO WERE MISSED BY THE RED CROSS SOLICITORS, BUT WHO NEVERTHELESS WISH TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECOND WAR FUND, MAY MAKE THEIR REMITTANCES DIRECT TO MR. S. A. ROBINSON OF THE ROBINSON SHOE CO.'S OR TO SECRETARY FRED M. ALLEN AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ADMIRAL SIMS SAYS U-BOATS ARE BEATEN

(By Fred Wilson, Gen. Mgr. I. N. S.) LONDON, May 24.—"We have the submarines virtually beaten. Co-ordination between the allied fleets has done the job. The German diver crews are pretty sick and getting sicker every day," said Admiral Sims in a news interview given to the International News Service today. This statement is loud in his praise of the allied sailors, and declared that the German U-boats between them and the Yverly "Jackies" could not be more than a few days' work. The Zebruge and Ostend submarine holes have been blocked at least for the time being. Germany's vaunt that it would starve England has proven false. The boast of the Germans that they would stop the American forces from reaching France have proven foolish. We are well on our way to winning. Americans are taking turns about with the allied navies. All Americans will be proud of the navy and its men when their deeds are known.

AMERICAN AIRMEN AIDED DEFENSE OF PARIS

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. (Thursday night, official) May 24th.—Today was quiet at all points occupied by our troops. An American air squadron participated in the defense of Paris against German raids. The French enthusiastically praise the Americans.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. W. L. Pursley was a business visitor to Charlotte Wednesday. —Mrs. Lou Craig is spending the day with friends in Lowell. —Mr. E. W. Barnett, of Charlotte, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday. —Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, left this morning for Hickory on business. —Misses Marguerite and Anna Mae Galloway, of Brevard, are the guests of Miss Willie Webb at Dallas. —Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhyne from Stanley were visiting in Gastonia Wednesday. —The women of the Trenton Betterment Association made a donation of \$25 to the Red Cross Chapter. —Mrs. J. B. Thomason is spending a few days with friends in Kings Mountain. —Miss Addie Perry, of the City Hospital staff, left yesterday for Wilmington to spend a few days with friends. —Mrs. Clyde C. Armstrong left yesterday for Semora, where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. Bass, for a week or ten days. —Miss Julia Burton and Miss Nell Blanton, of Marion, who have been visiting Miss Maude Rankin, returned home this week. —Mr. Charlton Torrence, of Atlanta, spent Sunday in the city as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence. —Mr. Henry Rankin underwent an operation at the City Hospital Saturday. His many friends will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely. —Mrs. W. P. Covington and Miss Bessie Crump, of Charlotte, and Miss Alderman, of Wagram, spent Monday night in the city as the guests of Mrs. A. G. Myers at her home on West Fourth avenue. —Tomorrow is the last day on which voters can register for the special election to be held next Monday on the question of increasing the city school tax from 30 to 50 cents on each \$100. See Register Scott Laughridge at the City Hall. —News has been received of the safe arrival of Lieut. John O. Rankin, Jr., in France. Also a few days ago a card was received announcing the arrival in France of Mr. Ernest L. Peggam, brother of Mrs. John O. Rankin, Sr., who is doing Y. M. C. A. work. —Among the many splendid "war gardens" being cultivated in the city this season that of Mrs. H. B. Moore at her home on West Air Line is especially worthy of mention. Fine specimens of rhubarb, beets, peas, lettuce and onions were gathered this morning. —Rev. John W. Moore, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte, was in town this morning en route to Olney Presbyterian church to assist the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, in conducting Spring communion services. He is to preach this afternoon and tonight and tomorrow morning. —Messrs. A. E. O'Neil, G. W. Smith, G. H. Marvin, R. W. Langford, L. L. Brison, H. F. Glenn, E. C. Adams, R. H. Brison, A. K. Winget, J. S. Winge, H. G. Winget, J. E. Lindsay, O. O. Baber and perhaps others will go to Clover tonight to attend a meeting of the Masonic Lodge of that town.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The committee in charge of the Red Cross fund expects to publish in The Gazette next week an honor roll which will contain the name of every firm or corporation in the county every member and employer of which contributed to the Red Cross in the big \$100,000,000 drive which closes tomorrow night. It is the committee's desire that this list show up as large as possible. Does your firm belong there? If so phone that fact to Secretary Fred M. Allen at 180. If there are any of your employees who have not contributed, see them and get on this honor roll.

GASTONIA BOY WOUNDED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—The casualty list this morning contains the news of four killed in action, 10 died of disease, nine died of wounds, four from accident. Sixteen were severely wounded and one slightly wounded. Corpl. Daniel Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga., and Evans Pegues, of Osborne, N. C., died of disease. Sgt. Clio Hamby, of Covington, Ga., and Ernest Lawrence, of Gastonia, N. C., were severely wounded.

Ernest Lawrence, mentioned above as among the severely wounded, is a son of Mrs. Cora Lawrence. At the time he enlisted last fall the family was living at the Armstrong Mill. His mother now lives at the Ozark Mill. It is stated that Lawrence enlisted in the regular army at the same time young Clarence Mauney, who recently died in France, entered the service. The two boys were close friends and went to the army together. The Gazette was unable before going to press this afternoon to get into communication with his mother or other relatives.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVED TO PICARDY FRONT

(By International News Service.) (By Newton Parker) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE (Thursday night) May 24.—The Germans opposite the Toul front have departed for the Picardy front and have been replaced by the eighth Bavarian reserves. The past twenty-four hours have been the quietest day since the Americans entered the first line trenches near Toul.

MR. HOOVER APPEALS TO THE MINISTERS

National Food Administrator Asks Preachers of the Country to Appeal to Their People from Pulpits Sunday to Help Win the War by Saving Food. To the Churches, Schools, Fraternal Orders, Women's Clubs and other religious, humane and patriotic organizations in North Carolina: United States Food Administrator Herbert Hoover, realizing the critical situation in the Countries of our Allies with regard to foodstuffs and our duty, obligation and privilege of supplying the desperate needs of these people, has issued a striking and stirring statement and appeal to the American people touching upon this situation. I am sending you herewith a copy of Mr. Hoover's appeal. Will you not present this to your people as effectively as you can? Mr. Hoover has requested that all of the churches of the Nation make this humane appeal to their people on Sunday, May 26th. The statement for the press will not be released until after that date. Thanking you for your effective co-operation in this service to our Country and to Humanity, I am Very truly yours, HENRY A. PAGE, United States Food Administrator for North Carolina. (This appeal appears on page 7 of today's Gazette.)

AMERICA MAY FURNISH TWENTY MILLION MEN.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 22.—Ninety thousand American soldiers were transported to Europe during the first 10 days in May. Representative Caldwell announced on the floor of the House this afternoon. The American army now numbers 2,039,222 men. According to the figures of the War Department, over half a million are now in France. A million are ready for foreign service, awaiting transportation. Between four and five million are expected to be in the army before the end of the next fiscal year. The potential power of the American nation for a seven year war is estimated at twenty million fighting men.