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#### **TILLIONS HAVE DIED OFISTARVATION AND DISEASE**

New York, May 23 .- The greatest human decimation in Europe has not m wrought by German bullets but by starvation and its attendant discases in the districts overrun by the German military power, declared Pood Administrator Hoover in an ddress to the National Dairy league here today. Pointing out the service which the dairymen of the nation "are morally drafted to fulfill," he said he was convinced that "if the war were to cease tomorrow the toll of actual dead from starvation and attendant diseases woud double or treble the 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 killed by Germany and her allies." Calling upon the dairymen to do

their part in maintaining the United States as a "reservoir of food," Mr. Hoover said: "It is worse than folly to put 5,

000,000 of our boys into France if the civilian population of our allies is not also to be maintained in strength and morale with our food. "During this fiscal year North

America will have supplied approximately 50 per cent, in nutritive valnes of the foodstuffs imported by the allies and 50 per cent came from more remote markets. Before the war we contributed probably less than 10 per cent.

"North America stands unique in one great particular. We are independent of sea transport for feeding stuffs for our animals. We grow them side by side. Here lies the great economic difference between surselves and Europe and this is one reason why we can and must be the great final reservoir of supplies.

### 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 s National Memorial Day, as a day prayer for the people of the Unit-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 Presitent of the Nation.

The ministers make the following ggestions which they heartily rec ommend to the people for their guidance on that day:

That on May 30th the people gather in their churches for special prayer for the Divine blessing and guidance, and that appropriate sermons be preached or addresses be made in the churches.

That all places of business, stores, offices, mills, etc., be closed on that day. May 30th is National Memorial Day, and is therefore a legal holiday in most of the States. It is not in North Carolina. Therefore the ministers make a special request that the places of business be closed in order that the people may have opportunity to observe the day according to the President's proclamation. If all mills and other places were closed for the day it would have a tremendous moral effect.

It has already been determined that on the morning of May 30 at 11 o'clock, there will be services in the uptown churches. On the afternoon of that day there will be a union service in the Main Street M. E. church

If this day is to be observed at all as a day of fasting and prayer, then ft should have a proper observance and not be discredited by a partial or half-hearted observance.

MAIN STREET METHODIST.

On next Sunday morning Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street ethodist church, will preach a special sermon on the subject "The Great Need of America." There will also be special music. Regular services Sunday night. A series of protracted services is being held this week in the Seminole school house by Rev. F. H. Price and Rev. H. H. Jordan. Services are being conducted every night at 8:50 and are being well attended.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. Dr. J. O. Grogan, of Camp Greene, will preach at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev J. H. Henderlite, who will preach the the baccalaureate sermon at Peace Institute, in Raleigh, Sunday. Dr. Grogan is at the head of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene and is a minister of distinguished ability. He is a very strong speaker. Dr. Grogan will also address the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church at 10 a. m. There will be no night service. The public is cirdially invited to hear Dr. Grogan.

NEW HOPE.

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

BELMONT BAPTIST.

Next Sunday will be observed as Old Folks' Day at the First Baptist members of the church of Belmont. Rev. D. W. to be presen Thomasson and Rev. S. F. Conrad M. Huggins.

#### **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.

This session of the convention, says Mr. Abernethy, was in every respect the best in its history. There were in attendance 2,500 delegates, 1,000 women who were there to attend the annual session of the Southern Women's Missionary Union held in connection with the convention, and perhaps 2,000 visitors.

There was only one debate in the convention of any consequence and that was on the question of admitting women as delegates to the convention. When the question came to a vote the women won out by a good majority.

Special interest attached to the reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Their reports showed the best year's work in their history. These boards adopted an ambitious program for the coming year. The Home Mission Board plans to raise \$1,000,000 for its work this year as against \$600,000 last year and the Foreign Board plans to raise \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,000,00 as was done last year. A general campaign to raise \$15,000,000 in the next five years for educational purposes was launched. North Carolina's part of this amount is \$1,200,-

One of the outstanding features of the convention was the patriotism exhibited by the delegates and visitors. Resolutions were adopted pledging the Baptists to give of their money, their labor and themselves in backing President Wilson and the government in carrying out the plans for the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Abernethy stopped at several places en route back home and found patriotism running high everywhere.

### SIX NEGROES LYNCHED TO AVENGE MURDER MOB OF 500 MEN

(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. The shooting late last night of Sidney Johnson, a negro, ring leader of the blacks accused of the murder of farmer Hampton Smith, made the sixth negro lynched as a result of the murder. Chief of Police Dempier, Policemen Dempier and Dixon Smith were slightly wounded by the negro in a gun fight.

#### 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.

The idle, rich or poor, must find suitable employment or enter the

The new regulations are effective the first of July and will affect the employees of hotels, restaurants, clubs, soda founts, passenger elevators, attendants, doormen, footmen, ushers, and other attendants at places of amusements, domestic employees, salesmen and other clerks in

Habitual idlers or those not engaged in useful occupation will be summoned before the board and if unable to explain satisfactorily they will be drafted into the army. The regu-lations apply particularly to gamb-lers of all descriptions, all employees and attendants of bucketshops, race tracks, fortune tellers, clarivoyants. and palmists.

Late classification will be no protection.

GERMANS ARE BOMBING

RED CROSS HOSPITALS. (By International News Service.) LONDON, May 23.-German airplanes are bombing Red Cross hospit-als behind the British lines, killing and wounding patients and nurses. The British shot down 20 airships Tuesday.

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.

#### 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. Why there is such indifference to a matter of this importance to the people of the city it is hard to understand. It is just possible, however, that a great many voters have not been sufficiently impressed with the fact that an entirely new registration is required in order to vote on this proposition.

There remains just one more day in which to register. If your name is not on the registration books by tomorrow night you will have no say in this proposition. Mr. Scott Loughridge is the registrar and he may be found at the city hall all day tomor-

The proposition to be voted on is that the school tax rate for the city of Gastonia be increased from 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property to not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property. The Gazette recently promised to give its readers detailed information as to the receipts and expenditures of the school funds in order that the public might intelligently conclude as to whether such an increase is justified. However, those who have this information and who were to furnish it to this paper for publication have failed to do so. The average citizen can well understand why present conditions make an increase of revenue necessary but at the same time the voter should be given exact information on which to base his actions.

As noted in these columns recently the salaries of the city teachers have been raised, as was just and necessary under existing conditions. much the increase in salaries totals we are unable to say. More money is needed for enlarging the schools in order to take care of the ever increasing number of children. How much is needed for this we do not know. More money is needed improving the equipment of the city schools. How much is needed for this and the other purposes, however, The Gazette does not know.

## 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 builets. The mob dispersed and all is quiet today. The woman was found beaten to death with a club, and jabbed in many places with table forks. Her baby was tugging at the clothing of the dead

## 87 IN YESTERDAY'S

(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 wouned; one missing in action. James Cotheran, of Bradley, S. C.; John Jones, of Spartanburg, S. and Walter Hunter, of Laurens, 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 Ayetta, Boisleux 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 Reizun-Venag.

**BX-CZAR NICK TRIED** 

TO ESCAPE. (By International News Service) LONDON, May 23.—The former Czar of Russia is imprisoned at Ekaternburg in the Ural mountains, following a plot to escape, says a Reut-er's 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 Par-

Mrs. Will Wetzell and little son, W. L. Jr., left Wednesday on a visit to Mrs. W. L. McKenzie at Salisbury and friends at Lexington.

### 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 Gaston county's contribution will total at least \$15,000 or 50 per cent more than its assessment.

It is probable that a detailed statement of the subscriptions of the various towns and communities will be in shape to be published in Monday's Gazette.

The colored committees expect to complete their work Sunday and report on Monday.

An honor roll will be published in Monday's Gazette. It will contain the names of every firm or corporation in the county every member or employee of which has contributed to this fund. Heads of firms are asked to phone this information to Mr. Allen at 130.

All of the 38 employees of the Carolina Stone Company at Spencer Mountain contributed to the Red Cross - fund. Thirty-four of this number are negroes. This record is one of which Manager London of the company is justly proud.

The Trenton Betterment Association sent in its check for \$25 for the fund.

#### TWO GASTONIA NÜRSES 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 Sanitorium at Statesville. Miss Bailey's home is at Morganton. Miss Boyd is a daughter of Mr. Charles Boyd, of Gastonia.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

#### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

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 sparties have many friends to whom the announcement of their marriage was of especial interest.

ITTLE MISS MOORE CELEBRA-TES 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 ltitle Misses Mary Morris, Susanah 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 Vipperman and Masters Lamar and P. D. Summey, Jr., Samuel Austell Wilkins, F. L. Smyre, Jr., Charles Bar-rett 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 at 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-ordisubmarines virtually beaten. Co-ordination, etween the allied fleets has done the lob. The German diver crews are pretty sick and getting sicker stan day," said Admiral Sims in voman terview given to the Internat are shews Service today. This hed Stalirst interview he has given and a sailors, and declared that are lady fackies" could not be more of arch. The Zeebrugge and Ostend calemarine holes have been blocked at least for the time being. 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 road to winning. Americans are taking turn 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.

-Mrs. Lou Craig is spending the day with friends in Lowell.

-Mr. B. W. Barnett, of Charlotte, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

-Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor o Main Street Methodist church, left GERMAN TROOPS MOVED 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

-The women of the Trenton Betterment Association made a donation

of \$25 to the Red Cross Chapter. -Mrs. J. B. Thomasson is spending a few days with friends in Kings

-Miss Addie Perry, of the City Hospital staff, left yesterday for Wilmington to spend a few days with friends.

Mountain.

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

Bianton, of Marion, who have been visiting Miss Maude Rankin, returned home this week. -Mr. Charlton Torrence, of At-

lanta, 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 nice-

-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 especial election to be held next Monday on the quustion of increasing the 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. Pegram, brother of Mrs. John O. Rankin, Sr., who is doing Y, M. C. A

-Among the many splendid "war gardens" being cultivated in the city this season that of Mrs. Moore at her home on West Airline 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. B. O'Neil, G. W. Smith, G. H. Marvin. R. W. Lang-tord, L. L. Brison, H. F. Glenn, E. C.

Lodge of that town.

. . . . . . . . . . . IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The committee in charge of the Red Cross fund expects to pu lish in The Gazette next we an honor roll which will contain the name of every firm or corporation in the county every member and employee 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 130. If there are any of your employees who have not contributed, see them and get on this honor roll. 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 diesase. Sgt. Cleo Hamby, of Covington, Ga., and Ernest Lawrence, of Gastonia, N. C. were severly 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 -Mr. W. L. Pursley was a business visitor to Charlotte Wednesday. Gazette was unable before going to and went to the army together. The press this afternoon to get into communication with his mother or other relatives.

(By International News Service.) (By Newton Parker) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE (Thursday night) May 24,—The Ger-mans 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.

### -Mrs. Clyde C. Armstrong left MR. HOOVER APPEALS TO THE MINISTERS

National Food Administrator Asks Preachers of the Country to Ap-peal 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 or-ganizations 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 ef-fectively as you can? Mr. Hoover city school tax from 30 to 50 cents has requested that all of the churchon each \$100. See Register Scott es 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.

(This appeal appears on page 7 of

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today's Gazetter) 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 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 American nation for a seven years attend a meeting of the Masonic war is estimated at twenty million for the control of the fighting men.