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FORGET YOURSELF TOMORROW

Through a proclamation issued a few days ago President Wilson called on the American people to make Thursday, May 30th, a day of fasting and prayer.

The Gazette is glad to know that Gastonia's business men and those of other towns and communities in the county have manifested the proper spirit in responding to this appeal of our chief executive by agreeing to close down their business establishments for the day.

There will be services in all the churches at 11 a. m. and a union service at Main Street Methodist church at 5:30 p. m.

Our president has stated—and this view obtains to a great extent among military critics—that we are now in the very midst of the most critical period of this great war.

Let us for this one day forget self, forget profits, forget everything that pertains only to our own interests and ambitions.

Let us pray for the success of the Allied armies. Let us pray that our own Gaston county boys, hundreds of whom are now either at the front or on their way, may be given strength to fight our battles and that they may be sustained by the unfaltering arm of the God who rules the Universe.

Let us forget business for a day. Go to church.

Do your part in carrying out President Wilson's program.

HONOR ROLL.

Since Monday the following firms have been reported as being entitled to places on the honor roll, each person connected with each of them having contributed to the Red Cross Fund:

GASTONIA.

- R. Hope Brison & Company. J. H. Kennedy & Company. Piedmont Oil Company. Harry-Baber Company. Brumley, The Printer. Loflin & Company. P. P. Leventis & Company. Sweetland. Swan-Slater Company. Frohman's. Poole's Grocery. Craig & Head. John S. Jenkins & Son. Torrence-Morris Company. Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company, 114 employees. J. Y. Miller. W. Y. P. C. U. of First & R. P. church. I. M. Van Sleen. Adgett Tailoring Company. Southern Railway, all white employees.

Progressing.

Widower—Before I married I couldn't save a dollar; now that I'm married and my wife is dead I save almost half my salary.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE TOMORROW

Stores, Postoffice, Banks and Probably Mills Will Be Closed All Day Tomorrow in Compliance With President's Proclamation Setting the Day Aside as One of Fasting and Prayer.

At a meeting of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce last night it was decided to close the business houses of the city all day tomorrow in compliance with the proclamation of President Wilson, recently issued, calling on the people of the country to observe Thursday, May 30th, as a day of fasting and prayer and asking that all business be suspended on that day.

All of the banks of the city will be closed. The postoffice will be closed all day and there will be no delivery of mails by either the city or rural carriers.

The courthouse will also be closed for the day. It is understood that the cotton mills of the city are considering closing, though no definite announcement of the fact has been made.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock tomorrow morning there will be religious services at all of the city churches and at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon a union service will be held at Main Street Methodist church.

The city school authorities have decided upon a very sensible and practical method of observing the day. Special services will be held at all the schools at the usual time for chapel exercises. Classes will work until 10:45, when the children will be dismissed and urged to go to the services at their respective churches.

MAYWORTH TO PLAY ARMY TEAM HERE

Mayworth's crack baseball team will play the team of the 117th Ordnance Depot Brigade from Camp Greene at Loray Park here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The records of the two teams are such as to guarantee a good game. Mayworth's team has played nine games so far this season and has yet to be defeated, while the team from Camp Greene has among its number seven crack college players from Northern and Western colleges.

Born

At Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, May 28, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Page, a son, Grover Cleveland Page, Jr. Mr. Page is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page, of Gastonia, and is cartoonist on The Tennesseean.

NO MORE OLIVE DRAB AND KHAKI FOR CIVILIANS.

New York, May 28.—Olive drab and khaki colored cloth will not be manufactured hereafter for civilian use, the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers announced after a meeting here today. The restriction was decided upon at the request of the war department, which pointed out that the olive drab and khaki have been conserved to the use of United States troops and that the commercial use of the colors is improper.

65,000 GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, May 28.—There are 65,000 German prisoners of war in Great Britain, it was announced in the house of commons today by Jas. Ian MacPherson, parliamentary secretary of the war office. Of these, he said, 42,000 were employed in farming and other work of national importance, while 10,000 more had been designated for similar employment.

The Gazette office will be closed all day tomorrow. All changes for advertisements for Friday's Gazette must be in our office by 7 o'clock this afternoon. Advertisers are asked to prepare their copy at once and send it in without delay.

LARGE CLASS OF MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP

The largest body of men drawn from Gaston county under the selective service law at any one time since the war began entrained here yesterday afternoon for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. The list totaled 130 men, and they came with remarkably even distribution from all parts of the county. They were summoned to report to the local board at the courthouse at 2 o'clock, where they answered first roll call. They then marched to the postoffice building, where a local photographer took a group picture and they were given their liberty until 4:30, when they were again lined up at the courthouse to answer roll-call and receive final instructions. Mr. Boyden Nims, of Mount Holly, on account of having had previous military training, was placed in charge of the men, with several assistants, until they reached camp.

Those appointed as assistants or lieutenants to Mr. Nims were Messrs. Robert L. Todd, of Gastonia; Daniel C. Ragan, of Gastonia; R. A. Lineberger, of Mt. Holly; R. D. Arroywood, of Bessemer City, and Harry Ormand, of Bessemer City.

A large crowd was present at the station to see the men off and there was evident a spirit of cheerful enthusiasm, both on the part of the men who were leaving in the service of their country and the relatives and friends who were present to bid them adieu.

MISS FERGUSON TO MANAGE BIG AD. FIRM

Miss Lillian A. Ferguson, for the past several months advertising manager for the Gastonia Furniture Company has resigned her position with that firm to enter business for herself in Charlotte. Miss Ferguson was purchased the Conrad Advertising & Letter Co., of that city, and will take over the active management of it June 1st. Miss Conrad, the owner and manager of this business has accepted a lucrative position with the DuPont Powder Company in its New York office.

Miss Ferguson came to Gastonia a year and a half ago to accept a position in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. Soon after she came Secretary Roberts resigned, and for several months Miss Ferguson was acting secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. She gave up that position to go with the Gastonia Furniture Company as advertising manager and window dresser, in both of which lines she is an expert. Her advertisements which appear every Friday in The Gazette have been widely read and have attracted much favorable comment.

During her stay in Gastonia Miss Ferguson has made a host of friends who will regret to see her leave. While regretting to see her leave they wish for her great success in her enlarged field of endeavor.

LEAPS FROM RUNNING TROOP TRAIN TO DEATH.

Charlottesville, Va., May 28.—R. V. Smith, aged 25, of Jewett, Green county, N. Y., leaped from a moving troop train as it was passing through here today and died in the hospital several hours later. A soldier seated beside Smith in the day coach was startled when he saw Smith's feet fly across his lap and disappear through the window. Smith landed on his head, sustaining a fractured skull. He never regained consciousness.

MAJOR BARACCA BRINGS DOWN 32ND AIRPLANE.

PARIS, May 28.—Major Baracca, the leading Italian ace, has brought down his thirty-second adversary, according to a dispatch from the Italian front to The Temps. He shot down the leading airplane of an enemy squadron.

RED CROSS FUND NEAR \$150,000,000

Washington, May 28.—Final figures on the second American Red Cross \$100,000,000 war mercy fund still were incomplete tonight, but on the face of latest returns the fund was over-subscribed \$48,833,367. Figures yet to be received were expected to carry the total to \$150,000,000.

Enlisted in Navy.

Thomas Albert Wilson, a son of Mr. R. Hope Wilson, and Joe Wilson, a son of Mrs. Miriam Wilson, went to Charlotte yesterday and enlisted in the Navy. They were accepted for service and were sent on from Charlotte to a naval training base.

Parent's Day.

Next Friday afternoon, May 31, will be observed in all the city schools as Parent's Day. Between the hours of 2 and 4:30 p. m. all parents are cordially invited to visit the schools and observe the work being done.

GASTON RAISES \$20,000 FOR THE RED CROSS

Gaston county has gone far beyond its allotment for the second Red Cross War Fund and the sum contributed by Gastonians in the big drive which ended at midnight Monday night is considerably larger than the most optimistic Red Cross enthusiasts believed would be raised. As shown by the list given below, which was compiled this morning by Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Chamber of Commerce who has been handling the funds, the contributions total \$19,382.53. It is barely possible that a sufficient amount will come in in belated subscriptions to bring the total up to \$20,000 or just double the county's allotment.

Following is a detailed statement by townships:

- Gastonia township, A. E. Woltz, township chairman, John L. Beal, city chairman, quota \$6,500, raised \$11,508.03. Riverbend township, John W. Holland, chairman, quota \$500, raised over \$1,650. South Point township, George W. Stowe, chairman, quota \$1,500, raised over \$3,500. Crowders Mountain township, A. A. McLean, Jr., chairman, quota \$350, raised over \$700. Dallas township, J. W. Summey, chairman, quota \$500, raised \$1,300. Cherryville township, S. C. Hendricks, chairman, quota \$650, raised over \$725. Gaston county, S. A. Robinson, chairman, quota \$10,000, raised over \$19,382.53.

Since the above figures were put into type, Chairman S. A. Robinson, of the local finance committee, has received sufficient funds from Gastonia township to bring the total for the county up to a round \$20,000.

BRITISH AIRMEN SINK AN AUSTRIAN DESTROYER

ROME, May 29.—British aircraft sunk an Austrian destroyer off Durazzo. The Italian steamship Avale was sunk after an hour's fight with a German submarine.

PRESIDENT APPEARS IN PERSON BEFORE CONGRESS

Washington, May 27.—President Wilson ended discussion over whether Congress shall stay in Washington this summer to enact new revenue legislation by appearing today before the house and senate in joint session and calling upon members to put aside politics and all other considerations to provide money for growing war expenses and to advise the country in advance of the tax burdens it must meet.

Just as the President was leaving the White House for the capitol word came that the German drive against the west front had been renewed. He gave his visit a dramatic touch by announcing this news as he concluded his prepared speech, saying it strengthened the purpose he had tried to express.

The demand that, with the war at its "peak and crisis," Congress do its duty at home as the soldiers are doing their duty in the trenches overseas, brought instant acquiescence. There still was reluctance in some quarters to believe immediate legislation imperative, but plans for midsummer adjournment were abandoned and both democratic and republican leaders expressed their determination to go at the task of passing a revenue bill with a will.

A suggestion by the President that most of the new taxes probably would fall upon incomes, excess profits and luxuries and that profiteers would be reached in this way was greeted with cheers, and congressional leaders said later the money needed would come from these sources.

One of the big problems to be worked out first is the proportion of new taxes to bond issue authorization. In the neighborhood of twenty billion dollars must be provided to meet expenses of the coming year. In a memorandum recently given to members of Congress the President suggested that 40 per cent should be raised by taxation. This would mean bond issues for some twelve billions, and doubling of the approximately four billions levied in taxes this year.

Patriotic Operetta.

On next Thursday night, June 6th, the pupils of the Central school under the direction of Miss Ethel Lewis Harris, instructor in music, will present a patriotic operetta entitled "Under the Stars and Stripes." It is especially urged that the parents make mental note of the date and consider that they have a previous engagement to go to this entertainment and see the work being done by the pupils.

Will Plant Eyebrows. A French surgeon claims to have invented a method for planting eyebrows and eyelashes.

ALLIES ARE HALTING THE GERMAN ADVANCE

(By International News Service.) PARIS, May 29.—The Germans are being halted on the Aisne front. General Foch is bringing up his reserves and slowly but surely checking the enemy all along the line. American troops with the reserves actively participated in counter attacks. The French loudly praise the way General Pershing's men are fighting. The fighting is growing in intensity by the Allies. The German advance is steadily slowing up as the Allies are vigorously getting the upper hand. Berlin claims an advance of seven miles along the Aisne river and the capture of 15,000 Allies.

Stupendous losses are being inflicted upon the Crown Prince's army as they desperately attempt to batter their way forward. The Allies, while giving ground, have done so slowly and at slight cost, while pouring a murderous fire into the enemy.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST GIVES TOTAL OF 30

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 29.—Today's casualty list is as follows: Five killed in action, five died of wounds, 10 died of disease, one died of accident, seven severely wounded, two missing in action.

Private Flander Schuler, of Brison City, N. C., died of wounds; Ed Jackson, of Greenwood, S. C., died of disease. Lieut. Philip Hunter, of York, S. C., previously reported as missing in action, is now known to be a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

AMERICANS DID FINE FIGHTING

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 28.—The American casualties in the Picardy fighting yesterday when the Germans penetrated our lines at two points but were subsequently driven out were light, said General Pershing in his communique issued this afternoon. "The enemy bombarded with high explosives and gas, attacking in three detachments. They penetrated a small portion of the American front line but we expelled the enemy at all points and occupied parts of the German trenches, inflicting heavy losses and taking some prisoners. An American was taken prisoner but was rescued in later counter attacks and his captors were all killed. Our troops displayed a no offensive spirit and achieved a notable success. Early this morning the Weover district hostile forces, supported by violent artillery, attempted to raid our lines and blow up our wires. They were completely repulsed by our infantry and artillery, leaving an officer and four dead. Twenty dead were observed near our wire and ten stretchers were seen carrying away wounded. Our losses were light. Yesterday in Lorraine the enemy actively bombarded our trenches with gas. A patrolling party approached our lines flying the Kamerad. We replied with rifle fire."

NORTH CAROLINA GAVE \$916,683 TO RED CROSS

Southern Division Headquarters Says South's Enthusiasm in Drive Was Unprecedented.

Charlotte Observer, 29th. The southern division headquarters of the American Red Cross yesterday morning reported that the totals for this division had reached \$4,740,642, and that the officials predict that when the reports are all in \$5,000,000 will be nearer the figure.

Tennessee held the lead for states in the southern division, with \$1,265,833. Georgia followed with \$1,041,500. Florida reported \$647,365. North Carolina \$916,683. South Carolina \$870,000.

Memphis reported \$246,000. Nashville \$197,000. Chattanooga doubled her quota and reported \$175,000. Knoxville \$120,000. Macon \$58,000. Augusta \$56,000. Charlotte \$105,000. 50 per cent over quota; Winston-Salem \$105,000, more than double her quota; Columbia \$107,000; Jacksonville doubles quota, reaching \$160,000. Salisbury \$20,000. Concord \$25,000. Greensboro \$40,000.

Willis J. W. Mihner, Jr., director of publicity for the southern division, wred the publicity committee in Charlotte yesterday that the enthusiasm shown in the south is absolutely unprecedented in history.

Dragging Tempo. Profiteer—"That's just like those musicians, I hired him by the hour, and see how slowly he plays."—Punch.

TEN INSANE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

(By International News Service.) COLUMBIA, S. C., May 29.—Ten persons were burned to death, six are missing and two were badly burned this morning when the ward for the idiots and the mentally defective of the State asylum for the insane was burned. Of the 45 occupants of the building, which was a wooden structure, only 29 have been accounted for. Several rushed back into the flames after being rescued. The cause of the fire is said to have been defective electric wiring of the building.

AMERICAN ARTILLERY DOING GOOD WORK

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 29.—(By Newton Parke.) As a result of methodical pounding by the American artillery all last night it is believed this morning that the German gas projectors which caused some casualties to our troops in the Luneville sector have been destroyed. These projectors were located by aviators last night. The American artillery poured shells upon the projector base, whose work was quickly decreased. Patrol activity was frequent during the night.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, May 28.—Mrs. Frank Robinson spent Tuesday in Spartanburg, S. C., with her sister, Mrs. Smith.

Miss Ollie Gaston spent Sunday with homefolks. Miss Gaston is now an efficient stenographer with Armour Packing Company, Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson spent the weekend at Chimney Rock. They were accompanied by their daughter, Edith, and Miss Myrtle Titman and Prof. R. E. Allen.

Mrs. Bob Shields, formerly of this place but now of Greensboro, is visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Lucy Gaston, who has been teaching at Albemarle, is at home for the summer vacation. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wilkerson, of Charlotte, and their guest, Miss Katherine Sullivan, of Anderson, S. C., spent Saturday in town with homefolks.

Children's Day exercises, which took place Sunday morning at the Methodist church, were well carried out and the little folks never did better and the church was well filled; and why not? "A little child shall lead them."

Miss Essie Wilson is spending the week in Dallas as the guest of her cousin, Miss Beas Costner.

Mrs. Sara Reid returned Friday from Shelby where she has been for some time at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Rumpf, who died last Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Weir and little daughter spent a few days in Kings Mountain last week.

Mrs. Roscoe Rhyne, of Gastonia, spent Sunday in town as the guest of Mrs. W. H. Holmes. Lowell made a splendid record in the Second Red Cross War Fund Drive. The allotment for the town was \$350. The total raised was \$527.76. There were 210 subscribers.

The British meat shortage is being felt more severely than at any time since war was started. That the shortage is not confined to meats, however, is shown by the fact that effective control of the milk supply is already being considered, in order to meet a possible greater shortage later in the year, and that some sections of English labor are favoring extensions of the compulsory rationing system to bread, cheese, and tea.

In Davidson Superior Court at Lexington Monday the jury returned a true bill against J. Graham Hege, a furniture manufacturer of that place charged with the murder of J. Franklin Dederick, a banker of the same town. A special venire has been summoned in order to secure a jury and it was thought the trial would begin today. There is a brilliant array of counsel on each side. The defense will plead the "unwritten law." Because of the prominence of the parties involved the killing of Dederick by Hege recently in the latter's home created a sensation.

The editor recently received from a lady some verses, daintily tied up with pink ribbon and entitled, "I Wonder if He'll Miss Me?"

After reading them he returned the effort to the sender with the following note:

Dear Madam: If he does he ought never to be trusted with firearms again.—Life.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Senate this afternoon passed the urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$90,000,000. This covers the war expenses of the various government bureaus.