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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE TOMORROW

Following is a list of the Gastonia business houses and offices which, in recognition of the President of the United States, have agreed to close their places for the entire day on Thursday, July 4th, National Independence Day:

Postoffice.
First National Bank.
Citizens National Bank.
Gaston Loan and Trust Co.
Bank of Gastonia.
Gastonia Furniture Co.
Ehrd Company.
Robinson Shoe Co.
Rankin-Armstrong Company.
J. M. Belk Co.
Howell-Armstrong Shoe Co.
Sherman Brothers.
Terrence-Morris Co.
McLellan Stores Co.
McNeely Company.
Standard Hardware Company.
Swan-Slater Company.
H. P. Stowe Company.
O'Neil Company.
A. S. Kersh.
Atkins-Baber Book Co.
Tanenhaus Brothers.
M. Schultz.
Johnson Belting Co.
Brown-Spencer Hardware Co.
Singer Sewing Machine Co.
Gastonia & Suburban Gas Co.
Rankin-Chandler Furniture Co.
F. P. Leventis & Co.
Frohmans Stores.
W. L. C. Killian & Son.
Farley & Askin.
Gastonia Book Store.
Gastonia Hardware Company.
Morris Brothers.
Winget Jewellery Company.
H. Schneider.
D. & L. Levovitz.
Gents Furnishings Company.
D. M. Jones & Co.
H. M. Van Sleen.
Mesa Barber Shop.
Walters Barber Shop.
Pearson & Adams Barber Shop.
E. B. Smith Barber Shop.
Craig & Wilson.
Poole's Grocery.
A. H. Gulon & Co.
Michael & Bivens.
A. J. Kirby & Co.
Star Grocery Co.
McLean Brothers.
J. Y. Miller.
S. P. Pierce.
M. T. Parham & Co.
Harry-Baber Co.
Gastonia Furniture Exchange.
R. L. Davis & Son.
R. O. Harbin.
J. B. Boyd.
The following will be closed from 11 a. m. to:
Kennedy Drug Company.
Clinton & Morrow.
Torrence Drug Co.
J. L. Adams Drug Store.
Sweetland.

WAR SAVINGS PLEDGES ARE BEING TABULATED.

The pledges taken in the War Savings campaign are being tabulated in Chairman Wilson's office. In Friday's issue we will be able to give the names of all persons who have taken the limit amount and persons and corporations giving large pledges. We will also give amounts taken at various mills in the county. These figures will show about \$500,000 either pledged or sold up to this date. It is the purpose of the committee to tabulate and index the pledge cards and on a date in August to make a one day or two day drive in order that persons not seen before may be canvassed and in order to give persons who desire to increase their pledges an opportunity to make such additional pledges. It is very evident that the quota allotted to Gaston county, \$815,000, can easily be reached and will be taken.

GASTONIA LADY APPOINTED SECRETARY TO MR. WEBB.

The many friends of Miss Georgia Connelly, who has been for several years stenographer in the office of the law firm of Mangum & Woltz, will be pleased to learn that she has accepted an appointment as private secretary to Hon. E. Y. Webb, Representative in Congress of the Ninth North Carolina District. Miss Connelly will go to Washington and enter upon the duties of her new position next Monday, July 8. She succeeds Mr. R. S. Plonk, who has entered the military service of the United States. While regretting that Miss Connelly is to leave Gastonia, her friends look upon her appointment to the Washington position as a well deserved tribute to her ability and efficiency.

Enters Y. M. C. A. Work.

The many friends of Mr. William King, formerly with the Southern Cotton Oil Company here but for the past several years manager of the same company's plant at Camden, S. C., will be interested to know that he has resigned his position and entered the war service of the Y. M. C. A. He is to report to New York headquarters next Monday, July 8, and expects to be assigned to work overseas at once. While Mr. King is abroad Mrs. King and children will make their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean, at their home Seven Oaks, in South Point township.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hopkins (Miss Mary Page), of Newport News, Va., on Monday, July 1, 1918, a son.

122 AMERICANS IN TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, July 3.—Today's casualty list is as follows:
Eighteen killed in action.
Nine died of wounds.
Four died of disease.
Six killed in accidents.
Twelve severely wounded.
Thirty-six missing.
Jim Coxwell, of Gadsden, Ala., was killed in action. Corporal Joe Pitts, of Blanton, Ala., is among the missing.

The Marine Corps casualty list includes 33 killed in action and four wounded, three of them severely. George Chandler, of Waverly Hall, Ga., was among those killed.

STATE RURAL CARRIERS IN SESSION HERE

Seventy-five or more rural letter carriers from over the State were present at the courthouse at eleven o'clock this morning when President W. C. Johnson, of Henry, called to order the fifteenth annual session of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers Association, which will be in session here through tomorrow. Other delegates are arriving on each train and by tonight probably more than a hundred will be present. Following the singing of "America" and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mayor A. M. Dixon welcomed the visitors to Gastonia in a most appropriate address. Col. C. B. Armstrong, president of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, then welcomed them on behalf of that organization. Mr. T. S. Royster, of Bessemer City, Gaston's veteran carrier, welcomed them on behalf of the local carriers and Postmaster John R. Rankin greeted them for the local postoffice force. Mr. S. H. Rogers responded in a happy manner to these words of welcome.

The calling of the roll of officers and counties, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the appointment of committees and the transaction of other routine matters occupied the remainder of the morning session.

The feature of the afternoon session, which began at 2 o'clock was an address by Hon. W. D. Brown, editor of The R. F. D. News. A round-table discussion of their problems was scheduled to be had at the afternoon session also. At 5:30 o'clock this afternoon the visitors will be given an auto ride over the city by the Chamber of Commerce. At 8 o'clock tonight in the courthouse the Chamber of Commerce will give the convention a smoker. The principal address at that time will be by Mr. Jasper E. Johnson, of Grayscourt, S. C. There will be two business sessions tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

STORY HOUR FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The first of a series of story hours for the children of the town to be given under the auspices of the Gastonia Public Library during the summer will be held on the lawn of the First Presbyterian church Friday afternoon of this week at 5:30 o'clock. The stories will be told by Miss Louisa Reid and the games will be under the direction of Miss Annie Clifford. All the children are cordially invited to attend.

AMERICANS ADVANCE.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Americans advanced a thousand yards on a mile and a half front in the Chateau Thierry region Monday afternoon. The enemy losses in killed were heavy. Three American aviators are missing.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Comptroller of the Currency issued a call today for a statement of the condition of National Banks on Saturday, June 29th.

GERMANS RETAKE GROUND.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, July 3.—Strong German attacks last night resulted in the capture of a greater part of the ground taken by the British on June 30th.

LORD RHONDA DEAD.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, July 3.—Lord Rhonda, British food controller, died this morning, aged 62, following a long illness.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, July 3.—The cotton market opened with July contracts selling at 27 cents and October at 23.95.

THOMASSON-CHANCE WEDDING IN ATLANTA.

Mr. Charles Thomasson and Miss Ruth L. Chance were united in marriage Saturday morning June 29th, at the bride's home, 158 Ashley street, Atlanta, Ga. The groom is a son of Mrs. J. B. Thomasson, of Gastonia, and has many friends here who will be interested in the news of his marriage.

ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS AND WAR SUPPLIES

(By International News Service.)
ROME, July 3.—(Official) The Italians captured 96 prisoners, including 19 officers, four cannon, 15 mortars and 57 machine guns in the Mountain zone west of the Piave river. They also extended their lines taking important ground from the Teutons. The counter offensive on the Asiago plateau is being pressed with good results.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, July 2.—Mrs. Rufus Plonk and daughter, of Kings Mountain, are visiting the family of Mr. William Ormand.

Mrs. Roy Houser, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fuller, has returned to Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney and Master Charles W. Anderson have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitney at Washington.

Miss Annie Smith Walker is spending her vacation with her aunt, Miss Venetia Smith, at High Point.

Miss Drue Young, who has been with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Young, for three weeks, has returned to Biltmore Training Hospital at Biltmore.

Mrs. Frank West, of Charlotte, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Sholar.

Masters Dwight and Leon Matthews, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Matthews, have gone to Piedmont for a short stay.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, July 2.—Miss Olive Pegram, of Lincolnton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhyne this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stroup, of Sanford, are spending a two week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stroup.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goodwin and Miss Bessie Peterson, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Peterson.

Miss Laura Barkley, of Mebane, is on an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Mason.

Miss Lottie Stroup has been visiting Mrs. Clarence Abernethy, of Charlotte, for the past week.

Misses Mary Lou Rutledge and Frances Moore are attending the summer school at Boone.

Mrs. M. A. Mason has returned from Mebane after an extended visit to her son, Mr. W. L. Mason.

Mrs. A. L. Boyd died at her home here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. For several months she had been in failing health and death came not unexpectedly to the family and friends. She was in her 68th year and leaves a husband and son, Mr. Frank Boyd, who is postmaster here. The funeral and burial services were held yesterday morning in the Lutheran church. Mrs. Boyd was a splendid Christian character and her death brings sorrow to many hearts.

SOLDIERS GAVE A DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

The Fifty-Fourth Reserve Squadron of the Aviation Section at Camp Greene gave a most delightful dance at the Armington Hotel Monday evening in honor of a number of Gastonia young ladies. The hours were 8:30 to 11 o'clock and the committee on arrangements consisted of Sergeant Moody and Privates Sample, Berryman and O'Rourke.

The Armington ballroom was beautifully decorated in the national colors, with a profusion of flowers. The punch bowl was banked with palms, and iced punch, confections and cakes were served throughout the evening. Music was furnished by one of the regimental bands from Camp Greene. The Chaperones were Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. J. Lean Adams, Mrs. S. R. Clinton, Mrs. W. E. Haynes, Mrs. Fred L. Smyre, Mrs. J. Mack Holland and Mrs. W. Hope Adams. There was a large number of Gastonia young ladies present as invited guests and the evening was a most delightful one.

GAVE DINNER FOR MRS. ROBERT L. DURHAM.

At her home on South Broad street yesterday Mrs. J. P. Reid gave a dinner complimentary to Mrs. Robert L. Durham, of Abingdon, Va., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall J. Durham, at Bessemer City. Her guests were Mrs. R. L. Durham, Mrs. S. J. Durham and Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

To Succeed Mr. Sadler.

Mr. L. B. Hayles, for the past several years assistant general bookkeeper for the Southern Bell Telephone Company at Atlanta, arrived in the city yesterday and will make this his home. Mr. Hayles will succeed Mr. J. T. Sadler as auditor of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company when Mr. Sadler, who is a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve, is called to active service, which will very probably be within a short time. Meanwhile Mr. Hayles will familiarize himself with the work of his new office. Mrs. Hayles will arrive in the city about July 15th and Mr. and Mrs. Hayles will make their home on North Highland street.

Mrs. J. A. Estridge will leave tonight for a month's trip to Portsmouth and Ocean View, Va.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT BUSINESS

At the monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday business was transacted as follows:

Ordered that Frank Salem and Joseph Father be allowed to peddle upon payment of peddlers license tax.

Ordered that Edward L. Steward be released from and refunded \$300 real property tax erroneously charged.

Ordered that the chaingang do the road work in Dallas as petitioned for by E. L. Houser and others, provided the town pay its proportion of cash of such an amount, being \$428, towards building such road, the work to be done at the earliest moment possible.

Ordered that Margaret McGinnis be allowed to go to the county home.

Ordered that Roxana Bird be removed from outside pauper list and allowed to go to the county home.

Ordered that the road as petitioned for from the Gastonia-Belmont road to New Hope be built as soon as possible.

Ordered that T. L. Ware sell to V. E. Long the stone necessary to cover a building on South street.

Jurors for the August term of court were drawn as follows:

D. Frank Hovis, Stanley.
J. Q. Hall, Belmont.
W. G. Rhyne, Gastonia, route two.
L. W. Dixon, Belmont.
J. W. Clark, Bessemer City.
J. P. Rhyne.
F. Sample Hager, Bessemer City.
J. O. Armstrong, Belmont.
J. J. George, Cherryville.
O. Lee Abernethy, Mount Holly.
F. Ornes Abernethy, Mount Holly.
Sylvanus Carpenter, Cherryville.
E. A. Thompson, Mount Holly.
P. Stowe Eaker, Cherryville.
L. S. Kiser.

C. F. Boyd, Gastonia.
J. W. Stowe, Belmont.
J. F. Pursley, Gastonia.
A. F. Gaston, Belmont.
J. Luther Falls, Gastonia.
W. F. Lewis, Lowell.
Philip L. Carpenter, Cherryville.
A. P. Peeler, Cherryville.
J. C. Quinn, Gastonia.
D. N. Hicks, Cherryville.
J. W. Chandler, Gastonia.

Will E. Rhyne, Mount Holly.
S. M. Robinson, Lowell.
H. W. Alran, Cherryville.
A. M. Rhyne, Stanley.
D. C. Dellinger, Gastonia.
W. Meek Boyce, Gastonia.
George A. Jenkins, Gastonia.
Walter Mullis, Mount Holly.
G. R. Groner, Gastonia.
Frank Hewitt, Mount Holly.
Henry F. Clemmer.
R. F. Cox, Belmont.

R. W. Edwards, Gastonia.
Hugh A. Hovis, Dallas.
R. Lee Armstrong, Gastonia.
Clarence Hovis, Stanley.

The board adjourned to meet July 8, 1918.

Safe in France.

Friends of Mr. Leonard R. Neill, of the 119th Infantry, will be glad to learn that his family have received letters from him written since his safe arrival overseas. He states that all the boys of his company are delighted with their location and their army life.

GOOD EFFECTS SEEN FROM DRIVE.

Many good effects are already being seen and felt as a result of the drive this week. People have been made to know, for the first time, it seems, the advantages and attractions of War-Savings Stamps. Consequently, many have regretted making their pledges to small and are seeking an opportunity to change them. Not a few who have been given this opportunity have doubled their subscriptions. Not only the advantages of the Stamps have been discovered but the serious purpose of the Government in making this request. The pledge card becomes a Government record and serves to mark the services rendered by individuals through the War-Savings loan to their country in an hour of need.

Prof. Edgar Long at Camp Sevier.

To the Editor of The Gazette:
I am enjoying the very fine privilege of doing religious work among the soldiers in Camp Sevier. Some Gaston men were the first soldiers I met, and of course the home ties bind us close together. Gaston is represented by boys from Gastonia, Mt. Holly, Union, the Lucia section, and other places. The Gaston men who were here as members of the 30th Division are still remembered in these parts. I am writing this letter in sight of the former quarters of Major Bulwinkle and Capt. Boyce.

If I can be of any service to our home boys, parents and friends will please write me from home and give me their camp address.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR LONG.

Camp Sevier Y. M. C. A., Unit 86, Greenville, S. C.

Tomorrow being a legal holiday, the postoffice windows will be closed except from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 5 to 6 p. m. The city carriers will make one early collection and delivery, while the rural carriers will not go out.

BOSTON, July 2.—The Dartington Textile Manufacturing Co. and the Eagle Weaving Co., of Pawtucket, today accepted the demands of the striking textile workers, granting the increase of wages demanded.

SENATOR TILLMAN DIED THIS MORNING

Noted "Pitchfork Ben" Was Winding Up Twenty-Four Years in Senate—End Came at Washington at 4:20 A. M.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, died at his home here at 4:20 o'clock this morning following a stroke of paralysis sustained late last week. All members of the senators family were at his bedside when the end came.

Benjamin Ryan Tillman was born at Trenton, Edgefield county, South Carolina, August 11, 1847, and received his education in a school at Bethany in the same county. He quit school in 1864, to enter the Confederate army but was stricken with a severe illness which caused him to lose his left eye and kept him an invalid for two years. He followed farming in his early life and took no active part in politics until he began an agitation in 1886 for industrial and technical education which culminated in the establishment of Clemson College at Calhoun's old home at Fort Hill. As a result of this campaign he became the farmers candidate for Governor in 1890 and after a heated campaign secured the Democratic nomination and was elected by a large majority. His term in the Senate would have expired March 3, 1919.

No announcement regarding funeral and burial has yet been made but it is probable that his body will be buried in Edgefield county.

(By International News Service)

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Many deep expressions of regret over the death of Senator Tillman are heard on all sides. It is expected that the work of the Senate will be held up until after the funeral. The President has sent his personal condolences to the family.

ONE ENTIRE GERMAN REGIMENT ANNIHILATED

American and French Forces Destroy Enemy Detachment Which Hurled Itself at Tip of Salient Nearest Paris—Success an Important One.

With the American Forces on the Marne, July 2.—An entire German regiment has been virtually annihilated in the fighting west of Hill 204, according to official information.

Hurling themselves at the tip of the salient driven into the allied line by the Germans late in May, the Americans and French have won important ground near Chateau Thierry. The attack was local in character, but its success may prove important in the future operations in that part of the battle front nearest Paris.

The assault was aimed at the hamlet of Vaux, which is situated on the south side of Chateau Thierry-Paris road and on the northern slopes of Hill 204. Vaux is about two miles from Chateau Thierry. This was carried by the rush of the French and Americans, who also occupied two small patches of woods in the immediate vicinity.

The Germans almost immediately began counter attacks in an attempt to regain the lost positions, but their efforts failed in every instance. In the initial attack and in their repeated assaults against the new lines held by the Allies, the Germans have suffered very heavy losses, at least 500 prisoners having been taken by the French and Americans. One entire German regiment is officially reported to have been virtually annihilated in the battle.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock there will be a union service of the congregations of the up-town churches at the First Presbyterian church. It will be of a patriotic nature and will be featured by two or three short addresses by prominent local men. The committee of ministers is today working on the program. Patriotic music will also be a feature.

Inasmuch as the day will be a holiday and the business houses will practically all be closed it is expected that there will be a large crowd present. Everybody is cordially invited.

Conference Date Changed.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer carries an announcement from Dr. H. K. Boyer, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, that the date of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference has been changed from November 27 to November 6th. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Barboursville, West Virginia, is to preside, and the conference will meet at Monroe.

Many of our poorest citizens are undergoing real sacrifices that they may be able to show their patriotism by buying War Savings Stamps.

LATE NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Condensed from Fuller Reports as Published in the Morning Papers of Yesterday and Today.

Superior court clerks of the State are holding their first convention at Raleigh yesterday and today.

Bishop John C. Kilgo, who has recently been quite ill at his home in Charlotte, is able to be up again.

J. L. Rodman, a prominent citizen of Union county, died suddenly last Friday night while attending a War

Among the 89 ships of various types to be launched by the United States tomorrow, July 4th, 14 are destroyers.

Charlotte will not celebrate the glorious Fourth this year. The same is true of many other towns in the State.

Congressman Horace Mann Tower, of Iowa, will be the principal speaker at the Fourth of July celebration at Guilford battleground tomorrow.

Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, nationally known Congregational minister and author, died yesterday at his home in Columbus, O., of paralysis, aged 82.

Fire yesterday in Charlotte destroyed four blocks of houses in a negro section, rendering 250 negroes homeless. Forty-seven houses and their contents were destroyed, the loss being about \$40,000.

The annual session of the Baptist Seaside Assembly has been in progress for the past several days at Wrightville Beach. Noted speakers from many sections of the country are on the program.

Seven Ashe county men, listed as deserters, came up Monday and were returned immediately to the camps from which they took their departure to go back into service. One other had already surrendered. Several are still out.

J. Worth Elliott, for 30 years prominent in the social, fraternal and business life of Hickory, died Monday at his home there after an illness of two months. He was a native of Charlotte and was 62 years old.

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, formerly one of the largest manufacturers of tobacco in the country, has been reappointed a field deputy of the internal revenue department in the first district of Illinois.

Rev. Sidney S. Robbins, a native of Asheboro, and a graduate of the University, class of 1914 and now pastor of a church at Kingston, Mass., has been appointed a chaplain in the army with rank of first lieutenant and has been sent to Camp Devens, Mass.

Victor Wallace, head of the large mercantile establishments of V. Wallace & Sons at Salisbury and Charlotte, died suddenly in Salisbury of acute indigestion. He was a native of Germany and 76 years old. He came to America when he was 17 years old and fought through the civil war.

Savings rally at Waxhaw. Dr. Albert Sidney Johnston, the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Charlotte, assumed his duties there Sunday, preaching his first sermon Sunday morning. Dr. Johnston is said to be one of the strongest preachers of the Presbyterian church in the South.

The American Power & Railway Company, of Charlotte, was chartered Monday by the Secretary of State with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, subscribed by H. M. Victor, C. B. Bryant and D. D. Traywick, for the operation of electric and steam power railways for passenger and freight traffic, the generation and transmission of electrical power and other kindred businesses.

Robert A. Beattie, formerly a groceryman of Charlotte, who was declared insane when tried two years ago for the murder of his wife and was sent to the insane ward of the State prison at Raleigh, has been declared sane by the hospital physicians and has been returned to Mecklenburg county where he is now in jail. It has not been determined as yet what disposition will be made of his case.

Eugene V. Debs, leader of the Socialist party in the United States and four times its candidate for the presidency, who was arrested a few days ago at Cleveland, Ohio, by government officers on a charge of making seditious utterances, was released Monday on a \$10,000 bond. Debs has done lots of wild talking in his life but he will probably learn now that he can't say just anything he wants to with impunity.

William Strain, aged 83 years, of Hillsboro, is under a \$500 bond to answer to a charge of violation of the espionage law. Despite the fact that Strain is sufficiently old to know better, he seems to be unable to talk about the war, his neighbors say, without criticizing the government and giving utterance to sentiments that would give aid and comfort to the enemy. He is to appear for trial at the next term of Federal court in Greensboro.

If you despise what the Germans do, let your savings help fight them. We are not going to lose the war, but do you ever stop to think what would happen to us if we did lose it? The speed with which we win it depends upon the way you and I save and give the government our financial support. Buy U. S. S. for a quick victory.