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GASTONIA, N. C. MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 16, 1918.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

NEW BRIDGE AT MOUNT HOLLY NOW OPEN

Steel Structure Erected Over Catawba by Gaston and Mecklenburg Thrown Open to Travel Saturday—Store Robbed—S. A. T. C. Boys at Home—Other Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MT. HOLLY, Dec. 16.—Good news to all who travel by land in buggies, wagons, and automobiles—the bridge here across the Catawba river is open to the hurrying wayfarer. Today at 11 o'clock it was formally opened, without any flare of trumpets, but opened all the same. Mr. K. K. Davenport and Mr. R. L. Stowe acting for Gaston county and Mr. A. M. McDonald, acting for Mecklenburg, accepted the work and laid down the bars. We are glad and ask the travelers to come our way and see the neat, attractive county bridge with the others spanning the muddy, sluggish but bossy Catawba.

Mr. F. H. Dunn's store was entered last night by a burglar, who bored through a side door and obtained entrance. On leaving he carried with him an excellent assortment of articles—things to eat, to wear, to give as Christmas presents and money. The values will probably run up close to \$50. One arrest has been made and suspects are being watched.

Our "flu" situation does not improve. A goodly number of new cases is reported each week. No deaths so far; no quarantine has been placed on schools, churches, mills or gatherings. The disease is rather insidious.

A number of our boys who went to college as members of the S. A. T. C. are at home. We have seen the following: Grier Rhyne, Harry Davenport, George Bick and Earl Conell.

Rev. C. M. Short, the new pastor of the Methodist church, preached his first sermon last Sunday. He has been accorded a warm welcome to the town.

The new mill which will do processing and mercerizing of cotton is going up steadily. Early next month it will be ready for machinery.

Much cotton has been ginned this week. The drop in prices seems not to have affected the sale. Probably the approaching Christmas season and children have something to do with it.

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL IS SHOT AND KILLED

Dr. Sidonio Paes Assassinated in Railway Station at Lisbon Saturday Night—His Assassin Killed by Crowd.

London, Dec. 15.—Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Saturday while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Porto Rico. Advice from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets.

President Paes died within a few minutes after he was shot.

The president's assailant, named Jettne, was killed by the crowd.

Dr. Sidonio Paes was formally proclaimed president of Portugal on last June 9. He headed a revolt in Portugal in December, 1917, and was named president of the provisional government on December 9, a few days more than a year before he was assassinated.

Dr. Paes was a professor of mathematics in the University of Coimbra when he entered the Portuguese cabinet in 1911 as minister of public works. At the outbreak of the war he was Portuguese minister to Germany and remained in Berlin until the early part of 1916 when he returned to Lisbon.

While provisional president, Dr. Paes declared that Portugal would continue with the allies against Germany. One of his first acts after being proclaimed president was to take active steps for greater participation in the war by Portugal.

On December 6, while walking in the streets of Lisbon, Dr. Paes was fired at, but the shot went wild. The president's assailant was arrested.

ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce which will be held at the offices tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. A large attendance is strongly urged by the officers of the organization. The Chamber of Commerce is now in excellent condition in every way and after a busy year, marked by much war work especially, it is ready to settle down to new important work made possible for the coming year by the lifting of the war bans.

All members are urged to be present promptly at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

DONATION TO RED CROSS

The Lucia Auxiliary has contributed \$75.50 to the Gaston County Chapter of the Red Cross, this being the proceeds from space sold on a Red Cross quilt made by the members of this auxiliary. With only about 20 members the Lucia auxiliary has done most excellent work ever since its organization, keeping right in the forefront in the matter of articles made, money contributed and in every other respect.

Miss Virginia Coffey, of Jetersville, Va., arrived in the city Sunday to spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. E. K. Whitener, at the latter's home on East Second avenue.

DR. FRANK R. ANDERS DIED YESTERDAY

Prominent Young Charlotte Dentist, a Gastonian, Succumbs to Influenza Pneumonia After Brief Illness—Buried in Charlotte Today.

Dr. Frank R. Anders, who went from Gastonia to Charlotte two years ago to practice his profession, that of dentistry, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at his home, No. 8 Watkins Court. Death was due to pneumonia following influenza and followed an illness of ten days. He became ill on Friday, the 6th, and pneumonia developed last Wednesday, after which time very little hope was entertained for his recovery.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Elmwood cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. John W. Moore, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, officiating, with the assistance of Dr. A. A. McGeehy, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were Osmond Barringer, J. O. Walker, Bob Simpson, Jack Lander and Mr. Scoggins, all of Charlotte, and W. B. Morris, Arthur Spencer and Sidney Winget, of Gastonia. Doctors Falls, Wilkins and McConnell attended the funeral as representatives of the dental profession of Gastonia and a large number of friends from here were present.

Frank Robinson Anders was 31 years of age, having been born near Gastonia October 27, 1887, the son of Esquire A. R. Anders and Mrs. Jane Gaston Anders. He was educated in the Gastonia public schools and Trinity College and took his dental course at the University of Baltimore. For six years he practiced dentistry here and in November, 1916, went to Charlotte, where he has been associated with Dr. D. S. Caldwell. He made a host of friends in Charlotte and rose rapidly there in his profession.

He married Miss Lillie Shields, of Charlotte, September 20, 1911, soon after beginning the practice of his profession. Besides his wife and father, Dr. Anders is survived by two little boys, Frank Anders, Jr., and Robert Anders, aged six and four, respectively.

Dr. Anders was an active and prominent member of the Masonic lodge. He was for some time secretary of Gastonia Lodge No. 369. He was a loyal and active member of Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte. He was a member of the National Dental Association, the State Dental Society and the Cleveland District Dental Society.

News of the death of Dr. Anders brought sorrow to many hearts in Gastonia. He had spent all of his life here until two years ago and was known and highly esteemed by a large number of people.

DEATHS

MRS. J. JUSTICE.

Mrs. T. E. Summerrow left this morning for Hendersonville in response to a telegram announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. J. Justice, which occurred yesterday at Sugar Loaf Inn, Henderson county. Death was due to influenza. Deceased was about 39 years old and is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blackwell, two children and three sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. T. E. Summerrow, of Gastonia; Mrs. M. A. Matheson, of Newton; Miss Gertrude Blackwell, at home; W. P. Blackwell, Jr., in the army, and Ewart and John Blackwell, of Henderson county.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Another sister, Mrs. Osborn Williams, died of influenza two weeks at her home in Edueyville, Henderson county. The news of her death did not reach Gastonia in time for Mrs. Summerrow to get there for the funeral.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mae Young is ill at the Gaston Sanatorium.

Mrs. J. V. Dietz is a patient at the City Hospital, where she underwent an operation Friday.

Mr. M. A. Turner, president of the Bank of Gastonia, is back at his desk today after being out several days with a light attack of influenza.

Mrs. McCoy Moretz and daughter, Miss Louise, of Charlotte, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. E. K. Whitener at her home on East Second avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Andrews, former residents of Gastonia but who have been living in Vermont for the past two years, have returned to Gastonia to reside.

Mr. J. R. Young has been confined to his home on South street for several days with a severe cold. He is better today and hopes to be out again soon.

Mrs. J. L. Burke, of Bessemer City, returned to her home Friday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Ormand, at her home on West Airline avenue.

The Gazette is requested to state that the December meeting of the Music Club, scheduled for Wednesday of this week, has been postponed. Announcement will be made later as to the date when it will be held.

At the manse of the First Presbyterian church Saturday night at 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite performed the ceremony of marriage for Charles Rich, of Lincolnton, and Miss Annie Seates, of Gastonia. The bride is a daughter of Mr. R. F. Seates.

PRESIDENT GETS ROYAL WELCOME IN FRANCE

(By International News Service.)

BREST, Dec. 15.—The President stepped upon French soil at 3:52 this afternoon. He was greeted with a salute of guns while the people wildly cheered and consolidated bands played the "Star Spangled Banner." Following an address of welcome by the mayor of Brest, the President replied cordially and thanked the municipal council for its resolutions of welcome.

Following brief ceremonies of welcome President Wilson and his party boarded a special train and expect to arrive at the Bois de Boulogne station in Paris at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Women Red Cross workers presented Mrs. Wilson with a bouquet at the pier. En route to the station the cortege passed through crowds of enthusiastically cheering people and past buildings hided by American, French, British and Italian flags. Many German prisoners employed in Brest cleaning the streets witnessed the arrival of the President with keen interest, but were kept in the background, where they could do no harm. It is rumored that the President's train will be stopped during the night so as not to arrive in Paris ahead of its schedule.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The booming of Fort Mont Valerien, on the outskirts of Paris, proclaimed the arrival of the President of the United States at 12:19 this afternoon and roaring guns marked the train's course through the outer fortifications outside the limits of the city. From the minute the roar of the first gun reverberated, thundering cannon continued at one minute intervals until a salute of a hundred guns was completed. The weather is fine. As the Presidential train crept into the Bois de Boulogne station, a flock of airplanes hovered in the sky, adding thrills for the great multitudes in all the thoroughfares in the vicinity of the station and en route to Murat mansion, who rent the heavens with deafening cheers. President Poincaré, Premier Clemenceau and many ambassadors, ministers and army and naval officers greeted the Wilson party at the station. President Wilson and President Poincaré entered the first carriage, Mesdames Wilson and Poincaré the second carriage, and other notables in succeeding carriages. Republican guards, soldiers and sailors, lined the streets from the station to the Murat mansion. The Stars and Stripes were flying everywhere.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The President is recognized everywhere from his picture. The President and his wife found the Murat mansion in readiness when they arrived, where they will live during their stay in Paris. "I am sure I shall look upon the ruin wrought by the armies of the Central empires with the same repulsion and deep indignation that they stir in the hearts of the men in France and Belgium. I appreciate, as you do, the necessity of such action in the final settlement of the issues of the war as will be not only a rebuke for such acts, for rors and spoliation, but to make men everywhere aware that they cannot be vented upon without the certainty of just punishment," declared Mr. Wilson, replying to President Poincaré's formal welcome to France, delivered at a luncheon in the Elysees palace. Mr. Wilson declared that the questions raised by the war must be settled in such a way as to insure the future peace of the world. He intimated that he favors the punishment of the Kaiser and his satellites.

CHARLOTTE SCENE OF HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

One of the most horrible tragedies which has happened in this section for many years occurred Saturday afternoon at the Southern passenger station in Charlotte when Charles H. Snider, a soldier who had just received his discharge from the army, killed H. A. Winder, a Southern Railway employee, shortly after leaving the station for his home.

It is three months of the homicide preceding in yesterday's Observer it seems that Snider approached Winder. From the news while the latter was talking to Snider's wife and brother he threw with a razor. Rev. E. N. Orr, Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Greene, was nearby and immediately called for help to get the wounded man into an automobile to take him to a hospital. He had difficulty in getting any of the bystanders to help him. One man, when called on, said "I don't want to get my hands bloody."

Snider made a lunge at his wife's throat with the razor but she threw up her arms and received a cut to the bone on her wrist. Snider then relieved a military policeman of his gun and, taking his wife with him, walked on Trade street. At the postoffice corner he was arrested by several policemen. He attempted to shoot one of them but his wife knocked the pistol out of his hand.

Snider is now held in jail without bond. He has refused to make a statement. His wife says jealousy was the cause of his crime. Snider's home was at Coolemeade.

Governors of all the States of the Union are meeting in Annapolis, Md., today, Tuesday and Wednesday in the annual conference of governors. The conference will consider important problems arising out of the transition from a war to a peace basis.

350,000 BERLIN WORKERS ON STRIKE

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—A general strike was called in Berlin today. Advice from the frontier today said 350,000 workers are out. Only two newspapers were published. The Ebert government, unable to check the Bolshevik propaganda for a general strike, attempted a coup. President Ebertback of the Reichstag has decided to summon the Reichstag and the Bundesrat. This move will fail unless it is a prelude to a bigger and better armed counter-revolutionary plan before the national assembly is convoked. It is reported from a German source. Stormy scenes are threatened today in Berlin as a result of labor troubles and the attempt of the congress of soviets to meet.

WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Friends of Corporal Charles Craig, who is in the medical department at Fort McPherson, Ga., will be interested to know that he has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Craig, of Gastonia.

Mrs. J. P. Robinson, of route three, received a letter last Thursday from her son, Sgt. Carl Robinson, of Co. M, 112th Infantry, stating that he was well and happy. He also expressed the hope that he might be at home for his next birthday anniversary, May 21, 1919. He is in a school at La Vallonne, state of Aisne, near Lyon.

Mrs. M. L. Douglas has received two letters from her son, Lieut. Ben Douglas, of Co. A, 115th M. G. Battalion, dated November the 12th and 17th, saying that he was all o. k. and that since the war is over, he is looking forward to the day when he can come home.

Mrs. W. F. Waters has received a letter dated November 12th from her son, Private Charles S. Walters, of Co. E, 324th Infantry, in which he said, "I have come through o. k." Private Walters' friends will be delighted to hear this good news.

Mrs. G. R. Rawlings recently received a letter from her son, Private Frank L. Rawlings, of Co. D, 105th Engineers, written November 18th, saying that he was safe and well and hoped to soon be home again.

WILL SET FOOT ON GERMAN SOIL.

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, Dec. 16.—It is entirely likely that President Wilson will set foot on German soil during his stay in Europe. He has been told that it will be impossible to dispose of any of the most important conference work during the holidays and has practically agreed to spend Christmas with the American military forces, probably at General Pershing's headquarters.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Balthis on Monday, December 16, 1918, a daughter.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The cotton market opened today with January contracts selling at 25.50; March contracts at 25.45.

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK

It is the hope of County Chairman J. G. Carpenter of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call campaign and all of the township chairmen and committeemen that by next Monday night, December 23rd, every man, woman and child in the county will be enrolled as a member of the American Red Cross. The nation-wide membership campaign for this organization began this morning and will close next Monday night. During this period it is the purpose to at least give every person in the United States an opportunity to join the Red Cross.

As has been announced there will be no more campaigns to raise money by subscription for the support of the Red Cross. The membership fee of \$1 is all that is asked for.

During the past few days the publicity committee has put out a large number of posters, window cards, automobile stickers and other kinds of advertising, calling the attention of the public to this campaign. For weeks it has been given wide publicity through the press and everybody is or should be thoroughly acquainted with the purpose of this week's campaign.

Mrs. D. R. LaFay, chairman of the canvassing committee for Gastonia, states that, on account of the very inclement weather today the canvassers did not begin their work, except perhaps in a few localities, but will begin tomorrow or as soon as the weather will permit. In the meantime every person is requested to be ready when called on to give in his membership. When one joins the solicitor will give him a button which should be worn in order to prevent other solicitors from approaching him. The new buttons are different from previous issues and bears the date.

Which?

The Temple Bulletin.

Young man, life is before you. Two voices are calling you, one coming from the swamps of selfishness and force, where success means death, and one from the hilltops of justice and progress, where even failure brings glory. Two lights are seen on the horizon—one the fast fading marsh light of power, and the other the slowly rising sun of brotherhood. Two ways lie open for you—one leading to a lower and lower plane, where manhood shrivels and possession rots down the possessor, and the other leading up to that highland of the morning, where are heard the glad shouts of humanity and where honest effort is rewarded with immortality.

GERMAN ARMISTICE IS EXTENDED TO JANUARY 17.

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—The German armistice has been extended until 5 o'clock on the morning of January 17, according to a dispatch from Treves.

The messages state that the following conditions has been added on the armistice agreement of November 11:

"The supreme command of the allies reserve the right should it consider this advisable and in order to obtain fresh guarantees, to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine north of the Cologne bridgehead and as far as the Dutch frontier. Notice of this occupation will be given six days previously."

Bessemer City and Lowell basket ball teams played a game Friday afternoon on the Bessemer City grounds, the score being 16 to 11 in favor of Bessemer City.

MR. H. RUTTER LEAVES EMPLOY OF THE CITY

Accepts Position as Manager of Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co.—Resignation Effective January 1st—Installed City's Water, Light and Sewerage Systems and Has Managed Them for 18 Years—An Expert in His Line.

Mr. H. Rutter, for the past 18 years superintendent of the city's water and light department, has tendered his resignation to the city council, the same to become effective January 1st, on which date he becomes a member and active manager of the Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co.

This announcement will come as a great surprise to the people of the city generally. Mr. Rutter came to Gastonia in the fall of 1900 to superintend the installation of the water, light and sewerage systems and has continued to superintend those important features of the municipal work ever since. He was educated at LaFayette College, Easton, Pa., where he received his technical training. Leaving college he went to Jersey Shore, Pa., to accept a position as manager of the light and water department and remained there until he came to Gastonia 18 years ago.

Under Mr. Rutter's superintendency Gastonia has built up one of the finest systems of municipal water, sewerage and light services to be found in the South. His work has attracted the attention of the governing bodies of other cities and it is known that he has declined a number of flattering offers to go to larger cities. Gastonia is one of the few towns in the State which has made a success of municipally-owned water and light systems.

As yet Mr. Rutter's successor has not been chosen.

Under the management of Mr. Rutter the Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co. will enlarge its business and will make a specialty of heavy installations. It is the company's purpose to prepare to take care of all the work of this character in its territory. Mr. George G. Glenn and Mr. R. C. McLean are the principal stockholders and the managers of the company now and will continue to be actively connected with it in the future. They are exceedingly fortunate in securing a man of Mr. Rutter's wide experience and technical knowledge to manage the business.

GASTONIA MAY GO ON W. S. S. BLACKLIST

Local Merchants Have Sold Only Forty Per Cent of Their Allotment of War Savings Stamps so Far—Chairman Morris Calls for Renewed Activity That Gastonia May Not be Listed as a Slacker Town.

"Gastonia merchants must sell \$16,500 worth of War Savings Stamps by January 1st or our town will go down on the blacklist as a slacker town," said Mr. W. B. Morris, chairman of the Merchants Committee on War Savings Stamps this morning. "Gastonia merchants were allotted \$28,500 worth of stamps to sell and so far they have disposed of only \$12,000 worth," he said.

"It is going to be necessary," added Mr. Morris for every merchant and every clerk in the city to put forth his utmost efforts from now until the first day of the year if we are to save our fair name as a city which always goes over the top. We can do it but it is going to take a great big effort and I want to urge every merchant and clerk in the city to get busy today and stay on the job till the last cent of the \$28,500 worth is sold."

Following is a letter Mr. Morris has just received from State headquarters:

Mr. W. B. Morris, chairman of the retail merchants division of the War Savings Stamp organization of the county, has received the following letter which explains itself:

Dear Sir: We are not worrying any longer about what the Retail Merchants Division of the State is going to do as a whole. It is now evident that it will over-sell the quota allotted it. And while we know that it will not be the fault of this office, yet we are afraid that a few of our towns are not going "over the top" by December 31st, the end of the campaign.

It is one of the facts that a large number of our towns have already reached their quota and many of them have sold three or four times the amount given them to sell, we are led to believe that there is not a city or town in the State that should and could not have sold its quota.

At the end of the campaign a complete report goes in to Washington from this office showing the record of every town in this division (it will also show the places). We certainly hope this report record of every single agency in each will show every one of the 268 cities and towns working under our division "over the top."

We urge you to see that your town does not spoil the record with a black spot. Honestly, it will not speak well of that chairman and that town to be in the "not over" class on this permanent record that goes in to National headquarters at the end of the campaign. This record may be referred to in after years.

Remember, there is still time enough to put your town "over" if everything is taken advantage of. May we count on you?

Yours very truly,
N. C. RETAIL MERCHANTS DIVISION, W. S. O., JNO. L. GILMER, Representative, Winston-Salem, Dec. 10, 1918.

Nothing better for the boy than a copy of "Billy and the Major." Atkins-Baber Book Co.



Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness, that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness in war-torn Europe. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.

Join the Red Cross

-all you need is a heart and a dollar