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BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Dec. 18.—In an exciting basketball game played here yesterday on the Belmont high school court, the high school quint defeated the team of Belmont Abbey College by the score of 43 to 16.

Misses Annie Fite and Eva Teague were the guests Friday and Saturday of Miss Marie Smith, at Gastonia.

Miss Ruth Blythe, of the Gastonia school faculty, spent the week end with Miss Alice Hall.

Mr. Archibald Lineberger, who left the University of North Carolina to join the marine corps last fall, and who has been honorably discharged, arrived Sunday to be at home until after Christmas, when he will re-enter the University as a sophomore.

Misses Mary Gaston, Lena Garrison and Lula Stowe have returned from the State Normal College at Greensboro to spend the holidays at home.

The boys are still coming in from the various camps and colleges. Among the number who have arrived within the last few days are Mr. Ned Leeper, who has come from Camp Sevier, having been honorably discharged, and Mr. Earl Mc-Kee from Trinity College.

Have you seen those leather lap tablets at Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Dr. Joseph Henry Johnson was the only member of the State University faculty to lose his life in the war. He was killed in the Argonne October 15th. He was born near Chapel Hill July 25, 1889. At midnight Monday night the State of Nevada went dry. There was no demonstration.

We have a full line of all the bestknown war books. Give father or brother one for Christmas—it will tickle him. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

William Hohenzollern, dispatches state, has refused to leave Holland even after being officially notified that he is not wanted in that country.



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NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The American | transport Mauix with 2265 soldiers, ar rived today from Bordeaux. The Doch era, Elsol, Celtic, Raprahamock, Metapan and Henry Mallory are expected to arrive this afternoon, bringing 4,000 more.

copenhagin, Dec. 17. Riotous scenes, during which a demand was made that the soviets seize control of the government and remove Ebert and Hasse, marked the opening of the congress of soviets in Berlin, says a dispatch from Berlin today. The Bavarians demanded that Liebnecht and the Limberg radicals join the congress but the demand was rejected.

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Complete denial that he has been pro-German at any time before or after the United States entered the war or had aided the Germans in their propaganda was made before the Senate committee today by Samuel Untermeyer. "There is not a shred of basis for either of these yague implications," he declared.

All that the Germans can no after this war is to begin life over again. Detroit Free Press.

Fire at Burlington yesterday destroyed three store buildings, entailing a total loss of probably \$250,000. The building and stock of the Burlington Hardware Co. was a loss of \$100,000, the M. B. Smith Furniture Co., \$45,000 and the Kirk-Holt Hardware Co. \$50,000, while other firms suffered smaller loss. The city's 50,000 gallon water tank happened to be empty when the fire started which accounted for the heavy loss.

At a special session Sunday the Senate and House of Representatives paid tribute to the memory of the late Senator Ben R. Tillman, of South Carolina. Addresses were made by Senators Smith and Pollock, of South Carolina; Lodge, Swanson, Nelson and Lewis and by Representatives Walsh, of Massachusetts; Padgett, of Tennessee, and by all the South Carolina members.

Ernes' Caldwell, a negro sergeant attached to the 157th Depot Brigade at Anniston, Aia., shot and killed a street car conductor and wounded the motorman Sunday. He was captured after being chased for several hours. He had been ejected from the car for refusing to observe the regulations separating the seats for whites and negroes.

H. SCHNEIDER



Women's New Coat Suits

Distinctive models of wool, velour, fine poplin, fine serges, in navy, black, brown, burgundy and taupe; fancy pockets and plush collars and button trimmed skirt. Prices from \$12.95 to \$35.00 Women's fur-trimmed Coats, Velour Cloth, fancy mixtures with large shawl collars, of plush straight and belted models up to \$35.00

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Four men were killed Monday in an airplane accident near West Point, Miss.

From Robert Holland.

Mr. J. H. Holland, of Bessemer City, route one, has recently received a card announcing the safe arrival overseas of his son, Private Robert L. Holland, of the 5th Battery, F. A. R. R. The following are some extracts from a letter which was received on November 24th:

Dear Pather: I will take the greatest of pleasure in writing you since I have arrived in France. I am well and enjoying life fine. I suppose you are planning to have a fine time Christmas. France sure looks like the picture. The war is over now and I think we will be at home before long. Your son,

ROBERT L. HOLLAND.

For mother a knitting set for Christmas would be appreciated. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Gastonia, Dec. 17.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old and I want you to bring me a drum, a horn, a pistol and some caps, a little red wagon full of nuts and candies. I will hang my stocking up on the right hand side of the fire place. Now Santa, please don't forget me for mama says I have been a good little boy.

Your little friend,

B. F. ORMAND, JR.
P. S. Don't forget my little dog Max.
He will be sleeping right by my stocking but he is a good little dog and wont
bite you.

Give Jewelry For Christmas

It makes an idéal gift. Beautiful, lasting and always appropriate.

Our stock is complete. Never before have we had as large a stock as now. As to quality, you know we always give you the best goods your money can secure.

Do that shopping, now TO-DAY. The last few days will find everything picked over. While you can have your choice today.

H. M. Van Sleen

JEWELER



Christmas

This year will be different, gifts will be largely in the nature of essentials—things to wear, for example. One can best carry out the spirit of the times and of the season by choosing articles that give the most in service.

Any article listed below will make a sensible Gift:

Men's Shoes
Ladies' Shoes
Children's Shoes
Men's Bedroom Slippers
Ladies' Bedroom Slippers
Children's Bedroom Slippers
All the popular colors are
included in these.

John B. Stetson Hats

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