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PRESIDENT RETURNS CALL OF ITALY'S KING

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Dec. 20.—President Wilson today returned the formal call of the king of Italy, who was the first king the President has met since his arrival in Europe. King Victor showed excellent command of English, outlining the peace acts of Italy. Their meeting was marked with much cordiality. Premier Orlando assured the President that Italy has but modest claims and will adhere to his famous fourteen principles.

See that Reo Sedan. It's classy from radiator to tail lamps, plush upholstery. See how the windows work. W. H. Wray. 23c2

THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL.

We are authorized by Mrs. D. R. LaFar, chairman for Gastonia of the work of soliciting memberships in the American Red Cross, to say that good progress has been made during the week toward the end of securing the membership of everybody in the city. A very large number of business houses have enrolled every member of the firm and every employee, thus obtaining the right to the large One Hundred Per Cent Banner. The supply of these banners has given out, but others have been ordered and those who are entitled to them will be supplied in a few days.

It is especially urged that any person who was missed by the canvassers by the reason of not being at home, or for any other reason, send or take their dollar to the postoffice or to some member of the canvassing committee.

Mr. John G. Carpenter, county chairman, also requests that the various township committees report to him as soon as possible after the close of the membership drive next Monday on the number of members enrolled. It is confidently expected that the county will make a good record in this, as it has done in every other war campaign.

Chairman Carpenter received a telegram this morning from State Director W. C. Jackson, of Greensboro, asking him to request all ministers to give ten minutes at their Sunday services to the matter of urging all persons who have not joined the Red Cross for 1919 to do so Monday, which is the last day of the drive for members.

An ideal Christmas gift—Reo Sedan, plush upholstery, silver trimmings, perfection window lifters, cord tires. It's a beauty. W. H. Wray. 23c2

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened with contracts for January selling at 28.00, March 26.55.

Only three more days to buy Christmas presents. Hurry or you'll be too late. We still have a nice assortment of gifts suitable for all ages and persons. Come in and let us show you our goods. Kennedy Drug Co., the Rexall Store, phone 84.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Mann, minority leader of the House, this afternoon announced his candidacy for speaker of the next House.

Dodge, the only car in its class adopted by the Government, also by Gastonians. Sold three today. W. H. Wray. 23c2

PARIS, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and the American peace envoys will hold a conference late today, when it is expected a general peace conference program will be adopted.

William S. Hart is the attraction at the Ideal today and tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The city of Kiev is being besieged by Ukrainian national league troops, says a Berlin report reaching the State Department today. These troops have captured the whole Ukraine.

Mrs. Crown W. Wilson and two little daughters, Carolyn and Martha Gray, are all able to be up again after an illness of some time with the influenza.

Umbrellas with gold or silver handles would make an appropriate Christmas gift for HER. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

BOLSHEVIKI PREPARE TO ATTACK FINLAND

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Bolsheviki are preparing to attack Finland, says a Copenhagen dispatch today. The Reds are scattering mines in the Gulf of Finland and are concentrating troops on the frontier.

WEDNESDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The punishment of William Hohenzollern and every one associated with him in committing brutal atrocities in the late war, particularly all concerned in the sinking of the Lusitania, was demanded in a joint resolution introduced in the House today by Representative Darrow, Republican, of Pennsylvania. The bill provides that copies of the resolution be forwarded to President Wilson and the American peace commissioners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—With the sentiment of the Senate foreign relations committee fairly evenly divided, the committee today postponed a final vote on the Knox resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the "league of nations" and disarmament proposals should go over for consideration until after the signing of the treaty of peace.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—William Hohenzollern is planning to assume control of east Prussia as a separate state at an early date, says a News dispatch from Rome, quoting Epona.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Germany's long-range gun used to bombard Paris killed 196, wounded 417 within the last ten months of the war, according to statistics printed today. Aviator bombers at the same time killed 206 and wounded 392 residents of Paris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The change from a war to a peace basis finds American finances in excellent condition for the transition and facing unprecedented prosperity, says a Federal reserve bulletin today dealing with reconstruction problems.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18.—The Bolsheviki in western Russia are advancing on Dorpa on a wide front, the Estonian war minister announced today. German troops will leave Valk, 90 miles northeast of Riga, Friday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Action on former Secretary McAdoo's proposal that the United States lend the Allies an additional billion and a half dollars was indefinitely postponed by the Ways and Means committee of the House this afternoon. Republican members opposed the plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A bill prohibiting the display of the red flag anywhere in the United States was presented in the Senate this afternoon by Senator New, of Indiana.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—The policemen of the city struck this morning as the result of the dismissal of 13 of their union's executive officers. There was no disorder.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The people's commissary of Germany have requested the Allied army to occupy Berlin, Le Matin states today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—That Bolsheviki activities were fostered by German organizations and funds was discovered by the Spanish government, according to State Department advices received this afternoon. Isolated disturbances which were reported in the province of Catalonia were quickly suppressed by the police.

Take a ride on Christmas Day in a Dodge Sedan or Coupe. For sale by Hugh Wray. 23c2

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

Get her a toilet set for Christmas at Atkins-Baber Book Co.

PLANNING BIG WELCOME FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

Preparatory to the making of plans for the proper reception of Gaston county's men when they return from the service, a meeting of the presiding officers of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, the Gastonia Commercial Club, the Woman's Betterment Association, the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, also the mayor of the city has been called to be held at the office of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday afternoon, January 1, at five o'clock. All are urged to be present. Each will be asked to choose two from their organization at this meeting to act with president, the plan being to have three, including the president, from each of the organizations to form a joint committee to make plans for the proper reception of the men who have been away in the service of Uncle Sam.

WAS WITH THE FAMOUS THIRTIETH DIVISION.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Kelly Jackson have as their guest for a few days at their home on South Broad street Lieut. Murray Grant, of Wilmington, who is en route home from Camp Benard, near New Orleans, where he was stationed as an instructor until he recently applied for and obtained a discharge from the service. Lieutenant Grant was with the famous Thirtieth Division, known as the "Old Hickory," also as the "Fighting Thirtieth," until about September 25th, when he was wounded. He wears two wound stripes, and after recovering was detailed to return to this country as an instructor. Lieutenant Grant talks interestingly of his experiences with the division which took part in so many of the fiercest battles of the latter months of the war. He was at the battle of Kemm Hill, and says that while the News paper dispatches credited the British with making this capture, it was purely the work of the famous American division, the British forces being posted some six miles away at the time the strong hold was captured.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old and have never wrote you before and I hope you will come to see me this year and bring me the following named toys: Knife, a horn, and I would like an air rifle and a hand car. And I would like for you to bring my little sister a doll and go-cart. And bring my baby brother a kiddy car and a stopper gun. Your little unknown friend, WILLIAM RATCHFORD, Lowell, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.

Bessemer City, Dec. 18, 1918.

Dear Santa: I will write you a letter since I haven't written you since last December. Hope you haven't forgotten me. I am a little girl with brown eyes and hair. I want you to bring me a doll, some candy, fruit and nuts. Will not ask for more as I want you to be sure and remember my friends, Maggie and George. Please bring Maggie a doll and some nuts. George wants a toy auto and a train. Many good wishes for all who are expecting dear old Santa. BROWN EYES.

"OLD HICKORY" PAID HEAVILY.

General Pershing Wires Complete Casualty List—Thirtieth Division, Used on All Rough Jobs, Suffered Total of 7,623 Casualties.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The "Old Hickory" division paid a heavy toll in killed and wounded for its brilliant exploits in France. The casualty list of this fighting organization, made public today on receipt of a cablegram from General Pershing, shows that the apprehensions of heavy casualties were well founded.

The figures were brought out by the following inquiry called to General Pershing by Secretary Baker:

"Much apprehension here as to casualties in 20th division. Have these been fully reported to you and forwarded to us? Can you cable classified estimate of total casualties in that division?"

Gen. Pershing replied: "Thirtieth division checked their total casualties against the records of central records of five November 23, and casualties of records in their office have been reported to war department. Casualties classified as follows:

"Killed in action, 1,168; died of wounds, 283; died of disease, 16; died of other causes, five; severely wounded, 1,181; wounded, degree undetermined, 805; slightly wounded, 3,973; missing in or captured, 193."

This is the first authentic information of the total casualties of this division composed of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee guardsmen. The thirtieth covered itself with glory in the sanguinary fighting, which resulted in the first break of the supposedly impregnable Hindenburg line. General Haig cited the entire division in a special order of the day for its brilliant conduct on that occasion.

The casualties of the organization would have been even heavier than those reported had not the worst of the fighting, at the time the Hindenburg line was broken, been launched in a heavy fog which, military men say, made it impossible for the German artillery fire to be accurately directed.

All the casualties did not occur in the fighting referred to at this particular location, as the Old Hickory was in almost continuous action from August until the end of the campaign. They were used as shock troops and shifted from place to place where the roughest jobs had to be undertaken.

John C. Calhoun, grandson of the great southern statesman, whose name he bears, and formerly a cotton planter, died in New York yesterday in his 76th year.

VON HINDENBURG STILL THINKS OF FIGHTING

(By International News Service.)

ZURICH, Dec. 20.—Gen. Von Hindenburg has informed the Berlin government that he intends to establish a new front six and a quarter miles behind the neutral zone, according to advices received here from Berlin today. The German government demanded an explanation, but no reply was received from Hindenburg.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The King of Italy arrived from Rome today. In spite of the raw weather he was given a tremendous reception.

ZURICH, Dec. 19.—Sanguinary fighting is in progress in Russia between the Bolsheviki and the anti-Bolsheviki. The Bolsheviki have crossed the Dvina and are marching on Mitau.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN GERMANY, Dec. 19.—The American third army had advanced nearly twenty miles east of the Rhine by Monday night without a single hostile action. The fourth and seventh corps are still on the western side of the Rhine. The weather is getting much colder. The German troops withdrew to the objectives designated in the armistice terms in perfect order.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The total war damage in France will amount to 64 billion francs, exclusive of the loss to commerce and imports and losses incurred by individuals, it was officially announced in the Chamber of Deputies today.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Bolsheviki of Russia are expected to attempt to recruit a large army to "invade other parts of Europe to spread the principles of Bolshevism," according to special correspondence to The London Chronicle today. They now have an army of 108,000 scattered over the former Russian empire. All means of communication are in the hands of the Bolsheviki, who censor everything. Poland is now disturbed and almost helpless. There would be little difficulty in the Bolsheviki marching into Germany, where much propaganda is already being carried on by them.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Chancellor Ebert and members of the German government have resigned, says a report which reached here via Stuttgart today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Inter-State Commerce Committee of the United States Senate today decided to begin an inquiry into every phase of the railroad situation. Hearings in the matter will begin January 2nd. Director General McAdoo will be the first witness, and will be followed by representatives of the railroads, State Railroad Commissions, shippers, chambers of commerce and other organizations.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19.—Five thousand Austro-German prisoners of war in Russia have been enrolled in the Bolsheviki army, and 2,000 other specially trained Bolsheviki propagandists have been repatriated, says a Petrograd dispatch today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Frederick Gillett, Republican representative from Massachusetts, today announced himself a candidate for speaker of the next House in opposition to Representative Mann, of Illinois.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The transport George Washington left France last Sunday with 2,825 returning American soldiers aboard, among whom were 873 sick and wounded, Gen. March announced today. The transports Moreschini, Herdine, Carriage, Sixona and Belletrix sailed Monday with other soldiers for America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—This commission has not recommended and will not recommend the seizure of the meat packing plants," asserted Chairman Colver of the Federal Trade Commission, whose bill designed to dissolve the alleged meat trust by government regulation opened for hearing today before the Inter-State Commerce committee of the House.

BELFONTE, PA., Dec. 19.—The New York to Chicago mail airplane was forced to land near here at 11 o'clock today by a storm. It may resume the flight to Cleveland this afternoon.

ATHENS, Dec. 19.—The Bulgarian forces have attacked the Greek outposts at Kroussova. A number of Bulgars were killed, it is officially announced here. The Greeks rushed the Bulgarians, killing three.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Premier Clemenceau, addressing the French Association for a Society of Nations, declared today that "the principle of a 'league of Nations' is certain to be embodied in the peace preliminaries."

DOVER, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Haig arrived here from France today and received a tremendous ovation.

Leather bound gift books, a good variety to select from, Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Choir practice tonight at Main Street Methodist church at 7:30.

GASTONIA AND GASTON LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Captain Anderson Discharged.

The Gazette last night received the following message from Capt. J. A. Anderson, who has for some time past been connected with the staff of a large base hospital at Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, Ga.: "Complete discharge today. Leave for home by auto Friday morning. Arrive Monday or Tuesday. Resume practice at same old stand on arrival." This will be welcome news to Dr. Anderson's hosts of friends here who will be delighted to know that he is soon to be back practicing his profession here.

Married in Grocery Store.

It is not often that a wedding is celebrated in a grocery store but such an event happened in Gastonia yesterday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the Star Grocery Company's store on South street. Esquire S. S. Morris was the officiating magistrate. The groom was Arthur Gibson, of Old Fort, and the bride Miss Marie Mall, of Clifton, S. C. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. J. White Ware, Miss Vista Lindsay, J. B. Baber, J. E. Lindsay, Joe Baber, of Iva, S. C.; R. V. Williams and A. M. Brown, of Iva, S. C. The happy young couple left on the 9 o'clock P. & N. car for Charlotte.

Funeral of Moses White.

Messrs. W. M. and R. W. White, of Gastonia, and their brother, Mr. J. A. White, of Charlotte, attended the funeral of their uncle, the late Moses White, which was held at Smyrna A. R. P. Church in York county South Carolina at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the service. Deceased was the last of the 12 children of the late John White. Surviving are three sons, Rev. Frank White, of Long Branch, N. J.; Messrs. Meek and Latham White, of York county, and two daughters. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Pressley, pastor of Smyrna church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First A. R. P. church of Gastonia.

Mr. Separk to Give Banquet.

The Baraca class of Main Street Methodist Sunday school, assisted by the Philathenas, has begun to plan for the reception of those Baracas who are in the military service of the country and who are expected to return in a few months. At a joint meeting of the two classes last Sunday, Supt. J. H. Separk made a splendid talk on "Service" and concluded his talk by extending an invitation to the classes to a banquet to be served just as early as possible after the return of the boys from "Over there." The membership of the two classes, with the 57 Baracas now in the service, will number about 150. At the meeting of the Baracas next Sunday appropriate Christmas selections will be rendered by the Baraca quartet and a quartet from the Philathenas class.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. R. T. Padgett and family moved yesterday to their country home on the New Hope road near Armstrong Park.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams gave a turkey dinner today for their children who reside in Gastonia. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bradley and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Workman and family, and Mr. W. C. Adams. The other two children live out West.

Charlotte Observer: "Misses Winnie and Virginia Pegram, who make their home in Gastonia with their grandmother, Mrs. M. C. Pegram, will arrive in the city today to spend Christmas with their mother and sisters, Mrs. Earle S. Pegram and little Misses Martha Craig and Earle, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Withers, on East Vance street."

Mr. W. H. Wray, the local Dodge dealer, has received a letter from Dodge Brothers, manufacturers of this well-known car, in which they state positively that the prices of this car will remain unchanged during the present selling season of 1918-19. Mr. Wray got in a car load of Dodge cars yesterday and sold three of them before night. He is a believer, by the way, in the efficacy of Gazette advertising.

In a card from Captain Francis A. Whitesides, mailed in Germany November 25th, he states that he is with the Third Division, who are a part of the American army of occupation. This division was probably the first to cross the Rhine.

ZURICH, Dec. 19.—As a result of events which transpired at the soviet congress held in Berlin yesterday the Ebert government will retire, says a dispatch received here from Berlin today.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—The Spartans group leaped into power at the congress of soviets in Berlin, breaking up the session. The extremists stormed the hall, denouncing Ebert for refusing to demobilize the whole German army. All the speakers later declared that they would support the demands of the soldiers, including the demobilization of the entire German army, which, if refused, would lead to anarchy and bloodshed. Liebknecht occupied the former Kaiser's seat during the session.

The ideal Christmas present—a year's subscription to The Gazette. Costs only \$2 and will remind the recipient of the giver 156 times during the year.

Life is too interesting at present to commit suicide. Stick around.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Dallas Joins.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Dec. 19.—Gaston Lodge No. 263 A. F. and A. M. is now enjoying a period of unusual prosperity. The work necessitates meeting twice a week. C. C. Craig, W. M., a man ever willing to promote the cause of Masonry, is also District Deputy Grand Master of the 25th District and his last report to the Grand Lodge October 31st shows an additional membership of 66 with 20 since that time and still others applying.

Misses Alena Rhyne and Leta Wilson are home for the holidays from the State Normal.

Leo Summey, of the S. A. T. C., State University, is at home, having received his discharge.

Ensign P. B. Summey has returned to Norfolk to resume his duties on a merchant vessel.

Mr. J. R. Lewis has received a letter from his son, John Lewis, in France stating that he was well and passed through the last battle unscathed and heard the last gun fired. He reports the same of Sam McAllister, also a Dallas boy.

Clarence Pasour, of the United States Marines of Portsmouth, Va., is spending a ten-day furlough with homefolks. Lieut. Ralph Stowe, of Fort Sill, Okla., has received his final discharge, having resigned his commission, and is welcomed back to Dallas.

Knights Templar charms from \$15 up, in solid gold only. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

SUNNYSIDE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Route 1, Dec. 19.—Mr. David Mitehem, who lives above Cherryville, has moved to a farm near here.

Miss Minnie Mofrow is at home now, as her school at Mountain View is closed on account of influenza.

Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, the primary teacher at Sunnyside, who has been confined to her room with tonsillitis, is able for duty again, we are glad to note.

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

New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. NEW HOPE, Dec. 20.—The Junior Christian Endeavor and Sunday school of New Hope Presbyterian church have prepared an interesting Christmas exercise which will be given at New Hope church Tuesday night, December 24th, at 6:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Boy Scout books and Girls Camp Fire books—they make fine presents for the young folks. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Dec. 20.—Mr. Robert Groves, of Wake Forest, is home for the holidays.

Lowell is coming right on up with her Red Cross quota.

Bessemer City's boys basketball team played the Lowell boys on the home grounds Tuesday afternoon, the score being 12 to 13 in favor of Lowell.

On Monday evening at 7 o'clock the Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church. Everybody is cordially invited, and may use the tree for distributing presents to their friends if they wish.

On Tuesday evening the Presbyterians will have their tree in the church at 7 o'clock. An interesting program has been planned and they invite everybody to come and take part.

Miss Iva Thornburg, of Maywood, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Holmes.

School will close Friday at noon for the Christmas holidays and will resume work again December 30th, only taking a week.

Ivory toilet sets engraved with monogram to match your room. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, Dec. 18.—Messrs. Jesse L. and Oland Carroll are in Petersburg, Va., this week on business.

The Methodist church here is taking on new activity with the new conference year. A building committee composed of the following members has been named by the quarterly conference looking to the building of a new church in town: J. C. Ballard, H. C. Harrelson, W. C. Howell, C. B. Harrelson, Rev. J. F. Mosser and J. F. Harrelson. A teacher training class has also been organized and is doing good work. W. J. Allran is teacher and Prof. J. D. Rankin assistant. The stewards have also organized for the year and have practically made the every-member canvass. J. C. Ballard is chairman and H. C. Harrelson secretary.

Teddy Brittain, son of Mr. J. C. Brittain, had a narrow escape from being killed by the westbound Seaboard train Tuesday evening at the crossing in town. His brakes on the Ford truck which he was driving failed to work and he slid right onto the track, the train struck one of the wheels, tore it up and broke the wind shield. No other part of the car was damaged. In the meantime young Brittain jumped out and saved himself from injury.

Messrs. J. C. Ballard and C. A. Rudisill are spending today in Charlotte.

Always at your service. Atkins-Baber Book Co.