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Dodge cars will not change in price. Get yours for Christmas. W. H. Wray.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS.
This is the last issue of The Gazette before Christmas. The next issue will appear on Friday, Wednesday's paper being omitted in order that our over-worked force may enjoy a respite of two or three days from their labors and enjoy the holiday season.
For each and every reader of the paper, old and young, big and little, rich and poor, white and colored, The Gazette wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the holiday season bring happiness and good cheer to you all.

WALTER HINES PAGE.
In the death of Walter Hines Page North Carolina loses one of her most distinguished sons. During his life of 63 years he accomplished many things and his influence for good in various lines will live after him. As editor of The State Chronicle, published at Raleigh, he started the movement which resulted in the establishment of the A. and E. College, an institution which has grown into a place of power and influence in the State.

There is no doubt that the arduous duties which the war imposed upon him as representative of the United States at the court of St. James weighed so heavily on his shoulders as to cause a breakdown of his health and the hastening of the end of his life. President Wilson appointed him to the most important diplomatic post in the world five years ago and he undertook the great task without previous experience in this line and made good from the very beginning.
Perhaps Mr. Page's greatest accomplishment was the establishment of The World's Work, a magazine which dealt with social, political and economic events and problems in a style new to the magazine field and which was so refreshing that the new magazine at once gained public favor and has grown steadily since its establishment. Mr. Page was editor of this magazine when President Wilson sent him to England.

As a boy, it is stated, Mr. Page was precocious, exhibiting remarkable mental powers. He was a close student and early exhibited ability as a writer and it was perhaps in this capacity that he made his greatest reputation.

His whole career was such as to reflect great credit on his native State and his passing will be the occasion of great sorrow throughout North Carolina.

WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

- The Gazette will be glad to have for this column items of interest about any Gaston men in the service, either overseas or in this country. Parents or other relatives and friends are requested to send in such items or phone them in. In each instance please give the soldier's full address if possible.

Sgt. J. Raleigh Armstrong returned home Saturday from Camp Forrest, Lytle, Ga., having received his discharge from the service.

Mrs. W. G. Jenkins, of route four, has received a letter dated November 22 from her brother, Sgt. Clifton B. Jenkins, of Company A, 115th machine gun battalion, stating that he was in London on a furlough seeing the sights. He expects to get a chance to visit Paris also before returning home. Sgt. Jenkins' home is at Lowell.

Mr. J. N. Hanna has received a letter dated Nov. 24 from his son, Corporal Neely C. Hanna, of Battery D, 317th F. A., 81st Division, stating that he was safe and well and hoping to soon be back in the U. S. A.

Mrs. Sallie McArver received a telegram this morning from her son, Corporal Everett McArver, of Company A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, stating that he landed in New York yesterday. Corporal McArver was reported in the casualty lists a short time ago as having been slightly wounded, and is now in an

AS A NEW ERA IN WORLD DEMOCRACY DAWNS

THE REUNION OF LONG SEPARATED LOVED ONES WILL BE A JOYOUS OCCASION. WHEN THAT LONG LINE OF VICTORY WON KHAKI CLAD LADS RETURN FROM "OVER THERE" HOW WILL YOU BE FIXED? WILL YOU HAVE THE READY CASH TO MAKE THEIR HOME COMING AND THEIR CHRISTMAS A JOYOUS ONE? YOU WILL HAVE THE READY CASH IF YOU JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB. DO IT TODAY. DON'T FORGET.



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can
Join our Christmas Savings Club
You'll be happy if you save.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GASTONIA, N. C.

army hospital at Camp Matewan, New York.

Mr. Ed C. Stroup, of Cherryville, was in Gastonia this morning and told The Gazette that he had heard from his two brothers, Private William P. Stroup, of Co. E, 324th Infantry, 81st Division, and Private John C. Stroup, of Battery E, 349th F. A., American Expeditionary Forces, and that both were well and getting along nicely. The letters were dated after the armistice was signed.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Gastonia, Dec. 21, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little fellow eight years old. I want you to bring me a \$5 wagon. You will find the money in my overall pocket, hanging on a chair by the fireplace. Also bring Harry an air rifle and my twin sisters, Mary and Martha, a nice big doll baby. Please don't forget us.

Your little friend,
ALBERT FERGUSON.

COBLENZ ON THE RHINE.

New York Sun.
In Coblenz the American troops have for their occupancy the most picturesque situated town of all those which came under the control of the Allies through the terms of the armistice.

In reaching the Rhine, but a few months ago considered a military goal to be attained only after hard fighting, the Americans came from Treves by the route of pleasurable tourist travel down the Moselle valley, more interested in the ruins of robber barons' castles and in making the resemblance to the Hudson than in the possibility of an attack from a foe at any of the points of defence on the way. Their reception at Coblenz was friendly. A German officer "wearing a bright, polished, spike helmet" met them at the station, and the Germans, said a correspondent, "even scrubbed the bunks in the five fortresses so that everything might be in readiness for the doughboys to sleep." Coblenz at the height of its tourist season could not have done better than this.

Coblenz has been welcoming tourists so long that it was second nature to welcome the Americans. That was one of the principal occupations of the Coblenzer. As a result he is more or less polyglot. The soldiers will have no difficulty in finding some one to speak English. Again, the Coblenzer is considerable of a racial mixture; about as much French, Flemish, Franconian or Low Dutch as he is German. The Coblenzer has, too, a reputation for improvidence, which may account for that squandering of all his food supply and the "big eating spree" in which, according to the correspondent, he is at present riotously indulging.

Coblenz has no great cathedral as Cologne has, or university, as Bonn, or Roman churches and antiquities, as Mainz. It has, though, a famous promenade along the Rhine bank flanked by an imposing array of hotels, restaurants and cafes. These have remained open and flourishing during the war, and the Coblenzer, looking across the river to the strong defences of Ehrenbreitstein and Astenstein, could dream himself into a feeling of perfect security for the Fatherland. Coblenz is out of the Munich

and Wurzburger zone. The people are no judges of the products of these Bavarian cities. But they know the products of the Rhine and the Moselle valley vineyards. The good wine of these valleys flows in ceaseless streams into Coblenz, is bottled, doctored and sparkled. A good share of it is sent out to the world; there is too much of it even for Coblenz, its tourists, its visitors and its great companies of officers to consume. In fact, Coblenz is gayer under either normal or abnormal circumstances. A French traveller, if memory serves correctly it was the elder Dumas, said that Coblenz had more pretty girls and women than any Rhine town he visited.

Of course all this will not in the least concern our American soldiers. They are there strictly and purely on business. They will find much besides to interest them; there are as many Hohenzollern statues in Coblenz as in Berlin—Coblenz has even a statue of Empress Augusta—a number of interesting churches and museums, and if the soldiers climb up the slope of Ehrenbreitstein they will find a hotel at which the tablet on the front says the great Goethe stopped. There are good schools there too—the English used to send their girls there to be educated; in fact, there are many opportunities in Coblenz for improving the mind.

LITTLE STORIES OF RED CROSS HOME SERVICE.

A Change of Jurisdiction.

Calls for help from those in distress come to the Red Cross Home Service from all kinds of places, but when they come from Police Headquarters the young lady who responds does not usually find at the end of her trip a very small boy, his face streaked and smeared where his grimy little fists have wiped away the tears. The small boy was not unknown to the Red Cross worker. Two days before there had been a solemn compact between the two, wherein Billy had promised faithfully not to play truant from school, and back in Billy's mind there must have been a strong conviction that with the Red Cross lady's mercy would season justice, or he would not have selected her as counsel for defence.

The police officer in charge looked very serious. He took his place judicially behind a desk and glared at the offender, motioning the Red Cross lady to sit on the opposite side, where sympathy could flow only from looks.

"Name!" thundered the police officer.

"Billy Bradley," sobbed the boy.

"Charged with?"

"T-t-taking dynamite!"

"Guilty or not guilty?"

"How do I know?" wailed Billy. "I haven't been tried yet!"

This was too much for the dignity of the police officer. Court adjourned. Billy burrowed his head on the shoulder of the Red Cross lady.

"It is that subdivision they are making out near Billy's home," explained the officer. "All the boys run away from school to play there on the days the men blow up trees and stumps with dynamite. They pester the life out of me, because I am always afraid they are going to get hurt; but this morning I caught the young rascal helping himself from the box, and you know, Miss, that was too much. That was serious."

"It certainly was," agreed the young

lady gravely. "Billy, the son of a lawyer should know what a grave offense stealing is. Why did you take the dynamite?"

"I wanted to surprise mother," explained Billy eagerly. "I wanted to take home a stick for my little cannon and make a noise like a living gun!"

"Officer," said the young lady. "I think this is a Red Cross case. It involves a long course of treatment that you couldn't undertake. If you will turn Billy over to me—"

"Sure," came the ready response. "It ain't the firm hand of the law he is needing, at his age. It's the firm hand of the father that's in the army, and according to the way I dope it out you Red Cross folks are trying to take his place."

"Exactly, and the next time you find a soldier's son in a fix like this, suppose we hold court in my office?"

"I get you," said the officer soberly. "I have a boy myself."

WILL HELP SOLDIERS AFTER THEY ARE DISCHARGED.

Mr. Jos. C. Logan, director of Civilian Relief for the Southern Division of the American Red Cross, has issued a redefinition of the field of home service, which has just been received from national headquarters.

The obligations of the Red Cross to families of soldiers and sailors does not cease upon honorable discharge from the service. During the period of readjustment to civil life, a duty is owed these men and their families, a duty particularly imperative in the case of discharged men physically impaired. Red Cross will furnish aid in helping them adjust themselves to existing social and economic surroundings in the best manner possible.

The family of a man honorably discharged will be given informational and other service during at least a year after discharge, and beyond that period applications for assistance may be dealt with individually at the discretion of the Home Service Sections.

Home Service will continue to the discharged soldiers and sailors, whether able-bodied or disabled, and their families; to the families of deceased soldiers and sailors; to the families of men and women attached to hospital units as nurses, doctors, orderlies or ambulance drivers; to families of soldiers and sailors of any of the allied forces, living in this country.

GASTONIA-DALLAS TRANSFER LINES.

Cars leave Gastonia From J. M. Belk Companies.

Cars leave Dallas from Dallas Cafe.

Lv. Gastonia	8:00 a. m.
Lv. Gastonia	9:25 a. m.
Lv. Gastonia	11:25 a. m.
Lv. Gastonia	1:25 p. m.
Lv. Gastonia	3:25 p. m.
Lv. Gastonia	5:25 p. m.
Lv. Gastonia	7:25 p. m.
Lv. Dallas	7:30 a. m.
Lv. Dallas	8:25 a. m.
Lv. Dallas	10:25 a. m.
Lv. Dallas	12:25 p. m.
Lv. Dallas	2:25 p. m.
Lv. Dallas	4:25 p. m.
Lv. Dallas	6:25 p. m.

Saturdays, last cars leave Gastonia at 9 and 11 p. m.

try; and to the families of civilians who have been wounded or killed as the direct result of war activities.

GEN. PERSHING COMMENTS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Special to The Gazette.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—General Pershing has commended the work of the American Red Cross for the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force in the following statement issued from his headquarters in France:

"The American Red Cross is the recognized National organization for relief work with the Army and Navy in time of war. It is through this organization that the men and women of America contribute their funds and their labor for the relief and comfort of the men in service. To the millions of women whose hearts and hands are consecrated to the service; to the millions of the men, rich and poor alike throughout the country who have contributed and sacrificed and

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CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

State of North Carolina. Department of State.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution of thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Belmont Bridge Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Belmont, County of Gaston, State of North Carolina (George W. Stowe being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revised of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, Therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 17th day of December, 1918, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1918.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

Filed and recorded in Record of Incorporations No. 3 at page 187, this the 19th day of December, 1918.

S. C. HENDRICKS,
Clerk Superior Court.

even to the millions of children of our schools who are doing their part, it should be made clear that the relief and comfort contributed by them through the American Red Cross to the men in service is essential. The Commander in Chief desires to express, for the entire American Expeditionary Force, the deep sense of appreciation of the service being rendered by the American Red Cross.

Signed by Command of General Pershing.
James W. McAndrew,
Chief of Staff.

The Gastonia Public Library will be closed on Christmas and New Years days. During Christmas week it will be open daily from 2 to 7 p. m.

Millard L. Parker, of Raleigh, a well-known professional baseball player was shot and killed Saturday morning about 4 o'clock in the house of a Goldsboro woman by Ashley Southerland, who escaped.

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IDEAL

TODAY

WILLIAM DUNCAN
in
"FIGHT FOR MILLIONS"
HAROLD LOYD
in
"BEES IN HIS BONNET"
and
A BILLIE PARSON COMEDY.

TUESDAY

MABLE NORMAND
in
"PECKS BAD GIRL"
PATHE NEWS
and
VITAGRAPH COMEDY
WILLIAM S. HART
WEDNESDAY