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WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rhyne, of Dallas, have just received a letter from their son, Rufus E. Rhyne, written since the signing of the armistice, stating that he was in France, at a place near Bordeaux. On the same day they received a letter from another son, Lieut. L. V. Rhyne of the Quartermaster's Corps, who has been in the service for the past 12 years. He was at Camp Hancock, Ga., and said that he expected to pay his parents a visit the first of the year. He has served in Panama, Honolulu, on the Mexican border, in Florida and at many other points.

Mr. J. Henry Dellinger, of Cherryville, has just returned from Camp Taylor, Ky., where he has been for about four months in the officers training school. He received his commission as lieutenant and is placed on the reserve for five years. Mr. Caris J. Dellinger, his brother, is in Camp Hancock, Ga., suffering from a severe case of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. These are the sons of John C. Dellinger, a farmer in the Panhandle section of the county.

Lieut. E. Ralph Rankin spent a few hours in town yesterday en route from Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., to Chapel Hill where he resumes his position as secretary of the University extension bureau. He completed a course at the officers training school at Camp Taylor on the 21st, received his commission as second lieutenant, and was immediately discharged.

Mr. Stafford Whitfield, who has been in the officers training school at Fort Thomas, Ky., has received his discharge and has been spending a few days with friends here. Before being discharged he received his commission as second lieutenant.

Mr. Anderson M. Hicks arrived in the city Tuesday, having received his final discharge from the military service. Since December of last year Mr. Hicks has been in London, England, with the United States Air Service, where he was a member of Construction Company No. 8.

Mr. B. L. Hicks received a telegram Monday stating that his son, Private R. Lloyd Hicks, landed in New York Sunday. Private Hicks was with his company, Co. B, 119th Infantry, in the big drive that broke through the famous Hindenburg line, and was seriously wounded on Sunday, September 29th. He has been making good progress toward recovery from the effects of his wounds, but will probably be required to remain in an army hospital until he fully recovers.

In response to a telegraphic inquiry Mr. Robert W. White received a message yesterday from the commandant of the U. S. Debarcation Hospital on Staten Island, N. Y., stating that his son, Private Sam White, was still in the hospital there and that his conditions was good.

Dr. James A. Anderson, captain in the medical corps, who has received his discharge, arrived in the city Tuesday from Camp Greenleaf. Capt. Anderson made the trip through by automobile and was delayed by the heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday. His many friends are glad that he has returned to the city and resumed his regular practice.

There was a heavy frost this morning—the heaviest of the winter thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hollingsworth and little son, J. D., Jr., of Atlanta, are visiting Mrs. Hollingsworth's mother, Mrs. J. C. Latham.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"Hobey" Baker, famous Princeton athlete and an aviator in the American army, was accidentally killed while flying at Toul Saturday, it is learned today. The fatal flight would have been Baker's last flight before returning to America.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Choir practice this evening at 7:30, Main Street Methodist church.

Mr. R. F. Gardner returned today to his home at Albemarle after spending the holidays with homefolks here.

Miss Christine Sloan is at home for the Christmas holidays from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers and little son, A. G., Jr., spent Christmas day with relatives in Charlotte.

Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent, is spending the holidays with homefolks at Asheville.

Mrs. L. F. Wetzel left last week for Wadesboro, where she is spending the holidays as the guest of Mrs. W. H. Reddish.

Mr. George W. Hines, of the Ford Undertaking Co., left last night for Washington to spend a few days with Mrs. Hines, who is visiting friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ford have as their guests the latter's niece, Miss Aileen Garvin, and Miss Mary Woodard, of Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rankin had as their guests Christmas day Mr. W. R. Rankin, Miss Lida Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ford, of Belmont.

Mr. J. A. Gardner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Will Sigmon and child, of Charlotte, were the guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Dorie Smith.

Gastonia merchants state that the holiday trade this year was unusually good, this despite the fact that inclement weather was encountered part of the time.

Mrs. C. K. Marshall attended the funeral in Charlotte Tuesday of her nephew, Mr. F. M. Durham, who died Monday night after a brief illness from pneumonia following influenza.

Friends of Mrs. R. Kenneth Babington, who has been a patient at the City Hospital for the past week, suffering with influenza, will be glad to know that she is very much better and hopes to be able to return home in a few days.

The Gazette has just received an interesting letter from Prof. Joe S. Wray, who is doing army work at Camp Taylor, France. It is crowded out of this issue but will be published in The Gazette next week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Penny, of Raleigh, both of whom have just recovered from attacks of influenza, are spending a few days in the city as the guests of Mrs. Penny's sister, Mrs. Kenneth Babington, at her home on South Lee street.

A splendid entertainment was given by the Juniors of East Methodist Sunday school on Christmas eve night. The Flint-Groves Band contributed much to the entertainment, which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

Mrs. George W. Ragan, Mr. Caldwell Ragan, Miss Helen Torrence, Mr. Charlton Torrence and Mrs. T. W. Campbell leave tonight for a ten days visit to New York City. Mr. Caldwell Ragan will go on to New Bedford, Mass., where he will enter the New Bedford Textile School as a student for the Spring term.

Corporal Lawrence E. Orr, of Great Falls, S. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. J. Leaptrot, at her home on West Franklin avenue. Corporal Orr has been in the service about one year and has been stationed at Camp Morrowfield, Detroit, Mich., being a member of the 519th Aero Squadron. He has recently received his discharge from the army.

Mrs. I. N. Davis left Thursday for Kilgore, Texas, where she will spend three months with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dixon, and her son, Mr. S. L. Wilson, of Longview, Texas. She was accompanied by her grandson, Lieut. Crown Dixon, who recently received his discharge from the service after an enlistment of three years.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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OMSK TROOPS TAKE BOLSHEVIKI PRISONERS

(By International News Service.)
ZURICH, Dec. 27.—Troops supporting the Omsk government in Russia defeated the Bolsheviki in battle, capturing 8,000 prisoners and much material, said advices received here today. The important city of Permire was captured from the Bolsheviki.

Dallas Dies.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, Dec. 26.—"It is more blessed to give than to receive" was truly manifested at the county home Christmas eve when the good people of Dallas made it possible, financially, for the old folks to enjoy a real, sure-enough Christmas tree with sure-enough gifts and a good supply of fruits and nuts. The tree was placed in the dining room and beautifully decorated by Misses Corinne and Arlette Puett. At 6:30 the candles were lighted and all the inmates, both white and colored, were invited in. Only eye-witnesses could possibly realize the joy and gladness brought to them. To a few nearing their 70th year and many others, this was the first time to look upon a Christmas tree and the sight seemed to spread the Christmas spirit which helped to make this the most joyful occasion in the home's history.

Thanks are due Miss Corinne Puett, who originated this idea, and through her effort was successfully carried out. Mr. John H. Wilkins, of Bessemer City, not only had a large heart but had a large barrel of Baldwin apples which he sent to the home as a Christmas gift and one greatly appreciated.

"Cupid" is surely on his job these merry days and has succeeded this week in capturing Miss Verne Pasour, who was married to Mr. Lawrence Rhyne; Miss Oella Rhyne to Mr. Ralph Hoffman and Miss Ethel Queen to Mr. Robert Haschauer.

Misses Bertie Craig, of Lillington, and Ethel Craig, of Dunn, are at home for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Jones are here to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stanford are visiting relatives here and in Gastonia.

Miss Stella O'Brien is the guest of Miss Katie Pasour this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eyon L. Houser and little son spent Christmas day in Cherryville as the guests of Mr. Houser's father, Mr. L. H. J. Houser.

Misses Mary Hoffman and Bertie Brown, of Charlotte, were here to spend Christmas day with homefolks.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MCADENVILLE, Dec. 25.—Miss Edith Michael, of Charlotte, returned to her home Sunday after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. A. J. Sanders, here.

Mrs. Payne, an aged lady of this place, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jonas Poole, here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Britton on Monday, December 23, 1918, a son.

Mr. John Skidmore is here at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Ellington, who is quite ill.

Mrs. Lee Roberts, of Kannapolis, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, on Saturday, December 21, 1918, a son.

J. L. Webb began a vocal music school at the Elizabeth Mills Tuesday night.

The people of McAdenville all enjoyed the splendid Christmas treat which the mill management gave them Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders spent Christmas with relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Little spent Christmas with his father, Mr. J. W. Little, here.

Your correspondent has lived at McAdenville for 22 years and has never experienced as quiet a Christmas as we had this year. Nobody drunk, nobody quarrelling, nobody mad, everything lovely.

Mrs. Virgie Wilson, of Charlotte, spent Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Webb.

Mr. Theom Webb, son of Mr. W. B. Webb, of Georgia, is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

The bad weather the day before Christmas killed the Red Men's parade which was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Action will be taken by the House foreign affairs committee on the resolution carrying a request from Congress to the United States peace commissioners to urge action insuring to Ireland self-determination as to its form of government. Speeches and arguments supporting such action by Congress are being printed and 5,000 copies of the pamphlet will soon be ready for distribution. It is forecasted by members of the House generally that the action of the committee will be favorable and that the resolution will go to the House with the recommendation that it be passed.

Regarding recent reports that Ireland is being inflamed by Bolsheviki agitators from America, friends of the resolution declare that the rigidity of the passport regulations by both the United States and the British governments make such a condition impossible.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—Czech troops have reached the border of Saxony and the government Sunday appealed to Berlin for troops to resist any attempted invasion, says a dispatch received here from Dresden today.

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley, of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good."

THOUSANDS OF SAILORS ON LEAVE IN NEW YORK

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Several thousand sailors from the victory fleet are enjoying today their first leave on American soil for one year. Additional thousands from 38 battleships and destroyers of the home fleet are being entrained. Theaters and other places of amusement are filled to overflowing where the uniform is the only ticket needed.

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BELMONT, Dec. 27.—Christmas passed in an almost complete quietude in their homes, and there were practically no public entertainments. The day was a Christmas day marked by the absence of booze and fireworks—two commodities that have always kept busy and annoyed the blue-clothed guardians of peace so much in the past.

Practically all of the Belmont boys in camp, except those who are overseas, arrived in time to spend Christmas at home with friends from whom they had been separated for some time. This was another cause for the people spending the day quietly at home.

The local merchants were rushed with an unusually good, brisk trade which resulted in an almost complete clean-up of Christmas goods, fruits and nuts, something unusual. Some of the merchants pronounced Tuesday the biggest day in the history of their business.

The churches of the town held union Christmas services at the high school auditorium Sunday night.

The high school basketball team defeated the Lowell team on the local high school court Friday afternoon by the score of 21 to 11.

Mr. J. Glenn McAdams, of the naval base at Hampton Roads, Va., spent a few days of the last of the week with his brother, Dr. C. P. McAdams.

Mr. Lamont Hand has arrived from Camp Forrest, Ga., honorably discharged.

Mrs. W. F. Lattimore, of Camp Sheridan, Ala., is in town on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Mangum Stowe.

Mr. Floyd Gullick has arrived from Camp Wadsworth, honorably discharged.

Messrs. Percy Lewis and Grady Bowen are in town from Newport News, where they have been employed in the shipyards.

Mr. C. P. Lineberger has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Chronicle Imperial and National mills, which position he resigned a year ago to enter the army.

Misses Ruth Ticknor and Alma Barringer, of the school faculty, entertained a number of the younger set at a party given at the tenchuge Wednesday night.

Miss Gertrude Kenet is spending the holidays at her home at High Shoals.

Mr. W. D. Crawford, of the marines, who has been stationed at Paris Island, S. C., is at home on a ten-day furlough.

Lieut. Walter Hall, who is stationed at Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., has been given his honorable discharge, but will not be home for a short time, as he still has some work to finish.

The schools will reopen Monday, after being closed one week for the holidays.

Misses Lottie Hand and Elsie Johnson, of Flora McDonald College, at Red Springs, are spending the week at home.

The quarterly social of the B. Y. P. T. of the First Baptist church will be held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Huggins tonight.

Miss Elizabeth Lineberger was among the number of Belmont girls in college to spend Christmas at home. She is a student at Hollins College, Hollins, Va.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY, Dec. 25.—The Germans of the Rhineland community, a strong industrial district, are beginning to oppose strongly the Bolshevism of the Soldiers and Worker's Councils. Political organizations are being formed and frequent meetings are being held at Coblenz, now occupied by the Americans. An appeal is being made from Coblenz for a union of all the liberal parties desiring a real republic in Germany. Their platform includes a union of Germany and German-Austria, giving civic rights to all citizens, male and female. The freedom of the press and exemption from excessive taxation are demanded.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—Many Republican guards, troops supporting the Ebert government, have deserted to the counter-revolutionists following a battle which took place Monday, when the palace of the former Crown Prince was wrecked by artillery fire, says a Berlin dispatch today. Armed civilians also joined the seamen, who have established counter-revolutionary headquarters in Koenigsstrasse. The Spartacus group is supporting the sailors, who are demanding the resignation of Ebert and Haase and urging the election of Ledbour and Liebknecht as their successors. Hundreds were killed in Monday's battles in the heart of Berlin.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—Twelve American destroyers and their parent ship, Neville, were ordered to sail for home today. Many sorrowful Irish brides were not allowed to accompany the sailors aboard the warships, but may come to the United States later. There was a great demonstration for the departing ships.

Stomach Trouble.

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FOR CAPT. DIXON

Mrs. B. F. Dixon, of this city, received a telegram Monday afternoon from the War Department stating that it had been advised by a cablegram from the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces that he had awarded the distinguished service cross posthumously to her son, Capt. Ben F. Dixon, of the 120th Infantry for extraordinary heroism in action near Vaux Audigny, France, on September 29th.

In the battle in which he was killed on that date Capt. Dixon was wounded three times but refused to be carried back to a hospital. He stayed with his men, leading them until he was killed in action. It is recalled that Capt. Dixon's brother, Lieut. Wright Dixon, whose company was in action in the same section at that time, found his brother's body on the battlefield the following day and had it buried in a private cemetery nearby.

Captain Dixon was practicing law in Raleigh when he entered the army when trouble first arose with Mexico. He served on the border before going overseas. His father, the late Dr. B. F. Dixon, was one of the State's most prominent citizens. He served the State in the office of auditor for several years and was at one time president of Greensboro College for Women. His mother makes her home a part of the time here with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Balthus, and is one of Gastonia's best loved women. Capt. Dixon was a brother of Mrs. Balthus and a half brother of Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City; Rev. Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory University, and of Prof. Robert L. Durham, of Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va. He had a wide circle of friends in Gaston and Cleveland counties, all of whom will be interested in knowing of this deserved recognition of his bravery.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson arrived in London at 2:30 this afternoon and received a tumultuous greeting. Air planes accompanied the royal train upon which the President and Mrs. Wilson traveled from Dover to Charing Cross. A salute of 44 guns was fired from the Tower of London and Hyde Park when President Wilson and King George left the station. A big squadron of British airmen met the ship as it sailed out from Calais and escorted it across the channel. The water was smooth, and the presidential ship passed through a lane of British warships as it entered the harbor at Dover, where the mayor and other officials clad in ancient state robes, naval and army guards met the party. American flags were seen everywhere. The weather was fair and crisp.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN GERMANY, Dec. 25.—(By courier to Nancy.) American soldiers celebrated Christmas on German soil for the first time in history. The first, second and third divisions which are posted beyond the Rhine, arranged elaborate celebrations with many Christmas trees. A giant evergreen was placed on the stage in the town theatre at Hopwiel on the Rhine, 10 miles northwest of Coblenz, and the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus pooled their gifts, so every doughboy would be remembered. The American soldiers remembered the little German children, many packets of chocolate finding their way from khaki pockets into the hands of the youngsters. Many army trucks were decorated with Christmas trees on their sides. The weather is rainy. Bands are giving concerts in the public squares in occupied German cities.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The President and Mrs. Wilson, with the king, queen and other dignitaries drove to Buckingham Palace, entering through the royal gate. The president was established of flying both the American and British flags over the parliament buildings. Many points of interest were viewed along the route. Great cheering crowds thronged the streets. Otherwise London was unusually quiet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Replying to recent assertions to the effect that a large proportion of the war contracts went to the South, Senator Fletcher declared in the Senate this afternoon that one Pennsylvania concern alone received more contracts than all those issued to the South. Of Ordnance contracts only 5 per cent and of the quartermaster's contracts only 7 per cent went South. A total of a little more than ten million dollars was spent on housing in the South, while Pennsylvania secured 23 million for this and New Jersey 13 million.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The early return of additional units of American soldiers, about 18,000, was announced by Gen. March this afternoon. This is the largest number designated at one time since the end of the war to return home.

Few Escape.

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH BRITISH STATESMEN

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—President Wilson held his first direct peace conversations with representatives of Great Britain today. He met Premier Lloyd-George and other British statesmen informally this morning, and the conferences will be carried well into the afternoon. Lloyd-George arrived at Buckingham palace at 10:30 and was loudly cheered by a great crowd, who were hoping to get a glimpse of President Wilson.



FIRST ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church next Sabbath, December 29, both the morning and evening services will be devoted to a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the present pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, who preached his first sermon as pastor of this church on December 26, 1893. At the morning hour Dr. Galloway will speak on some local conditions in the town and the congregation, reviewing the work of his 25 years as pastor and outlining the present condition and accomplishments of the church. There will be a talk by some member of the congregation following the sermon.

At the evening service at 7 p. m. there will be three addresses. Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College, will speak on "How a Congregation May Hinder a Pastor in His Work."

Rev. J. B. Hood, pastor of Pisgah church, will speak on "How a Congregation May Help a Pastor in His Work."

Dr. Galloway will then speak on "Some Ways in Which the Congregation May Make Its Work More Successful in the Future."

To both these services, but especially to the evening service, the general public is very cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Piedmont Mill Chapel, Sunday school at 10 a. m., R. C. Patrick, Supt.; preaching service at 11 a. m. Subject: "True Church Life," by Rev. G. R. Gillespie.

Seminole and Osceola School, Sunday school at 10 a. m., Dr. C. E. Adams, Superintendent.

Clara school auditorium, Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., Dr. C. E. Adams, Supt.; Men's Bible Class, 2:45 p. m., W. F. Kinnel, Pres.; D. B. Stroup, Sec.; G. R. Gillespie, teacher. Subject: "1919," Christian Endeavor Society, 6 p. m. Subject: "Personal Work," Mrs. Dessie Combs, leader. Preaching service 7 p. m. Subject: "Looking Ahead," by Rev. G. R. Gillespie. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7 p. m. Choir practice immediately after prayer meeting.

WEST END METHODIST.

Rev. E. P. Stahler, Pastor. Tate's Chapel, Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. on Sunday, December 29, 1918.

West End, Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching by the pastor at 7 p. m. Franklin avenue, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

MAIN ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. H. Sepp, Supt. At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, will preach a sermon especially for the children, who will occupy reserved seats. Parents are earnestly requested to bring their children to this service.

All members are urged to attend both Sunday school and the church services. Preaching at 7 p. m. All who do not worship elsewhere are invited to attend services at this church.

EAST END METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 10 a. m., R. V. Huffman, Supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. A. Burgess.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Thousands in northern Russia are dying from starvation, says an American who has just arrived from Petrograd and Moscow. A terrible famine, influenza and other epidemics are decimating the population. The Bolsheviki are giving food only to the Red Guard. No care at all is being taken of the poorer classes. Russian prisoners in Germany are dying in swarms. Communication from Petrograd and Moscow to the interior has ceased entirely.

From Capt. Cherry. Mayor A. M. Dixon received yesterday afternoon the following cablegram: "Company sends Christmas greetings to Gastonia, Cherry."

Capt. R. G. Cherry is captain of Co. A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, in which is a large number of the machine gun company which he organized here.

For Croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.