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## MR. J. R. WITHERS SUFFERS STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Mr. J. R. Withers, superintendent of the Flint Mill and one of Gastonia's best known mill men, suffered a stroke of paralysis some time last night and is today in a very critical condition. Physicians who were summoned immediately after Mr. Withers was found to be in an unconscious condition about 4 o'clock this morning, stated that the stroke was caused by a blood clot on the brain and they hold out little hope of his recovery.

Mr. Withers had been confined to his bed since Monday morning by an attack of influenza. Last night about 11 o'clock he suffered a hard chill, following which he went to sleep. In the early hours of the morning members of the family noticed that he was breathing heavily and made an effort to arouse him but the efforts were futile.

## 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.

Lieut. John O. Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, was recently released from active service in the aviation branch of the service and is now at home. He was placed in the reserves. Lieut. Durham received his training at Park Field, Memphis, Tenn., and it was there that he received his commission.

Yeoman Plato Durham has been released from active service in the navy and placed in the naval reserves. He is now at home and has accepted a position with W. L. Balthus & Co., cotton brokers. He was in active service for seven months, during which time he made four trips across on the battle cruiser Denver, which was engaged in conveying transports. He wears a chevron awarded for four months active service in foreign waters. Had he remained in the service ten days longer he would have received another chevron. Yeoman Durham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham.

## PROHIBITION AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY 19 STATES.

Three more States yesterday ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States, making a total of 49 states that have endorsed the proposal of Congress to entirely suppress the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. The house of the Idaho legislature also voted for the amendment, but the senate tabled the motion, delaying final action. The act needs to be ratified by 17 more States.

While the proposed addition to the basic law was ratified yesterday by the legislatures of Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma, representatives of the distillery companies of the country met in Chicago and decided to oppose the amendment and the war prohibition act, which is to go into effect on July 1, by every legal means possible.

The States which have ratified the prohibition amendment are Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Dakota, Maryland, Montana, Arizona, Delaware, Texas, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma.

## Evangelist Green Coming.

Rev. A. Burgess, pastor of East Gastonia Methodist church, has secured Rev. Jim Green, the well-known evangelist to conduct a series of meetings at the Flint-Groves Betterment Hall beginning Sunday morning. The meeting will continue for at least two weeks. People of all denominations are cordially invited to attend.

## DISTILLERS PREPARING FOR DEATH STRUGGLE

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Distillers of the United States, armed with a billion dollar fund and led by Levi Mayer, are today preparing to go the limit in fighting prohibition in every State in the Union. Three hundred distillers have pooled their interests. They expect the amendment to carry in the 36 States needed for its ratification, but plan to fight the matter out in the courts.

## DEATHS

W. N. Davis Passed Monday Night at Home of His Daughter in Dallas—Funeral and Burial Today.

DALLAS, Jan. 8.—Mr. W. N. Davis, better known as "Bill" Davis, died Monday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Brady Leagan, of lung trouble. Mr. Davis had been in declining health for the past two years and had been confined to his bed since August of last year. He was 70 years, four months and nine days old, having been born in this county on August 28, 1848.

Surviving deceased are his widow and eight children, Messrs. John P. Davis, Luther Davis and Thomas Davis, Mrs. Neal Hoyle, Mrs. Pearl Cloninger and Mrs. Brady Leagan, all of Dallas, Mrs. Jonas Park, of Thomasville, and Mr. Will Davis, of Belmont.

Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Leagan, conducted by Rev. W. S. Hamiter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. C. E. Fritz, pastor of the Lutheran church, and interment will be made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

ADOLPHUS N. CARPENTER. Adolphus N. Carpenter, of the Crouse section, and one of the most prosperous farmers of that section, died Saturday afternoon. He was a stone cutter by trade and was a native of York county, South Carolina.

## ADJUTANT-GENERAL PRAISES WORK OF LOCAL BOARDS.

In a bulletin sent out under date of January 4, from the office of the Adjutant-General in Raleigh, to members of the various local boards of the State, are the following paragraphs which are very complimentary to the work of the local boards in North Carolina:

"The writer was called to Washington during December to attend a conference at the office of Gen. Crowder, and while there he was informed by the department that North Carolina has made a splendid record in the Selective Service work. Major Langston, formerly special aide to the Governor, now acting chief of the Classification Division, which is the most important division of the Provost Marshal General's office, was enthusiastic in his praise of the record attained by the North Carolina organization. These compliments are passed along to you who have been the shock absorbers of the system, and to whom the credit is due.

"Governor Bickett, as the head of our department, is especially proud of your work, and he joins me in asking that the final service be performed with the same spirit of devotion to duty that has characterized your past efforts."

—Mrs. Sparke Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, is critically ill at the Gaston Sanatorium. She is suffering from influenza-pneumonia. Her many friends hope for her early recovery.

## BLOODY FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF BERLIN

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Jan. 8.—Bloody street fighting continues to rage in Berlin. Hundreds have been killed. The government is reported as victorious in early dispatches but this is made doubtful by later advice. Heavy reinforcements for the government troops, among them 480,000 loyal soldiers under Gen. Groner, are being rushed to Berlin to fight the Bolsheviki. The Ebert government has offered to negotiate with the Spartacists but the latter are reported to have rejected the overtures. A violent struggle took place around the chancellor's palace, which the Spartacists tried to capture by storm. Twenty Bolsheviki were killed in the first charge. Another furious battle took place near the foreign office in Wilhelmstrasse. There was heavy firing in the streets throughout the night. The Spartacus group are strongly armed, having captured the great Spandau arsenal. The Spartacus at last reports control the Marshal buildings and the police headquarters, where mounted machine guns swept the streets. While scores are being killed with machine guns and bombs in the heart of the city, "movie" operators are grinding out pictures of the sanguinary slaughter. It is reported that Gen. Von Hindenburg is in Berlin.

## TROTSKY HAS LENINE PLACED UNDER ARREST

(By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, Jan. 8.—Nicholas Lenine, Bolsheviki premier of Russia, was arrested on orders from Leon Trotsky, foreign minister, says a Moscow dispatch today. The break came when Lenine proposed a coalition cabinet with the moderates. Trotsky favors the continuance of the reign of terror.

COL. ROBERT LOWRY DEAD. (By International News Service.) ATLANTA, Jan. 8.—Col. Robert Lowry, a financier known throughout the United States, died this morning after a brief illness, aged 78. He was born at Greenville, Tenn.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Enjoyable Public Installation of Officers of Providence Camp, Woodmen of the World. Providence Camp No. 382, Woodmen of the World, held a very enjoyable public meeting in their hall on West Long avenue last night, at which a public installation of the officers of the camp for the ensuing term was held. There were present a large number of Woodmen, as well as many invited visitors not members of the order.

The installation was in charge of Past Council Commander G. H. Marvin, who was assisted by District Deputy Grand Sovereign J. Sid Winger. With appropriate and interesting ceremonies the following officers were installed: Bismarck Capps, council commander; W. D. Davis, advisor-lieutenant; J. H. Dellinger, banker; S. A. Deal, clerk; E. S. Robinson, escort; W. B. Biggers, watchman; H. M. Albright, sentry; Dr. J. A. Binnette, camp physician; A. L. Falls, E. Lee Wilson and W. Lyle Smith, managers.

Other features of the program were the singing of "America" by the audience, musical numbers by the Flint band, and a vocal solo by Miss Jane Morris. Miss Morris sang "Mummy Plays With Baby's Toes," the words of which were composed by Mr. G. H. Marvin and are printed below. The poem had been set to appropriate music and was a very enjoyable feature of the evening. There were addresses by Mr. Capps, Mr. John Carpenter, and others, after which the Woodmen and their guests repaired to the Carolina Cafe, where an enjoyable oyster supper was served, followed by a smoker at the hall.

## MAMMY PLAYS WITH BABY'S TOES.

(By G. H. Marvin.) I was strolling by a cabin, Where the honeysuckle grows, When I spied an old black Mammy, Playing with a baby's toes.

Says I, "Mammy, where's the mother, To that white and pretty babe?" She looked at me in amazement, And to me, these words she said:

CHORUS. "Baby's Ma's done gone up yonder, Where God's chosen only goes," Then she dropped her head in silence, As she played with baby's toes.

Then I wiped away a tear-drop, As I said to her, "Good day," For it brought to mind a loved one, I had lost the self-same way.

And I said, "God bless you, baby, When a man you grow to be, Will you ever know my feelings, As old Mammy said to me?"

—Miss Helen, Ragan returned to Queens College, Charlotte, yesterday, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ragan.

## BISHOP DARLINGTON TO SPEAK FRIDAY NIGHT

Will Be One of Several Prominent Speakers on Program for Methodist Group Meeting at Main Street Methodist Church Friday—Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Rev. John C. Hawk and Rev. R. M. Courtney Also on the Program—Is in Interest of Centenary Missionary Movement.

Methodists from over the Shelby district will gather in Gastonia Friday to attend the Centenary district group meeting and a meeting of the district stewards. Several prominent speakers of the denomination will be present to present the work of the Centenary missionary movement, among them Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, West Virginia; Dr. John C. Hawk, of Nashville, and Rev. R. M. Courtney, conference missionary secretary. The presence of these men here insures a program of much more than ordinary interest and it is expected that the attendance will be large. Bishop Darlington has indicated his intention to be here and he will speak on Friday night. This will be his first visit to Gastonia, though many Gastonians heard him at Charlotte where he held the Western North Carolina Conference in November. He is one of the newly elected bishops of the church and is a speaker of marked ability. The opportunity to hear him is one which the Methodists of this district will highly appreciate. The other speakers are also men of well-known ability and their participation guarantees an excellent program.

This meeting will be somewhat in the nature of an institute of methods for carrying out the missionary centenary campaign this year. There will be three sessions, the first at 9:30 a. m., another in the afternoon and the third at night. The program will be replete with interesting and helpful addresses and discussions. It is expected that more than 60 preachers and delegates will be in attendance and numbers of visitors from nearby towns have signified their intention to be present. The general public is cordially invited to attend all the sessions and every man and woman of the town who is at all interested in the subject of missions, is urged to be present at every session.

It is expected that Bishop Darlington will remain over for the Sunday morning service at Main Street Methodist church when he will probably preach for the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Mr. W. B. Morris, chairman of the entertainment committee, requests that all persons who will entertain one or more delegates at dinner or supper on Friday telephone him at No. 90. There will probably be a few delegates who will remain over night and those who desire to entertain these in their homes Friday night are also asked to phone Mr. Morris.

## LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

From Corporal Grover C. Stewart. Following are some extracts from a letter which Mrs. J. J. Stewart, of Clover, recently received from her son, Corp. Grover C. Stewart, of Co. A, 115th M. G. Battalion, Dec. 1, 1918.

Dear Mama: Here I am to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and enjoying life here. I have a very enjoyable pass which started last night at 12 o'clock. I am at the Grand Hotel de Parame, at St. Malo, right on the coast. It is a real pretty place, but it's raining here this morning, almost too bad to get out and walk around. I have been out to the Y. M. C. A. I got some cakes, candy and mentholatum. I also got some tooth paste, chewing gum, cough drops and writing paper. I am in my little room looking right out on the beach. Will try and take some views of the place home with me. You know we are going home right soon, at least that is what is reported.

Went out for a walk this afternoon and went to the big Y. M. C. A. It sure is a nice place and they are doing all they can to give the American soldiers a good time while here. We are going to take a trip out a little ways from here Tuesday to St. Mihiel. Every one who has been there tells me to go, so I know it must be grand. Another boy and myself, from Co. B, are rooming together. He is a corporal just as myself, a dandy good pal. We are having the time of our life while in France. You don't know how I did feel last night when I got in that nice clean bed. It makes me think of home. You know we boys sing a great deal. We have some fine singing and you know I love it. We sing, "Lord, I'm Coming Home," but we have changed a few words. I don't want you to think that I think we have made the piece better or anything like that. We say:

"Mama, your boy's coming home, Never more to roam, Open wide your arms of love, Mama I'm coming home."

But there are more than one dear girl and mother that will not see their dear one marching back to them. But they died for a good cause. They sacrificed their life for their country and I hope that they will meet their loved ones in heaven some time bye and bye.

I am going to mail some cards of the

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGAN 1919 SESSION YESTERDAY

Dennis G. Brummet, of Granville, Chosen Speaker of the House—Governor's Message to Joint Session to Be Delivered Today—D. P. Dellinger, of Gaston, Reading Clerk of House.

Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Nominated in the democratic caucus of house members tonight for speaker, Dennis G. Brummet, of Granville, declared that while he has sought the place for the honor and preference there is in the office, he also desired the speakership for the opportunity it afforded to accomplish something for the common good in this crisis in the development of the state. He urged a broad vision in dealing with the affairs of state.

Brummet was nominated by Representative Gold, of Guilford, and seconded by Stanley Winborne, who withdrew this morning as his opposing candidate.

Alex Lussiter, of Bertie, was elected principal clerk without opposition; D. P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, as reading clerk; J. H. Mooring, as sergeant at arms, and O. P. Shell, as engrossing clerk. The only contest was for sergeant at arms, when Mooring received 51, S. D. Moore 30 and M. W. Hines 3.

The caucus organization met with Victor Bryant, of Durham, as chairman, and Representative Mull, of Burke, secretary. The senate caucus made J. A. Brown chairman. He told the senate that it was just 26 years ago that he served his first term in the senate. Senator Seales, of Guilford, nominated Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort, for president pro tem, of the senate, and he was chosen by the caucus by acclamation. R. O. Self was named without opposition for principal clerk; C. C. Broughton, for reading clerk; I. W. Hughes, as engrossing clerk; W. D. Gastor, for sergeant at arms, and J. A. Bryson, of Hendersonville, as assistant sergeant at arms.

Governor Bickett had about completed his message to the legislature this afternoon, in readiness for its transmission to the joint session of the senate and house that will follow the formal organization of the two houses Wednesday. However, it is possible that the organization may consume so much time Wednesday that the general assembly will conclude to recess Thursday morning for the joint session to receive the message of the governor, which it is understood he will deliver in person, following the precedent established by Governor Craig six years ago.

The message will deal with all the state problems that are expected to come before the legislature from the viewpoint of the governor and his administration. It is a foregone conclusion that he will call for those educational policies recommended by Doctor Joyner in his recent memorandums, including six months' minimum school term, compulsory school attendance, advances, and the like.

The governor is known to favor the so-called short ballot and is expected to discuss this from the North Carolina viewpoint. Of course he will stress the application of his pet constitutional amendment to exempt mortgages on farm homes from taxation. Then there will be his recommendations as to changes in the taxing systems, and these are awaited with keen interest as indicating along what lines the movement for the tax reforms insisted to be necessary will bring in the legislative efforts.

Davidson county has a ceremony which made good last year. It did not pay a dividend but invested a considerable surplus in War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds. It paid out for butter fat to Davidson county farmers \$50,053.33.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bynum will go to Greenville, S. C., this week to spend some time with relatives.

Mr. John L. Page, who has been in training at Camp Jackson, has received his discharge from the service and returned home a few days ago.

Mr. R. D. Lewis and family have all been confined to their home on Rankin avenue by influenza. Mr. Lewis is able to be out today and the other members of the family are improving.

Mrs. Lillian Peterson, of Stanley, has qualified as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, the late M. B. Peterson, of Stanley, and gives notice to creditors through the advertising columns of The Gazette.

Mr. Edgar McLean, son of Mrs. R. J. Smith, of Gastonia, who was recently discharged from the army, is teaching at Spring Hope. Mrs. McLean left yesterday to join him and to assist him in his school work there.

Nets for Smugglers. A curious method of preventing smuggling instituted by the Italian government is the fixing of a metallic net along the length of the Swiss frontier. The net is of five-mesh steel wire about nine feet high, and there are gateways at different points.

place home. Hope they will get there safe. Well, I had better close. Hoping to see you all soon, your own son, SORP. GROVER C. STEWART.

## DID WONDERFUL FIGHTING IN FRANCE

Men Who Were Trained at Camp Chronicle Artillery Range Here Fought Brilliantly and Effectively Overseas—Some Interesting Facts from the War Department as to Part They Played in the Great Conflict.

Gastonia played a part on the battlefields of France, not only by sending the best of her young manhood into the service, backing up the government at every turn financially but also providing the artillery range, judging by what was accomplished by the men who trained on the local range, as told in an official communication received today from the office of the Chief of Staff of the War Department by the Artillery Range Committee of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, of which committee Mr. W. T. Rankin is chairman.

It is terse, as are all official statements, but between the lines one may read of heroic service valiantly given, by the splendid young artillerymen of the Fourth Field Brigade, who won such a warm place in the hearts of Gastonia people while located at Camp Chronicle, under the command of Brigadier General Edward N. Babbitt.

The last of the Fourth Field Brigade left Gastonia about the 20th of April after weeks of intensive training on the range here. To the work on the local range the men had come from store, office and farm, from all professions all over America. And the brief training given as a result of Gastonia's generosity was all that they were to get. For from here they were almost immediately flung overseas and into the trenches on the Hindenburg line. Within less than 60 days from the time they left Gastonia they took up a position on the line, without further training or preparation, near Gallingen.

On July 18th, less than 20 days from the time they began their first front line tour of duty, they slammed home their first offensive, attacking the enemy just to the west of Chateau Thierry. On August 2nd they were on the line at Bois de Nesle-Congoules, relieving the Forty-Second Division and on the following day they advanced to Chery-Chartreux and then on the 7th took up a position on the Vesle, participating with great effect in an action against the Boches at Busches on the Vesle on the 10th of August.

On October 4th they participated in an attack on the German positions and on the following day bravely stood their ground under a punishing shell-fire from the enemy, repulsing repeated counter-attacks made by the Germans. On the 12th they were in position on the line north of the Bois de Foret and saw constant duty on the line until the armistice was signed. The Fourth is now a part of the Army of Occupation.

It is understood from unofficial sources that the units training here suffered heavy losses, which is natural as they were constantly in the face of the enemy fire, as shown by the official records.

Gastonia did not see the range placed to the extensive use first planned for it but has the comforting thought that she did her full part and that at least 5,000 went into the offensive which smashed the Hindenburg line, the better fitted to give the good account of themselves they did, as a result of what Gastonia gave.

## EXONERATES MR. DICKSON.

To the Editor of The Gazette: The local board wishes to explain through you that the name of Mr. Chester Blaine Dickson, Route 3, appearing in the list of delinquents failing to file questionnaire in list published in your issue of the 3rd inst., was given to you in error. Mr. Dickson had in every respect complied with requirements, and had duly fixed his questionnaire. Through our oversight in the office, it had not been posted to the classification list, from which the list referred to was taken. This explanation is made in justice to Mr. Dickson.

## LOCAL BOARD.

## DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAVING MEAT.

WEST RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—To overcome some of the great losses occurring annually in North Carolina, because of a lack of general knowledge about butchering, cutting and curing meat, the agricultural extension workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture are giving demonstrations in different sections showing just how this work is best done. At the same time, the utilization of the by-products is also stressed in order that the annual loss suffered each winter may be reduced as much as possible.

This work has been put on, as stated, as an aid in saving the great loss annually suffered by the State because proper methods of curing and handling the farm meat supply are not followed. According to Mr. Gray, the farmers of the State could save several thousands dollars of losses each year by improving their methods. He has prepared Extension Circular No. 4, "Curing Meat on the Farm," which is available free of charge to citizens of the State as long as the present supply lasts. This circular explains the best methods in use, especially the brine method now being demonstrated by the swine extension service.