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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

\$500 REWARD OFFERED FOR COLE'S ASSAILANTS

County Commissioners Offer Large Reward for Arrest and Delivery of Bridges and Stephens—State Asked to Add \$500—Men Believed to Be Headed for South Mountain Section.

Rewards totaling \$500 were offered this morning by the board of county commissioners of Gaston county for the arrest and delivery to the officers of this county of Jack Bridges and Randolph Stephens, the two white men wanted for assaulting Deputy Sheriff Cole with shot guns last Thursday night. Three hundred and fifty dollars is offered for the arrest of Bridges, who did the shooting, and \$150 for the arrest of Stephens, who was his accomplice and who is supposed to be with Bridges wherever they may be in hiding.

Solicitor George W. Wilson of this district has wired Governor Bickett asking that the State offer a similar amount, bringing the total rewards for these two men up to \$1,000.

When last seen these men were headed towards the mountains and it is believed that they are in Burke or Catawba county. They are known to have been engaged in the liquor business and it is believed by the officers that they are headed for the South Mountain section where they doubtless have friends among the illicit distillers of that section.

Wide publicity is to be given to the offering of these rewards and it is believed that the result will be the arrest of these men within a very short time.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole, who was shot and seriously wounded Thursday night by Jack Bridges, a notorious blind-tiger whom he was endeavoring, with others, to capture, is resting well at the City Hospital to which place he was immediately removed after being shot. His hosts of friends will be delighted to know that the physicians feel confident that the sight of his right eye will be saved. His left eye was shot out and his face was badly lacerated by shot.

Almost continuously since the tragedy happened Thursday night shortly before midnight, posses of armed men have been scouring the country in an effort to catch Bridges and his companion, Randolph Stephens. It was reported that they had been seen in Cleveland county Saturday and the posse was apparently pretty close on their trail at times but the men have so far eluded capture. Being Cleveland county men they are evidently familiar with the lay of the land in Cleveland and hence have the officers at a disadvantage.

Sentiment not only in Gastonia but at Mount Holly, Deputy Cole's former home, and all over the county is worked up to a high pitch against these men who were engaged in the illegal traffic in liquor and who attempted to kill an officer of the law while the latter was in the discharge of his duty. Not much is known here of Stephens but Bridges is known as a bad character and the officers of this and adjoining counties are making every effort possible to land them behind the bars.

NEGRO SHOT AND KILLED AT MAYWORTH YESTERDAY

John Roach was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Reece Hill near Mayworth, this county. Both men were negroes and men of unsavory reputation. Hill is still at large. From the best information obtainable the killing was the result of a crap game. Roach was brought to the City Hospital here immediately after the shooting and it was found that he had three bullet wounds in the region of his heart. He died a few hours after being brought here.

Mayworth had another shooting scrape Sunday, the participants being women, whose names are not known here. The one who did the shooting is in jail at Belmont. The one who was shot is at her home in Mayworth. Just how seriously she is injured could not be learned.

U. D. C. MEETING WITH MRS. WILSON.

The U. D. C. held their regular meeting of the new year at the home of the president, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Wilson has very kindly invited the chapter to meet at her home during the winter months. The United Daughters of the Confederacy are supporting many beds at Neulilly hospital in France for our boys.

A generous contribution towards this cause from the Gastonia chapter was made at this time. This work will be continued just as long as there is any need for it.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their sympathy and kindness shown during the illness and death of my husband, Mr. J. R. Gardner.

MRS. J. R. GARDNER.

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SATURDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Gen. Pershing's cablegram was sent in answer to inquiries by the War Department. No penniless soldiers were found in Paris, said General Pershing. The new pay system enables the soldier to get his pay when the money is due him. Criminal acts of American soldiers are negligible, considering the large number in Paris and environs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The United States has passed the million mark in discharges from the service, General March announced this afternoon. The number so far assigned for demobilization has now reached 1,396,900, among them 2,850 men of the Rainbow division, 276 of the 81st and 1,592 of the 82nd divisions. The total number killed in action, died of wounds, missing and prisoners, of 20 combat divisions in the American army was only 56,592.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—An ultimatum that the departure from ports of German ships to be surrendered to the Allies will be prevented by force has been issued by the union of sailors in Hamburg, says a diplomatic dispatch this afternoon.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The transport Narragansett with some American soldiers aboard was grounded off Rembridge Point, near Southampton today. All were safely landed.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—Instead of another plenary session of the peace conference today the supreme interallied council is considering the Balkan problems. The controversy between Serbia and Roumania is being deeply considered by the big five representatives, realizing fully the dangers attending on the Balkan disputes. The controversy hinges upon counter claims as to territory formerly belonging to Austria-Hungary. Many populous districts are involved. The committees dealing with the League of Nations, international labor legislation, financial problems and responsibility will be busily engaged all next week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—No general agreement is in sight today between the cotton mill owners of the United States and upwards of 700,000 union textile workers regarding the announcement by employees that they will begin Monday to work 48 hours a week instead of 51. Telegrams are coming in today to President Golden, of the textile union, from many small mills in various parts of the United States agreeing to the shorter hours. The big mills, however, with the exception of the American Woolen Co., seem determined to force the issue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Reports that American soldiers are responsible for the crime wave in Paris are flatly denied by Gen. Pershing in a cablegram to Secretary Baker today.

GLASGOW, Feb. 1.—Fifty three were injured in strike riots here today. Soldiers with fixed bayonets are patrolling the streets.

DEAL, ENGLAND, Feb. 1.—Thirty survivors of the wrecked American steamship Piave landed here today. Twenty nine others landed at Dover, the captain and part of the crew at Ramsgate. It is believed other survivors are aboard other boats. The Piave is a total loss, being broken in two.

GENEVA, Feb. 1.—German newspapers are beginning to print advertisements by commercial travelers stating that they will shortly reopen business with New York, London, and Paris. Switzerland will be used as a neutral basis for trade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Wilson is continuing his fight for the first peace principle, that the issues of the war be settled by "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at," declared Senator Lewis today, on the strength of private cablegrams from Paris. "If President Wilson is finally defeated in this he will return to the United States, acknowledge his defeat and tell the American people and the world who defeated him. The President will not hesitate to play this trump card if the conference seeks to compel him to betray his own people after all the nations accepted his 11 points of peace, Senator Johnson declared the first point was the most important. If it is possible to close the doors of the conference to publicity, it will be impossible for the President to prevent all their principles being emasculated. Wilson needs the support of the public opinion of the entire world for the success of his program.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The shipowners' and sailors' union has agreed upon a wage of twenty-two marks monthly for fetching food from the United States.

Dr. Kemp P. Battle, the oldest president of the University of North Carolina, is seriously ill at his home at Chapel Hill and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

KNOTTY PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE PEACE CONFERENCE

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The Greek premier Venizelos and Foreign Minister Poincaré today presented the claims of Greece, southern Albania and Smyrna to the representatives of the big five powers. Some of their claims conflict with those of Italy. President Wilson and the other prime movers are working hard on the League of Nations proposition. Australian Premier Hughes is opposing the reference of colonial problems to the league. He declared Australia did not wait until the fifteenth hour to come to the defense of civilization. President Wilson holds to the declaration of Allied commanders that intervention by Americans without regard to salvage of men or materials prevented the Germans from taking Paris. If necessary it is said Wilson is ready to warn sympathizers with Hughes that America is unwilling to participate in a selfish peace but is ready to settle her own problems in her own way should cooperation with the world powers be refused.

PYTHIAN CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED HERE

A Pythian Club, composed of members of Gastonia Lodge Knights of Pythias, has been organized and will occupy comfortable and commodious quarters in the building on West Main avenue owned by Dr. C. E. Adams. The entire second floor of this building will be used and it is now being put into shape for use by the club. Of the nearly 200 Pythians in Gastonia about 100 have already applied for membership in this club and by the time the club rooms are ready for use it is expected that the number of members will be considerably over 100.

An organization has been perfected and officers elected for the first year as follows: Ben S. Goion, president; R. G. Rankin, first vice president; W. E. Todd, second vice president; George B. Mason, secretary and treasurer.

Features of the club will be a library and reading room, baths, a gymnasium, pool tables, writing desks and all the conveniences usually found in an up-to-date club of this kind.

The third floor of this building has also been leased and will be used by the Pythians, the Odd Fellows, and the Women of the World as a hall for holding their regular lodge meetings. These orders are now meeting in the Amory building on Long avenue. It is expected that they will be in shape to move by the first of March.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Jan. 31.—There are not over 15,000 German troops outside of Germany, including 10,000 in Turkey. The present organized German army is not over 500,000. Some authorities at Berlin estimate it as nearer 300,000. American doughboys are taking numerous excursions on the Rhine these days. Their boats are decorated with American colors and there are bands aboard.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Disposition of the German colonies is developing serious differences among the delegates to the peace conference. The British are backing the claims of Australia and New Zealand for holding the German possessions in the Pacific. Japan is endorsing a majority of the British claims, expecting the support of Great Britain for favored positions on the Shantung Peninsula and in Manchuria. The French and Italian delegates are supporting Great Britain's territorial claims.

Mr. Wilson has made it plain that he believes the action of the big four in trying to partition the spoils among the victors is in flat violation of the promise that the rights of small communities and nations would be fully safeguarded. The United States will not consent to the taking of territory as a means of recouping war losses, and Mr. Wilson may make a public statement on this matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Telegraph and telephone poles, wires, and instruments will be scrapped within a year if the program now being made by the wireless communication continues, Congressman Stearnson, a member of the House post-office committee, predicted today. Radio communication is making such rapid strides that before the end of the year the average American would bother much about ordinary wire communication. Whether these lines will be owned or controlled by the government or by private interests is not known. He declined to comment upon the report that most of the telegraph and telephone companies would be glad to turn over their properties, which they now estimate to be worth a billion dollars, to the government if they are permitted to invest their capital in wireless.

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. J. H. Separk returned Saturday from a week's business trip to New York.

Miss W. B. Otey is expected to return home tonight or tomorrow from a business trip to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. L. W. Kerner left Saturday for Little Rock, Ark., where she will spend a month with homefolks.

—Mr. G. R. Spencer returned Saturday from Atlanta where he attended a meeting of heavy manufacturers.

Mrs. D. R. Shields has gone to New York to purchase spring and summer millinery.

Mrs. A. G. Myers, active vice president of the Citizens' National Bank, left last night on a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. White Ware and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy returned Saturday night from a two-weeks motor trip through Florida.

Mrs. E. Caldwell Wilson is spending the week in Charlotte as a guest at the home of Mr. E. A. Smith on Park Avenue, Davidson.

—Mr. W. R. Turner and family, who have been living near Dallas, left Saturday for Seneca, Arkansas, where they will make their home in the future.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ford, Mrs. G. H. Marvin and Mrs. R. W. Langford are spending the day in Charlotte. They motored over in Mr. Ford's car.

—Mr. G. W. Ramsey and family, who have been living at the Armstrong Mill, moved today to Kings Creek, S. C., where Mr. Ramsey will engage in farming this year.

—Mr. W. M. White, of the White Monument Works, returned last Thursday from a trip to the quarries at Marietta and Tate, Ga., where he purchased marble for his firm.

—At his home on Bessemer City, route one, one day last week Mr. George C. Jenkins shot and killed a chicken hawk which measured three feet and seven inches from tip to tip of its wings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waugh, who moved from Gastonia to Mooresville some months ago, are spending a few days with friends in the city. They came to attend the home-coming celebration yesterday at the East Baptist church.

Mr. Floyd C. Todd, who has been for several years with the Woonsocket Machine Co., has accepted a position with the Myrtle Mills, of this city. Mr. Todd will have charge of the installation of the machinery and will then be overseer of the carding room.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Discussions today as to the disposition of the German colonies at the conference of the supreme war council clarified the situation. It seems that the matter will be settled by Saturday, leaving the details to be worked out by the League of Nations. It is presumed that another Wilson victory has thus been secured.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Clyde and Belfast strikes are today spreading to private corporations and electric plants, greatly increasing the ranks of the idle. The labor crisis in Great Britain is the most vital problem of the hour. The greatest menace by the government and industrial captains will be required to avert industrial chaos now threatening. A hundred freight ships are held for repairs in the Tyne river as a result of a strike of shipworkers. The total number of strikers in Great Britain today is 225,000. There are half a million of unemployed people.

Appreciate The Gazette.

Private J. Foster B. (Stettin) writes as follows under date of Mason, Germany, January 25th: "Just a note to tell you how The Gazette is appreciated while we kill time with the army of occupation in Mason, Germany. It always seems like a letter from home to me. I am sending you a copy of the Fourth Corps Flare, the official organ of our outfit. The Flare is beautiful, but most any little paper in North Carolina would look better to me." Private B. Hoffstetter belongs to the medical detachment of the Fourth Corps Artillery Park, commanded by Lt. Col. E. A. Prince.

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New York became the 14th State to ratify the federal prohibition amendment when on Wednesday the senate by a vote of 27 to 24 concurred in the McNabb ratifying resolution which was passed by the house last week. Acting Secretary of State also on Wednesday issued a proclamation officially announcing that the amendment had been ratified by the necessary 36 States and would therefore become effective, as provided in the amendment itself, one year from the date of final ratification.

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SINN FEINERS CAUSE TROUBLE IN IRELAND

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Sinn Feiners and Irish strikers are continuing, demanding the release of all Irish prisoners and a 48-hour work week throughout Ireland, says a Dublin dispatch today. A crowd of Sinn Feiners in Dublin demonstrated in protest against the occupation of Saint Enda's college by military forces. Subway workers in London strike today. Most of the tube routes and some electric railways are closed up. The strike may spread to the steam railway employees.

DEATHS

MRS. J. FRANK HARRELSON.

The many friends of Mr. J. Frank Harrelson, of Cherryville, formerly with The Gazette, will sympathize deeply with the sorrow which he has experienced in the death of his wife. The following account is from the Cherryville correspondent of The Charlotte Observer this morning:

Mrs. J. Frank Harrelson passed away at her home here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock following an illness of three days. She was 31 years of age.

The deceased married Rev. J. Frank Harrelson in January, 1907. She had been a member of the Baptist church since early childhood.

The deceased leaves her husband, one son, father, mother, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at the Baptist church, Rev. D. F. Putnam, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. F. Moser and Rev. D. B. Wessinger, officiating. Interment was in Mount Zion cemetery.

H. J. FLOYD.

Mr. H. J. Floyd died Saturday at his home on East Airline avenue after an illness of about two weeks. Death was due to pneumonia and complications. The body was shipped to Gaffney, S. C., on No. 177 yesterday morning for burial at his former home.

Deceased was in his 60th year and had been a resident of Gastonia for the past several years. He was engaged in construction work and much of his time was spent away from Gastonia. During the past year or more he had been engaged on government work most of the time. Surviving deceased are his widow and one son, George Floyd. They accompanied the body to Gaffney yesterday. Funeral services were held at the home yesterday morning, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Mr. Floyd had many friends here to whom his death is a source of great sorrow.

W. E. LOVE FOUGHT BURGLAR AT ANNAPOLIS.

Friends of Gastonia's Mr. and Mrs. John E. Love, formerly of Gastonia but now living in Charlotte, were interested in a story reported in Friday's Charlotte News from The Annapolis (Md.) Advertiser, telling of battle their son, W. Edman Love, had with a burglar in Annapolis last Sunday night. Young Love is a student at the Colver school, Annapolis, where he is preparing himself for entrance to the Naval Academy. He was recently discharged from the navy, having been on a submarine chaser during the war.

Love and his roommate were awakened Sunday night by a burglar who was rummaging their room. They remained peacefully until the intruder went to search under their pillows, when Love grabbed him around the neck. The burglar jerked him out of bed and a tussle ensued in the course of which Love received a number of bruises. The thief got away but didn't take anything with him.

HAD SWEETHEART IN GASTONIA.

To the Editor of The Gazette: A letter from overseas announces the death of Sergeant Charlie Montgomery of Battalion A, 19th P. A.

Mr. Montgomery was stationed in Gastonia as a military policeman while the military was stationed at Camp Chronicle last year and made some friends here.

The letter states that he had a sweetheart here in Gastonia, but that the writer of the letter was without her name and address and that the company commander desired her name and address. If the young lady referred to will communicate with the undersigned, she will learn something of interest.

H. GILMER WINGET.

Gastonia, N. C., Feb. 3, 1919.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Bolshevik troops who outflanked the Allies at Shenkursk, covering themselves with white sheets to blend with the snow, murdered many civilians and pillaged the town, say news dispatches today. The Allies evacuated several hundred hospital patients and 500 refugees. Estonia reports that retiring Bolsheviks murdered 1,000 civilians, including a bishop and priests at Dorpat.

SOUTH GASTONIA

Interesting Items Of News From City's Hustling Southern Section.

(Crowded out Friday.)

The "doffer" boys of the Clara Mill are enjoying an outlet for their stored-up energies in a new spaulding football which is being vigorously kicked about the "Clara Gridiron."

Next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock the doffer boys of the Clara, Dunn and Armstrong mills will meet in the new reading room of the Armstrong Community Center. A Duffer Club will be organized at this time for social enjoyment, to engage in athletic sports and form a baseball league for South Gastonia.

In the "Red and Blue" contest of the "Willing Workers," of the Clara Presbyterian Sunday School for members, the Red workers were victorious. They will be guests of the "Blue" workers, at a supper to be given them in the new Armstrong Community hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jordan, of South Broad street, were hurriedly called to Charlotte on Tuesday by the sudden deaths, from influenza of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Biggers, both dying Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan drove through the country to the Biggers home, 19 miles beyond Charlotte.

Mesdames E. C. Wilson, C. J. McCombs, J. B. Boyd and W. F. Kincaid, accompanied by Miss Lois Freeman and Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of the Clara Presbyterian church, conducted a service for the prisoners in the county road stockade last Sunday afternoon. The service was enjoyed by officers and men with a cordial invitation from Capt. E. L. Sandifer to come again. Song books and Testaments were distributed among the prisoners.

Supt. Elmer Haynes, of the Osceola Mills, is busily engaged in pushing to completion the new Osceola Community Center. It will be a beauty.

Mr. J. R. Beam spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

Miss W. B. Otey, our community nurse, left Thursday for Richmond, Va., to represent the Armstrong mills and attend the 19th annual convention of the Virginia State Nurses Association.

Mrs. Clarence Cullender, of the Clara Mill, is recovering from a protracted illness, and Mr. Cullender is the very happy father of a fine baby boy.

One of your correspondents visiting Charlotte this week for the first time, was not nearly so much impressed with the importance of the North Carolina metropolis as he was by way of comparison, with the possibilities of Gastonia. With the spirit of industry, thrift, generosity and energy prevalent in Gastonia, and the splendid opportunities presented in a splendidly developing city, we can, within the next ten years, by every one putting his shoulder to the wheels of progress, run our near neighbor a mighty close race for first place. Why not commence now by extending car lines to afford service to the people of Armstrong, Clara, Dunn, Seminole, Osceola, Pickens and Hanover mills.

Workers from the Clara Presbyterian club have organized an afternoon Sunday school at the Mutual Mill which will have its first session at the Mutual school Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. W. A. Hough entertained a group of R. Y. P. C. captains and workers at his home on Oak street Monday night.

Mrs. Lois Freeman, South Gastonia's competitive Sunday school worker, is spending the weekend with relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winget's youngest child, who has been quite sick for some time, is still under the care of physicians and recovery is slow.

The prayers and best wishes of every employee of the Osceola and Hanover Mills for the safety of their treasurer, Mr. W. T. Rankin, go with him on his voyage to France. His return will be eagerly looked forward to.

A wire from Col. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong brings news of the delightful time they are having on their Florida trip and that they will return to Gastonia during the coming week.

These remarkably mild January days should inspire all housekeepers and homemakers with the "clean-up" spirit. The winter's accumulation of tin cans, jar buckets, pneumonia salve boxes, "du" bottles and pill boxes are beginning to warm up and advertise a productive farm for the fly that neither froze nor flew, with special side-lines of gerontology, nauseous gases and unsightly backyard scenery.

Despite the fact that Gastonia streets have been free from ice and snow this winter, we have experienced many sliding sensations afforded by banana and orange peels deposited on the sidewalks by the thoughtless ones.

Born

At the Gaston Sanatorium Thursday, January 30, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Flay E. Stubbs, a son, Flay E., Jr.

President Wilson rested completely yesterday, it being the first day since he arrived overseas that he has given over entirely to rest. He did not even go to church.