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## BRITISH MAY IMPORT AMERICAN COAL

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 26. Robert Smillie, leader of the union miners of the United Kingdom, states that it is reported that the British are arranging to import coal from America in the event of a strike. He appealed to American miners to refuse to mine coal for export to Great Britain.

## NEGROES GET ROAD SENTENCES IN POLICE COURT

Luther Johnson, colored, was sentenced by Judge Jones in Municipal Court yesterday, to 12 months on the roads for an assault with a deadly weapon. Johnson shot R. W. McConnell, a resident of Happy Hill, Sunday night.

Willis Cole, colored, was given six months for carrying concealed weapons and Ben Chase drew 30 days on the same charge, as did likewise Ross Gullick, Chase and Gullick are colored also.

Gullick, Chase and Aron had an all-day hold for trial on charges of larceny. The first two above named are charged with entering and robbing the Morrison Hardware Company's store recently.

## SATURDAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAINED 2,007 NAMES.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

**SECTION ONE.**  
Killed in action, 17; died of wounds, 17; died of disease, 20; wounded severely, 53; total, 107.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section one:

Died of Wounds: Sergeant William Mason, of Forney.  
Died of Disease: Sgt. Isaac M. Orr, Wallace, and Army Field Clerk William A. Britt, of Asheville.  
Wounded Severely: Private John R. Stadler, of Altamahaw.

**SECTION TWO.**  
Wounded severely, 29; missing in action, 12; total, 41; none from North Carolina.

**SECTION THREE.**  
Wounded, degree undetermined, 219; wounded slightly, 714; total, 933.  
The following North Carolinians are listed in section three:

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Privates Lawrence J. Boone, Nashville, Jan. A. Spears, Summit, Hirschel O. Porshia, Faust, and Philip Spears, Rosemary.  
Wounded Slightly: Sgt. Marley M. Melvin, Tryon; Corporals Samuel J. Foster, Ocranoke, Chester L. Stephenson, Smithfield, and Kyla H. Mabed, Spray; Bugler Ralph R. Morgan, Winston-Salem; Privates Robert S. Burlington, Senia, Warney Gwyn, Elk Park, George A. Thompson, Queen, MARVIN PLONK, DALLAS, John Hall Pugh, Oriental, Simmie H. D. Hill, Chocowinity, Walter E. Burnett, Champion, and Kibert E. Stamey, Almont.

**SECTION FOUR.**  
Wounded, degree undetermined, 309; wounded slightly, 617; total, 926.  
The following North Carolinians are listed in section four:

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Corporal Charles G. Sechrest, High Point; Privates James Sanoock, Cherokee, Percy Foster, Louisville, Robert M. Pilgreen of Greenville, and Elwood R. Twiford, East Lake.  
Wounded Slightly: Sgt. Lawrence W. Winchester, Waynesville; Privates Harlan Dial, Pembroke, Dewitt C. Rutledge, Mocksville, Albert J. Morris, Murphy, Norman McNair, Morton, Renzie Morgan, High Point, Benjamin F. Williams, Seneca, and Lloyd Newkirk, Atkinson.  
Wounded, degree undetermined, previously reported killed in action: Privates William J. Correll, Kannapolis, and Moses Parker, Wilson.  
Died of wounds, previously reported missing in action: Corporal Elmer J. Huggins, Newbern.  
Wounded slightly, previously reported missing in action: Private George W. Buchanan, Hayesville.  
Wounded, degree undetermined, previously reported missing in action: Privates Forrest Fisher, Bryson City, and Coit L. Josey, Statesville.

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## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

To Whom It May Concern:  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. M. Smyre and Fred L. Smyre, trading as the Gastonia Hardware Company and located in the city of Gastonia, N. C., has been mutually dissolved and no longer exists as a going concern.  
Persons owing said partnership will make settlement with either of the above-named partners.  
This the 21st day of February, 1919.  
A. M. SMYRE.  
FRED L. SMYRE.

## EXTREME ANTI-PRUSSIAN FEELING IN BAVARIA

(By International News Service.)

WEIMAR, Feb. 26.—The cabinet today declared Communist headquarters at Munich in a state of siege. They will not send Prussian troops to Munich because the extreme anti-Prussian feeling in Bavaria. The Bavarian delegates en route to Weimar were far of back at the Bavarian frontier.

## LAW PROHIBITS TEACHING OF GERMAN IN INDIANA

(By International News Service.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26. Governor Goodrich has signed the bill prohibiting the teaching of the German language in Indiana.

## MONDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24. A Central Georgia Fast Freight crashed through a Louisville & Nashville passenger's platform at Sebring, Fla., this morning. Mrs. Clara Hamilton, aged 69, was fatally wounded, and a dozen school boys wounded. Both trains were moving slowly.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—Three bandits robbed Treasurer Starker of the Blue Valley Creamery Company of \$12,000 this afternoon while he was on route to a bank. They escaped in an automobile.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Through the streets, jammed with wildly cheering humanity and lined with soldiers, the Presidential party in automobiles drove to Copple Plaza Hotel, arriving at 12:45. The President entered his name on a silver register. Twenty-five suffragettes were arrested in front of the official reviewing stand at the State house just before the President was due to pass. They had assembled with the announced intention of "demonstration" and refused to leave when ordered. The reviewing stand was filled with wounded soldiers, sailors and marines from the eastern States. Following the luncheon at the Copple, the President motored to the Mechanics Hall, where he delivered his first personal message to the people of the United States on the peace conference. All the streets for a quarter of a mile, and buildings were jammed with thousands of people.

BOSTON, Feb. 24. Praising American soldiers, President Wilson said: "They tell me it only takes half as long to train an American, because he has learned to go only one way. He went forward until victory." "America is the hope of the world, if she does not justify that hope, the result will be unthinkable, if she don't the world will be a mere series of camps. Any treaty arrived at in Paris must be 'a modern scrap of paper,' unless America does her duty." The President started to speak a minute after three, when he declared, "This great country of ours is trusted throughout all the world." A whirlwind of applause greeted him. "There is a wide divergence of opinion among the peace delegates, but there is no doubt that all are united to create a new world built on justice and right. The men gathered in Paris realize that they are not masters, but servants of their people." The President was impressed with the moderateness of the claims of the men gathered at the peace table, no self-interest was seen, tears of earnestness were in the eyes of the men who were seeking to adjust claims on a basis of right. Ambitions of the men about the peace table have ebbed, but no nation in Europe suspects the motives of the United States. Always before a clash they will refer their claims to the nation that has won unenviable distinction as being a friend of mankind.

In protest against a reduction in wages 150 operatives in the Highland Park Mills, North Charlotte, went on strike Monday.

At a special election held in the Sixth Virginia district yesterday James P. Woods, of Roanoke, was elected representative to succeed Carter Glass, recently appointed secretary of the Treasury.

The committee from the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina appointed to consider the choice of a president for the University is said to be seriously considering Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, for that position.

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369  
A. F. & A. M.  
Called Meeting  
Friday Feb. 28  
7:30 p. m.  
Work in the 3rd  
Degree

## RADICALS IN SAXONY PROCLAIM A REPUBLIC

(By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—Radicals in Saxony are preparing to proclaim a soviet republic, says a Berlin dispatch today. Baden is quiet but riots were reported in Bavaria yesterday. Government troops are marching to disarm the Communists in the Ruhr district, British Prussia.

## FRIDAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAINED 3,586 NAMES

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

**SECTION ONE.**  
Died of wounds, 28; died of disease, 24; wounded severely, 141; total, 293.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section one:

Died of Accidents or Other Causes: Privates Gordon H. Hatley, Vainmond.  
Died of Disease: Private Joe Kaban of Chesapeake.

Wounded Severely: Privates Alfred Evans, Rosemary, and Jennings, of Mill of Lumberton.

**SECTION TWO.**  
Killed in action, 32; died of wounds, 21; died of airplane accident, 1; died of disease, 67; wounded severely, 493; missing in action, 11; total, 625.

The following North Carolinians are listed in section two:

Died of Disease: Privates Emman Jamison, Canton, and Lafayette Woodard, Washington.  
Wounded Severely: Private Columbus D. Smith, Crabtree.  
Missing in action: Private William B. Phillips, Mt. Airy.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined, previously reported killed in action: Private Hilary Tucker, Advance.  
Returned to duty, previously reported missing in action: Privates Barney M. Higs, Sims, William McK. Robbins, High Point, and William Z. Taylor, Elijah.

**SECTION THREE.**  
Wounded, degree undetermined, 673; wounded slightly, 865; total, 1,538.  
The following North Carolinians are listed in section three:

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Lieutenants William T. Landis, Oxford, and John F. Williams, Charlotte; Sergeants David Scales, Winston-Salem, and Ben J. Walters, Othello; Corporal Robert Pomeroy, Red Springs; Privates Will Hiram Pipkin, Reelsboro, Feby D. Pope, Durham, Ray A. Purifoy, Newbern, Joshua Pulliam, Jidong, Ernest C. Walton, North Charlotte, Edward E. Ange, Jamesville, Ephraim T. Burris, Concord, Jesse Sylvester Calloway, Asheville, Geo. C. Richardson, Clifton, Samuel D. Myrick, Littleton, Isaac Seborn Chandler, Winston-Salem, William L. McFalls, Garden City, Frank Bracony, Rowland, Paul Logan, Durham, and James O. Matheson, Wingate.

Wounded Slightly: Lieutenants John L. Loy, Burlington, Roderick R. Melvor, Murphy, and Guy A. Platt, St. Paul's; Privates William Dorsey Shaw, Wilson, John B. Clemmons, Thomasville, Willie Taylor, Pittsboro, Rexford L. Whaley, Smithfield, Julius L. Kenney, Balsam, Roy M. Masters, Asheville, Quincy D. Styles, Daybook, William A. Thomas, Stokesdale, Willie Whitley, Franklinton, Rosewo Wooten, Fountain, Constantino Calatrano, Phillipsburg, Grover C. Cockerman, Low Gap, Larry Elijah Warren, New Bern, Lee F. Whitefield, Wilkerson, Nathaniel Spruay, Lumberton, Frank S. Walls, Apex, Fletcher Russell, Hertford, Wade H. Nelms, Castalia, Edle Myrick, Warren Plains, Henry D. Padgett, Andrews, Conrad Walls, Onyx, Fred H. White, High Point, and James Wood, Sharon.

**SECTION FOUR.**  
Wounded, degree undetermined, 819; wounded slightly, 709; total, 1,528.  
The following North Carolinians are listed in section four:

Wounded, degree undetermined: Sergeants Elijah A. Russell, Laurinburg, and Ashton P. Truitt, Burlington; Privates Grover Reed, Sunburst, David C. Riss, Bladen, Kinchoa Lewis, Wilson, Russ S. Morris, Matthews, William O. Grady, Selma, Arthur R. Netherton, Barnard, Odies Armstrong, Enfield, Norman R. Bolling Marshville, Harrison Gilmore, Rock Creek, William Morgan, Raleigh, and Will Tatham, Gay.

Wounded Slightly: Sergeants William Massey, Winston-Salem, and Marcus H. Wichard, Tarboro; Corporals William O. Massey, Selma, Richard H. Martin, Kinston, and Willie G. Mullen, Wakefield; Privates Stephen O. Baker, Paw Creek, Gurney Harley, High Point, Isaac Suitt, Durham, James Vandiford, Greenville, Lester Macklin, Scotland Neck, Hershall H. Rash, Jennings, Thos. James Chavis, Raleigh, Claud C. Daniel, Hobbard, Alfred D. Horne, Catharine Lake, Simon Stevens, Faison, Winker B. Smart, Bostic, Fred D. Thompson, Mooresville, and William Washington, Goldsboro.

**MARINE CORPS.**  
The following casualties in the Marine Corps are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:  
Killed in action, 10; died of wounds,

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

(By International News Service.)

MT. OLIVET, Feb. 26. The young people of this section have organized a literary society. Twenty-one members have been enrolled.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. Roby Jenkins; vice-president, Miss Nellie Jenkins; secretary and treasurer, Miss Juliette Jenkins. Regular meetings will be held twice a month, every second and fourth Friday nights, at the Mt. Olivet school house.

As the first two meetings were for organization, we have not yet had a regular program. The following program will be given Friday evening, March 1, at 7:30: Devotional exercises, by the chaplain; Declaration, by Earl Shannon; Recitation, by Miss Verma Helms; Reading, by Miss Olive Rhyme; Song "O Columbia, the land of the brave."

Essays, by Miss Ethel Rhyme; Story reproduction, by Miss Thelma Jenkins; Recitation, by Miss Rosa Rhyme; Song, "Dixie";

Cities report, by Miss Ethel Shannon. We feel hopeful of getting more members by the next meeting, and hope this society will prosper success.

The boys basketball team will soon be in shape for a match game.

Miss Corinne Shannon is ill at her home on route four.

A few mild cases of flu are still lingering in this section.

## LONG SHOALS.

LONG SHOALS, Feb. 25. Mr. Cliff Carpenter, who has just returned from France, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Spargo Carpenter.

Miss Lena Houser spent Saturday and Sunday in Crause.

Miss Bertha Eite, of Gastonia, spent a few days with Mrs. Cleveland Rhyme.

Mrs. Roy Sigman, who has been in the Lincoln hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. Luther Arrowood spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter spent Sunday in Hickory.

## MANY SAW 20-MULE TEAM BORAX OUTFIT

Attracting large crowds which gathered all along Main street, the famous 20-Mule Team of the Pacific Coast Borax Company reached Gastonia Monday afternoon. As an advertising proposition it was without doubt one of the best stunts pulled off in Gastonia by a nationally known corporation in recent years.

Stops were made in front of Kennedy's drug store and Paul's grocery, the local dealers in the company's products. Col. H. R. Woods, a veteran lecturer, is in charge of the crew which handles the big team. Samples were of course scattered right and left.

The team is one of the originals used by the company many years ago in hauling borax out of the mines in Death Valley, California, across the desert. In traveling across the desert the identical method seen here was followed. Twenty mules drew each caravan, consisting of two wagons of 15,000 pounds capacity each, while a tank of 1,200 gallons capacity supplied the water. It is truly a relic of past efforts. The driver is a desert rat who was formerly a driver for the company and who was hunted up to again handle the team when it was sought out for advertising purposes.

Thirty five or 40 years ago a railroad was thrown across the desert to the mines and the wagons were junked. But they were hunted out for this purpose, these being originals. Truly, the lead mule is the smart one of the team and is an unusual animal.

And it is an unusual and effective advertisement.

In times past the South has sporadically made a feat at curtailing the production of cotton. It is now really a serious matter. With a whole world in need of cotton goods we see the cotton gantlers engaged in a desperate effort to shatter the cotton market. They have been successful to a certain extent. When the war ended the natural tendency of cotton should have been upward. As a matter of fact it went down considerably. As a result a concerted effort is being made by Southern farmers and business men to reduce the acreage of next year's crop at least one-third. In the meantime the price of cotton can be boosted back to its former price—which was not too high—if the farmers and others who have cotton will simply swing on to it. Gaston farmers should enter heartily into this movement and we believe they will.

2; died of disease, 3; wounded severely, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 3; missing in action, 1; total, 20.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

(By International News Service.)

A cold wave is scheduled to hit us today.

Mr. P. W. Garland went to Raleigh yesterday on business.

The special attraction at the Ideal Theatre today is Theda Bara in "The Clemenceau Case."

Capt. and Mrs. L. A. Sifford and two sons, Lloyd and James, of Charlotte, spent Monday in town with friends.

Mr. J. P. Thomson is ill at his home from influenza. He was well when he returned Friday from the North.

Miss J. H. Honderlite, who has been ill for the past ten days, is better. This will be welcome news to her many friends.

Mrs. B. H. Wingel has been quite sick for some days but her friends will be glad to know that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lebovitz and daughter, Miss Tina, left Monday night for New York and other Northern cities. They will be away about two weeks.

Mr. E. E. McEneaney, secretary, and treasurer of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association, left Monday night on a business trip to Raleigh.

The regular mid-week prayer service will be conducted at Main Street Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock tonight by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Mrs. Lena Crowder and Miss Margaret Stone spent the weekend in Dallas as the guests of Mrs. Grace Merrill. Mrs. Merrill also had as her guest Monday her mother, Mrs. Sturley, of Gastonia.

Mr. Henry Rankin returned Monday to his ship at Norfolk, Va., after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rankin. Mr. Rankin has been across three times.

Mr. Melvin Cathey, son of Mrs. Lou Cathey, of Sheffield, Ala., came in last night for a brief visit to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, at their home on Columbia street.

Mrs. C. M. Crowder left Tuesday night for Norfolk to be with her daughter, Miss Prugh Crowder, who is quite ill with influenza. Miss Crowder is a yeoman in the United States Navy and is stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Mrs. S. F. Watson has returned to Dallas from Kannapolis where she spent the past several months. Mrs. Watson's friends will be glad to learn that she has now recovered from a very serious illness.

Friends of Mr. J. Edgar McLean, who was discharged from the military service in December and is now superintendent of schools at Spring Hope, N. C., will be glad to learn that he has recently been commissioned a first lieutenant in the officers reserve corps.

Mr. Frank Morris, who is a member of Dr. Long's Hospital Unit, and who has just recently returned from overseas, passed through Gastonia Monday on his way from New York to Fort McPherson, Ga., where he will be mustered out. He is a son of Mrs. S. M. Morris.

Mr. S. S. Morris received a telegram a day or two ago from his son, Leland Morris, assistant coxswain on the U. S. Ship Dixie, stating that he would be at home within a few days for a furlough. Mr. Morris has been in the navy for the past two years, and will continue in the service to the end of his four years term of enlistment.

Miss Mae Young will leave next week for Greenville, S. C., where she has accepted a position in a new hospital just completed there. Miss Young has been in Gastonia at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Young, for the past year, recuperating from a long illness and though in bad health she worked faithfully during the influenza epidemic here.

The beautiful silver cup awarded to the South Point Community Fair by the Gaston County Fair Association in the sweepstakes contest at the 1918 fair over Gaston and Lincoln county community fair collective exhibits, was presented last Wednesday night, having been long but unavoidably delayed in being received by the secretary of the fair association. It was presented at a meeting held by County Agent C. Lee Gowan and Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Nell Pickens. It is a beauty.

## Charged With Robbing Store.

Victor Arrowood, Coke Walters and Charlie McManus, three white boys, were arrested this morning by officers of the police department charged with breaking into the Gastonia Hardware Company's store, and are in the city jail. The pistols and other goods taken were recovered. They will probably be tried in Municipal Court tomorrow morning. These boys, it is understood, have been in trouble before.

## Cold Wave Coming.

A cold wave warning issued last night by Observer E. L. Felton, in charge of the Charlotte office of the United States Weather Bureau, stated that the temperature will fall to 20 or 25 degrees in the western portion of North Carolina by tomorrow morning. It will probably be as low as freezing by nightfall.

## MANY TAKING STOCK IN HOUSING CONCERN

(By International News Service.)

Need of more houses for rent or sale is daily becoming more acute in Gastonia, judging by the increasing number of inquiries at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. From present indications there is no outlook for any reduction in the cost of building so it is expected that much building activity will soon start.

Chairman W. L. Ralthis and his committee consisting of C. C. Armstrong, C. D. Gray and J. White Ware, from the Chamber of Commerce, are receiving many subscriptions for stock in the proposed Gastonia Housing Corporation. All approached seem to realize that the investment will be a good one, as they have faith in Gastonia real estate and Gastonia's progress. The committee hopes to complete its work within a few days.

## INCOME TAX DUE.

Returns Must Be Filed on or Before March 15—Bill Provides Heavy Penalties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Work on the collection of \$6,000,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equaled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't, for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child."

The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4,000. Incomes in excess of \$5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$10,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing or in four installments, on or before March 15, on or before June 15, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be ascertained by inquiring at offices of collectors of internal revenue, postoffices and banks. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the Government, not the Government seek the taxpayer.

## Born

On Sunday, February 23, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCarter, a daughter.

## LORAY SOCIAL AND CIVIC CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY.

An important meeting of the Loray Social and Civic Club will be held at the West End school auditorium on Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a community meeting, and all who are interested in community work are invited to attend.

Mr. C. Lee Gowan, the new county farm demonstration agent, will make a talk on "Gardening," which will be illustrated with slides furnished by Miss Nell Pickens.

At this meeting plans will be discussed for the beautifying of the Loray village, and announcement will be made of the prizes which the club will offer to those who will take part in a contest for the best display of flowers and for the best kept premises. A very cordial invitation is extended to all, both young and old, to attend this meeting.

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