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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

## SEABOARD FAST TRAIN WRECKED NEAR RICHMOND

(By International News Service.)  
RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—The southbound New York to Florida special on the Seaboard Airline was derailed, and plunged over an embankment fifty miles south of here. It is reported that there were no fatalities.

## ANNUAL C. OF C. DINNER NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Event Promises to Be of Unusual Interest—Dr. D. W. Daniels Principal Speaker—Members Urged to Be on Time.

Music, movies, mirth and common sense community spirit will make the annual dinner of the Gastonia Chapter of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday night at the C. B. Armstrong Community Hall, formerly known as the Clara Hall, an event of unusual interest to the members. It is very important that every member planning to attend notify the secretary at once by writing or calling telephone No. 130. It is necessary to telephone not later than Saturday noon in order that reservation may be made.

Dr. D. W. Daniels, of Clemson College, famed as one of the ablest speakers of the South, will be the honor guest. He has been secured after much effort by the directors and his address alone will be well worth going to hear. He is one of the best in the country.

Music is in charge of Kenneth Todd who has formed a five-piece orchestra for the occasion. This insures good talent. And a male quartette has been formed by E. P. Gardner, which will also add to the music part of the program.

Members who have resided here since boyhood are sure to hear something about their boyhood or the boyhood of their friends. H. B. Moore has agreed to give some "Reminiscences." And he has some good ones. On the other hand a look into the future will be taken by Mayor Arthur Dixon, who is always a welcome speaker. W. T. Rankin, just back from a trip to the battlefields of France, will give some interesting facts. And some important facts relative to Gastonia county's future will be presented by R. Grady Rankin, county commissioner. And "Hank Gowdy" will be present.

And something to eat, it will be there in abundance. H. G. Winget, W. L. Wetzel, W. E. Todd and several who have consented to assist them will be in charge of that part of the program.

The movies—well, wait and see. President J. H. Kennedy will preside. That means that if you do not want to miss something it would be well for you to be present promptly at 7:30 o'clock, because the president believes prominently to be one of the foundation stones of efficiency. And as there are some not named here who will be called upon, everything will be snappy through with "pep" in order that all present may enjoy a real live, community-boosting evening and get home in reasonable time, too.

Once again, be sure and get in touch with the office not later than Saturday noon and say that you will be present.

## McADENVILLE MATTERS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, March 13.—We have a few cases of the flu here, but very few. Prof. J. L. Webb began a singing school at the Baptist church here Monday night with about 30 students. He will begin a school the 24th of this month at Webb's Chapel in the upper part of this county.

Mr. J. W. Little and son Hal have begun to put in a new stock of dry goods and groceries.

Messrs. E. C. Ray and G. K. Tate attended the Harry Lauder concert in Charlotte Saturday.

Last Saturday night at Rev. Rush Padgett, Mr. Lon Spargo and Miss Ethel Austin were married by Rev. Mr. Padgett.

Miss Marion Bridges, of Latimore, is staying with her sister, Mrs. Rush Padgett, and going to school at Lowell.

Mrs. J. L. Webb returned home Wednesday from the bedside of her very sick daughter, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, at Chadwick Mills, Charlotte. She is no better.

On Wednesday night some unknown person or persons broke into the store of Mr. L. P. Cloninger, just across the river, near the end of the bridge, and hauled off merchandise to the value of about \$300. Mr. Cloninger had just bought \$150 worth of tobacco and cigarettes, all of which was taken, together with several buckets of candy and other articles. A wagon was evidently backed up in this. There is no clue to the robbers.

Born  
At Winstboro, S. C., on Monday, March 10, 1919, to Mrs. John I. Faysoux a daughter, John Irvin Faysoux. Mrs. Faysoux's husband, Corp. John I. Faysoux, died shortly after landing in France last October.

## PYTHIAN CLUB OPENING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Formal opening of the new quarters of Gastonia Lodge No. 55, Knights of Pythians, and of the newly formed Pythian Club, both located in the Adams building on West Main avenue, will be held Monday night and an invitation has been extended the general public to be present as the guests of the lodge and the club by C. E. Carpenter, Chancellor-Commander, and J. B. Reeves, keeper of records and seals, of the lodge, and B. S. Guion, president, and Geo. B. Mason, secretary, of the Pythian Club. The public is invited to attend and the ladies are given a special invitation. The work of moving from the former lodge quarters on Long avenue has been completed and the furnishings and fitting of the new club is through. The Pythians are quite proud of their new quarters.

The lodge room is located on the third floor and has been fitted up so that the lodge has one of the best Pythian halls in North Carolina. Several ante rooms give ample accommodation for regalia and other equipment. The hall has been fitted with attractive furniture and fixtures and is larger than the old hall.

The club has been recently formed with a large membership of local Pythians and is on the second floor. The quarters are commodious and are splendidly furnished. A feature of special interest to the wives and lady friends of Pythians is the ladies' reception room, the first at the head of the stairs, which is open at all times, and all privileges of the club will be extended to the ladies also, especially on Monday nights, when their husbands and friends are expected to attend the lodge.

Next is the reading and writing room, handsomely furnished and well supplied with magazines and papers. In the rear of this is the pool room. Shower baths are provided in the rear for the use of members.

All of the equipment has been purchased in Gastonia except the pool tables, which could not be purchased here, and the greater part of the labor was done by members themselves, thus getting things like they wanted them.

## DALLAS DOTS.

By Mrs. Joe Gribble

DALLAS, March 13.—Messrs. J. W. Summey, of Dallas, R. K. Davenport and T. L. Ware, of Mt. Holly, and R. L. Stove, of Belmont, county commissioners, were met by a large delegation of good roads enthusiasts Tuesday in Crowders Mountain and Cherryville townships, where they were called to approve two roads in each. Cherryville township takes the lead in good roads and these commissioners will testify as to their superior good rations after partaking of the sumptuous supper prepared for them by Mr. Ware, of this township. Arriving too early for supper to be eaten there, boxes were filled and at the first bridge this side of Cherryville the spread took place.

Short sections of Dallas township roads are being graded on route one, from C. W. McAllister's to W. H. Parsons' farm and from S. T. Wilson's to W. S. Thornburg's. Enthusiasm is contagious. Let everyone be a good roads enthusiast for Dallas township and elsewhere.

Dr. S. A. Wilkins arrived home Monday from Raleigh as the general assembly has adjourned.

Messrs. Alma and Latoria Whitesides, of Bessemer City, are visiting Miss Bessie Holland, route one, this week.

Mr. J. P. Summey, of Stanley, is visiting his brother, Mr. Pink Summey, for a few days.

Dr. S. A. Wilkins will represent the Dallas M. E. Church at the Centenary council at Shelby Friday.

At the Lutheran church here Sunday \$96 was raised for the reconstruction and relief work among the Lutheran people in Europe. From their drive for the Assyrian fund \$56 was raised.

Messrs. Octavia Willis and Antlia Wilson entertained informally quite a number of their friends Tuesday night in honor of their guests, Messrs. Ora Dean Delany and Kate Porter. Miss Porter rendered a number of delightful piano solos.

A special congregational meeting of the Dallas Presbyterian church will be held just after services Sunday. It is important that every member be present.

The editorial staff of the live little school paper, "The Oak," were guests of the Dallas correspondent Wednesday at The Gazette printing office. An account of this interesting visit will be published at an early date.

An exciting game of basketball was played here this afternoon between the Dallas and Lincolnton teams. The victory went to the Dallas team by a score of 6 to 2. Robert Leonard, of Lincolnton, refereed the game. Among the visitors from Lincolnton were Mr. Edgar Love and Misses Shell, Dellinger, Wrightdale, McCoy and Choate, of the Lincolnton graded school faculty.

—Mr. David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, who served as reading clerk in the senate during the session of the general assembly which adjourned Tuesday, was in Gastonia yesterday on business.

## BERLIN JAILS CROWDED WITH SPARTACIST PRISONERS

(By International News Service.)  
BERLIN, March 14.—Singing revolutionary songs, 200 Spartacist prisoners marched to their death through Unter Den Linden this afternoon strongly guarded. Twenty-four Spartacides were executed at the Moabit prison this morning. Women fighting with the Reds stabbed, scalped and wounded officers, then held a war dance about their bodies. Berlin jails are crowded with Spartacist prisoners.

## OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION.

Following is the official recommendation for the conferring of the Distinguished Service Cross on Capt. Erskine E. Boyce:

Headquarters 113th Field Artillery, A. E. F., Evron Mayague, France, Jan. 29, 1919.

From: Commanding Officer, 113th A. American, E. F.

To: Commander in Chief, American E. F., G. H. Q. A. E. F.

Subject: Distinguished Service Cross.

1. The following officers and men in the 113th Regiment of Field Artillery are recommended for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

## EXTRACT.

"2. Captain, Erskine E. Boyce, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 113 Field Artillery, for unhesitating devotion and energy during offensive operations of September 26th to September 31st, 1918; during which time he was on duty as Liaison Officer for the Regiment with 145th Infantry, remaining with them from the jump off on Sept. 26th until the Regiment was relieved on Sept. 30th, 1918, and on the 31st of September, continued on duty with the 125th Infantry. During the whole of this time he remained in the front lines of the infantry, maintaining his own communications by means of salvaged German wire; in spite of loss of sleep and lack of food and subjected to heavy shell fire during trying and critical time he showed utter disregard of personal danger and by his unflinching devotion to duty inspired great confidence in those about him. On the morning of Sept. 29th, by his energy and attention to duty he furnished information to the artillery commander, which prevented the infantry lines being caught in a standing barrage, which had been ordered by higher authority. Neither fire, excessive work nor exhaustion deterred him from maintaining his excellent work. Nearest relative and address: Samuel Newman Boyce (Father) No. 301 York Street, Gastonia, N. C."

ALBERT L. COX,  
Col. 113th, F. A.  
Commanding.

In connection with the above it should be stated that The Gazette was in error Wednesday in stating that the D. S. C. had already been awarded to Captain Boyce. The information came to us through a friend of his who received a letter from Major Bridgen stating that Captain Boyce had been cited for distinguished service by the commander of his regiment and recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross. It was merely a confusion of terms to say that the cross had been awarded him. This will doubtless be done in regular course.

## GASTONIA WOODMEN WIN HANDSOME SILK FLAG

Bringing with them a handsome silk United States flag, about 5 by 8 feet in size, won as the first prize for the largest increase in membership during a given period by the lodge they represented, Mr. Bismarck Capps, counsel commander, and Mr. S. A. Deal, clerk of Providence Camp No. 382 Woodmen of the World, returned Wednesday night from Salisbury where they attended the biennial meeting of the Head Camp Convention of North Carolina, which was in session there Monday and Tuesday. This was quite an honor for the Gastonia camp when it is considered that the convention represents over 800 camps with a membership totalling 30,000.

Last fall the Sovereign Camp of Omaha, Neb., in order to stimulate interest in the Liberty Drive for members by the camps of this order all over the country, offered a prize of a handsome silk flag to the camp in each State showing the largest increase during the period, which covered the last four months of 1918. Gastonia's camp won hands down over the 799 other camps in North Carolina. Providence Camp has about 200 members and is growing rapidly.

## GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369

A. F. & A. M.  
Regular Meeting  
Friday Mar. 14  
7:30 p. m.  
Work in the 3rd Degree

## RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI OCCUPY BIG TERRITORY

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, March 14. During January and February the Bolsheviki of northern Russia occupied territory greater than France, said a Helsingfors dispatch today, quoting an official Bolsheviki statement. It declared that the Red army expected to reach Archangel by May 1. The Times correspondent says the British and American troops broke up the offensive of the Reds and severely defeated them in the Vaga sector last week. It is reported that epidemics are exterminating whole Russian villages.

## BIG TIMES ARE JUST AHEAD OF US

Prosperity Dawning, Declares Richard Spillane—Says Problem Soon Will Be to Find Men for Jobs Rather Than Jobs for Men.

BY RICHARD SPILLANE  
American Authority on Business and Finance.

The tide has turned. Dismiss all notions that this country is going to have depression, unemployment, hard times.

A period of great activity is near. The problem soon will be to find men for jobs rather than jobs for men.

No one capable of reading the barometer of business can mistake the signs. Here they are:

1. In the months of January and February the building and engineering contracts signed in that portion of America east of the Missouri river and north of the Ohio exceeded in amount those of the corresponding months for the last ten years, except 1917 and 1918, when we spent extraordinary sums on munition plants and war structures. They are nearly 45 per cent greater than the January-February average for the seven years 1900-1906 inclusive. What years significant is that while January of this year showed well, the swell did not begin to show fully until February. March gives promise of a still greater increase.

2. Commodity prices continue to decline.

3. Trade reports show a pronounced demand for overalls and workmen's shirts.

4. Wall street, which always is able to forecast prosperity or depression, has given evidence through the stock market of a pronounced revival.

There is not an even distribution of the contracts. In Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia they are below par.

In Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, and eastern Kansas they are bigger than ever recorded in corresponding months.

In New England they are below the average.

In New York they are fair.

In Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington they are nearly twice the normal amount.

The northwest has not begun to feel the impulse.

The president of a great university estimates that the country is \$7,000,000,000 behind the requirements in building and engineering operations. His estimate may be high, but there is no doubt we are in need of more construction than ever before in our history.

Now that the beginning has been made the sentiment and material effect will spread through every branch of industry.

Railroads and trolley lines are in urgent need of 5,000,000 tons of steel this year. Their financial condition has been improved greatly by the mildness of the winter. Hundreds of trolley companies that faced bankruptcy a few months ago now see daylight ahead. Snow costs the railroads and trolley companies many millions of dollars ordinarily. The comparative lack of snow and ice not only saved them from tremendous expenditures this winter but traffic was unprecedentedly large owing to the good weather.

General trade is reported far better than merchants expected. A banner wheat crop is predicted and never, in 50 years, were food animals in such good condition after a winter.

All this does not mean that active, prosperous times are coming with a rush. There are many works of readjustment to be completed. The dislocation of labor still presents some difficulties. Prices of goods, wages of men and other questions remain to be settled in many lines of industry.

But the turn has come. The tide no longer ebbs. It has begun to rise. That is as certain as anything can be from the evidence before us.

America's recovery from "the shock of peace" has been marvelously rapid. Few students of world affairs expected definite signs of it before May 1. Now the proof is here, more than a month ahead of the most optimistic expectations.

The man who said "always be a bull on America" was a prophet incomparable.

## BRIDGES TRIAL TO BE HELD HERE NEXT WEEK

Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday morning with Judge W. J. Adams presiding. It will be a one-week term. In the absence of Solicitor George W. Wilson, who is confined to his home by illness, Judge A. C. Jones will represent the State. The only cases of more than usual importance are those against Gilton, alias "Jack" Bridges and Randolph Stevens, the two men charged with assaulting Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole some weeks ago. In addition to being charged with assault these men will also face charges of keeping liquor for sale; receiving and transporting liquor; resisting officers and carrying concealed weapons. Bridges is confined in the Mecklenburg county jail at Charlotte and Stevens is in the Gaston county jail here.

## PERSONALS AND LOCALS.

Mrs. H. Rutter spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. K. Dixon and Mrs. A. B. Miller were Charlotte visitors yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Kennedy was a business visitor in Charlotte yesterday.

Miss Ruby Palk, of Charlotte, returned home today after spending several days with Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

Messrs. W. E. Haynes and W. Y. Warren went to Charlotte on business yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Abernethy, of Salisbury, is spending several days with Mrs. W. H. Jenkins.

His friends are delighted to see Mr. A. E. Woltz again able to be out after an illness of several weeks.

Attraction at the Ideal today George Walsh in "On the Jump." Saturday Douglass Fairbanks.

—Mrs. J. A. Estridge and Miss Blanche Shuford were Charlotte visitors yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. W. Y. Warren and little son, J. R., will leave the first of next week on a visit to Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. Ellen C. Bryan, of Durham.

Mr. J. R. Bean, who conducts a grocery business on South Front street, has added to his equipment a new automobile delivery truck.

Mr. M. C. Thorny was able to return to his home Tuesday from the City Hospital, where he has been a patient for several weeks following an operation.

According to a Washington dispatch appearing in yesterday morning's papers the Finland, on which the 15th Machine Gun Battalion sailed from Brest Sunday, March 9, is due to arrive at Newport News on Saturday of next week, March 22nd.

Mr. Wiley T. Rankin returned Tuesday from a six weeks trip to Europe. He visited England, France and Belgium. Mr. Rankin saw many things on his trip and The Gazette hopes in an early issue to give its readers some of his observations on his trip.

Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, was in the city a short while Wednesday afternoon en route home from Raleigh, where he presided over the State senate during the session of the general assembly which adjourned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rawlings' little son Jimmie, and Mr. Stafford Whitfield, returned to Salisbury yesterday to be with their father, Mr. J. S. Whitfield, who underwent a serious operation at White-Stokes Sanatorium there. Mr. Whitfield's friends will be glad to learn that he is getting along nicely.

In mentioning the speakers at the Methodist men's banquet held Tuesday night The Gazette inadvertently omitted Mr. S. J. Durham, whose splendid address on the subject of our moral duty to give of our means to religious work was one of the best of the evening. Mr. Durham is one of the State's most gifted speakers and is always heard with great pleasure by Gastonia audiences, as was the case on this occasion.

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## BISHOP DARLINGTON MADE GREAT ADDRESS

To an audience which filled almost to its capacity the main auditorium and Sunday school room of Main Street Methodist church last night Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., brought a message regarding the great Centenary movement in the Southern Methodist Church which burned itself into the minds and hearts of his hearers. He sounded a clarion call to Methodists to respond to the summons to this great task. In thundering tones which carried conviction he told them of the call of God to the church of today to give not their money alone but themselves to carry out his great commission to carry the Gospel to the benighted peoples of the earth.

This was Bishop Darlington's first visit to Gastonia and he quickly found his way into the hearts of all who heard him. He told them that for seven weeks he had been on a continuous campaign of the district over which he presides, embracing the States of North and South Carolina, in the interest of the Centenary movement and that he had found interest awakening on all sides in the work of the church. This district, he told them, is the best in the entire Southern Methodist Church in point of membership, number of preachers and salaries paid and hence had the largest apportionment of the Centenary fund to raise, something over five million dollars in five years. Yet this staggering sum, he showed them, called for an increase of only two-sevenths of a cent per day for each member.

Having reviewed the history of the development of the idea of a Centenary celebration of missions in the denomination and having gone into details somewhat as to the financial feature of it, in the course of which he made a masterful plea for the re-establishment of the Scriptural system of tithing, the bishop devoted the latter portion of his address to the spiritual side of the movement which he characterized as by far the most important. He said that the money was the smallest gift which God demands from his people. It is a minor consideration. The important thing about it is that he wants the lives of his people consecrated to his service and therefore to the service of mankind. He described the modern church as a prayerless church and said that when the two million Methodists of the country again come to their knees in reconsecrating themselves to the service of the Lord then the financial and other problems of the church would solve themselves. He declared the fact that the prayer meeting services of the church have almost passed away, that the attendance is ridiculously small everywhere. He expressed great surprise when the pastor told him that Main Street church has three hundred attendants upon its mid-week prayer meeting services. He predicted that the Centenary movement would so awaken the Methodists of the country to their duty that a great tidal wave of religion would sweep from one end of the country to the other. It is coming, he declared.

Notwithstanding the fact that Bishop Darlington has been speaking every day for seven weeks and was somewhat hoarse when he began his address, the congregation discovered at the very start that they were listening to a man of power, both intellectually and religiously. He held his audience almost spellbound for more than an hour. His presentation of his subject was thoroughly convincing and there is no doubt that the coming canvass for subscriptions to the Centenary Fund in Gastonia will receive a great impetus because of his appearance here.

Bishop Darlington went to Shelby this morning, accompanying the Gastonia delegation to the district meeting which is being held at that place today.

Demonstration Work.

County Agent C. Lee Gowan and Miss Pickens, home demonstration agent, together with Mr. F. O. Bartell, terracing expert, are making a round of the different parts of the county this week. They have had meetings at Pisgah, Little's, Costner's and South Point, and are in the Panhandle today. Saturday at 3:30 p. m. they will hold a meeting at Bessemer City.

Recruiting Office to Be Reopened.

Tomorrow the United States Army Recruiting Office which was closed here some time ago will be reopened with Corporal William B. Aycock again in charge. The station will occupy the same quarters as formerly on the third floor of the Craig & Wilson building. When the office was closed six months ago Corp. Aycock was sent to Fort Thomas, Ky., where he has since been stationed. Men who have had actual army service will be accepted by the War Department on re-enlistment for a period of one year. Men of the proper ages who have not seen service will be enlisted for three years.

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