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GASTONIA, N. C. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4, 1919.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. R. O. Craig spent the weekend at Asheville.

—Miss Winn Davis, of Salisbury, spent the weekend here with Mrs. Fay Davis.

—William Farnum in "The Plunderer" and Mutt and Jeff at the Ideal today.

—Mr. M. C. Thorn is a patient at the City Hospital, where he underwent an operation yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Faysoux and child left yesterday for Charlotte to attend the Carraway-Roof wedding.

—Mr. Lawrence G. Jones, of Darlington, S. C., spent yesterday in the city with his brothers, Messrs. A. C. and D. M. Jones.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Justice and son, Lawrence Earle, of Fitzgerald, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Craig and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Smith.

—Mr. H. H. Carmichael, revenue instructor, will be in the city from June 9th to 12th to assist in making out returns for corporations and partnerships.

—Mr. J. H. Separk attended Trinity College commencement at Durham this week. Mr. Separk is a member of the board of trustees of the college.

—Mr. L. F. Groves left yesterday for Hendersonville where he goes for his health. He will probably spend the summer months in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

—A meeting of the directors of the Southern Feature Film Corporation, a Gastonia concern, was held at the offices of the corporation in the Groves building at 11 o'clock this morning.

—Mrs. Otto C. Duncan returned to the city last night from Rock Hill, S. C., where she spent several days as the guest of Mr. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Duncan.

—Mr. Fred Morris, a son of Mrs. S. M. Morris, returned home yesterday on train No. 127 from Waynesboro, Va., where he has been attending Fishburne Military School.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Calaway have moved to Chester, S. C., where the former will have charge of the night spinning department at the Baldwin Mill. Mr. Calaway has been a second hand at the Clara Mill here.

—All members of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, are urged to be present at the regular meeting at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night, when business of special importance will come before the lodge.

—Regular mid-week prayer service at Main Street Methodist church at 8:30 o'clock tonight will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford. Choir practice will be held immediately after the prayer meeting.

—Notices are being sent out by Mr. Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., of Raleigh, receiver for the Supreme Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophis, requiring all claimants to have their claims filed with him on or before July 15th.

—Charlotte Observer, Tuesday: Miss Mary Grace Ray, of McAdenville, spent yesterday in the city. Miss Ray returned home Saturday after a visit to New York and Philadelphia. In the latter city she visited Mrs. Paul Woodman, formerly Miss Katherine Cramer, of this city.

—Mr. Joseph L. Riddle, who has been overseas for the past year or more as a member of the military police department of the 81st Division, landed in New York Monday night and is now at Camp Mills. He is a son of Mr. W. B. Riddle, of Bowling Green, and a brother of Mrs. F. M. Howell, of Gastonia.

—Mrs. R. A. Caldwell and Miss Helen Ragan left Tuesday for Rock Hill to attend the commencement exercises at Winthrop College, of which Miss Isabel Caldwell is a graduate. Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, her mother, and Misses Laura and Maude Caldwell, are there also attending the commencement exercises.

—Mr. J. W. Hill, who moved from this section to Moore county several years ago to engage in farming, is spending a few days here with friends. He is no longer engaged in farming. Mr. Hill is thinking of coming back to good old Gaston to live and his friends hope he will reach that decision.

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ALLIES MAY SERVE ULTIMATUM SATURDAY

(By International News Service.)
BERLIN, June 4.—A report was received today from Versailles to the effect that the German delegates expect an ultimatum from the Allies Saturday regarding the German counter-proposals to the terms of peace. If this is true, Brockdorff-Rantzau and the other German delegates will return to Berlin, leaving the final decision to the government, it is stated here. It is felt here that the government will not sign the treaty if the German demands are fully rejected.

TROOPS TO QUELL COLUMBUS RIOTS

(By International News Service.)
COLUMBUS, O., June 4.—Following riots last night Mayor Cornel Schreiber early today wired Governor Cox for troops. The municipal officers and many other places are under guard this morning.

COTTON 30.50 TODAY.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, June 4.—The cotton market opened with contracts for July selling at 30.50, October 29.00, December 29.19, January 29.20.

CELEBRATES HER FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

Little Miss Elizabeth Spencer entertained about 50 of her little friends at her home in Chestnutplace Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, in honor of her fifth birthday. After the little folks played many games, they were taken in to the dining room where ice cream and cake was served. The birthday cake was lighted with five candles.

MANY TO ATTEND SHRINERS' MINSTREL AT CHARLOTTE.

More than 100 tickets have been sold in Gastonia for "The Jollies of 1919," which is a combination minstrel and musical comedy revue to be presented at the Academy of Music at Charlotte, June 4th and 5th under the auspices of Oasis temple of Shriners. Receipts of the minstrel will be devoted to paying the expenses of the band and patrol of Oasis temple to the annual meeting of Shriners of the United States which meets this year in Indianapolis.

SITE PROCURED YESTERDAY FOR NEW FLOUR MILL.

L. F. Butler and J. White Ware Closed Deal Yesterday for Site on Franklin Avenue.

Mr. L. F. Butler, of Charlotte, and Mr. J. White Ware, of this city, yesterday closed a deal whereby they become the owners of the property of the Rhyne Roller Mill on East Franklin avenue. Messrs. Butler and Ware and associates will erect a two-story building on this property in the near future which will be used for the operation of a modern flour mill, having a daily capacity of 150 barrels. A charter will be asked for this week. Plans are now being made for the building and the necessary machinery to be used in the mill has already been ordered. Mr. Butler was in the city yesterday.

SHRINERS LEAVE SUNDAY FOR INDIANAPOLIS MEETING.

Oasis Temple band and patrol will leave Charlotte next Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Indianapolis to attend the supreme council meeting of the order. They will make the trip in five pullman cars, composing their own train. A large number of Charlotte Shriners will go along to take in the festivities. Several Gastonia Shriners are planning to make the trip.

Mr. Ben S. Guion, who is a member of the patrol, is making all train reservations for the Gastonia Shriners and those expecting to go with the band and patrol should notify him at once so that a berth may be reserved. They will be away one week, returning to Charlotte at 9 o'clock Saturday night, June 14th.

SOMETHING TO REJOICE OVER.

Statesville Landmark.

The first of July letter postage will drop from three to two cents, praise be. The extra cent was put on as a war tax and the postage goes back to the rate in force since 1882. The penny postage folks are getting busy again and the demand for one-cent letter postage will doubtless grow. To cut the rate in half would mean much saving to business concerns that make liberal use of the mails, but the question to be seriously considered in this connection is whether it is better to continue to pay two cents on first class mail and press for postal extensions and betterments, rather than to possibly retard these things by the great loss of postal revenues that would follow the reduction to one-cent postage.

NEUTRALS REFUSE TO JOIN IN BLOCKADE

(By International News Service.)
PARIS, June 4.—The Norwegian government has refused to accede to the request of the Allies to join in a proposed blockade against Germany if the Germans fail to sign the treaty, it is learned today. Norway made the same reply as Switzerland, namely, that such an act would be contrary to the principles of neutrality.

ATLANTA TELEGRAPHERS THREATEN TO GO OUT

(By International News Service.)
ATLANTA, June 4.—The telegraphers of the Western Union were scheduled to strike at 11 o'clock this morning as a result of alleged unredressed grievances and in sympathy with the telephoners of Atlanta. Telephone service continued crippled today. It is reported this forenoon that other trades unions are considering a strike to the number of around 15,000, including the building trades, street car and other workers, in order to aid in enforcing a redress of the grievances of the telephoners.

SLOAN'S FERRY ROAD IS NOW BLOCKED.

Traffic Should Be Directed by Mt. Holly Road — Repairs Are Being Made on Sloan's Ferry Road in Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties.

Repairs that are being made on the Sloan's Ferry Road, leading from Charlotte and beyond, Mr. A. M. McDonald, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Mecklenburg county, has posted handbills on the Sloan's Ferry road advising that the highway is blocked. Mr. McDonald made this statement regarding the road yesterday:

"We are widening the Sloan's Ferry from twelve to fourteen feet to meet the government's specifications before federal aid for roads in this county is obtainable and for that reason the road between here and the river is considered blocked and congested by piles of material, wagons, etc. The Gaston county end of the road from Belmont to Gastonia is also undergoing alterations and repairs and is also blocked to travel.

"The Mt. Holly road all the way from Charlotte to Gastonia is just as good as the Sloan's Ferry road and the public will find it much better to take that road. It is also a straight route as the Sloan's Ferry road from Charlotte to Gastonia."

DEATHS

MARGARET IRENE RILEY.

Mrs. Margaret Irene Riley, wife of Mr. Ernest Riley, died at the Gaston Sanatorium Monday night at 11:30 o'clock following an illness of several weeks, aged 28 years. She was born in York county, South Carolina. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the home, Flint Mill, and interment was in Hollywood cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. D. M. Robinson, G. C. Moss, W. L. Walters, C. B. Newton, D. H. Campbell and Doris Elmore.

CONCORD HAPPY AGAIN.

The Tribune, Monday.

The announcement in yesterday's Tribune that the cotton mills of the city would "be open" again next Wednesday to all former employees, is the most important and most gratifying news that this paper has carried for many months. Not since the signing of the armistice by the Germans has there been a more important news item in this paper, as far as Concord is concerned, and The Tribune of yesterday was more widely read than it has been for months.

The mill employees here have never asked for recognition of the union as a body, but many of them joined it, and the mills were closed when announcement was made by the owners that they would not employ union labor. The announcement of the opening of the mills is "to all former employees" and those belonging to the union as well as others will be allowed to work beginning next Wednesday. While the situation in this city was serious, from a financial standpoint, during the time the mills were closed, it was never dangerous otherwise, and with the exception of the killing of one man in a disturbance at the Norcott Mill during the early part of the controversy, there were no disorders.

The entire city and county will rejoice that the situation has been settled, and June 4th will be welcome by thousands of people in this city.

Looks as if the peace terms have taken the "germ" out of Germany.—New York Morning Telegraph.

YOUNG WHITE MAN KILLED BY AUTO TRUCK

Joe Messer, Young White Man Was Instantly Killed This Morning When He Was Run Over by Moving Truck on Clover Road.

Mr. Joe Messer, a young white man whose home is at the Lundy Mill, was instantly killed this morning a few minutes past 9 o'clock on the Clover road, near the Pinkney Mills, when he fell under a moving truck of the Gastonia Transfer Company.

Young Messer was employed by the transfer company as helper on the truck and had stepped out on the running board for some reason when he slipped and fell to the ground, the rear wheel of the truck passing over his abdomen crushing him to death. Dr. C. H. Pugh was summoned but death had already occurred before he reached the young man. No funeral arrangements had been made at noon today. The body is being held at the Ford Undertaking Company.

NEWS NOTES.

John A. McElroy, former commander of the 16th North Carolina regiment, Confederate army, died at his home in Madison county yesterday, aged 84.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will be held at Burlington Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

J. C. Modlin, aged 53 years, for 29 years an employee of the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet, was found dead in his bed there Tuesday.

Surplus war materials sold by the department of sales of the War Department from January 1st to May 23 brought in to the National Treasury the sum of \$252,383,121.27.

Joseph Thomas C. Boyte, aged 81 and for many years a familiar figure on the streets of Charlotte, was found dead in bed at his home there Tuesday morning. He was a member of Vance's famous brigade in the War Between the States.

Rev. R. S. Arrowood, of Virginia, has been chosen assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salisbury for a period of six months to do the work of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Byron Clarke, who is incapacitated because of eye trouble.

According to a statement by Observer Carl L. Bush of the Charlotte weather bureau May was the wettest month in this section of the country since the spring of 1901. The total precipitation for the month was 6.58 inches.

Frank A. Vanderlip, for ten years president of the National City Bank, New York, one of the country's greatest financial institutions, resigned yesterday. According to his statement he resigned to take a vacation and "do useful work."

Helen Savage, a 15-year-old school girl of Kinston, drank poison out of an ink bottle while at school Monday and died two hours later. A girl's romance and a scolding at home are believed to have prompted the rash act.

Two men were shot to death and two others were dangerously wounded in a riot last night at the Willys Overland automobile plant in Toledo, Ohio. The riot grew out of labor disturbances involving the 13,000 employees of that concern.

The seventh annual convention of the Merchants Association of North Carolina, to be held at Wrightsville Beach, June 17-19, promises to be one of the best state meetings ever held by the merchants of the State.

A deal involving about \$150,000 took place at Monroe a few days ago when the controlling stock of the Lecomble cotton mills changed hands. Charles Lee-man, president and general manager, disposed of his stock to Robert Chapman, of Cheraw, S. C.

Mecklenburg county is to have a superintendent of public welfare whose duties will include the inspection of jails and almshouses and the enforcement of the school attendance laws. This officer will be appointed July 1st by the county commissioners and the county school board.

A dispatch from Ipswich, England, says that the Great White Hotel, one of the most famous of Dickens' inns, is to be sold. This is the inn mentioned in "Pickwick papers" where Mr. Pickwick, to his horror found himself in the bedroom of the middle aged lady in curl papers. Over the front porch the sign, described by Mr. Pickwick as a "stone statue of some rampaging animal, with flowing mane and tail, distinctly resembling an insane earthhorse," is still in existence.

Directors of Fair Meet.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a meeting of the directors of the Gaston County Fair Association in the office of the chamber of commerce. A number of important matters are to be considered at this meeting with reference to the association, among which will be the fixing of the dates for the 1919 fair.

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