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## VASTEST GUN BATTLE IN FRENCH HISTORY

OVER A FRONT OF FIFTY MILES ALLIED GUNS ARE POUNDING ENEMY POSITIONS AND MANY MILES TO REAR OF LINE

### INTIMATES FOCH STRATEGY BEHIND MOVE

With the French armies afield, April 18.—Every inch of the German lines from south of the Somme to the Oise front, comprising fifty-five and eighty-nine hundredth miles, is being pounded by the vastest artillery concentration yet attained by the French. Even the country for miles in the rear of the enem's positions is under bombardment.

Prisoners say that the cannonading, in addition to preventing the digging of a single trench, is inflicting heavy losses.

## PARIS OMITTS FRENCH PASTRY

Washington, Apr 18.—What is war without French pastry? And nice creamy coffee?

French pastry is no more in Paris. The afternoon tea, according to Mrs. Ida Clyde Clarke, novelist, consists of tea and "war bread" Mrs. Clarke says there are no beautiful gowns to be seen in Paris and everyone seems to be in mourning.

## "OBEY ORDERS" EVEN GENERALS

With the American army on the Lorraine Front, April 18.—Tin hatted and with his gas mask on his chest a certain Brigadier General recently accompanied visitors from home on a tour of the trenches. Coming to a dugout, where a lieutenant was in command, the party stopped and the General, looking like any other fighting American of the line, explained to his guest how the men lived. He finally suggested to the lieutenant that the visitors be shown in the dugout, with the following results:

"Sorry, sir, but it is strictly against orders to admit anyone to dugouts."

"But, you can show these gentlemen, can't you?"

"No sir."

"Who did you get your orders from?"

"From Colonel Blank, sir."

"And who did he get his order from?"

"From General \_\_\_\_\_ sir."

"Well, I'm General \_\_\_\_\_"

The lieutenant blushed through the mud that had splattered on his face. The General complimented him on his observance of orders. The visitor had just a little peek at the dugout.

## COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	29.90	29.90	29.05	29.05
July	29.40	29.40	28.60	28.60
Oct.	29.25	29.35	27.30	27.30
Dec.	28.05	28.05	27.15	27.15
Jan.	28.00	28.00	27.18	27.18

## WILSON WINS STATE DEBATE

Chapel Hill, N. C. April 16.—Before an audience that more than taxed the capacity of Gerard Hall, the Wilson High School represented by Thomas Burton and Will Anderson, triumphed over the Jamestown High School, represented by Willie Staley and Nelle Haynes. Wilson defended the negative, while Jamestown supported the affirmative of the query: Resolved, that Congress should enact a law providing for the compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes.

No final debate in the history of the high school debating union of North Carolina has been closer or more exciting. Both teams received the rapt attention of the audience and were frequently interrupted by applause. The speeches were declared by many as much above the average, and the rebuttals were brilliant and full of vigor.

One new feature was introduced last night. Gold medals were presented to all four debaters who took part in the final contest. These were given by President Edward K. Graham and Prof. M. C. S. Noble of the School of Education.

In opening, President Graham declared that "these debates have come to be a real influence in state life". He spoke of the closeness of the contest this year and the fine spirit shown, even though the weather was a bad break in the game. Prof. N. W. Walker, in delivering the cup, spoke of the far-reaching influence of the debates, which have been listened to by 100,000 North Carolinians throughout the state. There were 300 schools participating this year. After the debate, a reception was tendered the visitors in the gymnasium.

Wilson now wins the cup for the second time. It came out victorious in 1915, when Ethel Gardner and Lalla Rookh Flemming represented Wilson.

Uncle Sam might have thought he really had hurt the Dutchman's feelings when he took over those ships, if he hadn't seen the old fellow wink the off eye at the same time he let out the howl.

The Germans have captured Ham. Let us hope it was picked clean to the bone when they took it.

## FLOUR SOON TO BE CHEAPER

Washington, April 18.—Flour millers and middlemen have millions in swollen profits since the war opened, according to information reaching the food administration.

Government supervision has however been getting the upper hand and prices are on the down grade, the federal trade commission stated in a report to the president.

Government price fixing together with the food administration regulations over the miller and distributor will result this being several dollars a barrel lower to the consumer than last year.

## AGAINST GLUT IN CHICKEN MARKET

Washington April 18.—The United States Department of Agriculture again advises farmers to sell their hens gradually and not to glut the market immediately after April 20, when the restriction against sale of hens is removed. Hens should be sold gradually. This will stabilize the market and bring better prices for them. It also means more eggs. Every laying hen at this season produces eggs at far less cost for feed than during the winter.

## KAISER EXCLAIMS AT WAR HORROR

Amsterdam, April 18.—"What hav'nt I done to prevent the world from these horrors" Kaiser Wilhelm is quoted as saying during a visit to the battle front, according to dispatches to the Lokan Anzeiger.

## CYCLONE SWEEP CAMP SHELBY

Camp Shelby, Miss., April 18.—One soldier was killed and more than a score injured in the toll of a terrific cyclone which swept a portion of this cantonment late yesterday.

## MASSED ENEMY WAVES AGAIN MOWED DOWN

THREE DISTINCT ATTACKS BY GERMAN TROOPS IN MASSED FORMATION WERE MADE AGAINST BRITISH FRONT AND REPULSED

### TERRITORY GAIN DISCOUNTED BY LOSSES

## EXPERTS PLAN POST WAR TRADE

Cincinnati, O., April 18.—"Dollar-a-year" experts of the United States government dropped their official duties today to meet foreign-consuls of the U. S., representatives of the department of foreign and domestic commerce, and the biggest business men of America in the Fifth National Foreign Trade Convention here.

The convention was postponed in February because Uncle Sam needed the services of his experts in Washington. Now, however they come to Cincinnati with his approval to map out a system for extension of America's foreign trade after the war.

The National Foreign Trade Council plans to act along three lines at the convention:

To systematically increase and extend the foreign commerce of the country and thus build up a gold supply to aid in successful prosecution of the war.

To frame a program for holding foreign trade gains made during the war.

To work for a merchant marine which will assure America trade leadership of the world.

Consuls will be withdrawn from many parts of the world to attend the sessions.

Among the prominent speakers will be:

C. A. Hinsch of Cincinnati, President American Bankers' Association; Philip B. Kennedy, commercial attache of London; M. E. Farr, Cleveland, President American Shipbuilding Co.; F. W. Taussig, chairman U. S. Tariff Commission; James M. Cox, governor of Ohio; E. N. Hurley, chairman U. S. Shipping Board; and J. A. Farrell, president U. S. Steel Corporation.

### UNION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Matthews of Raleigh, N. C. were the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews last week.

Mrs. Claude Raebuck, from Williamson, came Thursday to spend a few days with her uncle Mr. W. J. Vaughan.

Mr. Claude Duke, who has been working in Roxobel, has come home to spend a few days, owing to an injury to his foot.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. Charles is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Bob Rawls, of Lwiston, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Parker.

Mr. Howard Oden, of Washington, visited the home of Mr. J. J. Duke last Sunday.

Mr. T. E. Brown, of Raleigh, was in town last week.

Mr. J. H. Horton spent last Monday night in Norfolk.

WANTED—Young women desiring to enter nurses training school. Apply at once to Supt. Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Va. A. 18.4 Fri.

"Czernin lied," said Clemenceau. Truly, brevity is the soul of wit.

London, April 18.—"The Germans, attacking in three waves, southeast of Kemmel Hill, pressed us back slightly at one point, but counter attacks restored the situation and shortly after mid-day the attack was repulsed at all points," reports General Haig today.

"In Bailleul the enemy in three attacks before mid-day were completely repulsed. Our line of yesterday is intact along the whole front, and there was no change on the British front during the night.

The Germans are again in possession of Wytschaete and Metereu. The British recaptured these villages in counter attacks yesterday morning, but were compelled to evacuate them again in the face of continued enemy assaults. The French are co-operating with the British on this front.

The German war office claim that the British abandoned Passchendaele, Poelcaple and Langemark in their retirement east of Ypres. A Belgian communique said that between Lebelandert and Ypres a massed German attack gained an advantage, but counter assault restored these positions, resulting in the capture of six hundred prisoners.

Continued enemy bombardment north of Montdidier is reported in a French night communique. The French, it stated, had laid down a counter bombardment of heavy artillery fire from Givenechessy eastward of Robecq, continuing until dawn. Between Locon and Robecq were local attacks.

The fighting yesterday in the Nieppe forest and on Wytschaete was extremely severe, according to reports coming in, which establish the severity of the enemy losses.

## FOCH

General F. Foch, Generalissimo of the Allied Armies on the West front, was born at Tarbes in 1851. Lkic Marshal Joffre his career began in the Franco-Prussian War when he enlisted as a volunteer in the 4th Regiment of Infantry.

He is however an artilleryman, receiving his education at the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole D' Artillery de Fontainebleau. In 1875 he was commissioned a lieutenant of artillery and served in various artillery regiments until he was made a colonel in 1903. Later he was a member of the General Staff and taught at the War College.

At the outbreak of the present war he was in command of the Twentieth Division of Artillery. It was he who defeated the Imperial Prussian Guard at the battle of the arne and directed the French forces at Ypres.

## Germans May Use Great Gun Like This to Bombard Paris

