

# Facts of The Great War That You Should Know

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## REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA

### "The Checkerboard of Europe"

By the distinguished British Knight, Sir John Foster Fraser, F. R. G. S. Sir John is England's most famous official newspaper correspondent and has been with the Allied armies in France, with the British Fleet, and has seen Russia under War conditions.

### "Business and the War"

By Frank Mulholland, past president of Toledo Commerce Club and International Association of Rotary Clubs of the World. He has just returned from the Western front.

### "Marching the Home to Victory"

By Mrs. Christine Frederick, the well known writer and founder of the "Applecroft" experiment station. Her talk is on winning the war in the kitchen.

### "Experiences on the Battle Fronts"

By Sergeant Herman who was three years in the great war and lost his leg at Vimy Ridge..

Exhibit of the Famous Raemakers War Cartoons. Remarkable Display of War Posters of the Allies.

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Wilmington, N. C.

## Announcement

In addition to our auction land sale business, we have today organized a local real estate exchange, which will be in charge of Mr. W. P. Fletcher, an experienced real estate man, who needs no introduction to most Wilmingtonians. We will confine our service strictly to real estate sales, and hope thereby to be able to put more intelligent effort into selling property listed with us.

## Oliver T. Wallace

Telephone 1045. Home Bank Building.

## Horse Hair Braid by Yard

Horse Hair Hats New White Flowers  
Crepe de Chene Handkerchiefs Middy Ties  
HOSE HOSE HOSE

## MISS ALMA BROWN

### What are You Going to do to Help Boys at the Front?

There are so many things that can be done by you, You who will stay at home and enjoy being with your family should look at the proposition of helping the Boys and the United States Government wholly as a business deal. think this over, put forth every effort, buy the Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

## PAYNE DRUG CO.

Everything in Drugs and Drug Store Goods.

Phone 520 Fifth and Red Cross Streets

## MAXWELL TO SUCCEED MARSHALL W. T. DORTCH

### Potato Growers Contesting Railway Order—Appeal to McAdoo

Special to The Dispatch.)  
New Bern, April 27.—The news comes to New Bern that Mr. Allen J. Maxwell, chief clerk of the Corporation Commission, will in all probability be named to succeed Mr. W. T. Dortch, United States marshal and who has entered the race for Congress in the Third district. Those who are familiar with the situation say that it will be necessary for Marshal Dortch to give up his Federal job now that he has entered the congressional race, and Mr. Maxwell is said to be the man to take his place.

Mr. Dortch stated that he would not run if Congressman Hood remained in the race for the office. However, it is said that Mr. Hood will not be among those present and this means that Mr. Dortch will be Mr. Abernethy's opponent.

Up to the present time Mr. Dortch has not resigned as United States marshal, but it is expected that he will do this shortly.

Farmers in Craven and adjoining counties are anxiously awaiting a response to the communication sent to Director General McAdoo in regard to the ruling made recently by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which prohibits the use of vener barrels in shipping Irish potatoes and also refusing to accept shipments weighing more than 100 pounds.

The potato growers say that if the order is enforced that it will mean a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars and that it will greatly cut down the supply of food.

Mr. McAdoo has been asked to have the order rescinded. He has been shown wherein it will do great damage and it is expected that action will be taken in the course of a few days.

Federal Court, which has been in session in this city for several days, has adjourned for the term and no session will be held during the coming week.

The session Thursday was consumed in hearing a few motions and in straightening up the docket. Up to the present time no appointment has been made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clerk Walter Duffy.

Mr. W. F. Aberly, president of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, and the head of the Pine Lumber Company, has returned to the city after a visit to Washington as a member of a committee sent to that city by the North Carolina Pine Association, to confer with officials of the United States Railway Administration in regard to the poor transportation facilities being afforded them by the railroads.

Mr. Aberly stated today that the committee was granted an interview by Mr. C. R. Gray, director of the division of railway transportation and that they were assured that everything possible would be done to relieve the situation and to decrease the amount of trouble that they are experiencing in moving their manufactured material.

Up to the present time the officials of the Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Company, who several days ago sent a representative to this city to look over the situation with a view of putting on a line of steamers between New Bern and Baltimore, have made no statement as to what action they intend to take in the matter.

The representative which was sent to New Bern by this company seemed to be very favorably impressed with the existing conditions and the support which was assured the line if it is put in operation and he gave the local business men to understand that the boats would be put on.

It had been hoped to have the steamers in operation before the opening of the potato shipping situation, and it is yet possible that this will be done.

## NEW YORK LETTER

(Special to The Dispatch).  
New York, April 27.—The drums of the underworld are beating. The gangster believes he is coming back into power. The dregs of the underworld, breasting up to the dirty bars of the dark little ginmills of Chatham Square, the marketplace for hired murder, are stirred by thrills of exultation.

They whisper the gossip of their clans as their rat eyes slant glances from their drinks to the bar mirror which betrays strangers coming in. With a new swagger they turn from the bar to the backroom where their women, their spies, playthings and breadwinners, sit hopeful. Old detectives sense it and so do the newspaper reporters.

Since the Rosenthal murder it has been rough picking for men who murder for as low as \$25 a victim or who will "gip" a man for \$2. To "gip" is to beat up. The lone wolves and the bands that bulwark the black business of gambling with their automatics and their vain cunning believe that the latest gambling murder has given them a new power.

They have thrown a new fear into the heart of the "squaler"—the "stool pigeon" who betrays them to the police. Dulness in gangland is always followed by a flare of violence rising like an upleaping flame.

Such was the case years ago when the Bowery giant with the smile of a boy and the eyes of a devil, Fat 'Em Up Jack McManus, went strolling in the shadow of the elevated and was lifted at the end of his walk with the back of his head crushed like an egg shell. There was such a flare when

## SPORTS

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY.

American League.  
Chicago at St. Louis.  
Boston at Philadelphia.  
Cleveland at Detroit.  
Washington at New York.  
All cloudy.

National League.  
St. Louis at Chicago, cloudy.  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, clear.  
New York at Brooklyn, cloudy.  
Philadelphia at Boston, cloudy.

Southern League.  
Mobile at Atlanta, cloudy.  
Chattanooga at Little Rock, clear.  
Nashville at Memphis, clear.  
New Orleans at Birmingham, cloudy.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Results Yesterday.  
Boston 0; Philadelphia 1.  
Pittsburgh 7; Cincinnati 1.  
Brooklyn 5; New York 11.  
Chicago 3; St. Louis 2.

### Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W	L	Pc.
New York	9	0	100%
Philadelphia	7	2	77%
Chicago	5	3	62%
Pittsburgh	4	3	57%
Cincinnati	4	4	50%
St. Louis	2	5	29%
Boston	2	7	22%
Brooklyn	0	9	0%

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Results Yesterday.  
New York 4; Washington 9.  
Philadelphia 0; Boston 2.  
Detroit-Cleveland, rain.  
St. Louis 2; Chicago 6.

### Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W	L	Pc.
Boston	9	2	81%
Cleveland	5	2	71%
Detroit	2	2	50%
Chicago	2	2	50%
New York	4	5	44%
Philadelphia	3	6	33%
St. Louis	2	5	28%

## JOFFRE NO SEEKER AFTER COMPLIMENTS

Paris, April 27.—Marshal Joffre, the late generalissimo of the French armies, and the hero of the Marne, is much courted in Paris and, like so many great men, is not always appreciative of effusive compliments.

A lady recently sailed up to him with her album and asked for "just one line." Joffre hesitated, but when she pleaded that even one line would make her the happiest of women, he sighed and accepted the proffered pencil.

Glancing at his wrist watch, which had timed many an offensive, whilst the lady looked over his shoulder in a perfect frenzy of excited expectation, he wrote:  
"Eleven-fifteen p. m."

### Grant Day Celebrated.

Galena, Ill., April 27.—In accordance with a custom extending over many years the home town of Gen. U. S. Grant held a celebration today in honor of the birthday anniversary of the famous soldier and President. Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, of Chicago, delivered the oration of the day.

Kid Twist, strutting among his sycophants at Coney Island was pistolled by Louis the Lump.

It leaped out again when Bloody Mike murdered Spanish Louie and again when Julie Morrell died as he had lived. The passing of Big Jack Zelig marked such a period, and Herman Rosenthal, dead upon the sidewalk in front of the Hotel Metro-pole, was the wretched symbol of the unrest that is followed by gang activity.

Always new life comes with striking from life of a gangman or gambler who knew too much, yet not enough to lock his tongue behind his thin lips. Between the timorous and loquacious Rosenthal and the vicious thief Harry Cohen, just killed, six years have elapsed—six years free from gang wars and balanced assassinations. And now it has come—gangland feels the thrill of impending battle. The police grip their clubs for the fray.

The Anti-Hat League has been formed on Broadway. Members will not wear hats this summer. Earl Carroll, the song writer, started the fad three years ago to make his coy and reluctant locks grow again. The hair blossomed afresh and several followed his lead. It will be also a war savings and an aid to skimpy pates. Hat pirates are already wearing crepe bands on their arms. It is a terrible blow to their business. Many may be forced to struggle along on one touring car and a simple town roadster.

Pretzels have disappeared from all New York bars. It will be several seasons before the tangled food will again find favor with snappy caterers. The high cost of varnish, the necessity for conserving breadstuffs and the inability to find expert pretzel bakers are given as the reasons.

Most of the pretzel makers are now working in barbed wire plants. Soon after America entered the war patriots began shunning the pretzel. To many the pretzel symbolized Germany's twisted reasoning and the whole crooked course of the Hun.

Some bakers tried to fool the public by making a straight pretzel but it wasn't any use. The minute the pretzel was left alone it curled up. The pretzel was invented one hundred years ago. The first one was practically a failure, slipping into the face with ease. It improved with age.

# Increased Revenue Necessary For Telephone Company

This company has filed a petition with the North Carolina State Corporation Commission requesting authority to advance its rates for telephone service in twelve exchanges; for permission to enforce certain provisions of its subscribers contracts which will prevent a waste of service and remove an unnecessary burden from the company throughout the State of North Carolina.

The unprecedented increase in the cost of material, labor and all other expenses necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of our properties, and the imperative need that telephone service be adequate and efficient, has created a critical situation for us.

We have not earned in the past and are not now earning a reasonable profit over and above the cost of furnishing service throughout the State of North Carolina. The returns from our operations in this state were 3.81 per cent in 1916 and 3.58 per cent in 1917, upon our investment.

The twelve cities in which we ask for a slight increase in our rates for local exchange service are:

Charlotte  
Davidson  
Greensboro  
Hamlet  
Laurinburg  
Mt. Olive

Raleigh  
Reidsville  
Salisbury  
Wilmington  
Winston-Salem  
Wrightsville Beach

We are confronted with conditions entirely beyond our control, the gravity of which cannot be estimated. The telephone business is an essential industry, the proper operation and maintenance of which is an important factor in the nation's plans and activities for winning the war. We have recognized our obligations to the Government by furnishing all the service it requires upon terms agreed upon with the Government, and upon a basis which contemplates no profit to the company, the payment of new and greatly increased taxes, and subscribing liberally to the several Liberty Loans, and other war needs. We have recognized our obligations to the general public by furnishing service for all necessary purposes. We have recognized our obligations to our employes by large increases in the wages paid, to enable them to meet the increased cost of living; and we shall continue to furnish the Government and the general public the service needed, and the best service possible under the present abnormal conditions.

But to do this it is necessary for us to receive sufficient revenue to maintain and operate our telephone property and system with a high degree of efficiency with such permanent net profit as will maintain our credit and enable us to exchange our securities, without discount, for the additional, new capital required to supply the necessary additions to our plant and service.

Out of every dollar of revenue received from our operations in North Carolina in 1917 we paid out 50.4 cents in salaries and wages.

During the year 1917 our employes in North Carolina were granted a total increase of \$63,738.95 in salaries and wages, which was at the rate of \$119,836.44 per year.

During the year 1918, up to May 1, the increases in salaries and wages in North Carolina already amount to \$45,311.23 which is at the rate of \$55,919.40 for the year.

These increases were made in an effort to aid our employes in meeting the increased cost of living as well as to retain their services in order to maintain a competent force.

All of these facts and many others of a pertinent nature will be presented to the State Corporation Commission and will be spread before our subscribers and the public in newspaper advertisements which are to follow.

We have been frank and open in the administration of our affairs in this state as elsewhere, and reluctant as we are to increase the price of our service, the situation is so critical that we cannot do otherwise and remain true to our obligation to the public and to ourselves.

Your needs and your interests and the needs and the interests of this company are one and the same. Solvency of the company spells adequate and efficient service,—insolvency spells inadequate and inefficient service.

## SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

