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MONDAY, MAY 13, 1918.

General Maurice is a soldier, so he knows how it feels to be blown up by one's own petard.

Instead of downing Lloyd-George, General Maurice has increased the premier's popularity among the British.

Wilmington has done so well in other war measures she must not fall down on the Red Cross campaign.

The colonel thinks he has downed the postmaster general by his reply to the latter's challenge, but we bet on Mr. Burleson coming out victor.

What has become of those many thousand bushels of old potatoes the food commission has been urging the people to eat? It is said none can be bought.

Of course Germany will make an apology of the usual German kind for sinking the Argentina vessel, and then she will go right on sinking them when opportunity occurs.

Now's the time to begin thinking about paying your federal income tax. That is, for those so fortunate as to have an income large enough to come up to the tax limit.

When our soldiers in the trenches heard that they were being backed by seventeen million people at home they felt all the more anxious to get over the top and grapple the Huns.

This war is teaching the people many things about the economy of living that they ought to have known and been practicing long ago.

Charity and Children does not like the name "Laymen's Movement." It says it is afraid of any religious movement that excludes the preachers.

Some man who is fond of making abstruse mathematical calculations has figured it out that every time one of those long range guns is fired at Paris at a cost to the German government of five thousand dollars it kills, on an average, one French woman and child by shell-fire and a dozen German mothers and children by starvation.

The long-range bombardment of Paris calls to the mind of a writer in The Manchester Guardian of the bombardment of Charleston, S. C., by a federal battery in 1863.

There was great difference though in the range and the size of the two guns. The federal gun was an eight inch, two hundred pounder and fired at a range of five or three-quarter miles, which was the record range at that time.

The gun was given an unusual elevation and charged with twenty pounds of powder, four pounds in excess of the regulation charge.

The gun burst with the firing of the thirty-seventh shell. Such gun would be of no service in warfare of the present day.

ADDITION TO OUR STATE

When the present owners of The Dispatch took over the plant they promised the paper's patrons to make many improvements. One of the steps in that direction is the increase of the staff.

WANE OF SUBMARINES.

French official statistics show that the submarine menace has greatly decreased of late. Not near so many vessels now become victims of the once so greatly dreaded U-boats.

The French official report shows how different the facts are from German expectation. It states that the losses at sea of allied and neutral ships for the month of April this year were approximately only one-half of those for April of last year.

CONTEST IN THE NINTH

Indications are that the third is not the only congressional district in this state in which there is to be a contest for the democratic nomination.

Mr. Webb has been elected to congress eight times. There are several large counties in this district, Mecklenburg among them.

GENERAL MAURICE.

Nothing during the four years of the war has caused so much excitement as the General Maurice episode. The London Times says it still believes in the general's patriotic motives.

Soja Beans for Planting.

The county farm demonstrator announces that a solid carload of soja beans has arrived here for distribution among Rowan farmers.

Annual Session of Scottish Society.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Society of America will be held at Pinehurst, May 16, in the auditorium of the club house.

Greensboro Wants the Cade Company.

The chamber of commerce has invited the Cade Manufacturing company, makers of the Cade typesetting machine, to locate the factory here.

The Travels of an Auto.

A Kings Mountain man bought an automobile from a Methodist preacher for \$325 cash, and as it was used for transporting blockade whiskey, it was confiscated by Recorder Falls.

Two Pictures.

The Record man took a little trip the other afternoon and observed many teams in the fields, mere boys being seen driving two-horse disc harrows.

New Freight Route.

The new Ford truck recently purchased for transportation purposes between Shalotte and Wilmington made its initial trip last week.

A Landmark Passes.

News that the city council had condemned the old Jarrell hotel building on South Main street was received with mingled emotions by the people of High Point.

CONFIDENCE IN ARTILLERY.

All that afternoon and during succeeding days our artillery shelled villages and positions in the German lines, and the Germans sent a desultory fire against ours.

Notwithstanding the heavy call that has been made on the people in the war bond campaign and the present drive for war stamp sales, the people are doing as much as ever in the way of church contributions.

State News

No Parchment for Diplomats.

The graduating class of Oxford college this year will receive their diplomas on printed paper such as is being used in all the colleges of the land, and the government department.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC PENNY

First Year's Work of This Branch of National Special Aid.

The year which closed the end of April, 1918, was the first year's experiment with the patriotic penny and we present the following report:

Our block messengers have paid approximately 100,000 patriotic visits during the year and have distributed about 50,000 pieces of literature as follows: Food cards for the food commission, registration cards for the women's department of the state council of defense, our goal for the National Special Aid, the patriotic record for war work, information about thrift stamps. They have explained the bonds, have preached food conservation, pleaded for war stamp purchases, urged women to work in the war relief organizations.

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