

# U. S. CAN BECOME MIGHTIEST NATION

Experts Agree All Other Belligerent Countries Could Be Surpassed.

LEADS IN ACTUAL WEALTH

Possibilities Are Unlimited, It Is Declared, if Uncle Sam Should Choose to Develop Vast Powers

Should the United States choose to develop all her vast powers, military experts agree, she will become the strongest military nation in the world. No belligerent on either side will equal her.

Other nations, or empires, have larger populations; but none has so many intelligent, energetic citizens of the type from which universal experience shows, the best fighting material comes.

No other nation can approach her in natural resources.

No other nation can approach her in actual wealth.

No other nation can approach her in self-efficiency and ability to flourish without outside assistance of any sort.

No other nation can approach her, history shows, in the invention of new weapons of war; and leading American military men know that this factor takes a very important position in the calculations of foreign military councils when estimating the ability of the United States to resist or to attack.

The population of the United States and its colonial possessions is nearly as large as the combined population of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The entrance of the United States into the war would add to the resources of the entente a national stock of gold as large as the combined gold reserve of France, Russia and Great Britain. When the gold in private hands is considered the preponderance of Uncle Sam is still more impressive. The gold stock of the central powers together is only about one-fifth of ours.

But iron, steel and copper are still more important in war than gold, and here the United States shines so brilliantly as to dim the rest of the world.

The United States produces more pig iron than all the other countries of the world combined.

The central powers' pig iron production is equivalent to three-eighths of this country's production.

Great Britain, France and Russia combined produce only a little more than half the amount mined and smelted here.

But when we come to copper, that indispensable of the United States is realized.

In 1916 the United States produced twice as much copper as the rest of the world.

The central powers produce about one twenty-fourth as much copper as the United States. Great Britain, with all her colonies, produces only one-twelfth as much.

In industrial development and large-scale production, American energy and ingenuity lead the world.

While exact figures are lacking, it is known certainly that the United States has more than four times as many automobiles as all of the rest of the world put together. And the rate of production is putting this ownership further ahead in automobile ownership every moment, despite vast exportations.

About three-fourths of the automobile factory facilities, it is estimated, will be put to work immediately on munitions in case of war.

The railroad system of the United States compared with other nations, is a giant among pigmies.

It would be possible to spread this inventory of the American resources over many pages. Nowhere else does a man's labor produce so much as here, due to the unequal utilization of mechanical power.

All that is needed to turn this mighty cataract of national energy to the business of war is time and preparation.

**New York to Train Big Army.**  
Albany, N. Y.—When New York state's plan of universal military training, with the changes now projected, is in effect, 240,000 boys from sixteen to nineteen years of age will be under instruction. This is a larger force than the regular army.

Only in the third year of the course will the boys use regular rifles and ammunition. Great pains will be taken to get instructors who are gentlemanly in manners and conduct and whose influence on their charges will be good in every way.

**Motor Boat Data Ready.**

The navy department has made a complete inventory for military use of American merchant and sailing yachts, including pleasure craft down to the smallest motor boat. It is said that so thorough has been this preparation that the records show every boat, its speed and capacity, its owner and possible method of use. The motor boat inventory was begun some months ago under navy department directions, with a view to the utilization of these craft for the formation of a motor boat patrol.

## HIGHEST NAVAL OFFICER



**REAR ADMIRAL W. S. BENSON.**  
Chief of naval operations and ranking officer of the United States navy since the death of Admiral Dewey.

## SHIPBUILDERS TO RUSH WORK ON U. S. WARSHIPS

Big Firms Double Their Forces and Put Contracts for Navy Ahead of All Others.

Washington.—Construction of navy craft by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, the Fore River Shipbuilding company and the Electric Boat company will be speeded up to the limit of the plants. Work on two battleships at the plant of the Newport News company, at Secretary Daniels' suggestion, already is proceeding under doubled crews, and the offers of the other two companies to take similar steps met with the secretary's hearty approval.

At the Newport News plant it is estimated that the battleship Mississippi, recently launched, can be completed by midsummer instead of January 1, 1918, as called for in the contract. The keel of one of the four new battleships recently contracted for will be laid on the slip vacated by the Mississippi instead of a merchant vessel, as had been intended.

Representatives of the Fore River and Electric Boat companies called on Mr. Daniels, offering to rush work on destroyers and submarines for which they have contracts, setting aside other private work to that end. They were told to get ahead at full speed. The plan is to get the vessels launched as soon as possible, freeing stocks for the new set of destroyers and submarines to be authorized in the pending navy bill.

## NAVY MARKSMEN ACCURATE

American Gunners Never Showed as Great Proficiency as They Have in Recent Trials.

Data made public recently by the navy department show that at no other time in its history has the marksmanship of the United States navy been so good as it is at present. The new superdreadnaught Nevada gave an example of the general shooting efficiency of the Atlantic fleet. In recent target practice this ship fired 56 shots from her 14-inch guns, and the target, at varying ranges, was smashed 43 times, a record that is believed to equal, if not surpass, any record with similar guns in any other navy.

The following table shows at a glance what the gunners of the Atlantic fleet did with the big guns in the recent target practice:

14-INCH-45-CALIBER			
Vessel	Shots	Hits	P. Cent
Nevada	56	43	76.8
New York	60	41	68.3
Oklahoma	66	36	54.5
Pennsylvania	56	36	64.3
Texas	59	48	81.4
12-INCH-30-CALIBER			
Arkansas	65	44	67.7
Wyoming	72	60	83.3
12-INCH-45-CALIBER			
Delaware	59	45	76.3
Florida	58	54	93.1
Kansas	21	19	90.5
Michigan	46	22	47.8
Minnesota	23	14	60.9
New Hampshire	23	11	47.8
South Carolina	46	30	65.2
Utah	58	30	51.7
Vermont	21	12	57.1
8-INCH-45-CALIBER			
Kansas	45	37	82.2
Minnesota	44	28	63.6
New Hampshire	46	29	63.0
Vermont	41	28	68.3
7-INCH-45-CALIBER			
Kansas	75	36	48.0
Minnesota	89	41	46.1
New Hampshire	83	40	48.2
Vermont	80	39	48.8
5-INCH-50-CALIBER			
Arkansas	161	84	52.2
Delaware	119	56	46.9
Florida	124	70	56.5
Kansas	158	86	54.4
Nevada	138	77	55.8
New York	138	74	53.6
Oklahoma	168	95	56.5
Pennsylvania	174	119	68.4
Texas	167	106	63.5
Utah	115	57	49.5
Wyoming	164	96	58.5

**Industrial Canvass Complete.**  
Both the war and navy departments have available the report of the committee on national defense, headed by Herbert Coffin, which made a thorough canvass of the industrial facilities of the country with a view to their utilization and mobilization in time of war. It became known only recently that the government was making a careful inventory of munition-making machinery in the hands of manufacturers throughout the country. Whether this report has been completed at this time cannot be said.

# SUFFRAGE BILL WAS DEFEATED IN HOUSE

VOTE GOES 40 TO 63 AGAINST ROBERTS BILL AFTER STRENUOUS ARGUMENT. WITH THE STATE LAWMAKERS

Resume of the Doings of the State General Assembly During the Past Week Told in a Brief and Interesting Way for Our Many Readers.

Raleigh.

The bill by Roberts, of Buncombe, to give the franchise to women in municipal elections where the majority of the voters so petitioned, went down in defeat in the House by a vote of 40 to 63 after a most strenuous argument, heard by suffragists and others, who thronged the galleries.

The House took up the debate on the Page bill to provide machinery for electing county boards of education by the people where the people so petitioned. Speaker Murphy urged brevity as so much time had already been taken up.

Representative Holding argued against county election, insisting that the records show that those counties that elect their boards have really been hindered in their educational progress by this change from the state system. This was challenged by Mr. Kittrell, who insisted that Holding did not know what he was talking about. Mr. Kittrell launched a set speech in which he rejoiced in the fact that he, Mr. Page, Mr. Beasley and others had been designated "agitators" in this matter. Neal, Abraham, Moses, Christ, Martin Luther, Woodrow Wilson, Aycock and Joyner were recognized as "agitators," while the Egyptians, Pharisees and Sadducees were typical stand-patters. He was for local self-government and denied that the Republicans had any patent on this real democratic program.

Representative Matherson, of Ireland, said his county elected its county board and was making remarkable progress.

Representative Brummitt was the last speaker. He paid tribute to Mr. Doughton, but insisted that he had opposed the statewide primary law just as he was opposing this election of boards and the statewide primary had not hurt his people in the mountains. Mr. Page moved the previous question and the ayes and nays were called for. The vote was 40 for and 63 against the Page bill.

President Gardner laid before the Senate the bill to allow Bertie County to elect her board of school commissioners as a special order. It was advocated by Senator Burgwyn. He charged Senator Oates with having driven to block the bill all along and he wanted that Senator to explain why 2,500 Democrats in Bertie could not be allowed this elective privilege.

Senator McCain wanted Senator Burgwyn's people to have what they wanted, but he didn't want the western Republican counties to have the privilege and he wanted to be consistent. So he opposed the bill.

Senator Brenizer thought that Bertie should have the privilege asked, as it was purely a local matter and not complicated with any state school system. Senator Little favored the Oates bill to let the Democratic primary-nominate the boards.

Senator Oates insisted that there was a state school system that must be maintained.

Senator Jones, of Buncombe, could not understand the much-talked-of debt of gratitude to western county Democracy. The Democracy does not insist, require him to be inconsistent and dishonest. Democracy can be maintained by being just. He believed that any set of county officers who wrecked the school system of the county would be thrown out of office. He wanted fair play. He would not sacrifice a principle to keep mountain counties from going Republican.

The roll call vote was 22 to 24 against the bill.

Judiciary Committee No. 2 of the Senate agreed unanimously on a favorable report for the bill of the afternoon newspaper association to regulate and increase the charges for legal advertising. The bill had favorable report from the committee on printing some time ago, went to the floor of the Senate under this and got reference to the judiciary. Promoters of the bill are now confident of its passage.

House bills passed final readings as follows: Amend the primary law in Yadkin county; amend the Graham primary law; relief of Mrs. Dessie Wright, of Scotland county; incorporate Philadelphia church, Union county.

The House also received the State Anti-Saloon League bill, limiting receipts of liquor to two quarts a year instead of two a month, with unfavorable report from the liquor traffic committee. The House refused, 27 to 41, to refer, when friends of the bill pleaded that if referred, friends of the measure could get up an acceptable bill. It looks decidedly like there will be no further prohibition legislation this session.

The House also voted against the Page bill to enable any county to elect its own school board on petition of the majority. Vote was 40 to 63.

The Senate threeshot out the question of allowing individual counties to elect boards of education and voted 22 to 24 against the Burgwyn bill to allow Bertie county this privilege.

The House committee on propositions and grievances, after a hearing, at which numbers of citizens of eastern Carolina were present, voted unanimously for unfavorable report for the bill of Representative Griffin, of Chowan, for putting the whole of eastern Carolina under stock law, except points cut off from main land by water. Griffin, himself, voted for unfavorable report after hearing arguments against his bill.

The House committee on liquor traffic gave a long hearing to advocates of the Anti-Saloon League bill to reduce liquor deliveries to two quarts per year, and make other sharp advances in the prohibition regulations of the state, the two quarts allowed being strictly for medicinal purposes. The outcome was that the committee voted 7 to 11 for an unfavorable report of the bill, which must now go to the floor of the House under a minority favorable report. There were nine members of the committee absent. For the hearing J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, as chairman of the Anti-Saloon League legislative committee was in charge and the discussion was opened by Dr. W. L. Poole, of Wake Forest College. Other speakers included Dr. M. T. Plyler, C. H. Ireland, T. J. Marksam, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, W. S. Taylor, F. S. Blair, W. T. Shaw, Frank Lipfert, former representative.

There were a flood of petitions in the House, the bulk of them for the pending Anti-Saloon League legislation. Others were for stock law, reformatory, constitutional amendments. There was offered by Cox, of Curfitek, a joint resolution for a special conference on the state fisheries law. Also, a joint resolution by Representative Pharr relative to the North Carolina National Guard.

The Senate and House passed the joint resolution, declaring that the peace and security of the people and the honor and dignity and rights of the Republic are menaced by the conduct of the German Empire and that President Wilson in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, has the approval and endorsement of the General Assembly and the sincere and patriotic support of North Carolina is pledged for every action necessary to protect the lives and property of citizens of the Republic and defend and maintain the dignity, honor and rights of the Nation.

Senators Gough, Allen, Justice, Pollock and Jones drew the resolutions, blending divergent resolutions offered on motion of Senator Brenizer.

**Text of Resolution.**  
Following is the text of the resolution which was passed by the General Assembly supporting President Wilson in severing relations with Germany:

"Whereas, the peace and security of our people, the honor, dignity and rights of the Republic, are menaced by the conduct of the German Empire; and, therefore, be it resolved that the General Assembly of North Carolina, representing the people of the state, approve and endorse the action of the President of the United States in severing diplomatic relations with the German Empire; and pledge to the President of the United States our sincere and patriotic support in every action necessary to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the Republic and to defend and maintain the dignity, honor and rights of the Nation.

**Absentee Voting Bill Passed.**  
The Senate passed the absentee voting bill as it came from the House and ordered it enrolled. An amendment offered by Joyce, Republican, to continue the privilege to soldiers and sailors in the service of the country, thus cutting out the right from traveling men, was voted down.

**Prevents Publication of Name.**  
Another especially notable bill passed prohibits the publication of the name of any woman in cases where criminal assault or attempt at criminal assault have been made.

The House passed the Senate bill to allow lodging house keepers liens on baggage that their guests have. Other bills passed to regulate the expenditure of moneys due orphanages; relative to use of automobiles in North Carolina; regulate the collection of taxes in Robeson county; allow Union county to pay expenses of Confederate veterans to reunions.

The House passed the Senate bill prescribing \$51 fine or 31 days for first offense carrying concealed weapons and graduated punishment for subsequent offenses. The bill was advocated by Representative Pogram and opposed by Representative Griffin.

The House had a strenuous debate on the bill from the Senate that would amend the revival to raise the age of moral responsibility from 10 to 14 years and increase the age consent to 18 years. It had passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House by a vote of 47 to 57.

The House sided with Cleveland county in the contest with Gaston over possession of Kings Mountain and passed by a roll call vote of 85 to 9, a bill to confirm Cleveland's possession of this territory through the election two years ago that Gaston contends was fraudulent.

## PARK BILL IS PASSED

Will Create Military Park at Guilford Court House Battlefield National Reservation.

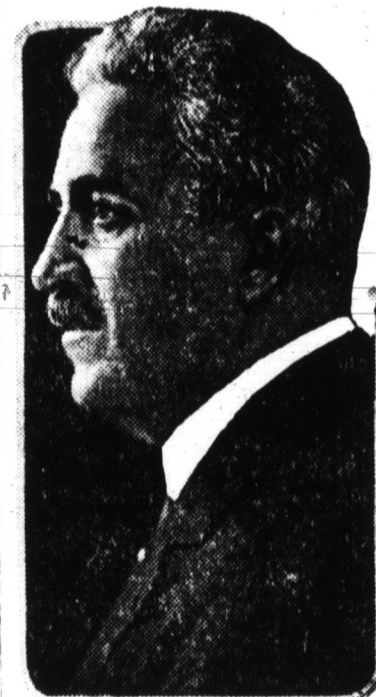
Washington.—Senator Overman secured the passage in the Senate of the bill creating a National park of Guilford battlefield, near Greensboro.

Efforts have been under way for the past 12 years to get this bill through Congress. The bill having been passed by both the lower house and Senate, it now lacks only the President's signature.

Guilford court house battlefield is seven miles northwest of Greensboro. It is a battleground of the Revolutionary war, where General Greene, commanding the American army, turned, after a remarkable retreat of over 200 miles, and, having recruited his army, faced the British army under Lord Cornwallis. The battle lasted practically all day and the American army withdrew that night under cover of darkness. Greene had accomplished his purpose, however, of so crippling the English army that it could not continue its pursuit.

The battleground is now fairly well kept. An immense statue of General Greene stands near the center, while there are numerous other statues and tablets designating points of especial interest.

## ADDRESSES COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES AT GASTONIA.



**FRED N. TATE.**  
President of the North Carolina State Chamber of Commerce Who Addressed the Secretaries at Their Meeting at Gastonia.

## Big Fire at Monroe.

Monroe.—The business section of Monroe was visited by a serious fire entailing loss of between \$100,000 and \$150,000, partially covered by insurance. Bell Brothers, a large department store, was the heaviest sufferer. The Rudge Book Company, Monroe Telephone Exchange and Lee & Lee department store also sustained losses. The fire is said to have started from a wood stove.

## Cheese Factories Make Money.

Bone.—The cheese factories in Wataguna county declared a dividend of 50 per cent for the past season, besides having made 30 per cent for surplus fund. Their product is in great demand. Considering the fact that these factories run only during the summer and early fall this is a very fine showing indeed. It shows the wonderful possibilities of this industry in the mountains. Eighty per cent on capital for a few months in the year is very extraordinary.

## Judge Douglas Dead.

Greensboro.—Judge Robert Martin Douglas, son of Stephen A. Douglas, and eight years justice of the State Supreme Court, died at his home here at the age of 68 years. He had been in failing health for several months.

## NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS

The Bessemer City Bank at Bessemer City doubled its capital last week. More than a half million dollars will be spent for new buildings at Monroe this year.

Official confirmation has been received that Lee Hawkins, the 16-year-old son of Mrs. John F. Barnett, who lives some two miles south of Lenoir, was among the victims of the merchant ship, the Prosper, 3rd, which was sunk off the coast of France early last June.

Citizens of Hickory and Newton are discussing means for improvement of their roads.

Members of the Buncombe county board of commissioners took two steps of wide-reaching importance when they passed resolutions to rebuild all bridges across the French Broad washed away by last July's flood, at once, and putting absolute control of all road and bridge work in the hands of the newly-elected county engineer, T. M. Howerton, who is highly endorsed by State Highway Engineer R. P. Coble.

# INDIGESTION, GAS OR SICK STOMACH

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin ends all Stomach misery in five minutes.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into stubborn lumps and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyapeptic, jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin digests everything, leaving nothing to sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is disordered you will get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it strengthens and regulates your stomach so you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

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## Innocent Recreation.

Father had demanded a heart-to-heart talk with his only son. "I am told that you are given to gambling," he said sternly. "I admit it," the son acknowledged, "but only for small stakes." "Oh, as long as it is for something to eat I don't mind," the father said.

## A DELICIOUS DINNER

Break a quarter package of Skinner's Macaroni into boiling water, boil ten or twelve minutes, drain and blanch. Take equal parts of cold chicken, boiled Macaroni and tomato sauce; put in layers in a shallow dish and cover with buttered crumbs. Bake until brown.—Just try this once. Skinner's Macaroni can be secured at any good grocery store.—Adv.

## Rats More Learned in Ohio.

Rats destroy on an average of \$300 worth of catalogues each year at Ohio state university, according to Lester E. Wolfe, secretary of the entrance board. The rodents, which infest the basement of University hall, where the catalogues are kept, nibble the binding of the books in order to get the paste which holds the leaves together. The common methods used to get rid of rats, such as poison and traps, have long since been given up as useless, for the rats, probably because of their environment, are too wise to be tempted by either.

# FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE

Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of Danderine Right Now—Also Stops Itching Scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scrappy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrivel, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness; but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp. Adv.

## Extreme Caution.

"Benks' had is insidious that everything in life must have flavor."  
"Yes, he will not even sit down to a table unless sure the wood is seasoned."

# WHAT IS LAX-FOS

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