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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 23, 1917.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES ON COTTON GOODS NOT GRANTED

Commission says Would Discriminate Against Southern Mills

WOULD RESULT IN UNFAIR COMPETITION

Interstate Commerce Commission Says That Increase in Rates on Cotton Goods from Southern Mills Would Cause Disturbance.

Washington, April 22.—Increases in freight rates on cotton and knit goods from mills in the South to Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit and many other points in the Middle West were disapproved today by the interstate commission. The commission found after a lengthy review of the cotton industry in the South, including the mill products, that increased rates would result in discrimination against Southern mills in competition with similar enterprises in New England, New York and New Jersey.

NEW BRITISH GUNS TERRIBLE

Smashing Effect of British Artillery Demoralizing Germans on the Western Front, Says Prisoners.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent) With the British Army in the Field, April 14.—The smashing effect of British artillery and its demoralizing influence on the German position is the theme of a series of prisoners' confessions, soldiers' diaries and reports of officers.

DARCEY ENLISTS IN AVIATION CORPS

Has Been Unable to Engage in Prize Fights in U. S. Because He Was Alleged "Slacker."

Memphis, April 22.—Les Darcey, the Australian pugilist who has been unable to engage in any ring battles in this country because he was an alleged "slacker" today enlisted in the reserve aviation corps of the United States army at the Memphis training camp.

BICKETT APPOINTS BOARD TO EXAMINE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Board Created By Act of Recent General Assembly of State

THREE WOMEN ARE MEMBERS OF BOARD

Recent Act of the Legislature Required That All First Grade Teachers Pass an Examination for Efficiency.

Raleigh, N. C., April 22.—Governor Bickett today announced the appointment of institution conductors and examiners created under the act of the recent General Assembly which required the examination of all first grade school teachers in the holding of all in substitutes by the board.

WALTON MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

Wilmington, April 22.—Interest is gradually dying in the now celebrated Walton murder, although rumors continue to go the rounds and an expert lawyer has been employed to search the depths of the mystery in an effort to locate the killer of Neal Walton on Wednesday night, April 11.

R. J. EXUM ENLISTS FOR NAVAL SERVICE

Rocky Mount has added another man to her contribution to the navy, R. J. Exum, of Rocky Mount was sent to the navy recruiting station at Raleigh this morning by Lieutenant O. A. Sulpho.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS LAND CASE

Washington, April 22.—In deciding the Oregon-California land case today the Supreme court affirmed the Oregon Federal court's decree upholding the Southern Pacific railroad from disposing of timber and minerals on its lands received by Congressional grants.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 22.—Cotton futures opened steady, May 29.05, July 19.00, October 18.00, December 18.00, Jan. 18.00, Feb. 18.00.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 22.—The mixed changes which have characterized recent operations in the stock market were again observed in the resumption of trading today.

LOOKING FOR U-BOATS THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA'S BIG TELESCOPE



Sighting through the forty power telescope of the battleship Pennsylvania. The German submarines have such a wide cruising radius that there is no telling where one may turn up. A sharp lookout for U-boats is kept on all of Uncle Sam's big battleships while they are at sea. Objects at great distances are clearly distinguished through this telescope on the battleship Pennsylvania.

A. C. L. TRAIN NO. 48 DERAILED SUNDAY

The Train Runs Into Open Switch at Speed, N. C. No One Hurt. Switch Lock Was Broken and Switch Thrown Open.

Atlantic Coast Line passenger train number 48, was derailed yesterday afternoon at Speed, N. C., when the train ran into an open switch. The engine and tender were partly overturned and all the passenger coaches except the rear car were derailed.

MORE DIPPING VATS FOR BEAUFORT

Washington, N. C., April 22.—Dr. H. L. Reiter, who has charge of the tick eradication work in Beaufort county, acting under Dr. E. P. Yager, has had promises from between forty and fifty farmers of the county for the construction of dipping vats in the county.

BRAZIL TO INCREASE ITS CATTLE OUTPUT

Rio De Janeiro, April 22.—To increase its output of cattle and help feed the Allies, the Brazilian National Society of Agriculture plans to open a great cattle congress here early next month.

ARGENTINE IMPORTS AMERICAN MOVIES

Washington, April 22.—More than 200,000 pounds of movie films, worth about \$550,000 have been imported into Argentina in five years, the American consul at Buenos Aires reports.

JURY DISAGREES IN NELSON CASE

After Being Out 37 Hours Jurymen Stand Ten for First Degree Murder and Two for Second Degree.

The jury in the case of W. J. Nelson, charged with the killing of Old John B. Bigham and Riggan, of the Tarboro police force, and the wounding of Mayor J. P. Kiehl, of that town, after being out from ten o'clock Friday night until 11 o'clock Sunday morning, 37 hours, failed to agree on a verdict and were discharged by Judge Whedbee yesterday morning.

HEALTHY SESSION OF CITY COURT

Transgressors Of All Kinds Appeared Before Judge Fountain and Left With Emptiness in Their Pocket Books.

The session of the municipal court this morning was long and varied. Many transgressors took advantage of the holiday to break loose and appear before Judge Fountain, but the way they had made their money was not in the pockets of the city's hall of justice.

NEW BANK FOR ROBERSONVILLE

Roberts, N. C., April 22.—The Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Robersonville, capitalized at \$50,000, was chartered today by the Secretary of State.

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Pushed in by a prolonged artillery bombardment a renewed attack in force has been begun by the British on the German lines in Northern France. The new strike marking a resumption after a week's interval of the British offensive began April 9, was given its initial impetus today on both sides of the River Scarpe as the official statement put it.

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CONSCRIPTION URGED AS A LAST RESORT

Strong Element in House Favors Selective Conscription Plans as Last Resort If Volunteer System Fails. Senate Resumes Debate.

Washington, April 22.—The administration bill to create a big war army by selective draft was under debate in both houses of Congress today. It was taken up in the house for the first time and in the Senate the debate was resumed. The House bill, as represented by a majority of the committee, provided for volunteer enlistment with conscription as only a last resort.

NEW MEXICO IS LAUNCHED TODAY

New BattleShip Is Sister Ship of the Mississippi Now Building at Newport News. Carries 12 14-Inch Guns.

NEW MEXICO TO BE LAUNCHED TODAY

New York, April 22.—The U. S. Battleship New Mexico was successfully launched at the Brooklyn navy yards today.

WILSON MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Wilson, N. C., April 24.—A white man named Richard Moseley, 30 years old, living with Walter Bailey, in Spring Hope township, this county, six miles north of Kenly, shot a pistol ball through his head on the public road leading to Smithfield, within 40 or 50 yards of a dozen men who saw him commit the act.

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