

# AMERICANS PRACTICE HANDLING BIG GUNS

### Artillerymen Training With Guns From the "155" Up to the "400's—Accuracy and Not Speed Is Essential—Reserve Officers From Plattsburg Completing Their Study—One of Largest Guns Named "Monstique" After New Jersey

American Training Camp in France, Oct. 10 (Delayed). (By The Associated Press).—Not far behind the American field artillery which has been in training in a rugged section of France for the past two months, have come the men of the "heavies." They are veteran gunners and many are familiar with the big guns at home and they greeted almost as comrades the monster French weapons which they are now grooming for eventual use against the Germans.

Some of the guns with which the American artillerymen are training are wonderful and ponderous examples of the French gun makers' skill and daring. They range from the modest but marvellously effective "155" up to the staggering "400" that hurls a high explosive missile weighing just short of a ton. The "400's" are more potent than the big Berthas ever were in their days of great destructiveness.

In calibre the guns range from the short, squat mortars, which sit upon their haunches like giant frogs up the various members of the howitzer family to the truly sinister naval rifles with their long tapering barrels.

The Americans are delighted with their French weapons and are busy studying every detail and adapting themselves to the use of French material. Most of the heavy gunners are men of long achievement and do not need much actual firing practice before taking their place in line against the enemy. They have been a little surprised to find that with the big land guns used here speed is not a great factor. These heavy weapons are used for destructive purposes and there is no special need for haste when dealing with concrete dugouts and other enemy defenses that cannot run away. Accuracy is the great goal of all heavy gunners.

Asked if his men would not find it difficult to shoot without direct observation, the general commanding the heavy artillery contingent replied: "We will have direct observation. The only difficulty will be that of the observer, instead of standing beside the gun will be sitting aloft in an airplane. You can depend upon it that each shot we fire at the enemy will be watched and recorded."

Wireless Branch Important. The wireless branch of the heavy artillery service is of great importance. At schools already established radio pupils are being specially trained in communication with airplanes and observation balloons.

Scores of reserve officers from

Plattsburgh and other training camps are completing their technical education in the artillery schools here. These officers, individually selected for the artillery service because of their education in higher mathematics and engineering are proving a great joy to their commanders and instructors. It is predicted that they all will make splendid officers.

The gunners have been interested in the big "240's" which are hauled by caterpillar tractors but the real pets with the gunners from over seas are those aristocrats among the heavies which command special railroad cars. Some of these rulers of the cannon world are so important and so valuable that an entire artillery train is devoted to them. These trains are strange looking affairs in their fantastic war paint, resembling at a distance a mammoth rattlesnake. Even the engines are included in the camouflage and may resemble anything from a brick house to a giant hedge hog.

French Sense of Humor. The French sense of humor cannot be suppressed by three years of war. French officers have named one of the largest guns turned over to the Americans "moustique," which means mosquito.

"It is a compliment to any of your artillerymen who have come from New Jersey," said the French commandant who said he had spent ten years on the eastern coast of the United States. The French guns although large and apparently unwieldy are balanced easily, one man being able to elevate and deflect a weapon weighing 50 tons or more.

## DANISH ATHLETE, 51 YEARS OLD, MAKES SOME RECORD

London, Sept. 15.—(By mail)—What is probably an athletic record for a man 51 years old was recently made at Putney by Lieut. J. P. Muller, of the Danish army. He walked, ran, cycled, sculled, paddled and swam a half mile each in slightly less than half an hour.

His times were: cycling, 1 minute 58 1-5 seconds; walking, 5 minutes 38 1-5 seconds; running, 3 minutes 10 seconds; sculling, 4 minutes 7 seconds; paddling, 5 minutes 39 4-5 seconds; swimming, 8 minutes 56 1-5 seconds; totaling 29 minutes 19 3-5 seconds.

## SUFFRAGE NOTES

### Woman's Day at the Fair.

For nearly a score of years the officials of the state fair have dreamed of a woman's building for the fair grounds that would meet the demands of the rapidly developing woman's work in North Carolina.

This dream for years promised to end in a dream; but dreams come true sometimes, and those who have one stick to it, and watched the progress that covers the state from Currituck to Cherokee have at last come in sight of a realized dream.

On the right of the fair ground as you drive through the big entrance gate, stands a commodious, attractive modern building, complete in detail, beautiful in architectural proportion, the newest and most attractive building on the fair grounds.

This is the long hoped for woman's building, standing as it were with wide open arms to welcome the women of North Carolina, for whom the building was erected and for whose use and inspection it shall stand forever.

In some measure the people of North Carolina in the past have been inclined to look upon the state fair as a Raleigh fair, possibly because the officers mostly live there, and because many state workers who have done so much to make the fair what it is, had offices in Raleigh, but that is far from the fact, and should never have been so regarded.

The president of the fair of 1917, B. O. Evered, and the other officers desire especially to bring the fair before the people as a North Carolina institution, in which every man, woman and child in the state have part and interest.

The beautiful woman's building will be dedicated and formally presented to the women of North Carolina, October 15, which will be a memorable day in the history of the state. Miss Jeanette Rankin, member of congress from Montana, will deliver the address and speak on woman's place in the progress of the world. It is hoped that 10,000 women from all over the state will be present to hear this remarkable woman who comes with a message for the people of North Carolina.

It is easy to imagine the influence woman's day and the woman's building will exert on Miss Rankin, and how the soul of this splendid woman will be kindled by the vision of a bigger and grander future for the women of North Carolina, who on that day receive into their keeping the sacred trust of a building, conceived and erected for their use, where their highest development and best work may be placed and exhibited to an admiring public from year to year.

Women of North Carolina—this is no mean gift. In actual money the building represents an expenditure of more than \$10,000. In work and achievement its value may not be told.

It comes to the women of the state as does every other privilege, rich with opportunity, weighed with responsibilities. It can make it a stepping stone to higher things, and entrance door to opportunities scarcely now dreamed of.

### Suffragists in Parade.

There will be a section of the parade on woman's day of the state fair devoted to woman suffrage. The state organization will have a float and the president desires each equal suffrage league in the state to have a float or decorated car. In the car, of course, will ride the officials of the suffrage league. They will be admitted to the fair free and invited to attend all the ceremonies.

If you desire to do so, you can compete for the prizes which will be offered. The first prize \$75.00, second prize \$50.00 and third prize \$25.00. If you do not care to compete for the prize, you can simply decorate your car to the expense of \$5.00.

### Annual Convention.

Mrs. John S. Cunningham, president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage League, held a meeting of the executive committee October 2 to arrange the program for the annual convention in Goldsboro to be held October 30-31 Raleigh's beautifully equipped Woman's club being the place of meeting for the committee. The chairman, P. O. of the committee, an administration leader, sponsored the resolution creating a committee on woman's suffrage in the house.

In case Salisbury's "Pete" Murphy is elected to that body, great suffrage activity is expected from him, little converts being eventually the most rampant agitators in the cause. They have to make up for lost time.

### A Bluff That Has Been Called.

The Federation of Woman's clubs in North Carolina, an organization of 6000 among the most intelligent and influential women in this state, have often passed resolutions requesting recognition by appointments on the boards of several state institutions. It could not be denied that there was justice in the demand. Though all the students at the State Normal and the Eastern Training school were girls, there was not a woman held of sufficient intelligence to be a member of the board of trustees of those institutions. Though there were girls in the institutions for the deaf and dumb and blind, at the Caswell Training school, at Cullowhee, and the Appalachian Training school and in the state hospitals, which made it eminently proper that at these institutions there should be members on the board who would look into the sickening details brought out in the recent legislative investigation of that institution.

It is true that there are very few girls at the university or the A. & E. college but women raised all the boys sent to those institutions and their care should not have stopped short of some representation among the trustees. In the state penitentiary there are 30 men to every woman, but if a woman had been on the board we would have been spared the sickening details brought out in the recent legislative investigation of that institution.

It could not be denied that women being taxpayers and intelligent, it would be to the public interest, and a matter of justice to that half of our people, to have the benefit of their presence on all these state boards. But every time the suggestion was made, there was the hackneyed reply, "It is an unconstitutional for a woman to hold office." This was a solemn ultimatum which bluffed off all complaints.

It so happens that there is a clause in the constitution of North Carolina which provided that no person shall hold two offices or places of trust or profit. There is another clause in the constitution that no person shall be eligible (i. e. capable of being elected) to a seat in either house of the gen-



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### Helpless Hospital Patients Brave During Air-Raids

London, Sept. 26.—(By mail)—Bravest of all the millions of Londoners who remain calm under showers of air craft bombs are the helpless patients lying in hospitals within the zone of bombardment.

To be able to duck to cover or go into the streets and watch the air raid spectacle is a relief to the feelings of the well person. But the wounded soldier, or the civilian recovering from an operation, can't move from his cot. He must take his nerves in a firm hand and "play the game."

Every hospital in London reports that the helpless patient does play the game with a smiling contempt for death.

Here are extracts from hospital reports on the conduct of their patients during the terrific bombardment of London July 7:

Charing Cross Hospital. Two girls cried from nervousness. Otherwise every one was calm.

Guy's Hospital: The men casualty patients were allowed to smoke and they greatly appreciated the sedative. The only manifestation of uneasiness by an ordinary patient was the crying of a woman. She was soon reassured. One man who had had his leg amputated on the occasion of the raid of June 13, cried like a child for four or five hours. His case, however, is an unusual one, for he suffered a severe nervous shock at the time of his injury.

St. Mary's Hospital: All patients behaved excellently. Women, children and men patients were calm and perfectly submissive to the arrangements for their safety.

Westminster Hospital: The only persons affected were the "nervous" cases and patients with heart trouble. They were somewhat upset. The women nurses went at once to the assigned emergency posts and their example doubtless accounted for the coolness with which the patients regarded the danger.

London Fever Hospital: There was no cowardice. One little boy in the scarlet fever ward took to crying but the others called the raiders "fat-heads" and "square-heads." Some of the girls went to the windows to watch the passing air fleet.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital: There was no panic and no lasting ill-effects of the severe strain were noticed.

In addition to caring for the patients already within their walls every hospital in London had to face the prospect of a flood of emergency cases—wounded during the raid. The arrangements for moving the regular patients to make room for more, worked perfectly in every case and the casualties were given prompt attention.

### GOVERNOR ASKS SHERIFF TO ATTEND A MEETING

Sheriff E. M. Mitchell will leave here today for Raleigh, in answer to a message he received last night from Governor T. W. Bickett, in which the chief executive of the state requested the county official to attend a meeting at Raleigh Monday.

The message stated that at the meeting the governor will "lay before you a matter of vast and vital importance to state and nation." It is presumed that other county officials have also been requested to attend the meeting.

### NO ARRESTS YESTERDAY BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Up to 2 o'clock this morning the police had not made an arrest since early Friday evening. At that hour this morning only four arrests had been made since Thursday night. Yesterday and last night were the quietest here for some time, the police state.

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R. G. Stockton to Hortense H. Jones, V. T. Carswell to Clara Horne, Jeter Pritchard to Texie Hart.