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AMERICAN TALK

Let every American patriot swat the spy. Report every suspicious act and disloyal utterance to the police or to the nearest United States District Attorney, or Federal officer. Report also those who violate the well established laws and rules made for the controling of the resources of the nation and the winning of this war.

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The nation's one big job is to make war against the Huns, make war with force and determination. As President Wilson says, "force to the utmost, force without stint or limit." Every man and every woman and every little child should and must fight against the enemies of America. We must win or go down, and every one at home must help with every ounce of strength and every resource and every dollar they have.

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Ladies working at the surgical dressings work rooms on Thursday made more than a thousand pieces of one small item greatly needed in the medical department. These few ladies worked long and earnestly on this day to bring their average up to the expectation. By reason of small interest, few workers, they fell behind on the March allotment and are working now to catch up. The wounded are coming in to the hospitals in France by the thousands, many of them wounded are our boys—American boys. How can American women refuse to heed this call? When the need is so great, when the demands are so urgent, when the women are asked to furnish so much—not for themselves, or some folks at home—but for the wounded and dying from the battlefield—why is it, how can American women remain away and refuse to help? Just a little handful are working, you can almost count them on the fingers of two hands.

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The Red Cross has begged, the ladies have consumed much energy and lots of newspaper space urging action, begging help, and there is small response, only the steady, ever at it of the little band of loyal, faithful ones, few new faces. The great majority walk by on the other side of the street and offer no aid to these boys from the battle line.

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Yes, the one big task of this nation is to win this war. Candidly, we have not made the headway that we hoped for. Candidly, the fight has gone against us to some degree, and candidly our own people are still careless and indifferent. They refuse somehow to accustom themselves to new conditions, to new relations of life. We are wanting to go on in our accustomed ways without being interfered with. We want to spend, to waste and eat as we did all through the years of peaceful waiting. Conditions are changed. To win this war we must change some of our habits and save more and give more and in every way help to win the fight. Really, it makes one's heart sick to see the utter indifference of so many good American people.

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Our one task is to win this war. To begin with, too many have not realized that we are at war, and have refused to accept any of the responsibility of the result. Americans need to take themselves by the nape of the neck and give themselves a good shaking. They want to wake up. The people of this community along with the rest of the world. We are not coining our patriotism and good intentions into actions. We mean well, but we falter when it comes to doing something. We boost the Liberty Bonds and then buy none, or too few, we shout over the flag and do not follow the flag into the home line trenches. It is time to act and coin our professions into deeds, real live, helpful deeds.

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We want to locate, eliminate and exterminate every pro-German in this country. We want to locate and punish every food profiteering dealer and manufacturer and arouse our people to the best that is in them. It is going to take our best, at least much of our best, and too many have not yet given as much as a real serious thought to the whole great struggle and what it means.

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Before we begin to dynamite Germany, we are going to have to dynamite our own people into action.

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Help now will go further than later on, so help now.

W S S

Frost Warnings Sent Out.

(By Associated Press.)

Columbia, S. C., April 12—A warning was issued by the local weather bureau today that there would probably be a heavy frost tonight in this vicinity. The thermometer dropped considerably this morning and damage to gardens is feared.

GREATEST FLYING ENEMIES OF THE BOCHES.

CAPT. HEURTAUX LIEUT. BEUOIS

Captain Heudtaux, on the left, has downed officially twenty-one German airplanes, and is the second French "ace." He has really put down sixty Boche machines, but those which fell within the German lines were not counted. Lieutenant Beuois has seventeen enemy airplanes to his credit.

CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Will Be Held With the First Congregational Church in Salisbury, at the Parish House, April Sixteenth and Seventeenth.

The Carolina Conference of the Congregational churches of North Carolina will be held with the First Congregational church in this city, Rev. W. B. Duttera, pastor, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16th and 17th. The sessions will take place in the Parish House. The following is the program:

Tuesday.

8 P. M. Opening sermon by the Rev. Geo. G. Paddock, D. D., Charleston, S. C.

Message of Greeting, Mayor Woodson.

Response, Rev. F. E. Jenkins, D. D., New York City.

Wednesday.

9 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. N. M. Cooper, Greensboro, N. C.

Organization, enrollment of delegates and other business.

9:45 A. M. Program for a progressive church today, or the new church for the new world conditions, Rev. W. H. Hopkins, Superintendent of Missions, Atlanta, Ga.

10:15 A. M. General discussion, particularly as to the work in the Carolinas, led by Rev. J. M. Brown, Orangeburg, S. C.

11 A. M. The churches cooperation in the work of general education. The Rev. E. F. Green, Principal Carolina Institute, Star, N. C.

General discussion, Dr. F. E. Jenkins, President Piedmont College.

11:45 A. M. Noon Recess.

2 P. M. Handling the benevolences (appointments, etc.) in the local church, Rev. J. K. Higginbotham, Albemarle, N. C.

2:25 P. M. General discussion.

2:45 P. M. the effective church (Sunday) school for today, Rev. J. F. Blackburn, Supt. S. S. Work, Atlanta, Ga.

3:10 P. M. General discussion.

3:30 P. M. Congregationalism and World Wide Democracy, Rev. J. B. Thrall, D. D., Asheville, N. C.

4 P. M. Five minute talks on general welfare of the churches by the different delegates.

8 P. M. The Kaiser, Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace, Tryon, N. C.

Making Democracy safe for the world, Rev. D. Witherspoon Dodge, Anderson, S. C.

W S S

The Pittsburg Gazette-Times declares that al lstates rights arbuments against the National Prohibition Amendment fall flat before the evident fact that prohibition is in a class by itself as respects the thinking of the public regarding police policy.

IRISH CONVENTION LAYS FOUNDATION FIXING DIFFERENCES

Chairman Plunkett of the Convention Announces That It is Believed That a Foundation Has Been Laid For Permanent and Substantial Agreement on Irish Question.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 12.—The Irish convention has laid the foundation for an agreement on the Irish question which is unprecedented in history, said Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, in a letter explaining the report which that body makes.

The convention did not find it impossible to overcome the objections of the Ulster unionists, says Sir Horace. A majority of the Nationalists, all of the southern unionists and five labor parties agreed upon a scheme for Irish self government which the government will be asked to enact into law.

W S S

STORES TO CLOSE FOR CHARLIE

Petition Being Circulated for Closing of Mercantile Establishments at 7:30 Saturday Evening.

The mercantile establishments of the city, especially the dry goods and notion houses, are to close at 7:30 tomorrow, Saturday, evening, in order that the clerks may have an opportunity to see and hear Charlie Chaplin at the tabernacle. A petition is being circulated to this effect this afternoon and is being freely signed. The stores that do close will probably not open again during the evening. One merchant expressed the hope this morning that such a plan would be put in operation every Saturday and that not only would the stores close early through the other week days but close at 7:30 every Saturday evening. However, the majority of the mercantile houses will shut up shop When Charlie comes to town tomorrow.

W S S

A WARNING IN POETRY.

Loafers Notified in Verse to Get a Job or Go to Jail—Well Known Lawyer Credited With Same.

Some poetic genius has written a verse and placed it along side of Chief Miller's warning to loafers posted in the county court room, to go to work or go to jail, and it reads as follows:

Now every slob
Will give a sob,
And go to jail
Or get a job.

It is rumored that a well known member of the local bar is the author and writer of this poetic warning.

GERMANS TAKE THE TOWN OF MERVILLE

The Invaders Press the British Back Near Tloegskert the War Office Announces.

BRITISH GAINED GROUND BY COUNTER ATTACKING

Germans Were Repulsed at Several Points on the British Battle Front.

(By Associated Press.)

Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Tloegskert the Germans pressed the British back in the vicinity of Neuvie Eglise, according to an official announcement.

Attacking heavily last night the British took Merville and heavy fighting occurred near Mervie and Reus Berquin. On the remainder of the battle front little change has taken place. North of Tloegskert the British regained ground by a counter attack. On the front between Loisne and the river Lawe the Germans were repulsed.

Paris Again Being Bombarded

Paris, April 12.—The Germans renewed this morning the bombardment of Paris with the long range gun.

Desperate Attack Along Messines Ridge.

London, April 12.—German troops made a determined attack along Messines ridge this morning and succeeded in gaining some ground, says a Reuter's dispatch from army headquarters in France and Belgium, but the British once again drove them out by counter attacks. Taree attacks which the enemy launched yesterday in the great wave near Ville Chapelle were repulsed with immense loss to the Germans. The ground was strewn with their corpses.

The Germans developed great artillery activity in the southern area the dispatch says. The Bray-Cordie road is being fiercely shelled, hearalding, it is believed, further infantry attacks. In the brillian sunshine the battle rages with intense fierceness which has scarcely ragged since it began. The Germans are throwing in their reserves in the same profigal manner as in the opening days of the offensive.

Heavy Night Artillery Fighting.

Paris, April 12.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the vicinity of Hangard-en-Santerre, on the front north of Montdidier, the war office announces.

British Aviators Drop Many Bombs.

London, April 12—British aviators today dropped more than ten tons of bombs on the railway station at Luxemburg. In report on the activity on the battlefront Wednesday's official statement on aerial operations says eight enemy airplanes were accounted for and one British machine was missing.

The battle, however, is continuing along the whole front from La Bassee canal north to Holebeke, the Germans hammering hard in a desperate attempt to win something substantial out of this new ambitious effort there. So far the only definite result is the piling up of great casualties on both sides, notably their own.

On the Somme there has been no resumption of infantry engagements on a large scale. The British, however, were subjected to strong local attacks near Nieuville-Vitassee, southeast of Arras, all of which were repulsed. Artillery is reported increasingly active in the vicinity of the Somme while Paris announces a rather heavy bombardment along the French line to the southeast of Armentieres in the vicinity of Hangard.

Germans Make Some Gains in Their Supreme Effort.

Swinging his heaviest legions and mightiest guns far to the north of the Picardy battlefield, Field Marshal von Hindenburg now is driving attack after attack against British lines between Arras and Ypres. Charging across level country behind a tempest of high explosives and gas shells, the Germans have succeeded by terrific fighting in penetrating the British defense at points over a front of nearly 30 miles to a depth of almost six miles just to the south of Ypres.

The loss of Armentieres is admitted by the British, but this was expected from the trend of events in that sector during the last few days. The enemy had driven in on both sides of the town and holding out longer by the British would have imperilled the whole line. So far as known, the withdrawal of the British forces from Armentieres was orderly and was only for the purpose of straightening out the line in the region where the German pressure is the heaviest.

Terrific, Futile Attack on Hollebeke.

The British have stood firm at vital points along the line. Wytschaete is still held by Field Marshal Haig's men, who also maintain their grip on Messines ridge, Lestrem, Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood and Hollebeke, against which furious assaults have been launched, only to break down or be nullified by British counter-attacks. A terrific attack against Hollebeke and Wytschaete was completely repulsed with great loss to the Germans.

This peculiar part of the battle line in the west has been the scene of terrible fighting for nearly four years. Armentieres marked the farthest retirement in this region of the French, British and Belgians in August and September, 1914. Just to the north, near Ypres, the Germans on April 22,1915, first loosed on the Canadian troops their poisonous gas, and here on December 19, the same year, they drove hard at the thin line of Canadians in a desperate effort to reach Calais. On both occasions the Canadians beat back the enemy and held their lines intact.

Nearby the British launched their counter offensive in February, 1916, and withstood furious attacks during April and May, the same year.

SOME MODIFICATION OF COTTON TRANSPORTATION RATES ORDERED

Case of New Orleans Cotton Exchange Against the Louisville & Nashville Railway Company—Nearly Fifty Roads Are Affected.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 12.—Modification of cotton transportation rates from Southern producing points to Ohio and Mississippi river crossings, gulf ports and South Atlantic ports to Eastern cities was filed in a supplementary decision by the inter-State commerce commission in the case of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange vs. Louisville & Nashville Railway Company. Nearly fifty roads are affected by the modification which includes both increases and decreases in transportation carried.

The commission directs that previous orders in the case be modified as to rate on indirect lines and intermediate points and interior competitive points; that changes in rates to eastern cities should be permitted to correspond with changes in water rates; that specific release be avoided as to rates from certain points on the Tennessee river and other navigable streams.

W S S

ALEXANDER DRAFTED FOR ARMY SERVICE

(By Associated Press.)

St. Paul, Neb., April 12.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, pitcher of the National base ball league, was today selected by the draft board for Howard county, to go to Camp Funston during the five days preceding April 26th.

W S S

OREGON HEADS HONOR ROLL.

First State to Officially Report Over-Subscription of Its Quota in Third Liberty Loan.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 12.—Oregon is the first state to report officially an over-subscription of its quota of the Third Liberty Loan and consequently stands at the head of the nation's honor roll by states.

W S S

BIG MEXICAN GENERAL DEAD.

General Ignacio Bravo, Commander of Artillery in Campaign Resulting in the Overthrow of Maximiallian.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—General Ignacio Bravo, military commander of Mexico City during the Huerta regime, died here last night at the age of 81 years. He was commander of artillery in the campaign that ended in the overthrow of Maximillian in 1863-67. With General Huerta he was arrested in El Paso by United States officers in 1915 but was not held.

W S S

Our idea of an successful farmer is one who eats mail order bread.—Galveston News.

W S S

The Germans have been closer to Paris before without getting there.—Detroit Free Press.

W S S

If the Teutons started their third drive in the hope of capturing Secretary Baker, another great objective has failed.—Baltimore American.

BRITISH HANG ON AS HUNS BEAT AWAY

Enemy Pushing His Wedge in Deeper in British Lines Northeast and North of Bethune.

GERMANS VIEWING WHAT IS HEAVIEST PRESSURE

Great Cacualties Piling Up On Both Sides With the Heaviest Losses to the German Army.

(By Associated Press.)

With the British hanging on the butt of Messines ridge, their bulwark in Flanders, the Germans to the south are pushing the wedge in deeper in the British lines northeast of north of Bethume, one of the British advanced bases. The point of this wedge was driven in last night further along the Lys canal to Murville, two miles west of Lestrom which the British held up yesterday. The salient was extended also slightly to the north near its tip, to the vicinity of Neus Berquin, two miles northwest of Estaires, another point where the British have been making a stand.

The Germans today were viewing what appeared to be the heaviest pressure in this region and had made some progress when the noon official report was issued in London. The southerly side of the salient as it runs southeast toward Givenchy is being strongly held by the British. They are standing firm today at Loinse, three miles northwest of Bethume and along the line northwest to the Mereville region. Further southeast likewise they repelled a German attempt to advance northwest of Givenchy, the high ground about which protects the British right flank. The British task here is to prevent the sides of this salient being materially widened out as the tip cannot be pushed in much further without great danger to the forces in a flanking attack unless they succeed in broadening the advance front northwest of Armentieres, abandoned yesterday by which the British line was straightened out by withdrawing from Ploegsteert, whence they fell back fighting to the Messines ridge, which protects the new position. The British line is apparently being firmly maintained along high ground in the Messines Wyschaete region and to the north toward Ypres. No material change in the situation is reported here.

W S S

LUTHERAN MINISTERS MEET

Rowan Association to Meet in Salisbury Next Tuesday, April 16th at 10 O'Clock.

The Rowan Lutheran Ministers association will meet in St. John's Lutheran church in Salisbury next Tuesday, April 16th, at 10 o'clock a. m. The subject for discussion is the 17th article of the Ausburg confession by Rev. J. B. Moose. Rev. Mr. Respass will also discuss the "Best Method of Conserving the Result of the Quadricentennial Year of the Reformation."

W S S

Cotton Opening.

New York, April 12.—The cotton market opened today as follows:

May	32.90
July	32.25
October	30.50
December	30.15
January	30.00

Cotton Shows Renewed Nervousness.

New York, April 12.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness early today. The opening was 5 to 22 points higher on Liverpool buying of May and July and covering inspired by steady cables and a more optimistic view of war news and reports that price fixing was unlikely. But there was a renewal of the selling movement which was in progress yesterday and prices almost immediately turned easier, July and October selling off 19 to 21 points net lower.

Close of Cotton.

New York, April 12.—Cotton closed as follows:

May	31.79
July	31.10
October	29.60
December	29.23
January	29.18
LOCAL COTTON	35.00

W S S

MAN AT ASHEVILLE JUMPS FROM AUTO, BREAKING NECK

Asheville, April 11.—H. H. Hollifield, a workman employed at Azalea hospital, jumped from the running board of an auto this morning when his hat blew off and struck head first on the road, breaking his neck. He died later at the Mission hospital.

Hollifield was on his way from Asheville to Azelea.

CHARLES CALLS CLEMENCEAU LIAR

Austrian Ruler Sends Emperor of Germany a Telegram Disavowing Assertion by Him.

"WE SHALL ENFORCE HONORABLE PEACE."

Austrian Monarch Declares the French Premier is Endeavoring to Free Himself of Net.

(By Associated Press.)

Vienna, via Londan, April 12.—Complete soliditary exists between Germany and Austria and "we shall jointly enforce honorable peace," says Emperor Charles in a telegram to Emperor Wiliam denying the truth of the declaration made early in the week by Premier Clemenceau of France that the Austrian emperor recognized France's claim to Alsace-Lorraine. He adds that the fact that Austro-Hungarian troops are fighting for Alsace-Lorraine on the west demonstrates the emperor's faithfulness to her ally. The message to Emperor William in part reads:

"The French Premier, driven into a corner, is endeavoring to escape from the net in which he has entangled himself by piling up more and more untruths, and he does not hesitate to make the completely false statement that I recognized that France had a just claim to requisition of Alsace-Lorraine. I disavow this assertion with indignation."

W S S

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE CHILD LABOR LAW IS ATTACKED

Brief Filed in the United States Supreme Court in Connection With Proceedings Appealed by Governor of North Carolina.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 12.—The constitutionality of the child labor law is attacked in a brief filed in the supreme court in connection with proceedings appealed by the governor of North Carolina, where the act was recently held to be invalid.

The statute which prohibits interstate shipment of articles produced in factories employing children under 14 years of age is declared to be "a perversion of the powers of congress," discriminatory and interference with the police powers of a state.

Argument in the case will be heard next week.

W S S

HOURS AT THE FREIGHT STATION ARE CHANGED

Southern Agent, W. P. Drew, has received a letter of instructions in which the following paragraph is found and which is of interest to those having dealeings with his office:

"Provided: That freight depots in towns of more than 5,000 inhabitants, may from April 1st to September 30th, be opened at 8 A. M. and closed at 5 P. M., and from October 1st to March 31st, may be opened at 8 A. M. and close at 4:30 P. M."

W S S

A LITTLE CHILD LED THEM.

It was a moment when every nerve was tense. Captain David Fallon, a returned British officer from France, wounded fifteen times in battle, had just finished his thrilling address and pledges of $1,000 to the War Savings Stamp campaign had been called for. Little Donald C. Warlick, bright and attractive, about five years ago, had apparently heard every word the speaker had said. He had just squared himself on the top of the altar railing a second or third time when the request for $1,000 pledges was greatly emphasized. His hand shot up instantly. The audience was silent. At first it was thought a mistake—that the boy did not understand. Before an explanation could be made, his father, Mr. Jesse Warlick, of Hickory, said: "Take his name, I'll stand by him. I'll see that every cent of it is paid." After this pledges were easily taken. Before the meeting closed $30,000 in pledges were easily signed.

Meanwhile, an aged minister in the audience arose and said: "Brethren, 'And a little child shall lead them.'" —War Savings News.

W S S

Experiments are being carried on in France with a potato from Uruguay, which perpetuates itself from broken roots that are left in the soil.