

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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U.S. HOLDS THE SCALES OF LASTING PEACE

LORD DERBY SAYS THE QUICKER WE STRIKE THE SOONER END OF WAR IS ASSURED

ALLIES RELYING UPON AMERICA

by Lowell Mellett
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, May 18.—"This war is not over until the weight of America is thrown into the scales, and this will not be until America begins to make war as though she alone faced Germany, the possibility of predicting the end of the war will come."

So spoke Lord Derby, England's secretary of state, formerly war secretary, and Lord Kitchener's successor, adding "the bigger blow America is able to deliver, and the sooner she delivers it the quicker will the war end, and a new order of things assured."

London, May 18.—Unable to shake the allied hold on the Hindenburg line Germany seems to be preparing for another "strategic retreat".

From the French front came the word that the enemy is adopting precisely the same tactics in covering in destroying towns and villages and transferring forces as was proceeded over the former famous retreat.

AMERICA LEADS IN ACTIVITY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 18.—America's mission to prosecute a vigorous war against Germany has created an increasing desire on the part of Japan not to be outdone in this respect, according to information received today by the United States from well informed circles.

Japan, the United Press informant stated, has undergone a complete change of front.

It is stated that the chief reason the British Admiralty permitted the publication of the arrival of the American destroyers in the north sea, even before the American naval authorities wanted it known, so that this news would precede the announcement today of Japanese gunboats in the barred zone.

WILSON SIGNS BILL TO-DAY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 18.—President Wilson will sign the selective service bill today after Vice-president Marshall and Speaker Champ Clark have signed, and he will then issue the proclamation calling the youth of the nation to gather at appointed registration places on a day fixed and sign cards from which the process of selection can be deduced.

WEDNESDAY IS "MAXWELL" DAY

Five Thousand Dollars for Highest Mileage on Gas Economy Test

Johnson-Smith Motor Car Company has received from the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation an announcement that Wednesday next, May 23, has been set apart to be known as National Maxwell Gasoline Economy Proof Day, and prizes totalling \$5,000 will be given away for the highest mileage obtained from a measured allowance of gasoline.

The cars of two local men will be used for the run, and in each car must be taken three official observers. The cars must be stock models, and the two cars must both make the run together over the same route.

The Maxwell people are shipping the local company two one gallon gasoline cans. These are to be attached to the windshield, and from there to the carburetor.

The above cover all the requirements for the local company to enter the contest, and they have accepted the proposition, so on Wednesday the cars will start from some given point, which will be announced later, as will the official observers that it is necessary to take in each car.

Miss Bessie Gray, who has been in Tarboro in business for the past few months has returned here to spend the summer.

RUSSIA NOT A FACTOR IN WAR

(By United Press)
Washington, May 18.—Careful military observers of the Russian situation expressed their views that Russia may be able to hold together though reiterated what they had often predicted that Russia, as an important factor, can be counted out for at least two years, as it is not believed that, even with more solid civil government, the slavs can be inspired to real offensive work or even more than half hearted defensive efforts.

NORTH CAROLINA LOSS IN FOOD WASTE

Raleigh, May 18.—Experts of the Department of Agriculture at Washington have estimated that if just one ounce of edible meat or fat is wasted by each of the 20,000,000 families in the United States each day it means a total waste of 1,250,000 pounds per day or the staggering total of 465,000,000 pounds in a year, the equal of 875,000 steers or 3,000,000 hogs.

If one ounce of bread is wasted by each family each day it means the throwing away of \$75,000 lbs. of flour each day, or 1,500,000 barrels each year—sufficient flour with which to make 365,000,000 loaves of bread. Stated in terms of wheat it is 7,000,000 bushels.

Secretary Lucas of the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission has figured out North Carolina's part of such a waste. There are approximately 600,000 families in the State. An ounce of meat or fat and an ounce of bread wasted each day means in a year's time in this State a loss of 13,680,000 pounds of meat, the equivalent of 90,000 hogs, and 10,950,000 loaves of bread, or 210,000 bushels of wheat.

"These figures simply show," stated Mr. Lucas, "what a very small waste amounts to in the aggregate. As a matter of fact an ounce a day of wheat and bread does not begin to approximate what we destroy of those two products, to say nothing of the waste in vegetables, milk, poultry products and other edibles. North Carolina's part of the national waste is approximately \$20,000,000. A very great part of this waste is unnecessary and preventable."

COTTON MARKET

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	.00	20.42	.00	20.42
July	20.22	20.46	20.22	20.31
Oct.	19.99	20.15	19.99	20.11
Dec.	19.98	20.23	19.98	20.22
Jan.	20.03	20.23	20.03	20.22

Local Market 19 1-2

GERMAN TORCH DESTROYS LENS

Fires And Explosions Illumine The British Lines

(By UNITED PRESS)
With the British Afield, May 18.—The city of Lens, the great coal city of France, was ablaze last night, being set aflame by fires and explosions, which were plainly visible from the British lines throughout last night.

The Germans plainly know the danger they are running now as the British sweep will close the circle about the city will trap them there.

In line with previous conclusions of both British and French commanders the destruction of the buildings in Lens may indicate a speedy withdrawal from the city.

This total destruction of cities and towns, by explosions and fire is the same program that has been followed by the Germans in every city and town they have been forced to evacuate.

Rain during the past few days has turned the battlefield from dust to mud.

Only minor operations and slight progress has been recorded during the day around Bullecourt, which has just been taken by the British.

Quiet reigns north of the Scarpe river, the mud being so thick no infantry operations are possible.

N. C. Guard Called Into Service July

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, May 18.—The National Guard is called into Federal service. It is expected to put these troops into war condition within on July fifteenth, the second group on July 25th, and the third group on August 5th. This order affects those not now in the federal group.

GERMANY PREPARING FOR RETREAT

ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO ANOTHER STRATEGICAL BACKWARD MOVE

EVIDENCED ON BOTH FRONTS

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, May 18.—Encouraging news that Russia has settled her domestic troubles, and that the Russian army's power is by no means lost, gave rise to the belief that the allies could soon count on Russia bearing her part of the onslaught on Germany.

CHAUTAQUA PLANS TAKING DEFINATE SHAPE

FIVE DAYS OF PLEASING INSTRUCTION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF THE HIGHEST CLASS

NOTED MEN TO BE OUR GUESTS

ITALY TAKES TRIESTE CITY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Rome, May 18.—Austria ordered all civilians to evacuate the Isonze section in which the Italian troops are steadily forging ahead.

Trieste is panic stricken at the appearance of the Italians.

The banks are closed, and the government offices and leading business houses have hurriedly evacuated.

Mr. Shallenberger will speak at the night session.

Music will be a big feature of the week. A different musical company will appear on each of the five days. These include, besides the Mendelssohns, the Boston Musical Entertainers, the Tschalkowsky Quartet, the Royal Blue Hussars Band and the Kalfir Singing Boys.

A big lecture feature of the is James S. Knox, lecturer on business subjects.

That Mr. Knox may not come here unheralded our issue tomorrow will contain a history of what this man has accomplished by sheer hard work and a wonderful personality.

He is not the usual dry statistical speaker nor is he a politician of well rounded phrases, but he is a logical business man, who tells of facts, and does not mince his words in the telling.

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