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BEFORE THE FLAME OF WAR ARMIES REST

HINDENBURG'S CONCENTRATION OF ARMS AND MEN OPPOSITE ALLIED LINES SHOWS THAT ENEMY MAY STRIKE HEAVILY SOON

ALLIES BELIEVE GERMANY LOSING POWER

(By United Press)
With the British armies in Flanders, May 3.—A big concentration of men and guns, opposite the French and British lines shows that new terrific outburst is liable at any time.

Hindenburg is playing possum until his armies are refreshed then he will be ready to strike again with all his power. Under the bluest May times skies Mars puts a lid on Armageddon.

Throughout yesterday and last night, while the infantry rested, the guns muttered only spasmodically. The British destroyed a post in the Lys and conducted a raid near Lens, capturing seven prisoners and three machine guns.

The present inactivity reminds one of the midwinter lull during the days of static warfare. It is common talk among the German soldiers that conditions at home necessitate some sort of decision.

Paris, May 3.—The French War office reports the capture of an important hill and woods near Amiens, between Hailles and Castel, where Hill number 32 was taken from the enemy.

Castel is a mile south of Hailles where the American troops are fighting on the west bank of the Avre.

"On the edge of the Avre" cables the war office "we captured the wood with one hundred prisoners, including four officers. Our patrol has brought back the prisoners in the Woivre and Lorraine region.

ENGLAND SAVES BY COMMUNAL KITCHEN PLAN

Washington, May 3.—Communal kitchens are being established throughout Great Britain and are proving successful in saving food and fuel, according to reports to the Department of Commerce. An article from a recent issue of an English newspaper is quoted: "The war has brought home to the public that the communal or national kitchen is a necessity and can be made a success. Within a comparatively short period there will probably be instilled many hundreds of these establishments throughout the country. The national kitchen was originally intended to supply poor people with nourishing and attractively prepared food at low prices but there is considerable prospect—certainly, in fact—that the more prosperous will form a fair proportion of the customers.

"As an example of the outfit of a people's kitchen that at Hamersmith (London) may be taken as model. This supplies about 6,000 customers a week, which probably represents 12,000 to 15,000 consumers, as a customer commonly purchases for his or her family."

GREAT SUCCESS OF LOCAL PLAY

A play—especially a comedy, without a man in it, and more particularly in which every member in the cast had an equal share of the centre of the stage, and further a play in which the entire company was letter perfect and made no slips, is probably a record feat for local talent, certainly for Scotland Neck.

The public were certainly very much interested in the play and players for they stayed to the end regardless of the fact that the midnight hour was approaching before the final curtain fell.

The play, though essentially a comedy, has a strong thread of romance running through the three acts, and the episodes are the natural outcome of simple village life wherein it is often shown the petty jealousies, pride, and make-believe, which demonstrates the human desire for attention, love and marriage, and, if this does not come into a woman's life, she, fearing the criticism of her viperish sisters, in similar adversity, feigns a love, or marriage which is pure phantasy. With this as a foundation it can be readily seen what curious and amusing situations could be woven into the acts and lives of these country women, though the perfect demonstration of an acceptable rendition depended entirely upon good production, which can only come from careful and persistent training. Thus we must accord to the entire company, and the stage manageress, that mode of praise for giving up many hours of comfort, and probably pleasure, in order to complete the picture that was shown last night.

The stage setting for the three acts did credit to those who manipulated matters to produce the effect. The costumes were delightfully true to the period, and worn with a grace that our ladies are capable of, and yet with that sense of modesty that displayed consciousness.

Miss Virginia Tillery, as Felicia Freeman, was as sweet and pretty as a maid might well hope to be, and she carried through her part, as she wore her clothes, with a knowledge of perfection. Not once was she disturbed, nor founce and flutter, as might have been expected, but with a calm sweetness was the delightful personage that changed the character of Lillac Village and made of the old maid circle a veritable paradise.

Mrs. A. L. Purrington, Miss Hattie Wortham, Miss Mattie Josey, Miss Katherine Tillery and Mrs. L. H. Kitchin, as the old maids of the village, though most of whom had deceived each other by the make-believe that they had been wooed and won, played their separate parts perfectly.

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GERMAN RATIONS BE REDUCED

(By United Press)
Copenhagen, May 3.—Herr von Waldow, German food controller told the Reichstag food commission that the rations of meat potatoes and bread would soon be reduced.

HAIG REPORTS MINOR ACTIONS

(By United Press)
London, May 3.—General Haig reports today that the British had the advantage in the mutual cannonading and lead fighting which took place last night in the neighborhood of Villers-Brettonneux, on the Amiens front.

"Ten prisoners and five machine guns were taken in the successful raids south of Arras and east of St. Venant."

"The artillery was mutually active between Givenchy and Nieppe forest and in the neighborhood of Loere."

TRAIN DRIVERS SUPPLY TRAINS

(By United Press)
Washington, May 3.—Night driving of motor-truck supply trains from the West to the seaboard has been started by the Quartermaster's Department as a step toward final training to fit men for service in France.

According to the Council of National Defense, the experience gained in cross-country convoy work has made the truck companies able to travel entirely independent of the countryside. Camps are made at the regular hour, no matter where the company is located, except that open country is given preference over cities.

AUSTRIAN SITUATION BECOMING MORE ACUTE

PREMIER VON SEYDLER HAS RESIGNED THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK AND FEAR IS EXPRESSED AS TO THE OUTCOME

ORGANIZE WORKERS AGAINST THE POWERS

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Zurich, May 3.—The Austrian-Hungarian situation is very serious according to dispatches received here today.

Mr. Karole has started for Vienna to organize the workers and others against Baron Burian and Count Tisza.

German nationalists are demanding that Premier von Seydler resign and the dispatches declare that von Seydler has resigned for the second time. His first resignation is said to have been refused by Emperor Karl.

By Robt. J. Bender
Washington, May 3.—The American state department is keeping the closest tab on Austrian international affairs, as it believes there is a chance of a

VOLUNTARY AID FOR CLAIMANTS

(By United Press)
Washington, April 3.—The Council of National Defense has urged the State councils to provide voluntary aid for dependents of men in the service in collecting allotments of pay and family allowances, arrears of pay, travel pay, extra pay, or other money due estates of deceased soldiers and sailors.

NEW ENGLAND TROOPS SUFFER

(By United Press)
Washington, May 3.—The losses among New England divisions revealed in today's casualty list, issued by the war department, gives eighteen killed in action, two missing, one dead of wounds, five dead of disease, two of accident, two wounded severely and fifty-eight wounded slightly.

This list issued today contains the emergency addresses of the men and is restored for the first time since the committee on public information eliminated these addresses a month ago.

WAGE BOARD ASK INCREASE

(By United Press)
Washington, May 3.—Recommending that millions of wage increases be made to the men who man American railroad systems has been made by Railroad Adjustment Board, whose report has just been completed for Director General McAdoo.

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(By United Press)
New York, May 3.—Mayor Hylan joined with President Menocal of Cuba in promotion of an international educational alliance for the purpose of binding the United States and Latin-America closer together.

ARMY CHANGES AMONG GENERALS

(By United Press)
Washington, May 3.—General Williard Hollbrook has been assigned by the war department today to command the southern department, replacing General Rucker.

General James H. McRae has been ordered to command a division at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

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The largest sight draft of the war for approximately two hundred and fifty thousand men will be sent out by Provost Marshal General Crowder tomorrow.

A special call for twelve thousand mechanics will be issued tonight. The mobilization orders for six thousand more artisans from every state in the union has been telegraphed today.

Ruffin's Tobacco Warehouse Co.

No expense is being spared to make Tarboro a great tobacco centre, which is distinctly an interesting development so far as this section is concerned, for it has been a long, long way to Rocky Mount, and Tarboro really has a soft spot in our hearts, being a sister town.

The Ruffin Warehouse Company is one of two tobacco warehouses going up now for the sale of tobacco in Tarboro, and will be under the direct supervision of Mr. J. C. Ruffin, with Mr. H. C. Hudson, of Wilson, in charge. The warehouse is now being erected two blocks from the court house, alongside the railroad track, and will have all the facilities of an up-to-date warehouse, with stable conveniences underneath the warehouse.

That the success of the tobacco warehouse in Tarboro is assured it is but necessary to mention the names of the prominent local men who are the officers and directors at the Ruffin Warehouse Company. Mr. George Howard, is president; Mr. W. J. Thigpen, vice-president; Mr. J. C. Ruffin, manager; Mr. George R. Rogers, secretary and treasurer. The directors, in addition to the above, being Messrs T. P. Jenkins, R. B. Hyatt, H. B. Whitlock, T. T. Thomas, H. C. Bridges and the Marrow, Pitt Hardware Company.

Most important to the farmers is the assurance of a free and open market. All the large manufacturers have signified their intention of putting their best buyers on the Tarboro Market, anticipating a very active buying at that point in view of the greatly needed grade that comes from this section.

Farmers are assured that the building will be ready for sales during the early summer, so that the first deliveries of the weed will find a ready market at Tarboro.

Mr. H. C. Hudson, of Wilson, one of the most active tobacco warehousemen in the state, will be in charge and is expected to reach Tarboro sometime in the next ten days, and from then on until the market opens, will be ready to meet any farmers of this section and outline the special features of accommodation and convenience that he intends extending to all who place their tobacco on his warehouse floor.

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New York, May 3.—Mayor Hylan joined with President Menocal of Cuba in promotion of an international educational alliance for the purpose of binding the United States and Latin-America closer together.

President Menocal has proposed the following features as means of establishing unity of the Americas:

1. A Pan American Educational Convention to be held in Havana next fall. To this meeting President Menocal has invited the heads of the great universities of North, Central and South America.

2. The establishment of an interchange of students between the Universities of the United States and Latin-America. In this way American young men may take post graduate courses in countries where Spanish is spoken and thus learn the Spanish language and Spanish-American institutions, as is impossible to do today.

3. The preparation of young men in the United States for diplomatic and consular service in Latin-American countries. The courses of study to be followed by American students at Latin-American universities will be chosen with the advice and cooperation of the State Department.

4. The teaching of Spanish as a prescribed study in the public schools of the United States. Mayor Hylan has already begun an investigation to determine how this can best be done in the schools of New York.

COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	26.10	26.10	25.50	25.50
July	25.45	25.45	24.95	24.95
Oct.	25.29	25.29	24.25	24.25
Dec.	24.75	24.75	24.09	24.09
Jan.	24.50	24.50	23.95	23.95

Local Market Normal