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AMERICA'S FIRST FIELD ARMY FORMED

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN IN TWO ARMY CORPS WITH THREE DIVISIONS EACH ARE NOW COMPLETE IN FRANCE

MAJ-GEN HUNTER LIGGETT CHARGE OF ONE

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—America's first field army of approximately two hundred thousand men has been formed in France, which, it is understood, consists of two army corps of three divisions each, with Colonel A. W. Bjornstadt, as chief of staff and Major General Hunter Liggett in command of one of the army corps. No official announcement has been made of the make up of this first army. The officers suggested to be commander is Major General Charles T. Mencher.

Both field corps commanders are expected to receive the rank of lieutenant general by act of congress when General Pershing makes the recommendation.

NEST-EGG FOR GARDEN SEEDS

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—Mrs. J. A. Angrave, Galt, Cal., sets a nest-egg with her garden seeds.

Mrs. Angrave has written the national war garden commission explaining her nest-egg planting. She plants certain seeds in boxes to give them an early start, and plant in an eggshell, buried in the soil. The eggshell, she says, furnishes valuable lime fertilizer to the tender sprouts.

WARTIME SHOES HAVE LOW HEELS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Philadelphia, May 21.—Women who would aid their country by taking war time jobs as Philadelphia street car conductors must bid goodby to high heel shoes, short skirts, and visible-invisible hose, and all other dress refinements which might tend to congest traffic.

Medical men of the street railway company put the ban on high heels, and traffic experts decreed the other dress details.

EDUCATE CHINA WITH INDEMNITY

(By United Press)
Tokio, May 21.—If the Japanese care to contribute something toward the education of China, and at the same time improve relations with that country, the Jiji Shimpu urges them to take a trip from America and turn the residue of the Boxer indemnity into an educational foundation for the Chinese. Japan can do at least this much for China, says the Jiji, though she cannot afford to compete with the United States in educational, religious and charitable work in China.

PEYTON MARCH A FULL GENERAL

(By United Press)
Washington May 21.—President Wilson sent to the senate the nomination of Major General Peyton C. March, of the United States army, to be created general.

OIL TANKER LOST AT SEA

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—The loss of the American tanker, William Rockefeller, at sea has been officially reported by the navy department. Details are lacking but a supplementary report is promised. The department admitted withholding the announcement of the loss until it had established whether there were any casualties involved.

RED CROSS FUND SET AT \$5,000

The drive is progressing, several hundred dollars more having been contributed yesterday, even though the committee was not out at work gathering in subscriptions. Today, however, they will be out and it is expected a large sum will be pledged today, making up the sum of five thousand dollars that the people of Scotland Neck have set the minds upon having as their quota of the Hundred Million Dollars Red Cross Campaign Fund.

Those who have not yet contributed should look at the matter as a privilege rather than a duty or a gift, for where the Germans over here that privilege would not be extended to our people, the Huns would take it away from them, and much else.

The amount you can give is not the question. It is the co-operative spirit that counts.

ALLIES SUCCEED ON FIVE BATTLE FRONTS

IN FLANDERS, PICARDY, ITALY, MACEDONIA AND SOUTH ERN FRANCE THE CENTRAL POWERS LOSE OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY

HUNS AND AUSTRIANS DENY ANY LOSS

(BY UNITED PRESS)
London May 21.—Fighting is speeding up on all fronts, according to last night's official report. A Successful Coups were made by the allied troops in Flanders, Picardy, and Southern France, Italy and in Macedonia. The French attacking east and northeast of Loere, on the northern portion of the Flanders front, gained all objectives last night over a front of nearly two miles, and the British won some of the minor engagements east of Hebuterne, between Arras and Albert. The French war office announces that French detachments penetrated the Germans first and second lines on northeast of Rhienis.

ARTILLERY FIRE ONLY ACTIVITY

(By United Press)
With the American Armies in France, May 21.—An official communique issued today from American headquarters last night says that except for artillery firing on both sides on various sectors there is nothing new reported.

MERCHANTS MTG. WED. AT 4 O'CLOCK

There will be an important meeting of the Merchants Association tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday at four o'clock, in the directors room of the Scotland Neck Bank. Every merchant in town is urged to be present as there are several important matters to come before the meeting.

REDUCTION IN SHIP LOSSAGE

London, May 21.—Allied shipping lost during April, other than British and neutral merchant ship, totaled eighty four thousand and ninety three tons, the admiralty announced. During the same period previous losses to British tonnage alone has amounted to two hundred and twenty thousand tons.

BOMBING TOWNS RE-ACT ON HUNS

London, May 21.—German shells and bombs cast into English unfortified towns have hatched a great batch of bad pigeons that are going home to roost. Every bombarded town on the English coast, and every interior town on which bombs were dropped from German planes and Zeplins, greatly exceeded its quota in raising the latest war loan.

WITNESS SAYS JOHNSON ADMITS KILLING

CLOYD GILL, COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESS, STATES THAT ALLEGED WIFE MURDERER ADMITTED KILLING HIS YOUNG BRIDE

PREVENT WIVES FAMILY GETTING MONEY

CHAUTAQUA MTG. LAST NIGHT

The guarantors of the local chautauqua held a meeting last night in the Mayor's office and transacted necessary preparation business in view of the closeness of the chautauqua week.

By vote it was agreed that a space be set apart in the Chautauqua tent for the colored people, and McD. Roe and Hosea Steptoe were appointed a committee to see all the colored people and advise them that they can obtain season tickets from Mr. O. J. Moore, at the Planters and Commercial Bank. These tickets are sold for \$2.00 and 20 cents for the war tax will admit them to ten entertainments, making the cost of each entertainment less than 23 cents.

Mr. C. Frank Burroughs and Mr. R. A. Philips were appointed a social committee, with power to add to their number, to greet the out of town visitors during Chautauqua week, which is June 6 to 16 inclusive.

Mr. J. C. Riddick, L. B. Suiter, C. A. Jones and Sherwood Allbrook were appointed in the advertising committee, for the purpose of talking up the Chautauqua while travelling around the country, to induce people living in the suburbs and other surrounding towns to attend.

A number of guarantors contributed the sum of \$150 to buy lumber to make the seats for the patrons of the Chautauqua, and, if thought best these seats will be retained for use each year.

Mr. O. J. Moore, chairman of the ticket committee reported that he had but twelve lots of tickets which that number of guarantors had not yet called for and he asked that guarantors who had not received their tickets call at the Bank at once and get them.

HY. PAGE WRITES J. Y. SAVAGE

Mr. J. Y. Savage, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 16th., and are much gratified at your co-operation and interest. We note the newspaper clipping and needless to say, if your plan was generally followed we could not only feed our armies and the armies of the Allies in such a manner as to maintain them in the pink of condition but we could save literally thousands of innocent women and children in Europe from starvation.

Thanking you most heartily for your assistance, co-operation and suggestion, we are, very truly yours,
Henry A. Page

(By United Press)
Richmond, Va. May 21.—Charles Lemuel Johnson confessed killing his wife, Alice Knight Johnson, Cloyd Gill, a commonwealth witness testified at the trial today.

According to testimony Johnson killed his wife to keep her family from receiving his life insurance. When asked by Commonwealth's attorney Wise if Johnson stated he killed his wife, Gill replied, "Yes he stated so."

CASUALTY LIST OF 41 NAMES

(By United Press)
Washington May 21.—General Pershing reported forty one names on the casualty list, three of whom were killed in action, two died of disease, seven died from accident, eighteen were wounded severely, and eight were slightly wounded and two are missing.

Johnnie Wilson, of Norfolk, Va. is among those who died from accidents. Lieutenant Philip W. Hunter, of 19 W. Liberty St., York S.C. is among the missing in action.

ENGLISH MAKE WAR ON RATS

(By United Press)
London, May 21.—Millions of disloyal wasters in England are to be killed, in a new campaign against waste.

The wasters condemned to death are rats.

"We cannot afford to feed the rats," says a government appeal just sent out, asking the co-operation of all loyal subjects in the slaughter. "We can not raise too much grain, and we can hardly to have enough for ourselves."

The latest close estimates on rat ravages are for 1908 when food which now would be worth \$200,000,000 was destroyed by them in England.

BLIND SOLDIERS MARRY HAPPILY

London, May 21.—Blind soldier husbands are good husbands, and they get good looking wives.

Sir Arthur Pearson, head of St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, says so, from his observation of 109 happy marriages of St. Dunstan patients.

These 109 bridegrooms are better able to make living for their families than they would have been had they married before the war. They are masseurs, shorthand writers, telephone operators, carpenters, and market gardeners trained in their new occupation at the hostel.

COTTON MARKET.				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	24.80	24.80	24.60	24.60
July	24.86	24.86	24.60	24.60
Oct	23.95	23.95	23.64	23.64
Dec	23.80	23.80	23.55	23.55
Jan	23.666	23.66	23.54	23.54

Local Market Normal