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Both Debating Teams Win

Scotland Neck One of Seven Schools in The State to Win Both Debates In First Preliminary

(Special to Commonwealth)
Chapel Hill, N. C., April 15.—The first preliminary debates of the State High Schools now debating for final honors at the University of North Carolina, were held last night. The two Scotland Neck teams both won. This will assure the continuance of the teams in the further debates. The teams from Scotland Neck are composed of the following debaters: Danford Burroughs, Henry Edwards, Charlie Herring and Mary Louise Outerbridge.

When the smoke of battle had cleared away and the last report had come in early this morning from High School debaters, who, last night, fought each other for the High School Championship of North Carolina in every Hall in the University building, 26 teams were left out of the 100 which entered the first elimination round. Thirteen are Negative teams; and thirteen Affirmative.

High Point, Scotland Neck, Durham Collegiate Institute, Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Goldsboro teams won on both the Affirmative and Negative. The Affirmative teams of Sanford, Calypso, Mount Olive, Leaksville, Gastonia and Kings Mountain and the Negative teams of Rockbridge, Henderson, St. Pauls, Louisburg, Concord and Tarboro also survived. All these teams entered the second elimination round this morning and took up the struggle afresh.

By afternoon the field will have been cut down to the two final teams, which will meet each other tonight for the state title and the Aycock Memorial Cup. By tonight, also, Championships will be decided in track and tennis, in both of which events progress is being made this morning.

ONE ARGUMENT FOR PAVING

This morning a Buick belonging to Mr. L. B. Suiter mired up to the axle in the mud right in the heart of the business section. For the sake of honesty it must be mentioned that this was due to the fact that one of the water pipes had recently been taken up and the dirt had not settled.

NEW RAILWAY CONNECTING ARGENTINA AND CHILE

Buenos Aires, April 13.—The first rail has just been placed on the new international railway that is eventually to connect the Argentine city of Salta with the seacoast of Chile, thus realigning to a certain extent the trade routes of Argentina and Chile. The Argentine section of the road is being built from Salta to Huatiquina, a place in the And on the frontier of Chile, while the Chilean section probably will be constructed either to Antofagasta or Mejillones. In Argentina, construction is being done by the state railways. Construction in Chile is not yet definitely provided for.

The Argentine half of the road is approximately 475 kilometers long. As a part of the work 6,000 meters of hard rock tunneling will have to be done.

Meeting Of American Legion

The regular monthly meeting of Roanoke Post No. 34, American Legion was held last night at the Mayor's office. It was decided hereafter to have only quarterly meetings, the next regular meeting will be held the second Thursday in July.

It was also decided to have a barbecue dinner and speaking Memorial Day, May 30th, to be held jointly by the American Legion and the Womans Auxiliary, which was requested to appoint a committee to cooperate with the American Legion committee. Those appointed on the dinner committee were C. S. Alexander, Hubert Riddick and Pete Shields. The adjutant was instructed to invite Col. Albert Cox, of Raleigh, N. C., to make the address.

BODIES OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN RETURNED

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 15.—Twenty thousand bodies of American soldiers who fell in France have either been shipped to the United States or are now in process of being returned for burial in their native country.

With 12 officers of the American army and a personnel of more than 2,000 men working night and day in many sections of France, the Graves Registration Service of the American army has reached a point where it is possible to forward 4,000 bodies a month. The work of sending back the 52,311 bodies designated for interment in America will be completed by the end of next October, if present plans are fulfilled.

The bodies of the Americans have been taken from every cemetery in the south of France. The greater part of the effort is now being concentrated in the zone of the armies—the Argonne, etc. Seventy-seven bodies of American soldiers who died in Italy will be removed to the United States next month.

The Graves Registration Service now is working in Berlin on arrangements for shipping the bodies of 30 American soldiers who are buried in various parts of unoccupied Germany. This latter work was rendered very difficult because the location of many of the graves was unknown. An expert has been going over the German burial records in Berlin for several weeks and virtually all the graves have been found. The German government has afforded every facility to the Graves Registration Service.

More than 29,000 bodies will be buried in the four permanent cemeteries which the American government will maintain in France.

The Fine Arts Commission of the American War Memorial Council has arrived in Paris for a series of meetings and a tour of inspection of the permanent cemeteries. The Commission has in contemplation plans for the beautification of the cemeteries and will determine the character of headstones to be used and the general decorative scheme to be followed. The Commission will probably consult with leading landscape artists.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Unsettled weather with showers tonight or Saturday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh southerly winds.

COTTON MARKET

May	12.11
July	12.65
October	13.15
December	13.58
January	13.70

AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAILROAD AND LABOR UNIONS LIKELY

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, April 15.—Both railroad executives and labor leaders today declared that the decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board abrogating the national agreement would materially advance the effort to arrive at an agreement satisfactory to all parties.

CAPT. THOS. W. MASON DIED YESTERDAY

Garysburg, April 15.—Captain Thomas Williams Mason, one of the most noted citizens of Eastern North Carolina, died at his home, "Longview" near here yesterday morning at the age of 84. Funeral services will take place at Garysburg this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Chosen five times to represent his county in the General Assembly, Captain Mason was universally considered the most beloved man in Northampton county and the whole of his life was spent in the service of his State. A successful lawyer, he was also one of the largest land owners of this section.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. L. M. Long, and Miss Ruth Mason, and the following grandchildren: Senator W. L. Long and Dr. T. W. M. Long, and Mrs. F. G. Jarmen, all of Roanoke Rapids, and W. J. Long and L. M. Long, of Garysburg.

NEW LAWS SOUGHT FOR CANAL ZONE

Panama, April 15.—Civilian government of the Panama Canal Zone under the Department of Commerce or the Department of the Interior and effective suffrage for civilian American citizens residing in the Canal Zone are two of the objects sought by the newly formed "Civilian League of the Canal Zone." The zone is now a military reservation.

"The League has been keeping in touch with proposed legislation by Congress affecting the Canal Zone," said H. J. White, president, "and it has discovered that parties not connected with the zone have attempted to secure the enactment of bills submitted by them which would not prove applicable or beneficial to the zone."

A statement issued by the League declares that "the military branch of our government is using its influence to have the canal considered primarily as a military project" and adds:

"The League takes the position that the business interests of the United States demand the fullest commercial development of the canal; that, as far as possible, the same form of government that exists in the United States should apply in the Canal Zone; that the civilian citizens of the United States residing in the zone should have a voice in the affairs of the zone; that the zone should be thrown open to Americans who want to own property and settle in it, the same as in the District of Columbia; that the army and navy, while permitted to do any and all necessary defensive work for the protection of the canal, should be entirely separate and distinct from the government of the Canal Zone."

Specific demand is made that Congress grant the right of suffrage to civilian Americans residing in the zone, authorizing them to elect a resident commissioner to represent them at Washington, in the same manner as the present resident commissioners of the Philippine Island and Porto Rico.

FORD NEEDS NO MONEY

(By Associated Press)
New York, April 15.—Henry Ford, instead of seeking loans in Wall Street, has liquidated his loans here aggregating twenty four and a half million dollars, according to bankers.

MARSHALL FOCH PREPARED

Paris, April 15.—The French cabinet, with Marshal Foch and General Weygand present, discussed eventual extension of the military penalties to be applied to Germany in case of failure on May first, to give satisfactory assurances of the payment of reparations demanded and by the Supreme Allied Council in its London conference some time ago.

UNIONIZE STEEL INDUSTRIES

Washington, April 15.—The proposed campaign to unionize the steel industries may be deferred until the industrial and economic conditions have improved, President Tighe, of the Amalgamated Iron Workers, announced today, at first session of the executive council of the national and international organizations in steel industry. Not more than thirty per cent of the men in the organization are now working, according to Tighe, and thousands are out of employment in other trades in industry. With this depression, he said, it would be difficult to proceed with any elaborate scheme of unionization.

PLAGUE THREATENS FOOD SUPPLY OF CHINA

New York, April 15.—Bubonic plague, which some months ago appeared in Northern Manchuria, has crept southward until it now threatens the main grain supply of China, according to a letter received by G. D. Gold, of the Young Men's Christian Association, from Harbin, Manchuria, where Mr. Gold was stationed during the latter part of the war. Unless the plague can be checked, Mr. Gold asserts, the granary relied upon for the relief of millions of famine victims in North China will be cut off.

"The situation is rendered more serious," said Mr. Gold today, "by the fact that Manchuria is literally crowded with foreign exiles. There are not fewer than 600,000 Russians, who fled before the Bolshevik executioners, 250,000 Koreans, and thousands of Chinese who formerly lived in Siberia, but who have been driven into Manchuria by the Red armies."

"Concerted efforts are being made in cities and towns along the Chinese Eastern Railway to combat the plague; hospitals being established, and the victims isolated. Efforts also are under way to fight the source of the disease—the rats that carry the germ. Thousands of persons already have died, and been given hasty burial. Strict regulations have been put in effect to prevent affected persons getting beyond Harbin, and officials at Mukden, the next big center to the South, are on the watch for the first appearance of the plague."

"If the grain supply of Manchuria is cut off, the famine victims in Shangtung, Chihli, Honan, Shensi and Shansi will be doomed. Manchuria representatives of the American Red Cross, the Chinese Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. have informed the Peking authorities of the danger and urged that grain buying and shipments be hastened."

MINERS AND OWNERS CONFER AGAIN WITH PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

(By Associated Press)
London, April 15.—The British mine owners and representatives of National Federation of Miners have accepted an invitation extended by Premier Lloyd George to renew negotiations for settlement of miners strike which began April first.

Miners acceptance, however, subject to sanction of other unions of Triple Alliance. The conference between the union executives adjourned until this afternoon without decision being reached.

London, April 15.—Miners strike called off by Miners Federation this evening, after a sensational split in ranks of the triple alliance, when railway men and transport workers refused to support miners, because they considered the miners wrong in refusing to resume settlement negotiations.

London, April 15.—Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons that miners had refused to open negotiations for settlement of strike on the basis suggested by the secretary of Railway Men's Union. It was later announced that the railway men's strike set for ten tonight had been cancelled. No explanation was available, but it was thought that it might indicate a split in the triple alliance. Lloyd George read a letter from the miners stating that the only condition on which a settlement could be reached was one which might follow concession of the two principles of a National Wage Board and a National Poll. Secretary Thomas of the Railway Men's Union announced as far as railway men and transport workers were concerned the strike is cancelled.

Daily Wireless Distribution Of Markets Reports To Be Established April Fifteenth

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Beginning today agricultural market reports are to be sent to farmers and other agricultural interests by wireless from Omaha, St. Louis, Bellefonte Pa., and Washington, D. C., officials of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, announced today. Wireless stations of the United States Post Office Department are to be used for this purpose. Each station has a radius of approximately 300 miles and farmers located in 12 Central and 10 Eastern States will be able to obtain either directly, or through local wireless receiving agencies, information relative to prices and conditions at the leading agricultural market centers and shipping points the same day that business is transacted, in some instances immediately after the close of the markets. The radio call signal will be "Q S T," which means "call to all stations" or "everybody listen."

This service is the direct outgrowth of the Bureau of Markets' experimental radio market reporting activities at Washington in the past three months. When these experiments were started the idea of sending market reports to farmers by wireless was regarded by some as ultra-visionary. But with the cooperation and advice of some of the radio experts connected with the Bureau of Standards the dispatching of market reports by wireless has been proved to be entirely practicable.