

U. S. 16-INCH GUNS IN ACTION

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NEGRO SOLDIERS HEROES

Biggest Cannon Appear

By Gilson Gardner
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—America's big guns are now in action—THE BIGGEST GUNS ON THE WESTERN FRONT!

They were built by the navy, are mounted on railway cars, and are operated by marines in khaki.

They are the 16-inch guns of Uncle Sam's biggest battle-ships, adapted to land operations.

Each gun throws a shell weighing 1600 pounds, and throws it farther than any gun the Germans possess, except the siege-gun that is bombarding Paris.

That gun, "Big Emma" as the French call it, is built on a fixed emplacement and is practically immovable.

Our big guns fly hither and thither.

They go wherever tracks are laid, from one sector to another as the demand calls for them.

The Germans may spot them where they were yesterday; they are somewhere else today. They'll be yet elsewhere tomorrow.

Presence of these great American guns in France accounts for the recently cabled accounts of "great ghostlike disappearing and flitting guns" behind the American lines.

Each Unit Complete.

Just how many of these guns there are is a military secret.

Each gun is a complete unit, having, in addition to the car on which it is mounted, an ammunition car, a shop and repair car, a provision and kitchen car, with a couple of cars for quarters for officers and men.

And of course there is a locomotive. With this equipment the gun unit is independent of any other branch of the service for support in the way of ammunition or provisions.

The value of the big gun is two-fold. The long range makes it possible to reach vital points behind the German line where ammunition is stored or concentration is going on.

Vaughan's Idea.

It also makes possible boring into trench protections which would be impervious to small shells, but which the huge 1600-pound shell reaches and destroys.

When the war broke out Gen. Crozier of the army ordnance department threw up his hands and admitted his inability to deliver big guns by this summer.

One of the men on the naval advisory board was S. M. Vaughan of the Baldwin Locomotive works. Vaughan did not throw up his hands, but undertook to build large calibered guns for use on land, to mount them on cars for quick movement by rail, and to do it within 12 months.

He was told by Secretary Daniels to go ahead. And he has made good.

CASUALTIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Forty-five casualties were reported by Gen. Pershing in a list made public today. It included seven killed in action; one dead of wounds; one dead of accident; seven from disease; 27 severely wounded and two slightly wounded.

Pacific coast men listed are:
Died of wounds—Sgt. Gerald S. Patten, 1818 East Prospect street, Seattle.

Died of disease—Mario Machio, Oakland, Cal.

TORNADO KILLS 2 AT CROFTON, NEB.

CROFTON, Neb., May 20.—Two persons were killed and 25 injured, six perhaps fatally, in a tornado that swept from eight miles northeast of Bloomfield thru Crofton Saturday night.

The twister razed 15 farm-houses, many outbuildings and killed many head of cattle and horses.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tomorrow the city commission must rise early. They are scheduled to meet at 8:30 a. m. Baker of Fortland and take him to breakfast. It's raining, of course, they may over-see tonight.

HE'S CALLING TO YOU



After the hot assault, or hard, heroic stand, Hark! some one calls to you from No Man's Land. Just a friend of yours and mine, a suffering soldier-man; No, you cannot reach him—but the Red Cross can.

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

There, in the mud and the blood, the soldier calls to you. Do you hear? Then answer. There, risking shot and shell, braving the inferno of enemy fire, the Red Cross goes to lend aid and comfort to the wounded and the needy. From there comes the call to you—to give what you can to the Red Cross. Do you hear the call? THEN ANSWER.

GRILL DR. ROBERTS ABOUT LOVE TRIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WAUKESHA, Wis., May 20.—Dr. David Roberts squirmed under cross-examination today as attorney for Miss Grace Lusk, charged with the murder of his wife, tried to show violation of the Mann "white slave" act in the doctor's trips with the defendant.

Miss Lusk sat calmly picking pieces a dandelion in "he loves me, he loves me not" fashion.

Roberts again admitted today their relations had been illicit, but stoutly maintained he had not paid her railroad fares on out of state trips.

He confessed, however, he gave Miss Lusk money at various times and on nearly every trip.

"Did this money cover railroad fares?" Defense Attorney Henry Lockney asked.

"I suppose that was included; I do not know," Roberts replied.

He could not recall ever having purchased her ticket.

Gen. Bell Will Command Lewis, It Is Rumored

(Special to The Times)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, it is rumored about the war department, is to be sent to command Camp Lewis, Wash., when the 91st division goes abroad.

Gen. Bell recently was relieved of command of the national army division at Camp Upton, N. Y., and, it is reported, is not to be sent to France.

As he is known as one of the army officers who long ago recommended the establishment of an army camp at American lake, and, in fact, by many is accredited with being the father of the plan by which the camp was finally established, such an assignment, it is thought, would be to his liking.

Freud is not read every day. Freud is synonymous with a psychological study of sex.

"Have you read the newspaper stories about Prof. Thomas and Mrs. Granger?" Miss Lusk asked.

"Yes, with interest," she said.

"What do you think of the affair?"

RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS WITH RUSH

Tacoma and Pierce county are going 100 per cent everywhere in the Red Cross campaign which officially opened thruout the nation Monday.

Reports at headquarters at Victory hall early Monday morning showed that employees in many of the city's largest industrial plants and business houses already have subscribed at the 100 per cent rate.

At the same time a number of towns outside the city reported they had passed their quotas.

Victory hall was crowded with subscribers all morning, and it looked as if the city might be near the top of its \$100,000 quota by midnight Monday, when the honor list closes.

Among the Tacoma concerns in which the employees are 100 per cent subscribed are the Toad shipyards, the Tacoma smelter, Seaborn shipyards, Rhodes Brothers, Billrose Alloys Co., Lewis Bros. West Coast Grocery, the county treasurer's office, the county assessor's office and W. P. Fuller & Co.

From Burnett came the report that every man in the Burnett mines has contributed.

Every indication was that the final total would show an enormous number of subscribers in the city.

U. S. Patrol Is Being Increased

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—The American navy is increasing its patrol force in European waters, the navy department officially stated today.

This increased patrol is one of the factors in the decrease in submarine sinkings. The aircraft contingent is being augmented and the ship forces are being enlarged.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Benson declared the department felt the submarine situation has improved, but the department would be loath to make optimistic predictions lest the people relax and the submarine campaign burst out with renewed vigor.

Benson declared there was some reason to believe Germany has super-submarines of unusual power and cruising radius, but that so far it has been impossible to establish the truth of such reports.

Trawler Sinks German U-Boat

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, May 20.—The trawler Alilly sank a German submarine, captured the commander and liberated the captain and crew of a Spanish sailing vessel who had been taken prisoner, a dispatch from Toul said today.

Jap Destroyers Are Kept Busy

(United Press Leased Wire.)
TOKIO, May 20.—The fleet of Japanese destroyers co-operating with allied naval forces in the

Fight Off 20 Enemy Attackers

(United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Quiet prevailed along the American front, except for aerial activity, yesterday, Gen. Pershing reported today. Two enemy machines were brought down.

The statement follows: "Section A—Aside from the activities of the air forces on both sides, the day was quiet at all points occupied by our troops. Our aviators brought down two hostile machines.

"Section B—Reports in hand show a notable instance of bravery and devotion shown by two soldiers of an American colored regiment operating in a French sector.

Attacked by 20.

"Before daylight on May 15, Private Henry Johnson and Private Roberts, while on sentry duty at some distance from one another, were attacked by the German raiding party, estimated at 20 men, who advanced in two groups, attacking at once from flank and rear.

"Both men fought bravely in hand to hand encounters, one resorting to the use of a bolo knife after his rifle jammed and another fighting with bayonet and but became impossible. There is evidence that at least one and probably a second German was severely cut. A third is known to have been shot, and a fourth.

"Attention is drawn to the fact that the two colored sentries were attacked and continued fighting after receiving wounds and despite the use of grenades by a superior force. They should be given credit for preventing their bravery the capture of any of our men. Three

of our men were wounded, two by grenades. All are recovering, and the wounds in two cases were slight.

Present Colors.

"Maj. Lufbery was killed in flight during which he had been in combat. He was seen to fall from his machine, which fell a short distance from him. He was possibly wounded or dead before he fell. Earlier reports stated that he was, at the time, in long running fight and was flying upside down at 2,000 feet.

"Last night one of our aviators engaged two German planes and brought down one in the vicinity of Apremont.

"This morning Lieut. Douglas Campbell, flying at 4,500 meters, brought down a hostile biplane in the vicinity of Fliry. The hostile plane fell within our lines.

"On May 18 a descendant of one of the French officers who served with the American revolutionary forces presented in the name of the descendants of all such officers a stand of national and regimental colors to two regiments of newly-arrived American division.

"These flags bore the inscription: 'From the sons of the French champions of American liberty to the American champions for France and humanity!'

ANOTHER FOR DOUG

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, May 20.—Lieut. Douglas Campbell of Mount Hamilton, Cal., brought down his second German airplane this afternoon.

The fight took place at a great height. The German plane crashed into the American lines.

SUBS HELPLESS FOR TIME BEING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, May 20.—The greatest portion of the German submarine and torpedo craft, formerly operating from bases in Flanders, has been immobilized in Bruges, the British admiralty announced today.

The announcement is accepted as meaning that the blocking of Ostend and Zebrugge harbors by the sinking of concrete-filled ships has locked the German craft in the basin at Bruges—the interior base connected with Ostend and Zebrugge by canals.

Mediterranean has been more actively engaged recently than ever before, says an official statement issued here.

"Recently extraordinary enemy activity both at day and at night has kept us more actively engaged than ever and engagement are becoming more frequent," says the statement.

"On May 3 Japanese destroyers escorting allied transports, of which one was torpedoed, saved all from the torpedoed vessel. Submarines also were engaged by our destroyers on May 4 and 5. The results of these engagements are unknown."

TALK OF THE TIMES

Greetings, have you bought a home yet?

A half dozen or more Pacific avenue cafes comply with Food Administrator Grigg's order against unrestricted serving of sugar and bread with as much grace, promptness and completeness as the Standard Oil Co. shows in obeying court orders to dissolve.

We cheerfully confess we are pro-German—to this extent: We sympathize fully with Hindenburg's desire to have the Hun Grand Sea Fleet sent forth to battle.

No strict order that the "All-Highest" could give would please us more than one commanding his navy to steam out.

We sure are pulling for Hindenburg to win the Kaiser over.

Says the lady next door: "Trumps is generally scarcer when we need 'em most."

Clean Up, Spade Up, Paded Up, Cheer Up, Put Up, Cough Up, Open Up, Loose Up.

An 86-year-old New York Jeweler and an 18-year-old male nurse girl have been married. He married her because she was rich and handsome. You don't believe it? What other reason could it be?