

FRENCH WANT BIG-BERTHA FOR WAR SOUVENIR

Super-Cannon Which Bombarded Paris Sought for Display in Place de la Concorde—History of Long Range Canon and Secret of Their Power Due to Special Explosive.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The French people want one of the German "Big-Berthas" or supercannon which bombarded Paris to display in the Place de la Concorde as a souvenir of German frightfulness that failed of its purpose to destroy French morale.

The armistice does not stipulate that one of these instruments shall be surrendered but there is a movement to urge the government to demand it. There is no expectation that the Germans will include one of these weapons among the 2500 guns they are required to give up under the armistice.

Three Guns Utilized

Facts obtained by military experts show that the first guns that fired upon Paris on March 23, last numbered three. They were installed near Mont-Jolie, in the forest of Saint Gobain. Two were on the same railroad spur leading out of Laon while the third was a little further east in the vicinity of Crepy.

According to the latest information the guns were pointed at an angle of more than 65 degrees, a charge of three hundred pounds of powder propelling the projectile to a height of one hundred thousand feet (nearly 19 miles) on its murderous mission to Paris. With every shot ten or twelve marine guns of sixteen or seventeen-inch calibre fired simultaneously upon targets unknown in order to conceal the location of supercannon. The shell was of 210 millimetre calibre (about eight inches) and weighed three hundred pounds but the charge of explosive contained therein varied between thirty and forty pounds.

Shell an Innovation

In the manufacture of the shell resided an innovation of the Germans. It is said to have been made of special steel treated with tungsten so as to offer the maximum of resistance for a minimum of weight. The guns' only protection was in camouflage and it proved to be no protection at all as allied aviators soon located them. There is a report that several aviators, Americans, French, British, lost their lives in locating the first three Berthas in the Forest of St. Gobain but upon that point officials are silent.

However, on March 27 one of the Berthas was blown up by an aerial torpedo which tore a hole in the ground more than fifty feet in diameter, a photograph of which has been taken. The second was put out of business in the last days of April, while the third of the original three was silenced in May.

It is now asserted that two of these guns were remodeled into a larger calibre, nine-inch, and that these remodeled guns were the one which resumed the shelling of Paris late in May last.

Larger Guns Used

Subsequently the Germans succeeded in utilizing larger calibered guns for long distance firing. In August, they used a marine gun from near Soissons, firing a twelve and a half-inch shell. They were preparing to subject Paris to an intensive bombardment such as Dunkirk had to suffer when they were driven out of their soissons-Chateau Thierry line by the counter-offensive of the allies.

Commandant Mirbel, the military expert, who organized the Turkish artillery before the Germans assumed charge of the military affairs of that country, told the Associated Press that the whole secret of the German long distance gun lay in the invention of a special high explosive powder which could only be used in guns constructed with a special steel of extraordinary resisting power. This powder had commenced the generalization of the process and they were manufacturing several guns similar to their Soissons one but Marshal Foch's offensive deranged their plans.

WASHINGTON SOLONS OVERRIDE LISTER'S VETO

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—The Washington house of representatives today overrode vetoes of Governor Lister two years ago placed on bills the legislature passed establishing boards to supervise osteopaths and chiropractors.

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DUCK SEASON ENDED JANUARY 15 LAW ENFORCED

Deputy State Game Warden P. H. Daily is enforcing the closed season on ducks and other wildfowl, following instructions received by him from the state fish and game commission. The letter is as follows:

To All Game Wardens: The article published in some of the newspapers recently to the effect that the federal migratory bird law was declared null and void by the United States supreme court and in consequence ducks and geese could be shot indiscriminately is erroneous and perniciously misleading.

The federal migratory bird law passed by congress in 1913 was signed by the United States supreme court upon its constitutionality but for reasons not made public the court did not render a decision in the matter and on February 28, 1916, the court ordered the case restored to the docket for reargument. The treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds was ratified by both governments December 7, 1916, and on June 29, 1918, congress passed the migratory bird treaty as to give effect to the treaty provisions, which was approved by the president July 3, 1918, and on July 31, 1918, the president promulgated regulations thereunder governing the hunting and possession of such birds.

The migratory bird treaty act of 1918 specifically repealed the old migratory bird law of 1913, which was still before the United States supreme court and the recent action of the government in moving for a dismissal of the case was merely to clear the court records, and also because there was nothing left to decide since the law in question had been repealed by the new act of 1918. The migratory bird treaty act passed last June, 1918, is now in full force and effect throughout the United States. Copies of the treaty, act, and the regulations thereunder may be obtained by addressing the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or the United States game warden, Portland, Ore. Please give this matter all necessary publicity in order that sportsmen and others interested may not become confused.

HUNS INSISTED UPON HOT MEAL

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A story of propaganda that proved a boomerang has reached London from France. In the closing stages of the war when the Germans were surrendering in large numbers, a British intelligence officer was greeted by a group of prisoners with cries of "Hot meal! Hot meal!"

The officer showed surprise, but the Germans continued to shout, "Hot meal!" and rub their stomachs. "Nothing doing in hot meals," the officer replied.

Thereupon the Germans pulled out leaflets carefully hidden away in their clothes and cried, "Ticket for hot meal—ticket!"

The leaflets, apparently distributed from the air, informed Fritz that if he came in and surrendered he would get a hot meal.

In brief, military language the British officer told the Germans that he knew nothing of the origin of the leaflets and that there must be a mistake, but the Germans came back with: "Englishmen always keep their word. Hot Meal! Coupon for hot meal!"

According to the story, nothing remained for that English division but to set to work at once and prepare hot food for the hungry prisoners streaming in, thereby considerably slowing up the advance at that point of the line.

HITCHCOCK TOLD TO VOTE SUFFRAGE

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18.—Senate joint resolution memorial asking the United States senate to adopt the federal woman suffrage amendment and recommitting United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock to vote for it, was passed by the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature. The resolution was passed by the senate earlier in the week.

SUB-TREASURIES TO BE ABOLISHED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The house today adopted a provision of the legislative appropriation bill directing the secretary of the treasury to abolish on July 1 next the sub-treasuries at Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BELGIUM FACING POLITICAL CRISIS RESULT OF WAR

BRUSSELS, Jan. 18.—Belgium is facing a crisis in its political history. The present government comprising six Catholics, three liberals and three socialists, is acknowledged everywhere to be only a provisional one, a government of transition. A real government which will direct the reconstruction of Belgium is in the making.

It is not expected that elections can be held in less than six months. Meanwhile the political fight will be waged upon a basis of universal suffrage—one man, one vote. Before the war the priests had four votes, land owners and nobles as many votes as they had estates in different provinces and socialists and liberals only one vote each. The socialists were mostly working men and the liberals mostly professional men. This enabled the Catholic party to be in power for more than 40 years. Under the universal suffrage system which would relegate priests and land owners to the same category as working men, doctors and lawyers, it is asserted that the Catholic party may be placed in the minority. Nevertheless, Cardinal Mercier's great personality and the energy he displayed in behalf of Belgians during the war is said to have greatly helped the cause of the Catholic party.

One cause of bitterness and animosity in Belgium is the Flemish movement which now is practically dead owing to the efforts of the late German Governor Von Bissing, to make use of it to divide Belgium into two parts. It is expected that the Flemish movement will revive when life resumes normal conditions, but it is held in abeyance now through fear that it might be construed as German propaganda. King Albert in his speech to the parliament after returning to Brussels announced that the government will propose a bill to create the basis of a Flemish university at Ghent reserving the details to the new parliament to be elected later.

Pro-Germans and "activists" who supported the German scheme to drive a wedge between the Flemish and the Walloons in Belgium are now ostracized socially. Many arrests have been made in Brussels, Ghent and Bruges. The people of Ghent divide their hatred and bitterness evenly between the Germans and the "activists." Bruges is filled with deep-seated hatred of everything German while Brussels "hates" both pro-Germans and "activists."

In Bruges 153 women who dealt with Germans were beaten and their hair shorn. In Ghent pro-Germans and "activists," both men and women, were physically punished.

RAPID PROGRESS CANYONVILLE ROAD

Good progress is being made on the road work in the big canyon above Canyonville, five ganges of men now being employed, whose work has been interrupted very little by rain, says the Roseburg Review.

Much of the road through the canyon is being relocated, and when finally completed none of the grades will exceed five per cent. Work is already started on two new bridges across Canyon creek. Part of what is known as the Hildebrand grade is being widened, and part of that grade will eventually be abandoned and the new road built on the opposite side of the creek. Most of the road over the summit will also be relocated. It is hoped to have the new grade all made this year and the new bridges built.

The road is still blocked to traffic, but may be opened in the spring by utilizing a considerable portion of the present road while the new grading is being done. This year's work should eliminate all the bad hills on the entire Pacific highway in this county. The work now being done in the canyon is under federal supervision.

DODECANESE SEEK UNION WITH GREECE

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Residents of the Dodecanese islands recently arrived here with an appeal to President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau of France, that their 12 islands in the Aegean Sea, which were controlled by Turkey, be reunited with their mother country, Greece. Dr. Skives Zervos and Paris Roussos are the signers of the petition as "the executive committee of the inhabitants of the Dodecanese."

"The Dodecanese," the petition says, "where Herodotus, the father of history, and Hippocrates, the father of medicine, have seen the day; the Dodecanese, which have reared and inspired so many poets, physicians and philosophers, fervently request you to kindly intercede in favor of their reunion with Greece, and to plead at the peace conference for their deliverance." Italy now controls some of the Dodecanese islands.

TRAWLER CAPTAIN DIED FROM FEAR OF BEING POISONED

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Captain William Martin, of the British trawler King Stephen who, from fear of treachery, refused to take off the crew of the disabled Zeppelin L-19 in the North sea in February 1916, died 11 months later of a nervous collapse caused by the mistaken belief that he had been poisoned. This and other facts concerning the incident now are available for the first time and it is possible to tell the story in detail. It is believed here that the 18 Germans composing the crew of the L-19 perished.

The action of Captain Martin evoked denunciations of alleged "British inhumanity" in the German press which compared the affair to the celebrated Baralong case. It is claimed here that public opinion upheld Captain Martin in his position that if he had taken the Germans on board the trawler they would have captured the vessel and unarmed his crew of ten men. It will be recalled that the Rev. Arthur W. Ingram, bishop of London, publicly declared, "we ought to stand by the skipper. The Germans have killed chivalry in wartime."

Because of his action Captain Martin, it is learned, received a number of letters threatening his life. About 11 months after the North sea incident, he became ill after smoking a cigarette from a package sent him by mail and he was convinced that the cigarette contained poison. Analysis of the tobacco proved that his fears were unfounded but he never recovered from the shock. The verdict of his physician was that he had died from sheer fright.

The L-19 had taken part in a raid over the midland counties of England in which 67 non-combatants were killed and 117 injured. The Zeppelin was damaged by gunfire and compelled to descend to the North sea where Captain Martin of the King Stephen found her resting in the water. According to Captain Martin's story the Zeppelin's commander offered me a reward if he would take off the German crew but Martin refused saying, "I don't trust you."

LOW DISEASE RATE IN OCCUPATION ARMY

PARIS, Jan. 18.—In the American army of occupation there were during the week ending December 23, only 33 cases of venereal disease, the chief surgeon reports. This is a low record, representing a yearly rate of seven cases out of a population of one thousand. For the whole American expeditionary force the rate has been reduced to 34 per thousand yearly. Before the war the rate was between 80 and 90 per thousand, which was itself much below the civilian rate.

Segregation of camps have been established at embarkment centers, where men found affected will be placed in quarantine. The average time for quarantine, it is expected, will be at least forty days.

Daily Health Talks

The Many Mysteries of Nature BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.

You can take an onion seed and a pansy seed, and plant them side by side in the same spot of ground. In one case, you get an onion with its peculiarly strong odor, and in the other you get a flower of rare beauty. You can plant a poppy seed and get opium (a dangerous, habit-forming drug), or you can plant a rhu-barb seed and get something that helps constipation. No scientist, living or dead, can explain these mysteries of Nature. Behind the invisible life germ in each seed is hidden the deep secret that nobody understands. Everything growing out of the ground seems intended for some use in establishing natural conditions. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., long since found out what is naturally best for women's diseases. He learned it all thru treating thousands of cases. The result of his studies was a medicine called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine is made of vegetable growths that nature surely intended for backache, headache, weakening drains, bearing-down pains, periodical irregularities, pelvic inflammations, and for the many disorders common to women in all ages of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made of lady's slipper root, black cohosh root, unicorn root, blue cohosh root and Oregon grape root. Women who take this standard remedy know that in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they are getting a safe woman's tonic so good that druggists everywhere sell it.

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DEFEAT INCREASES HUN PROPAGANDA AMONG MEXICANS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—Germany's surrender served only to spur German propagandists in Mexico to loftier heights of fanaticism. In a country where access to news is freer than it is in Mexico, their lies would soon prove boomerangs, but in this country, despite their clumsy subtleties, the propagandists met with some success in befogging the issue of real victory.

In this they were aided by the fact that the first report of the signing of the armistice on November 7 was false. Admission of this fact by pro-ally papers gave the German agents a hook on which to hang charges that subsequent reports also were without basis in truth. The out and out pro-German papers

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"I tried everything I could get my hands on, thinking I would get something after a while that would do me some good, but nothing seemed to help me very much. I thought a change might do me some good, so I came to Tacoma a short time ago, and when I got here I heard a great many people talking about the good Tanslac had done them, and I thought I would try it out myself. Well, sir, I began to overcome my trouble right away. I am practically free from those terrible rheumatic pains now, and all that swelling is a thing of the past, and in fact, all that fourteen years of misery seems to be over. I sleep like a log and am gaining both in weight and strength every day. I never lose a minute from my work now, put in full time every day, and just feel good all the time. It sure is great to be in such fine shape after fourteen years of agony. I don't believe there is another medicine in the world equal to Tanslac."

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asserted that the armistice terms favored Germany. They admitted that the German fleet was held in British water, but declared that it had not "surrendered," but was being held only until peace had been concluded and, as an artistic touch, modestly "saluted" the German engines of war at the "internment." The surrender of Germany's submarines was passed over as lightly as possible. According to the pro-German newspapers only one-sixteenth of the German fleet was given up, not its "heart." A huge navy, they said, built during the course of the war and held in waters unknown to the allies, was ready at any moment to give battle to the allied fleets. That this propaganda is intended, not for military purposes, but to preserve the faltered rags of German prestige in Mexico for after the war trade purposes, is indicated by articles warning Mexico to beware of British goods.

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