



IN DEATH'S VALLEY.

The Allies Approach Each Other and It is Believed They are in the Death Grapple
SHARP CLASHES AND HEAVY CASUALTIES

Complete silence is maintained as to the fortunes of war in the big fight understood to be in progress along a line extending through Belgium and Luxemburg. Dispatches give evidence of the presence of masses of German troops pushing their way to the front behind an impenetrable screen of cavalry whose dashes in search of information as to the whereabouts of the allied troops have resulted in sharp clashes and heavy casualties.

The commanders of the allied forces of French, British and Belgians will not permit anything about their positions to become public, and since the official note made known the presence of a large British expeditionary force on the continent its movements have been hidden from the outside world.

At Brussels it is said there has been no change. The position there is reported to be excellent for the allies. The fate of the Liege forts is not definitely known. German dispatches describe them as in the hands of the German army since the arrival of heavy artillery, while Belgium military authorities assert that they are still intact and holding out bravely.

In Alsace-Lorraine the French turning movement through Southern Alsace appears from French reports to be progressing favorably for the French, and this seems to receive confirmation in a dispatch sent out by the Wolf bureau, the German news agency, saying two batteries of guns were taken by the French who continued their march forward.

All these reports, however, refer to the preliminary meetings of opposing bodies of troops leading up to the great battle which may already have begun. Even leading Frenchmen take occasion to point out to their countrymen that the decisive conflict is yet to come, and that too much reliance must not be placed on reports of demoralization among German troops. It is reported that a naval encounter has occurred in the North sea but this is without official confirmation.

A French official note confirms reports of a Serbian victory at Shabatz over an Austrian force of 80,000 men. The Austrians are said to have lost 3,000 killed and 5,000 wounded. A Montenegrin army is reported within two hours' march of the fortified Austrian seaport of Ragusa, in Delmatia.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

The greatest photo-drama in the world is Pasqualis' masterpiece, "The Last Days of Pompeii," a most graphic dramatization of Lord Bulwer Lytton's book, and it is accounted one of the biggest and best educational entertainments ever produced. It embraces the historical Roman arena in all its grandeur; the fighting gladiators and thrilling chariot races; the lions turned loose on the heroic Glaucus; the city of Pompeii before, during and after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

This celebrated photo-drama will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre Monday night, August 24th. Harris & Crews obtained the use of the films for one night at a heavy cost to them and in order to meet the heavy expense it was necessarily to increase the price of admission to see the 260 big scenes in the eight-reel picture. Read the advertisement and synopsis elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

THE WESTERN UNION OFFICE

Mr. Frank C. Spencer, local manager of the Western Union office, is elated over the arrival of the new fixtures for his office which are now being installed. A handsome quartered oak counter with a white marble top, extends across the front of the room for the use of the patrons. A new floor is being laid, the wainscoting repainted and the room papered. When completed it will be a handsome and comfortable office.

Mr. W. D. Rives, local manager of Telephone Company, will move his private office to the Western Union Office.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF IT

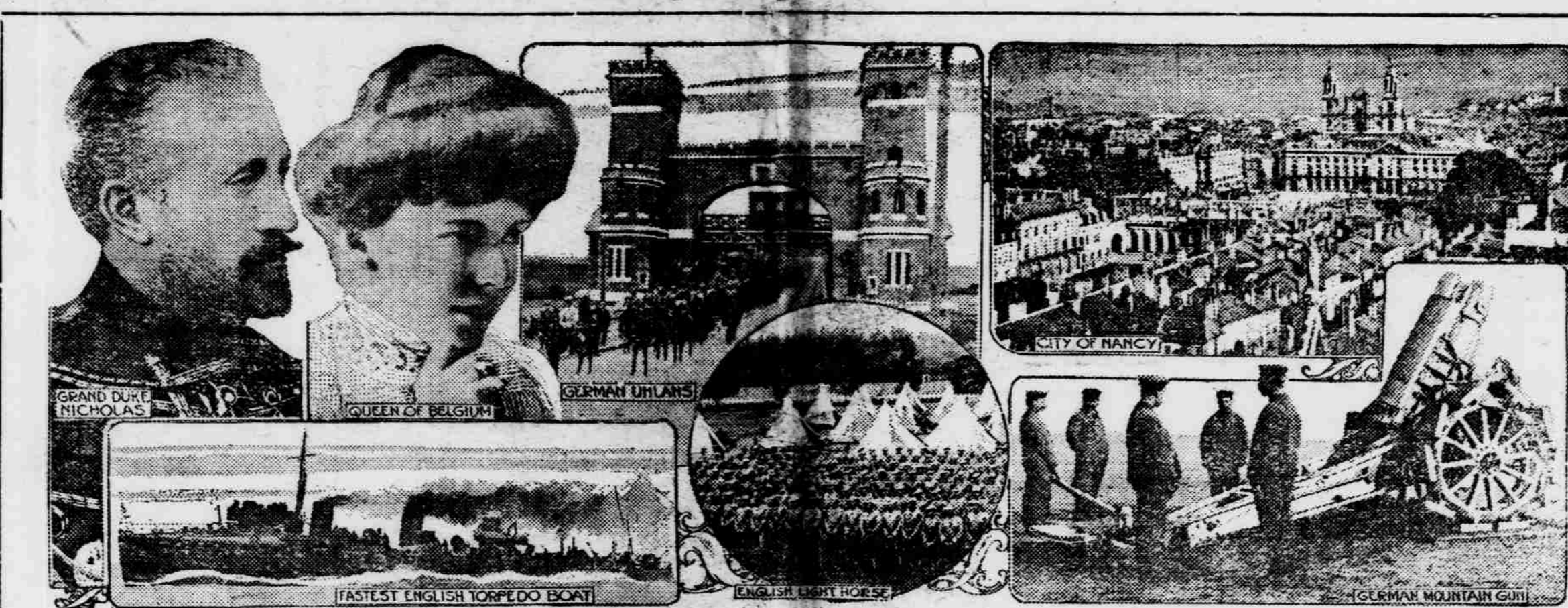
Oxford, N. C. August 11, 1914

Taylor Brothers, Oxford, N. C.

Dear Sirs,

I regard the Purina Chicken Chowder, purchased from you the very best egg producer I have ever seen during my many years of experience in the chicken business, and heartily recommend it to all chicken raisers. I do not see how I could do without it.

Yours Very truly,
W. C. BRYAN



News Snapshots Of the Week

The war in Europe continued over a wide area, though the rigid censorship prevented news from reaching the rest of the world except in fragmentary manner. The principal scene of action was along the borders of the German empire, where English and French troops were united against the Germans and their allies. Nancy, one of the best fortified towns in the eastern section of France, was in the zone of conflict. Much of the heaviest fighting was done in Belgium, though there were many rumors of desperate fighting on the sea. German losses in the vicinity of Liege were heavy, and the Russians were also preparing to invade the kaiser's territory from the east. Grand Duke Nicholas commands the Russian army.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Good Hog Crop—The hog crop in Browntown is good and in a grunting condition.

War or No War—Yes, war or on war, let's boost Oxford and make her continue to grow.

Moving Along—The roof is being put on the large residence of Mr. A. S. Hall on Spring street.

Get Together—Wonder if the Progressives and the Republicans in Granville will get together?

Many Thanks—The office force is under many obligations to Mr. Eugene Moss for some nice cantaloupes.

New Garage—The new Highway Garage on Hillsboro street has been framed and will be pushed to completion.

Hobbling Around—Mr. J. E. Adkerson, who badly sprained his ankle a few days ago, is hobbling about with the aid of two sticks.

New Fence—The new iron fence with concrete base of Mr. Henry Hunt is being put up in front of his beautiful lawn on Main street.

Happy Children—The children of the Oxford Orphanage picniced at Providence Wednesday, and "you bet" they had a glorious time.

Changed His Base—Our young friend, Will Fuller, has changed his base and is now with the Perkins-Green Co., and we wish him continued success.

Completed This Week—The changes and improvements to the stores of Cohn & Son on Main street will be completed this week with the exception of painting.

Down to Business—The farmers are now getting right down to business curing tobacco and falling behind on sleep. We learn that the weed is curing well this season.

Swap With Girl—A small boy longs to have whiskers but when he gets grown and can't finance his way into a barber shop three times a week he would like to swap faces with a girl.

New Walk—The Seaboard Railroad has had a rock walk put down in front and down part of the side of the depot in Oxford, which will prove quite a convenience in bad weather.

Rapidly Recovering—We are much pleased to learn that our young friend, Jesse Clement, son of Capt. and Mrs. T. D. Clement, of Route 1, who has been very sick, is rapidly recovering.

To Road Congress—Gov. Craig has appointed Ex-Judge A. W. Graham one of the State delegates to the Fourth American Road Congress, which will meet in Atlanta, Ga., on November 9th and 10th.

Mr. J. W. Adcock—This fine old gentleman of the Berea section, was in town Wednesday hail and hearty at 81 years. He informed us that he had a good crop growing and had put in a good summer's work.

Raleigh Street—This well travelled thoroughfare is being cleaned up since it has been widened, and as since it has been widened, and when the telephone poles are set back it will be a nice looking street.

To Person Roads—The three colored men sentenced to Person County roads at last court were called for Thursday by Messrs Ed. Moore and Carver, who have charge of the road building, and taken to Roxboro.

IMPROVEMENTS NOTED.

Exchange Hotel Enlarged, Renovated, Steam Heated, and Bath and Telephones in Each Room

MRS. WILL WALTERS WILL OPEN NEAT CAFE

The sound of the hammer has been heard for some time in the direction of the Exchange Hotel, and on investigation we find that another story has been added at a cost of several thousand dollars, making forty elegant rooms in all.

By the first of October those who have been guests of the hotel for years will hardly recognize it as the same place. Each of the forty rooms will contain a telephone and running water—hot and cold. There will be twenty baths so arranged as to give to each suite of rooms one bath, and the hotel will be steam heated throughout. The hotel is being thoroughly renovated and cleaned throughout and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith are determined that nothing shall be lacking for the pleasure and comfort of their guests.

NEW CAFE

Mrs. Will Walters has let the contract for a 15x40 foot brick building on the vacant lot between her boarding house and the Oxford Water Company's office on Main street. Work will begin at once. It will be a neat one-story building and the front porch of the boarding house will extend across the front of the new building.

Mrs. Walters has felt the need of more room to accommodate her customers for some time. The new 15x40 foot room will be ample to seat fifty people and it will be used as a dining room for her regular boarders, but those desiring special meals cooked to order will be served at special tables; and she will cater to parties and banquets.

NOTICE TO COLORED TEACHERS.

There will be an examination for colored teachers in the court house at Oxford, Friday, September 4th. J. F. WEBB, Superintendent.

HELD AT GORDONSVILLE

The authorities of Gordonsville, Va., are holding a colored man who answers the description of one of the assailants of Mr. Campbell at Bullock last Sunday and for whose arrest and delivery there is a standing reward of \$50 for each of the two men. Mr. "Goodie" Royster, of Bullock, is hastening to Gordonsville to identify the assailant.

EDWARD RAWLINS HURT

Edward Rawlins, who has faithfully delivered the Public Ledger to town subscribers for more than a year had the misfortune to fall from a tree Thursday and sustaining a broken arm. Edward is a fine boy and we regret the mishap very much. With good nursing his doctor says he will be out in a little while.

MRS. CLARENCE LEE

Mrs. Clarence Lee, of Philadelphia, who was a recent guest of Col. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper, is at a chateau some seventy miles from Paris. She went abroad some months ago with a bevy of young ladies, one of whom is Miss Sunshine Hicks, the daughter of Mr. Ed Hicks who has a summer home near Oxford. Mrs. Lee invokes the aid of Col. Cooper in getting her and her party safely home, and through the Offices of Senator Overman they will soon be able to make the passage in a transport.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

The Average Daily Attendance on the Two Week's Session is About One Hundred

BRIGHT AND INTERESTING SCHOOL MARMES

The two week's session of the Granville county Teacher's Institute is well under way. Prof. L. C. Brogdon, of Raleigh, is holding the body spell-bound with his magic logic this Friday morning as we go to press. A large number of school committeemen from all parts of the county are present and are participating in the exercises.

Books, methods of teaching and anything that is suggestive of the best possible results in the school are the daily task of the institute. The average attendance is fully one hundred, and the conductors, Prof. Allen and Miss Arrington, are very popular with the school marmes.

DEATH OF REV. W. S. HESTER

This true and faithful "Soldier of the Cross" has passed from death unto life and entered the "shining portals of the eternal City" and is forever at rest. He passed away Thursday morning just before noon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. N. Hunt, in Oxford, after an illness of several days. He had not enjoyed good health for some time and was not strong enough to battle against the last attack of sickness. He was 82 years of age and had preached the Gospel for many years as he was an earnest and zealous local Methodist preacher and farmer and accomplished great good in the world for the cause of the Master during his long and useful life in the Salem community as well as other sections of the county.

There is no language at our command by which we can fittingly portray the sincerity of this man of God, and in the experience of a life time we can safely say we never met one who seemed to more nearly walk hand in hand with God. Conscience guided every act. He was strictly honest in the service he rendered. To man, woman or child, saint or sinner, he always extended a cordial greeting that lent a ray of light to brighten their pathway in the journey of life. He commanded the respect of all classes and sects of people as it was so perfectly natural for him to do right. We did not appreciate his true worth until after the thread of life was severed. But as we "caught a glimpse of the snow white sail that bore him away to the distant shore" we awakened to the realization that good and righteous man had been taken from among us. We can truly say to his loved ones,

Weep not for the soul whose crown is won,
Whose infinite joy has only begun
Not for the spirit enrobed in light,
Crowned where the Angels are to-night."

He leaves behind to grieve over his death two daughters, Mrs. D. N. Hunt, of Oxford; Mrs. R. J. Aiken, of Durham, and Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, of Littleton, and two sons, Rev. Marion Hester, of Roanoke Island, and Mr. James Hester, of Waco, Texas, and a large number of grandchildren, and one brother, Mr. B. L. Hester, of Creedmoor, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Daniel also of Creedmoor, and Mrs. Ann Milklin.

The funeral and burial will take place at Salem church today, Saturday, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. and the services will be conducted by Rev. L. H. Joyner and will be largely attended.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. J. H. Renn, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Milton Bragg, of Stem, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Thorp, of Berea, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. C. Cooper, of the road, is on a visit to Oxford.

Mrs. Aubrey Moore is visiting her parents in Baltimore.

Mr. J. W. Morton, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Chewing, of Lewis, was in town Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Gooch is spending some time in Baltimore.

Mr. James Powell spent the week on his farm at Stovall.

Mr. E. E. Bullock, of Stem, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Averett, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. S. Cozart, of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. Woodson Cash, of Tally Ho, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Currin, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.

Mr. W. R. Williams, of Oak Hill, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Mt. Energy, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. R. C. O'Brien, of Berea, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Brown spent Wednesday and Thursday in Raleigh.

Mr. Nat Baird, of Route 1, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Tommie Dement, of Dickerson, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. W. P. Patterson, of Dexter, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mr. L. D. McFarland, of Berea section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Herbert Gregory, of Stovall section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Clement, of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. B. K. Lassiter was in Lumberton Wednesday on legal business.

Miss Fannie Hays is at home from a visit to relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. P. L. Parham, of Hargrove, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. R. A. Stem, of Stem, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. James Jones, of Culbreth section, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. R. S. Hart, of Northern Granville, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Peace, of Fishing Creek township, was a town visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Julia Meadows, of Wilton, was in Oxford this week visiting relatives.

Miss Lillian Spencer returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus Currin, of Route 6, were in Oxford Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Spencer, of Keysville, Va., is visiting Mrs. Len Pitchford on Goshen street.

Mrs. Cary Parham and children, of Route 5, were in Oxford Wednesday afternoon.

BETTER TIMES AHEAD.

The Usual August Dullness Reigns Over Oxford and Nothing More,
Say Our Merchants

FARMERS PLANTED IN FAITH WILL REAP IN FAITH

Consulting their ledgers as to sales in former years the merchants of Oxford tell us that we are experiencing the usual August dullness and nothing more. If the flurry in sugar, drugs and a few other articles had not occurred we would scarcely have felt the effects of the European war up to the present time.

It is a season of "betwixt and between," and having nothing else to do, the people naturally talk about the war and spread gloom more than they would in the busy season, but the fact remains that business in Oxford is normal. There may be a few who squeeze the dollar a little tighter, but this is hardly perceptible in the channels of trade.

If there were a lot of farmers standing idly about our streets we would indeed feel that starvation and destruction was staring us in the face, but such is not the case. They are busy with their crops and seldom come to town at this season of the year, and when they do come they hasten back to the farm. The war is not bothering them as much as one would suppose—they planted in faith and they will reap in faith.

We are not alone in our belief that this period of inactivity will continue for any great length of time. As soon as a decisive sea battle is fought and the channels of trade are opened up with England and the bulk of the continent, including Africa, Asia and South America, then there will be a great demand for manufactured goods and the United States will be the principal source of supply. By this time, the new Federal reserve banking system will be in operation and with the Panama Canal open to trade, there should be a great boost along the line. An adequate merchant marine may also be on the way by this time and with the expansion of financial institutions such as the National City Bank of South American points, the facilities for export trade will be wonderfully enhanced. This will have its reflex upon local conditions and there will be a great forward movement along all channels.

BOUNDARY LINE IN DISPUTE

The Board of Town Commissioners met in the Mayor's office Wednesday to determine the ownership and boundary line of certain lands on Spring street which have been in dispute for some time. It was finally decided to have Capt. A. A. Chapman, Civil engineer now in charge of street work, to make a careful survey of Spring street from end to end.

As this is not the only land in town involved the Public Ledger would most respectfully urge the Town Fathers to have all such lands and boundaries established for once and all while they have a competent Civil Engineer at their disposal. They owe this to the town and to future generations. The longer it is delayed the harder it is to reach a just and equitable conclusion.

PLENTY OF TIME

The current number of the Tobacco Journal contains this timely advice: "We notice that farmers are being advised everywhere not to rush their tobacco to market, and some of the markets have postponed opening for the time being. The advice is good in view of present complications. At the same time, if tobacco sells for fairly good prices, smart many farmers will proceed to sell. The fact is if tobacco should sell for one half of what it sold for during the high prices of last season, thousands of farmers will sell at the reduced prices and there is no way to stop them. Again we advise patience. There is plenty of time to move the crop. We believe honestly that the skies will soon be clear, and that the business of the world will move forward, regardless of war."

WILL TAKE BRIEF REST

Rev. S. K. Phillips is in attendance upon a called meeting of Albemarle Presbytery in Rocky Mount. He will reach Oxford this Saturday night and fill his pulpit Sunday. On Monday Mr. Phillips will join his father at Gloster Point, on York River, for a brief rest.

DR. N. ROSENSTEIN WILL BE AT Oxford Tuesday, August 25th, stopping at the Exchange Hotel, and Wednesday, August 26th, at Creedmoor, stopping at Central Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. If your eyes need any attention don't fail to see the Dr. at those places. His charges are very reasonable.