



Condensed War News

THE GERMANS ARE MARCHING TOWARD FRANCE AND THE RUSSIANS ARE BEARING DOWN ON BERLIN WITH TERRIFIC FORCE

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON HER HATED ENEMY.

The Note From Japan Was Ignored by Berlin and Kiao-Chow Has Been Prepared to Stand the Expected Siege of the Japanese.

(London Cable, August 24th) With the Germans bombarding the forts of Namur and large bodies of their troops continuing to move westward, a contact must soon be joined with the main allied forces. The German army will then, for the first time, find itself facing its chief opponents and a great battle, which must have an enormous effect on the future of the war, will probably ebb and flow for several days before a decision is reached.

The front of the German fighting line may extend far to the westward if the suggestion is well founded that the right wing of the emperor's battalions is carrying out a great circling movement with a view to breaking into France further to the South. According to French official reports, victories gained by the French troops have opened the way to Colmar, capital of upper Alsace.

Seven thousand Austrians are reported to have arrived at Strassburg for the defense of that fortress.

Both Germany and Austria-Hungary have called the landstrum, their last reserve of troops, to the colors. If the news of a great Serbian victory, which comes from many sources, be true, Austria-Hungary, which must be reeling under the smashing blow delivered by her small adversary, will need every available man.

The Russian army on the eastern frontier of Germany gradually is emerging from the mist and in such force as will soon demand more attention.

(Tokio Cable, August 24th) The emperor of Japan today declared war on Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Kiao-Chow.

The Japanese government has ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea. The Imperial rescript declaring war on Germany was issued this evening. It officially inaugurates hostilities in the far east as a result of Germany's failure to reply to the Japanese ultimatum.

The proclamation of the emperor sent a thrill through the country. Japan's entrance upon the fulfillment of her obligations to her ally, Great Britain, responds to the popular will from one end of the land to the other. Cheering crowds assembled today before public buildings and tonight there were lantern processions through the streets.

(Paris Cable, August 24th) The following official announcement was issued tonight:

"A great battle is now in progress along a vast line extending from Mons to the frontier of Luxembourg. Our troops in conjunction with the British have assumed everywhere the offensive. We are faced by almost the whole German army, both active and reserve.

"The ground, especially on our right, is thickly wooded and difficult. The battle is likely to last several days.

"The enormous extent of the front and the great number of forces involved makes it impossible to follow step by step the movements of each of our armies. We must await the result of the first phase of the combat before we can form any conclusion as to the situation. Otherwise we should be giving to the press divergent and contradictory news, since such a battle naturally is made up of actions, and reactions which follow and connect in a continuous manner."

ENGLISH IN SERIOUS MOOD

(London Cable, August 25th.) Not before has the English nation been so deeply moved. They know that most of the best regiments are fighting a battle on which the future of the empire may depend. They know that the death roll will be even larger than in the British forces since the Crimean War.

The only information the country has had regarding the great battle is contained in brief official bulletins of a vague character and these have not been cheering.

TWO CAR LOADS CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY. Car load best oats at Lyon-Winston Co.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Much Better—We are glad to learn that the little son of Mrs. E. R. McKethan, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Out Again—Our young farmer friend, H. G. Buchanan, of Route 2, who is just recovering from an attack of fever was in Oxford Saturday.

It is M. T.—The Granville County Jail is again empty, and jailer Walters will soon hang a sign on the out-wall reading: "Boards Wanted."

Repairing Home—Mr. Joe Pittman is repairing and repainting his home he recently purchased on High street, and will move in as soon as completed.

County Teachers—We still have with us the fine and attractive teachers of the county, who are storing away knowledge for the benefit of the children.

Five Boys—The twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Port are two of the finest, healthiest boys you ever looked at and would be sure to take the prize in a baby contest.

To the Asylum—Lewis Harris, a crazy colored man of the Lewis section, was taken to the Insane Asylum at Goldsboro Monday by Deputy Sheriff Conrad Walters.

New Telephone Girl—A new and bright little telephone girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rives, on Front Street and her many calls will be lovingly answered.

After the Burial—Mr. James W. Hester, son of Rev. W. S. Hester, left Waco, Texas, Thursday night and reached Salem Sunday morning, his father being buried Saturday.

Fine Crop of Tobacco—We heard a farmer say one day the past week that Mr. Ruben Overton, of Route 6, was curing one of the best crops of tobacco he had seen in many years.

Good News—We are much gratified to learn that the tobacco thus far cured is of fine texture and good body, which indicates that the crop will command a high average price.

Brick Work Finished—Mr. Lakel informs us that he has completed the brick work on the Colored Graded School building, and expects to have it completed before the first of October.

Plenty of Dust—The road force of the county is scraping up the roads near Oxford, and on account of not having any rain the dust on the roads is from one to three inches deep.

Married To-day—We learn that our old friend, Mr. Frank P. West, of Route 4, will be married today, Wednesday, to Miss Martha Ann West, and we wish him much happiness in advance.

Bought Livery Stable—Mr. Richard Thorp has bought out the livery business of Mr. J. T. Critcher, and you are asked to read his advertisement on another page and extend him your patronage.

Changed His Base—Our young friend, Russell Rogers, who has returned from a visit to Asheville, has changed his base and is now with the Alston Cash Grocery store where he will be pleased to serve his friends.

How About It—It looks to us like the old side walk on lower Raleigh street is not going to be turned into a part of the street, which is so badly needed on that much traveled thoroughfare. How about it Mr. Street Commissioner?

Far Badly Cut—While Mr. Ovid Frazier, of Route 4, was walking along a few days ago talking to a friend, stumbled and fell tearing one of his ears almost off. He hurried to Oxford and Dr. Thomas sewed up and bandaged the wound.

Champion Pea Grower—Mr. Matt Nelson, who has quite a reputation as a grower of peas, will have to take a back seat as Mr. Willie Howell has raised a pea 28 inches long. That is some pea, and we hope he will save the seed of the peas as they mature.

The Best Ever—It goes without saying that "Pompeii" shown Monday night at the Orpheum Theatre was the best production ever shown in Oxford by the wide-awake and clever Messrs. Harris & Crews. It was worth more than the price of admission.

Appointed Janitor—Postmaster C. D. Osborn has selected from the Civil Service list the name of Mr. F. E. Young and appointed him Janitor of the new Postoffice. We think he has made an admirable selection as Mr. Young is a steady, reliable and polite young man, and well qualified to fill the position. His excellent knowledge of machinery and plumbing will serve him well in looking after Uncle Sam's building.

THE FIELD IS RIPE.

The Merchants Themselves Should Pay More Attention to Exploiting Their Goods

WILL LAY IN GOOD STRONG STOCKS

The large city dailies are reaping a harvest during the European war. The people are anxious to get the very latest news and as a result morning, noon, evening and night editions flood the streets. As it is understood that an advertiser is entitled to all the editions the big stores get their copy in hand early, and they, too, are reaping a harvest.

The papers in small towns don't fare quite so well as the big city papers in war times. So far as circulation is concerned the Public Ledger is faring very well and has no complaint to make, as we have booked nearly two hundred new subscribers since hostilities were declared in Europe. Many are the messages we are receiving these days reading something like this "Inclosed please find \$1.50 for the Public Ledger. We want to keep in touch with the war and the effect it will have on business."

The great difference between the business men of a large city and a country town is that the former works and plans to stave off stagnation in times of war, while the latter feels like closing up shop and retiring for a season. Oxford is not quite so bad as some of the other towns, and there is something doing here all the time.

Without any personal feelings in the matter, we do not believe the merchants of Oxford do their share of advertising. The Public Ledger stands manfully by them and works assiduously at all times to build up the community. We are mailing nearly four thousand copies of the Public Ledger twice-a-week with only a few home advertisements in it. We dare say that if our paper was well filled with neat and attractive advertisements of our mercantile houses business in Oxford would be somewhat brighter to-day. Many merchants advertise when business is brisk, but the large fortunes have been accumulated by those who advertise when business is slack.

The merchant who does not fully appreciate the value of advertising will tell you he is "too busy to attend to his advertising." Not so, he has not thought about the matter. He will spend hours a day talking his goods over the counter to one person at a time, where if he would sit in his office each day, study his stock, write a good advertisement for the Public Ledger he would talk to thousands at a time and make money.

Situated as we are, surrounded on all sides by hustling towns, we feel that it is due the merchants themselves to pay more attention to exploiting their goods. They are backed up with several strong points in their favor and the Public Ledger is here to throw its weight in the fight for a larger volume of business.

Our merchants are going to lay in good stocks, war or no war, and we trust that they will give us a chance to help them sell the goods by keeping the trade at home.

GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS

The Sunday's edition of the Raleigh News and Observer contains the following item in reference to an Oxford boy:

"Lee Gooch, Raleigh's rightfielder, has been sold to the Minneapolis club of the American Association and leaves for his new club on September 10, day after the Carolina league closes. The purchase price was \$1,000. Gooch came to Raleigh from the Morristown club of the Appalachian League, where he was the batting sensation of the league. His record to August 14 shows that he has been to bat 226 times, securing five homes, one triple, eight doubles and 54 singles for an average of 305.

WILL ORDAIN MINISTER

Next Sunday in St. John's church, Williamsboro, Bishop Cheshire will ordain to the diaconate Mr. Arthur W. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids. Several of the clergy of the diocese will assist in the service. The vested choir of Holy Innocent's church, Henderson, will help with the music and a very impressive service will be held. At the afternoon service Holy Baptism and Holy Confirmation will be administered and a short sermon will be preached by one of the visiting clergy.

Dinner will be served on the church lawn between services. It is earnestly hoped that quite a number of people from Oxford and Granville county will be present.

FOR SALE—I HAVE ONE NICE White Wyandotte Rooster, 5 hen and 15 young pullets. Fishel Strain, which I will sell at a bargain to quick buyer. Apply to S. A. Jones Oxford, N. C.

Ready For The Big Fair

THE THIRD REGIMENT BAND HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE TWO DAYS AND WILL PLAY AT THE GRAND MARSHALL'S BALL.

PARCEL POST WILL HAVE EXHIBITS THIS YEAR

Dr. W. N. Thomas, the Chief Marshall, Has Succeeded in Naming his Aids, in Which all Parts of Granville County is Represented.

ASSAILANTS STILL AT LARGE

The Man Held at Gordonsville is not the One Wanted Here.

Mr. J. G. Royster, who went to Gordonsville, Va., last week to identify the assailant of Mr. J. M. Campbell at Bullock station recently, has returned. He knows the two men who committed the assault on Mr. Campbell and he reports that the man held at Gordonsville is not one of the pair which Sheriff Hobgood offered a standing reward of \$50 each.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Democratic Executive committee for Granville County is called to meet in the Court House at 12 o'clock, August 29th for the purpose of organizing for the coming election, to consider a resolution endorsing a State-wide primary and the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. This August 21st, 1914.

OXFORD COLLEGE

President Hobgood after an arduous canvass for students is now at home preparing for the opening of the session of 1914-15 on September 9th. He is fitting up the room for the teaching of Domestic Art which will be added this year. In this sewing, plain and fancy, cutting and fitting and embroidery will be taught. Mrs. Carrie L. Hobgood will conduct this new Department. This and Domestic Science again to be under the charge of Miss Paris will constitute the school of Home Economics. All the bed rooms are now receiving a beautiful tint of alabaster.

In response to a demand from some mothers a Little Girls school will be opened under the charge of Miss Mary Royall Hancock in one of the large recitation rooms of the College. The Science Department will be conducted by Miss Eloise Harris, of Virginia, who took her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hollins College in 1912, and then spent two years in the study of Science alone in Richmond College, giving much time to laboratory work—from this great College that admits women she took her Bachelor of Science degree in June 1914. She comes to us with very thorough equipment.

The Piano teacher this year is Miss Octavia Hawkins, of West Virginia, an honor graduate of the Music School of Randolph-Macon Woman's College of Lynchburg, Va., with one full year's work in music under the great teachers of New York, and two Summer terms. After this preparation in the United States she spent a year in Berlin, Germany, under the world renowned teacher, Rudolph Ganz, from whom she has received the highest testimonials.

Mrs. Woodall continues in charge of Voice training and Expression.

Mrs. Rosa Jones becomes Lady Principal.

Miss Evelyn Johnson takes charge of the housekeeping. For several years she was the housekeeper at Meredith and has had a wide experience in her line.

Attend Farmers Meeting

Messrs. James Horner and William Webb and Miss Mary Webb accompanied Mr. John Webb in an auto to the Farmers' Meeting in Raleigh this Tuesday morning.

Bright Boy Hurt

Master Little John Kinton, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinton, of Route 4, happened to the misfortune to fall from a wagon Monday splitting the bone in his arm, knocking elbow out of place. Dr. Watkins was summoned at once, and set the arm. Glad to know he is getting on nicely.

NOTICE ON ACCOUNT OF SIDE WALKS

All bills for sidewalks dated July 22nd must be paid before Thursday, August 27th or the property will be advertised as required by law.

R. B. HINES, Tax Collector, II

Mr. Eugene Crews, Secretary of the Granville County Fair, is whipping things in line for a bigger and better exposition this fall. Every department of the Fair will bristle with exhibits. The poultry show will be noteworthy, as this particular industry is taking deep root in Granville county. The Fair improves each year in its live stock exhibits and the disposition on the part of the farmers to exhibit their finest herds is significant. Farm produce of all kinds will be on display, and the tobacco exhibit promises to eclipse anything attempted heretofore.

Dr. Thomas has finally named his marshals and aids. The complete list follows:

Dr. W. M. Thomas, Chief; B. K. Lassiter, First Aid; William Dorsey, Second Aid; Leland Jenkins, J. L. Veasey, T. G. Stem, Roy Crews, Geo. Dorsey, J. B. Powell, A. H. A. Williams, W. L. Mitchell, Marsh Ray, G. W. Harris, E. B. Howard, Crawford Pruitt, A. Marsh Daniel, A. T. Knott, J. P. Harris, Joe Gooch, Elam Curran, W. L. Curran, Lucius Slaughter, L. B. McFarland, I. B. Newton, Roy Chappell, John Dickerson, Clifton Robards, John Curran, John Garner, Harvey Sanderford, F. P. Ross, Lee Ed. Whittaker, Burley Howard, Ballard Norward, Tom Pool, W. B. Lasley, Dr. Joe Thompson, Henry Bullock, Walter Fleming, Tom Fleming, Melvin York, L. C. Wilkinson, R. T. Gregory, Thad Cary, H. W. Caldwell, Hicks Overton, Dudley Averett, Dorsey Rann, Richard Harris, Horace Joyner, Elvin Dean, Bridges Pittard, Roy Frazier, Jethro Wilkinson, Elvis Mangum, Charlie Pruitt, Charlie Pool, Willie Yancey, Jack Hambrick, Willie Carver, Dr. L. T. Buchanan, Bennett Perry, Jerry Zollicoffer, J. M. Satterwhite, Ben Loyd, H. Taylor Jackson, Wilmore Jenkins.

Parcel post exhibits will be a feature of county fairs throughout the country in the fall. In response to a widespread demand Postmaster General Burleson has instructed postmasters to provide exhibits, the purpose being to show the farmers the advantage of the parcel post.

The very best band in the State, that of the Third Regiment, has been engaged to furnish music for the two days, Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29. They will also play at the Marshall's Ball.

THE LITTLE COMMA

We recently received a communication from a well informed man, no doubt written hurriedly, in which there was a sentence that balked our interpretation and taxed our ability to interpret its true meaning. Some of the sentences in the article were fairly peppered with commas and in others this important punctuation mark was lacking. We finally came across the following sentence and all hands got busy: "The prisoner said the witness was a convicted thief." We wanted to insert a couple of commas and make it read: "The prisoner, said the witness, was a convicted thief," but decided to omit the clause entirely.

The comma may seem like a small thing, but it plays havoc some times. Some years ago there were enumerated in a tariff bill certain articles that might be admitted free of duty. Among them were certain fruit-plants, but the clerk who copied the bill, instead of copying the hyphen, he changed it to a comma, making it read "fruit, plants." Before the error could be corrected the government lost two million dollars, as all foreign fruits had to be admitted free so long as the comma remained where the hyphen was intended to be.

FIREMEN SAVE DWELLING

A fire of unknown origin broke out Monday night in the dwelling near the Southern Railway Freight Station owned by Mrs. James Day, of Weldon, and occupied by two families, Mr. Keller, of the Ice Plant, and Mr. Satterwhite. The occupants smell smoke and upon examination the fire was discovered. The alarm was turned in at 9:30 and the firemen rushed to the scene and succeeded in saving the main part of the building, but the roof was badly damaged, which is considered a splendid piece of work on the part of the fire fighters.

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