



WAR WILL BE PROTRACTED BY THE ALLIES.

The European Struggle Will Be Pushed to a Bitter End, Says Allies—Regardless of Reverses in France, England and Russia Are Closing In For the Death Grapple—England Gathering Men From Her Colonies

Halt in Front of Paris

GERMANS REST ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER GRAND MORIM, WHICH RUNS EAST AND WEST SOMEWHAT SOUTH OF THE PARIS LINE

THE ALLIED ARMIES ARE DEFENDING THE ROADS

With the Russians Landing at Ostend, North Coast of Belgium, Cutting Right Flank of German Army, the World Awaits Startling News this Week

Almost total silence is being maintained regarding happenings in France, neither the British nor the French governments vouchsafing detailed information as to the positions of the armies facing each other a few miles from Paris.

An agreement has been signed by Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the French and Russian ambassadors at London, in behalf of their respective governments, that peace shall not be concluded separately during the present war by any one of the three allies, and that no one of the allies will demand concession of peace without the previous agreement of the others.

Reports are current in London military circles that a portion of the British expeditionary force is at Maubeuge, a French fortress of the first class in Nord, assisting the French garrison in the defense, which, it is said, is being strongly maintained.

Fifteen British travelers have been sunk in North Sea by German (Tremonde), in East Flanders, has been taken by Germans, according to an official report from Berlin and dispatches from Ostend.

The French Premier explains that the sessions of Parliament at Paris were brought to a close in order that the Parliament might be reconvened at Bordeaux, if necessary.

The British government has issued an official denial of the use of dum-dum bullets by the British or French, as charged by Germany.

AGREE ON TERMS (Paris Cable, September 7) An official communication was issued at midnight announcing that three forts had fallen at Maubeuge, a fortress of the first class, in Nord.

At Maubeuge the bombardment continues with extreme violence. The city resists, despite the destruction of three forts.

The German army continues to move farther away from Paris, toward the southeast, carrying out the movement started Thursday.

According to information the enemy's troops have evacuated the region of Compiègne and Senlis.

FISHING BOATS SUNK (London Cable, September 7) The Official Press Bureau to-night gave out a statement that the German squadron had sunk fifteen British fishing boats in the North Sea. The crews were taken to Wilhelmshaven as prisoners of war.

LOAN OFFERED TO ITALY (London Cable, September 7.) It is reported that France, through the intermediary of a group of banks, has offered the Italian Government the loan of \$200,000,000 in favor-

GEN. B. S. ROYSTER LECTURES.

"The Arrest, Trial and Conviction of Christ From the Standpoint of Law"

The Baptist Church was well filled at the Sunday School hour Sunday morning to hear Gen. B. S. Royster lecture on "The Arrest, Trial and Conviction of Christ from the Standpoint of Law."

The small children were sent from the main auditorium of the church to the class rooms in order to make room for older people who came in to hear the lecture, and among the number were members of the legal fraternity from other denominations.

No date having been set, it was not generally known that the General would lecture Sunday morning, else the church would have been overcrowded. Only General Royster's class of 150 men knew the hour, and they got busy and packed the highways in search of the "summer time sheep" and brought them in.

Gen. Royster's lecture revealed a deep knowledge of the ecclesiastical and civil law at the time of the arrest, trial and conviction of Christ. It was a polished address, one in which General Royster would reap a rich reward and fame in the Elysium Course. Any attempt at a newspaper report would be an injustice to the great subject and to Gen. Royster. The fact that General Royster stood before us and pointed out the intricacies of law and pleaded in his natural voice brought the sacred story close to everyone.

EDUCATIONAL RALLIES

There will be three educational rallies held in the county next week. You are cordially invited to attend them. Mr. T. E. Browne, State Director of Boys' Corn Clubs and Mrs. Chas. McKimmon, in charge of Girls Canning Work will be the principal speakers. Mrs. McKimmon will give a demonstration in bread making. The school committeemen are looking after the details of plans and that means success to the meeting. Every one who comes is expected to bring a basket and enjoy an old time picnic. Places of meeting are: Enon school, Wednesday, Sept. 16. Browning school, Thursday, September 17. Banks school, Friday, Sept. 18.

MINOR WAREHOUSE

Workmen have been busy all the summer getting the old Minor Warehouse ready for the sale of leaf tobacco. The Z. W. Lyon Company announce elsewhere in this paper the opening date, September 15th, with the following warehouse force: Z. W. Lyon will run the Sales; W. J. Webb and E. E. Fuller will keep the books; R. S. Usry and V. W. Critcher will manage the floor and attend to the Leaf Purchases; R. L. Beasley will do the auctioneering. Mr. Lyon wants his old friends to come and see him.

COLORED MEN FIGHT

As a result of a row near Belltown Monday night Sam Jones, colored, is in a critical condition, from a knife wound inflicted by Clarence Harris, colored. It appears that Harris cursed Jones sister and the two men flew at each other, Harris stabbing Jones with a pocket knife between the eighth and ninth ribs. It was an ugly wound and bled profusely. Jones was brought to Oxford and was attended by Drs. Watkins and Thomas at two o'clock this Tuesday morning.

On learning of the disturbance, Sheriff Hobgood went out and brought Harris to Oxford and landed him in the County jail.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Lookout Taxpayers—We ask you to read the notice of R. B. Hines, Tax Collector, in another part of this paper as your name might be printed there.

Missionary Society—Mrs. S. K. Phillips handsomely entertained the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church at the Manse Monday afternoon.

Another Daughter—A girl was born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McFarland a few days ago and her little voice now echoes throughout the home.

Taking a Rest—Mr. Ernest Cheat-ham, the veteran carrier on Route 3, enjoyed a well earned rest the past week and was glad to forsake the buggy for a short while.

Will Move—Mr. Sid Usry having sold his home on King street to Dr. Henderson has rented the Dr. Sam Booth residence on College street and will move in a few days.

Getting Better—The friends of Mr. Arthur Currin will be glad to learn that he continues to improve from the effect of the kick of the horse since he has been in the hospital.

To the Ladies—We ask our lady readers to be sure and read what Landis & Easton has to say in an announcement on another page, as they will find it especially to their interest to do so.

Hail Storm—We are sorry to learn that a hail storm passed over the farm of Mr. Chas. Speed in Brassfield township last Thursday practically destroying all the tobacco he had on the hill.

High Price Land—Two tracts of the Hockaday land in Brassfield township was sold in Oxford Saturday at the following high prices: S. A. Hockaday bid off 71 acres at \$3, 710, and J. H. Perry bid off 345 acres at 7,550.

Safely at Home—We learn that Miss Bemis, the splendid lady manager at the Oxford Orphanage, who was abroad when the war broke out, has safely reached the United States and is now visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Squirrel Hunting—The following gentlemen left Monday for Oak Hill township on a two days squirrel hunt: Messrs. Duke Currin, T. A. Averett, Fred Currin, Titus Currin, Jack Howard, Frank Blalock, and Conrad Waelters.

Done His Part—Mr. Lee, the excellent manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., has had his poles on Raleigh street moved back and we hope friend Rives, of the Telephone Co., will immediately follow suit and move back the telephone poles.

From a Distance—Quite a good number of people from Clarksville, Virginia, Stovall, Creedmoor, Stem and other sections of the county attended the fine performance of Mutt & Jeff at the Orpheum Theatre Monday night.

Off to School—The following young ladies will leave in a few days for school: Miss Hixie White for Woman's College Greensboro; Miss Helen Paris, Dorothy Hunt and Esther Mitchell for State Normal, and Miss Edith Parham for Littleton.

School Books Galore—Well, children, Monday was school day and if you need school books you can get them at Hamilton's Drug Store along with all kinds of school stationery. Read his advertisement on the last page and extend him your patronage.

Something Great—The Dingbats, who have a fine reputation, are coming to the Orpheum Theatre with beautiful costumes, magnificent scenery, the biggest and best beauty chorus. It is a great production with more than 50 people. It is too good to miss as it is a captivating musical comedy. Look out for the date.

Good Luck, Boys—The following young men have gone off to school for the term: John Mitchell to Warrington; Paul Daniel to Wake Forest; Beverly Royster, Harry Renn, Sam Howard, Frank Hancock, Lynwood Bryan, Elliott Cooper, Augustus Graham, James Taylor, and Basil Horsfield and Outlaw Hunt to the State University and we wish all of them good luck.

THE SCHOOLS OPENING.

We Make Our Most Respectful Bow to the Children Thirsting For Knowledge LARGELY A MATTER OF APPLICATION

The public schools in most of the towns and cities of the State opened their doors Monday, and before another week rolls by all the colleges and business institutions of learning will be in full swing, but most of the farmers' children are still on the jump and many of them will not see the inside of a school house until the frost touches the vine.

From this it would appear that the child of the farmer is handicapped in the battle of life, but nevertheless the fact remains that some of the brightest intellects of the day was kindled with pine fagots and the accumulated wisdom of the ages (the good) digested between the hands of the plow. Months do not count as much in the scheme of education as an insatiable thirst for knowledge. The boy who feels the need of an education, whether he lives in the country or in town, is half educated, and the rest is only a matter of application along well defined lines.

Now we were boys a child was considered somewhat of a prodigy that could master the old A-B-C method at the age of five years, but these progressive educational studies have hit upon a plan to teach children to read by the new and easiest method of sound reading which eliminates the necessity of learning the A-B-C's. The new method is recognized as one of the most important discoveries in the modern educational system. When they say cat, they do not name the three letters, as c-a-t, but give the sound of "c" and "at" blended together and get "cat." By the phonic method the child is taught to recognize the word and its name as a whole.

For instance, the word dog is recognized, taken and absorbed by the child as one thing in its entirety, instead of learning the three distinct characters of which the word is composed.

The old gray beards and hoary heads of our day are lost to know how it is that a child can actually read before they know their A-B-C's. But the leading educators of the country say that the names of the letters do not count for anything at all and that the child gains four years by the phonic method.

We will give it up, but when it comes to spelling, we will put Cynthia Simpkins and her old blue back spelling book against the best of them. We make our most respectful bow to the school children everywhere and urge them to make use of their improved opportunities, for after all it is a matter of close application.

THE FARMERS WAREHOUSE

Parham & Parham announce elsewhere in this paper the opening of the Farmers' Warehouse on September 15th. It is said that "once a customer of the Farmers' Warehouse, always a customer," and it is a noticeable fact that the Parhams are adding friends to the warehouse each year. Mr. Sid Betts, an old Granville boy, is the popular and efficient bookkeeper at the Farmers' Warehouse this year.

FELL AMONG THIEVES

Mr. J. H. Tillotson, Jr., of Route 2, had a close call in Petersburg, where he had gone to attend to some business last Friday.

After transacting his business, Mr. Tillotson started to the Seaboard passenger station in Petersburg with the avowed purpose of catching a train for home. On the street leading to the station Mr. Tillotson fell in with two well dressed men, and after the conversation progressed for a while one of the strangers struck Mr. Tillotson a violent blow across the bridge of his nose with a bottle, felling him. While laying unconscious upon the street, the thieves extracted \$12 in cash, a watch and a pocket knife from the pockets of Mr. Tillotson and made away with their ill gotten gains.

Upon regaining consciousness Mr. Tillotson looked up a doctor, had his wound dressed and came on home.

Mrs. E. T. Rawlins and three bright daughters, of Durham, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Steed on Rectory street.

Our Tobacco Market.

WAREHOUSEMEN HAVE INFORMATION THAT LEAD THEM TO BELIEVE THAT BUYERS FOR THE IMPERIAL AND EXPORT WILL BE ON THE MARKET

DATE FOR OPENING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15TH

There Has Been One More Warehouse Added to the Number in Oxford this Year, the Old Minor, Which Will Be Run by Z. W. Lyon & Company.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Request For New Road to Parallel Raleigh Road—Attention given to Other Roads.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their room in the Court House in Oxford Monday with all the members present: Chairman B. I. Breedlove, Z. W. Allen, J. N. Tilley and H. C. Floyd.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Messrs. F. W. Hancock and N. H. Cannady were before the Board requesting that a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of building a road parallel with the Raleigh road, this road being an extension of Main street intersecting the Raleigh road near the home of T. G. Taylor.

A. A. Hicks and Chairman Breedlove were appointed a committee to make settlement with the Treasurer. On motion of H. C. Floyd it was ordered that the County appropriate \$100 towards the construction of a road in Oak Hill township, near Virginia when the money is available. The building of the road from Jim Scott's to Vance county line was postponed for 30 days.

Delila Walker was ordered put on outside pauper list at \$1.50 per month. Dr. J. A. Morris appeared before the Board in the interest of the use of Serum for the prevention of hog cholera in the county, as indicated by the United States Department of Agriculture, which met with favor by the Board, and will be duly considered at the proper time.

Chairman Breedlove was instructed to borrow \$3,000 to repair public roads.

BANNER WAREHOUSE

Mr. W. Z. Mitchell elsewhere in the Public Ledger announces the opening of the Banner Warehouse September 15th for the sale of leaf tobacco. With its excellent lights, courteous force and improved facilities, the Banner is sure to handle its share of tobacco. Remember the date, Mr. Mitchell will be glad to greet his friends at all times.

GRADED SCHOOL

This splendid institution of learning opened on Monday morning and it was a grand sight to see about 400 of our bright boys and girls wending their way to school after a pleasant vacation, full of life and the vigor of youth. They met with a warm welcome at the hands of the Superintendent and teachers. In many instances the children were accompanied by their parents, who also met with a cordial greeting by Superintendent FKis, who earnestly desires their co-operation in this great work. The enrollment was about 400, which will no doubt be increased from day to day.

MORE OXFORD IMPROVEMENTS.

Dr. T. L. Booth addition and changing interior of home on College street.

Sam Hobgood, new porch and repainting dwelling on College street.

Mrs. Julia Minor, new porch, improving interior and repainting of residence on College street.

Roy Wright repainting and improving interior of home on Broad street.

Mr. R. M. C. Calvert, repainted and improved interior of home on High street.

There has been built just outside the corporation during the past few months from 12 to 15 new cottages by both white and colored people who work and do business in town. Laying of 5 1/2 miles of Granolithic sidewalk and widening of some streets in Oxford.

It is gratifying to note that in every place where the tobacco markets have been opened the prices for the first week average with the prices paid at the end of last season. Oxford warehousemen have information that leads them to believe that buyers for the Imperial Tobacco Company and the Export Department will be on the market by the time the Oxford and other markets in this section of the state opens. The date for the opening of the Oxford market is set for September 15th, which is next Tuesday.

Local tobaccoconists are looking for good sales during the first week of the season. Already the beginning of the sale of tobacco has been postponed two weeks and many of the farmers are anxious to convert a part of their crop into cash in order that they may meet their obligations.

Following the rush of the first week it is probable that most of the farmers who were wise enough to lay aside a little money from the bumper crop of last season will wait to see how the prices are at the beginning of the season. Many of the farmers of this county are well into the work of curing the crop and will finish up sometime during the next week or so. They have an average number of hills and it developed into a pretty fair crop when the rains did come. Some sections of the county have as fine a crop as they have ever grown, but it is a little light in others. The body of the tobacco is not so good as it has been in former seasons, but it is believed that unless the war has very seriously effected the tobacco industry it will bring about the normal price this year, and the farmers should be in pretty good shape when the crop is all sold.

There has been one more warehouse added to the number in Oxford this year, making the total number five, the latest one being the old Minor Warehouse, renewed and renovated, which will be run by Z. W. Lyon & Company. The other four warehouses will be run by the same warehousemen as last year, with W. Z. Mitchell proprietor of the Banner Warehouse; Parham & Parham proprietors of Farmers Warehouse; Mangum & Watkins, proprietors of Johnson Warehouse; Will H. Fleming, proprietor of Owen Warehouse. All of the warehouses have been swept, cleaned and made ready and inviting for the opening next Tuesday.

A large number of farmers from the surrounding country have signified their intention to be present on opening day. It is very likely that such well known and progressive farmers as Messrs. T. G. Crews, Walter Averett, Ed Parrott, W. E. Dorsey, C. H. Cheatham, Fred Currin, W. H. Tillotson, Jr., Geo. Parham, Lucius Currin, J. R. Daniel, and a host of other friends of the Oxford tobacco market will be present on the opening day or during the first week.

THE OWEN WAREHOUSE

Every farmer remembers the high averages of the Owen Warehouse. The same excellent management is at the helm this year. Mr. Will H. Fleming will be glad to see his friends on opening day, September 15. High averages and courteous treatment is the rule at the Owen. Whether you have much or little to sell you are sure to receive a hearty welcome at the Owen Warehouse.

DECISIVE BATTLE IS RAGING

(Washington Special, Sept. 8) Official Washington is much interested in the reports of the general engagement along the battle front near Paris. The general feeling is that a decisive battle is now in progress.