



Movement For Peace.

IT IS UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE GERMAN ARMY IS SHORT OF FOOD AND AMMUNITION. THE REINS DRAWING TIGHTER.

GERMAN RETREAT IS RAPID.

Russians Are Smashing Austria—Crown Prince Dies From Wounds—Cavalry to the Rescue—Will Fight In Picturesque Forest of Argonne.

PEACE TALK
It is learned in Washington that Emperor William has had under consideration for several days an informal inquiry from the United States Government as to whether Germany desires to discuss terms of peace with her foes. On the tenor of the reply depends to some extent whether or not the informal peace movement inaugurated a week ago can be pursued further with Great Britain, France and Russia.

The inquiry was not a formal one such as President Wilson's original tender of good offices, but was an effort to determine whether Germany's reported willingness to talk peace was based on fact. The chronology of the peace movement was revealed after a canvass of officials, diplomats and other directly concerned.

GERMAN ARMY FALLS BACK

(London Cable, Sept. 13.)
The German armies which a week ago today commenced a series of violent attempts to break through the French center have found their efforts futile and, evacuating Vitry-Le-Francois, the pivot of their offensive and where they had fortified already strong natural positions, they have retired northward.

This retirement was made imperative by the continued retreat of the German right wing, which is somewhere northwest of Rheims and the defeat of an army corps, which was operating just east of Vitry-Le-Francois, around Revigny and Sermaize, and which, in its hurry to join the retirement, left a quantity of war material behind for the French to pick up.

GERMANY'S RIGHT WING

(London Cable, Sept. 13.)
Apparently the Germans, who sent the best of their army farther west to take part in the advance on Paris, have found the mountains of Moselle and Vosges, where the French were in strong positions, too hard a nut to crack.

While French reports say that the French army is following up all these successes, it would appear that their most serious driving movement is taking place against the German right wing, which since Saturday last has traveled north faster than it went south. On Friday this wing disposed of General von Klueck's army and part of General von Buelow's corps, occupied a line which follows the Vesle and the railway from Soissons through Fismes to the mountains south of Rheims.

CAVALRY TO THE RESCUE

(Paris Cable, Sept. 13.)
It is believed that General Sir John French, who won a reputation as one of the greatest cavalry leaders in the South African war, will cling to the heels of this retreating army as long as his men and horses can stand the strain. It is possible, too, that he will get assistance from the French cavalry, which has not been heard of to any great extent during this war and which is credited with being the equal of any in the world.

IN THE FOREST OF ARGONNE

(London Cable, Sept. 13.)
The French official report refers to this retirement as a general retreat, and from the rate at which the Germans are travelling it would seem to be such, although military experts are of the opinion that they may make a stand or a counter offensive when reinforcements which have been sent from Belgium reach them. It is believed that a portion of the German army which is falling back on Revigny is almost certain to put up a hard fight in the forest of Argonne, where military men expected General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, to make his defense at the outset and which affords splendid positions against attack.

RUSSIANS SMASHING AUSTRIA.

(London Cable, Sept. 13.)
The Russians continue to strike at the Austrians left in Galicia, and, according to Petrograd reports, they have succeeded in smashing it. The object in concentrating the attack on this wing of the Austrian army is obvious, for the Russians have desired more than anything else at the present time to put the Austrian army en-

GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

The Gates Will Swing Open to the Public Six Weeks From Tuesday

Six Weeks from today, rain or shine, the gates of the Granville County Fair will swing open to the public. From this time forward Secretary Crews will have all he can do answering enquiries and getting things in shape.

Great care has been exercised by Secretary Crews and the Board of Directors in granting concessions and securing attractions. Five clean, interesting and wholesome attractions have been booked and Secretary Crews hopes to secure one or two more.

Secretary Crews states that he will go out to the Fair Grounds at an early date with a force of hands and put things in tip top shape. He intends to build more pens for stock and put flooring in the pens set apart for swine.

The Third Regiment Band and the Southern Railway Educational exhibit are good drawing cards. The Directors are more determined this year than ever to make the Fair a grand success, but this can only be done by the co-operation of the people from all over the county.

FIT FOR THE GODS

The people up the State and even those among us, may think they know something about the delicious scuppernon grape, but they must go to Warren and Halifax counties to find the grape in a perfected state. Last week Mr. Josh King received a bushel box full of delicious scuppernon grapes from his mother, grown on the old home place near the Warren-Halifax line. These grapes were of a uniform size, and full of nectar and fit for a god.

BRIGHT AND PRETTY GIRLS

For the first time this session the pretty and happy young women of Oxford College formed in line last Sunday morning and attended church in a body. The old institution of learning has long been noted for bright pretty girls, but this year they seem to be prettier and more of them. We noticed quite a number of new faces among them, and like the morning glories, all dispel sunshine.

STUDYING ART IN NEW YORK

Miss Fannie Webb, the attractive and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, is attending an art school in New York City and will remain in the North until Spring. Miss Webb is a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, and won first distinction as an artist in a large class of clever young women.

TAKE 180,000 PRISONERS

(London Cable, Sept. 14.)
A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says telegraphic advices received there from Petrograd are to the effect that the 17 days' battle of the Russians against Austro-German forces ended with the following result:

Prisoners taken 180,000; field guns captured 450; fortress artillery captured 1,000 pieces; transport wagons taken 4,000; aeroplanes captured 7.

The Russian embassy in Rome, according to the correspondent of the Central News says that the German army commanded by General Von Hindenburg has been defeated near Mawa, Russian Poland, and that the Germans are evacuating Poland with a loss of 50,000 men. The ambassador adds that the Russians have assumed the offensive in Prussia and have commenced to lay siege to Koenigsberg.

Big Moccasin—Last Sunday night Mr. L. Hunter discovered a large highland moccasin crawling across the sidewalk near the Episcopal church, and let him pursue his journey as he did not have anything to kill him with.

FOR RENT—ONE NICELY FURNISHED room with use of bath. Apply at this office.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Much Better—Mrs. Crawford Hobgood, who has been on the sick list several days, we are glad to learn is better.

Side Tracked—The cold snap caused the man with the alpaca coat and straw hat to seek something more comfortable.

Down to Business—Get down to business war or no war, but don't get down on some fellow who fails to agree with you.

Out Again—Miss Lillian Spencer, who was numbered with the sick last week, has so far recovered as to be able to be out again.

Old Plasterer Dead—Cameron Green, one of Oxford's old colored plasterers, died the past week, after several months of sickness.

The Goose Bone—It is getting about time for the man with his goose bone to be predicting what kind of a winter we are to have.

Nine Snows This Winter—As we had nine fogs in August it indicates according to old people, that we will have nine snows this coming winter.

It is On Now—If it is not one thing it is another in Oxford. The theatrical season is on along with the fine movies. Even a circus, Haag's, is coming.

Time to Get Insurance—If you are interested in insurance we ask you to read the advertisement of J. C. Howard in another part of this album of song.

September 23d—According to the Almanac autumn begins on the 23rd when the days and nights will be equal. It feels now like it has already commenced.

Civic Club Meeting—There will be an important meeting of the Woman's Civic Club this Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Slowly Improving—Mr. Jessie Clement, who has been real sick for some time at his home on Route 1, we learn is slowly improving and we trust will soon be himself again.

Still Increasing—The circulation of the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger is increasing each week, and no paper is more widely read in Granville county than the Public Ledger.

Do You Need One?—If you wish to buy a house and lot or rent a house we call your special attention to the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co., on another page.

Barns Burned—Messrs. John A. Belcher, of Route 3, Crawford Knott, of Route 1, and Walter Averett, of Route 6, all had a barn of tobacco each to go up in smoke on Friday last.

Alone Entitled—When a man wants to rake you over the coals for having an opinion it is a sign that he thinks he alone is entitled to have an opinion. It's too funny to mention.

Filled at Last—The mud hole at the intersection of Main and Little John streets has been filled at last, which will be quite a relief to the traveling public. Thanks to the street man.

The Old Reliable—Mr. J. G. Hall, the old reliable druggist, has an important message to you in another column which you are invited to read and call and see him, and let him supply your wants.

New Gasoline Tank—Mr. R. L. Hamilton is installing a new and up-to-date Gasoline Tank in the front of his store, which will put the desired quantity of gasoline wanted right into the tank of an automobile.

Keep it In Mind—Keep talking for the Granville County Fair. Secretary Crews says it will be the biggest this year and the best. Let everybody conclude to make an exhibit. Let everybody come and bring the family.

Mission at Stovall—A four days Mission will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal church at Stovall beginning on Sunday morning, September 20th. Services conducted by Rev. Lewis N. Taylor. You are cordially invited to attend.

Like Vance's Mule—Automobile drivers are like Vance's Mule—have a short memory. They have forgotten the ordinance, along with the policemen, about making all the noise possible with the mufflers making a racket like a mogul engine on a steep grade.

Wedded Bliss—Mr. Nathan T. Daniel, of Fuquay Springs, formerly of Granville, and Miss Maggie M. Vernon, of Patrick county, Va., were quietly married at her home on Thursday, September 10th. We join his Granville friends in extending congratulations.

THE TOBACCO MARKET

The Indications are That There Will Be Heavy Sales Before the Frost In October

THE STATE OF THE MARKET ELSEWHERE

The optimistic tone of the trade situation is becoming more pronounced, and it is expected that measures which have been taken for the protection of the tobacco crop will soon have the effect of further increasing confidence in a favorable outcome.

The Oxford Tobacco market opened this Tuesday morning. All the buyers were on the market and prices ranged from \$4.00 to \$19.25 per hundred and the breaks were of the common medium quality, each warehouse having fair breaks.

The opening sale drew between 300 and 400 farmers who gathered at the different warehouses to see how tobacco would start off.

The first sale was at 10 o'clock at the Banner warehouse, and were continued in the following manner: Farmers, Owen, Johnson, Minor.

THE NEW WAREHOUSE

The new Minor warehouse looked as neat as a pin with nice even floor, new skylights, new offices, modern conveniences, along with good warm stables for the farmers horses and mules. It is one of the largest warehouses in the State for the sale of leaf tobacco, and is in command of the veterans warehousemen, Zack Lyon, who certainly made good in the past and is ably assisted by Messrs. Vasser Critcher, W. J. Webb, R. S. Usry, with Mr. Beasley as auctioneer, who has the art down fine.

The reports, from which we gather at random, are encouraging, as will be seen below:

GREENSBORO MARKET

While the quantity of tobacco being brought to the Greensboro market is nothing startling, still each day shows a decided gain, both as to the amount and quality. The prices are about on a par with those paid last year, the average being from the first of July to the first of September being about 12 cents per pound.

GREENVILLE MARKET

Friday was a big day on the tobacco market there being more than on any day this season. It began coming in late Thursday and all night carts and wagons loaded with the weed came in. Friday's break was estimated all the way up to over 400,000 pounds. The quality was rather good for so early and prices were corresponding good. Prices are better than at the opening of the market and are bearing the last years prices. The full quota of buyers are now on the market. It is said the big companies are putting their men to buying to keep the independents from buying too largely, which would mean that next year or the next when they (the big ones) may want tobacco too much may be in the hands of the independents and to get it the big ones have to pay too big prices. Therefore all are buying and competition is expected to be strong and prices better.

DANVILLE MARKET

Although the warehouses have been open for the sale of loose tobacco since August 1, the receipts have been quite small owing to the lateness of the crop.

So far the offerings have been confined to color primings, selling at from 1 to 5 cents, and medium bright to fine bright primed leaf selling at from 6 to 10 cents for medium to good and 10 to 15 and 18 cents for good to fine.

It is thought that it will be October 1st or later before the sales are sufficiently large to attract a full corps of buyers.

CHASE CITY MARKET

So far the offerings have been largely on the priming order, but these goods are bringing prices that are satisfactory to the farmers.

SOUTH HILL MARKET

Deliveries of new tobacco are so far small, consisting mainly of primings, but the buyers are eager, and so far prices for the week are very nearly as good as they were for the same period of last year.

SOUTH BOSTON MARKET

The sales of loose-leaf tobacco this week have been confined almost entirely to primings. Much to the surprise of the farmers who marketed the early croppings, prices have been very nearly as good as they were a year ago, when there were no wars or rumors of wars.

WANTED—A LOAN of \$1,200 SECURED by first mortgage on real estate worth three times the loan. Address "R" care Public Ledger.

YOUNG LADY DESIRES POSITION on short time as stenographer and assistant bookkeeper. Address L.

100 BUSHELS LITTLE RED SEED wheat for sale. \$1.25 per bushel. W. L. Clark, Route 2, Virginia, 6t-np.

Mr. J. G. Shotwell Dead

DEATH OF VALUABLE COUNTY OFFICIAL COMES SATURDAY EVENING AS A DISTINCT SHOCK TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

SPLENDID CITIZEN AT REST.

Mr. Shotwell Suffered a Stroke of Apoplexy While Seated in His Office—Removed to His Residence, Where His Life Ebbd Away.

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Successor of the Late J. G. Shotwell to Be Named in Convention October 9th.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Executive Committee held in the Court House this Tuesday morning, it was decided to hold a county convention on Friday, October 9, in the Court House in Oxford at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of nominating a successor to the late J. G. Shotwell, Clerk of Superior Court of Granville County. It was also ordered that the different precincts in the county to hold meetings on Saturday, October 3, at 3:20 o'clock and for the two Oxford precincts at 4:30 o'clock, to elect delegates to the County Convention. The following members of the Committee were present: Chairman B. K. Lassiter, with Mr. Thurman Knott, Secretary; E. C. Harris, C. R. Gordon, E. J. Jenkins, S. L. Slaughter, Dr. Hardee, J. A. Catlett, J. L. Peed, E. C. Allen, F. H. Gregory, G. H. Faucett, N. G. Crews, T. Lanier, C. M. Knott, D. T. Winston, J. S. Watkins, along with the Central Committee A. W. Graham, A. A. Hicks, W. A. McFarland, J. T. Britt.

The following is a list of the precinct chairmen with the number of votes cast in each precinct, entitled to cast in the convention:

Dement—E. C. Harris	3
Bell Town—C. R. Gordon	4
Wilton—E. J. Jenkins	6
Grissom—J. A. Catlett	4
Creedmoor—J. L. Peed	4
Wilkins—H. T. Roycroft	2
Stem—Dr. P. R. Hardee	5
Geneva—E. C. Allen	3
Howard—B. F. Dean	2
Berea—S. L. Slaughter	3
Oak Hill—Jno. S. Watkins	2
Buchanan—D. T. Winston	3
Bullock—C. H. Faucette	2
Stovall—D. A. Burwell	3
Salem—N. G. Crews	3
South Oxford—T. G. Stem	3
North Oxford—T. Lanier	10

ACCIDENTAL OR OTHERWISE

Two Colored Men Carrying Concealed Weapons Meet at Stovall and a Shot is Fired

The same old story that they "did not know it was loaded" comes from Stovall. Two young colored bucks met in that quiet little town Saturday, in his pocket. They proposed to swap pistols, and while one of the pair was holding out for a bonus, the pistol in the hands of Ed Goode exploded, the ball entering the abdomen of the other man, whose name we can not recall. Dr. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, hastened to the scene of the tragedy and probed for the bullet, and not finding it he hastened the wounded man to a hospital in Richmond.

Deputy Sheriff Conrad Walters went up to Stovall Saturday and secured Ed Goode and brought him to Oxford on the evening train and landed him in jail.

New Lithographs—Bright new picturesque lithographs of the Granville County Fair, bearing date of October 28-29th are being distributed throughout the county.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democratic Voters:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County to succeed the late J. G. Shotwell, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters. Your support will be heartily appreciated.
JOHN S. WATKINS.

PRETTY FALL MILLINERY

It begins to look like business sure enough at Mrs. T. Lanier's millinery parlors. With cases and boxes of the latest patterns of pretty feminine headgear coming in. Mrs. Lanier and her expert milliners are as busy as bees. Mrs. Lanier has been well represented on the Northern markets with an expert milliner drinking in all the styles, and Mrs. Lanier says her many customers are patiently awaiting the pretty styles for fall. It.

About 9.30 o'clock Saturday morning last, while seated in a chair in his office in the Court House, Mr. J. G. Shotwell, the valuable Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, suffered a stroke of apoplexy which rendered him unconscious. Able physicians were summoned to his side, but their long vigil was of little avail and the end came late in the evening at his home on Asylum street, where he had been removed from his office a couple of hours after he was stricken. Shortly before death came he regained consciousness and the last words which fell from his lips was that the hour which he had long awaited had arrived.

Mr. Shotwell was an excellent citizen and the stroke of apoplexy followed by his sudden demise, was the absorbing topic of conversation in the community and to what ever part of the county the sad intelligence was conveyed.

Mr. Shotwell was born near Berea in 1849 and was therefore in his 65th year when the summons came. He was a life long member of Trinity Methodist church and he was the acknowledged friend and counsellor of the whole neighborhood, and he served his community long as a Justice of the Peace and his decisions were always prompted by a sense of justice and mercy. It is the universal opinion that few better men at heart ever adorned the walks of life.

Mr. Shotwell was elected to fill out the unexpired term of the late Charles Crews, Clerk of the Court, who died some years ago. Had he lived until next December he would have filled out his four year's term. He was re-nominated at the recent primaries by a substantial majority of those who had been drawn to him by the ties of friendship and his acknowledged ability as an official.

Mr. Shotwell married Miss Mary A. Lyon, daughter of the late Woodson Lyon, and sister of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Z. W. Lyon. He is survived by a devoted wife and three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Shotwell, of Vance county; and Misses Mary A. and Lizzie Shotwell, and one brother, Mr. J. A. Shotwell.

The funeral was held from the Oxford Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. N. C. Yearby, of Roxboro, a former pastor of Trinity church, of which the deceased was a life-long member assisted by Dr. A. P. Tye. The church was filled to the doors by people of all denominations and every walk of life, drawn hither by the ties of friendship and the sacred memory of one who was always gentle and of lovable disposition. Mr. Yearby told of the many virtues that characterized the deceased in relation to church work, in the family circle and in the private and public walks of life.

A large number of intimate friends and the following pallbearers accompanied the remains to Elmwood Cemetery, where the internment took place at five o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Active—Messrs. A. W. Graham, A. A. Hicks, T. Lanier, D. G. Brummitt, T. G. Stem. **Honorary**—J. B. Powell, J. F. Webb, S. C. Hobgood, E. T. White, J. J. Renn, W. B. Ballou, Jim Meadows, W. Z. Mitchell, Bob Daniel, W. H. Hunt, J. S. Bradsher, John Webb, E. E. Fuller and J. H. Davis.

The floral tribute was profuse and beautiful.

LOST—A PAIR NOSE GLASSES with ear hook and chain between home and store Sunday morning. Finder will please return to R. L. Hamilton.

THAT OLD STRAW HAT

According to an ancient custom the wearing of straw hats is forbidden on and after September 15th. True, it may cause many heart aches and pains to do away with that old straw hat which has sheltered your fate from the hot summer sun. In fact it may have figured in many cheering episodes and incidents and it may boast of quite a history. But as there must be an end to all things they do tell us that September is the end of the straw hat season.