



## The Fighting is Fierce

**VIOLENT BATTLE HAS RAGED FOR FOUR DAYS IN THE HILLS AND PLANES BETWEEN THE RIVERS OISE AND SOMME**

## ENGLAND STILL RECRUITING.

**Irish Nationalists Sing "God Save the King" and Gives Premier Asquith a Rousing Send Off on His Departure From Kidgston**

### SUMMARY

The territory between the Rivers Somme and Oise is the scene of the fiercest battle along the great front in Northern France, where the Germans and allies have been striving for two weeks to force each other back. This ground includes the French left wing, which has thrown tremendous forces against the German General von Kluck's reinforced army in an endeavor to outflank him.

The French official report describes this struggle as a violent one, and announces that the allied troops have made a slight advance. In the Woivre region the French also report some gain, but describes the situation on the heights of the Meuse as unchanged. Prior to this, however, the Germans had crossed the River Meuse near St. Mihiel, in the Woivre district, and to some extent, although the French have undertaken a vigorous offensive movement, they have been able to hold some of the territory they won, doubtless at great loss of life on both sides.

The British official reports are exceedingly meagre in keeping with the determination of the British authorities to enforce a more rigid censorship. The official press bureau merely announces much activity on the part of the Germans all along the line, and the repulse of heavy counter-attacks "with a considerable loss inflicted on the enemy."

The Russian general staff reports a battle between the Russians and Germans in the region of Druskihiki, in the government of Suwalki, Russian-Poland, bordering on Prussia, but gives no details. The general staff also reports the retirement of the Austrian army westward on Cracow.

The Netherlands government has declared martial law in the eastern provinces, according to a dispatch, to prevent distribution of contraband of war to Germany, and at the same time Great Britain takes a clear position in the matter of contraband, making it compulsory for neutral countries importing foodstuffs to give assurances that the food is not intended for German consumption.

Latest reports indicate that the Austrian seaport of Cattaro, in Dalmatia, is being bombarded by French and British warships, and that the Austrian fort of Pelagosa has been dismantled and seized.

### RUSSIAN ADVANCE

(London Cable, Sept. 28) Along the western frontier of Poland, which the Germans have been threatening for some time, they now are reported to be fortifying themselves. In fact from Cracow to the extreme north of East Prussia, the Russian and German armies apparently are facing each other across the boundary, each waiting for a favorable opportunity to attack.

### FOUR BOMBS DROPPED

(Paris Cable, Sept. 28) Four bombs were dropped on Paris from a German aeroplane Sunday. One missile exploded in Avenue du Trocadero and blew the head from the shoulders of a man standing on a corner with his daughter. The child was wounded. The other bombs did little damage.

Crowds were promenading on the banks of the Seine when the aerial warrior appeared suddenly almost directly over the Eiffel tower. It is believed the first bomb dropped was intended for the wireless station on the tower or possibly for nearby buildings containing army stores. It landed in Avenue du Trocadero, not far from the tower, and the explosion was heard for many blocks. Houses in the vicinity were badly damaged. The bomb struck only a block from the American embassy at No. 5 Rue de Chaillot, where Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who did not accompany the government to Bordeaux, still makes his home.

### TOTAL GERMAN CASUALTIES

(Berlin Cable, Sept. 28) The total German casualties in dead, wounded and missing as officially reported today are 104,589. The casualty list announced in the three days' engagement adds a total of 10,527 casualties to those previously announced.

## OUR TOBACCO MARKET

**Warehousemen Say There is Some Increase in Quantity and Some Improvement in Quality ADVISE OF THE LOCAL WAREHOUSEMEN UNCHANGED**

The Oxford Tobacco market shows improvement over last week and local men describe conditions as "looking up." There has been some increase in quantity and there has also been some improvement in quality. That the popularity of the Oxford market will hold its own under all conditions cannot be questioned by any one who takes the trouble to investigate. As the season advances and the grades improve the chances are that the market will assume its old time appearance. The warehousemen, with alert business men behind them, promises to treat the tobacco growers right, and will see to it that he gets as much for his crop as it would command anywhere. In the face of the unsettled conditions abroad the tobacco farmers are getting more for his product than the cotton planters, and the chances are that the soldiers will continue to consume the consoling weed, even if they go without shirts, and the tobacco farmers need have no apprehension over the disposition of the crop.

On Monday was the largest break of the season, amounting to about over 100,000 pounds and we are pleased to say that prices are better, and the general impression prevails that prices will get stronger and it is a good time to sell common tobacco.

### GOES TO SCOTLAND

It is encouraging to note that the conditions of affairs in Europe are such that their educational institutions are not interrupted. Rev. W. W. Morton, son of J. W. Morton, was in Oxford Saturday and we learn that he will sail from New York City for Scotland this Wednesday to take a post-graduate course at Edinburgh.

### FARMERS WAREHOUSE

We call attention to the "Ad" of the Farmers Warehouse in this issue. Parham & Parham are synonym with high averages, and if the farmer can not get it at the Farmers Warehouse it cannot be had anywhere. Read the adv. of this old reliable warehouse elsewhere in the Public Ledger and be governed accordingly.

### COL. MINOR HONORED

Col. Sidney W. Minor, of Durham, was unanimously chosen Colonel of the Third North Carolina Regiment by the forty officers who participated in the election at Durham Monday. Col. Minor succeeds the late Col. J. N. Craig, of Reidsville, who died during the summer. Col. Minor was born and reared in Oxford and we extend congratulations.

### LIEUTENANT COOPER AT HOME

Lieutenant H. G. Cooper, U. S. N., and wife and son arrived home Friday. Lieutenant Cooper has for three years been on the Atlantic Station and has seen active service in the Philippines and on the upper Yangsee. He was in Japan the day that country declared war on Germany. After five years afloat he returns a full seagoing officer. He has been ordered to Annapolis and will take two years post graduate course.

### SILVER TEA

The Episcopal ladies will give one of their silver teas at the residence of Mrs. de Lacroix, this Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. This Silver Tea is given to you, "Tis something novel, something new. You bring the silver, We'll make the tea Which will be enjoyed By both you and me. Auto in wait at 3:30 o'clock in front of Mr. John Hall's Drug Store, bound for the Silver Tea. Fare 5 cents.

### CITIZENS BANK, CREDMOOR

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the half page advertisement of the Citizens Bank of Creedmoor, one of the strong, progressive banks of Granville county, in this issue of the Public Ledger. Read it and note the new interest period, as all savings deposits made by October 10th will draw 4 per cent interest from October 1st, compounded quarterly. Mr. I. E. Harris, the energetic cashier, invites you to open an account with this bank on October 1st if you have not one already. This is a safe and reliable institution with a capital, surplus and profits amounting to \$135,000. Read the advertisement and call on Cashier Harris.

### MILLINERY OPENING, OCTOBER 3rd

On Saturday Miss Lillie Wilkerson, of Stovall, will have a up-to-date display of hats, the very dially invited to come and inspect.

## TO KEEP BALL ROLLING

**An Interesting Letter From Greenville, S. C., in Commendation of Oxford Manufacturing Plants PURCHASING COTTON AT TEN CENTS A POUND**

The letter of the Greenville Furniture Company, of Greenville, S. C., to the International Furniture Company, of Oxford, N. C., in the face of an earnest endeavor of our home manufacturing plants to aid in oiling the wheels of legitimate trade, furnishes food for thought. The letter, dated at Greenville, September 23, says:

We wish to commend you on the stand you have taken in accepting warehouse receipts for cotton in payment of accounts, not that we think you will get many receipts, but your stand taken with the many who have joined this great movement will tend to stiffen the market and enable the farmers to place the cotton in the hands of legitimate buyers at the profitable price of 10 cents. Our local Chamber of Commerce has taken over 500 bales off the market for cash and arranged to take off about 500 more in trade, all of which helps some.

No one can doubt the sincerity of the Oxford manufacturers, who do a large business in the Southern States in accepting cotton certificates or the staple, at 10 cents a pound on open accounts. The Armour Company and hundreds of other concerns are doing the same thing with a view of keeping the wheels of progress in motion, knowing full well that by holding the cotton a little while the price of the staple will soon be normal, but along comes the fertilizer concerns with a protest. The very people who are the nearest to the pocketbooks of the farmers are the very ones who stand aloof in the peril of low prices, and not one of them are willing to boost the market in accepting cotton at 10 cents a pound in settlement of claims. The Virginia-Carolina Company wants part cash and is waiting to accept cotton as collateral to balance of debt. The Royster Company suggests to selling part of the crop to meet their obligations. One of the big companies says:

"Now, frankly the profits on fertilizers sold by us last year, if 99 per cent of the total amount sold on credit is collected, will net us less than 80 cents per ton, though we did, in the whole of our business more than a million tons. Suppose we take cotton at 10 cents a pound, which is \$50.00 a bale, and we had to market this cotton at 8 cents a pound, which is \$40.00 a bale, it would give us a loss, as you can readily see of \$10.00 per bale."

The proposition is a simple one. The same principle that obtains in the large concerns buying cotton at 10 cents a pound as does the "buy-a-bale" plan. It is a union of interest—simply a holding process. When the American Tobacco Company a few days ago announced to the cotton interests of the South that they would pay 10 cents a pound for cotton and hold or return it to the farmers at that figure later, the commercial note rang so clear that it would seem that there could be no other than a mutual interest at stake. President of the United States bought a bale at 10 cents—and the Fertilizer Company should do something to help the movement to get cotton to sell at 10 cents.

### HELP OUT MOVEMENT

We commend the "Wear Cotton" movement to the serious attention of the people of Granville county, and we hope to see such organizations as the Woman's Civic Club, The Granville Commercial Club, and the Farmers Union take steps to urge all of the people to adopt it and carry it into effect. It means for the good of the South—and therefore for our own good.

**CLOSED WEDNESDAY—WE WILL** close our stores today, Wednesday, September 30th, on account of holiday. Will reopen Thursday morning. **COHN & SON**

**REMEMBER WE HAVE MOVED** our Men's store into the old post-office building next to our Ladies' store.

### SHORT LEDGER LOCALS

**Garage Completed**—Mr. W. Z. Mitchell has just completed a splendid garage on Hillsboro street, one of the largest in the State.

**Senatorial Convention**—The Senatorial Convention of this District has been called to meet at Berea on Tuesday, October 6th, at 12 m. o'clock, as will be seen by announcement on another page.

**Does Not Improve**—Indeed we are sorry to learn that our good friend, Caleb Osborn, does not improve and is still confined to his bed. During his illness Assistant Postmaster Critcher is looking closely after his interest in the postoffice.

## Granville County Fair.

**THE COMING OF DR. ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT OF THE FARMERS UNION, WHO WILL BE THE PRINCIPLE SPEAKER, IS RECEIVED WITH DELIGHT.**

## FINE ATTRACTIONS BOOKED.

**Chrysanthemum Show Will Be an Interesting Feature of the Fair—Large Space Reserved For the Southern Railway Educational Exhibit.**

## 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. M. S. Hart, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

Mr. L. T. Dameron, of Hester, was in town Monday.

Mr. D. W. Adcock, of Route 4, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Zack Allen, of Providence, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Seymour Hart, of Route 4, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. H. M. Bragg, of Stem, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Charles Hester, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gooch, of Stem, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. George Stem was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. F. S. Hobgood, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Salls, of Route 4, were in town Saturday.

Miss Pitts, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday shopping.

Mrs. S. K. Phillips is on a visit to her old home in Richmond.

Mr. James Haskins, of Hester, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. E. G. Connell, of Tar River, was a town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Sam Hudgins, of Stem, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. L. T. Williford, of West Granville, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. I. T. Allgood, of Route 7, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. P. L. Thomason, of Tally Ho, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. James Mangum, of Lyon, was on the tobacco market Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tunstall, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Arch Montague, of Hester, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. Zack Perry, of Tar River, was on the large tobacco break Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Green and son, of Route 6, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. R. H. O'Brien, of Stovall, was among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. Edgar Crews, of Hester, was among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dalby, of Hester, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Miss Dora Averett, of Route 1, was among the Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brummitt, of Shady Grove, were town visitors Saturday.

Mr. Elliott H. Cooper, of the University, spent the week end at home.

Mr. Elijah Currin, of Tar River, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. Josh King has returned from a visit to his mother in Halifax county.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Parham and children, of Route 5, were in Oxford Monday.

Messrs. C. G. Mangum and W. T. Mangum, of Route 5, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. G. L. Allen, of Creedmoor section, was on the tobacco break Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Rev. S. K. Phillips is attending the meeting of the Presbytery at Tarboro this week.

Miss Annie Cutts, of Virginia, was the guest of Miss Lois Perkinson the past week.

Misses Mary and Annie Brown spent the week end with relatives in Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Satterwhite and children, of Providence, were in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Jessie Morton, of Route 4, left Saturday for Jacksonville, Fla., to attend school.

Mrs. R. T. Smith has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. Alston, at Warrenton.

Dr. Melville Dorsey and Mr. and Mrs. Crowder and two bright daughters, of Henderson, visited relatives in Oxford Sunday afternoon.

With just a little tinge of Autumn in the air, renewed interest is felt in the Granville County Fair to be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 28-29. Secretary Crews has issued a four page bulletin which is being distributed throughout the county that is calculated to create enthusiasm in the one big event of the year.

### DR. ALEXANDER COMING

In looking over the broad field for a speaker the Board of Directors finally made a wise selection in securing Dr. H. Q. Alexander, President of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina, and a National figure of prominence in agricultural circles, to deliver the principal address on Wednesday, the first day of the Fair. He is a broad gauged man, a pleasant speaker and his coming is hailed by the good people of the county with interest.

### ATTRACTIONS

Secretary Crews has closed a contract with the Adams' Exposition Shows, embracing twenty-one attractions. There will be a large Ferris wheel on the grounds, a merry-go-round, and a number of clean vaudeville shows. Mr. Crews returned from High Point last week where he inspected the Adams' shows and he pronounced them A. No. 1. These shows, when spread out over the grounds will make a formidable mid-way. The gates at the Fair will stand ajar at night so that all who care to see the attractions can enter the grounds free, but none of the exhibits will be on display at night. All of the amusement features will be under the censorship of the Board of Directors of the Fair, and there is every reason to believe that the shows are of high order. Mr. Crews states that the admission to the shows will average about ten cents each.

### CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

The good ladies of Oxford have arranged to hold their Chrysanthemum show this year at the Fair grounds. This is a popular feature and by virtue of the show being held simultaneously with the Fair will no doubt create a great deal of interest and it will have a tendency to give to the beautiful flower a more thorough cultivation among the ladies of the county.

### ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Jim Stegall will have charge of the poultry. The live stock will be in the hands of Mr. P. W. Knott. Mrs. Capeheart will have charge of the pantry and decorations. Mr. Len Knott will be the superintendent of bands.

### THE MARSHALL'S BALL

It is not definitely known at this writing who will be the dancing partner of Dr. W. N. Thomas, the Chief Marshal of the Fair, as their are so many young ladies eligible to the distinguished honor. Messrs. Marsh Ray and Will Mitchell are the moving spirits in making the ball a memorable occasion.

### THE FAIR EPITOMIZED

When we take into consideration the live stock and farm exhibits, the well known speaker, the attractions, the large space reserved for the Southern Railway Educational Exhibits and the music furnished by the third Regiment Band, the Marshall's Ball and a few other features, we begin to perceive that the two days will be crowded brim full of interest to the people of old Granville.

### A FINE DISPLAY

Landis & Easton, Granville's biggest, busiest and best stores, is fully equipped with a choice line of fall and winter merchandise, suitable to the wants and needs of the people throughout this section. This well-known firm was on the market before the war effected prices and there will not be a perceptible increase in price on any line of their immense stock. The stock embraces all the articles found in a first class store, suitable for men, women and children. See their advertisement on last page of this paper.

**Nice Turnout**—Mrs. Leon Hines is the owner of one of the nicest little turnouts in town and enjoys riding around in the afternoons.