



## The Germans Fall Back

**HARD FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THE ONE-HUNDRED AND FIFTY-MILE BATTLE FRONT FROM THE SOMME TO THE MOSSELLE**

## THE BATTLE LINE IS CHANGED

**The Front Now Presents Sinuous Windings Looking Inward and Outward in a Country Wonderfully Adapted to Defense.**

**HARD FIGHTING** (Paris Cable, Oct 1)  
This was the 19th day of continued fighting along the 150-mile front from the Somme to the Moselle and yet there is no definite indication that the battle is nearing a finish. There are, however, evidences that the Germans are receding before a forcible and sustained pushing from the allied armies, especially on their western and eastern wings, while the center, where the Germans are more strongly entrenched than at any other point with heavy artillery, remains almost stationary.

It is generally concluded by French military men that some important movement soon must be made by the Germans who have found it impossible to stem the advance of the allies, though they offered the sternest and most desperate resistance, sacrificing thousands of men daily.

The German wings appear to be falling back on the center, leaving the sole loophole for a backward movement by way of Bethel.

The German's main supply base at Juniville, is protected by heavy masses of troops. As it is absolutely essential that this place shall be held for the revictualing of the German armies in northeastern France, it appears to be placed in a somewhat precarious situation with its single line of railroad.

The line of battle has changed considerably since the beginning of the actual contract between the two great armies, whose numbers and real positions it is not permitted to make public. The front now presents sinuous windings, looping inward and outward at various points in a country adapted wonderfully to defense.

The allies' commanders are protecting their men by keeping them whenever possible from frontal attacks on positions where the Germans are in advantageous situations.

**ATTEMPT TO FORCE PASSAGE** (Berlin Cable, Oct. 1.)  
The fighting along the east Prussian frontier, in which the Russians have extended their front 99 miles has resulted in the repulse of all the German attempts to force a passage of the river Niemen. This statement is contained in a dispatch from Reuter's Petrograd correspondent.

**WORKING NIGHT AND DAY** (Rome Cable, Oct 1.)  
Factories are working night and day to finish cannon ordered for the Italian army. An order has been issued to hasten the preparation of provisions and ammunition for the troops.

**GENERAL SATISFACTION** (Paris Cable, Oct. 1)  
The following official communication was issued tonight:  
"The general situation is satisfactory. There has been no change of any account on the front except south of Woevre, where we have occupied Selcheprey and advanced as far as the slopes to Rupt de Mad."

**THE DURHAM FAIR**  
The Durham Fair will be held October 6, 7, 8, and 9th. Gov. Craig will open the Fair. The Wake Forest-Carolina base ball game will be played October 8th, at the East Durham Bull Park, which is a feature of the Fair. Balloon ascensions, thrilling high dives, acrobatic performers, brass band and a full line of shows and amusements. See adv. of the Fair elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Jesse Clement, of Route 1, who has been sick for some time, was able to be in town Thursday.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Letters of administration upon the estate of Presley B. Hobgood, deceased, having been granted to us by J. A. Shotwell Esq., Clerk of Superior Court, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said Presley B. Hobgood to come forward and make immediate payment to us. And all persons holding claims against the estate of said Presley B. Hobgood must present them to us within one year from this date, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This Sept. 30, 1914.  
MARY R. HOBGOOD, Administratrix  
JAMES B. HOBGOOD, Administrator

## MR. CLEMENTS RELIEVED

The Town Board Designates Mr. A. A. Chapman to Complete the Laying of Sidewalks.

## GOOD SOLID CROSSINGS ARE PROMISED

The granting of the request of Mr. Clements, of the Clements Construction Company, to the Board of Town Commissioners to be relieved of his obligation to complete the laying of the sidewalks was made possible by the consent of Mr. A. A. Chapman, the town's civil engineer, to take up the work and push it to completion as early as possible. The work has progressed nicely under the supervision of Mr. Clements despite the many delays in getting the materials. The work is perhaps a little over two-thirds completed and Mr. Chapman will complete the remainder in the same splendid style as that laid by the Clements Construction Company. It has been a hard matter to get material and there may be a perceptible halt in the work just at this time, but Mr. Chapman hopes that by next Monday morning everything will move off nicely and that there will not be any further delay.

The work could not have fallen into better hands than that of Mr. Chapman and his ability and painstaking care is a guarantee that his work will receive the O. K. stamp of approval when it is completed.

Mayor Stem, the Board and Mr. Chapman are practically a unit on the question of good, solid street crossings and they are determined to build a broad oval walkway from the Long Company's corner across Hillsboro street and possibly one or more at convenient places on Main street so as to enable the public to reach the post office dry shod. Of course the Board appreciates the importance of street crossings at every corner, but they may not be able to complete all of them this year.

**THE NEW COLONELS**  
The following is a short sketch of the new Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Regiment of the State National Guards:

Col. S. W. Minor was born in Oxford. He entered the Granville Grays 25 years ago. He first served as marker, then private, corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. In 1901 he was elected lieutenant colonel. During Governor Kitchin's administration Col. Minor was tendered the position of Adjutant General of the State, but declined for business reasons. He is cashier of the Fidelity bank of Durham and stands high in the business world as well as in military circles. His election without opposition, a rare occurrence, attests his popularity.

Lieut. Col. C. L. McGhee is a native of Franklinton and comes of military stock, his father, Capt. W. L. McGhee, being the captain of the Franklinton company for many years. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. On December 1, 1898, he became first lieutenant and regimental adjutant. He became captain and adjutant on March 1, 1899, and major on December 2, 1902. He took a special three-year correspondence course under Capt. Langdon, of the U. S. army, and his special fitness and great interest he has shown in military affairs, and particularly his regiment, had much to do with his promotion to second in command of the regiment.

**IN HONOR OF DAUGHTER**  
Mrs. William Henry Hunt entertained most elegantly Tuesday, September 28, at a seven course luncheon given for her daughter, Miss Janie O. Hunt, who left today to resume her studies at Gunston Hall, Washington, D. C. The centerpiece of roses was exquisite with place cards of miniature baskets of roses. The handsome home was beautifully decorated throughout, forming a brilliant setting for one of the most elegant entertainments of the season.

**SPECIAL TO SUBSCRIBERS**  
We urge our subscribers to look at the label on their Public Ledger and see if they are in arrears, and if so, please remit or call and settle. A dollar here and there scattered over the country does not amount to much to the one who owes it, but to us it amounts to a great deal. The price of subscription is \$1.50 a year for the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger, but all who renew their subscription by November 15th will get the paper for \$1.00 per year, otherwise it will be \$1.50. Any one in arrears not wanting to renew will please remit what is due and notify us to discontinue the paper.

## INCREASING OF BREAKS

Tobacco Selling Higher on the Oxford Market With not Much Improvement in Quality

## IT IS GOOD TIME TO SELL COMMON TOBACCO

We are glad to be able to say to farmers that the price of tobacco on the Oxford market continues to grow stronger with each day's sale, and as the tobacco gets better the higher the price. But those competent to judge say that the crop thus far shows up to be of common quality. The breaks have increased this week and from 50,000 to 100,000 pounds have been sold each day, and from now on it is expected that the breaks will get heavier, but our five large warehouses will be equal to the demand this season. Mr. C. A. Hicks, one of the progressive young farmers of Fishing Creek township, sold his last cuttings at the Johnson warehouse Wednesday and was much gratified at receiving \$7, 13%, 23%, 17%, 23%, 14, 5.

From all the information we can gather it is a good time for the farmers to sell their common grades while they are selling well.

Our farmers can count on the Oxford warehousemen and buyers paying the very highest prices obtainable on all grades of tobacco this season.

**HAPPY REUNION**  
The home of Col. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper was the scene, Sunday afternoon, of a pleasant family reunion of relatives to meet Lieut. H. G. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper. Elliott Cooper came from Chapel Hill and spent a day at home. The relatives of Oxford present were Ex-Judge and Mrs. A. W. Graham and Miss Graham; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, Miss Biggs, Mrs. C. G. Elliott and Miss Cooper.

**CONFEDERATE ROOK PARTIES**  
A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Daughters of Confederacy was held at the home of Mrs. William Mitchell Tuesday afternoon with the special object in view of making the final payment on a note due in the National Bank of Granville for loan to complete the Confederate monument. For this purpose it was decided to hold several progressive Rook Parties. The first will be held at the home of the President of the chapter Mrs. W. H. White, on Friday afternoon, October 13th, at four o'clock, when a large number of tables will be arranged for the game and all who will come and take a hand in the pleasing game will be cordially welcomed. Refreshments will be served and the game of Progressive Rook for 25 cents.

**PANAMA EXPOSITION**  
Three young men driving two fine black horses hitched to a "Prairie Schooner," who left Norfolk, Va., ten days ago for the Pan-American Exposition on a wager that they would reach San Francisco by March 1st, 1915, arrived in our town Wednesday afternoon and hauled on our streets for an hour, purchasing supplies and leaving for Durham via the National Highway late in the afternoon. They are a jolly crowd of young men with plenty to eat and time to spare.

**COMING AND GOING**  
Mr. J. M. Bullock, of Stem, was in town Thursday.  
Mr. John Duncan, of Berea, was in town Thursday.  
Mr. Will Daniel, of Stovall, was in town Thursday.  
Mr. L. D. McFarland, of Berea, was a town visitor Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Brien, of Route 5, were in Oxford Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, were on our streets Thursday.

A large number of our people attended Ringling Bros. Circus at Durham.  
Messrs. Rufus and Frank Blackley, of Wilton, were on our streets Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Curran and two daughters, of Route 6, were in town Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, of Creedmoor, were Oxford visitors Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Jones, of Route 1, were among the Oxford visitors Thursday.  
Mr. M. W. Clement, of Grassy Creek section, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Daniel and two children, of Providence section, were in Oxford Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradsher and child, of Tar River, were among the Oxford shoppers Thursday.

## A Matter of Business

**WHY SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTION AS TO ACCEPTING ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE BIG MAIL-ORDER HOUSES?**

## OBSERVE THE GOLDEN RULE.

**Our Sympathy Is With the Home Man Every Time. He is Our Neighbor and We Have Implicit Faith and Confidence in Him**

## 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. B. Ellis, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.  
Mr. Sam Usry, of Corinth, was in town Wednesday.  
Mr. Nat Baird, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.  
Mrs. John Mayes, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday.  
Mr. John Morton, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday.  
Mr. Alex Hunt, of Enfield, is visiting relatives in Oxford.  
Mr. James Dean, of Route 6, was in Oxford Wednesday.  
Mr. Melville Bragg, of Charlotte, was in Oxford Thursday.  
Mr. George Veasey, of Durham, was in Oxford Wednesday.  
Mr. Will Minor, of Durham, was on our streets Wednesday.  
Mr. J. A. Lewis, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.  
Mr. E. N. Clement, of Culbreth, was in Oxford Wednesday.  
Mr. W. B. Newton, of Route 6, was a town visitor Wednesday.  
Mr. Frank Hays returned a few days ago from Buffalo Springs.  
Mr. C. A. Hicks, of Route 3, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.  
Mr. W. J. Curran, of Route 7, was on tobacco breaks on Wednesday.  
Mr. Ed Moore, of Person county, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.  
Mr. Grover Dean, of Route 4, was in town Thursday selling tobacco.  
Miss Grizzle Smith, of Tar River, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.  
Mr. John Burnett, of Route 5, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.  
Mr. H. A. Mayes, of Route 6, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.  
Mr. H. E. Frazier and son, of Route 7, were town visitors Wednesday.  
Mrs. R. T. Smith and Mrs. W. H. Britt were Henderson visitors Wednesday.  
Mr. W. T. Crews, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Wednesday.  
Mr. E. A. Tunstall and family, of Route 2, were on our streets Wednesday.  
Mr. C. M. Clayton, of Person county, was on our tobacco market Thursday.  
Mr. J. A. Davis and son, of Route 3, were on the tobacco market Thursday.  
Mr. Sam Jones and son, of Culbreth, were on the tobacco market Wednesday.  
Mrs. C. G. Mangum and daughter, of Route 5, were in Oxford shopping Wednesday.  
Mr. Milton Hunter, of the Railway mail service, spent the first of the week in Oxford.  
Mr. James Haskins, of Hester section, was on the Oxford tobacco market Thursday.  
Mrs. T. Alston, of Warrenton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. T. Smith, on Asylum street.  
Mrs. R. H. Lewis and children have returned from a visit to relatives at Chapel Hill.  
Mrs. W. M. Wood and fine son, of Adoniram, were among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lyon, of Creedmoor section, were among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.  
Mr. J. R. Hornbuckle and son, of Tally Ho section, were on the Oxford tobacco market Thursday.  
Mrs. Elijah Glover and three sons, and Mrs. L. W. Burroughs, of Dabney, were on our streets Thursday.  
Mrs. George Tillery, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, on Raleigh street.  
Mrs. Emma S. Lynch, left Thursday for Hillsboro to spend some time with her niece, Mrs. G. A. Durham.  
Messrs. T. B. Bowling and W. P. Mangum, of Person county, were on the Oxford tobacco market Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Land and children, of South Granville, were among the Oxford shoppers Wednesday.

The question as to whether publishers should accept advertising from mail-order houses or refuse to accept this class of business is one that almost every publisher has had to decide for himself at some time or other. The term "mail-order advertising" means advertising from the great mail-order mercantile houses who do a legitimate business, but of course the field is full of illegitimate mail-order concerns always knocking at our door that no respectable newspaper would think of exploiting.

Why should there be any question as to the acceptance of advertising from mail-order sources? The only reason we have ever heard given is that the local dealer cannot compete with the mail-order houses, but we have never accepted this statement as correct in the broad sense. The local dealer has many advantages, such as personal acquaintance with the people, the opportunity to show his goods directly and keep thoroughly in touch with them by advertising his goods in the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger.

As against these, his distant mail-order competitor has only volume of business and that inexplicable phase of human nature which is ever in search of the mythical something-for-nothing, and which always takes if for granted that this is to be found just a little further on, never at home.

It may be a popular view to express, but observation, experience and an earnest and conscientious study of the matter lead men to the conclusion that the matter of competition 'twixt mail-order and local dealers is one to be fought out between the two classes of dealers, and that the local publisher has a perfect right to accept or reject the space either party wishes to use as ammunition in the fight.

As a matter of business policy we have never sought mail-order advertising and would not advise others to do so. Our sympathy is with the home man every time. He is my neighbor. For a quarter of a century our pen has been faithfully used in his behalf, ever encouraging the patronizing home dealers, home factories and home workmen. Not only have we thus written, but we have "practiced what we preached." Not a dime of our patronage has gone away from home when our needs could be supplied by our home dealers. We have conscientiously striven to observe the Golden Rule.

We have confidence in the good people of Granville county, and we believe that if the merchants will keep in close touch with them through the advertising columns of the Public Ledger very few of them will be led astray by the flashy catalogues of the mail-order houses.

**THE PREMIUM LIST**  
Owing to the fact that the list of premiums for the Chrysanthemum show is still daily being added to, the list complete will not appear until next week. If there is anyone who has not been solicited for a premium and would like to be on the list the president or secretary will gladly receive your contribution and good will.

**IN HONOR OF MRS. TILLEY**  
The "Thursday" Bridge Club was beautifully entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. C. J. Robards at the home of Mrs. C. G. Elliott. The hall and parlor were radiant in the glow of autumn flowers and choice roses. The guests of honor was Mrs. Geo. Tillery, of Wilmington, who received a cordial greeting from many friends. The refreshments, daintily served, added to the enjoyment of the occasion and the game of bridge was played with enthusiasm.

**TO THE LADIES**  
The Taylor Furnishing Company, of Raleigh, N. C., invite you to witness the season's latest styles on display at the Exchange Hotel, Friday, Saturday noon, October 2, 3, 5. Represented by CLARA J. DICKERSON.

**WANTED—A GOOD EXPERIENCED** salesman for store, Oxford, one who has had some experience in Oxford general merchandise. Post Office Box 322, Oxford, N. C.