



The Fall of Antwerp

TEUTON GUNS SHOW THEIR STRENGTH BY DESTROYING
FORTS CONSIDERED MOST NEARLY IMPREGNABLE OF THE WORLD

TO BE USED AS A BASE

Great Britain Will Be Attacked From the Belgian City
and the Allies Regard the Point as One of
Extreme Danger to Their Cause.

Antwerp and the forts surrounding the city are in complete possession of the Germans, but the greater part of the Belgian army has escaped. It took the Germans just eleven days to capture the strongest fortress in the world. The fall of Antwerp completes the subjugation of Belgium. Because it refused to yield to arrogance, because it insisted that solemn treaty rights should be respected this garden spot of Europe has been transformed into a desert. It was rich in manufacture and it had a happy prosperous agriculture population, but now women and children mourn for husbands and fathers cruelly slain; its old cathedrals, its stately and beautiful public buildings, its university and colleges, its libraries with their unreplaceable treasures have fallen before the German advance, and vandalism will be rampant regardless of the world's contempt and scorn.

With the fall of Antwerp it has become known, through official announcement by the British Admiralty, that a British force, consisting of three naval brigades of about 8,000 men, with heavy guns, fought beside the Belgians in defense of their great fortress.

With the Belgian army when it marched out of Antwerp went the British, but during the retreat one of the British brigades was forced to find refuge in Holland, where it is interned. The other two brigades reached Ostend. The British losses at Antwerp are reported to be 300.

The British admiralty statement adds that the retreat of the Belgian army was accomplished successfully. The progress of the battle along the line from the Belgium frontier to Lorraine is problematical, the official communications issued by the French War Office giving meagre details of the situation.

The latest statement says that the general headquarters only mentions encounters between cavalry forces in the neighborhood of Lille, a violent action to the South, east and north of Arras and vigorous offensive movements by the Germans on the heights of the Meuse.

An earlier statement reported progress by the allies to the north of the Oise and in the region of St. Mihiel.

The death of King Charles of Rumania brings prominently to the front the question of the attitude which Rumania now is likely to assume with regard to participation in the war. King Charles favored the Germans and Austrians, but his ministers and Rumanian people have inclined toward the allies. Meanwhile, Rumania has remained neutral.

On the East Prussian frontier the battle between the German and Russian forces continues with unabated obstinacy. According to Russian official reports, the German troops are retiring from the region of Lyck and are blowing up the bridges.

The Russian troops are undertaking strong offensive movements in Poland, and are massing along the line from Lublin to Warsaw, and also from Lublin to Lemberg.

Vienna reports of an official character say that the advance of the Austrians has forced the Russians to slacken their efforts against Przemyśl, and that the Russians have commenced to withdraw their forces.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Democratic Executive and Central Committee is called to meet in the Commissioner's room at the Court House at 12 o'clock Thursday, October 15th, to decide upon the method for conducting the campaign and to confer with all the candidates nominated to represent the Democratic party.

All candidates are requested to be present as it is most important that we outline a plan of action to get out the full Democratic vote. The hearty co-operation of all the faithful is urged. BEN. K. LASSITER, Chairman.

MRS. W. W. DEVIN PASSES AWAY

Succumbed After Brief Illness—Interment in Elmwood Cemetery Monday Afternoon

Mrs. W. W. Devin, one of Oxford's well known ladies, died at her home on Hillsboro street Sunday afternoon after a brief illness. Mrs. Devin was up town shopping last Thursday, and on Friday it was announced that she was critically ill. Able physicians were summoned to her bedside, but the internal troubles from which she suffered were so acute death was inevitable.

Mrs. Devin was a devout member of the Oxford Baptist church, from which the funeral was held Monday afternoon, the impressive services being conducted by her pastor, Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, and her former pastor, Dr. R. H. Marsh.

Mrs. Devin was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hobgood. She was reared at Enon. Dr. Marsh, who had known her since childhood spoke of the noble traits of character that followed her all through life. She gave herself to the Lord at a very tender age and joined Enon Baptist church, later moving her membership to Oxford.

The deceased is survived by a devoted husband, Mr. W. W. Devin, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. S. C. Walter and M. B. Hobgood and Mrs. P. W. Knott, Mrs. C. M. Knott, Mrs. Tom Hunt, Mrs. Jeff Averett, Mrs. C. H. Piper, all of Granville, and Mrs. Whortman, and Mrs. Elam, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

The pall bearers were: Active—Messrs. Will Landis, Josh King, B. S. Royster, Jack Haskins, E. T. Crews, E. T. White, W. H. Hunt, R. L. Hamilton. Honorary—S. W. Parker, N. H. Cannady, H. G. Cooper, John Webb, John Hester, B. K. Lassiter, D. G. Brummitt, B. F. Taylor, J. G. Hall, R. M. Osborn.

The large attendance at the funeral and burial services and the beautiful and profuse floral offerings testified to the high esteem in which the people of the entire community held the deceased.

COHN & SON'S OPENING SALE

Starts Thursday, October 15th for 20 days only. Bargains for everybody. They have moved their men's clothing store into the old postoffice building next to their ladies' store, having their large and growing business under one roof. The marvelous growth of Cohn & Son's business made it necessary for them to move their clothing store into a larger place in order to accommodate their immense and daily increased patronage. About six years ago marked the modest beginning of Cohn & Son's business. From time to time they have enlarged their business premises. When the opportunity presented to secure the entire old postoffice building they jumped at the chance realizing the possibilities of unlimited growth.

The progress of a city, State or nation can be measured by the growth of her mercantile establishments and the improving and enlarging of Cohn & Son's stores is a proof of Oxford's growth. We advise you to take a walk through their beautiful stores and look at their show windows. You will imagine that you are in New York City. Cohn & Son's are celebrating this event by holding a grand opening sale, a money saving importance to every one in all the country around. Look at their advertisement. Now is your time to buy your fall and winter merchandise and at Cohn & Son's is the right place.

HANDSOME CATALOGUE

The International Furniture Company, of Oxford, has issued a handsome 32-page catalogue from the press of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. It is the kind of work that is done in New York and Philadelphia and is equal to any work of the kind in the State. The display and half tone work is splendidly executed. The catalogue stands as a rebuke to any firm in this section who would send elsewhere for high grade catalogue printing.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Register, Register!—The important question just now is: Have you Registered?

Baby Girl—Mr. Roy Russell is all smiles as a fine baby girl arrived at his home a few days ago.

Little Friend Sick—We are sorry to learn that our little friend, Fritz Hall, is sick, and trust he will soon be well and as bright as ever.

Continues to Improve—The many friends of Mrs. Crawford Hobgood will be glad to know she is some better.

The Silver Tea—Don't forget the Silver Tea this Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. G. Elliott's from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Asylum Street—The granolithic walk on Asylum street has been completed to the pleasure of the people on that street.

Soon Be Well—The many friends of Miss Sarah Cannady will be glad to learn that she has about recovered from her attack of sickness.

Is Convalescent—We are pleased to hear that Mr. George Rawlins, who is sick at a hospital in Washington City, continues to improve and will soon be well.

The Guardman Shoot—Lieut. James Stegall has gone to Black Point, Fla., to attend the Divisional Shoot of National Guardsmen, and we feel sure he will enjoy his trip.

September Sales—The sales of leaf tobacco for September were small in Oxford, as we only sold 103,053 thousand pounds, and Creedmoor sold only 48,776 pounds.

Bought Place—Mr. B. D. Compton, of Virginia, has purchased from Mr. L. Thomas the "Dick Brown" cottage on High street and will move his family to Oxford in December.

Sow Wheat—Mr. Farmer, sow wheat! It may be worth \$2.50 per bushel next year if the war in Europe continues until Christmas so there can be none sown in that country.

Elbow Dislocated—Carl Poythress while walking a fence Saturday morning fell off and dislocated one of his elbows, which was soon reset and the young man is getting along all right.

King's Daughters—The one hundred chapters of King's Daughters in the State are contributing to the Red Cross fund, and at a meeting of the Oxford Chapter, one day last week, \$5 was contributed to the fund.

Good Sale Monday—The Tobacco market opened Monday morning with another big break of tobacco and the warehouses were again the center of attraction for our farmers. Glad to say that the market remains firm on all grades.

Half Million Sold—Our warehouses had a lively time selling tobacco last week, as about half million pounds were sold in Oxford at satisfactory prices. We heard numbers of farmers say they were pleased with the prices they received.

Drunk and Down—Will Curtis, colored, of Tally Ho, was in town Friday and tanked up on corn likker, and was arrested by Constable Poythress, who found a pistol in his pocket. He was tried and bound over to court in a bond of \$50 which he gave.

Graham Royster Home—The contractor is making good headway on the new residence of Mr. Graham Royster, on Horner Hill, and when completed Mr. and Mrs. Royster will become citizens of Oxford, and will meet with a warm reception.

Good Suggestion—It has been suggested that during the two days of the Granville County Fair that all automobiles for hire be required to come and go only as far as corner of Creedmoor & McFarland's store and that the street through "Cherry Hill" to the Fair Grounds be reserved for all vehicles from both town and country. This is a wise suggestion.

Farmers Warehouse—The card of Parham & Parham, elsewhere in this paper addressed to the tobacco growers, is interesting from the standpoint that they have closed a prosperous week for the farmers and that they guarantee the highest prices obtainable.

After Ten Years—Mr. Luther McFarland, of Berea, who has been in bad health for 10 years has improved so much recently that he was able to ride to Oxford Saturday and will spend a few days with his brother, Mr. W. A. McFarland.

Marriage of Miss Williams—Miss Hattie Webb attended the marriage of her warm friend, Miss Mary Ransom Williams, of Newton, and Mr. H. L. Hicks, of Tarboro, last Wednesday at Newton. Miss Williams is pleasantly remembered in Oxford as she was at one time a member of the Graded School Faculty.

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. Hershey is on a visit to Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. B. T. Ball, of Fairport, was in town Monday.

Mr. R. G. Stem, of Hester, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Will Brooks, of Route 4, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. W. W. Grissom, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Mr. W. P. Hobgood, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

Mr. Outlaw Hunt is at home on a visit from the University.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Royster, of Bullock, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. S. Bailey, of Wake county, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters, of Watkins, were on our streets Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. S. F. Critcher, of Hester, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. S. A. Curran, of Route 2, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Veasey visited Norfolk Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. I. W. Bullock, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. W. R. Gooch, of Hester, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Col. John Cunningham, of Durham was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Sherman, of Berea section, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mrs. John Dean, of Route 2, was among the Oxford shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Badgett, of Route 1, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. J. T. Daniel, of Route 1, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Miss Eva Minor, of Durham, spent the week end at her home in Oxford.

Mr. Frank Currin, of Route 6, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. E. A. Freeman, of Route 6, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. Gordon Hunt, of Henderson spent the week end in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bragg, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. R. M. Pittard, of Bullock, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. H. A. Hart, of Route 7, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. D. Hathcock, of Hester section, was in town Monday.

Messrs. J. R. Mathews and Lex Wilson, of Stovall, were on the Oxford market Monday.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence, of Brassfield Township, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Z. M. Overton, of Brassfield township, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. Charles Blacknall, of Kittrell, visited his sister, Mrs. W. A. Adams, in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phipps, of Route 1, were town visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Crews and son, of Route 2, were among the shoppers in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. W. K. Long, of Route 2, was numbered with the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. A. P. Hobgood returned a few days ago from Richmond much improved in health.

Mr. Frank Hancock, Jr., of the University, spent the week end in Oxford.

Mr. George Stem, of Stem section, was in Oxford selling tobacco Monday.

Mr. F. M. Timberlake, of Northern Granville, was in Oxford Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. S. Walters, of Stem section, was on the Oxford tobacco break Monday.

Mrs. Saul B. Kaplan and two children, of Chicago, have joined Mr. Kaplan in Oxford and we welcome them to our town.

Miss Florence Owen, of Richmond, who has been the guest of Miss Lillian Spencer, returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Downey, of Route 7, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McFarland on Asylum street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jones and son left Saturday for Henderson where they will make their future home followed by the good wishes of their Oxford friends.

ROOMS WANTED IN PRIVATE family for light housekeeping, or room and board by man and wife, no children. Apply to the Public Ledger office.

COW FOR SALE—ONE FRESH milk cow for sale or will exchange for beef. R. C. WATKINS. 2tpd

PRIZE HOUSE FOR RENT—I WISH to rent the Dudley Bullock prize-house, west of the old cemetery. Apply at once if you want it to A. A. HICKS

Plant More Foodstuff

DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS ENGAGE ATTENTION OF THE FARMERS OF GRANVILLE—THE TOBACCO CROP IS NOT EQUIVALENT.

STRONG SENTIMENT GROWING

Brought Face to Face With the Actual Conditions the Farmers Realize That They Must Raise Their Own Supplies.

THE NEOPOLITAN ORCHESTRA.

Only a Limited Number of Oxford People Attended this High-Class Concert

The Alkahest Lyceum Bureau, one of the most reliable musical organizations of the country, presented to the people of Oxford last Friday night "The Neopolitan Orchestra and Singers." The event had been fairly well advertised and the night was fine, but for some cause or other only a limited number of the music-loving people of Oxford were present. As a general thing the cultured people of Oxford respond freely to the best attractions. It was a musical triumph, one in which the theatre-going people of Oxford were afforded a rare opportunity to get their money's worth. At the breaking out of hostilities in Europe the musicians taking part in the performance last Friday night were employed at leading concert halls and theatres in Paris. They sailed for America and are now making a tour of the Southern States.

The organization is composed of ten Italians, and that same little soprano, Madame Bellini, and the powerful tenor, Signor Monetti, were head-liners in Europe, but they were not well enough known in Oxford to draw a full house even if they were backed by a guarantee of the Alkahest Bureau.

In booking the Neopolitan Orchestra and Singers for the Orpheum, Harris & Crews were moved by a sense that nothing was too good for Oxford, and doubtless their estimate is correct, but nevertheless due appreciation was not shown this splendid talent.

A SLIGHT CHANGE

Mr. S. A. Jones, who learned the printing trade in the Public Ledger office and who has been with the paper for many years, has joined the forces of the Henderson Gold Leaf. He is a good, capable printer, and one of the best in the State. We wish him well in his new field of labor. The Public Ledger is to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. J. B. Shaw, of Wilson, a very excellent young man, who relieves Mr. Jones in the mechanical department and we welcome him to Oxford.

RECITAL AT OXFORD COLLEGE.

On next Friday evening, October 16th, 8:30 p. m. a recital will be given at the College by Miss May Hankins, teacher of piano. Miss Hankins is a pupil of Randolph Gantz, of Berlin, and was for several years Director of Music in one of the leading schools in the west. She will give an attractive program, and a rare treat is in store for the music lovers of Oxford. Miss Hankins will be assisted by Mrs. Woodall, who will give "Herod," a play by Stephen Phillips. The public is cordially invited.

ATTENTION DEMOCRATS

Our energetic Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, has issued a call in another part of this paper for a meeting of the County Executive Committee along with all the county candidates to map out a quick, hustling campaign. The Public Ledger suggests that we do away with this time going around and speaking at several places in the County, and instead have just before the election a Grand Rally and barbecue in Oxford or at the Fair Ground, inviting two or three of the State's best speakers, Ex-Governor W. W. Kitchin, Hon. B. T. Bickett, Ex-Solicitor A. L. Brooks, to preach Democracy and the needs of the constitutional amendments to the people of Granville. We feel sure such a meeting would prove a winner and would be largely attended by the voters of the county and help kindle a new the fires of Democracy in their breast. Get busy Democrats and let's have a Grand Rally that will bring joy to the heart of every true Democrat in old Granville.

Getting Better—Mr. Thos. W. Winston, who has been numbered with the sick several days, we are pleased to learn is better.

That the European war will prove a benefit to Granville county in the long run, there can be little doubt. Nearly every farmer we engage in conversation states that the time has arrived for planting diversified crops, and many are free to admit that they will plant more foodstuffs this winter and next spring than ever before.

Although the trend to plant diversified crops has gained some headway among the best farmers of Granville in recent years, as a whole they are slow to grasp its full significance. It remained for the European disturbance to cause them to sit up and take notice. They are brought face to face with the actual conditions that breathe discontent where all is at stake on the slender tobacco plant. "As for myself," says a leading Granville county farmer, "I have made it a rule all my life to raise all my meat and bread and provender for the cattle, and whatever I may have over and above home consumption it finds ready sale in my neighborhood."

The Public Ledger has no designs on the slender tobacco stalk, from which we derive our main support, but we have always had an abiding faith in the productivity of Granville county soil, and once the farmers begin in earnest to diversify their crops a marked improvement in the family circle and the commercial conditions of the county will be noticeable.

As a general proposition, you never hear a farmer who diversifies his crops begging "bread and meat" from his neighbors to tide him over, and his only business at the bank is to make a deposit. There is something assertive about the man who has corn, wheat and fat hams for sale. He seems to say: "You can build a wall around my farm and I can survive it all."

It is not the province of the Public Ledger to advise the farmers as to how to prepare and fertilize their ground and the quality of seed they should plant. All this information can be secured gratuitously higher up, but we would advise them to sow wheat, raise their own meat and a sufficient amount of clover, hay and fodder for their stock. If you have more provender than you need, take the advice of an old Pennsylvania Dutchman: "Don't sell it—put into stock."

NEW MERCHANTILE FIRM

Kaplon & Co., a new mercantile firm with a string of stores in several cities and towns, have opened a branch store in Oxford, in the building next to the National Bank of Granville.

Kaplon & Company are in a position to as nearly accommodate their retail customers at wholesale prices as any firm we know of in this section. They are backed by a large capital and handle a reliable class of dry goods and are noted for square dealing.

Mr. Kaplon, manager of the Oxford store, comes direct from Chase City, where the company does a large and flourishing mercantile business. In order to attract the attention of the General public the new firm announce extraordinary bargains for their opening week and they invite close inspection. We call attention to their page advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

MARRIAGE AT EXCHANGE

The attractive parlors of the Exchange Hotel was the scene of a very pretty marriage on Sunday when Mr. Fred Sterringer and Miss Ruth Hamlet, of Chase City, Va., were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. G. T. Lumpkin performing the ceremony witnessed by quite a number of hotel guests. The wedding march was sweetly rendered by Miss Daisy Smith.

The happy couple were accompanied by Miss Rosa Dalton and Messrs. Willie Clark and Grover L. Reese, of Chase City. Mr. and Mrs. Sterringer returned to their home on the afternoon train accompanied by their friends.

WANT TO RENT NICE RESIDENCE convenient to business section. Address P. O. Box 322. 2t.