



In Vicinity of Ostend

SMASHING BLOW MAY BE DEALT BY ALLIES TO NORTH OF ARRAS—CENSORSHIP PROHIBITS MENTION OF OPERATIONS THERE

THE REAL STRUGGLE NOW ON

Both Sides Hope to Bring About a Decisive Result in the Long Drawn Out Battle—Five More Million Men to the Allies' Rescue

With the German army firmly established in Antwerp, from which they are operating toward Ostend with apparent ease, the capital of Belgium has moved for the third time since hostilities were declared, and is now located at Havre, France. It seems that England for some cause or other has given Belgium very little aid in the great struggle. And one of the surprises of the age is that the great Russian army with its 20,000,000 men is not showing in and around Berlin. However experts claim that so far as the dead and wounded are concerned that it is mere child's play to what it will be when the allies break through the German lines.

WAR SUMMARY

(London Cable, Oct. 15) While it fully is expected the Germans will reach Ostend and other ports in the northwest of Belgium, if they have not done so already, they will meet a stubborn resistance in their attempt to extend the right wing of their main army through Pas de Calais to the French northern ports. In fact, they have fallen back in this region in the face of the allies' offensive.

A few days ago German cavalry were fighting as far west as Hazebrouck and Cassel, but today, according to the French official communication issued late today, the front of this battle extends from La-Bassee through Estaires to Baillieu on the Belgian frontier, while across the border the allies have occupied Ypres. This is a distinct gain for the allies and shows that the German attempt to work around their left has failed, the German right being bent back toward Lille and Courrai, both of which places the invaders hold with strong forces.

It is here the heavy blows, which both sides hope will bring about a decisive result in the long drawn out battle, will be struck. It is for this reason that the Germans will be able to make their way to Ostend, although even there some troops have been left to inflict what damage they can before joining the larger body further south.

The censorship has prohibited any mention of the operations to the north of Arras, which probably is responsible for the belief that the allies have prepared what one military critic declares is "a smashing blow, which will be the more crushing in its effect the longer it is delayed."

Of the recent fighting elsewhere the French communication simply says that the operations are proceeding normally on the left wing as far as the Oise, that the allies' wing as far as the Berry-au-Bac region is confirmed and that on the right wing there is nothing new.

For the first time the French general staff takes notice of and denies some claims put forth by the Germans. It is denied that two French cavalry divisions have been destroyed and it is asserted, on the other hand, that aviators, with French cavalry, inflicted heavy losses on the German cavalry. It is declared also that the Germans have not come into touch with the fortress of Verdun and that attempts to do so have failed, while in their effort to cross the Meuse at St. Mihiel, they were outflanked.

German reports coming through Rome say that the real struggle is just beginning and that, if necessary, 5,000,000 men can be called upon for compulsory service, while many volunteers also are available.

NEW FALL OUTFIT

The new store of the Green-Hunt Company is attracting wide spread and favorable attention. "Quality First" is the keynote of this firm, and extra value is what you receive for your money. The members of the firm take great delight in showing their customers through the modern store. They are gaining the reputation of being the one-price store and family outfitters. See their adv. elsewhere in this paper.

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

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET.

Marked Improvement During the Past Week as to Prices and Quality

In spite of the fact that the farmers have been unusually busy housing the crop, the Oxford tobacco market has shown a steady improvement during the past week both as to quality and prices.

Warehousemen tell us that they do not like to advise a man too closely to rush his crop to the market, not knowing exactly what might happen and with a chance for figures to go higher later in the season. They feel, however, that compared with other markets in the State that Oxford prices have been exceptionally good, some tobacco selling here during the week as high as \$35. On other lots the figures were around \$18, \$20, \$22, and \$25.

There are several reasons why the tobacco growers of this section should sell at the Oxford market. One of them is that Oxford is determined to maintain high averages. Alive to the fact that they must meet competition and make good their promise to get the best prices, the warehousemen give their personal attention to every lot sold and see to it that every customer goes away satisfied with the treatment received. Farmers who want to convert all or part of their crop into cash at this time are reasonably sure of high averages on all the grades. A favorable season will doubtless witness larger breaks and better prices on good tobacco.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE.

Cards bearing the following announcement have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baxter Hines invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Irene Crichton to

Mr. Fernando Leonidas Marrow on Tuesday evening, November the third at nine o'clock Presbyterian Church Oxford, North Carolina

No cards issued in Oxford.

The bride-to-be is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hines, a rascally newspaper man who got the row is a young man of sterling worth and is numbered among the best citizens of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION

Why should a town have a commercial organization? Because if it lives up to its duties, it will be the most potent force in the community for progress. Its duties are to do anything and everything necessary and incident to the upbuilding and better building of the town and its environs. Its duty is not only to grow, but also to make it better, a more sanitary, a prettier and more enjoyable place in which to live.

Its province or field of work reaches out in every branch and takes cognizance of every phase of the town's life. The commercial interests, wholesale, retail, and manufacturing; the professional interests; the government of the town, county and State; the social side of Oxford's life where it touches the questions of public morals and health; all of these, and in truth, every channel of activity comes under its practical eye.

It must always and everywhere preach the gospel of sane, safe and sound development, unselfishness, public spiritedness and civic pride. Its motto, must be, "If its good for the community, then let us have it." What helps the community as a whole, has a like beneficial effect upon every one within its boundaries.

"Watchful Waiting."—Let us not get this "watchful waiting," safety first" and "sift tight; don't rock the boat" spirit too profusely diffused throughout our systems. Ultra-conservatism is the first indication that a nation, a community or an individual is going to seed.

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

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS.

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

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Sow Wheat—We advise our farmers to sow wheat as flour may run up to \$15 a barrel next year.

Knott Grove Church—Rev. G. T. Lumpkin will preach at Knott's Grove Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. You are cordially invited.

As it Was—Hard Cider has a hidden jag, the evidence to us is dear, but what's the use to chew the rag when we can't even get ni-beer?

Fall Openings—The fall openings are now in full blast and every body is looking for bargains in fall goods. "You bet your sweet life" they can be found in Oxford.

Still Improving—We are very glad to learn that Mr. Alex Williams, who has been sick more than two weeks, continues to improve which will be good news to his patrons on Route 4.

Place to Do It—Through the advertising columns of the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger you can give the people advance information on what they will want and need to know.

Stand By Home—Help business in Oxford and in Granville county by trading at home. You can get anything you want in the stores of our local merchants at reasonable prices. Patronize them.

What People Think—So long as your course receives the sanction of your own judgment, so long as it comports with your sense of right and propriety, it is idle to worry over what people may think of you.

More Business Life—Business conditions in Oxford are beginning to take on more life and farmers bringing in tobacco seem more cheerful and encouraged as the common crop of tobacco is bringing very satisfactory prices.

The Union Bank—A saving account with the Union Bank of Oxford is war proof and a friend when all others forsake you. If you are not a saving depositor here take our advice and open an account at once. See advertisement on another page.

Rev. S. K. Phillips—Rev. Phillips writes from Roanoke, Va., where he is assisting in revival services, that many have accepted Christ. Mr. Phillips will return home Saturday night and will occupy his pulpit morning and evening Sunday.

Services at Stovall—Next Sunday, the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon in St. Peter's Church, Stovall. Evening service and sermon at 7:30 o'clock. You are most cordially invited.

The Best Clothing—If you are looking for some of the best clothing on the market buy the Styleplus Brand sold only by Perkinson-Green Co. in Oxford. They fit well, wear well, and don't get out of shape. See big advertisement on another page.

Pleased with Prices—Messrs. Thos. Frazier, Sam Peed, George Oakley, and H. S. Frazier, all of Person county, sold tobacco at the Owen warehouse Wednesday of this week and were pleased with the prices they received.

Bungalow Finished—The attractive bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Leg Taylor on College street has been completed by the contractor and as soon as some interior fixtures are put in this fine young couple will commence housekeeping.

"Knock off Work"—Everybody for 20 miles around should "knock off work" for two days beginning October 28 and 29th and attend the Granville County Fair. There will be plenty of fine exhibits and something doing all the time. A cordial welcome awaits you.

Come Along Friends—We are pleased to say that a large number of our subscribers are taking advantage of our proposition to continue the Public Ledger another year for the low price of one dollar if they renew before the 15th of November. Now is the time for you to send in your dollar!

In Trouble—The tobacco industry, as usual, is taking up all the surplus labor in and around Oxford, and from the complaints heard from housewives it is taking more than the "surplus," for there are some ordinary good steady cooks and house girls, reported as "sick" or "greatly in need of a rest."

Still Selling Well—You can never tell what is going to happen. Tobacco growers fully expected a fall in prices by reason of existing conditions, yet the prices obtaining on this—and presumably on all markets—are said to be excellent or very much better than was expected, yet the best grades are not yet coming in.

Read advertisement for pigs for sale in another column.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Henry Thorp, of Berea, was in town Wednesday.

Herbert Crews, of Watkins, was town visitor Wednesday.

Marsh Daniel, of Route 1, was on the streets Wednesday.

Thos. Frazier, of Person county, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

J. H. Oakes, of Route 7, was in town Thursday afternoon.

Thos. W. Winston left yesterday on a visit to relatives at Selma.

Devin, of South Boston, Va., is visiting her brother, Mr. W. W. Devin.

Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, was in Oxford Thursday.

Carl Piper, of Route 6, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Coley Gill, of Stovall, was in Oxford Wednesday.

George Whitfield, of Stem section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

S. J. Pleasant, of Route 5, was on the tobacco break's Thursday.

Joe Wheeler, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

W. B. Newton, of Route 6, was in town Thursday.

A. M. Aiken, of Stem section, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

H. P. Curran, of Route 6, was in Oxford selling tobacco Thursday.

S. H. Mize, of Hester section, was a town visitor on Thursday.

C. N. Oakley, of West Granville, was among the tobacco sellers in Oxford Thursday.

J. L. Martin, the able Baptist Divine of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Will Royster, of Buchanan, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Willford and R. L. Willford, of West Granville, were in Oxford Thursday.

B. K. Hays went to New York a few days ago and will accompany Dr. Hays home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adcock and child, of Berea, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

W. C. Pittard, of Route 2, was on our busy tobacco market Thursday.

J. T. Bowling, of Culbreth section, was among the crowd of farmers in Oxford Thursday.

Lex Veasey, of Knap of Reeds, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

T. C. Harris spent several days in Raleigh and Durham the past week visiting friends.

Thomas Hunt, of Stem section, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

John Dickerson, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Fayette Washington, of Stem section, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Charles Haskins, of Hester section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen, son and daughter, of Creedmoor section, were numbered with the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Miss Patterson, an attractive young lady of San Antonio, Texas, is visiting her relatives the Misses Yancey on Penn Avenue.

Lester Willford, an industrious young farmer of West Granville, was on our live tobacco market Wednesday.

J. B. Shaw came over from Wilcox Wednesday and joined Mr. Shaw, and we hope she will be pleased with Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kiker, of Wadesboro, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pitts on Broad street. Mr. Kiker is the wide-awake school superintendent of Anson county.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS

Land Sale—Your attention is called to the sale of land advertised in another column by T. Lanier, Trustee.

Will Speak—Gen. B. S. Royster will speak on the issues of the campaign at Allensville, Person county, on the 20th.

Some Better—We are very glad to learn that Postmaster Osborn is getting better and is able to be up about his rooms. This will be good news to his host of friends.

Tell it to Them—The local merchant misses a lot of mighty good business by failing to advertise his goods. The mail order house uses the magazines and newspapers constantly and that is why their business is cutting into the business of the local merchant. Let people know what you have. Get busy.

FARMS
For Rent
2t. R. O. GREGORY

Y. M. C. A. Building

NEULUS FOR A MODERN BUILDING IN SIGHT AND MORE PROMISED WHEN THE WORK HAS PROGRESSED

OXFORD'S YOUNG MANHOOD

It is Your Blessed Privilege to Contribute to a Cause that Will Elevate Your Fellowman—What the Great Work Stands For

"STOP THIEF"

A pyramid of thrills on a laughing platform exactly describes "Stop Thief" the new farce success which will be presented at The Orpheum Theatre, Wednesday, October 21. According to wide report it is one of the best of the many so-called "crook" plays offered the amusement seekers since the vogue for this style of entertainment became popular.

"Stop Thief" comes to us with the stamp of a "hit" placed upon it by audiences in New York, where the piece enjoyed nearly a year of phenomenal prosperity. An irresistible combination of laughing thrills and suspense forms the appeal in the farce, which is from the pen of Carlyle Moore. A view of it will not in all likelihood present a debatable moral, but it will supply you with some of the heartiest laughs imaginable, and that's as good a recommendation as any one should expect.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

There will be a civil service examination at the United States postoffice in Oxford for the position of Rural Letter Carrier on November 14, 1914. Age of applicants must be from 18 to 55. For the information apply to Mr. N. M. Ferebee, Oxford postoffice.

A USE FOR OLD MILLINERY

Few women preserve their old hats for any other reason than the possible chance of renovating them for further wear, but one mother keeps them for quite another purpose. Her little daughter was obliged to remain in the house much of the time during her early school days, and the mother was therefore taxed to the utmost to find employment for her. An occupation that kept the child busy for hours during the shut-in periods was trimming hats and having an "opening" all her own.

The old hats and the trimmings were carefully preserved. With thread, needles, and a paper of pins, the little girl would create wonders. When she had finished the hats, she would exhibit them to the family, who were free to make comments on the color schemes and arrangement. After the exhibition, all the trimmings were removed and put away in the proper boxes to await another "opening."

UNIVERSITY DAY

United States Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton was the principal speaker of the most successful University Day celebration the University has had. This celebration was the 120th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the University. About a thousand students, faculty members and alumni were in the procession that marched to the memorial hall.

Dr. Claxton reviewed the marvelous growth of educational facilities during the last 21 years, and forcefully presented his idea of the system of education that should be adopted throughout the United States. In his opinion, the last two years of high school should be a special department so diversified that the boys and girls can either train themselves to enter life or college. Then there should be small junior colleges to train students the first two years and relieve the over-crowded, unsatisfactory lower classes in the bigger colleges, where 62 per cent of the students drop before the junior year.

After the address, President Graham presented Dr. Claxton with the honorary degree of LL. D.

HIS PRACTICE

"So Jims is going to England to enlist in the army. Has he had any experience in war?"
"Oh, yes. He's had considerable practice in Maine shooting guides."

INSTANCES

"Every class in lire seems to have its peculiar disease."
"Then I suppose jailbirds have a breaking out, and carpenters have the shingles."

Buy Your Coal—We call the attention of our readers to the coal advertisement of C. D. Ray & Son on another page.

In walking up the street one night recently we saw a well-known citizen standing on the corner looking at a crowd of young men across the street.

On approaching him he addressed us in his usual pleasant characteristic style and bade us linger a moment. "Do you know," he said, "that we need a young Men's Christian Association in Oxford?"

We ventured the remark that the young men of Oxford are just about as nice a crowd of young fellows as he would find anywhere.

"Yes," he said, "that may be true, but just look across the street at that bunch; I have counted them, and there are eighteen in the crowd and I dare say that not one of them is over twenty-five years of age, all engaged in idle conversation, their vitality going to waste, so to speak."

We were impressed with the earnestness of our friend and told him we would call attention to the needs of a Young Men's Christian Association, whereupon he showed his appreciation by reaching into his pocket and withdrawing a ten dollar bill, and shaking it in our face he said that he would give it to start the ball rolling and some more when the movement took root.

Having been identified with one of the very best Young Men's Christian Associations in the country, we are in a position to speak out in meeting. -- any one thinks that the young men of Oxford or any other town is going to sit in a room on the second floor and read moral literature two hours every night they are sadly mistaken. Young men are not built that way these days.

From a few religious books and long faces in a small room on the second floor to the modern Y. M. C. A. building with its plunge bath, boxing gloves, gymnasium, bowling alley and billiard tables is a long step. All of these things were necessary to catch and hold the young men. A young man can "skin the cat" these days without disgracing the whole family, but there is a moral restraint in the modern Young Men's Christian Association that is elevating, one that creates a thirst for knowledge. We were particularly impressed with the following verse printed on the wall of a gymnasium in a Y. M. C. A. building:

"I live for those who love me,
For those who knew me true,
For the heavens that bend above me,
And the good that I can do;
For the wrongs that needs resistance,
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

The young men are taught in lectures and otherwise that there is an invisible movement in the business world for international righteousness and the square deal in business. No one knows from whence it came or whether it is going. They are made to feel and to know that the business world has closed its doors of opportunity to every young man who gets drunk or gambles. The business world will no longer assume the moral risk of the drunk and gambler, because such practices lowers the engineering efficiency of the one indulging in them.

It is your blessed privilege to take part in establishing a modern Young Men's Christian Association building in Oxford, as it is a work in which any man may well crave who loves his fellow man.

The Anchor Store—The Anchor store Company of Henderson, one of the largest of its kind in this section of the State will have its formal opening next Thursday, October 22d. We call attention to their adv. elsewhere in this paper.

"Their home life is ideal."

"Is that so?"

"Yes, she goes abroad in the summer, and he goes to the Riviera all the winter. Perfect, isn't it?"—London Tit-Bus.

Lady (returning her husband's portrait after five years)—Would you mind exchanging this portrait for a landscape? I am going to divorce my husband.—Munich Fliegende Blaetter.