



## GERMANS LOSE ARMY CORPS

### RUSSIAN CAPITAL BELIEVES THAT RUSSIAN VICTORY IN POLAND EVEN GREATER THAN HAS BEEN REPORTED.

The Break Has Come in the East and the World Awaits the Final March of the Triumphant Russians on to Berlin.

#### CONDENSED WAR NEWS

(Paris Cable, Nov. 25.)

Reports reaching here of the magnitude of the German defeat west of Lodz, Russian Poland, which, in some instances, place German losses at an entire army corps, in a measure are confirmed by dispatches from Warsaw. Forty-eight trains have been dispatched from Warsaw with the prisoners and wounded. They should carry between 45,000 and 50,000 men.

Military men here believe the reported defeat was due partially to the failure of the German column from Wielun to defeat the Russians sent against it. Dead heads delayed this column, it is reported, enabling the Russians to concentrate a force to repulse it and turn the flanks of the main German column.

There is great jubilation in army circles here, officers expressing the conviction that the enemy has received a crushing blow likely to prove decisive in the Poland campaign.

Probably the most significant piece of news regarding Russian operations comes from Budapest, where it is admitted the Russian troops again have invaded Hungary and again reached the county of Ung which is about 35 miles south of the Carpathians, and the county of Zemplin, 50 miles south of these mountains. The troops, which invaded Ung, according to this report, have been driven back to the frontier, while action is being taken against those in Zemplin.

#### ON THE FRENCH COAST

(London Cable, Nov. 25.)

Except to the north of Verdun where the Germans attacked, were repulsed and asked for an armistice which was refused, fighting in the western theatre still is largely an artillery exchange. There is evidence, however, that the Germans contemplate another desperate effort to get through to the French coast ports.

Every report from Belgium by way of Holland shows that the Germans are bringing up reinforcements and guns, but so closely is the secret guarded that there is no indication as to where the blow is to be delivered. It will doubtless be a heavy one, backed by all the men, guns and other machines of war of which the Germans seem to have unlimited supplies.

The allies have made every preparation to meet this assault. At the same time preparations have been completed for the defense of the east coast of England, for the opinion still holds here that if the Germans fall in their latest plans they will attempt a raid on England with warships and transports, for which German submarines are trying to prepare the way.

#### GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY

(London Cable, Nov. 27.)

Grand Duke Nicholas too busy adding to his laurels to make a formal report. It seems to be a settled fact that the Russians have annihilated and two corps said to be surrounded while the whole of Prussia is being enveloped.

#### TURKEY HARD HIT

Russian and Indian troops strike the Turks on both sides at the head of Persian Gulf and at a point 30 miles east of the Suez Canal.

#### JOHN LAWS DEAD

John Laws, for 64 years, Register of Deeds of Orange County and elected for another two years term in the recent election, passed away at his home in Hillsboro, November 23, at 5 o'clock following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Laws was 94 years old and has been the only Register of Deeds the County of Orange has ever had.

During the past many elections he has had no opposition but has been the regular nominee of the Democrats and was regularly elected. He has probably held an elective office longer than any other man in the United States.

Despite his advanced years, till the recent attack of pneumonia Mr. Laws has always been actively in charge of his office and during the recent campaign made a canvass of the county with the other candidates. He was twice married and is survived by his wife, and three children by his second wife, whom he married about 10 years ago. There is also one son and one daughter by the first marriage. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

#### THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

The Blessed Day Brought Gladness and Joy to the Hearts of Many in This Community

Thanksgiving Day brought the stillness of Sunday to our midst. The stores, the banks and the post office were closed and it was a general holiday and many slept late and fasted in order to do justice to a sumptuous dinner. Large numbers left by early morning trains to hunt and romp in more distant fields and quite a few attended the Carolina-Virginia football game in Richmond.

Impressive services were held in St. Stephen's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and a similar Thanksgiving service was held at the Baptist church at twilight hour. God be praised for the peace and plenty of a bountiful nation was the solemn petition that ascended on high.

Fortunately there are but a few in our midst who are not able to provide a frugal meal on Thanksgiving Day, but all of these were looked after by the good people of Oxford and they were made to share in the love of an All-wise Providence.

The little children at the Oxford Orphan Asylum enjoyed a sumptuous repast, and the whole institution took on an atmosphere of praise and thankfulness. The joy of giving is reflected in the fact of an orphan child perhaps more than anywhere else in the world. If the people of the State could visit the Oxford Orphan Asylum on this joyous occasion and see the faces of the children lighted up in the presence of the substantial remembrances that pour in from all over the broad land the spark of divine instinct would take on the glow of an incandescent light. In the same divine plan of giving and making happy the poor little colored children in the orphan asylum east of town were provided with the things that brought joy to their hearts.

At the County Home Mr. W. S. Daniel, Superintendent, and his excellent wife, kindled the fire under the big pot and the inmates were made to feel that they are objects of solicitude. The spirit of thanksgiving in Granville is sincere and most beautiful.

#### SAMUEL DAVIS' SPECIAL SALE

Samuel Davis, the old reliable hardware man, of Clarksville, Va., invites his multitude of North Carolina friends to visit his mammoth hardware establishment next week, November 30th to December 5th inclusive at which time special prices will prevail. To the farmers, Samuel Davis is like "a rock in a weary land". In this sale he will discount the catalogue houses and at the same time show you best line of goods found in any hardware store in the country. A nice tempting lunch of hot coffee, hot biscuits and butter will be served to all visitors during the week's sale. We invite special attention to his half page adv. elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger.

#### GATHER UP THE TOOLS

When we passed the Fair Grounds recently and saw the old school wagon standing out in the rain, exposed to the elements, we thought of an incident recorded in the history pertaining to John Randolph of Roanoke. When Mr. Randolph was elected to Congress and got ready to depart for the National capital he called his slaves about him and pointing out the implements and tools on the great farm he told them to take care of everything until he returned and he would reward them.

After a long and stormy session in Congress Mr. Randolph returned home to find the tools and implements scattered broad cast over the farm. This infuriated him and he took down his old flint lock shot gun from over the door and marshaling his slaves in line he took dead aim at the old darkey at the head of the column. "For the Lawd Sake Master, what is the matter," came the quick response and the master explained that inasmuch as his property was going to ruin he might as well kill his slaves and finish the job. It is needless to say that there was no future disobedience on the great Roanoke Farm.

Moral—Don't let the tools lay out in the weather.

Great Production—The Hippodrome shown at the Orpheum Theatre, Thursday night, was a great production, and Messrs. Harris & Crews deserve the thanks of the people.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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

#### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Christmas Next—The next stop is Christmas, less than a month ahead of us.

Removed Fence—Mrs. Bragg has removed the fence from in front of her residence on Broad street.

Did you say Hash?—Why, certainly, as turkey hash is quite a fine dish after Thanksgiving.

Cottage Repaired—Mr. Walter Crews has had his cottage on High street repainted, which adds much to its looks.

Almost Annihilated—Turkey was almost annihilated in the great battle on Thanksgiving day with only the carcass left to tell the story.

No Accident—So far we are glad to say we have heard of no one getting shot during the great hunt on Thanksgiving Day.

Fine Turnips—We thank Master Garland Ragland, of Route 1, for three fine turnips, which weighed 12 pounds.

Land for Sale—B. S. Royster, Commissioner, advertises some land for sale in another column, and you are asked to read it.

Services at Goshen—Bishop Cheshire and Dr. Horsfield will hold services this Saturday at 11 o'clock at Goshen and you are invited to attend.

Regular Workers—Messrs. Oscar and Calvin Breedlove and W. H. Upchurch are indeed industrious men, as they put in a good day's work Thursday in adding improvements to their places.

Planting Hedge—Mr. J. B. Powell has caught the hedge fever and has set out one around his front yard, and no doubt in a few years will have a nice hedge to adorn his front yard.

Episcopal Bazaar—The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold their Annual Bazaar on December 10th and 11th and will serve everything that will tempt the appetite. You are asked not to forget the date.

Let it Come—That dollar you are carrying around in your pocket would pay us for 104 issues of the Public Ledger, and it would be a pleasure to us for you to roll it into the office. Let it come!

Caught from Flue—Near 12 o'clock on Wednesday the room occupied by the Gregory Piano Agency was discovered on fire where the stove pipe went up through the first floor, and the hustling fire boys were called out and with chemicals quickly put out the flames with little damage.

Services at Williamsboro—Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and afternoon at 2 o'clock services will be held in historic old St. John's Episcopal church, Williamsboro, by the priest in charge, the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor. During the recess dinner will be served on the grounds. You are most cordially invited.

Fell From Wagon—A few days ago Mr. J. W. Garrett, of Northern Granville, went to Clarksville, Va., on business and when in sight of his home from some cause fell out of his wagon breaking several ribs. He was soon found and carried to his home. He is about 60 years old and a good citizen.

#### GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT

R. P. Taylor vs J. F. Meadows, which was being tried on Tuesday last as we went to press, and after hearing all the evidence, argument of the able counsel on both sides and the charge of Judge Rountree rendered the following verdict: "Are the plaintiffs the owners of the land described in the complaint?" Answer, "No."

Nellie R. Cozart vs Henry Cozart, divorce, granted.

J. T. Murray vs Fannie Murray, divorce, granted.

Early Meadows vs Sarah Meadows, divorce, granted.

Oxford Manufacturing Co. vs W. R. Kimball and A. B. Kimball, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$351.32.

Brandon vs Peace, slander, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$250.

G. T. Smith vs Thos. F. Blair, judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$65.

James Harris vs T. Lanier, guardian, a non suit was ordered.

Virginus Cheatham vs John E. Hart and the Creedmoor Publishing Co., for libel is being heard as we go to press.

Judge A. W. Graham and Mr. A. A. Hicks and Mr. J. C. Kittrell, of Henderson, appears for Mr. Cheatham and Gen. B. S. Royster and Mr. John Hester for Mr. Hart.

## COMING AND GOING

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

#### THE YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. John Woody, of Route 5, was our streets Thursday.

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

Mr. W. J. Currin, of Route 7, was in town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. C. C. Tillotson, of Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. L. Capps, of Dabney, was on our tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. John Cawthorn, of Wilton, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. John Morris, of Wilton, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. E. Bullock, of Stem, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. R. T. Gregory, of Stovall, was a town visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner enjoyed their Thanksgiving in Norfolk.

Mrs. James S. Rogers is visiting her sister in Richmond, Va.

Mr. W. H. Newton, of Moriah, was in town Friday.

Capt. E. E. Fuller attended the big game in Richmond Thanksgiving.

Mr. John Booth, tobaccoist, spent his Thanksgiving at home.

Mr. Walter Bragg, of Route 2, was on our streets Friday.

Mr. Ira Beck, of Northside, was in Oxford Friday selling tobacco.

"Doctor" N. M. Ferebee was a Henderson visitor Thursday.

Miss Imogene Cannady was in Henderson Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Fleming, of Lyon, was on the Oxford tobacco market Friday.

Mr. L. O. Daniel, of Dutchville, was among the Oxford visitors.

Mr. J. M. Hobgood, of Hertford, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kerr Taylor on Front street.

Mr. J. M. Hobgood came up from Eastern Carolina to enjoy Thanksgiving in Oxford.

Mr. C. B. Wilkerson, of Nelson, Va. was on our tobacco market Friday with two large loads of tobacco.

Mr. Chas. Gregory came in from Richmond to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Mr. G. O. Savage, of Cary, spent Thanksgiving in Oxford with Mr. H. J. Council.

Mr. W. B. Adcock, of Alexandria, Va., was in Oxford Thursday on his way to visit relatives at Oak Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fleming enjoyed the Thanksgiving with relatives at Lyon.

Mr. C. L. Daniel, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. C. C. Satterwhite, a pleasant young business man of Dabney, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Royster, of Bullock, were among the Oxford shoppers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Cheatham, of Route 5, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Crawford Hobgood returned from Richmond Thursday accompanied by Mr. Hobgood.

Mr. Jeff Averett, of Route 1, was in Richmond Thursday to see his son who is in a hospital in that city.

Mr. George Cannady, of Dunn, was numbered with the Oxford visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickerson and daughter, of Dickerson, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. R. R. Strother, of Wilton section, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Messrs. W. A. Parham and Sidney Betts took in the great foot ball game in Richmond on Thanksgiving.

Mr. C. J. Adcock, of Durham, was among the Oxford visitors on Thanksgiving Day and also visited relatives in the county.

Mrs. E. T. Rollins, of Durham, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Steed, on Rectory street.

Miss Camilla Lyon after visiting relatives in Henderson and Oxford returned to her home in Washington City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harris, of Fuquay Springs, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Breedlove Thanksgiving.

Among those who attended the foot ball game in Richmond Thursday, were Mayor Stem, Messrs. B. K. Lassiter, Outlaw Hunt, James Taylor, Shephard Booth, Lee Taylor, E. C. Hunt and M. C. Taylor.

Been Very Sick—The many friends of Mrs. B. K. Hays will be much gratified to learn that she is slowly recovering from an attack of sickness.

## THE VISITING ODD FELLOWS

### AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATAERING IN WHICH THE GRAND MASTER AND FOUR PAST GRAND MASTERS WERE PRESENT TO GRACE THE DELIBERATIONS

#### DR. TYER AND REV. L. H. JOYNER

There was general rejoicing in this community when it was definitely known that Conference returned Dr. Tyer to the Oxford church. It is true that he is not due to leave us until next year, but there were so many calls for eminent divines elsewhere in the State it was feared that the Bishop would lay siege to Dr. Tyer. He is a splendid preacher and a good, jolly, noble citizen and his presence among us inspires love and confidence. All denominations in the community have been greatly benefitted during his three years sojourn in Oxford and all will regret when the limit of the stay of he and his noble family is prescribed by years.

Rev. L. H. Joyner, of the Oxford Circuit, who has been passing in and out among us for the past four years, will be greatly missed throughout the circuit. He and his excellent family will go to the church at Buckhorn, Chatham county.

Rev. C. A. Jones, who comes to Oxford Circuit from Belhaven, Beaufort county, is a strong preacher. He will reside in the parsonage on High street new occupied by Rev. L. H. Joyner's family.

#### A THANKSGIVING BRIDE

The parlors of the Exchange Hotel was the scene of a very pretty and impressive marriage ceremony Thursday afternoon when Mr. Robert Lee Tillotson and Miss Bertha Clay Hays took the vows that made them one, Dr. A. P. Tyer performing the ceremony.

The young couple are from the Wilton section and are both engaged in farming. They were accompanied by a number of relatives and friends. They will live in the Wilton section where Mr. Tillotson is engaged in farming.

#### DEATH OF OLD CITIZEN

In the death of our venerable friend, Mr. Jack Usry, Brassfield Township, loses one of its oldest and best citizens, having reached his 84th year. He was called to rest from his labors on this earth on last Wednesday afternoon after a long illness, and his death was not unexpected to his family and neighbors. He was a member of the Methodist church and a quiet good citizen, and highly esteemed in his section of the county. He leaves two sons, Mr. Sid Usry, of Oxford, and Mr. J. T. Usry, and four daughters, Mrs. A. F. Breedlove, Mrs. B. F. Kearney and Misses Bettie and Ellen Usry to sorrow over his death.

The funeral and burial took place Thursday afternoon at Bank's Chapel, and was largely attended. May he rest in peace.

#### HOME WEDDING

On Sunday morning last at ten o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tunstall, near Fairport, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Mr. Alex Newton, of Vance county, and their daughter, Miss Florence, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a large number of relatives and neighbors. Rev. E. G. Usry performed the ceremony. The waiters were: Mr. Pat Tunstall with Miss Bessie Newton, Mr. Lee Newton with Miss Ola Tunstall. After congratulations the bridal party attended services at Peace Chapel, and from there went to the home of the groom in Vance county where a sumptuous dinner was served to the bridal party and invited guests in honor of the happy event.

#### THE STATE TICKET

Senator Overman led the State ticket in the majority received in the election November 3. His majority was 34,477, and it is gratifying to note that he carried every Congressional district including the tenth, where a Republican Congressman was elected by over 800 majority. This shows the great popularity of Senator Overman, and is an expression of the State have in him after twelve years of service as one of their Senators at Washington.

Dependable Warehouse—We call attention to the advertisement of the Banner Warehouse on the last page of this paper. Oxford is a dependable market and you can rely upon the Banner under all circumstances. Mr. W. Z. Mitchell is a friend of the farmers.

Pay your Public Ledger subscription.

Five Lodges of the District Represented and Friendship, Love and Truth Takes on a Golden Hue in Oxford.

The District meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held in the Oxford Odd Fellows Lodge on last Tuesday afternoon and night was a red letter day for the order in this section of the State. With the Grand Master of the jurisdiction of North Carolina and four Past Grand Masters present, Odd Fellowship took on a golden hue. The "grip" was never given with more sincerity than it was on this occasion. The fact that Grand Master Evans, of Greenville, was reared at the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro and was present at the meeting, gave the local lodge an opportunity to see what manner of men are created by the ritualistic injunction to "educate the orphan." Mr. Evans is a lawyer of marked ability, a fluent speaker and a splendid man. He is a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina from Pitt county and his handshake with Senator Titus Currin and Representative D. G. Brummitt, of Granville, was most cordial.

The afternoon session was called to order at 3 o'clock, and the address of welcome was extended by Hon. D. G. Brummitt of the local lodge and the response was by Past Grand Master Overton, of Durham. The addresses were gems of thought and added a pleasant savor to the whole meeting. The afternoon session was taken up with organization of district, enrollment of representatives, election of officers and reports from lodges in the district.

#### EVENING SESSION

The evening session was called to order at 8 o'clock. There was some disappointment that Gen. B. S. Royster and Hon. A. A. Hicks could not be present on account of urgent cases to be plead at bar.

Past Grand Master H. M. Shaw spoke on "The responsibility of an Odd Fellow, or the duty of a member to his lodge." Mr. Shaw's remarks put the members to thinking and we doubt not that they were stronger men when they left the lodge room.

Grand Master Evans spoke on the "Relation of a member of the order to the Odd Fellows Orphan Home." He reviewed the great work that is being carried on by the order at Goldsboro, and in the course of his remarks he said there were more than two hundred children being educated and cared for at the Home. The Grand Master in his hurried remarks inadvertently twisted a well known historical fact that passed unchallenged, and as a matter of local pride we herewith set him straight before the world.

He referred to the lamented Nathaniel Jacobi, of Wilmington, as being founder of the Home. The truth is that the late A. H. A. Williams, of Oxford, freely withdrew one hundred dollars from his pocket at the session of the Grand Lodge in Fayetteville and donated it toward the founding of the Home one year before the resolution was taken up by the lamented Jacobi in Wilmington.

"Odd Fellowship in relation to the best interest of humanity" and other interesting papers were discussed.

The visiting Odd Fellows passed a resolution thanking the local lodge for the many courtesies shown them while in Oxford.

#### FORGING AHEAD

Only a few months ago Kaplan & Company located among us, on Hillsboro street next door to the National Bank of Granville, and by square dealings they are forging their way to the front. In order to introduce themselves and become acquainted with the people of Granville, they are offering some remarkable bargains. See their page adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

#### THE STORE OF QUALITY

Perkinson-Green Company, the Store of Quality, are thankful for the liberal patronage they have received during the year, and with a feeling of gratitude they extend to their many customers an opportunity to make a selection from their large stock of goods at a substantial reduction. They are determined to clean up their stock between now and Christmas to enable them to begin the spring season with a new and fresh stock. We call your attention to a list of specials mentioned in their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger.