



## ITALY AND GREECE NEXT

## IMPORTANT OPERATIONS IN THE EAST AND THE WEST

The Battle Line Grows Longer and the Outlook Assumes a Darker Aspect.

(London Cable, January 12th) Should Rumania, now that the Russians, Rumanians, Servians and by in Transylvania, decide to join the Allies, her army will provide the missing link in the chain of troops 1,300 miles long winding from the Baltic to the Adriatic.

## THE BATTLE LINE

This battle line would be composed of Russians, Rumanians, Servians and Montenegrins on the one side, and Germans and Austro-Hungarians on the other.

## RUMANIA IN THE BALANCE

The Allies believe Rumania soon will take the plunge. Other developments are expected. Relations between Greece and Turkey have reached the breaking point over the alleged ill-treatment of Greeks in Asia Minor. Italy is growing restless over Turkey's delay in giving satisfaction for the violation of the Italian consulate at Hodeida, from which the British consul, who sought refuge was forcibly removed.

## ITALY STANDS BY SERVA

Italy also, it is reported, has agreed that Serbia should be granted a port in the Adriatic. Rumania and Greece, it is thought, however, may delay taking up arms until Bulgaria, which is anxious for a part of Macedonia, is satisfied, for a hostile Bulgaria on their borders would compel them to divide their forces.

## SEA OF MUD

The thaw which has set in southern Poland and Galicia has converted the country into a sea of mud and even cleared the snow from the Carpathians so that fighting in this region is impossible.

## THE FRENCH ADVANCE

The French, after a heavy bombardment of the German positions between the Oise and the western end of the Argonne, and after suffering several repulses, have advanced their fronts at several points, particularly east of Rheims, where their progress has been slow but steady. In eastern Argonne the Germans have been advancing.

## GERMANS TO EVACUATE

The French again report progress in the vicinity of Flirey in the Woivre district, which is of particular importance for should it continue they will cut the road linking St. Mihiel with Metz and may compel the Germans to evacuate St. Mihiel, which they gained long ago at great cost.

**REINFORCEMENTS TO THE WEST**  
The Germans have sent reinforcements to Alsace, where the French advance has threatened to cut off Muelhausen from the rest of the German line, and have occupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut.

## "NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF"

## Our Merchants Have Built Up By Square Dealings

Our merchants are approaching the Spring trade with no misgivings. They are going to do a conservative business, of course, but at all times will be prepared to give you good value for your money. They want your money, and they want your good will and support. They want a satisfied customer. You know that it is worth lots to have a customer go away from a store pleased with his treatment and pleased with his purchases, and with faith in the integrity of the merchant or clerk who sold the wares. Our merchants have built up by square dealing an enviable record. They will tell you from time to time of the fact they are appreciating your patronage. The Public Ledger tells you so now. We appreciate the patronage you give our advertisers. In helping them you help us and we are determined to help them by making the Public Ledger carrying their advertisements, a welcome visitor to every home. So you can see how we are all dependent one upon another, and how a determination for mutual helpfulness can be made to bring out the best that is in us. "No man liveth to himself."

## Mr. Luther Davis Accepts Agency.

Mr. Luther H. Davis has accepted the agency for the Royal Typewriter. The Public Ledger has one of these machines and we can recommend it. Call at the Union Bank and let Mr. Davis explain to you the merits of the "Royal."

## Banner Warehouse

When Z. W. Mitchell tells the farmers a thing they can rely upon him. He makes a bid elsewhere in the Public Ledger for the remainder of the crop and it would be well for the tobacco growers to heed what he says.

## THE COUNTY SCHOOL FUND

## SLIGHTLY LESS THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR

Granville County With a School Population of Eight-Thousand and Forty-Seven, Receives \$2,495.05

The State Board of Education has apportioned \$200,000 among the counties of the State, based upon scholastic population, which is 777,267 for the State. The funds allotted to Granville amounts to \$2,495.05. The fund this year is something like \$30 less than it was last year.

The appropriation was approved by the State Board of Education at a meeting held in Raleigh, and the checks for the money will be mailed to all counties during the next week or ten days. This money comes from the \$250,000 annually appropriated by the State to the schools in North Carolina. From this amount \$7,500 for the biennial appropriation for rural libraries, and \$1,500 for teacher training has been deducted, leaving an amount of \$241,000 to be divided among the one hundred counties of the State according to the total school population.

## NORMAL INSTITUTES

## The Dates and Places of Institutes to Be Held in Granville Will Be Announced Later

Director of Farmers' Institutes T. B. Parker, of the State Department of Agriculture, has mapped out his winter campaign of Farmers' Institute work.

Prior to holding the institutes among the people there was a Farmers' Normal Institute held in Raleigh this Monday and Tuesday. At this institute the various lecturers who are to go out among the people and give instruction gathered and discuss the topics which are to be presented to the people.

The Farmers' Institute work in the State has become very popular and the work last year was the most satisfactory in the history of the department. The combined attendance of both men and women was 71,819, against 57,805 for 1913. The attendance of women was 36,187 against 33,227, the previous year.

This year especial emphasis will be laid on the diversification of crops and the growing of live stock so as to reduce the cotton acreage. The dates and places of the Institutes to be held in Granville will be announced in the Public Ledger later.

## Mrs. Anna Biggs Dead

Mrs. Ann Biggs, 65 years of age, passed to her reward Saturday last and her remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon at Mt. Zion in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

## OLD TIMES ARE BACK

## Old General Prosperity is Nearing His Home Port

Is there a single man of your acquaintance who is still wearing a long face and talking of hard times? Do you know any one who insists on howling calamity?

Have you met any one recently who declares that the newspapers, the financiers and the public officers of the government are wrong in their statement that the old friend of America, General Prosperity, is nearing his home port?

If you find such a man lurking in some corner that he has darkened by his own gloom and covered with cobwebs by his idleness, will you oblige us by asking him these three questions?

1. If "times are hard," why is call money going begging in New York at 2 1/4?
2. If foreign trade "is dead," why was it that London exchange sold in New York Friday at \$4.83 1/2?
3. If the "poor South" has been "ruined" by the cotton slump, how can the reserve banks afford to rediscount thirty-day commercial paper at 4 1/2?

## Powhatan on Thursday Night

The performance of the Indian Opera Powhatan at the High School Auditorium on Thursday night promises to be the best thing of the kind ever seen here. All the principal parts are in good hands, the chorus is a splendid feature and the smaller pupils who do a special turn, between acts, bring the total number up to one hundred who take part.

The stage will be decorated to represent the forest and the director predicts a capital performance. Seats can be procured from the pupils or at Lyon's Drug Store. The admission is only 35c; children 25c; and there is no extra charge for reserved seats.

## THE POSTOFFICE DOORWAY

## IN PASSING THROUGH THE REVOLVING DOOR GO TO RIGHT

It Is a Simple Arrangement, But Common Sense and Decency is Necessary to Pass Through.

We were aware that railway trains some times try to pass each other on single tracks, but this feat has never been successfully accomplished. And we sometimes hear of entanglements on the highways, but who among us ever thought that there are among us those who really know not how to pass through the revolving door at the new postoffice? As strange as it may seem, nevertheless it is a truth. We saw two strong men the other day, one trying to pass out to the right and the other one trying to pass out to the left, both at the same time. This reminded us of the old mathematical problem of the "irresistible force meeting an irresistible force," only that one of the men became disgusted and permitted the other one to pass through, though a little faster than he expected to.

We learn that an elderly lady was thrown down in passing through the door the other day. Some one in passing out gave the door a quick whirl, which caused her to lose her balance and she stumbled and fell in the arms of a bystander.

It is a simple arrangement, and if the people will use common decency and a little judgment all will be well, but if not, some one will get hurt. The rule of the highway is to turn to the right and the same rule applies to passing through a revolving door.

## In Hands of Receiver

We learn that owing to some complication arising the Oxford Furniture Co. has deemed it best to go into the hands of a Receiver, with Mr. Henry Hunt, Cashier of the First National Bank as Receiver. We truly hope all the differences will soon be adjusted and the hum of the machinery will be heard again.

## RUSSIAN TOWNS AND OTHERS

## Some American Names of Places Would Puzzle Petrograd Readers

Inowlihow, Boalilhow, Borjimow, Malagosow, Bokhinetz, Zakliczyn, Gorjanko, Uzok. These are names of Russian towns culled from the latest war news. They give us Americans a sort of orthoepic lockjaw. Yet what would happen to a gentle Russian reader of the Novoe Vremya in Petrograd if there were a war in the United States and the poor cuss had to wrestle with: Chillicothe, Oshkosh, Tuskegee, Ossawatimie, Kalamazoo, Swannanoa, Xenia, Schochob, Tallapoosa, Sylacauga, Yamme, Wawaw, Pocmonoonshine, Schenectady, Tioughniougha, Ronkonkoma, Skaneateles, Cheektowago, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago. You may not believe it, but all these are perfectly good American towns.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Loss of Cotton Mill Stock

Attention is called to the notice of executors of the will of Rev. W. S. Hester published elsewhere in this paper.

## Death of Aged Man

Mr. J. I. Marrow, aged about 84 years, died Sunday afternoon and the funeral and burial will take place at Marrow's Chapel this Tuesday at noon, conducted by Rev. Jones. The deceased is survived by a wife, one son by his first marriage, Mr. T. Marrow, of Henderson, and six daughters by his last marriage. They are Mrs. N. G. Crews and Mrs. Fullerton, of Granville, Mrs. Sorrell, of Chapel Hill, and three Misses Marrow of Vance County.

## Old Reliable Banking House

We call your attention to the solidity of the National Bank of Granville and the Oxford Savings Bank, as set forth in statements on the last page of this paper.

## The Next Stop

If you will think it over you will find that ground hog day is the next stop.

## Scarcity of Birds

While the question of going hunting was being discussed the other day by a couple of local sports, one of them remarked that he was unable to account for the scarcity of birds this season. President Hobgood, of Oxford College, was present and set them straight. "Why," said he, "don't you know that birds suffer and die for want of moisture? Last spring was very severe on them and a great many young birds perished."

BUY A BUGGY ROBE NOW FROM the Lyon-Winston Co. They have the largest and finest assortments.

## OUR FINE BOYS AND GIRLS

## SEE IF YOUR NAME IS ON THE HONOR ROLL

A List of Those Who Attained Honor By Deportment and Study at the Oxford Graded School.

First Grade—Mittie Lee Blackwell, Jack Cobb, Hilda Eisenhart, Frank Green, E. K. Howard, Mary Norman, Mitchell, Sam Parham, Elizabeth Sneed, Virginia Turner, Doris Watkins, Charlie Worsham.

Second Grade—Mary Bland, Betsy Baird, Lucy Taylor Baird, Robert Bradsher, Joe Breedlove, Lizzie Blackwell, Virginia Hart, Inez Hobgood, Louise Jeffreys, Elizabeth Lumpkins, Lloyd Magee, Inez White.

Third Grade—Tom Booth, Thomas Cannady, Cam Easton, Minnie Munich, Courtney Pague, Thomas Royster, Madison Usry, James Webb, John Williams.

Fourth Grade—Stuart Green, Mollie Leavister, Edward Mitchell.

Fifth Grade—Jefferson Brooks, Lillian Fuller, Charlie Green, Pattie May Green, Harvey Magee, Robert Moore, Iola Meadows, Inez Patterson, Mary Powell, Edwin Shaw, Austin Spencer, Dora Woolf, Lillian Williford.

Sixth Grade—Carolyn Booth, Sarah Covington, Daisy Cooper, Zulene Evans, Hugh Easton, Charles Easton, Effie Lee, Minnie Murray, Earnest Mitchell, Thelma Poole, Bernice Usry, Sarah Woolf.

Seventh Grade—Martha Cupp, John Perry Hall, Thelma Hester, Maria Nash Hillard, Ruth Howard, Elizabeth Hunt, Louise Sizemore, Rives Taylor, Idie Kent Taylor, Olive Webb.

Eighth Grade—Robert Parham, Earle Hunt, Marion Sneed, Emmie Cooper Medford.

Ninth Grade—Elizabeth Floyd, Ida Walters.

Tenth Grade—Muzelle Daniel, Alaine Hicks.

## WHEAT TAKES A JUMP

## It Now Seems that Many of us Will Get Only one Biscuit for Breakfast

Wheat is now selling at \$1.45 per bushel and a local grocery merchant states that he believes flour will be quoted at \$10.00 a barrel within the next two weeks. We distinctly remember the days following the Civil War when the best of us only got one biscuit for breakfast during the week, and that was on Sunday morning. What difference does it make anyhow? Corn bread is very wholesome. We beg the farmers of Granville to make preparations for planting a bumper crop of corn. Of course, it is too late now to talk wheat, but you can still do the wise thing by sowing spring oats and planting corn. These things are going to bring a good price, and if you have a few bushels to sell you will see a wonderful difference from having to buy a few bushels. It will simply mean the difference between profit and loss. If you depend on tobacco exclusively and have to sell that crop at a low price—which we candidly expect to see, and then buy your hog and hominy you may just expect to see hard times hovering around your door. These are facts, but many of the very best men of Granville will not see it.

## BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO

## Business Expanding Despite Losses of 750,000 Pounds Due to Effect of Conflict in Europe

(London Dispatch to Central News) At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the British-American Tobacco Company, Ltd., today, the actions of the directors were approved and the report of the company for the year ending September 30, which showed net earnings after taxes of 2,177,922 pounds, against 2,151,836 pounds in the preceding year, and a surplus of 456,915 pounds, against 215,218 pounds in the previous year, was adopted unanimously.

Chairman Joseph Hood was optimistic over the prospects for the company, in spite of the fact that special losses consequent to war were estimated at 750,000 pounds to meet which a new general reserve of 1,500,000 had been established.

Mr. Hood said that thanks to the British navy there had been no interference with leaf tobacco from America. With the permission of the British and German Governments he said, the company's interests in Germany had been transferred as a right course in a difficult position.

## The Pessimist

Do you know that you cannot frown and be a pessimist with the corners of the mouth turned up?

## PERSONALLY MENTIONED

## SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Mr. J. B. Elliott, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Brown spent the week end with relatives in Henderson.

Mr. M. A. Hunt, of Route 7, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Newton, of Route 2, were in Oxford Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton was in town Saturday.

Dr. J. F. Sanderford, of Creedmoor was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Cam Burnett, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Mr. H. M. Lanier, of the Road, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Will Dixon, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. C. A. Hicks, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. S. T. Dickerson, of Route 3, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Charley Gordon, of Route 2, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Ed Dickerson, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Will Currin, of Tar River, was on the tobacco market Monday.

Mr. W. L. Umstead, of Knap of Reeds, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Al Daniel, of Henderson, was in Oxford Monday.

After a two weeks stay with parents, Mrs. W. M. Pugh returned to Greenville Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Gooch and Mr. Joe Gooch have returned from a visit to friends near Benches.

Mr. W. A. Erwin, the great mill man of Durham, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Haskins, of Stem section, was in town Monday selling tobacco.

Miss Blanch Adcock and little sister were pleasant visitors to the Public Ledger office Saturday.

Mr. Nat Brummitt, of Gray Rock, was among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. J. I. Gordan, of Route 2, has returned from a pleasant trip to friends in South Carolina.

Col. and Mrs. S. W. Minor, of Durham, spent the week end with Mrs. Julia Minor in Oxford.

Mr. T. E. Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek township, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Hunt and Mr. D. Y. Hunt, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

## Dr. A. P. Tyer

This able and beloved divine is on a visit to his sister at Nashville, Tenn. and a having a delightful visit. It is probable he will return this week.

## Mrs. John Hunt

The good lady has moved into the Sam Hobgood dwelling house on College street, and is now better prepared to accommodate her boarders.

## Is Able to Be Out

Mrs. T. L. Cannady, who has been numbered with the sick for some time, we are glad to see is able to be out again.

## Missionary Sermon

Rev. Braxton Craig, of Monroe, filled the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday, talking in the interest of the Judson Memorial Fund. There being no services at either the Presbyterian or Methodist churches, there was a large congregation present.

## Coming Back Home

Mr. Benjamin W. Parham, who has been practicing law at Thomasville for five years will return to Oxford on the 18th and occupy the office room in the Mitchell Building just vacated by Mr. J. C. Howard.

## Owen Warehouse

We bespeak for Capt. W. H. Fleming, the genial proprietor of the Owen Warehouse, his share of the balance of the crop. Elsewhere in this paper he asks the farmers to bring the remainder of the crop to the Owen Warehouse and get all that is coming to them in the way of high averages.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES.**  
Your State and County Taxes were due October 5, 1914. 1915 is here and your unpaid taxes is a liability on me. Besides I am called upon daily for money to satisfy the State school, County and Road Funds, with nothing in hand to pay over. It is a business proposition now. They have the law to force me. After this you will be called upon personally unless you call at office and settle. Be ready. The law forces me to collect and the expense too great to make more than one trip. If you haven't paid your taxes this notice is for you.

## S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

## MENTIONED

## SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Both of the Granville Men Stand Four Square for Prohibition and all that it implies.

Senator Titus Currin and Representative D. G. Brummitt arrived in Oxford Saturday and spent Sunday with their families. Both of the Granville men were assigned to important committees and their time will be very closely taken up during the entire session. Both of them stand flat footed for prohibition, but they declined to be interviewed at this time on the proposed Equal Suffrage bill.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Capt. E. J. Jenkins, of Granville, was named Assistant Sergeant-of-Arms of the House.

The Senate and House was organized with the following clerical force: Principal Clerk R. O. Self has with him J. J. Mackey, of Raleigh, as journal clerk; H. M. Burras, of Martin county, as calendar clerk; John Wall, of Mecklenburg county, as assistant calendar clerk; R. T. Wade, of Morehead, as pay clerk; Miss Mary Aycock, daughter of the lamented Governor Aycock, as stenographer to the principal clerk.

Principal Clerk T. G. Cobb, of the House, has with him Alexander Lassiter, of Bertie county, veteran and expert in the work, as journal clerk; W. S. Page, of Iredell county, as calendar clerk; W. A. Bobbitt, of Kinston, as pay clerk; J. M. Edwards, of Alleghany; F. M. Hood, of Selma, and Thomas Moore, of Jackson county, as assistant journal clerks; Roy C. Hoffman, Catawba, journal copyist H. E. Eckard, Catawba, stenographer, Mrs. T. A. Griffin, of Clayton, stenographer, and Pernon Lassiter, of Bertie, clerk and copyist.

It is probable that during the present week questions will come before the legislature that will attract attention because of their nature. Among some matters which are expected to be brought forward are a state-wide primary bill, child labor bill, taxation, etc.

Few bills have been introduced up to this time that are of great importance, the first week or 10 days of the general assembly being consumed principally with organization and other routine matters.

## A Good Year

This should be a good year for Oxford. Help the cause along by working, planning, hoping and boosting. For the town's sake don't knock, don't pull back.

## Hog Cholera

We learn that Cholera is still prevalent in Granville and should be stamped out as quick as possible. Mr. G. C. Daniel has had quite a number of hogs to die during the past two weeks.

## Office Repainted

Dr. B. K. Hays has had his office on College street repainted a dark color.

## A New Awning

Kaplan & Co. have put up a new awning in front of their store at the head of Main street.

## Rev. S. K. Phillips Sick

We are sorry to learn that Rev. S. K. Phillips is confined to his home with a deep cold, and hope he will be out soon.

## Sale of Real Estate

We call attention to the sale of Philpott land, advertised elsewhere in this paper, W. L. Taylor, Trustee.

## Executor's Notice

We call attention elsewhere in this paper to the notice of S. V. Morton, executor of the will of Benjamin P. Thorp.

## Oxford College

President Hobgood, of Oxford College, says that all the boarding students except five have returned since the holidays, and that he is expecting this week more than enough new students to make good the loss. This is a most encouraging report.

## Minor Warehous

We call attention to the card of Z. W. Lyon & Co. elsewhere in the Public Ledger. Their sales last Friday averaged 15 cents and you can rest assured that you will get the cream of the market at all times with the Z. W. Lyon Co.

## The Bank of Stem

We call attention to the splendid showing of the Bank of Stem, as shown in statement published elsewhere in this paper.

PAY YOUR TAXES. IF YOU HAVE not paid your taxes see Sheriff's notice on this page.