



BOMBS FALL ON ENGLAND

LOUD EXPLOSION HEARD FOR FIVE MILES

Zeppelin Crosses Over Channel and Bombers Yarmouth From the Clouds

(London Cable, 21) So far as is known only two persons, a man and a woman, were killed in the aerial parade over Yarmouth last night. Most of the inhabitants were indoors when the raid occurred. Fragments of metal, supposed to have been thrown by bombs, were found in all directions.

REFUGEE IN THEIR BASEMENTS

The attack was quickly over and no fires broke out. The first impulse of the townspeople was to rush out of their homes and take refuge in the basements. Troops were turned out to assist the police in the search for wounded.

Another aircraft appeared soon after midnight but dropped no bombs.

"The people stood the raid very well," said Yarmouth's chief constable. "About 400 special constables were called out and arrived with the most promptitude. All Red Cross and hospital arrangements proved perfect. All lights were extinguished and public performances at the theatres and music halls were abandoned. The people went home and the town was without light until morning."

SMASHING OF WINDOWS

The first air raider passed along the sea front and dropped the first bomb into Norfolk Square Garden close by the beach and the Britannia Pier. That did not do much damage. The raider then dropped several bombs near St. Peter's road, the main thoroughfare leading to the parade ground. There the greatest damage was done, especially in the smashing of windows in houses and shops. The bombs, from all accounts, were dropped near the fish market apparently with the intention of destroying any ships anchored nearby.

Secretaries Meet

Mr. E. T. Crews, Secretary of the Granville Fair Association left for Greensboro this Friday morning to attend the meeting of all secretaries of the Central Carolina Fair Association.

GOOD BREAKS OF TOBACCO

The Market is strong and Now is the Time to Sell

The Oxford market this week had good breaks of tobacco every day as the farmers took advantage of the rainy season to strip tobacco knowing that there was right much weed yet to be sold. Pries averaged about the same, and the farmers seemed to be satisfied.

HEALTH AND PROGRESS

Dr. Lumpkin Lends His Talents for the Conservation of Health

To the Public Ledger: I am asking you for space to give my endorsement to some suggestions in your paper of date Jan. 20th.

First of all let me say I am most heartily in favor of a city health officer. Every progressive town should have such an officer and no money spent would bring such rich returns in the long run. For the conservation of health is the wisest investment of any community.

This has especial significance when the health and progress of the school children are involved. Progressive communities are awaking to this fact all over the country and towns much smaller than ours are employing a physician to give special attention to the general health of the school children. It is a demonstrated fact that children suffering from troubles of the eyes, throat and nose are handicapped in the race and they ought to have attention. I trust the town fathers will arrange for this immediately.

I like the suggested motto "Made in Oxford". Every man ought to be a herald of the advantages of our good town and should use his efficiency to increase our efficiency. Bring the manufacturing plants here and much talk will do it.

I beg leave to suggest that The Commercial Club hold a monthly meeting for the discussion of matters relative to the welfare and progress of Oxford and that every citizen in Oxford be urged to attend and take part. I would like to be a member of a city Board of Trade and attend the meetings. But I have not heard of a meeting yet until it was over. When in Winston-Salem I was a member of the Board of Trade and a member of the committee of Advertisement. Lets have united effort for the Boosting of Oxford and you business men give us preachers a chance, too.

G. T. LUMPKIN.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Happenings That are of Interest to the Many Readers Of the Public Ledger.

Less Court Houses
Maybe if we had more schoolhouses we would need less courthouses.

A Source of Revenue
While we are progressing it would not be a bad idea for the Senate and House to pass a bill taxing bachelors.

Nearly Well
We are pleased to learn that Miss Allene Hicks, who has been numbered with the sick, has about recovered.

Fickle Weather
The weather during the week has been as fickle as a 14 year old girl with a half-dozen sweethearts.

Out of Date
When gossip becomes a thing of the past it is because a town has gotten to be a city where talk is not cheap.

Debate Postponed
We are requested to state that the debate which was to take place this Friday night at the Graded School has been postponed one week.

Getting Better
The friends of Mr. J. B. Pruitt, of Route 1, who has been numbered with the sick, will be glad to learn continues to improve.

Mr. R. M. Osborn
The friends of this young man will be gratified to learn that he is now rapidly recovering from rather a severe fight with Col. Grippe.

Make-shift
The Board of Town Commissioners have made a make-shift by filling up the numerous holes on College street with crushed rock.

A Good Team
Visitors to the Grand Lodge in Raleigh this week say that Representative Brummitt was still talking and that Senator Currin was still figuring.

Money and Nerve
Times like these always brings opportunities to those who have the money and the nerve. The men with the nerve are always starting something.

Our Fire Department
Oxford's fire department is not the biggest in the world, but anybody looking for a better one would have to go a long way from home—and then maybe not find it.

At Lyon Memorial Building
It will be seen elsewhere in this paper that the Methodist Philatheas are preparing to serve turkey, oysters, chicken salad, etc., Thursday and Friday, February 4th and 5th.

Better Outlook
Col. Cooper says it is a pleasant sight to call in the National Bank of Granville these days and see the lobby filled with satisfied farmers drawing money for their tobacco and making deposits for a rainy day.

Will Build Handsome Home
As an indication of which way the "wind is blowing these hard times" Mr. D. Currin is getting ready to build a handsome home out on Providence road, not to cost less than \$3,500.

Brain and Nerve
It was our pleasure to meet Mr. Herbert Crews in town the other day. In the course of our conversation he remarked: "We can expect to have good times at an early date." Well, some people always did have the brain and the nerve to look ahead.

Young Couple Wed
Mr. David Milton and Miss Lector Lloyd, both of Granville, were united in the bonds of matrimony in the parlors of the Exchange Hotel Wednesday at high noon, by Rev. Usry, in the presence of a large number of the guests of the hotel.

Error in House Bill
The house bill introduced by Representative Brummitt, amending chapter 249, laws of 1913, relative to salary of the Clerk of Granville county, was an error on the part of the Clerk of the House so far as it referred to the Sheriff of Granville county. The bill applies only to the salary of the Clerk.

Former Oxford Lady
Engineer Thomas S. Stone, who was killed in the Seaboard Air Line wreck at Osgood last Tuesday, was some years ago married in Oxford, to Miss Wimbush, whose father, was at one time deputy clerk of the court under W. A. Bobbitt's administration. She is well remembered here and her many friends extend sympathy in the sad hour of her bereavement.

National Bank of Granville
In choosing your bank always choose one in which you have full confidence, and that will co-operate with you in building up your business. The National Bank of Granville has ample resources and is guided by good, experienced men, whose names are closely identified with the property of Oxford. See half-page "ad" on sixth page.

GOOD MAN IN RIGHT PLACE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Mr. A. H. Powell Talks Interestingly of the Conditions in Oxford As He Finds Them.

We feel that the Commercial Club did a wise thing at a recent meeting in electing Mr. A. H. Powell president of their organization. This is a most eventful year in the history of Oxford. Everybody knows that Mr. Powell is a safe and sound advocate of the things that count most in the commercial growth and prosperity of Oxford and Granville county.

Finding Mr. Powell with a spare moment, we enquired as to his position on the \$100,000 bond issue, and he replied without equivocation or evasion that he was for it. He said:

"This can be made one of the best small business towns in this part of the country. Good streets will have a decided tendency to interest the outside world and draw trade. I am interested in getting more people to trade in Oxford, and getting those who do trade here to come more nearly buying all their supplies here. We need the get-together spirit. The people are the potent factors in any community, and with an interest manifested by a fair-sized organization, the force will be felt, not only at home, but for several miles, and the people are the patent factors in any realize that the town people have been aroused from that dormant inaction. I have no patience with the antiquated style of just slamming away with a sublime hope that we are doing right and trusting to luck and the general average."

OF VITAL INTEREST

Elect Good Men and Give the Mayor More Power

The time is approaching for the people of Oxford to begin to think about the composition of the next Board of Town Commissioners, as the continued progress of the town rest largely upon the kind of men re-elected by the taxpayers. It goes without saying that we need just now broad-gauge men who will consider the interests of every section of the town. Another thing the past four years has fully demonstrated the fact that in future every section of Oxford should have a representative on the Board.

While on this subject we are clearly of the opinion that the Mayor of Oxford is not clothed with enough power, and we think that the town charter should be so amended as to give him more power and make him chairman ex-officio of all important committees appointed by the Board.

Improved Some
We are glad to learn that Mrs. Calvin Breedlove, who has been very ill several days from the effects of ptomaine poison, is slowly improving to the great joy of her family and friends.

THE MASTER KEY

A Thrilling Story of Mystery and Romance by John Fleming Wilson

One of the most gigantic, most expensive, most charming photoplays ever shown in America, entitled the "Master Key", is coming to the Orpheum Theatre Thursday, January 22nd as a serial to cover several weeks. It is a tale of the locked doors of life, against which strong men knock crying "Who has the Master Key?" Critics place it first among the fascinating, thrilling stories.

OXFORD MARKET STANDS FIRST

Our Market Captures the Prize For High Averages

Well, anyway, Oxford did not expect to hold the first place in the amount of tobacco sold this season, striving rather to make Oxford the market of high averages. However, our record for both sales and high averages is just cause for the folks hereabout to feel proud. As to general averages Oxford stands first among the markets of the state and about fifth or sixth in the amount sold.

A New Game Law

A new game law that should be passed by all States would contain the following:

"Book agents may be shot between October 1 and September 1; spring poets from March 1 to June 1; automobile speed demons from January 1 to January 1; road hogs from April 1 to April 15; amateur hunters from September 1 to February 1; War talkers—no closed season—should be shot instantly and be buried face downward in quicklime so as to destroy the germs and prevent the spread of the infection."

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

EARLY RESUMPTION OF SOUTHERN WHEEL COMPANY

Well Known Business Men in a Position to Know Express the Hope of an Early Adjustment.

While it is unfortunate just at this time that the Southern Wheel Company's affairs are such as to cause a temporary suspension, business men who are in a position to know what they are talking about express the firm conviction that everything will be properly adjusted and that the wheels will turn again at an early date.

If any one not familiar with the affairs of the company was asked to point out the troubles necessitating a receivership, he would probably not be far wrong in drawing the conclusion that too much war talk was responsible for its temporary financial demoralization. The direct cause of the suspension is more fully explained in a legal notice published on the editorial page of this paper, naming Col. W. B. Ballou temporary receiver.

The Southern Wheel Company is one of our most cherished industries and its temporary closing down will work a hardship on the large number of workmen who are thrown out of employment. The thought and business care bestowed upon the affairs of the company during Mr. H. M. Shaw's long administration as manager will make it easy of adjustment.

Mr. R. S. Jones, of Berea, was numbered among the large crowd of farmers on the Oxford tobacco market Wednesday.

DEATH OF MRS. M. L. COLEY

A Noble Woman Was Suddenly Called to Her Reward

This good woman after a short attack of paralysis died on Saturday last and the interment took place Sunday afternoon near the home of Green's station, witnessed by a large concourse of grief stricken relatives, neighbors and friends.

Her almost sudden death was quite a shock to her family and neighbors by whom she was so much beloved, as she was a high type of a christian woman. She was kind and generous, being always ready to aid any one in need or in distress. She was a member of the Methodist church and a devoted follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and daughter, and her loss will be keenly felt by her beloved husband, three sons and two daughters, an aged father, Mr. William Robards, one brother, Mr. Sam Robards, and three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Adkinson, of Oxford; Mrs. R. L. Perkinson and Mrs. R. A. Stokes, of Va., all of whom have the deep sympathy of their many friends, and may He who tempers the wind from the shorn lamb be with and sustain them in the trying hour.

ENLARGEMENT OF WAREHOUSE.

The Johnson to Become one of the Largest Leaf Tobacco Warehouses in the State

We are reliable informed that the owners of the Johnson warehouse will enlarge this house for next season. It is proposed to make this house about 24 feet wider leaving another store also on the north side. This would make the Johnson one of the largest in the State and with such a warehouse full of tobacco and the first sale means an all day sale for the auctioneer and buyer.

BEATS THE WORLD

The Minor Warehouse holds the lead on High Averages

Bragg Bros.—94 lbs @ \$15; 103 @ \$24; 220 @ 42 1/2; 115 @ 20; 86 @ 15 1/2—Average \$29.00.
E. E. Coley—32 lbs @ \$6; 54 @ 20; 171 @ 40; 30 @ 50; 128 @ 20; 130 @ 16—Average \$26.15.
Turner & Co.—70 lbs @ \$5 1/2; 103 @ 13 1/2; 108 @ 25; 146 @ 45; 128 @ 22 1/2; 82 @ 15 1/2—Average \$24.00.
W. R. Allen—110 lbs @ \$18 1/2; 105 @ \$23 1/2; 146 @ 35; 138 @ 17 1/2—Average \$24.25.

W. G. Waller—30 lbs @ \$15; 120 @ \$27 1/2; 268 @ 45; 95 @ 20 1/2; 80 @ 18—Average \$32.10.
Z. V. Turner—50 lbs. @ \$7 1/2; 102 @ \$14 1/2; 110 @ 23; 172 @ 40; 118 @ 19 1/2; 70 @ 15 1/2—Average \$23.50.

E. H. Pruitt—7 lbs @ \$5; 78 @ 12; 109 @ 20 1/2; 206 @ 42 1/2; 125 @ 22; 61 @ 16 1-3; 14 @ 10 1/2—Average \$26.45.

S. H. Mize—54 lbs @ \$11; 127 @ \$22 1/2; 282 @ 40; 134 @ 20; 66 @ 15—Average \$28.00.

Third sale, Tuesday, January 26; 2nd sale, Wednesday, January 27; 1st sale Thursday, Jan. 28.

PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Mr. Elijah Currin, of Tar River, was on the tobacco breaks Thursday. Mr. Charles Speed, of Wilton section, was an Oxford visitor Thursday. Mr. J. S. Currin, of Route 2, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. T. A. Royster, of Bullock, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Goss, of Lyon, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. E. E. Coley, of Lyon, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. W. B. Puckett, of Route 7, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. R. S. Hart, of Route 7, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Longmire, of Dickerson, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Blackley, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Currin, of Stovall section, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Marrow, of Soudan, Va., were in Oxford this week.

Mr. Jas. Gooch, of Wilton, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. G. Eakes, of Oay Hill, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. J. S. Bailey of North Granville, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of Berea section, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. D. G. Bullock, of Stem, was among the farmers in town selling tobacco on Thursday.

Mr. L. G. Elliott, of Grassy Creek section, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clement Niggel, who have been visiting relatives in Oxford, have returned to their home in Tarboro.

Messrs. Norman and Norman Hobbgood, of Route 1, were on the Oxford tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. Billy Williamson, of Bullock section, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, visited his daughter, Mrs. M. P. Chamblee, in Oxford this week.

Mr. C. G. Williams, of Oak Hill township, was on the tobacco market Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Ford, of North Granville, was among the farmers in town Thursday.

Mr. B. S. Robinson, of Hester section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. Ed. Parrott of Wilton section, was on the tobacco breaks Wednesday.

Mr. F. M. Timberlake, of North Granville, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. D. Greenway, of Northern Granville, was on the Oxford tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. Herbert Faucett, of Bullock section, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. J. N. Daniel, of Bullock, was among the crowd of farmers in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Oscar Gregory, of Richmond, was on our tobacco breaks Wednesday.

Mrs. Irvin Mangum and dear little son, Beverley, have returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond.

Mr. J. Y. Cozart of South Granville, was in Oxford Thursday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. L. Williford and Mr. J. T. Williford, of West Granville, were on the Oxford tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Adcock, one of the veteran farmers on Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco and stepping around quite lively at the age of 81 years.

Collecting Agency

Two bright, wide-awake young men from Richmond were in Oxford a few days ago prospecting for a location to establish a collecting agency. After canvassing the situation they were undecided as to what they would do.

He who is clean, honest, courteous to men and women, kind to children, respectful to old age, considerate to the poor and sympathetic to the unfortunate.

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.

BUSINESS IS PICKING UP

TRAVELING MEN ARE COMING BACK ON THE ROAD

These Harbengers of Business Sounds Optimistic Note of Improved Conditions Generally.

Inquiry at the Exchange Hotel brought forth the good news that patronage is picking up and that each day is eclipsing the previous day in point of traveling men, who are getting back on the road, carrying the gospel of good cheer and augmenting business wherever they go.

Perhaps the best and most accurate gauge to trade conditions is the number of traveling men on the road. There are not as many of them coming this way as we hope to see in the near future, but the number with whom we have conversed recently declare that business is slowly but steadily on the mend, right along, and thus it goes.

An Office Secret

We acknowledge that all lines of business is experiencing a period of inactivity and that collections are slow. As to the Public Ledger, our columns show a decrease in advertising, but this is partly accounted for by the fact that it is now "between seasons." Our subscribers are sticking to us manfully, with a net gain of twenty-three since January 1st. Only two have notified us to discontinue the paper, one a colored man who settled up and said something about the low price of tobacco.

Mr. A. S. Carrington, of West Granville, was on our streets Thursday.

Meeting to Be Held in Raleigh

A great meeting indeed will be that of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service which holds its third annual session in Raleigh, January 28-30. The Conference discusses nearly all subjects looking to the upbuilding of North Carolina and her people, and everybody is invited to all meetings. You will probably wish to go to Raleigh sometime while the Legislature is in session. Make these the dates of your visit.

The presence of four eminent speakers, of National reputation, will alone make the meeting historic:

William J. Bryan, famous the world over as an advocate of peace, temperance and moral movements; Thomas Mott Osborne, the greatest man of our time, who has given his life to prison reform; Mrs. Cora W. Stewart, who has achieved National reputation through the Moonlight School movement in Kentucky; and Secretary Daniels, whom North Carolina still claims.

The meeting begins Thursday night, January 28th, and will end Saturday morning. Reduced railroad rates are expected.

GRAND MASTER HOBGOOD

A Former Granville Man Becomes Head of the Masonic Order

Senator Frank P. Hobbgood, of Guilford, formerly of Oxford, was elected Grand Master of North Carolina Masons on the second ballot of a close vote with Grand Master Alderman at the session of the Grand Lodge held in Raleigh this week. Senator Hobbgood is winning laurels all the time.

A. B. Andrews, Jr. of Raleigh, was advanced to deputy grand master, Claude L. Pridgen, of Kinston, to senior grand warden and George S. Norfleet of Winston-Salem, advanced from the appointive office of senior grand deacon to the first elective officer of junior grand warden.

These officers will be installed and the appointive officers announced by the new grand master Friday.

The Grand Lodge received the reports of the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford and Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, both showing splendid conditions.

The home at Greensboro, opened within the year with 65 capacity, reports its \$10,000 debt taken care of in a 100-day campaign for donations, and there are being pressed at this time two classes of pledges to the maintenance fund that will assure ample means for the full capacity service at the home. One is pledges of \$100 each by the lodges, payable \$25 annually and the other individual pledges of \$5 per year for five years. The home wants 100 of the lodges pledges and has secured 51; wants 1,000 of the individual pledges and has quite a large number.

The Grand Lodge concluded its work Friday.

In Honor of Mrs. Minor

The beautiful home of Mrs. W. H. Hunt was the scene of an 8 course luncheon Saturday last in honor of Mrs. S. W. Minor, of Durham, who is spending the week with relatives in Oxford. The place cards were hand painted Confederate flags in honor of Gen. Lee's birthday.