



USED THE AMERICAN FLAG

SEA-BORNE TRADE OF GREAT BRITAIN NOT DISTURBED

Little News of the Battle in Central Poland—The Losses are Probably Enormous.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

The British steamer Lusitania used the American flag in crossing the Irish Sea, and an inquiry by the American government into the subject of belligerent governments using the flags of neutral states probably will result. The incident bears out, in a measure at least, the German allegation that British merchantmen have been advised to employ the flag of a neutral nation under certain conditions.

The captain of the Lusitania, according to American passengers, claimed the right to use the American flag to protect neutral passengers and mails abroad his ship.

The text of the German memorandum regarding the retaliatory measures undertaken by Germany against Great Britain, with respect to the waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, including the English Channel, specifically notes that shipping north of the Shetland Islands, in the eastern area of the North Sea, and in a strip along the Netherlands coast thirty miles in width, is not imperiled.

Germany expresses hope that neutrals "will show no less consideration for the vital interests of Germany than for those of England, and will aid in keeping their citizens and property out of this area."

Only meagre news has been received from Central Poland to indicate the trend of the great battle being waged west and southwest of Warsaw, where Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been hurling his reinforcement army furiously against the Russian lines, in another attempt to break through to Warsaw.

It is believed the battle continues, and it appears certain there has been heavy loss of life.

In the west the customary artillery duels continue, but it is comparatively quiet in that theatre of operations.

AN EXPLANATION

Mr. J. B. Powell Sets Matters Straight

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held the first Monday in January, 1915, said Board passed a resolution requesting our Representative to introduce a Bill allowing them to pay the Clerk to said Board a salary of seventy-five dollars per month in lieu of all other compensation for services rendered them, such as making out tax books, drawing orders, recording the proceedings of their meetings, making out annual reports and various other duties that are too numerous to mention. Many conscientious citizens of the county think that the Board passed this Resolution paying the Clerk this salary. If you will stop in your excitement you will recall the facts that the Board is not a Legislative Body and could not vote a salary prohibited by the existing statute. This compensation if passed by the present Legislature would give the Clerk for all duties rendered said Board otherwise than computing the tax books thirty-five dollars per month. This is not an apology of the Board and is not from the Board, but it is to those who desire to be informed of the facts, and is from,

Respectfully yours,
J. B. POWELL.

Swat Him, Doctor

The pleasant weather for the past few days has a tendency to bring out the pesky flies. We "fixed" the first one we saw and as soon as he had finished the job we thought of the patron Saint of Ireland who drove all the snakes from Emerald Isles, and then we thought of Dr. Hays, our excellent County Physician, who can drive all the flies out of Granville if the people will do what he wishes them to do, and it is an easy task at that. Unless their breeding places are eliminated before many successive warmer days come the increase will begin to be very noticeable. If the horse stables are cleaned up once a week and the manure put out of reach, the fly will find it much more difficult to multiply.

Miss Lillian Spencer spent the week end with friends at Buffalo Junction, Va.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Prohibition in Oxford

Not every man in Oxford who advocates prohibition wants the stopper shoved in too light.

Now Keep Sweet

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Now will you consult your lable and send us that dollar?

Welcomes Sunshine

The farmers welcome the sunshine as it will give them an opportunity to burn their plant beds.

Prominent Visitor

Old Sol, who it will be remembered spent some time here last summer, spent a few hours in Oxford this week.

Is Improving

Mrs. Irvin Mangum, who has been suffering with an attack of grippe, we are pleased to learn is getting better.

Growing Less and Less

From what we can learn there is less than a million pounds of tobacco in the hands of the farmers of Granville county.

In Neat Sacks

Purina Poultry Feed, in checker-board bags, the best on the market, is handled in Oxford by Taylor Bros. See adv. on last page of this paper.

The Reason Why

The reason that the Public Ledger favors a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into Oxford is to prevent some of our people from making monkeys of themselves.

Building Activities

Contractors tell us that they are expecting building activities in Oxford to begin in earnest as soon as the weather will permit. Such talk is indeed significant and encouraging.

Report Unfavorable

The committee in the Legislature to which the bill to reduce the commissions of warehousemen on the rate of least tobacco voted unanimously against the reduction, and hence will be reported unfavorable.

High Rate of Taxation

Mud tax is higher than school tax and less elevating. The sheriff does not collect the mud tax, but it is being paid—and it is higher than the present price of wheat.

Blame it on the War

There are at least a half dozen prospective home purchasers in Oxford at the present time, but each of the number appears to be waiting for something, they know not what. Blame it on the war and let it go at that.

Young Ladies Will Camp

As a result of a neat little advertising folder, setting forth the advantages Southport enjoys, the senior classes of the Greensboro College for Women and Peace Institute are going to Southport during the summer for a long camping expedition.

Will Give an Address at Stovall.

Mr. R. E. Grabel, representative of the Southern Railway will give an address at the Stovall school on Friday evening, February 19th. The Nation's Foundation will be the subject of his address illustrated with stereopticon slides.

A Municipal Noise

A noise is heard around the corner as if the coming election for town commissioners would soon be a wide-awake matter. It is said a meeting will be held at an early date to talk over the matter. This is all right. The people are the bosses. They can elect any man or set of men—if enough get together.

A Soothing Horn

Discussing with Mayor Stem the advisability of passing a law compelling all automobiles to be equipped with horns with a soothing sound, the Mayor replied: "The trouble about automobiles is that sometimes they will put a pedestrian to sleep, no matter what the sound of the horn."

The Reason Why

"How come?"
"How come what?"
"The Public Ledger to have only four pages this issue."
"Simply because the business men of Oxford didn't help us to make it bigger."

Business will pick up shortly and the merchants will be in a position to advertise.

Virgilia on the Map

The Farmers' Hardware Co., of Virgilia, Va., is going to put Virgilia on the map. They have arranged for a big cash sale to begin on February 16th and continuing for three successive days. They announce the most complete and up-to-date line of staple hardware ever offered to the trade at reduced prices. See adv. on last page of this paper.

THE CROP LIEN SYSTEM

FULL TEXT OF SENATOR CURRIN'S BILL

A Measure That is Creating Considerable Adverse and Favorable Discussion in Granville.

Senator Titus Currin spent a few hours in Oxford Saturday on his way out home to spend Sunday with his family. While in conversation with him on the street several of his constituents came up and congratulated him on the stand he has taken on the abolishment of the present crop lien system. The Senator explained that he had consulted a large number of the people of Granville before going to Raleigh and that he found a majority in favor of abolishing the present crop lien system.

Being anxious to secure as nearly as possible an expression of the will of the people of Granville the Senator will be in attendance at the Mass Meeting to be held in the Court House at the noon recess of Court next Saturday.

SENATOR CURRIN'S BILL

A Bill To Be Entitled An Act To Abolish The Crop Lien System. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Sections two thousand and fifty-two, two thousand and fifty-three, two thousand and fifty-four, two thousand and fifty-five, two thousand and fifty-six, and two thousand and fifty-seven of the revision of one thousand nine hundred and five, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 2. No chattel mortgage upon unplanted or growing crops shall be valid to pass any title against creditors or purchasers for a valuable consideration until the crops are matured.

Section 3. This act shall be in effect from and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

THE HOME TELEPHONE CO.

Two Thousand Dollars Will Be Expended For Local Improvements.

Mr. Rives, the local manager of the Home Telegraph and Telephone Company, promises better services in Oxford. Heavy wires and poles that will stand the sleet and wind storms will be marshalled into service this spring. This means that twenty-five thousand feet of copper wire cable will be swung throughout the town and the system extended out beyond the corporate limits in all directions. Three hundred set wire cable will be used on Hillsboro and Main streets. New poles are to be erected by the Carolina Power and Light Company and it has been definitely settled that the Telephone Company will have their poles on one side of the street and that the Carolina Power and Light Company's poles will be on the opposite side of the street. This means that Oxford is to have an up-to-date telephone system, one that will stand the storms.

RETURNS FROM EXTENDED TRIP

Mr. Hillman Cannady Visits Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland

After an absence of two weeks Mr. Hillman Cannady returns from an extended trip in the interest of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company, which took him to all the towns and cities on the Peninsula of Virginia and the eastern shore of Maryland, and during the entire trip he never heard a word about the war until he reached Richmond. Mr. Cannady says that business is comparatively steady in all the towns he visited and that he met with more success than he anticipated. A goodly number of orders for buggies were secured. Mr. Cannady is much encouraged by his trip and states that the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company will resume work on a small scale and increase the force as fast as the orders come in. Heretofore the great bulk of the Oxford-made buggies were sold in the cotton belt, the section that received the hardest blow, but now that they are to be introduced into a section of the country not influenced by the war we hope that our buggy factories will soon be working overtime.

Friday afternoon, February 12th, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell, for the work of the Kings' Daughters an attractive and varied program of Living Pictures, recitations, songs and refreshments. Admission 25 cents. Public cordially invited.

CONCRETE BRICK WALKS BUILT. One dollar per sq. yard. Curbing, 20 cents per foot. Sample may be seen at residence of Mr. H. M. Shaw. Oxford Brick & Tile Works.

OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

THOSE WHO GET ON THE HONOR ROLL

A Full Honor Roll is One of the Best News Items to Reach The Public Ledger Office.

First Grade—Mittie Lee Blackwell, Jack Cobb, Frank Green, Henry Hall, E. K. Howard, Sam Parham, Tabitha Patterson, Doris Watkins.

Second Grade—Betsy Baird, Lucy Taylor, Baird, Lizzie Blackwell, Matt Currin, Charlotte Easton, Virginia Hart, Inez Hobgood, Ed Hulse, Louise Jeffreys, Lloyd Magee, Elizabeth Lumpkin, Inez White.

Third Grade—Thomas Booth, Thomas Cannady, Eugenia Currin, Cam Easton, Alice Hall, Courtney Peace, Thomas Register, Madison Usry, Jack Usry, John Williams, James Webb.

Fourth Grade—Pattie May Green, Harvey Magee, Inez Patterson, Dora Woolf.

Fifth Grade—Ruth Bryan, Sarah Covington, Hugh Easton, Charles Easton, Effie Lee, Robert Sellers, Bernice Usry, Sarah Woolf.

Sixth Grade—Ruth Howard, Elizabeth Hunt, Idie Kerr Taylor, Olive Webb.

Seventh Grade—Agnes Cannady, Sam Hill, Ruth Parham.

Eighth Grade—Emmie Cooper Medford, Earle Hunt.

Ninth Grade—Elizabeth Floyd, Ida Walters.

Tenth Grade—Muzette Daniel, Althea Hicks.

The Tobacco Market

The Oxford Tobacco Market is still doing business, but not as much as the warehousemen would like to see. Oxford ought to sell several hundred thousand pounds set, and the hope is that every farmer who has any to sell will hasten it to the market. The weather is all right now for handling tobacco, the warehousemen say, and there ought to be some fair breaks in this month.

THE REVIVAL SERVICES

Large Numbers Join The Oxford Baptist Church

Despite the inclement weather the revival services now in progress at the Oxford Baptist church were well attended. Afternoon and evening throughout the week, and on Sunday morning, the first bright day of the series, the church would not begin to hold the great throng that knocked for admittance. The solid and wholesome scriptural sermons delivered by Dr. McDaniel, of Richmond, is having a good effect on the community. The style of Dr. McDaniel's sermons is "the mighty truth magnified." He discourages any tendency towards excitement, and his sermons are so plain that a child is attracted by the logical utterances and the hardened sinner aroused to a sense of duty. As a means of the revival more than fifty have confessed faith in Christ and will join the church. The revival services will come to a close this Tuesday night with a sermon by Dr. McDaniel.

THE RECORDER'S COURT

Rocky Mount Attorney Answers Inquiries of Committee

Mr. R. L. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, in answer to inquiries made by a committee acting for the Granville Commercial Club writes as follows:

"The Recorder's Court of Nash county has jurisdiction of all misdemeanors in criminal matters and civil jurisdiction up to five hundred dollars; in matters arising out of contract and tort matters up to two hundred dollars. The court has been very beneficial to us. It is a great saver of expense to the county and relieves the Superior Court Docket. We do not have the expense of keeping crowded jails with criminals like we did under the old system. Of course the usefulness of the Court depends largely upon the kind of Recorder you elect. He ought to be a man of some ability."

We fail to see the necessity of a Recorder's Court for Granville county. We think that our present court facilities are ample to meet all the demands of justice, nor have we discovered any demand for same on the part of our citizenship.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

Mr. R. E. Grabel, representative of the Southern Railway will give an address at Providence school on Friday, February, 19th, at noon. His address will be the Nation's Foundation based on the school, the farm and the home. Dr. Hays will also be present and make an address on health. All patrons of the school are asked to meet at the school building on Thursday afternoon to get yard cleared of the debris from the new building.

PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Mr. John Moss, of Wilton, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. Joe Gooch, of Wilton, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Hugh A. Jordan, of Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Sunday.

Mr. Will Crews, of Clay section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. J. Currin, of Route 7, was on our streets Saturday.

Dr. Morris is attending the Agents meeting in Henderson this week.

Miss Kenn, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Roy Crews, of Salem section, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris and son, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Powell is visiting her old home near Smithfield.

Mr. Thos. Fleming, of Lyon, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Graham Daniel, of Providence, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Will Dixon, of Wilton section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. M. Murray Robinson, of South Boston, Va., spent Sunday in Oxford.

Mr. Zeb Overton, of South Granville, was in town Monday.

Mr. W. H. Averett, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. D. T. Winston, of Oak Hill township, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. John Brummitt, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Geo. Royster, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett, of Route 5, were in Oxford a few hours Saturday.

Miss Hattie Harris, of Route 3, was among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Representative Brummitt returned from Raleigh Saturday and attended Court Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. W. T. Blackwell and daughter, Mrs. Stem, of Route 3, were among the Oxford visitors on Saturday.

Mr. John Stedman returned to Oxford from Chapel Hill Saturday and remained until Tuesday looking after some business matters.

Good Pictures

The Orpheum Theatre and its moving pictures have not only been a diffuser of morality but of education to our people as none but high class pictures are put on the circuit, and are enjoyed nightly by a large number of our citizens who find it a delightful place to spend an hour in profitable entertainment. In speaking of moving pictures President Schurman, of Cornell University, says that the "moving picture show has proved the most powerful agent for the upbuilding of sound morals in college students, and is making many fellows of his students. Instead of going to saloons and guzzling beer they spend 10 cents to see a thrilling four reel drama and return home with all the excitement they want." We wish the affable proprietors of our cosy theatre continued success in the entertainment of our people.

THE POEM

(Charleston Gazette)
If you want to live in the kind of town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind—
Now there's nothing that's really new
It's a knock at yourself when you
Knock your town—It's you.
Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everyone works and nobody
shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.
And if while you make your personal
stake
Your neighbor can make one too,
Your town will be what you want to
see.
It isn't your town—it's YOU.

NOTICE

Because of the bad condition of the roads there will not be a teachers' meeting on the second Saturday of February. Next meeting will be announced later.

J. F. WEBB, Supt. County Schools.
Sale of Land
We call attention to the sale of valuable lands advertised elsewhere in this paper by A. A. Hicks, trustee.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THERE WILL BE A THREE DAYS FAIR THIS YEAR—OCTOBER 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH.

Mr. Eugene Crews, who did so much the past year to make the Granville County Fair a success, has accepted the permanent secretaryship of the Fair with headquarters in the rooms of the Commercial Club on College street. Mr. Crews recently returned from a meeting of the Fair Secretaries held in Greensboro, where he gained much advanced information, which he has already applied to making the 1915 Granville County Fair the greatest fair ever held in the county.

We learn from Secretary Crews that there will be a three days fair this year—October 13, 14, and 15th. There will be an Oxford Day, an Educational Day and a Farmer's Union Day.

It is understood that the Fair Association will sell \$1,200 shares of stock to enlarge the grounds and add a trial track.

With a small balance in hand there is every assurance that the Fair is a permanent fixture in Granville. Mr. Thornton W. Yancey, treasurer of the Granville County Agricultural Association, makes his report covering the receipts and disbursements for 1914 as follows:

Receipts
Balance on hand Jan. 24, 1914 \$ 52.39
From State Treasurer 100.00
From Agricultural Department of State 180.00
From advertisements 61.00
From Colored Fairs 150.00
From Concessions 133.50
From cash premiums donated 82.50
From Gate Receipts 2,163.10
Total \$2,922.49

Disbursements
General Expense \$ 942.17
Paid part payment of Secretary salary 117.00
Premiums paid by Association 1,293.50
Paid note in favor of B. M. Caldwell 200.00
Paid note in favor of National Bank of Granville 247.00
Balance cash in bank 122.82
Total \$2,922.49

STEADY FLOW OF GAS

The Southern Gas Improvement Company Makes Improvements

The management of the Southern Gas Improvement Company announces the acquisition of a number of engineers said to be very efficient in their work, and state that they are now prepared to give high class and satisfactory service without interruption. It is announced that a considerable sum of money has been spent in additions and enlargements, and in the installation of a duplicate set of apparatus at Henderson and that the service in Oxford will hereafter be uninterrupted. The directors of the company are: John D. Shattuck, gas expert affiliated with big gas plants in the east and as far south as Tampa, Fla.; W. F. Harold Braun, Herman Stein, Clarence E. Kummerle, and E. C. Worrell and J. C. Kittrell, the latter two of Henderson.

Tickle Sally Neal and Dye

One cold morning about 4 o'clock, says the Winston Tobacco Journal, when wagons were being unloaded for a big sale at one of the houses one of the proprietors was standing near the scales watching the weighing of tobacco. The first negro rolled his truck on the platform and called out the name of the farmer so as his name could be entered. "Tickle," cried the negro. Rolling his truck off he was followed by the next one, who called out "Sally," and then the next one followed and called out "Neal & Dye." There it was in quick succession, Tickle Sally Neal and Dye.

Sale of Real Estate

We call attention to sale of land by T. Lanier, trustee, on back page of this paper.

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.