

THE WHOLE COUNTRY APPROVES THE FIRM STAND OF PRESIDENT WILSON

EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIALS OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS

THE COURSE TO BE PURSUED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE ITS REQUEST IS NOT STATED, BUT HIGH OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NOTE IS INTENDED TO IMPRESS GERMANY WITH THE FIRM PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SAFE GUARD ITS RIGHTS BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN THE NOTE ARE:

FIRST—The United States government calls the attention of Germany to the various incidents in the war zone proclaimed by Germany around the British Isles; sinking of the British steamship Falaba, with the loss of Leon S. Thresher, an American; attack by German airmen on the American steamship Cushing; the torpedoing without warning of the American steamship Guadalupe; the sinking of the Lusitania, and finally the torpedoing without warning of the Lusitania, with its loss of more than a thousand lives of non-combatants, among them more than one hundred Americans.

SECOND—These acts are declared to be indefensible under international law. The United States states that it never admitted Germany's right to do them, and warned the Imperial government that warning of a "strict accountability" for attacks on American vessels or lives. A strict accounting, therefore, is now asked from Germany.

THIRD—The usual financial reparation will be sought, although Germany is in effect reminded that no reparation can restore the lives of those sacrificed in the sinking of the Lusitania and other ships.

FOURTH—Expressions of regret may comply with the legal precedents, but they are valueless unless accompanied by a cessation of the practices endangering lives of non-combatants.

FIFTH—The right of neutrals to travel any part of the high seas or board neutral or belligerent merchantmen is asserted.

SIXTH—In the name of humanity and international law, the United States demands a guarantee that these rights will be respected, and that there be no repetition of attacks on merchantmen carrying non-combatants.

SEVENTH—The giving of warnings to the American public without officially communicating them to the United States government is commented on in connection with the German Embassy's printed advertisement before the leaving of the Lusitania, but irrespective of the failure to advise the German government of Germany's purpose, the point is made that notice of an intention to do an unlawful act neither justified nor legalized it.

EIGHTH—The suggestion is conveyed that the German government of course could not have intended to destroy innocent lives, and that consequently the German submarine commanders must have misunderstood their instructions. The American government indicates its hope that this will be found to be true and a cessation of the unlawful practices thereby result.

NINTH—In conclusion, Germany is told of the earnestness of the government and the people of the United States in this situation. It is made plain that the United States will leave nothing undone, either in diplomatic representation or other action, to obtain a compliance by Germany to the request made.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

New York Times. It is the greatest diplomatic achievement of the note that it puts upon Germany the choice, not only of what her reply shall be, but of what to follow. . . . The president's eloquent appeal to her traditions, to her sense of honor, and of justice, must triumph over any war-like inclination she may feel to pursue a course that can have but one ending.

New York Tribune. He (the president) has drawn an indictment against the German nation which will lie for all ages to come, if the Kaiser's government fails now to meet the demands of the president of the United States as easily for Germany as it has done for the president of the United States.

New York Herald. It might have been stronger; it might have been weaker; it will serve. Mr. Wilson has overcome the influence of those members of his cabinet who are for peace at any price. He has lived up to the very best traditions of his character.

New York World. It is calm. It is restrained. It is courteous, but with a cold, cutting courtesy that gives added emphasis to every word. . . . By the strength of his case and the moderation of his tone, the president has made it as easy for Germany to do right as to do wrong. If he is to fail in his effort, it will be in good conscience and in a good cause.

New York Sun. The note. . . . is impeccably urbane, though not without little ironies in its tone, friendly in its resolve in its assertion of American rights and of the freedom of the seas. It recalls Germany's contention for that liberty, . . . particularly a policy of sea warfare must not long be delayed.

Columbian State Journal. How Germany will promise to protect the lives and property of our people in the future, or in what manner this country will receive her refusal to remain to be seen. It is a grave alternative; and while it is not likely to result in war, it will bring about an enmity toward Germany that will be full of anxiety.

Louisville Courier-Journal. The note to Germany meets the requirements, and is such as the government of the United States should address to Berlin. The president leaves little room for parley and none other than mouthings or rupture remains for Germany.

Louisville Anzeiger. We agree with the president that the German government must explain the loss of the lives of American passengers, but we do not think that the death of Americans gives the president the right to demand the cessation of Germany's undersea warfare against British commerce so long as England does not abrogate its starvation warfare.

Chicago Tribune. Whatever the fate of our relations with Germany, the president undoubtedly has voiced the sentiment of the nation upon the use of the submarine and as admirer of the rights of neutrals on the high seas.

Cincinnati Volksblatt. The note is disappointing in that it disregards the just complaints of Germany and appears to espouse the cause of Great Britain. We think that the difficulty admits of a satisfactory solution by advising American citizens to travel on American vessels. Unwillingly the president shelters British cowardice, which tries to make Americans immune from German attacks by taking American passengers aboard.

Chicago Herald. There is now no possibility of mistaking the position of our government. And it is a position which the American people will sustain their government in whatever measures may be necessary to uphold it.

New York Press. Into the end of his note to Berlin President Wilson has put some teeth—and not too many at that—into the end because the first of it is filled with those graceful but empty rhetorical phrases which long ago exhausted the patience of American readers. Chief Wheeler's derision of the Berlin militarists.

New York American. The president's letter is undeniably vigorous, but it is possibly dangerous as well. The nation desired that its rightful demands should be laid before the German government, but it did not desire that the president would go as far beyond the plainly and soundly rightful scope of those demands as to invite a rebuff.

Springfield Republican. The government's position in this case is the country's position. It is not extreme, yet it covers the ground.

Buffalo Courier. Right-minded men of every party will approve its tone and tenor. The clearness, the definiteness with which this presentation is made can satisfy the most rigid Americanism that views large affairs sanely. It seems to meet every requirement of American patriotism and honor.

Buffalo Express. There has been no backdown. Let the people's response go out from every corner of the land. We are all Americans.

Albany Argus. Dignified in its tone, logical in its argument, the Wilson note in its demands, the United States note to Germany reflects the poise of the president Woodrow Wilson, under most trying circumstances.

Albany Knickerbocker Press. The note places the issue squarely before Germany for action, and an announcement of future policy acceptable to the United States government.

Springfield State Journal. It is the dignified protest of a nation, which, while feeling that its rights and the rights of other neutrals have been violated is neither vindictive nor resentful.

St. Louis Die Westliche Post. For the press of the whole country there is at present but one sacred duty, to leave nothing undone to avert inner strife. That we Americans of German descent with a bleeding heart contemplate the possibility of an armed conflict between the United States and the land of our forefathers, no fair-minded person will condemn us for. There still is hope for a honorable understanding between the two sides. May providence grant that the worst be averted.

St. Louis Republic. There is not in the note any slight hint that this government will stop short of the fullest reparation for the past, and the guarantee of the full rights of the American citizens in the future.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. The American note reacted to a wonderful height of forceful diplomacy and the consequences. The president has spoken firmly. The country, supporting him as firmly awaits without passion the German reply.

Indianapolis Star. In many a fashion the president's note does not shrink from the logical consequences of his position, but accepts the full significance of his attitude.

SILVER CORNET BAND THE FARMERS ARE THE BUSY CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS DR. DERNBURG VOLUNTARILY DECIDES TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES

NEW MUSICAL ORGANIZATION FOR OXFORD. The Talent is Available for one of the Very Best Cornet Bands in the State.

THE PRIZE HOUSES AND FACTORIES ARE FULL AND THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF IT BEING MOVED SOON.

One of the best-organized tobacco concerns in Oxford, the Public Ledger that the farmers of Granville will plant the usual quantity of tobacco this season regardless of the fact that the prize houses and factories everywhere are full and there is little prospect of it being moved so soon.

The committee is looking for the field over for available talent. They find an overwhelming sentiment in favor of a band, and it would seem that the way is open for Oxford to have one of the very best bands in the State. The committee will make its report to the Commercial Club on June 10th. Those who have not already signified their interest in the enterprise are urged to talk the matter over with Chairman A. H. Taylor.

It is hoped by this time next year we will have nightly band concerts on some of the broad and pretty lawns in Oxford. The band will be one of the very best town boosters. Let us have it by all means.

"MONEY."

A Comedy Under the Auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have arranged to present Bulwer's comedy sketch entitled "Money" at the Orpheum Theatre, Monday evening, May 31st. The local talent which will take part in the presentation are well advised by the remaining days for rehearsal it is a foregone conclusion that it will be a success.

Mr. Eugene Crews as the widower, Mr. Ben H. Parham as the leading hero of the play, Mr. Frank M. Pinnix as the scheming father, Mr. Frank Furman and Mr. William Hill Powell as the English lords, Mr. Henry Osborn as the gambler who "never cheats but always wins," Mr. B. K. Lassiter as the lawyer who "reads the will" on which the plot depends.

The cast of ladies' characters will be assumed by Mrs. W. M. Misses Gladys Rawlins, Ethel Hancock and Lucy Landis.

LET THE LIGHT SHINE

There Are a Score of People in Oxford Who Cannot Read.

There was a movement in Oxford last year to start a night school with free tuition, but the enterprise failed for lack of applicants. In this connection we notice that "Moonlight Schools" are becoming popular throughout the State. Thousands of men and women who failed to learn to read and write during their school days are now yearning for the opportunity, and it is this unfortunate class that seek out the moonlight school and find in it much good cheer. We are told that there are a score of men and women in Oxford who cannot read. It is sad to think that a large part of the joys of life they are missing. This is a rare opportunity for the good people of Oxford to do something worth while, if they can give these unfortunate people to accept their good offers.

OLD COLORED MAN CAPTURED.

Officers Hold An All-Night Vigil on the Public Highway.

On Friday evening last Chief Wheeler received a grape vine message to the effect that a colored man had been seen on the highway to the northwestern part of the county to lay in the usual Sunday supply. When the shades of evening fell upon the town, Chief Wheeler and Sheriff Hobgood took their vigil on the highways north of town. Along in the wee-small hours of morning a man in a small one-horse shay cautiously approached them from the north. As soon as he saw them the officers in ambush the old fellow darted to the woods like a scared rabbit. The officers lit out after him, and the race was on good and fast, and every inch of the ground was hotly contested, where the officers lost their man and returned to town about the crack of day Saturday morning.

Successful Raid

Saturday afternoon the same two faithful officers, Sheriff Hobgood and Chief Wheeler, who have resolved to put an end to the whiskey business in Oxford and Granville county, armed with a search and seizure warrant, proceeded in a quiet way to the home of Bob Meadows, an old colored man who lives about one mile south of Oxford. While they were searching the premises, Bob drew a knife and tried to stab Sheriff Hobgood in the back. The officers were quick to react and they captured the man and returned to town about the crack of day Saturday morning.

ROAD MATERIAL

Wilmington Firm Was the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

Capt. Winslow, Superintendent of this district, received bids for 240 feet of iron work to be used on the Highway in Granville county. Five sealed bids were received as follows: Carolina Metal Product Co., \$122.40; Sallion Iron Works Co., \$144.00; Dixie Culvert & Metal Co., \$175.18; Newport Culvert Co., \$139.20.

The contract was awarded to the Carolina Metal Product Company, being the lowest responsible bidder and a state enterprise, with headquarters in Wilmington.

YOUNG MEN WANTED

Serbian Government Wants Men to Fight Typhus Fever.

The State Board of Health has been informed that the Serbian Government is anxious to obtain 150 men to assist in the campaign against typhus fever and other diseases in that country. The men desired are either young physicians, sanitary inspectors, fourth year medical students or others specially trained in public health work. The pay is stated to be \$175 a month, to be paid by the Serbian Government, with expenses to and from Serbia. With the present information, it is uncertain whether the living expenses in Serbia are to be paid by the Government or the State. The period of employment is likely to be four months or more.

Any young men of ability and character who would like to volunteer for this service should send their names, addresses, ages and professional attainments to the American Public Health Association, 755 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

AN OXFORD BOY

Lee Meadows is Mentioned Among Leading Pitchers of the National League.

American League veterans are assuming places among the leading batters and pitchers according to the Associated Press reports are: Pierce, Chicago, four victories and no defeats; and Ragon, of Boston; Schmeider, Cincinnati; Meadows St. Louis; and two or more victories and no defeats, lyn, with two wins and no defeats. The leading batters are Jacques Fournier, Chicago, .433; Cobb, Detroit, .400; Lapp, Philadelphia, .400; acy

Undrafted pitchers credited with two or more victories are Dauss, Detroit, 6; Fisher, New York, 5; Benz, Chicago, 3; Shaw, Washington, 2.

—Why expose yourself to the attacks of disease by remaining in a weakened condition when Red-Tone Tablets will strengthen you? 25 cents at The Lyon Drug Store. Money back if dissatisfied.

RELIEVES DR. DERNBURG VOLUNTARILY DECIDES TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES

GARDEN MART AND ROSE FETE. Wednesday Afternoon From Five to Six-Thirty O'clock.

The Garden Mart and Rose Fete will be held in the gardens of Mrs. R. G. Lassiter Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6:30 o'clock. All those having roses to exhibit or plants to sell are requested to send them to Mrs. Lassiter's residence Wednesday morning before twelve o'clock.

The public is invited. Premiums will be given for the best roses exhibited. Valuable plants given away. All are urged to come and get plants for flower gardens and yards.

Remember the object is to make Oxford the "City Beautiful." Please do your part.

GOOD CHANCE FOR BOYS

Ambitious Youngsters to Have Chance at Special School in August.

Beginning August 17 and ending August 20, there will be held a special demonstration school for boys who are members of the various agricultural clubs of the state. This demonstration and series of special lectures to the boys will be at A. & M. college and will be free to all boys who are members of the clubs. The boys will be allowed to sleep in the A. & M. dormitories and will be in charge of the various county and state demonstrators.

The four days will be spent in practical demonstrations on the modern A. & M. farms. The boys will also be carried on tour through the various science and historical halls. In fact the boys will learn as much by careful attention in four days, as they learn through other methods in several years.

RETURNS TO CAROLINA LEAGUE

The Old North State is Good Enough For Gooch.

Lee Gooch, an Oxford boy who was purchased from the Raleigh team last fall and signed up with the Minneapolis team this spring, has returned to the Carolina League and played with G. H. Hester's team last Saturday. The joke smith in the Sunday issue of the Charlotte Observer breaks the news to the baseball world as follows:

"Somewhere en route between Minneapolis, Minn., and Raleigh, N. C., Lee Gooch was waylaid by Jack Corbett, who with threats, promises, or honeyed words, induced Gooch to take up permanent residence in the Mountain City. Meanwhile, Earl Mack, pinch hitter for the Carolina State team and eagerly scans approaching trains for the prodigal who cometh not."

DECLINES LUCRATIVE POSITION.

An Oxford Boy Does Not Care to Become Food for the Fishes.

Mr. L. C. Barbour who came to Oxford a year ago and accepted a position with J. G. Hester, secured a position with one of the trans-Atlantic steamship companies plying between New York and Liverpool and signed up to go with the company on short notice. He waited patiently before Mr. Barbour could pack his suit case news also came to the effect that the German government was doing a few submarine stunts along the Irish coast. After thinking the matter over carefully, Mr. Barbour made up his mind that he did not care to become food for the fishes, and in the face of recent happenings along the Irish coast we do not blame him for declining the lucrative but dangerous position.

CONTRACT DIRIBIGLE OF NAVY.

Balloon Will Cost \$45,636 and Carry Eight Persons.

Construction of the navy's first dirigible was authorized Saturday by Secretary Daniels, who awarded a contract for its manufacture to the Connecticut Air Craft Company of New Haven on a bid of \$45,636. The balloon is to be delivered within four months to be used at the naval aeronautic station at Pensacola. It is designed to carry four student observers in addition to a crew of four.

COLLEGE WOMEN CHEER

Novel Entertainment Given in Their Honor.

Something out of the ordinary, but beautiful in its nature, was the entertainment given by Mr. J. Robt. Wood to the faculty and student body of Oxford College in his commodious furniture establishment Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Commencing as it did the end of the session when the young ladies are well up with their studies, enabled them to more thoroughly enjoy the occasion.

A floor space to accommodate the friends had been cleared and chairs neatly arranged—which, with the flowers, pictures and draperies, converted the secluded recess into an Oriental parlor of much splendor and rare equipment. The latest and most improved phonograph was pressed into use and for one short hour the young ladies listened and cheered. Operatic airs, marches, and rag-time and classic music was played, but the song to win the most applause during the evening was entitled: "It's a long, long wa yto Tipperary."

During the evening delicious ice cream and cake was served. On taking their departure, the young ladies exhibited the democratic spirit of the College by giving three cheers: "Rah, Rah, Rah—Wood—Wood—Wood," and this was heartily enjoyed and sanctioned by President Hobgood and the faculty.

OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Good and Faithful Public Servants.

The following is the list of officers of the Oxford Fire Department for the ensuing year.

J. Robert Wood, Chief.
E. Williams, Assistant Chief.
W. H. Britt, Foreman.
E. L. Parham, Assistant Foreman.
P. A. Wood, Driver.
L. C. Taylor, Secretary.
J. T. Sizemore, Jr., Treasurer.
Dr. T. L. Booth, Surgeon.

—Spring colds may develop into something more serious in a weak person. Take Red-Tone Tablets and be a well man. 25 cents at The Lyon Drug Store. Money back if dissatisfied.

ARBITRATION NOTE SOUNDED

The intimation which came in press dispatches indirectly from Berlin to the effect that Germany would willingly submit to arbitration, raised a Washington special, as received with much interest, and it was stated that if there was a suspension of submarine warfare on merchant ships while the discussion was in progress, the plan might be given serious attention. Arbitration has also been freely talked of in Washington, a number of German officials intimating that, although they were content from previous knowledge of the desire of the German government to remain friendly with the United States that arbitration would be constituted. The disposition of constituting a court of arbitration at this stage of our most of the great powers whose participation might be desired are at war, was pointed out by some diplomats, however, as making the plan impracticable.

A MERE RUMOR

There Was No Foundation Whatever For It.

A few days ago some grim humorist about town started the rumor that two American naval vessels had been torpedoed in New York Harbor and that President Wilson immediately declared war on Berlin. The rumor spread like wildfire and late in the evening an anxious inquiry reached us from the country as to the authenticity of the statement. We were glad to assure our friends that there was no foundation whatever for the rumor, but he insisted that a neighbor who had been in Oxford that afternoon informed him that Gen. Royster and the Granville Grays had been notified to hold themselves in readiness.

But, fortunately, a man who would put in motion such a suggestion at such a time should be held under a town pump until he imagined himself a lost passenger from the ill-fated Lusitania.

CURRENT LEGAL NOTICES

By T. Lanier and B. K. Lassiter, trustee, certain personal property on Monday, June 7th.

C. B. Cheatham having qualified as administrator of the late Mrs. Elizabeth A. Cheatham.

A PRACTICAL JOKE

A Couple of Wasps Cause Anxiety and Worry.

A couple of smart fellows came into the Public Ledger office the other day and told us that Will Dickens had shot at the Acme Hardware company's store, and suggested that we hurried up we might see him. We admit that we put on a little steam and crossed the street with pencil in hand.

The first man we met at the Acme was Hal Holeman. We asked him if Will Dickens had shot at the store and that he had just left.

"Was he hurt very bad," we inquired.

"I think not," said Mr. Holeman. "Will you please tell us what happened," inquired the newspaper man.

"Why, he came in and asked me to weigh him out a pound of bird shot, which I did, and as soon as he got shot he left the store."

We admit that we put on a very clever joke and we enjoyed it quite as much as those who pulled it off. But seriously, the newspaper man must rely upon the public for information and regard to accidents and if they do not get the facts they are likely to print highly exaggerated rumors. Furthermore, the public is entitled to the truth and it is not exactly right to mislead the newspaper man.