

GERMANY SHIFTS BLAME

THE KAISER DEFERS ANSWER TO PRESIDENT.

Assumes That Steamer Was Armed With Concealed Cannon and Carried Munitions of War.

It is given out from Washington that President Wilson intends to shape the course of the United States in the international crisis which has arisen, so as to leave no doubt of the country's purpose not only to speak, but if necessary to act, for the cause of humanity.

That Germany's avoidance of the larger questions of humanity and the spirit of international law by a technical argument on the status of nations—the exercise of the right to visit and search by war craft when carrying contraband or contraband—must be met promptly with a note again setting forth briefly the facts as found by investigation of officials at Washington as to the cargo and peaceful equipment of the Lusitania, and reiterating the earnest entreaty of the United States to hold the German government to a "strict accountability" for all violations of American rights on the high seas.

It does appear that the President will sever diplomatic relations with Germany within the next forty-eight hours.

Submarine Menace.

The German submarine menace is bringing officials to realize the great danger threatening England if Germany increase largely the number of her undersea craft. This has been impressed on the British mind by the success of submarines operating in the Dardanelles, their ever-increasing activity around the British Isles and the threat to carry this form of warfare to the Suez Canal and trade passes through that waterway.

First Ship Through Panama Canal.

The Nebraska, the first ship to go through the Panama Canal, was the victim of a torpedo or mine off the coast of Ireland. She was struck while about forty miles south west of Fastnet, Ireland, and down at the bow, she started back to Queenstown.

When the vessel left San Francisco in August for her trip through the Panama Canal there was much ceremony. The mayor christened her for the trip.

She is an American built, American owned, and American manned vessel. She was launched at Camden, N. J., in 1902, for the American-Hawaiian Line. She is 4,495 tons gross, 160 feet long, and 46 feet beam.

The Nebraska left New York for Liverpool on May 7, with a general cargo, under charter to the Atlantic Transport Line, for one voyage. She discharged her cargo and on May 8 left Liverpool in ballast for the Delaware Capes.

The charter to the Atlantic Transport Line expired when the Nebraska delivered her cargo in Liverpool. Even though she might have taken munitions of war to England on her eastward voyage she was strictly an American ship, in ballast, bound for an American port when she was damaged. Before the war the Nebraska plied between New York and Hawaii.

THE ORPHEUM THEATRE

A Full House Greeted Local Talent.

The Orpheum Theatre was comfortably filled Monday night at the presentation of "Money" by the local talent of Oxford. It was perhaps the smoothest play with a sufficient plot to make it interesting ever presented by local talent. Mr. Eugene Crews and Mrs. Annie Woodall were inimitable, the former as "Mr. Graves," the widower, and the latter as "Lady Franklin." The entire cast sustained their parts remarkably well. The play was well staged and the costumes becoming. Misses Gladys Rawlinson and Misses Pinnix as Sir John Vesey was splendid and Mr. John W. Hester punctuated the "Will" so naturally that it seemed real. Mr. B. W. Warkham portrayed the character with exactness and won many friends. Mr. W. H. Powell, as "Sir Frederick Blount," was very clever. Messrs. Elliott Cooper as "Captain Dudley Smoot," and Mr. Wm. P. Adams as "Lord Gloster" sustained their parts with credit to themselves and pleasure to the audience.

AMERICA'S GREATEST PIANIST.

John Powell Coming to Orpheum Theatre Tuesday Evening, June 8.

"Having cancelled engagements in Europe on account of the war, and bearing modestly fresh laurels gained in England and on the Continent, John Powell returns to America, the country of his birth."

The London Daily Express said of him: "Those who were not present at the pianoforte recital given by Mr. John Powell at Aeolian Hall last night probably missed one of the most remarkable performances that London has ever heard."

The London Daily Express said: "Sensations have been few, for return in the concert world lately. John Powell at Aeolian Hall last night broke the monotony by what was in every way, an astonishingly masterful, eloquent and powerful performance of Liszt's 'B. Minor Sonata.'"

The Berlin paper said of him: "John Powell is one of the few who play from within, under whose fingers the piano sings and really gives forth music, and for whom every piece he plays signifies a confession."

It is not probable that those who heard Mr. Powell when he was in Oxford two years ago, have forgotten it. In returning again to Oxford Mr. Powell pays the music lovers of this community a very great and delicate compliment, and it is not probable that Oxford people will miss this unusual opportunity to hear so distinguished an artist.

Let us give him the great ovation he deserves.

Mr. Powell comes under the auspices of the Woman's Civic Club.

THE PROPOSED BONDS

ITS STRONG AND ITS WEAK POINTS.

In Discussing Its Merits Be Careful That Nothing Enters to Defeat the Interests of the Children.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Public Ledger is heartily in favor of placing the schools of Granville on a better financial footing, we are decidedly of the opinion that the proposed school bonds will be defeated unless some of our strong speakers get into the field at an early day. The issue has never been thoroughly explained and as a result there is much adverse comment.

We believe if there had been a full and complete statement published as to the actual needs of the schools, showing the money handout for their actual purposes, the people would have more readily grasped the significance of the proposed bond issue. To many, it came like a shot out of a clear sky and they set their faces against the issue without considering its strong points.

We have implicit faith in the County Board of Education and we can understand the necessity of strengthening the school facilities of the county. The insinuation that they issued the call for the purpose of securing more money to raise salaries, is without foundation, and equally so is the imputation that the money would be secured by the sale of bonds. We believe in the wisdom of having launched the bond issue after publishing a complete exhibit. Under those conditions the people would have more readily seen the practical purposes of the bond issue and the easy terms on which the money could have been secured. Some money must be secured for the schools, and \$30,000 is none too much. If we understand the question the proposed bond issue is the cheapest and best way to secure the necessary funds.

The columns of the Public Ledger are open for the discussion of this very important question, and we trust that no one will shut his eyes to anything that would strengthen the school system of Granville. We do not want our boys and girls to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" the days of the olden time. That is the thing the Public Ledger is battling against. If there is a negro in the wood pile anywhere, run him out and we will take a shot at him.

WILL CHANGE ITS NAME

Red Springs School to Florida McDonald College.

In contradiction of the proposition advanced by Mr. Shakespeare to the effect that there is nothing in a name, the popular and successful Presbyterian school for young ladies at Red Springs is about to change its name to Florida McDonald College. A change of name being permissible in the eyes of women, certainly when accompanied by advantages otherwise unattainable, the increased dignity of the road and the more primitive and common place Red Springs is easily discernible. Nor is that the only inducement. Flora McDonald will not come empty handed in with a large endowment of \$500,000—this amount to be increased by those who honor the name dear to all true heroes and patriots.

SHOULD NAME ROADS.

For Information of Travelers Same as City Streets.

Mr. J. G. Boyd, writing in the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer, calls attention to the fact that neither the good roads nor the farm homes are named. There is no sign in the road to indicate that this road leads to Morven, or is the Morven road; and this one to Lilesville; and this one to Chesterfield. It is just the "big road." Strangers pass along the road and say, "This is a beautiful field of clover and oats." Who does this field belong to? How is anybody to know? There is no signboard or any name on the mail box saying this is C. A. Winfree's crimson clover farm. Why take a long drive through the country to make a little show?

Another writer notes that the roads in Anson are bordered with rose bushes, but there, as in almost every other part of North Carolina, there is not only an absence of names, but of mileposts. All of which leads to the conclusion that North Carolina can beat the world in building good roads and in the neglect of them.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

No State or Local Law to Prevent Children from Spreading Disease.

The Public Ledger is informed that there is no law, State or local, requiring quarantine or placarding of a house, where whooping cough exists. The children afflicted with it are permitted to roam at large, unless in exceptional cases the parents are too conscientious to allow their children to thus menace the health of others. Although whooping cough is a communicable disease, and is quite fatal in the case of infants, no protection is given them whatsoever. The State Board of Health, it seems, is opposed to quarantining because of the expense attached and difficulty of maintaining quarantines, but what objection can there be to tagging those houses, where whooping cough or other contagious or infectious disease exists? The Public Ledger believes that it should be done and then if people take the chance it is their lookout. Children, having such diseases, should not be permitted to mingle with others in crowded public places. It might be argued that laws should not be necessary and such a point would be granted. The parents should have that fellow feeling for other parents, which would impel them to keep their children from being the means of spreading disease. That, however, is idealistic and not sufficiently practicable to be offered as a reason for lack of legislation.

THE OXFORD COLLEGE CLOSES A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Few scenes could have been more touching than the presentation by the Senior Class of the portrait of the beloved former Lady Principal, Mrs. S. D. Twitty, Miss Emma Helen, on behalf of the Class, presented this gift, and paid a most beautiful tribute to one of the noblest women the State has ever produced. Mrs. Hobgood's acceptance of this gift was full of deep tender feeling as she spoke of what Mrs. Twitty's life of service had meant to him during the twenty-five years she was Lady Principal of this College. There were but few dry eyes at the conclusion of these exercises. It was a joy to the College and to the audience that Mrs. Twitty could be present to hear this beautiful tribute.



Oxford College is learning each year to pay more attention to the practical side of education—the real needs of young women in the State. Domestic Science and Domestic Art Exhibits were demonstrations of this fact, and both Miss Marie Parish, teacher of Domestic Science, and Mrs. C. L. Hobgood, teacher of Domestic Art, are to be congratulated on the display of work done by the pupils of these Departments. This is the first season Domestic Art has been taught in the College, but one needs no greater proof of its success than the articles on exhibit. The beautiful display of fancy work, dresses, dainty lingerie, and waists, spoke for themselves; as did the variety of breads, cakes, salads, desserts, meats, jellies, preserves, etc., attest the success of the Domestic Science Department.

FRIEND OF EDUCATION WRITES

WE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO READ THE PROOF.

EDUCATE THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

Las' week I wrot you sum resolutions condemning the Old Board of Town Commissioners. But I ain't satisfied yet. The more I think about the old Board the madder I get. They are already dead but I believe in punishment after death. I hed expected to devote considerable space to them, but an eval of the first magnitude sturs me to the koor. At the very outset let it be known that I am opposed to fun an' a happyest at a funeral. That iz exactly my positshun as to bonds. This thing of throing wavy money for the hiner edukashun of kids dont meet my veyes; some av them sur two darn smart anyhow. I believe I have the rite idea. The whole county iz gone wrong, the eduter iz wrong, the teachers are wrong, the things they are doin' in stupidin' an' the wrong way. As to this I shur the opinion of the edukated men ov my komynity.

I was razed in a log house, an' ackered an' edukashun good enough for all practical purposes. I sot in a skool house with hoals in the floor as big as my han' an' I wore pachies on my pantyloons ontill I was twenty-one, and on arivin' at manhood I enherited a mule. What I have did others can do.

I have no pashents with kollege bred young men and womens. My taxes are now double what they were some years ago 'n I do not bullieve we oughter hope up a det on postury. I am agin bonds toof an' tow nalls. Korrek it misplayed wurd, but the language and punktuashun is mine.

PLURIBUS.

SLIGHT CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

FINALS AT OXFORD COLLEGE

TWO NEW PASSENGER TRAINS ADDED ON MAIN LINE OF SEABOARD.

Almost the whole list of passenger trains on the main line has been changed, and two have been added. The old trains are to work on a schedule which will afford many more conveniences for trips of both business and pleasure for those who travel.

Slight changes have been made also on the Oxford and Durham branches to conform with the rearranged schedule on the main line.

The authorized official schedule, as given out by the Seaboard authorities, trains will arrive and leave Henderson on the main line as follows:

2:50 a. m. No. 2, for Richmond, Washington and points north.
3:55 a. m. No. 3, for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, and Florida points.
6:10 a. m. No. 4, for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, and Florida points.
6:15 a. m. No. 13, for Weldon, Portsmouth and Norfolk.
6:51 a. m. No. 13, for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, and Florida points.
1:26 p. m. No. 12, for Weldon, Portsmouth and Norfolk.
1:47 p. m. No. 4, for Richmond, Washington and points north.
2:15 p. m. No. 21 for Raleigh, Hamlet, Atlanta, and Birmingham.
4:34 p. m. No. 3, for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, and Florida points.
9:56 p. m. No. 7, "Flamingo," for Raleigh, Hamlet, Columbia, and points in Florida.

AN INSTANCE OF WHAT MANUFACTURING PLANTS WILL DO FOR A TOWN

As an instance of what capitol will do, the little town of City Point, Va., is an example. Twelve months ago it was not quite as large as Stovall. The Du Pont people did have an insignificant powder factory there, but during the twelve months they have erected three large powder plants and today the population is something over 20,000 and increasing. City Point is a village of three or four hundred and twenty from Richmond, at the junction of the James and Appomattox rivers. The DuPonts factories employ 10,000 people. They let contracts for a hundred tenement houses at a time. Property that six weeks ago sold for \$250 a lot now brings in every instance from \$2,000 to \$2,500, it is said. One instance is cited of a building lot that cost \$250 six weeks ago sold last week for \$3,750.

DR. E. T. WHITE VISITS FLORIDA.

Meets Three Granville County Men in Tallahassee.

Dr. E. T. White, who returned from a business trip to Tallahassee, Florida, last week, was very favorably impressed with the neat Southern city. He visited the Legislature in session at Tallahassee and met the Hon. W. A. Pruitt, Representative of Leon, the county in which Tallahassee is situated. Mr. Pruitt is a first cousin of Messrs. Ed and Jim Pruitt, of Oxford. He was born and reared on the Granville-Franklin line and took up his abode in Florida several years ago. Dr. White also met two more Granville county boys in the Southern city who have made good in their adopted State; namely, Messrs. Baxter and John Brown, the sons of Ex-postmaster J. W. Brown, of Oxford. "Fine young men, are these," says Dr. White, "and they have made many friends."

The Doctor says the people in Tallahassee are on the move and that they scarcely pay any attention to the war over the seas and less about the Mexican troubles. He was within ten miles of the Gulf of Mexico and regrets that he did not have more time at his disposal.

Merchant's Association.—The program for the thirteenth annual convention of the Merchant's Association of North Carolina, which is to convene at Asheville on June 15, 16 and 17 has been issued. Some of the live merchants of Oxford contemplate attending the meeting.

BIG LOCAL DISTURBANCE

THE GRANVILLE GRAYS IN READINESS.

The Public Enemy Has Been Placed in the County Jail to Avoid the Mob.

The seizure of the "Brigantine Williams," containing a goodly supply of bug juice in the war zone north of Oxford some days ago, with Capt Crawford Hobgood and First Mate I. H. Hobgood in charge, was denounced by two envoys as a clear invasion of the rights of peaceful citizens. They point out the fact that Oxford is a neutral port and that the looting of the "Brig Williams" was carrying, was not contrary to law and that the entire transaction was unwarranted and unjustifiable under any known rule of warfare. There was talk of reprisals for a while, but this year quieted down to be around it, just to the right, in the Armory overlooking the plateau, is a picked company of soldiers at the command of Gen. Royster. Every precaution is taken to prevent the newspapers from getting hold of anything that would inflame the people.

BIG HEARTED CLERK

Traveling Man Calls for Cigar on Sunday.

A traveling man walked into a local drug store Sunday and with a confidential air laid a dollar bill on the counter and called for a good ten cent cigar.

"No sir, we don't sell cigars, gin fix, coco-cola, soda-pop or anything of that sort in Oxford on Sunday," said the clerk.

"Why, I had no idea that a live town like Oxford would submit to a blue law like that," said the traveling man, and as he turned to walk away the clerk treated him to a big black cigar. That touched the big man's heart and got the red dollar bill on the counter, but the clerk wouldn't have it that way.

THE VOTERS ARE URGED TO REGISTER.

Mr. Frank Hancock and Attorney Graham Will Practice Law.

Mr. Frank Hancock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hancock, who has been studying law at the State University, is at home on short vacation. He will return to the University Summer School at an early date and hopes to secure his "Sheepskin" this fall. It is indeed seldom that a young man graduates in law before he is twenty-one years old. Mr. Hancock is successful in getting through, and we have no doubt he will, he will necessarily have to wait a few months before he is twenty-one to hang up his shingle.

Mr. Augustus S. Graham, will graduate in law at the University Law School this session. He will open up his father's office and be associated with him in business.

SOLDIERS IN RICHMOND

TRAINS LEFT OXFORD AT NOON MONDAY

More than fifty surviving Confederate veterans and twice as many sons of veterans left Oxford on the noon train Monday for the three days reunion in Richmond. In searching for the faces of the brave sons of old Granville as they lined up at the Seaboard station there seemed not to be one much under 70 years of age. There were some in the ranks scrambling with age, but they were affectionately and tenderly cared for by their comrades in arms, a half century ago, or their sons. The gathering of the soldiers at Richmond this year is the most notable reunion in many years. It comes at a time when the veterans are nearing the shank of their fading day, and the people of Richmond have made preparations that will insure perhaps the tenderest and the best treatment ever accorded them. The veterans go there assured in advance of a royal good treatment.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN'S DREAM.

He marches away in his slumbers,
With a gay, romantic heart,
And thinks of the coming battles,
Which will soon take part.
He thinks of a mother he's leaving,
And a home so bonny and dear,
But his thoughts are of another,
His beautiful, dark-eyed May.
Again he's with Lee in Virginia,
Where the Rappahannock flows,
And forming a line of battle
"To fight the Northern foe."
His mind is fiery with hate;
He rushes into the battle,
Leaving his duty to fate.
Very true and vivid
Do all those battles seem.
But, alas! he wakes to find
From getting hold of dream.
A little maid before him,
Her head a mass of gold,
While her mother, "Granny dear,"
Your tea is getting cold.

DEATH OF AGED MAN.

Mr. J. J. Brooks, 88 years old, the father of the late J. D. Brooks, of Oxford, died at his home in Wooddale, Person county last week. He is survived by eight children.

OPPOSED TO BONDS

The Voters Are Urged to Register. (Correspondence of the Public Ledger.) I see you have given both sides their views on the bond issue columns. We do not see any bonds just now. The proposed to issue bonds upon which we will settle it by ourselves. I think if the County Education could call off the dogs and let the country people have their say, they would be in favor of bonds. Everybody is stirred up registering and trying to get elected. Next Saturday, June 12, last day to register. Be sure to sign your name out on books before sundown next Saturday. L. L. CREWS.

THE CONSTITUTION

A Gem Falls From the Lips of Hon. F. P. Hobgood, of Guilford. Senator Hobgood, of Guilford, on the occasion and preservative to the graduating class of the State Normal and Industrial College copies of the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina, rings clear in the following gem: "I am reminded that there are but two occasions upon which mere man is required formally and legally to be worded, and that is when he is sworn in as a voter for the purpose of qualifying himself to vote and the other when he stands at the altar. Is it an act of pure gallantry on the part of man that there is no similar or analogous occasion upon which woman is placed under a like necessity?"

A HEALTHY SIGN

Most Encouraging to Friends of Education. The "largest class in history" has characterized the headlines of a great many of the commencement stories in North Carolina this year. The fact that more children are attending the various institutions of learning and larger classes being graduated is most encouraging to the friends of education. No healthier sign is to be had than to see the walls of the school buildings bulging, figuratively speaking, with increased classes. Not only should larger buildings be erected, but more of them. Let the good work progress uninterrupted.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION

Mrs. McKimmon Will Instruct Clubs in Practical Details. The large school for canning club agents which Mrs. McKimmon, State agent in home demonstration work, has heretofore conducted in Raleigh, will be held this year at the State Normal College at Greensboro. Dr. Ford has offered the college and its equipment for this purpose, and the home demonstration forces have shown their appreciation by the acceptance of this offer. This school of instruction is the largest school of its kind in the South, embracing as it does all of the canning club agents in North Carolina as well as the field force. Many outside canners have asked permission to enroll and agents in several other States will be in attendance.

GOOD STAND

The Splendid Season Encourages the Encouraging Farmer. Encouraging news comes from the farming interests of the community. The good seasons prominent farmers say, have been of incalculable benefit. They have enabled the replanting of tobacco and practically insure perfect stands for the weed, while the corn, which has already been replanted, is given a splendid stimulus. Good crops in Granville will insure good times, regardless of what may be going on elsewhere in the world. The key to the situation of prosperity is held by the agricultural interests. When the farm prospers, the welfare of the city is assured!

NO RESPECT OF PERSON

J. Alex Porter Arrested Charged With Operating a Blockade Still-Rich and Prominent. J. Alex Porter, retired capitalist, was arrested in Asheville Saturday by United States internal revenue officers charged with operating a "blockade" distillery. At the same time Wes Patton, a farmer, was arrested in Haywood county charged with having furnished Porter with the materials for making whiskey. The officers allege that the still was operated on the property of Porter at Biltmore, near Asheville, with his knowledge and consent. The arrests have culminated in an investigation lasting several months. The arrest of the rich and prominent citizen created a sensation, it is said.

SHERIFF HODGOOD, CAM HUNT, J. B. POWELL AND CONNIE WALTERS ARE IN RICHMOND.

Vim, vigor, ambition and new life are imparted by Red-Tone Tablets, 25 cents at the Lyon Drug Store. Money back if dissatisfied.