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## THE SOLDIER BOYS DEPART

GRANVILLE GRAYS ENTRAIN  
SATURDAY WITH SEVENTY  
MEN

The noble Granville Grays have departed for Camp Glenn. They have gone forth to defend the honor of the country, if need be, and lay down their lives. For the past two weeks they have been drilling and getting in readiness for active service. Many recruits were added to the company and on Saturday morning when they entrained at the Seaboard station for Camp Glenn there were seventy men in line.

Just before entraining the men were drawn up in line in front of the waiting train and while the Oxford colored band played patriotic music the crowd of more than a thousand people passed along the line and shook the hands of the boys and bid them God-speed on their journey. The parting of some of the men was especially hard and easily noticed. Frequently we heard a muffled sob when the goodbye was said. There were present wives, children, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts to say what may be a last farewell.

Dispatches from Morehead City advise that the boys are there and are measuring up to the standard of regular soldiers to a remarkable degree.

For years the Granville Grays have been noted as one of the best drilled and disciplined companies in the State. These young men represent the best type of manhood in the county and we are sure that when the call for actual service on the border comes that they will be found in the front ranks, where they will acquit themselves with honor to old Granville and North Carolina. We are sure that everyone will join with us in giving three cheers for the Granville Grays!

God bless them.

## THE MEXICAN MEMORANDA

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT  
CHALLENGES CLAIMS OF  
THE UNITED STATES

MEXICO CITY—The Foreign Office Saturday issued a memorandum in reply to Secretary Lansing's recent note, in which the correctness of assertions in the communication from Washington were repeatedly denied.

The memorandum contains 35 counts. Although not in the form of a direct reply to the Washington note it is considered equivalent to an answer to the document.

It expresses surprise that the Washington Government should have been pained at the tone and the contents of the Carranza document, since it maintains that the United States has sent to the Constitutional Government not only one but many discourteous and even overbearing notes.

Emphatically reiterating the Mexican Government's position denying the right of the United States to keep armed bodies in Mexico, the memorandum denies energetically that the Mexican Government has protected bandits who had committed depredations in the United States and defies Washington to produce proof of the assertion.

The memorandum asserts that, while it is true that the United States arrested General Huerta, the motive which prompted this act was not a purpose of aiding the constitutional government, but because the United States feared that General Huerta was plotting with Germany.

The note concludes by declaring that the presence of American troops in Mexico invites rather than prevents bandit raids along the border.

The memorandum was issued at the same time that the Foreign Office authorized publication of Secretary Lansing's recent note.

James Linn Rodgers, special agent of the State Department, called at the War Office today relative to an inquiry from the State Department at Washington regarding the disinterment of the body of Capt. Charles T. Boyd, who was killed at Carrizal. The Foreign Office promised Mr. Rodgers that it would issue the necessary orders to expediate the work in order that the request of the widow of the dead American officer that the body be shipped to the United States for burial shall be granted.

## CARRANZA STANDING PAT

Pay of the  
National Guard

FUND FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR NATIONAL GUARD AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

The enlisted men and officers of the North Carolina National Guard will receive pay from the United States government at the same rate as prevails in the regular army, according to rank. The pay of the militia will date from President Wilson's call, when the mobilization order was issued.

The following is the monthly pay of the officers and men:

Enlisted men:  
Privates, \$15.  
Privates in hospital corps, \$16.  
First class privates, such as engineers, ordnance, signal corps, hospital corps and quartermaster's corps, \$18.  
Corporals, engineers, ordnance, signal corps, etc., \$24.  
Sergeants, \$30 to \$36.  
Junior Sergeants-majors, \$40.  
Senior Sergeant-majors, \$45.  
First class sergeants, \$50.  
Engineers, \$65.

These rates of pay are increased by 20 per cent additions for foreign service and are increased with each successive re-inlistment.

Officers:

Second lieutenant (increasing with time of service), \$141.67 to \$198.33.  
First lieutenant (increasing with time of service), \$166.67 to 233.  
Captain (increasing with time of service), \$200 to \$280.  
Major (increasing with time of service), \$250 to \$333.  
Lieutenant - colonel (increasing with time of service), \$291 to \$375.  
Colonel (increasing with time of service), \$333.33 to \$416.67.  
Brigadier-general, \$500.  
Major-general, \$666.67.  
Lieutenant-general, \$916.67.

In addition to these rates of pay, subsistence and clothing are provided for the men in service.

### UNION MEETINGS

In Effect During the Month of July

It was announced from the pulpits Sunday that during the month of July there would be a union meeting of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist congregations each Sunday night during the month.

Under this arrangement Dr. Willis, pastor of the Methodist church, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church. Taking Christ as the "Light of the World," he preached one of the strongest sermons ever heard in Oxford—a sermon full of consolation—one in which Christ was revealed in his tender love and mercy.

The union meeting next Sunday night will be held in the Presbyterian church. By this arrangement the congregations of Oxford are brought in closer touch with each other, and that alone tends toward strengthening the blessed ties that bind. It will ensure a large congregation at each of the evening services during the hot month of July; or at least that is the object of the union meetings.

### NEW TOBACCO BUYER

A Native Son of Old Granville to be On Oxford Market

Mr. Debie Cash, a son of Woodson Cash, born and reared in Tally Ho, has been appointed by the American Tobacco Company a buyer on the Oxford market. Mr. Cash has had large experience on the Eastern Carolina markets.

### Raymond Hitchcock Coming

The inimitable Raymond Hitchcock is starred in the leading role of a three-act motion picture feature produced by the Lubin Company and based upon the "Ford Flivver," to be known as "The Wonderful Wager." The picture has many startling and comical scenes of circus life and a night fire scene in which forty or more houses were burned to the ground. "The Wonderful Wager" comes to the Orpheum theatre as the attraction for Friday night next.

### Mayor Mitchell

During the absence of Mayor Stem, who is a staff officer of the Third Regiment, Commissioner W. Z. Mitchell is Mayor pro tem of Oxford.

ONLY WAY OPEN TO AMERICAN TROOPS IN MEXICO IS NORTHWARD

Promise Given That No More Border Raids Will Occur—Army Officers Believe Actual Hostilities With Mexico Imminent.

(SUMMARY)

WASHINGTON—That the de facto Mexican government will reiterate that it cannot permit movements of American troops now in Mexico in any direction except towards the border but will accompany statement by a declaration that it is now fully prepared to prevent any further bandit raids against American territory was the belief expressed in reliable quarters.

It became known that the reply to Secretary Lansing's ultimatum has been ready for presentation to the United States ever since the order was issued for the release of the Carrizal captives but that it is withheld pending the completion of certain military movements by the Mexicans.

What action President Wilson will take upon a reply of this character is known only to himself. That an immediate crisis is not looked for was indicated when the house leaders decided to take a recess over the Fourth of July.

NEW YORK—The department of the east, under command of Major General Leonard Wood, has completed preliminary plans for mobilizing a volunteer army of 250,000 men in the event of hostilities with Mexico.

Concentration camps in the various states have already been selected. Monday army officers admitted privately that they considered the Mexican situation had reached a most critical point.

The outbreak of actual hostilities (Continued on Page Eight)

## EUROPE

ONE MORE MIGHTY PLUNGE AND GERMANY WILL LIVE OR DIE

The British Have Launched an Attack on a Scale for Greater Than Any in History—The German Empire Trembles for the First Time.

At last the great offensive of the Allies is on, and in the opinion of the world the German Empire is on the verge of dispair.

Russia's tremendous drive in the east, Italy's overwhelming offensive against the Austrians in the Trevino and the French counterattacks in force at Verdun, all within the last few weeks, had prepared expectation for what is now taking place—the British "big push."

After months of comparative inactivity, which had brought bitter criticism, the British have launched a mighty attack on a scale far greater than any in history. From the Yser to the Somme, along a front of nearly ninety miles, the British shelled the German lines for four days, with an expenditure of munitions which, it is said, required the use of more than a million shells a day, and which resulted in the leveling of German trenches, the demolition of wire entanglements and even in the cutting off of the German from their rear. The curtain of fire, both before and behind the enemy trenches, was so dense that no living thing could pass through it.

Then over a front of more than twenty miles north of the Somme, the British launched a simultaneous attack, which seems to have found necessary only the "cleaning-up" of the trenches. With a loss of life reported to be "comparatively light," the British have occupied sixteen miles of German front.

That the Germans, who have been preparing for such an offensive for months, will permit this advantage to continue, without further resistance, is not to be thought of. They have been massing troops behind their lines in great numbers. When they advance to the threatened points, the world may look for battle and death and destruction that will cause the Champagne and Mons and the Meuse to be forgotten.

Don't Forget That  
Credit is Capital

DIRECTORY OF BILL PAYERS TO BE TAKEN IN GRANVILLE

Do you pay your bills promptly? Or do you pay slow? Or do you pay at all?

These questions will be answered by the entire community to the business and professional men of this entire section of the State by a directory, which is now being considered.

It has been the unanimous consent of the business men to adopt a system by which all have their names printed in a directory for instant information to the merchant as to just how they have paid their doctor, druggist, dentist, grocer, dry goods, merchant, hardware, coal dealer, real estate, jewelry, furniture, plumber, publisher and printer, and every one to whom you owe money, or who extends you credit.

The system is by no means a new one. For 26 years the Merchants' Mercantile Agency has written credit directories for over 38 States in the Union, and more than 5,000,000 men are supporters of the guide, and more than 20,000,000 of people are rated in this system.

When this section of the State has been completed it will mean that the whole of the trade territory tributary to Oxford, Vance, Person, Durham, Wake Mecklenburg counties will be literally interwoven with the credit rating as every other town and section has already been rated, so it is up to everybody to settle in part, if not in full, and get a good rating before the directory is published.

The business and professional men want to be fair, but it is stated, people will have to be governed precisely as you act. "Credit is Capital." Have you the Credit? If you have, keep it.

### PROSPERITY NOTES

#### Street Paving

Petitions have been signed to pave Gilliam street from Spring to Williamsboro streets; Littlejohn from Gilliam to Main streets, and Williamsboro street from Bell street to Horner Hill. This gives to Oxford about three and one half miles of the best paved streets in the State.

#### Business Building

It is understood that Mr. J. G. Hall has under consideration details regarding the erection of a business building on the corner of College and Hillsboro streets within the next ninety days. The corner is considered the best business location in Oxford and it is practically certain that Mr. Hall will erect a handsome brick and stone structure.

#### Real Estate Transferred

Mr. Gus Hall has sold his residence on the corner of Gilliam and Littlejohn street. The purchase price paid for the property nor the name of the purchaser has not been made public.

### RESULT OF SECOND PRIMARY

Taylor Defeats Crews By Small Majority

The primary last Saturday in Granville to select one County Commissioner was a quiet affair. The contest was between T. G. Taylor and L. L. Crews. The complete returns from the county, except Wilkins not heard from is as follows:

Taylor ..... 258  
Crews ..... 210

The official report will follow in our next issue.

### BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Southern Road Will Handle Mail Between Oxford and Henderson (Special to the Public Ledger)

WASHINGTON—The residents of Oxford and the people served by the rural carriers through the Oxford postoffice will be glad to learn that the Postoffice Department has authorized the Southern Railway to handle mail on train No. 115, which will enable Oxford people to receive their mail early in the morning and the rural routes several hours earlier. This service will be inaugurated about July 10th. C.W.

Miss Lillian Taylor is spending some time in Greensboro, the guest of Miss Lena Coble.

## FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

SESSION TO BE HELD AT ISLAND CREEK CHURCH

Much Interest Manifested in the Approaching Session, Which Will Be Held Wednesday, July 12th.

The good Baptists throughout this section are moving with one accord to make the annual session of the Flat River Association, which will be held at Island Creek Church Wednesday, July 12th, an event of great spiritual uplift.

The meeting this year will be held in one of the strongest communities within the bounds of the Flat River Association and the good people in the old historic section of Williamsboro, irrespective of denominations, are going to kill the fatted calf. Year after year the picnic feature of the Association grows in interest and out of it comes a greater religious awakening. If the weather is fair on Wednesday, July 12th, there will be at least three thousand people at Island Creek Church.

Island Creek Church is in Vance county, near old historic Williamsboro. To reach it from Oxford, follow the old Williamsboro road. We judge that the church is about 12 miles northeast of Oxford and about the same distance from Henderson in a northwesterly direction.

### Churches

The following thirty-six churches compose the Flat River Association:

Amis Chapel, Antioch, Beulah, Bethany, Bullock, Corinth, Creedmoor, Concord, Dexter, Enon, Fellowship, Florence Avenue, Grassy Creek, Hester's, Island Creek, Knap of Reeds, Knott's Grove, Mary's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Mountain Creek, Mt. Harmony, Mill Creek, Oxford, Olive Grove, Olive Branch, Peace Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Poplar Creek, Providence, Rock Spring, State Line, Stovall, Sharon, Tally Ho, Tabb's Creek, West Oxford.

## AN ORGANIZATION NEEDED

LOOKING TO THE COMFORT OF THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS

A number of the leading citizens of Oxford have expressed a deep conviction that an organization looking to the care of the soldiers' families should be formed at once. It is argued that the soldier boys, moved by a sense of patriotism, answered the call of the president and that it is no more than right that the good people of the town and county should contribute to the comfort of their families.

Inasmuch as the pay of a private soldier is only fifty cents a day it is self evident that the families of some of them will need financial assistance in the event a prolonged war follows.

On the night of the smoker tendered the soldiers by the business men in the Armory, the soldiers were comforted by the assertion made by speakers on the floor that the material welfare of their families would be looked after in their absence. The statement made on the floor of the Armory was all right so far as it went, but what is needed is an organization that will prosecute the work.

Not all of the families of the soldiers will need financial aid, but every one of them should be the objects of tender solicitude.

In forming an organization every member of the "home guard" should give so much every month, and if all will subscribe the little that is required to meet the demand would indeed be very light to each individual. The "home guard" should create the fund and the good ladies of the town could distribute it without embarrassing any one.

The Hay bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for dependent families of National Guardsmen called or drafted into the present emergency was passed by the House Saturday. The bill which now goes to the Senate allows not exceeding \$50 per month to the dependent families, in the discretion of the Secretary of War.

Possibly the Hay bill will pass the Senate and reach the President's signature, but that will not relieve the "home guard" of the great responsibility of looking after the families of those who have gone to the front. The Hay bill makes it more urgent to form a local organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade R. Brown, of Greensboro, are the guests of Miss Mary Webb.