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## GERMANY STANDS FOR PEACE

### PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE PREDICTS THAT AN EARLY VICTORY WILL BE ATTAINED

The Last Citadel of Feudalism in Europe is Down and Germany is Settling Her House in Order With a View of Early Peace—Every One Agrees That it is a Step Toward Peace.

(London Special, Aug. 5)

Europe, bled white by a three years' war, many of her cities in ruins, her people burdened by debts of billions which this generation nor the next will ever repay, is turning again to thoughts of peace and rehabilitation.

This today became more than ever evident. The word which has been breathed for three years only in the secrecy of Europe's chancelleries is now being openly discussed in public by leaders of the warring nations.

David Lloyd-George, British prime minister, flatly predicted an early victory. He was speaking before a great patriotic meeting in Queen's Hall commemorative of the third anniversary of the war.

In Berlin, Chancellor Michaelis, back from an interview with the emperor of Austria, who is known to be anxious to the point of impatience for peace, while conceding that peace prospects were not promising hinted that "unexpected developments" might make a sudden change in the outlook.

Meanwhile tottering Russia, anxious for peace, but determined to fight to hold her new-won liberty, was desperately trying to reorganize her cabinet and complete her internal affairs, while her armies continued to retreat into their own territory before the final desperate spurt designed to force Russia's withdrawal from the war.

### Germany Forms New Cabinet

Germany was meanwhile, completing the re-organization of her cabinet—the so-called "peace cabinet" of the so-called "peace cabinet" of Dispatches from Rome indicate that the vatican is seriously considering throwing the whole of its political weight into the scales for the allies, the continued deportations of Belgians by Germany being regarded as unbearable by the pope.

Vienna continues to inspire peace talk. The emperor is anxious for any sort of an argument which will guarantee the empire its former boundaries.

But the most important pronouncement of the day by far, is that of Lloyd-George. The premier's own words on peace are:

### Sunshine of Victory.

"The sunshine of victory is just ahead of the allies.

"Nobody in Britain, France, Italy, Russia or even Germany and Austria has any idea how near the summit of hopes we are."

The premier's speech was one of the most powerful he has ever delivered. His optimism was contagious and his words carried such an imputation of facts to support them that the entire empire tonight is heartened both by the prospect of an early victory and an early peace.

Lloyd-George's speech was not for England alone. It was for the European allies and the United States. To the latter it had an especially bearing. The prime minister flatly declared that England has saved the Monroe Doctrine once—1914—by entering the war. He further asserted that Germany, balked then, still harbored the determination to return to the attack a second time. But, he declared, "there must never again be permitted to imperil the peace of the world."

(Washington Special)

Not since August, 1914, has anything so pregnant with consequence occurred as the summoning by the Kaiser of the crown council in Berlin

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### In The Front Ranks.

They are telling a little joke on one of the prominent Oxford attorneys. It appears that an anxious father told the attorney that his son's eyes are very weak and implored him to do all in his power to prevent him from being drafted.

"Don't worry, my good friend," responded the lawyer, "the government has kindly arranged to place the weak-eyed men in the front ranks."

## THE CREDIT MEN'S ASSOCIATION

### A Splendid Organization Being Formed in Granville.

As every man's credit record is of vast importance to him, a number of expert tabulators are compiling the names and addresses of every person in Granville county, which will soon make its appearance in book form, and by reference to its pages it will be seen who are dead beats of the county as well as those who are marked good pay, bad pay, and slow pay.

Something of the kind has long been extending credit upon credit for the last county in the State to adopt the system. Our business people have been extending credit upon credit for years and years, but it can be said to their credit that they have awakened to the sad realization that the most of those whom they credit get mad when a bill is presented to them. Worse still, these same dead beats, after they run the gauntlet as far as possible at home, go to other towns and pay cash for what they buy. These are the folks that will tell you that the goods in Oxford are higher than any other town in the State.

The Oxford business men themselves are largely responsible for the prevailing conditions. Some of them extend credit to the amount of twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars. Just think of the good this amount of money would accomplish if it was at present placed into the legitimate channels of trade! The Public Ledger commends the business houses who have adopted the Credit Experience Guide as their official rating book and are trying to economize by restricting undue credit and reduce high prices inflicted by those who do not make it their business to live within their means.

The Credit Men's Association can do a great deal to better both living and business conditions in Granville county if all the business men will get behind it and adhere strictly to its rules. And this can be done without hardship to anyone. The man who will not pay a debt is not entitled to credit and should not have that courtesy extended him. There are entirely too many in this country who make obligations without the slightest intentions to ever pay. On the other hand a man who wants to do right can always find a way to get along if he will show the other fellow that he is willing to try.

### THE SCHOOL LEVY CASE.

### Judge Connor Heard the Case Friday and Will Render Decision Next Week.

The School Tax Levy case, which grew out of the failure of the County Commissioners of Granville county to levy a three cent tax for the support of the schools of the county, as requested by the Board of Education, and which was scheduled to be heard during the recent term of court, was postponed on account of the sickness of Judge Connor.

Judge Connor returned to Oxford last Friday and heard the case. Much argument and figures and facts were in evidence. At the conclusion of the argument His Honor placed the tabulated statements in his pocket and remarked that he would be governed by the facts and figures in evidence at the hearing. Council on both sides were given an opportunity to file briefs with him, if they elect to do so.

General Royster and Lassiter & Parkam appeared for the Board of Education, and Messrs A. A. Hicks and D. G. Brummitt for the County Commissioners.

### CROPS ARE FINE IN WAKE

### Mr. Chamblee Visits His Boyhood Home at Wakefield.

Mr. M. P. Chamblee returned Sunday afternoon from an automobile trip to his old home at Wakefield. The crops around Zebulon and Wakefield are in fine condition, said Mr. Chamblee, and the people are happy and cheerful over the material prosperity noted on every hand. Land that sold a few years ago for forty and fifty dollars an acre is bringing double that figure now, remarked Mr. Chamblee. The splendid system of schools in that section is one of the most valuable assets.

—Come to think about it, churches seem to be the only place where we haven't seen some woman happily knitting a sweater.

## THE RATIO OF EXEMPTIONS

### ABOUT ONE IN FIVE ARE QUALIFYING FOR MILITARY SERVICE

### The Ratio of Sound Men in the South is Greater Than in the North and West.

Figures obtained by the International News Service from all sections of the country in which the draft machinery has begun operation show that only one man out of every six examined is qualifying for military service.

The Granville County Exemption board began the physical test Monday and will complete the task Wednesday evening. It is not known at present what the ratio in this county will be. It is a noticeable fact, however, that a lot of young men are now wearing glasses and hobbling around on crutches that were perfectly well a few weeks ago. One stout old fellow drew himself up into a knot and complained of fourteen distinct diseases, each one sufficient to kill him within the next thirty days, but when

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## GETTING THE WORK IN SHAPE

### GRANVILLE COUNTY WOMEN WILL ANSWER THE NATION'S CALL

(Reported for Public Ledger)

In order that the women of Granville county may hold themselves in readiness to undertake any work which, as the war develops may be necessary to secure greater efficiency in the "Defense Work of the Nation." Women's Defense Units, affiliated with the Granville County Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, and through this organization with the National Council of Defense, are being organized in the following communities with the following chairmen:

STOVALL.....Mrs. William Taylor  
STEM.....Mrs. P. R. Hardie  
PROVIDENCE.....Mrs. Willie Lee Currin.  
CREEDMOOR...Mrs. S. H. Rogers.  
ENON.....Mrs. Fred Currin  
CULBRETH.....Mrs. Ed. M. Clement  
BEREA.....Mrs. W. T. Calton  
Howard.....Mrs. Ethel Daniel  
BULLOCK.....Mrs. Pittard  
FISHING CREEK...Miss H. Harris  
WILTON.....Mrs. J. A. Morris

### The Work is Urgent

In a letter sent out by the County Chairman, to each of the above community chairmen, the plan of organization was carefully outlined and each community was urged to call a meeting at once, and make a report of its organization not later than August 10th.

### Food Cards.

Food Cards will be sent at an early date by the County Registrative Chairman, Miss Lela Routon, and it is hoped that every housewife in Granville will sign these cards thus pledging herself to do her share in this great and absolute necessary work of saving food.

This is one way at least, by which women may render an invaluable service to the nation! First, so far as it is practicable, to use perishable food unsuitable for export, or consumption abroad, in place of non-perishable staples, as are most seriously needed for our Army and our Allies. Second, by the elimination of all waste.

The Government has placed a great responsibility upon her women. 'Tis the greatest thing ever asked of them if we rail our country now, America may be lost! To the glory of our great cause let us organize our women for service!

### Will Meet at Fair Grounds.

At a meeting of the Executive Board, the last of July, plans were made for a meeting of all the Community units of the Granville County Woman's Committee, to be held August 31 at the Fair Grounds. At this meeting the chairmen of departments will be expected to make reports of all work accomplished or planned. An interesting program has been arranged, further notice of which will be given later. A basket lunch will be served and it is hoped that all who are interested will make an effort to be present.

Let it be the greatest meeting of patriotic womanhood ever held in Granville.

## DEATH IS WAR PENALTY

### Failure to Heed Summons of Exemption Boards Will Be Desertion.

A Washington special of August 6 states that registered persons who ignore summons from local boards to report for examination under the draft law are storing up grave trouble for themselves. A supplement to the regulations issued by the president makes this apparent.

Upon failure to report, or refusal of the person concerned will be forwarded to the proper authorities. The person will be notified that he is regarded as physically fit and held for the military service. If he continues to disobey the law to the extent of ignoring notice to proceed to the mobilization point, he is liable to punishment as a deserter, which in war time is death.

The procedure in such cases is gradual, but sure. The names of persons certified to district boards, who do not file claims within the time prescribed will be listed. Those who appear, or file claims, will have their names cancelled from the lists.

The district board will then forward the list to the adjutant general of the state stating that persons whose names are listed have been called for military service, have not responded, and have not been exempted or discharged.

The adjutant-general then will mail to those persons listed a notice informing him that he has been selected for military service, and ordering him to report for military service to the adjutant general within five days. From that time, the person notified is in the military service of the United States. Those who ignore this last summons are then posted to the adjutant general of the army. Procedure against them as deserters may then be started.

The only official notice received in Washington of disturbances was a telegram from the Governor of North Carolina saying that the registered men of two townships in that state might refuse in a body to comply with the summons for examination.

No official word came from Oklahoma, where the most serious situation prevails. It was believed the governor is confident that order can be restored without military aid. There will be no hesitation, however, in employing federal troops if they are needed.

### HELP WANTED.

### Stenographers and Typewriters and All Kind of Artisans and Laborers.

The Government is calling lustily for all kinds of help. Stenographers, typewriters are especially in demand at good wages. All the navy yards of the country are calling for skilled and unskilled laborers at good prices. The news papers and schools of the country are asked to supply this information to the public. If you want a job of any kind see Mr. Nelson M. Ferebee, secretary board of examiners at the Oxford postoffice.

### Patrolman Withdrawn.

We heard a tourist the other day complaining about the condition of the National Highway. "If I could find the patrolman I'd give him a piece of my mind," said the tourist. The fact is, the patrolmen were withdrawn some time ago, and the county commissioners have the National Highway under their supervision.

### Picture Show at Culbreth.

The National Bank of Granville will give a picture show in the grove at Culbreth school house next Saturday night. The proceeds from the sale of refreshments will be placed to the credit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Lawn Party

There will be a lawn party given at Salem church Saturday evening, August 11, from seven to eleven o'clock, for the benefit of the two missionary societies of the church. The public is cordially invited.

—There will be a meeting of the Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Oxford Library. A full attendance is especially urged as it is a meeting of importance.

—No man ever wasted the time he put into a beautiful lawn.

## THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL

### WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF SEPTEMBER.

### The New High School—Domestic Science—Congestion is Relieved—Rules Governing Promotion.

(BY PROF. GUY B. PHILLIPS)

The first Monday of next month the Oxford schools will begin the year that promises to be the most successful in the history of the schools. There are many reasons for this statement just at this time.

All over the country there comes the cry of hard and serious times just ahead and true to herself and children, Oxford is making every preparation to meet the strain that is coming now and in the near future. Following the example of the war stricken countries the schools are receiving more attention and money than ever before. Wise men see that in this place there should be no letting down because of financial reasons and the man set or set of men who oppose the educational progress of a community at such a period fail in their patriotic duty. Our boys and girls will soon be called upon to take positions of importance in the awakened nation that the war has helped to bring about. Patriotism of the highest type demands that no reasonable expense be spared in the education of the coming generation. Oxford and Granville county must assume the task willingly.

### New High School

The new High School building that has been purchased will be ready for use at the opening unless an unforeseen condition arises. The four High School grades will be placed in this building which will be as well equipped for school purposes as any residence can be. One half section of the first grade will be placed in the building also. The town will be divided into two equal districts from which the first grade children will be assigned to the separate buildings. There will be no transfer from one district to another for various personal reasons. Other cities make their districts and keep them. So can Oxford.

### Domestic Science.

There will be an elementary course for the girls of some of the High School grades in Domestic Science. Of course it will be very elementary until enough equipment can be obtained to do the work that must be

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### GET BUSY.

### The Oxford Tobacco Market Will Be in Full Blast in Less than Three Weeks.

The announcement that the Oxford Tobacco market will open Monday, September 3rd, brings good cheer. Realizing that good prices will prevail, all of the Oxford merchants are preparing to leave for the northern markets within the next ten days to lay in a fresh stock of goods.

The farmers in this section are quite busy cutting and curing their crop. Those who are in a position to know whereof they speak state that there is some splendid tobacco this year and that prices will range above that of recent years.

### Vital Statistics.

In her reports to the Board of Health Miss Virginia Carroll, vital statistician for the town of Oxford, reports 45 births and 22 deaths during the past six months.

### The August Moon.

Frizzled and fried all day are we, Frizzled and fried all day are we, Cold winter can't come too soon; Yet without summer there would be No glorious August moon.

### Gas on Tap.

The Acme Hardware Company has put a handsome filling station in front of their store for the accommodation of those who use gas.

### Commissioners Meet.

The county commissioners were in session Monday. The minutes of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

### Important Notice to Teachers

Notice has been received from the State Board of Institution Conductors that they will not be able to hold an Institute in Granville county this year. J. F. WEBB.