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SIDE-LIGHTS ON THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

If France takes back Alsace-Lorraine from Germany what will she get?

A strip of land as long as from Oxford to Richmond and as wide as from Oxford to Greensboro—say 145 miles by 105 miles.

A population slightly in excess of that in North Carolina of about 2,000,000.

A territory one-eighth the size of North Carolina.

The town of Strassburg with its 170,000 inhabitants.

A territory which produces \$15,000,000 of Government revenue in a year.

A fine farming country in part and rich mines in other parts.

A population which is over two-thirds Catholic in its religion.

If France gets Alsace-Lorraine away from Germany it will find 1,700,000 people who speak German and only 300,000 who speak French as their mother tongue.

This is largely due to the fact that Germany has enforced the teaching of the German language for more than forty years.

About 1,250 miles of railroad, of which over 1,100 miles are owned by the State of Alsace-Lorraine.

Before the war there were 66,000 more men than women in Alsace-Lorraine.

The Romans ruled this territory for 500 years and any schoolboy who reads Caesar knows about that part of Gaul.

Alsace-Lorraine was part of Charlemagne's empire.

About 260 years ago France took this territory from its German rulers. In 1871 Germany took it back from France.

One of the French tragedies of the war of 1870 occurred in that region. Marshal Bazaine shut up his own army of about 180,000 men in the fortified town of Metz and then surrendered it in toto to the Germans. He was accused of treason by the French, sentenced to be shot, but was only sent to prison.

When Bismarck snatched Alsace-Lorraine it was worth over \$1,000,000,000 or twice what the war of 1870 had cost Germany in cash.

Today it is worth several times that sum.

When Germany took Alsace-Lorraine forty-six years ago, 45,000 of the inhabitants moved over into France rather than remain in their old homes under Prussian domination.

It is a striking fact that in 1879 the German population in Alsace-Lorraine fought as firece as the Frenchmen against the German invasion and conquest. The German people in Alsace preferred a French to a German ruler.

SIX MILLION MEN

TOTALS GERMANY'S LOSS.

Germany lost 6,000,000 men in three years of war, according to the declaration made in the Reichstag by the Independent Socialist, Ledebour. A report of his speech, reaching Washington through Switzerland, states that, contemplating the prospects, the Socialist leader said: "You have not, evidently, gentlemen, an exact conception of what war means. We have had 1,500,000 dead; three of four million wounded, of whom 500,000 are crippled for life, and two million absolutely invalided. That makes it altogether, six million men lost during three years."

It is stated that official information confirmatory of these figures have been in possession of American officials for some time.

Fine Horses Arrive.

Mr. Lennie Smith, who has just returned from Richmond, states that the car load of horses and mules he purchased for the Lyon-Winston Company is most satisfactory that he ever purchased. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

Chrysanthemum Show.

The ladies have decorated the Armory attractively for the Chrysanthemum show, which is being held this Friday and Saturday. There will be the usual good things to eat, pretty fancy work and the Chrysanthemums, a feast for the eye. A pleasant time awaits all who attend.

RED CROSS WORK

The local Chapter Adds Seventy Names to the Roll.

The Red Cross Committee at the Granville Fair last week was successful in collecting something over seven dollars.

New Members.

The following names have been added to the rolls since the last list was published in September:

L. G. Brodie, C. G. Royster, W. S. Gooch, F. B. Daniel, M. L. Mayes, Mrs. E. C. Harris, W. T. Murray, D. M. Thomason, E. O. Freeman, Mrs. L. H. Knott, Mrs. R. M. Ray, Mrs. G. Royster, T. L. Heffin, Mrs. E. A. Hunt, G. T. Pittard, Mrs. Mary Gooch, W. E. Lloyd, Mrs. D. McIver, Willie Hart, Dora Overton, Hubert Currin, S. W. Parker, W. C. Critcher, Mrs. W. U. Pitts, Roy Preddy, Mrs. Alex Baker, J. A. Morris, Mary W. Allen, G. W. Royster, Mary J. Renn, Herbert Gregory, Mrs. E. T. Allen, R. A. Norwood, E. N. Clement, O. C. Jenkins, J. L. Parker, E. B. Pruitt, E. L. Clement, Vivian Currin, T. C. Rogers, J. M. Roberts, W. A. McFarland, J. F. Cottrell, P. B. Farmer, L. R. Averett, C. H. Cheatham, Sidney Currin, E. Washington, L. H. Bowling, Sallie W. Pittard, G. Hobgood, L. E. Clement, V. A. Cheatham, E. B. Meadows, Ben Thorpe, W. D. Bryan, Jr., Lewis Jones, V. T. Cheatham, Hugh Bryan, Will Fleming, Mrs. H. Lyon, Clara Kennedy, J. L. Parham, H. M. Turner,

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of \$2.00 from Mr. C. W. Watkins. It is hoped that other citizens of the County will follow the example of Mr. Pleasant and help the Red Cross Chapter meet the demands being made upon it for the comfort and relief of the soldiers and sailors who will represent us in the Army and Navy.

PATRIOTIC AND WORTHY CAUSE

Granville County Soldiers' and Sailors Fund.

Send all donations to Major Will Landis, at Landis & Easton's, Oxford, and the same will be acknowledged by the Public Ledger.

Contributions.

Will Landis	\$5.00
Public Ledger	1.00
R. C. T.	1.00
Frank B. Hays	1.00
Miss Lucile O'Brien	.50
Len H. Knott	1.00
Dr. N. C. Daniel	1.00
W. A. King	1.00
Mrs. A. Chapman	1.00
Frank H. Gregory	1.00
Mrs. Cam M. Easten	1.00
Mrs. Elijah Crews	1.00
L. T. Williford	1.00
J. T. Britt	1.00
L. L. Sizemore (Clarksville)	1.00
Mr. Lee Clement	1.00
Mrs. Goodridge Wilson	1.00
Mrs. L. de la Croix	1.00
Frank Smith	1.00
Joe Pittman	1.00
Mrs. Grissom Hicks	.50
Leroy L. Crews	1.00
Browning School	10.00
John A. Williams	1.00
Mrs. Sam H. Jones	1.00
Charles S. Easton	1.00
S. V. Morton	1.50
D. G. Brummitt	5.00
E. E. Hicks	.50
Dr. G. S. Watkins	1.00
J. J. Paris	1.00

MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION

If Judas Had Deposited His Thirty Pieces of Silver in a Jerusalem Bank.

We speak as familiarly of a billion dollars as we might of our wives' relations.

But did you ever take a pencil and paper and figure out just what a billion dollars means?

If on that day when Judas took his thirty pieces of silver he had put a dollar of it in a Jerusalem bank he might have started a billion dollar fund.

Had somebody else added a dollar to that fund every minute, day and night, of every year of the nineteen centuries since Judas's day how much would be in bank today?

Only a shade over a round billion dollars!

Just thing of it! Dropping one dollar upon a pile of silver dollars every minute since the Crucifixion would make only a billion today.

OXFORD ENTHUSIASTIC FOR THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

Senator Bankhead and Pathfinders Pleased With Lay of the Land in Granville.

MR. JOHN WEBB, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL BANKHEAD HIGHWAY COMMITTEE, HAS CALLED A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THIS FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE COURT HOUSE. A GILT EDGE PROPOSITION AWAITS THE ACTION OF THE CITIZENS. THE MEMBERS OF THE BANKHEAD COMMITTEE MUST BE PRESENT.

The pathfinders traveling from Washington City to Atlanta with a view of locating the Bankhead Highway, which is to be a military road, arrived in Oxford Wednesday evening at half-past six o'clock and were met by an enthusiastic gathering of men and ladies in the court house, where the highway party expressed pleasure at being in our midst.

The following citizens left about the noon hour for Clarksville to escort the pathfinders to Oxford, who were expected to arrive here at four o'clock in the afternoon, but they were nearly three hours late owing to the fact that some one over in Virginia misdirected the pathfinders. The escort from Clarksville were as follows:

Col. H. G. Cooper, A. H. Powell, Dr. E. T. White, D. G. Brummitt, W. A. Graham, Jr., C. D. Ray, B. W. Parham, Mayor Mitchell, C. A. Upchurch, W. C. Mitchell, J. R. Hall, T. G. Currin, A. A. Hicks, Harvey Bullock, S. M. Wheeler and possibly others.

Pathfinders.

The highway party traveling from Washington to Atlanta left Washington early Tuesday morning and stopped in Richmond Tuesday night. In the party were:

Senator J. H. Bankhead, Congressman E. Y. Webb, ex-Congressman T. S. Plowman, president of the Bankhead National Highway Association; J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Bankhead National Highway Association; John Olive La Gorce, chairman of the Pathfinders Commission and editor of the National Geographic Journal; M. O. Eldridge, United States office of Public Roads and member of the Pathfinders Commission; A. S. Batchelder, member executive committee, A. A. A. and member of Pathfinders Commission; Ernest Coler, American Morotrist; C. E. Ireland, assistant secretary Bankhead National Highway Association; Mrs. Ruth Kramer, member woman's board, United States Good Road Association; Miss Selene Rountree, Birmingham; Col. Benahan Cameron, of Raleigh; C. M. Vanstony, member of board of directors of Bankhead National Highway Association and W. S. Fallist, State Highway Engineer. Congressman Webb, who was with the party in Richmond fell out of the line at DeWitt, Va., and went by Durham.

Enthusiasm Runs High.

There was never a more genuine enthusiasm displayed in Oxford than there was at the court house during the half hour the tourist were here. Mr. John Webb, chairman of the local Bankhead Highway Association, was master of ceremonies. Several enthusiastic speeches were made. The fine streets of Oxford came in for much praise.

Col. Benahan Cameron Present. That good old friend of Granville, the Hon. Benahan Cameron, was very enthusiastic. Much depends on his influence and judgement. It is positively known that he favors the route through Oxford and he does not hesitate to speak out in favor of a direct line across Granville to Raleigh. Granville has a mighty good friend at court in the person of Col. Cameron, who is one of the most influential and wise good roads men in the United States.

Senator Bankhead, who is traveling with the committee stated from the platform that he has nothing to do with the location of the highway that bears his name, but if I did, said the Senator, I don't see how it could miss Oxford.

The pathfinders left Oxford at a quarter past seven o'clock and took a straight shoot for Raleigh via Fairport and Franklinton. They arrived in Raleigh one hour and thirty minutes after leaving Oxford and enjoyed a huge banquet given in their honor.

Capt. Blair, the road man, has accepted a position with the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company. He will probably be assigned to work at Louisburg.

ADDITIONAL NAMES CERTIFIED TO LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD.

Four More Registrants Who Have Not Been Exempted or Discharged. The District Board for Eastern North Carolina, at Goldsboro, this week certified the following names to the Granville County Exemption Board, and the same is posted at the Court House:

VICTOR C. ROBERTS, white, ERNEST MORROW, colored, GARLAND R. DANIEL, white, HUBERT A. HIGHT, white.

PROPERTY DAMAGED BY STORM

Home of Mr. W. D. Bryan Damaged By Falling Chimney.

During the storm last Tuesday morning the chimney at the north end of Mr. W. D. Bryan's residence on Raleigh street toppled over on the roof and tore its way through. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The top of one of the chimneys on the old home of Mr. F. W. Hancock, on Hancock street, now occupied by Mr. W. D. Rieves, fell on the roof, inflicting slight damage.

The cold wave that visited this section immediately following the wind storm, came from the west. Snow is reported to have fallen over the Asheville plateau Tuesday morning to the depth of one inch. Cold wave warnings were displayed from New York as far south as Florida.

A QUIET MARRIAGE.

Mr. P. W. Knott Claims Handsome Bride.

Miss Lonie, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. T. S. Averett became the happy bride of Mr. P. W. Knott at the home of her father on Route 1, Wednesday night last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. T. Tunstall in the presence of a number of close friends to the contracting parties. A sumptuous supper followed the wedding.

GRANVILLE COUNTY COLORED FAIR.

The Colored People of the County Make Spinedid Showing.

The colored people of Granville are to be commended for the interest manifested in the fair. All parts of the county were well represented both days—Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The exhibits were very good, and in some instances were equal or surpassed the display of those at the Granville County Fair last week. The household articles were very nice, but live stock is not all that it should be.

TOBACCO TIPS.

The State of the Tobacco Market is Fine.

We might write a whole column about the high price of tobacco, but we would not say half as much as is crowded into the announcement of Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, on the fourth page of this paper.

Also notice the announcement of Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, proprietor of the Banner Warehouse on the second page of this paper.

BIG SALE AT CALTOLINA FARM.

On Wednesday, November 14th—Rare Opportunity.

They are going to have a public auction at Caltolina Farm on Wednesday, November 14th, and this will be a splendid opportunity for the farmers to profit. Hogs, shoats and pigs in plenty and farm implements and machinery in abundance. Everything that Mr. Calton handles is worth its weight in gold. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

Lieutenant Charles E. Critcher, medical officer reserve corps, writes his father, Mr. C. M. Critcher of his safe arrival at his camp near Leeds, England. The transport on which he crossed the sea was one of the eleven ships that traveled in close proximity to each other with an ample escort. No submarine was sighted.

Colored Boy Gets Turkey.

One of the funniest incidents in connection with the colored fair was the manner in which the colored people went after the turkeys and chickens liberated by Horner Bros. Company from the top of their building on Hillsboro street Wednesday and Thursday. A colored boy captured one of the turkeys and administered a hundred kisses to its red bill in rapid succession, saying all the while that "you sho is my meat, you iz."

STEM NEWS LETTER

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Box Supper Success

The box party held at Culbreth School building Saturday night was a pronounced success, the attendance being large and the young people in a "buying notion." Mr. W. T. Currin, of Culbreth, president of the Community Club, of that vicinity, acted as auctioneer in the sale of boxes and no doubt has missed his calling in not being on the warehouse floors utilizing his natural gift in this line. The contest for the cake was close but Miss Mary Bowling was declared the winner, the prize box of candy selling for the neat sum of \$30.80. The whole proceeds of the party amounted to \$63.20 which will be used for the improvement and furnishing of the school building.

Revival at Creedmoor.

The revival meeting at Creedmoor Methodist church closed Sunday and resulted in three additions to the church by confession of faith, and a spiritual awakening of the membership. Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood of the Raleigh District was present the last three days and delivered sermons of great power. Rev. B. H. Black, pastor of the church is accomplishing a great work in this new charge, and is greatly beloved by his membership.

All-Day Meeting

Providence permitting, there will be an all day service at Gooch's Hall in Stem, on Thanksgiving Day. Services to begin at 10 o'clock. Elders Gold, Hooks, Coats, and others are expected to be present.

Pack-House Burned

On last Friday night about the midnight hour, Mr. Frank Meadows of Route 2, was awakened by a call of "fire", his pack-house being rapidly devoured by flames which are thought to have originated from fire used in his ordering house by Enoch Williams, a colored tenant, that afternoon. A few of the neighbors quickly gathered and saved about three hundred pounds of tobacco which was badly damaged in the

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THE THEFT OF A FUR MUFF.

Shop Lifters Are Operatnig In Oxford.

Last Wednesday a small insignificant looking colored girl smuggled a handsome fur muff from the store of Perkinson-Green Company.

The theft was immediately reported to Chief I. H. Hobgood, who took up the trail and found the girl at the Colored Fair.

"That's a very pretty muff you have there," remarked Chief Hobgood, addressing the girl.

"Yes," answered the girl with a sheepish look, "I done bought it at Kaplon's store."

"Perkinson-Green had one just like it," ventured Chief Hobgood.

"I don't know nuffin about Perkinson-Green, I don't," said the girl.

The Chief recovered the muff which was identified by Perkinson-Green as being their property, and the girl was sent to the county jail to await a hearing at the Granville County Superior Court next week.

FIRST SHELLS OF AMERICANS.

Indiana and Georgia Sharde the Honors of Firing First Shots.

The International News Service says that Indiana and Georgia divided the honor of having inaugurated America's warfare on land against the Germans.

A sergeant from South Bend, Ind., pulled the lanyard to send the first shell tearing across the valley in the direction of the German positions at 6:15 the morning of October 23.

A lieutenant from Georgia gave the order to "fire."

The remainder of the shells sent that morning by this particular battery across no man's land under the direction of a lieutenant from Indiana.

The Open Season.

Thursday being the opening day of the hunting season, several of the crack shots of Oxford went forth in quest of quail and wild turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis and grand-daughter, Lillian Baird; Mrs. Sallie Morris and daughter, Elizabeth and Mr. J. O. Overcash, of Roxboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Street.