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THE WHOLE COUNTRY EXPERIENCED A BIG SHAKE-UP

General B. S. Royster Will Prosecute All Violators in Granville.

THE PENALTY.

The penalty for refusing to obey the Garfield closing order is defined as follows: "Under Section 24 of the Lever act, which authorizes this order, whoever shall with knowledge violate or refuse to conform to the regulations is punishable by a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years, or both. "Under Section 17 any person who willfully interferes with any agent of the United States in the enforcement of this order is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or one year in prison, or both."

When the industrial world waked to the full importance of the Fuel Administrator's action last Thursday it experienced the biggest shaking up it has experienced in the history of the country.

The experience is one of vaster magnitude than had been dreamed of as possible of being faced by the people, but it is not that, perhaps, so much as its newness and the suddenness with which it was sprung upon the country that is responsible for the depth of the agitation. Perhaps after we try it out we may like it better than might have been supposed.

Important as would be the saving of coal resulting from this drastic action of the fuel administrator, the indirect results would probably be just as important in the long run. If there were plenty of coal at the mines for all the unusual and unprecedented needs of the country, the transportation problem would render that supply valueless. As a matter of fact it is more a problem of transportation than actual coal shortage that is causing the trouble now.

Six weeks ago President Wilson stated that he was alarmed because the people of the rural districts were not awakened to the fact that this country is in a gigantic struggle. The empty oil cans in the rural districts and the absolute cessation of all business activities on Mondays for the next ten weeks will help impress upon the public the gravity of the situation more than any other one thing.

Gen. Royster Will Prosecute. Gen. B. S. Royster told the Public Ledger Saturday that it was not his business as fuel administrator of Granville county to advise one way or the other as to the observance of Dr. Garfield's ruling.

"Any person, firm, association or corporation which violates or refuses to conform to these regulations may be liable to the penalty prescribed in the act of Congress," said General Royster, "and it would be my duty to prosecute all such persons."

A Loyal People.

There has been on attempt on the part of any person, firm, association or corporation here to violate the ruling. The Imperial Tobacco plant and the W. A. Adams Company closed for the five days specified in the ruling. Some other industrial plants here are using saw dust and shavings to get up steam.

The County Offices Not Closed.

Mr. E. C. Harris, chairman of the County Board, was in consultation here Saturday with other county officials and attorneys with a view of closing the county offices every Monday during the ten weeks, but this was not made effective.

MR. L. F. SMITH SICK.

Popular Hotel Man Not Expected to Live.

Mr. Lonnie F. Smith, the popular proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, is a very sick man and his death is momentarily expected. He was taken to his bed last week with pneumonia and complications and has since been attended by local physicians and Dr. Booker, of Durham.

His two daughters—Miss Willie Lee Smith, of the college faculty, Greenville, S. C., and Miss Daisey, a student in Baltimore, are at the bedside of their father.

MERCHANTS MUST REDUCE PRICE OF SUGAR TO 10 CENTS

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page announces the following regulations with regard to the retailing of sugar:

"The maximum retail price allowed on sugar from this date is 10 cents a pound. Retail merchants who have purchased sugar on such basis that they have not a reasonable profit within this price may appeal to the Food Administration, stating cost price in detail, but none of these shall sell above 10 cents a pound unless they have the written specific permission of the Food Administration.

"Until further notice sugar must not be sold to city of town consumers in quantities in excess of five pounds nor to consumers in the rural districts in quantities in excess of ten pounds.

"Any merchant refusing to conform to these rulings will invite prompt action by the Food Administration."

WAR FLOUR WILL BE ON SALE HERE SOON.

No Longer the Pure White Flour to Make the Biscuits For Breakfast.

Local merchants say they are advised that the next consignment of flour received in Oxford will be "war flour," and it will be a better article. The new flour will contain more wheat and the shorts and the middlings and the bran and the what not erstwhile chucked out of the flour will be left, and will be more wholesome.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

In Co-operation With the State Department of Agriculture.

There will be a farmer's institute held at Enon Tuesday February 5, and at Wilton, Wednesday, Feb. 6. There will be held at the same time and place a woman's institute conducted by Miss Laura M. Wingfield, district agent, Home Demonstration work.

TEN PER CENT. MORE PORK.

Farmers Should Be Willing to Make Money and Help Feed the Soldiers.

If every farmer in North Carolina would only add one sow more to his herd of swine this year over what he had last year, the State would easily fill and exceed the 10 per cent. increase in pork production, asked for by the National Department of Agriculture.

This request to farmers to voluntarily accept an opportunity to make more money for themselves and at the same time to aid in feeding our soldiers in the trenches is quite a contrast to what the young men of our country are called upon to do in giving up their home ties to go to the front and do the real fighting.

THEATRES WIN THEIR FIGHT.

Amusement Places Will Be Closed on Tuesdays Instead of on Mondays.

Theatres and other places of public amusement have won their fight for an amendment to the fuel administration's Monday closing order and got permission to close on Tuesdays instead.

Dr. Garfield readily complied with the request in view of the fact that the theatres, especially the moving picture houses, are contributing large sums to win the war.

The Orpheum—Oxford's high-toned place of amusement—will be closed Tuesday nights instead of Monday nights.

See announcement on another page of this paper.

Attending Auto Show.

Mr. Frank E. Youngs, local distributor of the Kline Car, is attending the automobile show in Richmond this week. Watch the columns of the Public Ledger for startling and pleasing news regarding the Kline Car.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS.

If you have not paid your 1917 State and County Taxes please call at office and do so now. I must collect now to meet demands being made upon me daily.

Statements will be mailed you, upon request. S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff Granville County.

RUSSIA STILL AT IT— WANTS CONFERENCE OF ENTENTE ALLIES CALLED.

"All know that the decision in this war will be on the Western Front—Russia Can Act As a Magnet to Draw German Forces and Prevent Their Being Thrown Over to the Western Front."

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—M. Tchernoff, elected chairman of the constituent assembly by the Social Revolutionists, declared today that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the Entente Allies to consider war aims.

A Colloquy.

M. Tchernoff granted an interview to the correspondent during the midnight recess.

"What do you think of the situation?" he was asked.

"Do you think the Bolsheviwi will dissolve the constituent assembly?" "No," said the chairman, "I do not think they will do that before the congress of the Workmen's and Soldier's Deputies assembles. In the meantime they will try to find a way out of their embarrassment and continue their secession."

"You desire to discuss peace first. What is your program regarding that question?"

"Our party's position on the question of peace is that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the Entente Allies to consider the aims of the war. We expect that at such a conference they would try to harmonize them with the democratic principles of the Russian revolution."

Russia Not Out of It.

"Do you think Russian can continue the war if Germany refuses peace on democratic terms?" M. Tchernoff was asked. He replied:

"Everybody says that Russia can't fight because of the extreme state of disorganization. All know that the decision in this war will be on the western front. But Russia can act as a magnet to draw German forces and prevent their being thrown over to the western front. The Russian army may retreat, but in doing so, will benefit the Allies by diverting the Germans deeper into Russian territory, which would be no gain for them."

At this stage the interview was interrupted by several members of the constituent assembly who urged the chairman to resume the session.

YOUR BLOOD AND YOUR MONEY.

You would not tie a cord around your arm and stop the circulation of your blood. You would paralyze your arm and start decay.

Then do not tie a cord about your purse to stop the circulation of your money. You will paralyze business and invite panic, for which there is no cause.

BUREAU BUSINESS AFFAIRS

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET—NO SALES MONDAY.

Market Will Close For the Season Thursday, February 28.

Imbued with a sense of patriotism, the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade at a meeting held in the Johnson Warehouse last week, voted to discontinue sales on Monday during the remainder of the season. The sales for the remainder of the season will be confined to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week, up to and including Thursday, February 28th, on which date the Board of Trade voted to close for the season.

Entertainment Postponed.

The Odd Fellows' entertainment announced for this Tuesday night has been postponed. Arrangements had been made to serve supper at the Exchange Hotel, but owing to the extreme illness of Mr. Smith, the proprietor, the entertainment is deferred until a date to be announced later.

BETTER SALARY FOR THE SCHOOL TEACHERS DEMANDED

Conference of Educational Leaders Approves Campaign to Save the Schools.

At a conference of forty representative educational leaders of North Carolina, held in the office of State Superintendent Joyner last week, plans were formulated to inaugurate a State-wide campaign for the maintenance, at full efficiency, and improvement of the public schools of the State. The report of the special and executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, looking to an increase in salary for the teachers, was unanimously adopted.

To Levy Special Tax.

This report recommends that the county superintendents and county boards of education increase their salary schedule next year and then call upon the county commissioners to levy a special tax sufficient to take care of the school with the increased salaries. It suggests, also, that the county boards of education advise teachers now in service that their salaries will be increased in order that the more efficient ones may be retained.

How You May Help.

Besides recommending a special tax levy the report says "There should be a general saving in order to put as much into the salaries of the teachers as possible. If the people of the rural districts would furnish the wood and some other necessary incidentals the amount saved could go into the teacher's salary."

For Six Month's School.

"There should be a vigorous campaign," this report continues, "in order to get the people to ratify the constitutional amendment which will be voted upon next November that provides for a six months school instead of the present provision of the constitution for four months."

Campaign Inaugurated.

In order to bring these things before the people of the State, Superintendent Joyner has drafted a definite campaign which was approved by the conference.

SHEEP-KILLING DOGS.

A Good Lady in Granville Speaks Of Her Experience.

Editor Public Ledger— I wish you could get a convention of the sheep raising farmers of the county to meet and see if something cannot be done about dogs. I have had one of my fine Mariano sheep killed and another injured by dogs. There are people around me who keep dogs, not one, but many and turn them loose on my farm to get their living on my rabbits and birds and incidentally my sheep. Sheep are one, if not the most profitable things a farmer can grow. The wool is needed for the country and the lambs sell well, and the fertilizer they put on a farm is well worth their keep. We have one of the greatest countries for sheep raising in the world and yet nothing can be done, on account of the worthless dogs people are allowed to keep. It is time to call a halt on dogs.

A law might be passed requiring people to keep their dogs on their own land. Keep agitating the subject in your paper until something is done. This is from an injured sheep grower. Will there ever be relief from this evil. W.

SERT. GOOCH TO WED.

Oxford's Popular Athlete Will Go To Wake Forest for Bride.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holding, of Wake Forest announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Hart, to Lee C. Gooch, the wedding to take place in February.

Miss Holding is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holding. She is a pretty and winsome member of the younger set in Wake Forest. During the fall term she was popular as a student at Peace Institute.

Mr. Gooch, whose native town is Oxford, is well remembered at Wake Forest as a popular athlete. Since leaving college he has successfully engaged in the tobacco business and made good as an athlete in Philadelphia and as manager of the Raleigh team. He is now first sergeant of the 322 Infantry at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

THE PRICE OF FLOUR.

No One Permitted to Buy More Than One-Half of Barrel. "State Food Administrator Henry A. Page announces that from this date the maximum price that may be charged for flour at retail sale is \$12.50 per barrel. "Merchants are forbidden to sell flour to town or city customers in quantities in excess of one-half barrel and to rural customers in quantities in excess of one barrel. "Any violation of those ruling upon the part of the retailers will invite prompt action by the Food Administration."

RECALLS ECONOMY OF 1864.

Hardships of Today Trivial in Comparison with Civil War Times.

Let the persons who think wheatless and meatless days are a hardship listen to the venerable men and women whose memory takes them back to the Civil War.

Roasted barley, parched corn, chicory roots and even dandelion roots, dried and roasted, were used as coffee substitutes. White or granulated sugars were a rarity, and only on the table for company. Brown sugar and old fashioned black molasses were used for sweetening. Honey, apple butter, fruit jams and even lard were used as substitutes for butter.

The papers of that day emphasized the fact that coffee and tea were more nutritious when used without milk.

THE PROPER ATTITUDE.

The Oxford Merchants Will Close Mondays During the Period Suggested.

The position taken by the Oxford merchants to close their places of business altogether on Mondays during the period suggested by the fuel administration is certainly in keeping with the spirit that should prevail. A strict interpretation of the order would allow the merchants to open their stores for business, but would not allow them to use any fuel for heating purposes on Mondays.

The closing of the stores will remove the possibility of evasion of the order, should there be a merchant in Oxford who might be inclined to do so. But what is more important still, the closing program will impress upon the public more than any other one thing the gravity of the present situation. Open stores would mean some business, but not enough to justify the clerks running the risk of pneumonia of colds in remaining in the heatless places of business.

WEATHER HARD ON HOGS.

There Is a Scarcity of Pork This Winter in Granville.

In some sections of Granville there is a scarcity of pork this winter. For various and sundry reasons, the people did not raise quite as many hogs in 1917 as they have in some previous years. If the reports which come to us are true, the winter has been a hard one so far and hogs have not fattened as well as in other years. Again there has been a great scarcity in the pea crop and the farmers have felt that it would not pay to feed high priced corn to hogs. These are some of the reasons that there is a seemingly scarcity.

Probably there will be more bacon offered on the Oxford market next Summer than it now appears will be. The farmers in northern and western Granville, it is said, have the usual supply of meat.

Painfully Hurt.

While operating a machine at the Gooch Machine Shop last week, Mr. Willie Glascock had the misfortune to lose four fingers on his left hand. The thumb was not damaged, but the fingers were severed at the third joint. He was attended by Doctors Watkins and Thomas and is on the road to recovery.

Announcement.

Dr. S. J. Finch, dentist, wishes to announce that he has located in the Brown building, and that his services will be available on and after the 28th of this month.