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## GERMANY IS NEARING THE FINAL TEST

TREMENDOUS COUNTER-BLOW IS EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED SOON BY THE ALLIED ARMIES.

Of the 1,500,000 Germans Engaged in the Western Drive. Five Hundred Thousand Were Slaughtered and Only a Quarter of a Million Are Now Fit for Combat—In Their Weakened Condition the Combined Strength of England, France, Italy, Portugal and the United States Will Be Launched With a Weapon Newly Forged and Edged to Razor Fineness.

The stretch of the great German offensive in France is apparently fast diminishing. On the eighth day of the titanic battle there were strong indications that the enemy was feeling materially the strain he had undergone and that his power had been greatly impaired through hard usage.

While the French have been compelled to give ground in the face of greatly superior numbers, the British have repulsed heavy attacks, both north and south of the Somme and also driven the Germans who forded the stream Wednesday. The fighting still continues of a sanguinary character on all these sectors, but everywhere the British and French are holding the enemy. Especially severe has been the fighting west of Albert, where the Germans, in an endeavor to debouch westward were repulsed by Field Marshal Haig's men with the heaviest casualties.

### THE COUNTRYSIDE REDEVASTATED.

The effects of what was to have been the final stroke to end war in a victory for the Teutons are only too plainly evident in the redevastation of the countryside and the wreck and ruin of the towns, villages and hamlets through which the armies have passed.

Westward from where the old battle line reared itself the Germans everywhere have pushed forward for material gains, but with the greatest bravery and stubbornness and ceded no ground unless recompensed at unscrupulous rates in men killed, wounded or made prisoners. It is estimated that in the great attacks delivered in mass formation more than 400,000 of the nearly a million men the German threw into the fray are dead, wounded or in the hands of their foes.

About 25 miles represents the greatest point of penetration made at any place by the enemy in his advance, and on the northern and southern ends of the big salient has left his flanks dangerously open to counter-attacks, which, if successful, possibly might result in a retreat greater than the 1916, retrograde movement of Von Hindenburg and nullify in its entirety the drive that has been accomplished.

It is not improbable that British and French reserves, and possibly American troops, known to be behind the battle front soon will be thrown against the weakened enemy.

### Line Nowhere Broken.

Notwithstanding the strength of the German drive, nowhere has the British or French front, along the latter of which American troops have given a good account of their ability as fighters, been even dented. Ground has been given, it is true, but so skillfully and with such precision of movement that from north to south a surveyor scarcely could have worked out a more even line. Still intact in the hands of the allied forces and portions of the old line from which Hindenburg fell back in his "strategic" retirement in 1916.

Just who is in command of the German forces seems to be somewhat in doubt. Late dispatches report that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been at Dvinsk, in the Russian theater, and German war correspondents assert that General von Ludendorff not only planned the offensive but was on the ground last Friday personally to control the attack.

### Over Million in Fight.

WASHINGTON, March 28.

For the first time the office of the British military attache in Washington consented to sum up the news of the great German drive. The figures themselves tell a startling tale. British losses in killed, wounded and missing have been less than 100,000 men.

The German losses have been from three to five times that number. The great allied strategic reserve, it is known definitely, has not been thrown into the fray yet.

Germany has employed, it is estimated, 1,250,000 men. Of these Brigadier General J. D. McLachlan, British military attache, says only about 250,000 are now fit for combat.

It is not yet certain that all of the German reserve has been employed. When it has the allied counter offensive will be launched—launched with a weapon newly forged, edged to razor fineness and backed by the combined strengths of England, France, Italy, Portugal and the United States.

Full knowledge of what Germany's reserve consists of is in the hands of the allied war lords. As each division has been hurled into the hell of machine gun bullets it has been identified.

### Russians Assist Huns.

Among the new divisions identified on the German front, the War Department is advised, are four which have been brought back from Russia.

### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION — MASONIC LODGE

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the proclamation of the Grand Master of the State of North Carolina, a special communication of Oxford Lodge No. 396 will be held on Monday night, April 8th. This communication is called for the purpose of considering the duties of Masons in the present emergency. All Masons in good standing in Granville County are especially invited to attend this meeting, and all members of the Oxford Lodge are requested to be present. A special program is being prepared and it is hoped that Past Grand Master S. M. Gatis will be present. B. W. PARHAM, Master. I. N. HOWARD, Secretary. Oxford Lodge No. 396 A. F. & A. M.

**Valuable Public Servant.**  
The valuable services of our County Demonstrator is much in evidence at the present time, especially among the gardeners of Oxford. He was in Oxford a few hours Wednesday and many called on him for information regarding the preparation of land, or how and when and what to plant. He usually visited the land and examined it before giving advice.

### OVER TWO MILLION ARE IN CLASS ONE.

Eight Hundred Thousand Men To Be Drawn From This Class.

Approximately 2,500,000 draft registrants have been put in class one under the questionnaire system of reclassification, according to nearly complete reports to the provost marshal general's office.

If congress passes the bill allowing the apportionment to be made on the basis of the same number of men in class one virtually all of the 800,000 registrants to be called under the second draft will come from the first class. Only such technical men and industrial workers as are not available among the registrants in the first class will come the first class. Only such technical men and industrial workers as are not available among the registrants in the first class will be called from the deferred classifications.

### Arrives in France.

The parents of Sergeant Winfield Taylor, of the Marine Corps, were advised from Washington Thursday of his safe arrival in a French port. Sergeant Taylor won distinction while in camp as a sharpshooter.

### RUMORED THAT LOCAL S. A. L. TRAINS WILL BE TAKEN OFF.

The Southern Road, It is Said, Will Do all the Work Between Oxford and Henderson.

The rumor that Director General McAdoo intends to abolish all trains between Oxford and Dickerson is unconfirmed, but well informed railroad men in Oxford and Henderson inform the Public Ledger that such a curtailment is daily expected. Railroad men see in the rumor a considerable saving to the government if the scheme is put into effect.

It would be well for committees to investigate the rumor. Oxford is now somewhat isolated from the outside world and the delivery of freight and mail is none too good. Director General McAdoo should be fully advised before he takes the step that will paralyze our activities.

### COLORED MEN IN LINE FOR CAMP GRANT.

An Interesting Program in Their Honor.

Under the auspices of the Colored Auxiliary of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the sixty colored drafted men scheduled to leave Oxford for Camp Grant Saturday, March 30th, will be entertained at Mary Potter School this Friday afternoon. Appropriate exercises and addresses, dealing with the conduct and respectability of the colored soldier will be rendered. The occasion will be enlivened with patriotic music. Following the exercises there will be social functions in honor of the drafted men in different parts of the town. Army Testaments have been purchased and will be presented to the men.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Roosevelt Satterwhite, Colored, Arrested and Discharged.

One week ago Gus Lewis, a colored boy, was struck on the head by Roosevelt Satterwhite, colored. Lewis died Wednesday evening last and the arrest of Satterwhite followed. The sick boy was attended by Dr. Anderson, colored. Dr. Thomas, coroner, assisted by Dr. Anderson, examined the brain of the dead boy Thursday morning and found that Lewis was a victim of a cancer of the brain.

The findings of the coroner removed the suspicion of murder lodged against Satterwhite, but he is held on another charge.

### RED CROSS WORK.

The Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross gratefully acknowledged the following donations:

Satterfield School \$17.00; Third Grade, Miss Bigg's division, Oxford \$1.23.

### New Members.

Mrs. B. F. Taylor, Miss Bessie Fuller, Route 1, Hester.

### Clothing Committee.

The committee appointed to solicit clothing and shoes for the Belgian sufferers met with very generous response. Many serviceable garments filled the two large cases which were shipped Tuesday.

### Shipments.

The following shipment was made by this Chapter Tuesday: 55 suits pajamas; 10 pairs bed socks; 18 bed shirts; 12 wash cloths; 175 triangular bandages; 15 many tailed bandages; 35 abdominal bandages; 65 T bandages; 30 four tailed bandages.

### Knitted Goods Shipped.

29 pairs socks; 4 pairs wristlets; 1 helmet; 10 sweaters; 6 mufflers; 1 ambulance robe. Total value of knitted goods. \$148.75.

### GRANVILLE COUNTY COTTON.

There Was Considerable Decrease in the 1917 Crop.

Granville makes no claim of being a cotton producing county, yet it is interesting to note that it produces less cotton when the price is high than it does when the price is low.

According to the report of Sam L. Rogers, of the Department of Commerce, issued March 20, there were 1058 bales ginned in Granville of the 1917 crop, as against 1363 ginned the previous year.

### Important Notice.

The ministers of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches announce that the services on Easter and succeeding days will be conducted according to the hours provided by the new law passed by Congress. This they do first of all as a simple, patriotic duty and also to be in line with the time observed throughout the nation.

The plan is simply this: before to bed Saturday night turn your clock and watches up one hour and go to church next day by them.

### OXFORD COMPANY TO MOVE TO THE FRONT.

E Company, 120th infantry (which went from Oxford) as well as other units of the 30th division at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has gone into isolation camp. This is taken to mean that within from five days to two weeks the troops will move to other quarters, and it is the general opinion that the destination is to be across the Atlantic.

The enlisted men have already been shipping home excess baggage and personal belongings.

That they will move within the next two weeks is not doubted by anyone who is familiar with the recently issued quarantine orders.

### PRAYERS FOR VICTORY.

The First Anniversary of Our Entry Into the War.

An appeal has been sent out by the Rev. A. C. Dixon formerly of North Carolina, now of London, for every church in England and America to pray for victory on April 6, the first anniversary of our entry into the war.

That is very good, but it is going to take much more than heavenly application to put the finishing touches on Kaiserism. It is going to take guns and ammunition. It is going to take sacrifices. It is going to take every human endeavor that we can put forth before that great end is attained.

Still prayer is helpful. Every famous war leader at some time has dropped to bended knee, but probably none of them appealed more to the point that the munition workers who wrote on a shell:

"In God we trust, this shell will burst  
And grind the Germans into dust."

### "FRANCE IN ARMS."

Visit War Scenes in France Shown at the Orpheum Next Monday.

Have you a boy "over there" fighting to make the world safe for democracy? Or perhaps it's a girl who is one of the gallant band of Red Cross nurses who are doing their bit in the great world conflict. Anyway, wouldn't you like to see some of the real scenes from the brave little French republic? How her army has grown, her clothing, commissary and aeroplane departments increased to keep pace with the growing demand for efficiency. This is without a doubt one of the very best war pictures that has been offered the American public. And yet it is not dry, technical stuff, but a live, real, sensational story that provides plenty of thrills without any of the horrible details of what is going on on the other side of the world.

### TO PUSH WAR SAVINGS STAMP

Mr. John Webb Chairman War Savings Committee.

Owing to the continued physical condition of Mr. Ben K. Lassiter, chairman of the Granville County Thrift Stamp Committees, Col. Fries, of Winston-Salem, has asked Mr. John Webb to handle the work in this county.

Mr. Webb took over the work with a view of rousing the people of Granville to a full realization of the importance of doing their whole duty. Granville is slightly behind in the work and it is hoped that Mr. Webb will whip the county in line.

### WINSTON-SALEM BAPTISTS CALL DR. J. B. WITHERSPOON

Former and Beloved Pastor of Oxford Baptist Church.

The First Baptist congregation of Winston-Salem, has extended a call to Dr. J. B. Witherspoon, a member of the faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas, to the pastorate of the church to succeed Dr. H. A. Brown, who resigned in December, after forty years of service. Dr. Witherspoon has accepted June 1st. The salary is \$3,200.

### The Easter Parade.

You will doubtless observe that the handsome men in the Easter parade will wear clothes backed by a national reputation. The Styleplus clothing, handled in Oxford exclusively by the Perkinson-Green Company, is the acme of perfection in fit, texture and price. See announcement on the fourth page of this paper.

### OXFORD PEOPLE WILL MOVE UP THEIR CLOCKS.

Everybody Will Go to Bed One Hour Earlier and Get up An Hour Earlier.

The bill recently passed by Congress and signed by the President fixing the time throughout the United States an hour earlier will be in full force and effect on and after Monday morning next, April 1st.

A large majority of the business houses of Oxford authorize the Public Ledger to state that they will set the hands of their clocks forward one hour, beginning next Monday morning.

For the sake of illustrating a point we will state that six o'clock in Oxford this morning will be seven o'clock in Oxford next Monday morning if everybody moves up their clocks one hour. The stores in Oxford now close at six o'clock in the afternoon. The merchants authorize the Public Ledger to state that they will close their stores on and after Monday next at the identical moment they are now accustomed to close—at 6 o'clock sun time, which signifies 7 o'clock new time.

There is no hard and fast rule in Oxford as to the hour of opening the stores. The manufacturing plants will be governed by the new time. That is to say that those who now blow the whistle at seven o'clock will push the clock hand forward one hour and next week blow the whistle at seven o'clock. The Orpheum Theatre will push the hand of their clock forward, but the opening hour will be governed by the sun. We have not consulted the ministers as to what hour the services will begin.

### THE TRIANGULAR DEBATE.

Public Invited to be Present This Friday Night.

The annual Triangular Debate will be held in the Graded School auditorium this Friday night, at eight o'clock. Our debaters, Roy Upchurch and Ernest Hunt, will contend against the teams from Franklinton; while at the same time, in Louisburg, Olive Webb and Willie Howell will be upholding the honor of Oxford High. The Oxford people have given fine support to the basket ball teams this spring. Debaters, too, need encouragement. All are cordially invited to be present at this match of intellects.

### BAPTIST WOMEN AT ASHEVILLE.

Missionary Union of North Carolina Gathers For Four Day Meeting.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina opened a four-day session in Asheville this week. About 350 delegates are in attendance.

The following Oxford ladies are in attendance, Mesdames John Webb, S. H. Cannady, J. D. Brooks, B. Ernest Parham and Miss Ruth Taylor.

### DOG ATTACKS LADY.

Mr. William Maloney Orders the Canine to Be Shot.

Last Thursday morning while passing the residence of Mr. William Maloney, opposite the Presbyterian church, his dog ran out and tore the clothing of a lady. As soon as Mr. Maloney heard of the incident he ordered the dog to be shot forthwith, and as a precautionary measure he sent the head of the dog to the pasture institute, Raleigh, to be examined. That is what we call an honorable citizen.

### GASOLINE FAMINE BELIEVED.

Several Thousand Gallons Reach Oxford This Week.

The gasoline famine which prevailed in Oxford for the past several weeks was relieved Wednesday to some extent by the arrival of several thousand gallons of "gas."

It is estimated that enough was received to furnish every owner in the county at least ten gallons each. As soon as the gasoline reached Oxford the news spread rapidly and by night-fall the supply in the tanks had materially decreased. Dealers expect the delivery of other cars within the next few days.

### The Hub.

We invite the attention to the announcement of The Hub on the fifth page of this paper. Everything is new and handsome at The Hub.

### Books For Soldiers.

The ladies collecting books for the soldiers are gratified at the hearty response. A nice collection of books was secured.

Judge and Mrs. W. A. Devin and their fine son Master William, are spending the week end in Oxford.