

THE GREATEST HEROIC DEED THAT THE "STAY-AT-HOMES" CAN PERFORM IS TO BUY A LIBERTY BOND AND HELP WHIP THE KAISER

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THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS MUST BE KEPT SECRET.

Violators of Army and Navy Secrets Are Threatened With Punishment and Disgrace.

High officials of the Army and Navy warn the general public to refrain from discussing the probable date of the movements of troops. The official bulletin says:

War Bulletin.

"No one is authorized to reveal the movements of troops, nor is the rank and file invested with such information. Not even the commander of a troop ship is permitted to see his orders until he is well out to sea. Those who start such reports are subject to court martial, punishment and disgrace."

A Safe Guard.

We are quite sure if everybody will stop and think the matter over carefully they will see the necessity of moving troops in secrecy. It is a means of throwing a safe guard about our soldier boys, then, too, the dear old mother would be greatly disturbed should she know the hour her son approaches the submarine zone.

Capt. Fuller Speaks.

Some one here recently wrote to Capt. E. E. Fuller and requested him to name the date of his departure from Camp Sevier and the hour he would probably pass through Henderson. It was the intention of the patriotic citizens of Oxford to be at Henderson when the train passed and give our volunteer company a rousing reception. But the letter from Capt. Fuller put us all to sleep on that question. Said he: "I am not permitted to speak of the date of our departure or the probable hour of passing through Henderson, or the probable route that may be selected for our journey to an American port."

Lady Motors to Franklinton.

Recently, while a troop train was moving north via the Seaboard Railway, some one at a point some distance down the road telegraphed to a lady in Oxford to meet the train at Franklinton. It is stated that the lady motored to Franklinton, and arrived there a minute late, but the road was good and she overtook the train at Henderson. According to the foregoing the telegram was a violation of the articles of war, but the sender did not mean any harm by it.

MR. ZACK LYON DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Creedmoor Passed to His Reward Monday Morning.

Mr. Zack Lyon, an esteemed citizen of Creedmoor, died suddenly early Monday morning. He was largely interested in the progress of his community and he will be greatly missed in business affairs and the church.

Mr. Lyon was a devout member of the Methodist church. The funeral will take place in Creedmoor this Tuesday afternoon.

UNITED STATES MARINES PROUD OF NEW NICK NAME.

Germans Call Them "Devil Dogs" and Put Them in Class With "Ladies From Hell." (New York Special)

United States Marines in service in France are proud of the title "Teufel Hunder" or "Devil Dogs," conferred upon them by the Germans, according to letters received at Marine Corps recruiting headquarters here from overseas.

"Wow, those guys put us in the same class with the 'Ladies from Hell,'" a veteran sergeant of the Marines was quoted as saying in one note sent home.

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BUY BONDS.

Oxford Baptist Baraca and Philathea Classes Make Investment.

Moved by a patriotic impulse the Philathea class of the Oxford Baptist church ten days ago bought a \$500 Liberty bond. This started the ball rolling, and last Sunday the Baraca Class voted to buy a \$500 bond. Both classes are so well pleased with the investment there is talk of doubling the amount.

Judge Hunt Recovering.

Judge Cam Hunt is recovering from a two weeks' spell of sickness. It is thought that he will be able to be at his office in a few days.

BRITISH SUFFER 18,369 CASUALTIES IN WEEK'S BATTLE.

London, April 30.—Casualties in the British ranks this week totalled 18,369. The losses were divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 408; men 2,661.
Wounded or missing: Officers 2,071; men, 13,229.

BAD GANG OF MEN FIRE ON OFFICERS.

Officers Hutchings and Wheeler Have a Closs Call in South Granville.

After an all night search in Dutchville Township, four miles southwest of Creedmoor, officers Hutchings and Wheeler spied a gang of white men operating a distillery just before the break of day Sunday morning.

There were five white men at the still and while the officers were crawling toward the plant the moonshiners fired upon them. The officers advanced under fire and returned shot for shot, and when they reached a point near the still the enemy broke for the tall timber.

The still was in full blast and about 1000 gallons of beer was ready for the pot. The officers dismantled the plant and brought it to Oxford Sunday morning.

Officer Blackley also captured a still in Fishing Creek township Sunday night and brought it to Oxford Monday.

MERCHANTS OF NORTH CAROLINA TO RAISE \$2,000,000.

Mr. D. K. Taylor, of Horner Bros. Company, Will Head the Work in Oxford.

The amount of war savings that the retail merchants of North Carolina will raise this year is \$2,312,093. The amount that the merchants of the United States will raise is \$100,000,000. This amount will be apportioned to the various State divisions of merchants.

To direct this feature of the War Savings work known as the Merchants Division, Mr. E. L. Howe, a merchant of New York State has been appointed national director. He will have in each State, a State Director or chairman. Mr. J. L. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem has been appointed State Director of the Retail Merchants Division of North Carolina.

It is Mr. Gilmer's purpose to appoint a merchant in every town in the State of a population of over 500 to take charge and direct this work in his town. Each town's allotment will be apportioned according to population as were the War Savings allotments made.

Mr. John Webb, County Chairman of War Savings requests the mercantile Association to name the chairman of the stores and merchants in Oxford. Mr. D. K. Taylor, of Horner Bros. Company was chosen by the Association, and he has consented to serve.

The National War Savings Committee expects this strong arm of her resources to raise every cent of the \$100,000,000 that have been apportioned to it.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Do Not Take 'Em Off Yet.

With temperature above normal the middle of the week and showers the later part of the week is forecast by the Weather Bureau for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States.

TWO STRONG MEN.

One Lives in Oak Hill and the Other in Dutchville.

Mr. W. L. Clark, a prominent farmer of Oak Hill, is being urged by friends to run for county commissioner. His friends say that he is the right man for the place if he will consent to serve.

Sentiment is growing all over the county in favor of returning Former Commissioner Peed, of Dutchville to the County Board.

Woman's Club.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Club in the Oxford Library Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

WHERE HAVE THE GERMANS BEEN ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE ALLIED LINE

Stern Opposition Balks Great German Offensive in Its Initial Stages —The British Kill Germans Four to One—The Battle on the Western Front is Shaping Itself More and More on the Verdun Model.

The grueling, murderous phase of the war on the Western front for the past five days has assumed the proportions of an inferno. Through it all the battle line is practically unchanged except at a point on the northern sector, where the Germans succeeded in fighting their way into control of the commanding position of Kimmel Hill. The gain in territory at that place was small in itself, but the gain in position was important and was the one feature of consequence to the hardest fought battle of the war. The combat has been of a terrific nature and on the German side, by reason of the offensive position, was marked by a severe loss in men killed and in prisoners and guns taken. The French have figured more largely in the recent fighting than in other engagements of the war and they have been making an excellent account of themselves. Their engagements during the past week have been characterized by fierce offensive movements, under which the German forces have been pushed back in some instances and held fast in others at a fearful cost of life to the enemy.

From the North Sea to the confluence of the Oise and the Aisne the Germans, in the course of five weeks, have tested out virtually the entire line with the exception of the distance between Arras and La-Bassee. In this line they found two weak spots and exploited them with great skill, in Picardy and in Flanders. Now it is fairly safe to say that, so far as this is concerned, the period of sharp break-throughs is past.

The German forces today stand on Kimmel Hill, it is true, but elsewhere they are where they were a week ago, minus thousands of men and with artillery batteries more or less disorganized. Not until they shall have succeeded in breaking through to Ypres and Amiens can it be said that danger has developed for the capture of the channel ports. As for Paris, that city is immeasurably safer now than it was on the 22nd of March.

The War Board in London is calling for the throwing into the breach of larger numbers of Allied soldiers, but General Foch has given no indication that the time for that change of tactics is at hand. Nor is there any evidence that it is. Indeed, the menace is no so great as the situation stands, for, at the close of the bloodiest week in the records of the war, Germany has made no advance whatever in the coveted direction.

It is declared that the British counter-attacking Kimmel village, killed four Germans for every Allied casualty.

A prisoner said only fifty men remained in three companies which started out with a combined strength of 300 men.

PLACE ARTILLERY CAMP ON CAMP JACKSON SITE.

Four Thousand Officers Are to Be Trained at Military Station Near Columbia.

The War Department announces that a special training camp for artillery officers are to be established at Columbia, S. C., at Camp Jackson. About 4,000 men will be ordered there immediately.

Graduating Recital.

Mrs. J. Graham Davidson presents for graduation in expression Miss Edith McDaniel Howell Friday evening, May 3rd, Oxford College. Friends of the College invited.

The ladies will be interested in the announcement of Landis & Easton on the fifth page of this paper.

ALLIES DIGGING OWN GRAVES SAYS DEVILS PARTNER

(Amsterdam Special)

"The people who wish to destroy us are digging their own graves," said Emperor William, as quoted in an interview by Karl Rosner, which the Dusseldorf Anzeiger publishes.

The Emperor, who was commenting on the large amount subscribed to the new war loan, said further:

"Our victories in the field and the victories of the Germans at home must make those over yonder realize that we cannot be subdued by arms and economic isolation."

MORE DRAFTED MEN WILL LEAVE OXFORD THURSDAY

Granville County Furnishes 100 Men in Less Than One Week.

The Granville County exemption Board has been quite busy for the past ten days getting the men ready to entrain for the concentration camps. Ten white men left for Camp Jackson last Friday, thirty colored men left for Camp Grant last Saturday, twenty will leave here this Tuesday for Camp Jackson and thirty more colored men will leave next Thursday for the aviation field at Fort Wayne, Michigan, and five white men will leave on May 10th for Fort Seriven, Ga.

The following is a list of the colored men ordered to entrain for Fort Wayne next Thursday.

Bruce Hinton, W. Andrew Fields, Ward Gregory, Willie Taylor, Isaac Venerable, Charlie B. Smith, Eli Hester, Lee Larkin Thomas, W. G. Hicks, Willie Bailly, Norman Green, Hubert Royster, Robert Taylor, Richard Harris, James E. Gregory, Parham Jones, Al Howard, David Marrow, Leroy Howard, Eddie O. Shelton, Berry Wilkins, William P. Jordan, Everett Boone, Robert Roy Mitchell, Arthur Lee Lunsford, Jimmie Howell, Fred Lee Smith, Henry Banks, Thomas Royster, Frederick McIver, Shepherd Royster, Eugene C. George, Joseph Tyler, Lee Downy, Robert E. Thorp.

LIEUT.-GOV. GARDNER WILL DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT GRADED SCHOOL

The Commencement Address at the Graded School will be delivered by Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner on the night of May 30th in the Graded school auditorium. Gov. Gardner is one of the ablest and best known speakers in the State. He is considered a probable successor to Gov. Bickett and has many friends and admirers in Granville. Oxford and Granville county are fortunate in having Gov. Gardner to speak in our county.

GEN. ROYSTER VISITS CAMP.

He Contributes Two Fine Sons To Uncle Sam's Forces.

General and Mrs. B. S. Royster and fine son, Master Thomas, spent last week at Camp Sevier, Greenville, where Lieutenant Bev S. Royster, Jr., is stationed.

Gen. Royster was highly pleased with the excellent condition of the troops and the progress that is being made in the army, and spoke with pardonable pride of the fact that his son, Lieutenant Royster, made the best score on the range of the Artillery Brigade.

General Royster would not discuss the probable date of the Granville boys departure from Camp Sevier.

General Royster had a wire Monday from his son, Lieutenant Roy H. Royster, who is in the flying squadron at Rockwell Field, San Diego, Cal., apprising him of his commission. The telegram closed by saying "you will hear from me later." And we will hear from him sure enough if he ever gets a chance at the bald pate of the old Kaiser.

Sheriff Hobgood Improves.

Sheriff Hobgood, who has been confined to his bed two months, is now able to sit up and talk to his friends. He has lost some flesh, but he is the same good, jolly old Sheriff and his thousands of friends anticipate with pleasure his return to his office at an early date.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SALE OF LIBERTY BONDS.

Total Sales Come Up to Two and One-Half Billion Dollars to Date —The Women Are Doing More in Granville Than the Men.

Official reports of the Liberty Loan subscriptions show that the great national canvass brings the total sales up to within a half billion of dollars of the goal, which leaves \$500,000,000 to be subscribed before next Saturday night, if the minimum of \$3,000,000,000 is to be obtained.

The sale of the bonds in Granville is moving along nicely, but it will require hard work during the remainder of the week to secure the county's quota of \$240,000. Granville's total reported to date is \$150,000. Of this amount Mrs. Candace Brown's committee has secured about \$90,000.

THE GREATEST ENGINE OF DEATH YET DEVISED.

To Exchange Compliments With Germany's "Toy of Death."

Philadelphit, Pa., April 29.—The greatest engine of destruction that has yet been produced in artillery by the great war moved out of one of the munition factories on the Delaware river last week.

America's super gun is ready to exchange compliments with Germany's Toy of Death.

The engine of destruction was planned, designed, constructed and completed within ten weeks time.

LOCAL FUEL SITUATION.

The Outlook For Coal and Wood Next Winter is Not Encouraging.

It is estimated that 5000 tons of coal will be the needs of consumers in Oxford to last them through the winter of 1918-19 up to March 31 of next year.

Just how much is in the hands of local dealers and just how much they have contracted for, the Public Ledger is not advised, but those who are in a position to know state that very little encouragement of shipments is held out to the dealers.

In view of the uncertainty of coal shipments, the Public Ledger wishes to impress upon the public the necessity of purchasing wood in large quantities and doing it now. Wood will not be any cheaper, and unless the public will buy the wood now, the wood dealers will not be able to stock up enough for the winter, and the farmer is not going to bring wood to town in the winter, as we have learned from experience.

We believe that the Public Ledger's views on the fuel situation will be sustained by Gen. B. S. Royster, the Fuel Administrator of Granville county. The scarcity of fuel in Oxford just before the close of the winter was such as to cause grave concern here, and if the bitter cold weather had continued a few days longer it was Gen. Royster's intention to send a delegation to the woodland to chop and haul wood.

Candidate for Sheriff.

We are authorized to state that Sheriff Hobgood will be a candidate in the coming primary for the office of sheriff, which he has so acceptably filled for several years. Sheriff Hobgood has been very sick for the past five of six weeks and we are very glad to note that he is now rapidly improving. Formal announcement of Sheriff Hobgood's candidacy will be made in the next week or ten days.

Red Cross Allotment Received.

The Surgical Dressings Department of the Red Cross has received an order for 600 large cotton pads. This is an allotment which must be done during the month, therefore many willing workers are needed to accomplish the required work in the time given, so let the slogan of every member of the Granville County Chapter be "Get Busy."

The Stewart Motor Truck.

The Blalock Motor Company is the exclusive agent of the Stewart Motor Truck in this territory. It is the best truck made and there should be a large number of them placed in Granville. We invite you to read the specifications of the truck on the second page of this paper.