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## RENEWAL OF VAST TEUTON OFFENSIVE IN WEST IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Allied Staffs Appear Convinced Enemy is Ready to Strike When the Weather Suits—German Public Opinion Being Prepared by Von Hertling for Renewed Fighting.

Three weeks have passed since the German offensive, begun on March 21, died down at its final active point in futile assaults on the Flanders front. Every indication, however, points to the probability that the coming week will witness its renewal.

**Americans are Ready.**  
American troops are shoulder-to-shoulder with the French and British in Picardy, while in Flanders, American units are training close behind the battle lines, ready to go in immediately if necessary. In both places the number of Americans is being increased at a rate not hoped for only a few months ago, and in the two American sectors farther south, the lines are being strengthened and extended daily.

**On the Firing Line.**  
With more than 500,000 men overseas, the United States forces are occupying their full share of the fighting line. It was announced Sunday that the actual frontage held is third in extent at this time, having exceeded the length of the Belgian sector when American troops came into line with the French in Picardy.

**In Picardy and Flanders.**  
Officials here believe that the German high command is so heavily committed to the Picardy and Flanders sectors in its offensive plans that no serious effort elsewhere along the front is to be expected. It therefore appears certain that when the new blow is struck, Americans will share in increasing numbers from month to month in the German defeat.

**One Million Men.**  
The rate at which troops are being sent overseas is rising from week to week. Figures may not be published under the rules of voluntary censorship, but Secretary Baker's recent statement that 500,000 men had been dispatched is regarded as already out of date.

## JAPAN AND CHINA REACH AN AGREEMENT

Japan and China Agree to Preserve Peace in the Far East. (Washington Special)

Of far reaching importance is the announcement that Japan and China have at last signed a definite agreement "to preserve the peace of the far east" against German aggression through Russia and Siberia.

The purpose of the movement according to a well informed reflection of entente sentiment is to deter Russia from lending Germany man-power for use on the western front.

The combination of these two countries is all that has been needed for the heading off of the Germans in Siberia. It is called an arrangement for "military co-operation." It is in fact the calling of the Japanese armies to the support of the Allies. It brings these two countries and their resources into the war.

## STORES TO CLOSE.

Everybody Will See the Soldiers Leave Saturday.

In order to give everybody a chance to see the soldiers entrain here Saturday, all of the business houses of Oxford will be closed from 11:30 to 12:30.

The stores will be closed this Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock to witness the Red Cross parade. Everybody will be governed accordingly.

## THIRD LOAN IS ABOVE FOUR BILLION MARK.

Unofficial reports to the Treasury indicated that the Third Liberty Loan total had gone above \$4,000,000,000 and might reach \$4,250,000,000. The exact total will be made known this week.

## Patriotic Odd Fellows.

At their meeting last week the Odd Fellows of Oxford donated \$100 to the local Chapter of the American Red Cross; \$100 to the Odd Fellows Home in War Savings Stamps and \$100 in cash to the same institution.

## THE RED CROSS DRIVE

PARADE THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND MASS MEETING IN THE COURT HOUSE AT 8:30 P. M.

To the People of Granville County: The President of the United States has set aside the week of May 20-27th., as "CROSS WEEK", during which the people of the United States are asked to raise a Second Red Cross War Fund of one hundred million dollars for war relief among our soldiers and sailors, and those of our allies.

The amount to be raised in Granville County is a large one, but we confidently believe that our people will give generously to this most worthy fund.

The undersigned has been appointed by the Chairman of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross as Chairman of the Committee for Granville County on the Red Cross War Fund. I have accordingly appointed a large number of citizens to act with me on this Committee. This being a call to service and to the kind of service that will at once appeal to your generosity, the Committee know that you will make their work easy by coming forward promptly and subscribing to this fund.

It is not necessary to explain what the Red Cross is, you already know that our Government has committed to the Red Cross the care of the sick and wounded among our soldiers and sailors wherever and whenever they may need it. You realize that already a large number of Granville County men have entered the service to fight for human-liberty—to fight for you.

This is our opportunity to let our boys know that we are standing behind them. Think of what you can afford to give and then double it. WE MUST GO OVER THE TOP.

W. H. HUNT, Chapter War Fund Chairman.

### Parade and Speaking.

Chairman Hunt has arranged for this Tuesday to be Red Cross Day. This day will be dedicated to raising Granville County's allotment to the Second Red Cross War Fund.

At five o'clock P. M. a parade will be formed and will traverse the principal streets of the town.

At 8:30 o'clock P. M. a mass meeting will be held in the Court House, and Mr. I. W. Hughes of Henderson, N. C., will give an address on Red Cross War Work. The people of the County are urged to be present at this meeting, for this is one way that you can let our boys know that you are thinking of them.

### Soliciting Teams.

Mr. W. H. Hunt Chapter War Fund Chairman held a meeting of his Committee on Saturday night and planned for the Red Cross War Fund Campaign.

In order to cover the entire town quickly and without confusion the following soliciting teams were named:

Team No. 1—Mr. R. P. Taylor.

### DEPOT BRIGADE SYSTEM CORE OF NATIONAL ARMY

#### Plan Most Comprehensive Scheme For Use of Man-Power.

(Washington Special)

Profiting by England's mistake, the war department has organized a depot brigade system which shall be the core of the national army, and wherein a classification of men will prevent useless sacrifice of those available for industrial service.

#### Comprehensive Scheme.

Details of the plan show that there will be a depot brigade consisting of 12 battalions of 1,000 men each, at each cantonment. The depot brigade will be entirely separate, however, from the divisions, except for supply.

#### Every Man Will Pass Through.

Every man called in the draft beginning May 25 will pass through the depot brigades. Personnel companies are being organized at the camps to take care of the influx each company having a captain, two lieutenants and 79 men, mostly non-commissioned. When a drafted man reaches camp one of his first steps will be to submit to an examination by the personnel officers to ascertain his experience as a worker, business or professional man.

#### Men Will Be Tested.

The army is not going to be satisfied with a man's statement that he is a carpenter. Trade will be conducted at each depot brigade to determine the degree of a man's experiences in his given line of work.

#### Three Month's Training.

The average period of training in the depot brigades will be three months.

#### Dollar Day.

The Anchor Store in Henderson will have Dollar Day Wednesday, May 22d. Read the announcement in this paper and be on hand to get your share of the bargains.

captain; Miss Mary Webb, Miss Annie Crews, Mr. D. K. Taylor.

Team No. 2—Mr. S. M. Watkins, captain; Miss Esther Mitchell, Mrs. S. M. Watkins, Mrs. J. M. Farrish, Mr. J. M. Farrish.

Team No. 3—Mr. J. S. King, captain; Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Robards, Miss Hixie White, Mr. J. W. Horner.

Team No. 4—Mr. J. M. Baird, captain; Mrs. W. B. Ballou, Mrs. R. P. Taylor, Mrs. W. D. Bryan, C. S. Garman, M. P. Chamblee.

Team No. 5—W. H. Fleming, captain; Mrs. J. F. Veasey, Miss Helen Royster, Mrs. Mary C. Evins, B. K. Lassiter.

Team No. 6—Mr. R. H. Lewis, captain; C. O. Mainor, D. F. Lanier, W. H. Long.

Team No. 7 at large—Mr. Andrew Jamieson, captain; Mr. J. Robt. Wood, J. R. Hall, C. D. Ray, I. W. Mangum, W. L. Mitchell, B. S. Royster, Mrs. T. Lanier, Mrs. S. H. Pritchard, Miss Margaret Capehart, Miss Lela Routon, Miss Estelle White, Miss Gray Yancey, L. F. Perkinson.

The Campaign in the county will be largely covered by the Red Cross Auxiliaries.

### RED CROSS CALLS TO STATE'S PATRIOTS.

General Pershing Sends the Following Message to the American People.

No other organization since the world began has ever done such great constructive work the efficiency, dispatch, understanding, often under adverse circumstances, that has been done in France by the American Red Cross in the last six months.

The Red Cross helped the American army to begin its battles for ideals and democracy, even before our machine guns and bursting shells have carried the message.

### LOCAL RED CROSS NEWS.

The following ladies worked the past week for the Enon Red Cross Auxiliary: Mrs. T. Y. Curran, Miss Mamie Daniel, Miss Besie Hester, Mrs. Kathlene Hunt, Mrs. Norman Cole, Miss Marie Frazier, Miss Grace Frazier, Miss Alene Averett, Miss Eva Hobgood, Miss Grace Curran, Miss Ruth Curran, Mrs. F. L. Curran, Mrs. Herman Curran, Mrs. C. D. Curran, Mrs. T. G. Curran.

The Granville County Chapter acknowledges a donation of \$1.00 from Buchanan school.

The Chapter added the following members last week: Mrs. C. L. Wheeler, Providence; Mrs. Lucy Powell, Miss Bettie Jordan, Mrs. Elvin Parham.

### Gasoline and Cars.

Elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that the Blalock Motor Company has reduced the price of gasoline to 25c. They also announce the arrival of a car load of handsome cars this week.

DON'T FORGET THAT DAVIS pays the freight.

### THE NEW REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD JUNE 5TH.

Men Who Have Reached 21 Since Last June 5 Must Register.

Wednesday, June fifth, is the date fixed by Congress for the registration, for military service, of all men who have reached the age of twenty-one since June 5, 1917.

The intentions and purposes of the registration is the same as that of June 5th last, but it will be conducted through the local boards of the State instead of through the precinct registrars.

The only difference in the first and the new registration, so far as its reach is concerned, is a matter of age. The same regulations that governed the first registration is applicable to the new one and every male resident of the United States who has attained the age of twenty-one since June 5th last, or who will attain the age of twenty-one before the date of registration must register.

### Nearly One Million.

Press dispatches state that nearly 800,000 men will become eligible for military duty after the registration. They will be placed at the foot of class one and called into service before other classes, under the first registration, are touched.

### The Granville Boys.

It is estimated that from seventy-five to one hundred boys have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, 1917.

### CORINTH NEWS LETTER.

Quite a large crowd attended services at Corinth church the past Sunday. Mr. John Hester of Oxford, made a most informing and inspiring talk in behalf of the Red Cross work, and immediately following his talk a Red Cross Chapter was organized and something between forty-five and fifty members were enrolled.

There will be an ice cream party at Corinth School House next Saturday night, May 25th. The proceeds to go to pay off a small debt in the school and the rest to go to the Red Cross. The public is invited.

### NOTES FROM LEWIS.

#### (Correspondence Public Ledger)

There was lots of tobacco planted in this section during the past few days.

Commencement at Stovall High School closed Wednesday night, the program was fine. A large crowd attended.

Miss Dovie Carl Tillison returned home Tuesday from Norfolk-Baltimore and Newport News, where she spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. J. White.

Myrtle, the little daughter of Mr. Charlie Cole, who is in Richmond hospital improves very slowly.

Several of the boys in this community will leave for camp the 25th.

Miss Mary Beasley of Sun Set spent Sunday in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parrish spent Sunday with her father, Mr. W. H. Tillotson, of this place.

### LONG HOURS FOR FARMERS.

If They Worked Only Eight Hours a Day the World Would Starve.

A good Granville county farmer, who puts in about sixteen hours a day on the farm, remarked that he did not see where the country has anything to gain from an eight-hour day for labor.

When you come to think about it, can you imagine what would happen if farmers should all limit their day's work to eight hours? If the diminished production did not actually cause starvation under the inexorable law of supply and demand it would cause the prices of farm products to go so abnormally high as to be almost out of the reach of the folks who contend for short hours of labor.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Thursday, July 4th, 1918, the Third Annual Picnic will be held at Caltolina Farm, East Person county, N. C. Patriotism will be the main object of the day with Lieut-Gov. O. Max Gardener and General B. S. Royster as principal speakers. These are two of North Carolina's best speakers and patriots, and the public is cordially invited to hear them.

### TWO DESERTERS FROM THE ARMY CAPTURED IN OXFORD

They Held Up John Bentonfield and Ride Into Town in His Auto.

James Burnes and John C. Murphy, claiming Massachusetts as their home, rolled into town last Friday evening in an auto belonging to John Bentonfield, of Raleigh. John occupied a prominent seat in the auto, but he was not permitted to talk under penalty of death.

Bentonfield, owner of the car, stated that the two young men, wearing the United States Army regulation uniforms, accosted him on Fayetteville street in Raleigh and asked him to drive them to Durham. He invited the men to take a seat in the car, and all went well until they hove in sight of the tall smoke stacks and church spires of Durham, and then they flashed a pistol in Bentonfield's face and told him that if he was not perfectly quiet while passing through the Bull city they would end his eternal existence. Bentonfield stated that he saw a policeman on the street as they passed through Durham, but he was afraid to give an alarm.

They spun along at a lively gate, said Bentonfield and after they passed Providence the men asked him how far it was to the next town, and complained of being hungry. Bentonfield saw his chance and gave each one a dollar and when they arrived in Oxford the two men went in search of a restaurant leaving Bentonfield in the car. While inhaling the fresh air down on Hillsboro street Bentonfield saw Chief Hobgood approaching with "billy" in hand.

"There they are," said Bentonfield, pointing to the two men, "they are deserters."

Chief Hobgood made the arrest. They told the Chief that they left Houston Texas, two weeks ago, and claimed that their furlough papers were in Raleigh.

Chief Hobgood got in communication with Adjutant General Young, who instructed the chief to take the men to Camp Lee as soon as possible and turn them over to the commanding officer.

Chief Hobgood gets a nice reward for capturing the men, but he proposes to share it with Bentonfield.

### Cohn & Son's Sale.

It is in times like these that you need a sale like Cohn & Son's. Promptly Friday morning they start a sale that bids fair to be the crowning event of the store's career—a master stroke of merchandising. Their one endeavor now is to sell their up-to-date spring and summer stocks as quickly as possible, so they cut prices with mighty little regard to the profit or even cost. We advise you to spend a little and save a lot at Cohn & Son's sale. If you want to save money on your summer outfit make it a point to attend their sale and tell your friends, as you will be doing them a favor. Everything in their big stocks is now being reduced in price for quick action. Read their ad on the last page of this paper.

### A Daughter of the Gods.

Do you know that 1,000,000 one dollar bills if placed end to end would reach from New York City to Hartford, Conn., a distance of 114,433 miles? This will give some idea of the immense amount of money spent by William Fox in the making of "A Daughter of the Gods", in which Annette Kellerman is starred. This beautiful woman will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre Monday, May 27th.

### Williford School House

The good people in the Williford school community manifest much interest in the Red Cross. There will be another enthusiastic meeting there Thursday night. Rev. Geo. T. Tunstall will preach.

### Pulverized Glass in Bread.

The report that pulverized glass was found in a loaf of bread sold in Oxford caused some concern here this week. The proper authorities are investigating the matter and a report will be made later.

### All the Gas You Want.

Automobile owners will be glad to see elsewhere in this paper that Mr. E. H. Crenshaw is selling gasoline at 25c the gallon and there is plenty of it as long as it lasts.

One of Oxford's most popular young business men leaves today for the eastern part of the State to be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. He prefers that we say nothing about it until the knot is tied.