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## AMERICAN CASUALTIES FOR THE WEEK TOTAL 3,758

Washington, Aug. 10.—Including 623 announced today, army and marine corps casualties received from overseas and made public since Monday, when the toll of the victory on the Marne-Aisne front began to come in, now total 3,758. Of these 3,150 were soldiers and 608 marines.

The army lists combined and the marine list show:

	Army.	Marine.
Killed in action . . . . .	163	4
Died of wounds . . . . .	9	5
Died of accident . . . . .	1	..
Died of disease . . . . .	2	..
Missing in action . . . . .	333	..
Wounded severely . . . . .	20	13
Wounded, degree undetermined . . . . .	41	30
Wounded slightly . . . . .	2	..
Totals . . . . .	571	52

The 20,112 casualties, total deaths including 291 lost at sea, men killed in action, dead of wounds, disease accidents and other causes numbered 7,716—soldiers, 6,883; marines, 833. The wounded aggregated 10,874—soldiers, 9,048; marines, 1,826, and the missing, including prisoners, 1,522—soldiers, 1,431; marines 91.

While the proportion of the deaths for the week as compared with the wounded was large, attention was called today to the fact that the casualties being reported now by General Pershing represent an accumulation as the result of the fighting which began July 15 and it is not to be assumed that the ratio of killed and wounded will be maintained when the final toll of the Marne-Aisne victory is complete.

## FORMER WEALTHY CITIZEN DIED AT COUNTY HOME

### Destitution Follows Long Period of Sickness.

Mr. Jack Blacknall, who formerly owned considerable property in Oxford and was recognized as one of the wealthiest men in the county, died at the County Home of the Aged and Infirm last Thursday after a lingering illness.

The deceased was a generous, kind hearted man and never spoke ill of any one. It can be truly said that he himself was his worst enemy.

The deceased at one time owned and resided at the magnificent home at corner of College and Penn streets now the home of Mr. R. S. Usry.

The burial services, conducted by Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, were held Friday afternoon and the interment was in Elmwood.

## ABSENTEE VOTERS.

### Judge Cam Hunt Is Looking Them Up.

Judge Cam Hunt is a busy man these days. He is looking up all of the absentee voters and mailing to their address blank forms to be filled out and returned. It is a big job to find all of the absentees. Some of them are over seas, and others are in the cantonments in this country.

The Public Ledger begged, pleaded and urged that the soldiers be permitted to register and fill out blanks before they left home, but those who were supposed to attend to it failed in their duty. It was not the fault or the duty of Judge Hunt, but at this late hour he has taken it upon himself to register as many of the absentees as possible.

## AGE LIMITS FOR CIVILIANS AT TRAINING SCHOOLS

The War Department authorizes the following statement:

The maximum age limit for admission of civilians to Central Officers' Training Schools remains at 40 years, on date of entrance.

## Services at St. Stephen's.

Dr. Horsefield, rector of St. Stephen's church, resting a few days in Beaufort, authorizes the Public Ledger to say that he will reach home in time to hold services next Sunday. The Public Ledger was mistaken in saying that there would be services at St. Stephen's last Sunday.

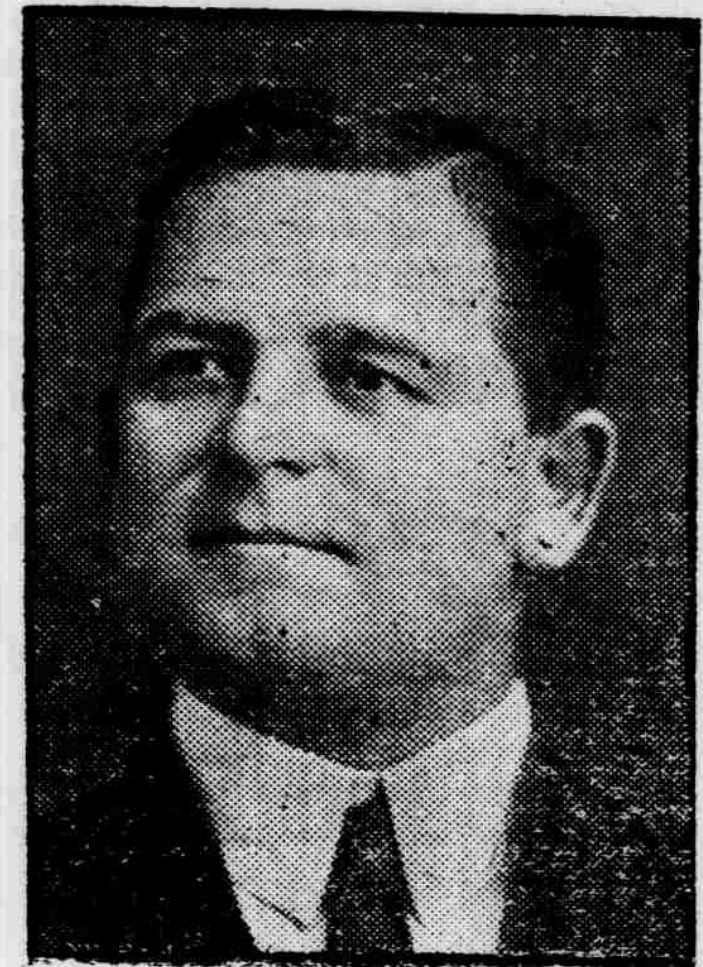
## Prayer Service.

The Intercessory Prayer Service will be held at the Methodist church next Monday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, led by Mrs. Salls and Miss Helen Salls.

## THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR.

### Mr. W. L. Peace Has Been Selected Secretary and the Fair Will Be Held October 29th and 30th.

Mr. W. L. Peace has been selected by the Granville County Fair Association as secretary of the 1918 fair to be held in Oxford at the fair grounds on Tuesday and Wednesday October 29th and 30th. In an interview with him he says that the people of Granville may expect the biggest and best fair ever held in the county.



W. L. PEACE.

that the exhibits will be the best in the fair's history, and that he is already in correspondence with some of the big amusement attractions relative to their coming here. He is busily engaged getting up the premium list which will be about same as last year, with good crops of tobacco and cotton a record breaking attendance may be expected.

## ELEVEN FINE BOYS ENTRAIN FOR CAMP WADSWORTH

The following recruits to the National Army entrained in Oxford at seven o'clock last Saturday morning for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.:

FRED L. FLETCHER.  
WILLIAM A. BLALOCK.  
BUCK DUKE HOWELL.  
JESSE B. CARROLL.  
RAY B. THOMAS.  
WILLIAM B. ADCOCK.  
ED. O. FLEMING.  
HENRY B. BRYAN.  
WM. R. FRANKLIN.  
JESSE JAMES BULLOCK.  
CHRISTOPHER E. CONE.

## NO MORE ENLISTMENTS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY

Voluntary enlistment in the army and navy were completely suspended last Saturday to prevent disruption of industry pending disposition of the bill proposing to extend draft ages to include all men between 18 and 45 years. Orders were issued by Secretaries Baker and Daniels directing that no voluntary enlistments be accepted after today until further orders.

The orders also exclude civilians from appointment to officers' training camp until further notice.

## WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD.

B. M. BARUCH, Chairman.

To Publishers of Newspapers:

The Priorities Board of War Industries Board has listed Paper Mills as an essential industry, and has rated them in Fourth Class for priority for coal, on the distinct understanding that the greatest possible economy in the use of paper be exercised, and that the REDUCTION IN THE USE OF PAPER BY THE NEWSPAPERS SHALL BE FIFTEEN PER CENT ON WEEKDAY EDITIONS AND TWENTY PER CENT ON SUNDAY EDITIONS.

## DISCONTINUE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

(Paragraph 2, Rules and Regulations, Paper Section, War Industries Board)

"DISCONTINUE SENDING PAPERS AFTER DATE OF EXPIRATION OF SUBSCRIPTION UNLESS SUBSCRIPTION IS RENEWED AND PAID FOR."

(Publisher's Note: The above is one of eleven conditions imposed on newspaper publishers by the government and must be complied with by all newspapers. Paper manufacturers have pledged themselves not to supply paper to any newspapers that fail to observe all rules and regulations of the War Industries Board. Paragraph 2 states clearly that all papers must enforce a paid-in-advance circulation policy.)

Subscribers will please examine the printed date on their paper and promptly renew their subscriptions, as the paper will be discontinued at expiration without further notice.

It in no sense implies a distrust of your paying qualities. These strenuous war times have brought about conditions that we are forced to conform to.

The subscription price of \$1.50 will remain for the present, or until further advances in prices of paper.

## FORTY THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE ALLIES IN OFFENSIVE IN PICARDY

### French Estimate of Number Includes 1,000 Officers—More Than 700 Guns Also Captured—Town of Noyon Becomes Pivot of German Resistance—Enemy Throwing in Reserves in Effort to Prevent the Allies Gaining Noyon-Ham Road.

Paris reports unofficially that 40,000 prisoners have been taken since Thursday morning. This brings the total number of Germans captured in Marshal Foch's two great drives to 75,000. The number of guns so far taken by the Allies in the two offensives totals almost 1,000. . . . ROAD CHOKED WITH GUNS.

In making back toward the Rhine the Germans have been dropping so many cannon and machine guns, rifles and war bags for the pursuing Allies to pick up that the road between Peronne and Ham is choked with guns left by the fleeing Huns. More than 1,000 generals, colonels, officers are answering their names in prison pens behind the lines. Eleven divisions of Generals von Hutier and von Marwitz have been identified by prisoners taken.

## WORK OF AVIATORS.

All the bridges across the Somme between Peronne and Ham, a stretch of about 15 miles, have been destroyed by allied aviators. The Germans have been attempting to throw temporary bridges across the stream and the allied airmen are now systematically bombing these improvised structures.

## THE OLD HINDENBURG LINE

If the Germans can be forced out of the ground about Bapaume, the famous "ridge" of the old Somme days, then a new section of the front will be set in motion and there will be no chance of a German halt—even a temporary pause—west of the old Hindenburg line.

## IMPORTANT ROAD CAPTURED.

Reports indicate that the pursuing Allies are giving the enemy no rest by day or night, the chase having been kept up at a vigorous pace throughout all of Saturday night, so that Sunday morning found Foch's men yet further into the territory the Germans had been holding. The most important incident of the day was the capture by the French of the German railroad center of Chaulnes, which occupies a pivotal point in the battle front and which was the key to the southern line of the German salient.

## SOLDIERS BURY COMRADES AS ONE ACTS AS CHAPLAIN

From "the front" continue to come instances of the unusual heroism of soldiers.

Here is one contained in a cable dispatch:

"Upon a highway north of Chartreuve I came across three youngsters busy under terrific shellfire burying two fallen comrades. There was no chaplain around, so one of the trio said a few words of the burial service, his companions standing uncovered beside him. They made an impressive, unforgettable picture."

## NATIONAL SERVICE RECRUITING STATION WILL BE REOPENED

### An Opportunity Extended to the Young Ladies of the County.

The committee in charge of the enrollment of young women for the Student Nurse Reserve Training Schools have decided to reopen the recruiting station in the store of Mr. J. Robt. Wood, Friday, August 16, and Saturday, August 17, from 10 to 12 a.m.

Some of the publicity material was late in arriving so the people in the country did not hear of the campaign till it was half over. Several young ladies came in for information regarding the enrollment and we feel certain that when they have given it their careful and prayerful consideration they will return to enroll. Therefore we are going to give them another opportunity to serve their country.

The service which we are asking calls for the best that the womanhood of America can offer in courage, devotion, and resourcefulness. The army needs every nurse it can get to keep up with the "draft." The United States student nurse reserve is equivalent for women to the great national army training camps for soldiers.

It is probable that even with the ban removed from women with relatives in the army there will not be a sufficient number of nurses to meet the need "over there." The normal sickness among 5,000,000 men, not including wounds in battle, is 100,000. That is the smallest percentage under normal conditions.

Add to this the large casualty percentage and we can ship all the trained nurses in the United States and still have too few to meet the need.

Surely that this is one of the best ways in which women of strong bodies and steady minds can serve.

Five young ladies from the town have enrolled and we sincerely trust the county will give her share of patriotic women to help Granville furnish her full quota. Let us show that we know how to answer the government's call to the women of the county. COMMITTEE.

## JUDGE DEVIN AT ROXBORO THIS WEEK

### Just a Private Word About the Distinguished Son of Old Granville.

After a brief rest Judge Devin left for Roxboro early last Monday morning where he is holding court this week. He will preside at courts in the nearby counties for several weeks and it is hoped that he will reach Oxford every Sunday.

Now that Judge Devin is out of town and not likely to see this copy of the Public Ledger, we are going to tell some of the things that we have heard and seen during his vacation.

The fact that Judge Devin, busy man as he is, is the teacher of the Oxford Baptist Baraca class gives rise to the belief that at some future time he will heed the call of God to preach the Gospel. He is known all over the State as "the righteous judge" and one of the best expounders of Scriptures, and it was only the other day that we heard Dr. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, say to a crowd of men that it is his intention to ask Judge Devin to fill his pulpit some of these days. The conversation drifted on, and some one in the crowd remarked that "a righteous judge" would make a righteous preacher, a righteous Governor, a righteous Congressman and a righteous Senator.

Judge Devin is largely responsible for the bells in Oxford to ring at seven o'clock in the evening to remind the people to engage in momentary prayer. We were present the other evening where there were gathered fifteen or twenty people. They were chattering away when the evening prayer bell sounded. Judge Devin slightly raised his hand and bowed his head. There was not a word said for more than one minute, and we are sure that every one present asked God to guide and be with our boys in the great conflict overseas. When some one spoke to Dr. Horsefield about the incident he rubbed his hands and remarked, "Isn't it just fine of our public servant!"

## Wants Good Farm.

Horner Bros. Company announce elsewhere in this paper that they desire to buy a farm for a customer.

## HON. CHARLES M. STEDMAN VISITS OXFORD

### The Fifth District Congressman Is Hale and Hearty.

Hon. Chas. M. Stedman, Congressman from the Fifth District, spent last Friday in Oxford. He passed in and out among his friends all day and in the evening a large number of citizens called at the Exchange Hotel to shake his genial hand.

Major Stedman is hale and hearty and inclined to take on flesh despite his activities in Congress. Not one word did he say about his opponent, Mr. John W. Kurfees, the republican candidate for Congress. Kurfees is making a campaign and Major Stedman is not. Kurfees' plan of work is to criticize the war policies of the administration; yet no one knows better than he that it was not humanely possible to keep out of this war longer than we did—if we were to maintain any self respect at all as a nation.

In all great war measures before Congress the leaders of the Republican party have stood by their government—glory to them for this loyalty on their part.

When Mr. Kurfees criticises any of the great war measures passed by Congress then he must also criticise the biggest and best brains of the Republican party—for without their aid and support these measures could not have passed.

Major Stedman went direct from Oxford to Washington.

## SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING

### Revival Service To Begin At the Oxford Methodist Church Next Sunday.

Revival services are to begin at the Oxford Methodist church next Sunday, and in preparation for these services a series of prayer meetings are being held this week in different parts of the town. The places of meeting are as follows: Monday night, at Mrs. J. H. Bullock's on Broad street; Tuesday night, at Mr. D. K. Taylor's on Front street; Thursday night, at Mr. W. B. Ballou's on Gilliam street; Friday night, at Mr. W. W. Fuller's on Rectory street.

The meetings are being conducted by Rev. R. H. Willis, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the other pastors of the town. When weather conditions make it advisable these prayer services are held in the open air where every one can be as comfortable as they would be if sitting on their own lawns. All are invited to attend.

## CROWDER CALLS FOR MEN

### N. Carolina to Send 4,500 Whites to Camp Jackson; 2,738 Negroes to Camp Greene.

Calls for 130,207 draft registrants qualified for general military service to join the colors before the end of August, were issued tonight by the provost marshal general.

One hundred thousand white registrants from 43 states are ordered entrained between August 26 and August 30. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia are directed to furnish 30,207 negro registrants to entrain August 22-24.

These orders bring the number of men called out in August to about 300,000, the number contemplated in the present military program.

North Carolina will furnish 4,500 to Camp Jackson, and 2,738 negroes to Camp Greene.

## THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

### Will Open on Wednesday, September 4th.

The warehousemen of Oxford, Henderson and Warrenton met in Henderson last Saturday, and voted to open the market in the said towns on Wednesday, September 4th. Some of the warehousemen thought that the date agreed upon was too early, but they decided to stand by the decision of the majority.

All of the four Oxford warehouses are practically ready for the opening. There is some little change in the office force of some of the warehouses, which will be announced in the Public Ledger later. The roof of the new Mahgum warehouse is now being placed, and Mr. Mangum assures the Public Ledger that he will be ready for business by September 1st.