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DOOR TO INVASION OF GERMAN TERRITORY OPEN TO AMERICAN ARMY

German Forces Pushed Back From One to Two Miles; Twenty-five Thousand Germans Taken By Americans in Drive; Process of Cleaning Up St. Mihiel Salient Continues.

The crowning event of the week in the war was the American achievement in the wiping out of the German lines at St. Mihiel and the recapture of 155 square miles of French territory that had been under German occupation for four years. Their lines were advanced 13 or more miles in the direction of the German border and twenty-five thousand pris oners taken to the rear. Thousands of native French people who had been held in bondage by the Germans were released and the victorious Americans were the center of many manifestations of rejoicing, while the Paris and London papers were proclaiming their fame. Great Victory.

There is no disputing that the Boche made a poor showing, but he was for the first time up against an American army, fighting division beside division on a solid front, and he liked neither its pace nor its determination. It was a great victory for a new army, with new staffs, in a new country, because it was a victory for exactness in thinking and precision in working.
Battle Line Shortened.

The sharp and decisive victory of the Americans has put a new aspect on the entire situation. The line had been largely contracted—shortened by 22 miles—so as to make effective use of a larger number of troops, while the British and French opportunities to the north and south have been vastly improved. The Americans stand in a position to threaten the German base at Metz and makes more certain the fall of St. Quentin and the St. Gobian fort, that in turn laving Laon open to capture. The Chemin des Dames and in fact all the key positions to the German defense of their borders are brought within the easier possibilities of capture. The door to direct invasion of American First Army.

White Bread. Prisoners and refugees alike are greatly impressed by the fact that the Americans are eating white bread regarding it as a particularly ominous sign for Germany.

FIGURES ON NATIONAL REGIS-TRATION NOT YET AVAILABLE

Granville County, As Usual, Goes

Over the Top. ty hours after the polls closed. That quences. was a very fine piece of work con-sidering the fact that there were more than twenty-five hundred registrants in the county and about one card from outside of the county. The man power of Granville coun-

According to Provost Marshal Gen rollment beyond 13,000,000 is assum death of Corporal Commie W. Wheel eral Crowder, with partial returns in

Columbia. Several thousand additional troops are expected here durthe new twentieth division, which is is now fighting in Flanders, was at merous other relatives. its height. Since the coming of the 48th and 50th regiments of infantry KING GEORGE SEES the 220th signal battalion and other organizations forming the neu-

A young Granville county man last week called at the office of the Exemption Board and requested to be taken from Class four and be

HUN LINE WILL RUN FROM ANTWERP TO METZ

This Means the Surrender of All France and Half of Belgium. Paris, Sept. 15.—The Germans are constructing a new line from Antwerps to Metz, according to advices today. The forts at Antwerp are being restored and improved. Completed, the new defense system will be known as the Parsifal line -a line of defense running across middle Belgium to Metz, important fortress in German Alsace. A retreat to such a line would mean the surrendering of all France and half of Bel-

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT OXFORD COLLEGE THIS SESSION

Many Counties-of North Carolina and Virginia Represented.

With more than 120 college women present, Oxford College last Wednesday entered upon the most ausipcious session in the history of with a sprinkling from the eastern and western parts of the State and the south-side counties of Virginia. With the arrival of these young women, the college, which had been

closed for the summer months, presents an animated appearence. Prefacing his sermon last Sunday morning, Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, said that the community was indeed indebted to Dr. Hobgood, president of Oxford College for bringing so many fine girl to Oxford. Addressing the young women, he said that he was glad to Washington and the allied capi-see so many of them present and exwomen, he said that he was glad to tended to them a most cordial invi- on neutral soil as another German Those Who Have Died in Paris Hos- sanctum of Sheriff Hobgood and told tation to make his church their ruse to get better terms than they church home while in Oxford

THE STORY OF A TRUNK.

The Public Ledger learns that a farmer in the southern part of the county was last week robbed of \$150 in money, a Liberty bond and notes worth \$300. It is said that the mon ey and papers were in a trunk. It German territory stands open to the is believed that a negro who was loit ering in the vicinity broke into the house. The authorities are on the watch for this individual.

There can be little sympathy for the man in these enlightened times who forfeits the security offered by the banks, around which is thrown moment the thief breaks in and steals all that he has.

Not only do the banks offer absolute security but they keep money in The Granville County Exemption circulation and help drive the wheels Board was one of the first counties in the State to tabulate the returns from the registration last Thursday and file it with the draft executives.

By the assistance of Mark Exemption of industry which make possible the marketing of the crops. The banks gladly offer depositors for money and all valuable bonds and papers. By the assistance of Mrs. Rena Hunt The man who declines to avail himand Miss Edna White, and possibly self of the opportunities thus offered others, the Board was enabled to complete the report and mail it for-

CREEDMOOR SOLDIER WAS KILLED IN FRANCE

hundred Granville men who sent in This Is the First Southern Granville Boy Reported Killed.

The Creedmoor Times News gives ty, composed of men between the ag-es of 18 and 45 is more than 2,600. poral Commie D. Wheeler, who was killed in action in France:

Official information was received er, who was killed in action in France July 20th. Corporal Wheel-er was a member of Company B,

Grissom section of the county, and tary highway. A joint hearing will was born June 10th, 1898. Prior be held on December 10, when data the week. Since organization of to his enlistment in the army had will be presented to further the plan made his home in Creedmoor, and of the proposed military road. to train here, was begun several was a brother of Mr. O. E. Wheeler weeks ago, this camp has assumed an air of new life and hustle like unto the days when the thirtieth division which trained here and which is now fighting in Floridan and which

The hostess house is crowded each evening with many enlisted men and so are the various "Y" halls, the camp library and other places of amusement and recreation throughout the great camp.

NOBLE EXAMPLE.

Of North Carolina Guardsmen King George of England, on a recent visit to the Belgian front, of Graham, who is in command of the first battalion.

King George recently paid a visit to the front while the North Caro-

lina troops, were in the trenches brigaded with the British soldiers in that sector.

that sector. Major Scott, according to reports, Things have changed since I was placed in class four," said the young man. "Now that my wife has a competency and can manage to get along, I will thank you to place me in class 1 and send me to the front as soon as possible."

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Middy Suits.

Major Scott, according to reports, told his parents that he was glad to show the British monarch what real soldiers looked like, and the ruler of the empire was greatly impressed of the empire was greatly impressed with the fine showing made by the Tar Heel troops.

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TEUTONIC BEG FOR PEACE IS THE CRY OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

Emperor Charles Makes First Sensational Move in Expected 'Peace Offensive' of Teutons-Austrian Peace Overture Does Not Contemplate Interruption of War During Negotiations.

"Force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world, and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust," will be the answer of President Wilson.

(Washington Special.)

Overshadowing in interest even Marshal Foch's hammer blows athe institution. Granville and the gainst the harried Germans, is the nearby counties furnish their quota, Teutonic bid for peace made through the imperial government of Austria-Hungary.

The formal plea of Emperor Charles to the belligerents for "a confidential and non-binding discussion on the basic principles for the con-clusion of peace" comes as the first sensational move in the "peace offensive" which has been expected since the German arms began to stag ger back from the fierce thrusts of

the British, French and Americans. might expect when the war has been carried to the Rhine. They were convinced that Austria, whose people have long been war-rweary, had The Same Thing Over and Over been called upon to bear the onus of making peace overtures and thus save the face of Germany.

FIVE CORPS, INCULDING TAR HEEL MEN, IN UNITED STATES ARMY MAKING DRIVE

(By the United Press.)

Part of the First Field Army, the big Metz drive gains the credit for the first all-American offensive.

It consists of five corps of six divisions each, but how many of those divisions each which is understod to be engaged in every safeguard, and hides his money divisions are engaged has not yet in his sock or about the cracks in been disclosed. The make-up of the the home, if at some unsuspecting First Field Army as announced recently (now possibly altered) is as follows:

First Corus—First, Second, Twenty-sixth, Forty-second, Forty-first and Thirty-second Divisions under Major General Liggett. Second Corps—Seventy-seventh,

Thirty-fifth, Eighty-second, Thirtieth Twenty-eighh and Fourth Divisions, under Major General Bullard. Third Corps-Third, Fifth, Seven-

ty-eighth, Eightieth, Thirty-third and Twenty-seventh Divisions, under Major General Wright. Fourth Corps-Eighty-third, Eighty-ninth, Thirty-seventh, Twenty-

ninth, Ninetieth and Ninety-second Divisions, under Major General Reed Fifth Corps—Sixth, Thirty-sixth, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-fifth and Ninety-first Divisions, under Major General Bundy.

MILITARY HIGHWAY PROPOSED. It Will Pass Through Oxford.

Conferences were held in Washing ton last week to promote the move-Many Troops Arrive to Become Part of New Divisions Lately Organized.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Sept. 16.—Since Friday more than 2.000 troops have arrived at Camp 2.000 troops have arrived at Camp Sevier most of them having been transferred here from Camp Jackson Columbia. Several thousand and Mrs. Z. V. Wheeler of the Sevier and Mrs. Z. V. Wheeler of the States army in a seeking to highway, leading from Washington to Los Angeles, into a military high-thou amilitary high-than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first than two years ago. This is the first Southern Granville boy, so far as we than two years ago. This is the first than two years ago. This is the first the publishers to pay cash in advance for every line of advertising, the publishers must protect themselves against loss. To carry a legal advertising, the May under government control. A way under government from four to six weeks and get nothing for it was bad extracted and get nothing for a military high-than two years ago. This is the first two Los Angeles, into a military high-than two years ago. The bound of the way under government control. A way under government control. ment of converting the Bankhead red penny.

CORPORAL WINFIELD TAYLOR

GRANVILLE THIS YEAR

On Account of Mr. Booker Being In.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD ASKS FOR COMPETENT HELP

To Assist Registrants In Filling Out Questionnaires.

Within a few days the Local Board for Granville County will begin sending out questionnaires to the registrants of September 12. It will be absolutely impossible for the lawyers of the town to assist all of the registrants in filling out these questionnaires. They could not do it if they should give the whole of their time to the work. But it is not expected that they should do it all. It is expected that others will help.

tionnaires are being sent out. It will also have the assistance of several joyed by the large audience present. others who have already signified their willingness to help in the work. A large number of those who acted as registras on September 12 have agreed to help the registrants to a limited extent in their immediate sec tion. Several others have filed their names with this Board for work at the Court House. But the number All men in the town or county patriotic enough to be willing to help in this work are requested to give their names to the undersigned so that a complete corps of workers and assistants may be organized at once. D. G. BRUMMITT, Chm.,

T. LANIER, B. W. PARHAM, Legal Advisory Board.

TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAD.

pitais Euried in France.

publics, are constantly decorated with flowers, says a Paris dispatch.

Not content with acting as god-mothers to the American soldiers who return to Paris on furloughs.

"After you have found the still and destroyed it," said the little dicky birds, "go to Berea and you will find Murphy in a store."

Monday at noon Sheriff Hobgood visitors and the graves, marked by evidence," said the dicky birds.

be without a wreath or vase of flowers. Some of the florial pieces are of elaborate workmanship.

From the slopes of Valerian the beautiful panorama of the Paris region spreads out, for the imposing hill is one of the most effective de-fences of the city. Visitors have said it seemed to them that even in death the young Americans are stand ing guard over the Paris they died

to protect. The cldest grave in the cemetery is that of Private Bought of the 102nd infantry, who died March 26, last. Most of the plates tacked to the wooden crosses bear more recent dates and the majority say that soldier lying there belonged to the ma-

"Mort Pour la Patrie," read the inscriptions.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS. Must Be Paid Cash in Advance.

So far as the Public Ledger is con-cerned, legal advertising has been a very unprofitable business.. Hundreds of cases have been properly advertised in the Public Ledger for

which we have never received one

fore, the columns of the Public Ledger are open only to such legal advertisements as are paid in ad-

ATKINSON-ROLLER.

Safe and Sound.

Having not heard from his son for more than four months, Mr. J.
A. Taylor requested the war depart.
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Monarch Reviews Battalion
North Carolina Guardsmen
George of England, on a resist to the Belgian front.

Roller of Chapter and in the presence of a large assemblage of officers and enlisted men, the marriage of Miss Margaret Rolling Atkinson, daughter of Mrs. S.
J. Atkinson, Champe, Va., to Lieut.
John Baker Roller, son of Mrs. S. E.
Roller of Chapter and are seeking to please their many customers.

Our beautiful nears.

Lieut. Roller is assigned to Battery "B" 75th Artillery, C. A. C., The bride and groom will be at home at quarters 1013, Fort Moultrie, until Lieut. Roller is ordered overseas.

The young man seemed greatly pleased when the Board told him to arrange his affairs as quick as possible and report to them for consignment.

Middy Suits.

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ROUSING MASS MEETING.

ze Numbers Hear Speech of State Director Dunlap.

at a mass meeting of citizens presided over by Dr. E. T. White in the Court House on Monday night, the United War Work Campaign by the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and allied organizations, was opened in Gran-

ville county. State Director Z. D. Dunlap addressed the meeting, explaining the work of the campaign ahead. He urged that everyone get squarely behind President Wilson and support The Legal Advisory Board will ar- our boys in the trenches in France range to have one or more lawyers by doing the duty here at home up-stairs in the Court House each day during the period in the quesspeaker and his fine address was en-

The chairman of the campaign for Granville county, Mr. R. H. Lewis, announced his organization as fol-

F. M. Pinnix, Treaturer; T. C. Harris, Secretary; J. W. Horner, Chair-

man for the town of Oxford. Miss Bennette H. Gregory had alalready obtained is not sufficient. ready been announced as chairman for the Y. W. C. A., and to this committee is entrusted the task of raising Granville county's part of this great War Fund of \$170,000,000.00.

W. A. MURPHY ARRESTED.

The Little Dicky Birds Talk to Sherifi Hobgood.

Sunday night while he peacefully slumbered in his forty thousand dollar castle on Cherry Hill, the little dicky birds entered the gold-plated him that W. A. Murphy, who lives Upon the eastern slope of Mount Valerian are buried the 280 American soldiers who have died in Paris "Go to a sycamore tree near the hospitals. Although the cemetery still and you will find Murphy's ovhas been in use only three months it eralls hanging on a limb, and in the is sought out by reverent American pockets is a bunch of incrimination

mothers to the American soldiers Monday at noon Sheriff Hobgood, who return to Paris on furloughs, accompanied by Uncle Ned Booth French mothers, whose sons have and Chief I. H. Hobgood, followed died that liberty might live, have a- the instructions of the Ititle dicky dopted the boys from the United birds and returned to Oxford with

CAIN KILLED ABEL.

Spectacular Electrocution In the State Prison.

(W. T. Bost.)

Baxter Cain, murderer of Abel Harris, both night watchmen at the Salisbury-Spencer electric railway barn, hopped on a leg and a crutch to the electric chair this morning, huried himself into it, took three applications of jovinian fire and lay back dead in "satisfaction" of the law.

It was in minor respects the most spectacular electrocution of three dozen or more now recorded in the annals of death at the State pen. Never had been anybody named Cain e-lectrically baked for killing anybody named Abel. Never had a victim single-footed his pilgrimage of death and with such marked aplomb, as this Rowan county man who never saw a hand that he did not think was raised against him. Never did the prisoner use his last lap in life to such inspection as did Cain. The electric chair to him was the most interesting thing in the room and he looked it over as though he had never seen its match before.

near. Not only are they glad to bring their tobacco here where they can get good prices but they are also . glad to come to Oxford because it is a hustling little city whose large stores are filled with the goods they want. The big general stores, the

LIST OF REGISTRANTS.

Exemption Board Posts Complete Copy In Corridor of the Court House.

The Granville County Exemption Board Monday posted a complete list in the Court House of all registrants between the age of 18 and 45