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## THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

### The Dependents of Missing Men Still Receive Allotments.

**Don't Lose That Certificate.**  
If you received a blue register certificate on September 12, take care of it as valuable property and carry it with you. You may be required to show it at any time. When you receive a classification certificate from your local board, this certificate should be where you can produce it as evidence of your status.

### Keep Your Liberty Bonds Safe

Many purchasers of Liberty bonds are holding investments for the first time. The State Council of Defense, therefore, suggests that all Liberty bond owners, especially those who are not experienced investors, remember the following facts:

1. Coupon Liberty bonds—that is, bonds which are not officially registered by the Treasury as a certain person's property until transferred on the Treasury books to another person—should be kept safe from thieves and fire as cash ought to be. Most small bonds are coupon bonds. Owners of coupon Liberty bonds may exchange them for registered bonds. For the method, consult your bank.
2. Liberty bonds should be kept, and not exchanged for goods or securities. Beware of any man who offers goods for Liberty bonds, have nothing to do with anybody who offers securities, especially oil or mining stocks, for your Government paper.

### Soldiers Still Receive Allotments

The Bureau of War Risk Insurance has given notice that the dependents of soldiers reported "missing in action" will continue to receive allotments and allowances. As a matter of course, Government insurance is not paid until the soldier protected by the policy is certified as dead.

### Sisters of Soldiers Eligible.

Under a War Department ruling, sisters of officers and enlisted men are henceforth eligible for Red Cross nursing, canteen work and other important work in France.

### The conditions under which passports will be granted are as follows:

- (1) The sisters must be accredited members of one of the regular authorized organizations.
- (2) Each must be particularly qualified for the position she is to fill.
- (3) She is sent to France as a worker and not as a relative.
- (4) She will make no effort to visit her relatives in France, whether sick or well.
- (5) The organization to which she belongs will return her to America in case she violates these rules, or if she marries an officer or soldier in the American Expeditionary Force after her arrival.

### SECRET SERVICE MEN.

### We Need A Few Of Them In Granville.

In dealing effectively with insidious pro-German propaganda the government has enlisted thousands of persons who are serving as detectives in the secret service, as special agents of the Department of Justice, or in the bureaus of information of the Navy and War Departments. Already the work of the wartime sleuth has resulted in numerous arrests. The preachers of peace-at-any-price, who were in evidence in many communities before the United States entered the world war, have taken to cover because of the activities of Uncle Sam's detectives, and confine their efforts to secret propaganda.

### THE OLD KAISER.

### The Strain Is Telling on the Old Rascal.

"The Kaiser looked grave and his head had become very gray," says an Essen dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, describing the appearance of Emperor William on the occasion of his speech at the Krupp munition works. "But in his eyes," says the dispatch, "shone the defiant gleam of a Prussian king. He spoke for about three quarters of an hour without manuscript and with rhetoric which many reichstagers might have envied."

### EXCESS TAX PROFITS MEASURE IS ADOPTED

### Provision of War Revenue Bill Would Yield \$3,200,000,000 In Funds to Run War.

With less than an hour's discussion and without amendment, the House Wednesday adopted the general plan and rates in the war revenue bill for taxation of war and excess tax profits estimated to yield \$3,200,000,000 in revenue.

### The Building Proposition.

It will be of interest to any who are contemplating any kind of building or repairing to read carefully the page advertisement of C. D. Ray & Son in this issue of the Public Ledger.

## WHAT THE ARMY IS PAYING FOR FOOD THESE DAYS

Washington, Sept. 18.—Here's what the army is paying for food these days, according to figures issued by the quartermaster general:  
Beef 23 3-4 cents pound;  
Ham 34 cents; Bacon 42 cents; lard 27 cents; and lard substitute 27 cents, all F. O. B. Chicago, butter 47 1-2 cents a pound in prints and 44 1-4 in tubs; Oleomargarine in tubs 25 3-4 cents; potatoes 2.9 cents a pound; onions 2.97 cents, flour \$5.15 per hundred pounds at mill; sugar \$7.35 at refineries.

## VOLUNTEERS, COME FORWARD!

### The Questionnaires Must Be Filled Out.

The following gentlemen have agreed to assist the Legal Advisory Board in the work of filling out questionnaires for registrants: A. H. Powell, L. T. Buchanan, R. B. Hines, A. A. Chapman, W. Mott Pinnix, F. W. Knott, C. A. Carroll, C. R. Gordon and Jno. R. Hall.

The work has begun and will continue for some weeks. Other assistance is needed for the reason that no one is expected to give the whole of his time. Those willing to assist in the work will report at the Court House and give their names to the undersigned.

D. G. BRUMMITT, Chm.,  
T. LANIER,  
B. W. PARHAM,  
Legal Advisory Board.

## LOCAL BOARDS ARE MAILING THE QUESTIONNAIRES

### Blanks Going To Registrants of September 12 Between 19 and 36

Granville County Exemption Board are mailing questionnaires of the third edition to registrants of September 12 between the ages of 19 and 36. Ten per cent will be mailed out daily until the total number of men between these ages have been forwarded the blanks which, when returned, determines their class liability for service.

As has been the case in the distribution of the first and second edition of questionnaires, members of the legal advisory boards in the State will be called upon to render service in assisting registrants in preparing their questionnaires.

Questionnaires will be mailed out according to serial numbers assigned to the new class of registrants. No entries on the classification lists will be made until after order numbers have been assigned in accordance with regulations subsequently to be promulgated.

## SECRETARY PEACE IS GETTING THINGS IN FINE SHAPE

### Mr. Outlaw Hunt Appointed Marshal of the Granville County Fair.

Secretary Peace is just back from Raleigh where he placed order for the printing of the annual premium list. In a few days this will be received and given out on request. Many inquiries are received daily showing the great interest taken.

Mr. Outlaw Hunt has been elected chief marshal and accepted and will shortly announce his aids from the various sections of the county.

The midway will be full of amusements for the fun loving youngsters as almost daily letters are received asking for space.

## SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICANS TO FIGHT

### May Soon Be On the Firing Line in France and Flanders is the Forecast at Washington.

(Washington Special.)  
Millions of battling South and Central Americans may soon be on the firing line in France and Flanders is the latest important war forecast at Washington. These, with the irresistible Japs and the Zecho-Slavs and Jugo-Slavs fighting in the far East will increase the forceful torrent that will engulf Germany and destroy Germanic ambitions.

## MAJOR CHAS. M. STEDMAN ANSWERS CANDIDATE KURFEES

### The Busy Congressman Sets the Republican Candidate Right.

The Republican candidate for Congress in the fifth district either through ignorance or intentionally, misrepresented Hon. Chas. M. Stedman. Kurfees, or any other man in the nation, can not justly criticize the enviable record of the distinguished and able representative of this district. Read Major Stedman's letter on the second page of this paper.

### Pressing the Limit.

The better grades of tobacco have begun to make their appearance on the Oxford market and the price goes higher daily. Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the new warehouse by his name, is ever pressing the price still higher and higher. See announcement of the Mangum elsewhere in this paper.

## GENERAL PERSHING ABOUT TO CARRY BATTLE TO GERMAN SOIL

General Pershing's American First Army Is Standing In Front of the Fortifications of Metz and Its Positions Are Being Heavily Shelled By the Germans. But This Shell Fire Is Not Interfering With the Preparations For the Invasion of Germany—Metz Must Be Taken By Strategy—There is a Probability that the Next Few Days Will Bring Developments of Unquestioned Significance.

The American Army is standing in front of Metz, one of the strongest fortifications in the world. This is one interesting proposition in the situation, and yet the possibilities are that the Americans may get through at some other point. They are on German soil there; they may hold their footing until a more interesting development comes to pass at some other place. To break through further into Germany at the Vosges would entail a direct assault on the German Army entrenched to the west of the Rhine and the Allied commanders may have a better plan than that in mind.

The American storm is due to break at any moment. Just where is the important and interesting development for which the public must wait. While interest is centered on the American situation and the coming events, both the British and the French are closing nearer on their respective goals, pushing more relentlessly to a further victory. But what has undoubtedly shaken Germany more than any recent occurrence was the world-reply to her "peace" proposition, as briefly and emphatically worded by President Wilson. There is a probability that the next few days may bring developments of unquestioned significance.

## Metz the Foundation.

(By Frank H. Simonds.)

A direct attack upon Metz is unthinkable, not merely because of the forts, which are far more modern and infinitely stronger than those of Verdun, but because of the lines of defense which the Germans have newly constructed upon the circle of hills surrounding the old French city since the war began. We must recognize that Metz is the foundation of the German defense not merely of the old frontier, but of all the country between the Rhine and the Belgian and French frontiers. If Metz shall fall a permanent stay of the German armies west of the Belgian frontier will be impossible. A defense of Alsace-Lorraine could not long be maintained and the Germans would have at no distant date to retire to the line of the Rhine, of Lauter and the Saar, at the very least.

More than this, Metz defends all that great iron district from Longwy in France, on the Luxemburg frontier, southward to the point where the present front crosses the Moselle near Norroy. To lose this iron district would be to lose the main source of indispensable war material. It would be tantamount to the loss of the war itself. When Bismarck took Metz he obeyed the urgings of the elder Moltke and the military men. He took it because they advised him that in German hands Metz was the key to France.

## Must Be Taken By Strategy.

As a military problem, it is well to dismiss the idea that the taking of Metz can be by direct assault. There have been too many operations like the Somme and Flanders last year to make such an operation tempting now. Metz will have to be taken by the now familiar method of the "pinchers." Unquestionably we shall see next year—we may see the beginning this year—a double thrust from Verdun straight out toward the Moselle east of Briey and below Metz and another thrust northeastward from the front beyond Nancy into the gap between Metz and which ended so disastrously at Marhange. These two thrusts will together envelop Metz as St. Mihiel salient was enveloped the other day, and compel the Germans to choose between evacuating the whole Metz position and risking an army in a besieged fortress, as Bazaine risked his army and the French cause in 1870.

## Slow Campaign.

We are likely to see a long and slow campaign for Metz. We are bound to see the main thrusts delivered, not at the forts and the immediate circle of defenses which now face our troops, but north and south of these defenses, a thrust designed to envelop Metz, not take it by storm. And the envelopment will inevitably force the Germans to evacuate the town when their garrison is threatened with immediate encirclement. Pershing is on the point of carrying the war into Germany. Metz is his first obstacle and Metz may well be a matter of months, not days.

## AMERICA'S PROMPT ANSWER TO QUESTION

"The government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the imperial Austro-Hungarian government. It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the upon which the United States would consider peace and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain."

## BULGARIANS ARE IN FLIGHT BEFORE FRENCH AND SERBS

Progress Is So Rapid They Are Unable To Count Prisoners; Pursuit Kept Up Day and Night. (London Special, Sept. 19.)

The Bulgarians are in flight in Macedonia and are burning stores and villages.

The Allied troops now have advanced more than 12 miles and their progress is so rapid that they have not been able to count the prisoners and war material taken. New regiments thrown in by the Bulgarians have been forced to retreat with the others.

The Bulgarians have been defeated completely and the Serbian troops are pursuing them day and night.

## 10,000 Prisoners and 60 Big Guns Taken, Says Haig.

The prisoners taken by the British in the operation begun Wednesday northwest of St. Quentin now exceed 10,000. More than 60 big guns were taken.

## FOUR MINUTE PATRIOTIC SONG SERVICE AT THE ORPHEUM

### Mrs. John Booth Appointed Chairman of Committee on Public Information.

Four minute singing henceforth will be added to the activities of the Four Minute Men of the Committee on Public Information, in conformity with instructions just received from Washington.

The new activity will be conducted in those motion picture theaters which are co-operating with the government, their audience being afforded an opportunity to join in singing patriotic songs and choruses.

Words and music of specially selected songs have been sent to Mrs. John Booth, who has been appointed chairman of a singing division of the Four Minute Men.

Slides giving the words to be thrown on the screens for the information of the audience will be prepared for early use.

Four minutes will continue to be the time limit of the new activity, which will be kept entirely separate from the delivery of Government messages.

It is hoped that the new activity may be inaugurated during the coming campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

## TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD.

### To Stimulate the Sale of War Savings Stamps.

Mr. Milton Hunter, railway postal clerk, offers \$10.00 in gold to the first boy or girl in Granville county who will inform him to whom he can sell \$1,000 worth of War Savings Stamps, the prize money to be given to the said boy or girl as soon as the sale of the stamps is negotiated.

Mr. Hunter is prompted by a spirit of patriotism to reward the said boy or girl, and we feel quite sure that he not only deserves the patronage of those who are able to purchase to the limit, but those who buy in smaller lots should patronize him.

Mr. Hunter is a postal clerk on the main line of the Seaboard road and comes to Oxford to visit his father every week. A message will reach him at the Oxford postoffice.

## THE MILLINERY OPENING.

### The Oxford Milliners Had a Handsome Display.

The Ladies from town and county manifested much interest in the display of millinery Thursday, the formal opening of the millinery establishments in Oxford. The ladies were not only pleased with the handsome showing, but the prices range somewhat lower than they expected.

The stores were crowded all day with the gentle sex from the town and county and the sales are reported to have been heavy.

## MR. C. K. COZART IN OXFORD

### Creedmoor Tobacconist Now With The Banner.

Mr. C. K. Cozart, the well known Creedmoor warehouseman, has closed his warehouse for the season and is now affiliated with the Banner warehouse, where he will be glad to see his many old friends in this and adjoining counties. See the formal announcement elsewhere in this paper.

## WORK OR FIGHT.

### Mr. J. S. King is the County Chairman of the Committee of Employment.

Governor Bickett this week named Mr. J. S. King, of the Long Company chairman of the Granville County Committee of Employment. This means work or fight.

## THE NEW DISEASE FROM OVER THE SEAS

### An Attack Usually Lasts Only a Few Days.

Spanish influenza, which has at last penetrated to the United States, has mystified European scientists. It is presumed to have originated on the French battlefields. Some physicians believe it to be nothing more or less than the Black Plague of earlier wars, rendered relatively harmless because of the enervation which time has brought to the persistent bacilli and by modern processes of sanitation. Others are still convinced that the appearance of the disease represents one of the fantastic methods of the German warmakers, who are supposed to have developed the menace with weird dreams of prostrated armies laid low and surrounded after the disease had been spread by shells charged with it.

Isolation camps are already established at several places in the United States. Spanish influenza is not usually a fatal malady. Its chief danger is in the lowered vitality that follows an attack and according to the Surgeon General of the United States army, leaves the convalescent easy prey for more dangerous diseases. Thus physicians suggest quick and thorough care of those who may be afflicted. Sudden prostration and all the symptoms of an aggravated cold are the usual signs of Spanish influenza. An attack usually lasts but a few days. It is in the period of recovery that the patient needs most careful attention. Complete rest, fresh air and good food are the chief methods of cure.

## SPECIAL AGENTS ARE ROUNDING UP SLACKERS

### Gathering Information From Hundreds of Sources.

A nation-wide effort to round up men who failed to register for the draft Thursday will be started immediately by a specially organized corps of department of justice agents. This corps has been in process of organization for some time, and will work quietly, without making general raids.

Methods have been developed for gathering information from hundred of sources on men within the new draft ages who failed to respond and this will be used to prevent evasion. Many volunteer members of the American Protective League, a citizens organization against draft dodgers, are understood to have enlisted in the new campaign against draft dodgers, and the system is said to be so thorough that it virtually will be impossible for slackers to evade arrest.

## TWENTY GERMAN DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN DISBANDED

### Women and Children Are Being Called to the Auxiliary Service

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Monday, Sept. 16.—One hundred and eight German infantry battalions, equivalent to twenty divisions, have been disbanded, it is learned, in order to fill the gap made by the past year's fighting. Women and boys are being called to the auxiliary service to replace men. Five thousand women have already been mobilized for this purpose and boys of fourteen are being utilized.

Captured officers say that Germany is very tired of the war and no longer hopes to do more than keep what is its own.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

### As to the Ages of All Persons Required to Register.

There appear to be some misunderstandings on the part of registrars in the county as to the limit of ages of persons required to register on September 12, 1918. Notice is hereby given that all male persons who had reached their eighteenth birthday on September 12, 1918, and who had not reached their forty-sixth birthday, are required to register and should at once appear before the Local Board at Oxford, N. C., for the purpose of registering.

## REICHSTAG AGAIN WILL MAKE A BID FOR WORLD PEACE

London, Sept. 18.—It is rumored in Berlin that when the Reichstag meets there will be another peace demonstration similar to that of July 1917, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam. It is said that the term of the proposal are being drafted by the leaders in conjunction with Chancellor Von Hertling. The Reichstag is scheduled to meet November 5.

## War Exhibit.

There will be a meeting at the Culbreth school on Tuesday afternoon, September 24th, at 3:30 to plan a war service exhibit for the community fair. The county chairman of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense will be present to confer with the Culbreth committee. A full attendance is urged.