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## THE WHOLE COUNTRY IN THE GRIP OF THE SPANISH INFLUENZA

### Schools, Churches and Moving Picture Houses in Oxford Closed As a Precautionary Measure—Fifty Cases in and Around Oxford.

Acting in conjunction with the State Board of Health and State officials, Dr. S. H. Cannady, health officer of Granville county, and Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, mayor of Oxford, on Saturday last proclaimed to the people of the town and county the importance of not assembling in large numbers on any occasion whatsoever until the epidemic of Spanish influenza has subsided; and with the desire to fulfill the functions of their office and protect the health of the people whom they serve, did, according to the power invested in them, close all the schools, churches, Sunday schools and moving picture houses until such a time as it is safe for the people to assemble in such places.

### Public Approves Action.

Early Saturday morning when it became generally known that the disease had reached Oxford, the ministers, school directors and others besieged Dr. Cannady and Mayor Mitchell and requested them to take immediate steps to protect the public health.

### First Official Act.

John Robinson's advance agent was in Oxford Friday morning and made arrangements for the circus to exhibit here on October 8th. He completed all arrangements and left for Henderson on the noon train without seeing Dr. Cannady, who later in the day called him up and told him that he could not show here on account of the spread of the Spanish influenza.

### The Doctors Busy.

The dreadful disease has appeared in this section and more than fifty cases have been reported in and around Oxford. All of our physicians are kept busy, and should the disease continue to spread the limited number of physicians here would be unequal to the demands.

### Spanish Influenza.

The United States Public Health Service says that the disease now occurring in this country and called "Spanish Influenza" resembles a very contagious kind of "cold" accompanied by fever, pains in the head, eyes, ears, back or other parts of the body and a feeling of severe sickness. In most of the cases the symptoms disappear after three or four days, the patient then rapidly recovering; some of the patients, however, develop pneumonia, or inflammation of the ear, or meningitis, and many of these complicated cases die. Whether this so-called "spanish" influenza is identical with the epidemics of influenza of earlier years is not yet known.

### The Symptoms.

In most cases a person taken sick with influenza feels rather sick suddenly. He feels weak, has pains in the eyes, ears, head or back, and may be sore all over. Many patients feel dizzy, some vomit. Most of the patients complain of feeling chilly, and with this comes a fever in which the temperature rises to 100 to 104. In most cases the pulse remains relatively slow.

In appearance one is struck by the fact that the patient looks sick. His eyes and inner side of his eyelids may be slightly "bloodshot" or congested," as the doctors say. There may be running from the nose, or there may be some cough. These signs of a cold may not be marked; nevertheless the patient looks and feels very sick.

### Be On Your Guard.

Nurses and attendants will do well to guard against breathing in dangerous disease germs by wearing a simple fold of gauze or mask while near the patient. It is very important that every person who becomes sick with influenza should go home at once and go to bed. It is especially important to beware of the person who coughs or sneezes without covering his mouth and nose. It also follows that we should keep out of crowds and stuffy places as much as possible, keep homes, offices, and workshops well aired, spend some time out of doors each day, walk to work if at all practicable—in short make every possible effort to breathe as much pure air as possible.

## DR. NELSON THOMAS ANSWERS EMERGENCY CALL

### Clarksville Is Also In the Grip of Spanish Influenza.

Clarksville is also hard hit by the Spanish influenza. There is only one resident physician in Clarksville and he is among those stricken.

As soon as Dr. Nelson Thomas, of Oxford, heard of the conditions in our neighboring town he hastened to their rescue Monday to battle with the disease. Dr. Thomas will return to Oxford today, and possibly other doctors will loan their services in this emergency.

## CLOCKS TO BE TURNED BACK AN HOUR OCT. 27

(Washington Special.) Railroad time pieces are to be turned back one hour at 2 a. m. Sunday, October 27, when the period of daylight saving ends, according to orders issued today by the railroad administration. After the change in time, regular trains must be held to conform to their regular schedules.

## HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH INVESTS IN LIBERTY BONDS

### Twenty Conversions At Recent Revival Services.

The protracted meeting at Hester church came to a close last Friday. The services were conducted by Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, assisted by Dr. R. H. Marsh, former pastor of Hester church.

A member of the church tells the Public Ledger that these two good "old war horses" made things lively for the congregation. The whole congregation manifested much interest in the meetings and there were twenty conversions.

At a business meeting \$4,000 was raised for the church debt, and the congregation voted to buy a Liberty bond.

## NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS IN THICK OF FIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

### General March Announces That Old Hickory Division Has Broken the Hindenburg Line.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—The North Carolina National guard soldiers have been in the thick of the fight on the western front.

General March declared today that the 30th division, which embraces the Tar Heels, the South Carolinians and the Tennessee guardsmen, had been active.

The North Carolinians, with their comrades from New York, South Carolina and Tennessee, have gone through the Hindenburg line.

While it is too early to get any of the details of this historic action in which the men of the Old Hickory division distinguished themselves, many small bits of information have trickled through to show that their achievements was considered remarkable in taking several strongly fortified towns on the Hindenburg line.

## BANK EMPLOYEES URGED TO CLAIM EXEMPTION

The Provost Marshal General has ruled that banking is an occupation necessary to the maintenance of the national welfare; and that skilled officers and employees of banks, who waive the right to be placed in a deferred classification are showing mistaken patriotism. Realizing that if left to themselves many bank employees will fail to make claim for exemption, the Provost Marshal General authorities that that claim be made the bank in which they are employed. Thus if an officer or clerk fears unjust criticism or believes his act may be misconstrued, the bank which employs him may file a claim for his exemption on occupational grounds with the district board of appeals.

## THE COUNTY FAIR.

### Premium List About Ready For Distribution.

It is now only twenty-one days till the Granville County Fair, and a great fair it will be.

Secretary Peace is working like a beaver to make the fair a success. He expects to get the premium list from the printers this week.

The management of the fair this year has many new and interesting attractions to offer the public, and while there may be a few remaining away because of the influenza, it is thought this will not interfere to any appreciable extent. Being in the open it is claimed that there is little danger.

## NEW CALL ISSUED FOR SPECIAL SERVICE MEN

### Two Whites and Five Colored From Granville.

The Adjutant General has announced a call to the local boards of the State for 200 white men and 250 colored men of grammar school education and special aptitude for mechanical work to receive training as technicians for army service.

The white registrants, who will receive training at the University of Virginia as auto mechanics, and will be entrained on October 15. The colored registrants will receive training as carpenters, horseshoers and as truck drivers and will entrain on the same date for the Negro Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro N. C.

The allotment for Granville county is two white men and five colored men.

## THE KAISER IS ON HIS KNEES

### BEGS PRESIDENT WILSON TO TAKE HAND IN THE RESTORATION OF PEACE.

In a Proclamation To His Troops the Old German War Lord Acknowledges That He is Faced By a Superior Army.

### TEXT OF THE NOTE.

Amsterdam, Oct. 6.—The text of the note forwarded by the Imperial German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian, to President Wilson through the Swiss government follows:

"The German government requests the President of the United States to take in hand the restoration of peace, acquaint all the belligerent states of this request, and invite them to send plenipotentiaries for the purpose of opening negotiations.

"It accepts the program set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress on January 8 and in his later pronouncements, especially his speech of September 27, as a basis for peace negotiations.

"With a view to avoiding further bloodshed, the German government requests the immediate conclusion of an armistice on land and water and in the air."

It is announced that Turkey will take a similar step.

### (Washington Special.) Efforts to Save Something From the Wreckage.

Plainly, it was recognized as the next step in the continuing efforts of the German statesmen to save something from the wreckage of their dream of world domination, the step which might be expected from a losing trader who makes his proposition has it rejected and offers his next best, each time coming nearer to the demands of his adversary, meanwhile endeavoring to hold out in the hopes of getting the best terms he can.

### No Council-Table Quibbling.

It hardly is taking a position in advance of the American Government to say that if the present proposition signifies Germany's unqualified acceptance of the four principles of peace laid down by President Wilson in his Fourth of July speech at the tomb of Washington, it will be considered "in principle" with saving diplomatic language paving the way for quibbling around a council table, it will not be considered.

### It is Not Germany's Deal.

Those terms accepted by all the Allies as their own, the President compressed into a single sentence: "Reign of law based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind."

They provided for the destruction or reduction to virtual impotence, of any arbitrary power capable of disturbing the peace of the world; the settlement of every question on the basis of the interest of the people concerned, and in effect a league of nations to enforce peace.

### To Accept Wilson Terms Means Disarmament.

If in the offer of Prince Maximilian, the new Imperial Chancellor, Germany is willing to accept these terms and the remainder of the world is satisfied that he speaks not alone, but with the military masters of Germany in acquiescence, the next logical step would be the withdrawal of every German foot of occupied territory. From that point the Allies might begin to test the sincerity of Germany's willingness to conform to the world peace preserving program.

### All Peace Offers Must Stand the Acid Test.

There is nothing to indicate that the view has been changed. No one here doubts that sooner or later Germany is going to make a peace offer that may be worth considering. None of the Allies wishes to assume the responsibility of prolonging the war a day longer than is necessary to insure the future peace of the world. Therefore, it is realized that offers of peace are not to be rejected before they are examined. Prince Maximilian's offer with those said to be coming simultaneously from Austria and Turkey will go under the same acid test which has been applied to all others. If it fails to stand the test it will go the way of all the others.

### NO MORE SUGAR CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED FOR PRESERVING

No more certificates for sugar for canning and preserving will be issued for Granville county. Merchants are directed not to sell sugar on any preserving or canning certificate after this date.

B. W. PARHAM, Co. Food Adm'n.

—Salem Community Fair has been postponed.

## THE WAY TO WORLD PEACE EMBRACE FOURTEEN ARTICLES

The President presented the following as necessary elements of world peace, in his address to Congress in joint session, January 8, 1918:

1. Open covenants of peace without private international understandings.
2. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war except as they may be closed by international action.
3. Removal of all economic barriers and establishment of equality of trade conditions, among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.
4. Guarantees for the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
5. Impartial adjustments of all colonial claims based upon the principle that the peoples concerned have equal weight with the interest of the government.
6. Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.
7. Evacuation of Belgium without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.
8. All French territory to be freed and restored, and reparation for the taking of Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers and on clearly recognizable lines of nationality.
10. Freest opportunity for autonomous developments of the peoples of Austria-Hungary.
11. Evacuation of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro, with access to the sea for Serbia and international guarantees of economic and political independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan states.
12. Secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire but with other nationalities under Turkish rule assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development, with the Dardanelles permanently opened to all nations.
13. Establishment of an independent Polish state, including territories inhabited indisputably by Polish populations with free access to sea and political and economic independence and territorial integrity guaranteed by international covenant.
14. General association of nations under specific covenants for mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to large and small states alike.

## THE STATE CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR HEARTY CO-OPERATION

### By Proclamation Saturday, October 12th Is Declared a Holiday in the Interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

To the Mills, Factories, Cotton and Tobacco Dealers, all Corporations and Business Houses in North Carolina:

The President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have by proclamation declared Saturday, October 12th, a holiday.

On behalf of our Liberty Loan workers I appeal to you to observe this day, and to give your own time of your employees to the securing of subscribers to Liberty Loan Bonds.

The task before us is the greatest financial proposition any Nation has ever undertaken—to sell, in three short weeks, six billion dollars worth of bonds. It seems impossible, but loyal Americans have never yet found a task too big for them.

North Carolina's Quota, \$39,900,000. It can be reached only by the unanimous support of our people. Everybody must help—everybody must buy a bond.

Busy? Yes, I know you are busy. So are our boys now in pursuit of the Germans. They have given up everything at home, they are enduring hardships, and many of them are laying down their lives for us. Can we be too busy to give just one whole day for them?

Two things we must do:

First, see that North Carolina goes far "Over the Top."

Second, make sure that the great mass of our people show their loyalty by buying bonds.

There must be "a bond in every home."

Yours for the Fourth Liberty Loan  
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Chairman.

## THE LIBERTY MOTORS REACH QUANTITY PRODUCTION

### Ready to Smash the Huns Right and Left.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Liberty motors now have reached quantity production and American-built airplanes are being shipped in trainload lots daily from factories for service overseas. W. C. Potter, acting director of the bureau of aircraft production made this announcement today upon his return to Washington from an inspection of factories building planes and motors.

## THE SENATE URGES IMMEDIATE REJECTION OF THE PEACE PROPOSALS

### They Would Make the Conditions Absolute Surrender First.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Upon receipt of the note President Wilson retired to his study and shut off all callers. Quite irrespective of the nature of the reply, it seemed to be agreed that the German note called for a prompt reply, so that American people might not be misled into relaxing their efforts for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

There will be no cessation of the fighting on part of Foch's Army until Germany shall have agreed to accept the terms she well understands the Allies will exact of her.

Immediate rejection of the German and Austrian proposal for an armistice and peace negotiations was demanded in the Senate by leaders voicing the common sentiment of the membership.

## OUR COMPLIMENTS TO OLD KAISER BILL

### Let Us Send Him a Boat Load of Shells to Be Delivered By Maj. Stem and Lt. Royster.

Granville county has the opportunity of paying its compliments to the Kaiser in the form of a boat load of sixteen-inch shells to be delivered by our county boys now serving in France.

One sixteen inch shell costs Uncle Sam \$1,000 when it is ready for our boys to deliver to the Huns. Uncle Sam has fixed Granville county's quota in the Fourth Liberty Loan at four million and seventy-one thousand dollars, and we are going to buy that much and more.

When we have done our part we will have provided a boat load of sixteen-inch shells for our boys to send on their way that they may add speed to the heels of the retreating Heines.

To think of Liberty bonds as shells gives us an idea of what we can do in this war. These Granville county shells can create a veritable hades in the ranks of a Hun army. They can carry death and destruction to those who have been responsible for the devastation of the world. They can destroy the trenches that are shielding the murderers of French and Belgian children, and the ravishers of French and Belgian women. They can destroy the machine gun nests of the Huns from which they are shooting our county boys. They will, in fact, bring the war nearer to that victorious end for which we are all waiting.

## RED CROSS TOBACCO

### Occasionally You Meet a Crusty Old Fellow But the Ladies Know How To Handle Them.

The Red Cross ladies who have been soliciting tobacco from farmers on the local market are well pleased with their week's work, and express themselves as being grateful to the farmers on their prompt response.

In this connection an amusing circumstance occurred on the Winston-market last week. Speaking of the incident the Southern Tobacco Journal says: "One of the ladies approached an old gentleman with a large load of tobacco and in her sweetest manner asked him for a sample of his load. He promptly refused and said he could not afford it. That he was not able, etc. 'I am sorry for you,' said the lady, and if you are in such distress compared to the boys over yonder, I will see if the Red Cross can not help you," and she turned away as if she was overcome with sympathy for the old fellow. She had not gone far, however, before she was overtaken by the old chap with his arms full of his best tobacco."

## URGED TO CONTINUE TO SAVE GASOLINE

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 6.—Patriotic North Carolinians are urged to continue the conservation of gasoline. The better the news from over there the bigger the case, because as our armies advance gasoline consumption increases. Keep the ambulance tank full and the motor transports moving at top speed by keeping your car still.

## Cohn & Son's Big Sale.

The greatest bargain opportunity of the year starts Friday morning. It is in times like these that you need in a store like Cohn & Son's. They are again headquarters for big bargains. Cohn & Son's lowered their price again during this sale. Because their buyers were very fortunate in securing large purchases at their own prices. So they have decided to sell their up-to-date stocks regardless of present cost and you know what that means. Bargains and savings, such as only their stores can bring about. Cohn & Son's reputation for giving the best values for your money is established. If you want to save money on your winter outfit make it a point to attend the big sale. See the advertisement on the last page of this paper, and it is only a sample of the great values they are offering. ad.