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## MR. CORTEZ WRIGHT DIED IN WASHINGTON MONDAY

Remains Were Brought to Oxford and Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery Wednesday.

Mr. Cortez Wright, died in Washington City last Monday afternoon after a ten-days' illness with influenza which developed into double pneumonia. The remains reached Oxford over the Seaboard Wednesday morning and were conveyed to the Oxford Methodist church to await interment. Accompanying the remains from Washington were Mr. Roy Wright, brother of the deceased, Col. John T. Britt, who came as the representative of Senator Simmons; Mr. Claud Allen, room-mate of Mr. Wright, and Miss Palmer, of Washington, who nursed Mr. Wright during his illness.

Cortez Wright was a native of Oxford. He had been identified with the Senate finance committee for eleven years. He was assistant clerk to the committee, and usually worked in the office occupied by the committee in the senate office building. Mr. Wright knew the details of the office with exacting definiteness; a hard worker, and the hundreds of callers at the office will miss his kindly help. He knew all the big men in Washington from the President down, and it always gave him pleasure to look up data and serve them.

### Col. Osborn's Tribute.

Col. Osborn, former Collector of Internal Revenue, who had a deep interest in Mr. Wright, sends the following tribute to the Public Ledger from his home in Greensboro:

"In the passing of Cortez Wright, I feel that I can not refrain from having a few words to say about him. During my five years residence in Washington, I saw a great deal of Mr. Wright, and I can truthfully say that he was one of the most unselfish men I ever knew. He frequently came to my office and always on the errand of trying to help some one else. He never seemed to think of himself, and was never so happy as when he was doing something for some one in need. His devotion to Senator Simmons was simply beautiful, and when the Senator was crowded with matters he could not attend to himself, I have so often heard him ask the question, 'Where is Mr. Wright? I want him to attend to this.'"

"Granville county can justly be proud of his record in Washington. He often talked to me of the Granville people and he had an affection for every man who hailed from Granville.

"The last letter I received from Mr. Wright was dated September 28th, in which he informed me of a voluntary favor he had done me. I do not believe any young man in Washington could be missed more than he will be. In all my acquaintance with him, I never heard him speak an unkind word of a human being. He truly loved his neighbor as he did himself."

"Only a few days ago in Washington, I saw him and talked with him. Little did I then think he would so soon be called to his eternal home. God bless Cortez Wright."

Signed "W. H. OSBORN."

### Public Men Loved Him.

Judge W. A. Devin, who is in Oxford this week, was a close friend and a great admirer of Cortez Wright. He spoke of numerous instances where he wished to secure information and data, and instead of writing to Senator Simmons he wrote direct to Cortez, whom he found to be well informed, correct and obliging. Judge Devin's estimate of Cortez Wright is corroborated by hundreds of public men whom Mr. Wright knew and was delighted to serve.

### Burial Service.

On account of the influenza epidemic, the remains of Mr. Wright were taken from the church to Elmwood Cemetery, escorted by the local lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member. The services at the grave, conducted by Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, jointly with the Masonic fraternity, were very impressive. The floral tribute was handsome and represented the love of many friends at home and abroad.

Mr. Wright is survived by one brother and a sister, Roy Wright, and Mrs. Sam Averette, both of Oxford. Mrs. Averette is sick with influenza and could not attend the funeral.

### THE REGISTRATION.

All of Their Names are Being Printed in the Public Ledger.

There were 2523 registrants in Granville between the ages of 18 and 45 years. The Public Ledger is printing the entire list in installments. The installment in this issue ends with order number 1159. The next installment will begin with 1160 and so on to the end of the list.

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## GERMANY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

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## WILSON SUGGESTS THAT FOCH ARRANGE THE TERMS.

The Instruction Laid Down to Germany Are Plain and Unequivocal—If Germany Accepts the Armistice She Must Surrender—If She Fails to Accept, Her Surrender Is "Demanded."

Washington, Oct. 25.—President Wilson's reply to Germany's latest note was sent broadcast to the world from the Arlington Naval Radio Towers Wednesday night after the official text had been put on the cables. If not picked up directly by the great German station at Nauen, it undoubtedly was relayed from other points, in Europe and reached Berlin Thursday.

In brief, the President informs Germany that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting to the allied governments would be one which would leave the United States and the allied powers in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible.

To this end the President has transmitted his correspondence with the present German authorities to the allied powers. "Not peace negotiations, but surrender," will be the demand if the United States has to deal with the military masters and the monarchical authorities of Germany.

## LEAVE IT TO MILITARY CHIEFS.

The President says he feels he cannot decline to take up the question of an armistice, having received solemn and explicit assurances of the German government that it accepts the terms of peace enunciated by him. As to the authority of the new spokesmen of the German people, he speaks as the note says, "without any attempt to soften what may seem harsh words," and tells the men with whom he is dealing, and through them the German people, why such extraordinary safeguards must be demanded before hostilities can cease.

## WHERE IS THE KAISER?

Significant and important as the proposed constitutional changes seem to be, he declares, it does not appear that the principle of a government responsible to the German people has yet been worked out, and it is evident that the people have no means of commanding the acquiescence of the military authorities. He reminds the Germans that the power of the king of Prussia (the kaiser) to control the policy of the empire is unimpaired, and concludes with the warning that if this power is to be dealt with the United States and the allies can demand nothing but surrender.

## THE LOCAL SITUATION OF THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Dr. Cannady, Health Officer, States That There Is Some Improvement.

Dr. S. H. Cannady, our valuable health officer, authorizes the Public Ledger to state that he has canvassed the situation carefully and finds that the influenza in Oxford and the county reached the top this week and that there is some improvement.

The doctors of the county responded to Dr. Cannady's request to make reports, and from the reports our health officer is led to believe that the epidemic is subsiding in Granville.

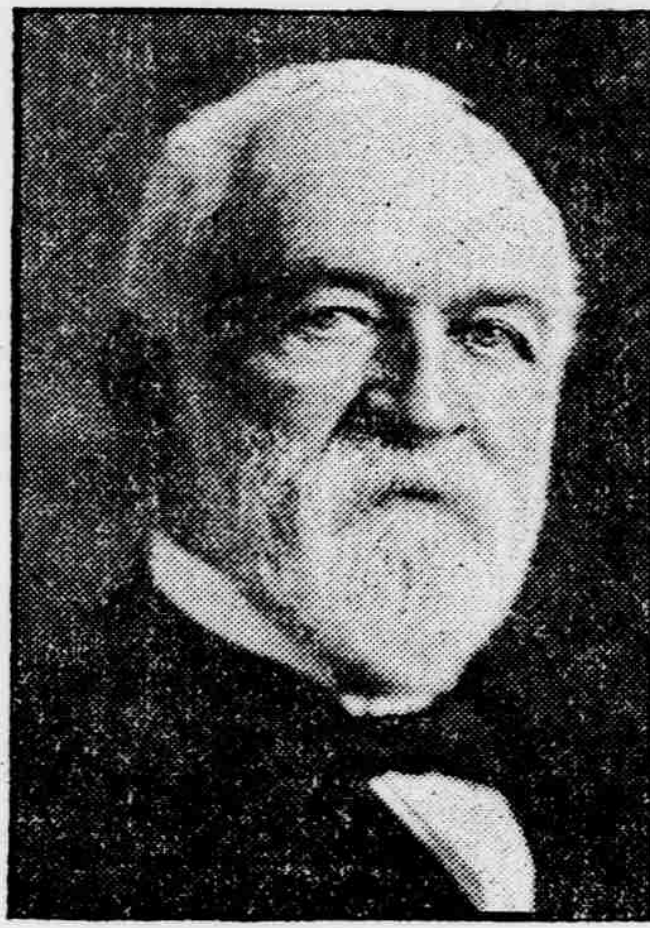
It is a noticeable fact that the drug stores are not filling as many prescriptions this week as last week.

## SAYS HOHENZOLLERNS MUST NOT DELAY PEACE

Geneva, Oct. 24.—Peace must not be delayed a single day on account of the Hohenzollerns, if they are an obstacle to it, declares The Volks Rriund, of Karlsruhe, which also is permitted to speak of the disappearance of the superstitious belief that the emperor was chosen to rule by divine right.

The Schwabische Tagwacht says that everybody is now convinced the allies will not accord Germany a cheap peace, "but if the glory and power of imperial Germany is the price, the German people are ready to pay."

In permitting such items to leave Germany, the German censorship apparently is preparing public opinion for coming events.



Recent Photo of HON. CHAS. M. STEDMAN Representative of the Fifth North Carolina District.

As Chairman of Foreign Affairs, few men in Congress are more deeply engrossed with the affairs of the Nation and the entire world than is Hon. Charles M. Stedman. Besides his exacting official duties, Major Stedman has during the past two years traveled to many distant states and delivered strong speeches against German propagandists. He comes before the people for re-election on the 5th of November, with a clean, honorable record.

## NEGRO TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN COUNTY JAIL

Twisted Blanket and Tied it Around His Neck.

Carl Cook, a small negro boy is in the county jail charged with stealing a set of harness from a farmer in Tar River section. For the past ten days he constantly yells at the top of his voice a word that sounds like "Whoa!"

On entering the jail last Wednesday morning, Deputy Sheriff Hutchins found the negro with a twisted blanket around his neck, one end of which was tied to the bars of the cell, and the boy making frantic jerks to break his neck. When liberated from the rope, the boy begged the officer to take him out into the sunshine and shoot him.

Officer Hutchins told the negro that if he did not stop yelling he would take him out and give him a good whipping, but we notice that the threat had little weight, as he continues to yell "Whoa" night and day.

## SEVERAL OXFORD BOYS REPORTED KILLED OR WOUNDED

The Official List Has Not Arrived From Abroad.

Several letters received here from the boys in the war zone seem to imply that several of the Granville boys have either been killed, wounded or missing during the recent hard fighting.

One letter to a fond parent says: "You will be surprised to learn that several of the boys you personally know have either been killed or wounded. I am not permitted to tell you their names, but no one in my company has been wounded or killed."

## MUST ABIDE BY RULING OF WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD

This Applies to Mail Order Houses Selling Shoes and Hats.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Shoe manufacturers and mail order houses selling directly to the consumer are required under a ruling by the War Industries Board to sign retailers' pledge cards and abide by the recently established price and quality standardization program.

Another order forbids importation of men's and boys' felt hats which do not conform to the style, shape and color restriction imposed upon domestic manufacturers.

## DRAFT CALLS GOING OUT IN SOME ZONES

Washington, Oct. 24.—Draft calls, suspended three weeks ago because of the influenza epidemic, now are going out again in certain zones where the surgeon general's office has decided it is safe to send the men to cantonment. The localities and the exact number of men will not be announced for the present.

The October program is understood to provide for the induction of about 350,000 men and the number not called out during the remaining days of the month will be added to succeeding quotas, all being called as quickly as precautions for safety will permit. The largest single call suspended was for 140,000 men, who were to have entrained October 14.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

### Mr. J. M. Campbell.

Mr. J. M. Campbell, the well known contractor and builder, died at his home on Broad street last Tuesday evening, age 46 years. He was a victim of the influenza epidemic and suffered for several days with pneumonia.

Mr. Campbell was an honorable, straightforward man, as honest as the days are long and his word was as good as any man's bond. He leaves a devoted wife and several children, and father and mother who reside at Burlington.

The remains of Mr. Campbell were taken to Bullock Wednesday afternoon and interred in the Royster Burying Ground. There was an impressive ceremony at the grave, conducted by Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church and Dr. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church. The pall bearers were: Messrs. June Hunt, William Landis, Frank Furman, L. W. Miller, W. L. Speed and R. A. Norwood.

### Mr. Lucius Roberts.

Mr. Lucius Roberts died at Lilesville, Anson county, last Friday, in the 43rd year of his age. He was a son of the late W. T. Roberts, of Stem section. Influenza complicated with pneumonia was the cause of his death. For a number of years he had been extensively engaged in the lumber business and had accumulated a handsome estate. He was a member of Robert's Chapel Methodist church with which he had affiliated since his boyhood. The remains were brought by rail to Stem Saturday and conveyed to the burying ground at Robert's Chapel church where they were interred amid scenes of sorrow seldom witnessed at a funeral. Services at the grave by Rev. B. H. Black. The deceased is survived by a wife and seven children.

### Mrs. Barbara Eakes.

Mrs. Barbara Eakes, wife of Mr. Frank Eakes, of Tally Ho, died at the home of her sister in Durham last Monday. The remains were taken to her home at Tally Ho and the interment was in the William Stem burying ground Tuesday afternoon. Pneumonia was the cause of her death. The deceased was a consistent member of Tally Ho church where she was a regular attendant as long as health would permit. She leaves behind an aged husband and a number of brothers and sisters.

### Mr. Vassor Roberts.

Mr. Vassor Roberts, son of Mr. E. P. Roberts, of Stem route 1, died at his home in Wendell last Sunday, following an attack of influenza which developed into pneumonia. He was a consistent member of Robert's Chapel church and a sincere Christian. He was 27 years of age and leaves a wife and two children, father and several brothers and children. The remains were brought through the country to Robert's Chapel where they were laid to rest Monday afternoon the funeral services being conducted by his pastor Rev. B. H. Black.

### Mrs. J. H. Evans.

Mrs. James H. Evans, died at her home in the western part of the county October 7, after more than two years intense suffering, in the forty-seventh year of her age. She leaves a devoted husband and eight children to mourn her departure. She was always bright and cheerful and had a large circle of friends. She was indeed a kind neighbor and true friend and will be greatly missed. She was a member of Trinity Methodist church. The funeral and burial took place from the home, conducted by Dr. R. H. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church.

### Death of Little Boy.

The community sympathizes with Mrs. J. G. Franklin, of Shoo Fly, in the death of their little son which occurred Sunday evening, October 20. He had been in delicate health all his life and a short time before his death he contracted influenza which proved too severe for his delicate constitution. The remains were conveyed to the Camp Creek burying ground where they were laid to rest Monday afternoon.

## THE COUNTY ROADS.

The Force Is Now Working At Clay Hill.

Superintendent of Roads S. M. Wheeler is making hay while the sunshines. All of the roads within a radius of five miles of Oxford have been scraped or will be scraped within the next ten days or two weeks.

Mr. Wheeler hopes to have all of the roads of the county in as good condition as possible before the bad weather sets in. The roads leading to Kinton Fork and to Enon were scraped this week, and the force is working at Clay Hill this week.

Superintendent Wheeler hopes to place his force out beyond Providence in the near future. He is greatly handicapped for labor, but the amount of work being accomplished by the limited force is remarkable to say the least.