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VOTERS SHOULD VOTE TO CONTINUE UNITY OF COMMAND WITH WILSON

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Last March the overshadowing need of the Allied world was a united front and a unified military command. President Wilson sent Colonel House abroad to emphasize America's firm conviction, expressed from the day we entered the war, that the imperative need was for a single military commander for all the forces at war against the enemy. Lloyd George was urging the same essential need. Division of command defeated military unity, but until then it had not been possible to secure an agreement of all the Allies upon a single commander. Concurrent with the agreement upon General Foch (God bless France for furnishing such a leader) and the arrival of hundreds of thousands of militant and fighting Americans, the tide began to change. From Chateau Thierry and the supreme military command of General Foch, the Allied forces date their victory and the brighter skies that now bend over us.

Lesson For Voters Today.

That step, which has proved its necessity and its wisdom, has a lesson for American voters today. The overshadowing issue in the election on November 5th is this: Shall the American well-learned position continue to be voiced by one responsible leader in the person of the President, or shall we substitute for unified command a discordant and differing debating society?

Every voter who approves making Foch the commander of all the forces in France should vote to continue Woodrow Wilson as the Commander-in-chief of America's demands upon Germany.

There is no escape from this plain issue. Lincoln pointed out how defeat of a Congress of his party would imperil his leadership in 1862. Benjamin Harrison and Theodore Roosevelt pointed out that the election of a Democratic Congress would injure America's prestige and embarrass William McKinley. Were they right? We voters of the country declared that they were.

Same Reasoning Here.

Then the same reasoning, with greater power just as this war and its consequences are greater than any other war, demand the election of a Democratic Congress in harmony with the Commander-in-chief of the American Army and Navy.

I do not speak to dyed-in-the-wool partisans who put party first and country second. The appeal must be only to the constantly increasing number of American voters, who, in a national crisis, refuse to listen to the appeals of party and respond to the clear high call of duty to country. These voters will say: "There will be time enough to debate politics in 1920. This year America must present a solid front under America's chosen spokesman. We will vote for Congressmen in sympathy with his purpose and his demands which are approved by all free nations fighting with us."

Any other course would be like making Foch Commander-in-Chief and electing colonels and captains to criticize, badger, debate, and delay his program. This is a time for action. The hour calls for American solidarity and American unity of command in Washington, as well as in France.

COL. HOUSE IN PARIS.

His Wonderful Knowledge of Events Amazes Statesmen.

Paris, Oct. 31.—E. M. House, special representative of the United States government, has taken a house in a quiet quarter of Paris not far from the French ministry of war. He has already had conferences with Premier Clemenceau, Field Marshal Haig, Viscount Milner, the British Secretary of State for War; William Graves Sharp, American Ambassador to France; Premier Venizelos of Greece, and General Tasked H. Bliss, American representative to the supreme war council.

The precise information in possession of Colonel House relative to the European situation rather amazes statesmen on this side of the Atlantic. They have not been aware that Colonel House, as head of a bureau at Washington, has been receiving for eight months the results of original study from many sources of conditions in every belligerent country in Europe.

Order of Sales.

On the fifth page of this paper, Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Mangum warehouse announces the order of sales on the Oxford market for the month of November. The second sale next Monday will be at the Mangum and on Tuesday the first sale will be at the Mangum.

INFLUENZA CONDITION AT THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE IS GREATLY IMPROVED

There have been two hundred and fifty cases of influenza and a dozen cases of pneumonia at the Oxford Orphanage and not a single death. Those who were first taken with the influenza are being dismissed from the doctor's care. It has been a hard fight, in which the ladies of the town came to the rescue. It is thought that the epidemic at the orphanage will run its course within the next ten days or sooner.

Mrs. W. G. Pace Dead.

Mrs. W. G. Pace died at her country home here Thursday night after an illness of several days with double pneumonia. She was a highly esteemed Christian lady and leaves four small children.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced at this writing, but it is thought that the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery Saturday morning.

THE VOTERS SHOULD UPHOLD THE HANDS OF WILSON

It Behooves Us to Go to the Polls and Vote As the President Asks.

Tuesday, November 5, is election day. The Public Ledger is a Democratic paper, but it is not partisanship that actuates us in reminding the people of the importance of this election. It is our duty to uphold the Administration of President Wilson at this time. He says that we can do that by electing a Democratic Congress, it therefore behooves us to go to the polls and vote as he asks.

There is another reason why we should do that in this district. We believe that the Republican candidate for Congress, John W. Kurfrees, of Germantown, ought to be decisively beaten. He ought to be defeated not simply by Democratic votes but by the refusal of Republicans to vote for him. We cannot understand how the Republican party committed the grievous blunder of nominating him at this time. It can only be explained on the theory that the rank and file of the party had nothing to do with his election and did not know his record.

The greatest service that patriotic Republicans of the district can at this time render to their own party is to defeat Kurfrees overwhelmingly. And that is just what some of them will help in doing. The State Journal recently said: "The State Journal knows that Republicans of high character, lawyers and plain civilians, have declared that they will not support him with his well-known record of opposition to the war, and violent disrespect toward those who declared it on the strength of Germany's offenses against our common humanity." We understand that such is the attitude of some Republicans in this county. We have it on the highest authority that two of the leading Republicans of Southern Granville and one or more in the Northern end of the county have declared they will not support Kurfrees.

Remember Election Day, November 5. Let every citizen of the county turn out and support our great leader at this critical time.

WASHERWOMEN AND THE FLU.

Influenza Germs Can Not Live in Hot Water.

An Oxford lady who had occasion to visit the home of her laundress, a colored woman, to learn why she had not called for the family wash, found conditions that gave her a pause. The woman was sick, or had been, and the clothes from her bed were soaking in tubs which were to be used for laundering the clothes of her customers.

Influenza germs may not live in water—some doctors say they don't—but if the germs can be carried on clothes (which is also said to be open to question), clothes washed, dried and ironed in houses where influenza prevails might be a source of danger. In any event at this time when effort is being made to prevent the spread of influenza these matters may be worthy of consideration.

TO BE LIGHT WITH OLDER DRAFT MEN

Won't Be Put Through Training As Strenuous As Younger Chaps, At Least At First.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Older draft men are to be put into shape for service through physical training exercises less arduous than the course designed for the men between 21 and 31. Camp commanders were ordered today to train the older men gradually, especially in the earlier stages, so that they will suffer no ill effects from over work.

TURKEY HAS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY AND GERMAN MANY STANDS ON ONE LEG

Fifteen Austrian Divisions Cut Off By Italian Forces and Are Retreating On Whole Front.

SECRETARY LANSING ANSWERS TURKEY.

London, Nov. 1.—Turkey has agreed to an armistice.

THIRD OF ARMY CAPTURED

Washington, Nov. 1.—Fifteen Austrian divisions, operating between the Brenta and the Piave on the Italian front, have had their retreat cut off through the capture of the mountain pass of Vadal by Italian and Allied troops.

AUSTRIANS BEG FOR PEACE

London, Nov. 1.—The Austrian commander on the Italian front has applied to General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, for an armistice, the Exchange Telegraph Company states.

ARMISTICE TERMS REACH BERLIN.

London, Nov. 1.—Marshal Foch's armistice terms arrived in Berlin Tuesday night, the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says.

COMMUNICATION WITH BERLIN CUT.

Paris, Nov. 1.—The Czechoslovaks have cut the railroad between Berlin and Vienna near Bodenbach and German trains can go only as far as Schnadau, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Journal.

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

The Big Drive in Granville Attended With Interest.

With the Fourth Liberty Loan fully subscribed and out of the way, the time is approaching for the campaign for War Work funds for the seven allied organizations working in France and in the camps, consisting of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, American Library Association, and the War Camp Community Service.

This drive will be for \$170,500,000.00, and Granville county's quota is only \$7,400.00, which ought to be largely oversubscribed. The time set is the week of November 11th to 18th. This money all goes for the comfort and welfare of our soldiers in France and in the camps, and those in position to know state that this work has been the making of our army, which is now the finest body of trained fighting men in the world.

These funds will provide the soldiers only home while in the service, his church, his picture, shows, his schools, his theatre, his club, and every kind of help and service is rendered them in these places, as well as in the front line trenches.

Mr. R. H. Lewis, Jr., is chairman of the drive for Granville county, with Miss Bennette Gregory representing the ladies organizations, and the following compose the advisory committee: Messrs. A. H. Powell, W. B. Ballou, W. T. Yancey, J. F. Webb, F. W. Hancock, and E. T. White.

The full organization will be announced next week, including the town of Oxford, for which Mr. J. W. Horner is chairman.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

To the Voters of Granville: On the fifth of November, the people of North Carolina will vote on a change of the State Constitution to require a six months school term in every district. We are in favor of this change and urge the people of the county to vote for it.

W. A. Devin. P. W. Knott.
John Webb. J. W. Hester.
J. D. Harte. A. A. Hicks.
E. B. Meadows. A. H. Powell.
B. W. Parham. T. G. Curran.
R. H. Lewis, Jr. J. A. Morris.
W. B. Ballou. E. T. White.
H. G. Cooper. F. P. Hobgood.
B. K. Lassiter. D. G. Brummitt.
C. H. Cheatham. B. S. Royster.

EPIDEMIC AT STOVALL.

Nearly Every Family Has Had a Case of Influenza.

The epidemic of influenza is raging in and around Stovall. Whole families in that section are reported to be down with the influenza and no one to nurse them. There are several cases of pneumonia of a light type, it is said.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET TO OPEN MONDAY, NOV. 4TH

Churches, Schools and Theatres Will Open One Week Later.

At a meeting of the Granville County Board of Health Thursday, October 31st, at which representative business men and farmers were present, a motion was made and passed by the Board permitting the tobacco warehouses to open Monday, November 4th, and the schools, churches, theatres, county and community fairs to open after Saturday, November 9th.

This was done by the Board in consequence of the improved influenza conditions in the town and county and a representation to the Board that large quantities of tobacco would be damaged by keeping it in the present condition.

The Superintendent of Health requests that no person, in whose home there should be a case of influenza, attend any tobacco sale or other public gatherings.

The situation has improved greatly, but not sufficiently so for precautions to be disregarded.

SAM'L H. CANNADY, M. D.,
County Health Officer.

TWO NORTH CAROLINA MEN HELD PRISONER

Washington, Nov. 1.—Nine southerners are included in the list of 54 Americans held prisoner of war at German prison camps as announced by the war department. They are Lieutenant Horace William Mitchell, of Corinth, Miss., at Camp Karlsruhe; Lieutenant Edwin C. Klingman, of Oxford, N. C., at Camp Rastatt; Lieutenant Aviator Alexander M. Roberts, of Gulfport, Miss., at Camp Villingen; Privates Pleasant A. Fain, of Spray, N. C.; Joe Blankenship, of Drill, Va.; George Harrison Hicks, of Clarksville, Ga.; Louis C. Pendley, of Dunbar, Ky.; at Camp Rastatt; Henry McClarin, of Carthage, Tenn., and Frank Whitaker, of Knoxville, Tenn., camp unknown.

The death of Private Roland Beaver, of Portland, at Camp Rastatt, previously reported a prisoner of war, and the escape of Private Frank Sovicki, of the fourth United States infantry, from Camp Rastatt, to Switzerland, were also reported by the war department.

IT LOOKS LIKE WAR AT THE EXEMPTION OFFICE

Local Board Working Over Time To Hurry Examination Of New Men.

Things are moving along at the office of the Granville County Exemption Board just the same as if the old kaiser was within seventeen miles of Paris. The determination of the government not to relax its efforts toward preparations for a long war is reflected in the office of the local exemption board.

Orders were received from the Adjutant-General's office in Raleigh this week to proceed at once with the examination of men in the new registration, and urging that precautions be taken in view of the influenza epidemic. Men previously summoned for physical examination had already been ordered by the board to appear this week, and notices were sent Monday, prior to the receipt of the telegram Tuesday morning, calling 100 more to report.

So evident is the oneness of mind of War Department officials, and so anxious is the local board to be prepared with its share of the work, that officials here are even working extra hours to get everything in readiness for the calls for November which aggregate 7,000 men in North Carolina alone. For this call Granville county will furnish ten white men and sixty colored men.

As soon as conditions are such as to warrant the undertaking in perfect safety, questionnaires are to be sent to all registrants between 36 and 46 and youths of 18 years of age, who were not included in the first division of questionnaires sent out several weeks ago, only men between 19 and 21 and those from 31 to 36 receiving the blanks then.

OXFORD COLORED MAN MURDERED IN NORFOLK

Alex Boettcher, an Oxford colored man, was found on the streets of Norfolk last Monday night with a crushed skull and a bullet hole thru his brain.

Boettcher is well known here as a "handy man" and often cleaned wells. He visited his family here ten days ago and carelessly exhibited a large roll of money. He had about \$300 in his pockets when he left here and it is supposed that he was murdered here Wednesday and was given Christian burial.

The epidemic of influenza, which is still prevalent in the State should not prevent voters from casting their ballots on next Tuesday, according to a statement issued by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

PUBLIC LEDGER EXTENDS GREETINGS TO ALL GRANVILLE COUNTY CHURCHES

May Their Light Shine In This Land of Darkness.

To the churches scattered abroad throughout all Granville—Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and those of every name and doctrine—greeting. May grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Upon every remembrance of you we give thanks to God and in all supplications we make mention of you in our prayers. For beholding your faith toward the Lord and the love which you have toward all the saints we rejoice in the fellowship and furtherance of the Gospel which God hath given as a light to shine in this world's darkness.

And this we pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, so that you may show in your lives the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offence unto the day of the Lord, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Since the decree of Caesar hath gone forth making it unlawful for the preachers to preach and for the people to assemble themselves together on the Sabbath day according to their custom, we have longed after you all in the tender mercies of the Lord. And God, who makes all things work together for good to them that love Him, will take the loneliness of these churchless Sabbaths and create a blessing to you. For the Gospel, by too much preaching and too little practice becomes a dull and common thing. In the days of old there came a time when the Scriptures were lost and when the people no longer had a teaching priesthood, and afterward the people heard the Word with gladness when it was read, and rejoiced even with tears when they were once more assembled for worship. So when the doors of the churches are opened for prayer, that which was done in former times as an ancient custom will be a fresh act of faith. You will be glad when they say unto you, Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of Jehovah.

And let none of you neglect the assembling of yourselves together in that day. Even those whose custom it was to be absent, should come then at the hour of prayer. For in the mercies of God you have been most wonderfully spared. The strange and terrible plague that has swept the land has hardly touched your dwellings. Thousands have fallen at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet has it not come night to you. Fire, flood and earthquake have been upon the earth in these last days. Whole cities have been blotted out by the storms of heaven and by the wrath of man and yet your homes are safe. Your young men have gone forth to a war that has swept away its millions and yet your sons—save a very few—have been spared unto you. How signally have they been spared, and can you pass Him by whose mercies have been so great?

And even more might the people come to give their thanks seeing that it both pleased the Lord to save the nations from the bondage and dominion of the Beast. Your armies have gone forth with the armies of the Lord and the hosts of darkness and oppression are overthrown. In this great trial of the spirit and thought of man—the greatest and most terrible since the hosts of sin first rebelled against the will of God—you have done your part. In the supreme hour of man's history you have kept the faith with God and man. For far worse than the whirlwind and the earthquake, more terrible than pestilence and death is that dishonor which falls upon a people when in the hour of destiny they do not heed the voice of God. And having heard and understood your calling, you have escaped that spiritual death.

And how shall you come before the Lord to appear before the high God? With offerings and with burnt offerings shall you come and the freewill offerings of your thanksgiving? Obedience is better than sacrifice, and unto you He hath given his commandment, Harken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.

NOVEMBER SALES.

The Warehouses Will Be Full All the Time.

November will be the biggest month of the season on the local tobacco market. This month will see the marketing of millions of pounds which were kept off the market during October by the health situation. October is ordinarily the busiest month of the season.

Some one remarked that as a result of the added activity on the leaf market the pre-holiday season here will be the busiest in Oxford's history.