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STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Former Commissioner Harris Suggests That An Organization Be Formed.

For a long time I have advocated a hospital in Oxford, and it seems that now is the golden opportunity to see my advocacy realized.

I can't believe there is a single true patriot in Granville county that would be opposed to some suitable monument to the memory of our boys, many of whom have given their life's blood, for our country, which otherwise would have meant a country of absolute despotism.

It seems to me, that no more suitable or benefitting thing could be done at this time than erect a memorial hospital to their memory, thus in some degree, showing our appreciation of their service and heroic action rendered in the front ranks by never having lost a battle in the great world's war that has just closed in favor of our heroic boys.

Upon its walls could be inscribed any data that would be suitable or benefitting. This would stand (upon some suitable spot to be selected with discretion) for ages to the memory of our heroes and an untold blessing to suffering humanity for ages to come.

Many, perhaps, who sacrificed but did not lose their lives, but wounded in various ways might find "A balm in Gilead" beneath its shelter.

Are we able? I answer with a quotation Matt. 9:27-28-29. "And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, yea, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened."

The following quotation is from the editor of the Public Ledger, of December 13th. "Some one has said that it would not be a paying institution." Will it pay France to buy all the cantonment buildings, tear them down, and move them across the waters, rebuild the devastated regions of France and Belgium? A French syndicate thinks so, and regardless of what any "Old Rip Van Winkle" may think to the contrary, they are going to do it, and in a few years those devastated regions will be built up and those "Old Rips" will be dumb-founded.

Our sister towns on either side have built hospitals, and they are a blessing to their counties, and have not been sold for debt, but rather are to be enlarged at no distant day.

Is the tobacco market in Oxford a paying institution? Yes. Why?—about a half century ago, Dr. L. C. Taylor, with a big and generous heart, (blessed be his name), and some means, saw the necessity of a tobacco market, and started one. The people soon saw it was to their interest to support our home market, and because of the liberal support, the people have given it, it stands today, among the best markets of the State.

Paying institution? Yes. Without it Oxford would be as dead as "Hector." It is a paying institution to the country as well. No doubt some "old Rip" aroused out of his nap long enough to say: "It won't pay."

I recall, away back, when Christ was on earth, one "Old Rip" said it would not pay to use some means that had been given him to elevate mankind, so he put it in an old stocking foot, I imagine, and buried it in the ground, and because he failed to use it for his fellow man's good, he lost the whole thing.

Let's set about at once by some organized plan to erect this memorial. A few months delay may mean its defeat, and defeat would be a reproach upon us and our children forever.

I am ready to lend a hand any time, anywhere, and in any way I can.

E. C. HARRIS.

MORRISON FOR GOVERNOR

A Man of Strength and Brilliant Prospects.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, makes formal announcement of his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina. It is an announcement that has been anticipated with interest by the people of the State for some days past, and it is one that will be received with gratification by the friends of the Charlotte man in every county, for it is safe to say that no man in the State enjoys a larger asset in personal friends than Mr. Morrison. He has been active as a party worker for 30 years or more, and in the course of his activities he has been brought into intimate relationship with the people of all sections of North Carolina. He will start in the race with a finely developed strength and with brilliant prospects.

"Hark From the Tomb, a Dismal Sound!" It's the Reichstag getting ready to reconvene.

GRANVILLE COUNTY NEGRO MAN KILLS HIS INFANT

It Is Thought That He Is Demented.

George Clark, colored, was arrested in Mt. Creek section of Granville county Tuesday by Capt. Whitaker, deputy sheriff of Tally Ho township, on the charge of murdering his fifteen months' old child and brought to Oxford and placed in the county jail.

There seems to be no doubt that Clark is demented. His wife died a few days ago and he admits that he had been searching the Scriptures night and day with a view of disposing of the child according to the Divine will. He came to the conclusion that the right thing to do was to send the child to its mother. After considerable prayer and supplication he directed one of his children to take the infant up stairs and toss it out to its mother. He said that he had been watching and praying for the mother to return and get the little one, but it finally occurred to him that it was his duty to send the child to her.

Dr. Nelson Thomas, county coroner, visited the scene of the tragedy, and after close investigation the coroner's jury reached the conclusion that the murder was the act of craz man.

Those who have seen and heard Clark are convinced that he is either demented or one of the best actors they ever saw.

It is up to Judge Hunt, clerk of the court, to dispose of Clark according to prescribed law. He is vested with the power to send a crazy person to the asylum, but if said crazy person is guilty of murder the law specifies that such person must be sent to the asylum for the criminal insane.

MANY CONVALESCENTS OF 30TH AND 27TH BROUGHT HOME ON THE LEVIATHAN

Officer of Old Hickory Division Says "It Was Next to Impossible to Hold Them Back."

New York, Dec. 18.—The giant liner Leviathan, which docked here with nearly 9,000 American soldiers, veterans of overseas fighting, also brought home many convalescents from the 27th and 30th divisions.

Homer Weeks, of Epworth Ga., 117th infantry, came home with a wound received in the attack of the 30th division on the Hindenburg line near St. Quentin.

"There never was a bunch of men who could fight like the 30th," he said. "The only kick we had was our officers would not let us go ahead as fast as we wanted to."

Lieut. L. D. White, of New York, praised the men of the 30th and 27th of his own division, the 30th. Lieutenant White said, "they were poor trench fighters," as it was next to impossible to hold them back "when there was a fight in front."

Many of the convalescents of the two divisions, however, were loathe to talk of their experiences. Private Z. L. Jenks, of Henry, N. C. with both arms and legs cruelly torn by shrapnel would not have missed "the show" for anything.

OUR LAW MAKERS

They Will Assemble In Raleigh In a Couple of Weeks.

On account of the influenza epidemic many of the papers of the State think it advisable for the members of the North Carolina Legislature to meet in Raleigh on the prescribed date and adjourn until warm weather.

It is pointed out that the influenza has its grip upon Raleigh; that there is generally a large crowd of people in the House and Senate Chamber; that the members occupy their seats several hours each day, and that it would be extremely dangerous to hold session while such unfavorable conditions exist.

The Public Ledger is fully persuaded that the session should be postponed until a more opportune time to meet and transact business. We are not advised as to the views of Senator Curran and Representative Brummitt on this question, but they are always found on the right side of every question.

REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Private Lewis D. Parham, Reported Missing In Action Writes His Mother.

A letter from Private Lewis D. Parham to his mother written somewhere in France November 14th, states that he and his brother Raymond are well. The war department recently informed Mrs. Parham that her son Lewis was missing in action November 9. The letter from Lewis was written three days after the armistice was signed. "Now that it is all over," writes Lewis, "I hope to reach home soon." He was in the home company and was with the boys when they crossed the Hindenburg line.



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PRESIDENT TO HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON ENEMY SOIL

To Leave Paris Christmas Eve For American Headquarters; Thence To American Front.

Paris, Dec. 19.—President Wilson will leave Paris Christmas Eve and go to American headquarters. From headquarters he will proceed to the American front. He will have Christmas dinner with the American commander in chief or other officers.

From the above it would seem evident that it is the purpose of President Wilson to have Christmas dinner on German territory in the region of Coblenz with the American forces of occupation.

KAISER HAD 598 UNIFORMS IN CONFISCATED WARDROBE

London, Dec. 18.—An inventory of William Hohenzollern's private belongings in Berlin and Potsdam has led to the discovery of the famous imperial wardrobe, including 598 German and foreign military and naval uniforms, according to the Boerser Zeitung of Berlin. Several thousand horses in stables that belonged to Herr Hohenzollern as German kaiser have been confiscated.

AMERICANS LIVING IN HOHENZOLLERN PALACE

Coblenz, Dec. 18.—The American soldiers are having curious experiences but the most curious of all is that of a marine detachment which is with a brigade living in the Hohenzollern palace. They sleep amid armored frights of old. The polished floors make them afraid to make the slightest scratch and they gaze much at the autographed writing of Bismarck. Generally they enjoy the sensation of moving about where Hohenzollern moved. They naturally are interested in everything German, for it is all new to most of them.

COLORADO SOLDIERS WILL REMAIN ABROAD FOR SOME TIME

They Have Been Selected As Part of The Supporting Army.

General Pershing is designating new units for the home-coming at a commendable rate, and within a few weeks all but the Army of Occupation will be out of France and back to native soil. The latest change in plans will keep the colored troops there indefinitely, these having been selected as part of the supporting army. This is a bit of perverse fate, for the darkeys are said to be thoroughly homesick, especially as the diverting and sustaining influences of fighting have been removed. As long as the yhad that to engage their attention they were all right, but to the job being finished, their thoughts turned back to Dixie and the hound dog and the possum hunt, and nobody but the Southern white man knows how to console them.

INFLUENZA AGAIN

Above All Things Use Common Sense.

When influenza first became prevalent hereabouts, the State Department of Health consistently recommended the isolation of patients and a systematic quarantine in regions where the disease was menacing. Self-willed if less intelligent persons flouted general order. Now there are some signs of a recurrence of the trouble. In this emergency the Public Ledger request the public to exercise discretion. Do not trust to home remedies if you have what you believe to be a cold. Call a doctor. If you have symptoms of grip go to bed and stay till you are better. These are simple rules. But they will stamp out the remnants of the epidemic.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING IS THE LATEST PHASE OF COMMUNITY SINGING

The wave of enthusiasm for community music which has swept over the country during the strenuous war days has done more to maintain the morale and unify the efforts of the people than had been expected of any one force, says Mr. Harold Keats of the War Camp Community Service.

Everybody is familiar with the idea of Christmas caroling. Those who know their Dickens, their Thackeray, or their Washington Irving, know this custom of the past. And who can go farther back, before the time of Dickens, Thackeray or Irving, to the first Christmas carol, which, we are told was heard by the shepherds as they watched their flocks the night of the Nativity.

Of recent years the revival of this quaint old appealing custom of Christmas caroling is being vigorously promoted and the custom will probably be re-established as a permanent Christmas observance.

Although Christmas carols have been sung literally since the year one, never until 1918 has a Christmas carol been written in the service star and never before were there so many voices ready and anxious to sing: "Peace on earth good will to ward men."

It is the purpose of our Woman's Club to do all we can to insure the continued popularity of this movement. Our materialistic modern souls must awaken to the genuine Christmas spirit, which inspires service, helpfulness and generosity. Surely the singing of carols in front of one's home on Christmas Eve will soften the stoniest heart.

If it meant peace on earth in the past, what must it mean now when all the nations of the earth are singing their hearts of a lasting peace for all forever.

What happier Christmas Eve could be created? We ask the cooperation of all the people in celebrating the climax of a wonderful world peace and with the reverence that filled the hearts of the shepherds on that first Christmas Eve, when they saw the star in the East. May we feel somewhat the same reverence for each service star which represents one who has offered up his all in the fight in the true over the false.

There will be a rehearsal of familiar carols at the Episcopal church Friday evening, at a quarter past eight o'clock to which all are cordially invited and if you cannot join the group of carolers on Christmas Eve we hope you can put in your window a candle to welcome the carols who come your way.

The Saviour Christ is born today, Let grief and sorrow cease.

For through the role of sacrifice, He leads the way to peace.

Oh, golden star of sacrifice, Like Bethlehem's star of old,

For you too, lead the way to Christ And joy and peace untold.

MRS. A. A. HICKS, Chm Music Dept. Woman's Club.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Eight Million Pounds Sold Here This Season.

At the close of the sales today the Oxford tobacco market will shut down for the holidays. Following the holidays the market will resume sales Monday, January 6th.

The sales have been quite heavy this week, bringing the total amount sold so far this season up to eight million pounds.

One of the largest, if not the largest loads of the season, was sold at the Farmer's warehouse Thursday. It was marketed by Mr. W. P. Curran, of Vance county, and brought \$2,047.26. The average for the load was \$50 per hundred.

PAY FOR MUSTERED OUT MEN

Soldiers Not to Be Discharged and Sent Home Penniless.

(Washington Special.)

Soldiers will not be sent home penniless when they are mustered out of the service. The government will give them a month's pay and allowance for transportation from the camp to their homes at the rate of 3 1-2 cents a mile, as soon as they are discharged.

Each unit will be sent to the camp nearest the district or city in which the majority of its members live to be mustered out. Their railroad fare from that point will cost the men two cent a mile, but three and one-half cents is allowed in order to cover other expenses of the trip, and take them to their homes with \$30 to tide them over until they receive any back pay that may be due them.

Miss Fannie Webb, of New York; Miss Sallie Webb, of the Durham schools, Mr. William Devin Webb, of the student body, Chapel Hill, have arrived to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb. The home circle is complete except the absence of Mr. John Graham Webb, who is in the U. S. Navy.

MAJOR THAD G. STEM SENDS GREETINGS AND A "HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

He Will Dine Christmas Day at Coblenz On the Rhine.

In a letter addressed to Gen. B. S. Royster, dated November 22, Major Thad G. Stem, American Expeditionary Forces, says in part:

"You will please remember me to my friends in Oxford and Granville county. We are all anxious to get back home as soon as possible. We know that we must be patient, and that if there is other work for us to do in a different form, it is necessary work and it is the business of a soldier not to complain. It will surely be a great old day, however, when we are back home again, and the joy of greeting our friends once more will be greater than could possibly be described in words.

"We were in the first real drive on the part of the American First Army in the San Mihel sector, which started on the night of September 12-13. The artillery preparation was the most spectacular thing I ever saw. From this sector we advanced to the Argonne, and found our hardest fighting there. It was terrific and even those of us who came out of it safe and sound had many narrow escapes. It was especially hard and dangerous for a battery which for several days accompanied the infantry, and night after night for several days was ahead of anything else in the brigade, and right behind the infantry it caught Hail oColumbia in the shape of continuous shelling. We fought in three sectors and supported in all five different infantry divisions."

Major Stem spoke of Lt. B. S. Royster, Jr., and himself as having recovered from exhaustion following the great drive. They are now in Rhineland, Germany, and will take their Christmas dinner at Coblenz, on the Rhine.

GERMANY WILL TELL IN WHITE BOOK, HOW THE WAR WAS BEGUN

Washington, Dec. 19.—Germany's White Book, bearing on the origin of the war, will be ready for the printer in about three weeks. An independent socialist leader is preparing the document. It is said that many dispatches which were supposed to have been destroyed will be published.

Among the more important documents to be published will be dispatches of the German Ambassador to Austria at the time the war began.

REV. R. C. CRAVEN HERE.

Will Move His Family to Oxford Soon.

Rev. R. C. Craven, who was last week appointed to relieve Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, was in consultation with Dr. Willis and prominent members of the Oxford Methodist church Tuesday with a view of moving his family here at an early date. He will preach his first sermon here early in January, but his family will probably not occupy the parsonage until two weeks later.

Those who met the new pastor while here were highly impressed with him. One old brother said: "If he preaches half as good as he looks we have the right man."

The Most Precious Gift.

The purest of human gifts is a gift to a child, for such a gift is immeasurable in the joy which it can bring to the child as to the heart of the giver. It is the heaven in the heavy loaf of Christmas time, the one ingredient over which the weary and the worldly do not groan, the one element which upholds that superior blessedness of which we hear, and hear far too much, the superior blessedness of those who give over such as merely expect.

The Smashing Sale.

The greatest bargain opportunity of the year is now going on at Cohn & Son's double stores. They are headquarters for big bargains. Cohn & Son's lowered their prices again during this sale because they were confronted by heavy stocks—more good than they really need so they have decided to sell all their up-to-date goods in the next few weeks regardless of 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 very best values for your money is well established. You will find that the reductions are not confined to a few articles but include everything in their big stocks. If you want to save money on your winter outfit make it a point to attend their big sale and tell your friends as you will be doing them a favor. See their adv on the last page of this paper and it is only a sample of the great values they are offering. Adv.