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## TEXT OF COVENANT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS NEARLY 100,000 WORDS

Question of Getting the Document Before the Public Is Before the Council of Four. (Paris Special.)

The council of four of the peace conference, in the interval before the peace treaty is handed to the German delegates, will take up the question of making the document public. A plan proposed on behalf of the United States is for the American delegates to cable for simultaneous distribution on the American continent, first a 250-word official summary of the treaty; second, a 5,000-word official summary, and third, the text of the treaty. The two summaries would be given to the American press at about the same time and the treaty a day or two later, the text possibly to be distributed by the installments as it was received.

The text of the covenant of the league of nations has already been telegraphed to the state department at Washington for release when authorized by President Wilson. Other parts of the treaty are likely to be cabled during the present week. The final dispatch, which may count up to nearly 100,000 words, can be cabled in four or five hours if all the cable lines are cleared for the purpose.

## DRUG STORE GOODS ARE TO ADVANCE IN PRICE

This Levy Will Be Made By the Use of Revenue Stamp.

Products of the druggist's shelf will go up in price one cent on each 25 cents of cost May 1 as a result of the imposition on that day of the new war tax. The internal revenue reminded that this levy will be made by the use of revenue stamps to be fixed by the retailer to perfumes, essences, extracts, toilet waters, cosmetics, petroleum, jellies, hair oils, pomades, hair restoratives, hair dyes, tooth and mouth washes, tooth pastes, aromatic cachous, toilet powders and other than soap powders, and other similar substances and preparations.

A like tax is imposed on proprietary medicines "as to which the manufacturer or producer claims to have any private formula, secret or occult art for making or preparing the same."

No objection will be made by revenue officials to affixing the stamps by the manufacturer or importer as agent of the retailer where practicable. Vaccines and bacterines which are not advertised are exempt, and also sales of medicines not advertised by a physician in attendance upon a patient.

## MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENTS OF TWO PROMINENT CITIZENS

Wandering Through the Woods of Vance and Granville Counties

Two citizens of Oxford, one of whom has often stumped the county for votes, and the other one prominent in the commercial life of the community, attended the circus in Henderson last Tuesday night. Leaving the circus grounds in an auto at an early hour, they found themselves a couple of hours later, in a dazed condition, wandering leisurely thru the woods north of Dabney.

When they realized that they were lost to all the world, and were as babes in the woods, the gentleman who was driving the car said: "I thought that I knew this county like a book, and I also thought that every road led to Oxford, but I perceive that I have another think coming to me."

The distance between Oxford and Henderson is only twelve miles, yet these gentlemen traveled 41 miles in reaching Oxford. They arrived here during the wee-small hours of the morning and entered their dens satis eloquentiae, sapientiae parum, which means eloquence enough but too little wisdom.

## MRS. BROOKS HEADS VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Asks The Cooperation of All Women in Granville.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks, supported by the patriotic members of the Oxford Woman's Club, will look after the women's part in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign in Granville county.

She will visit each of the nine townships and asks the cooperation of every woman in the county. She says that the women of Granville have never failed to respond to their country's call and they will not fail this "wind-up drive." They will help to finish the job!

## FIVE THOUSAND VISITORS WITNESS PARADE OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HERE THURSDAY

Col. S. W. Minor and Major Thad G. Stem March At the Head of the Column—Speaking and Barbecue Dinner At the Fair Grounds.

As a manifestation of love and esteem the business houses of Oxford were closed and the farmers of the county came to Oxford Thursday to greet the soldiers. The warm sunshine, flags and bunting everywhere and the strains of march music made it an ideal day. There were about 150 soldiers and sailors in line. One of the prettiest scenes of the day was the cordial greeting of Col. Minor and the men who were overseas with him. They gathered around him in groups, and the most humble privates in the ranks received the same hearty greeting and warm handshake as did the officers. It was readily to be seen that the fighting men of the Old Hickory Division were ready to go and to die for the commander. Col. Minor is absolutely secure in the love and confidence of the men who spent eighteen months in the world war with him. They were delighted beyond measure to see him in Oxford on this glad occasion.

**Hearty Welcome.** After passing in review of five thousand people in the business section, the line of march extended out Hillsboro street to the Fair Grounds, where Dr. E. T. White, a member of the late local exemption board, delivered the address of welcome. His address was only about twelve minutes long, but what he said was a plenty, and it was the most elegant address of welcome that has been heard here in many years. Major Stem's response to the address of welcome was delivered with much feeling. He had been overseas with the men and he spoke intimately of their enduring qualities.

**Col. Minor Charms the Throng.** The commanding appearance of Col. Minor here, as well as all over the State, elicits applause when he rises to speak. He is a lawyer and a financier—not given to long speeches and politics—and what he says is always eloquent, brief and to the point. It is said that he was absolutely cool and collective when the German guns shot the hat from his head and burnt his face with powder. He is as solid as a stone and would make the best chief executive of the State that North Carolina has had since the War between the States. He is very much attached to the soldiers and he speaks of them in the most endearing terms. During his speech at the Fair Grounds he revealed the bigness of his heart when he took occasion to correct a wrong impression in reference to one of his men who is now in France. It had been circulated that Capt. E. E. Fuller, who was in command of Company E when it left Oxford, was gun-shy, or gun-shocked, or something to that effect. In denying the report, Col. Minor stated that there was never a braver soldier than is Capt. Fuller. The commanding general, said Col. Minor, detailed Capt. Fuller for other duties; that when he requested the general to return Capt. Fuller the general said that Fuller's services were indispensable where he was.

**Dinner At Fair Grounds.** The elaborate spread at the Fair Grounds, supplied by funds subscribed by generous people of the town and county and served by the ladies of the Red Cross, was greatly enjoyed by the soldiers and sailors. Barbecue, Brunswick stew, coffee, ice cream and cake, etc., constituted the bill of fare.

**Plenty of Everything.** During the day, Mr. James B. Meadows, representing Liggett & Myers, distributed five thousand Piedmont and Chesterfield cigarettes to the soldiers and sailors. At the soda fountains and the admission to the Orpheum theatre, all were free to the soldiers and sailors.

The town and county were represented officially by Mayor Mitchell and Chairman Davis of the board of county commissioners. Mr. J. Robt. Wood was chairman of the steering committee and every detail was closely looked after by him and his aids.

**The Formation.** The formation as it passed the monument at the head of Main street was as follows: Graded school children. Granville county Red Cross. Girls riding bicycles. Three troops of Oxford Boy Scouts. Stovall Boy Scouts.

Col. Minor, Major Stem and other commissioned officers at the head of troops.

Company E, commanded by Lieutenant Ellington.

Members of machine gun company commanded by Sergt. John Mitchell. Soldiers who were in the service, but did not go overseas, commanded by Lt. C. Thayer. Sailors.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY'S QUOTA

The Victory Loan campaign is on in earnest throughout the country. North Carolina's quota is approximately \$40,000,000.00, and Granville county's quota is \$363,500.00. Can the State and Granville county absorb their respective quotas? Yes emphatically, yes. As to whether we have sufficiently left of patriotism tempered with a little business acumen to avail ourselves of this opportunity some have doubted, but such doubt is not well founded. Granville county people know that Uncle Sam needs this money to "finish the job," that this money is to be used to discharge his honest obligations, and that the rate of interest, 4 3-4 per cent, with the ordinary tax exemptions, make it a very attractive business proposition, especially to people living in incorporated areas where the tax rates from 2 1-2 per cent upward. To the people of Oxford, for instance, the certificates of the Government are equivalent to 7.40 per cent. interest bearing securities. What could be better, considering the security and other conveniences connected with the ownership of such securities?

W. B. BALLOU, Chairman.  
J. W. HESTER, Vice-Chairman.

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**The Personnel.** The list of Company E, the machine gun company, the drafted men and a dozen sailors, whose names are not given, and about eighteen old Confederate veterans, were the guests at dinner, as follows:

**Commissioned Officers.** Capt. J. I. Stegall, First Lt. J. A. Taylor, First Lt. James M. Ellington, First Lt. W. T. Landis, Second Lt. R. A. Speed, Second Lt. C. Thayer, Second Lt. W. A. Graham, Second Lt. Luther Critcher.

**Company E.** Sergt. J. E. Matthews, Thos. C. Floyd, Let A. Adcock, C. L. Ragan, M. G. Matthews, Corp. H. F. Green, Gaud W. Allen, R. L. Williams, D. C. Hall, J. B. Hart, W. H. Hicks, Sergt. S. H. Parham, Sergt. K. S. Bowling, Capt. H. H. McLeod, J. H. Horton, G. T. Wheeler, S. T. Parrott, S. H. Wetmore, Sergt. W. C. Robards, Sergt. Jennings Walters, K. L. Lumpkin, R. C. Pittard, J. J. Peed, S. B. Fowler, E. C. Roberts, L. B. Brown, A. L. Wicks, C. L. Staley, J. O. Eakes, W. Chambers.

**Machine Gun Co.** Sergt-Major J. W. Medford, First Sergt. John G. Mitchell, Sergt. Chas. G. Powell, Sergts. William H. Powell, Sergt. W. F. Parham, Corp. Henry L. Taylor, Corp. Robt. L. Fort, Corp. Augustus Landis, Cook Charles W. Eakes.

**United States Navy.** Ensign James L. Booth, Lee Averette, Lucius Howard, Roy Gresham, Francis Bradsher Reid Wilson, Chester Ellington, L. M. Simpson.

**Drafted Men.** Sam Oakley, L. L. Preddy, H. J. Jackson, Nathan L. Adcock, Sam J. Pittard, Loran Wright, Frank E. Parrott, C. W. Davis, Eddie Cozart, R. W. Allgood, Sergt. E. B. Bragg, J. G. Hobgood, Frank Averette, Hugh P. Cutts, Charles J. Wilson, R. C. O'Brien, E. J. Critcher, L. H. Davis, Ollie B. Mitchell, H. Landis, T. B. Williams, C. P. O'Brien, Herman T. Sherman, Robert Owen, Marion W. Lawrence, Geo. L. Matthews, Frank O. Thomas, James M. Thomasson, Freddie T. Hicks, Mark G. Garrett, Roy S. Umstead, Otho T. Mangum.

**Granville County's Honor Roll.** The following soldiers constitute the honor roll of Granville county white soldiers who died in the service of their country during the World War:

BENJAMIN EAKES.  
FRED L. CLARK.  
THOS. L. OAKLEY.  
ERNEST HART.  
WINFIELD TAYLOR.  
TENNY B. WEST.  
O. B. FOGLEMAN.  
BEN W. BRAGG.  
SYDNEY MAYES.  
GEO. ELLIOTT.  
CHARLES WOODLIEF.  
C. D. WHEELER.  
PAUL VENABLE was a native of Durham, but resided in Oxford.  
HARRY CURRIN, died at Camp Sevier.

## GRANVILLE'S QUOTA OF THE VICTORY LOAN

The Apportionment of the Seven Banks of the County Is \$363,500.

The Fifth Federal Reserve District estimates that the total banking resources of Granville county is \$3,662,000 and the population of the county at 27,000. The apportionment of each of the banks of the county is as follows:

Oxford.	
First National	\$118,900
National Bank of Granville	148,200
Oxford Saving Bk & T. Co.	30,200
Union Bank & T. Co.	12,400
Creedmoor.	
First National Bank	36,550
Stem.	
Bank of Stem	9,850
Stovall.	
Bank of Stovall	7,450

## THE NUMBER OF AUTOS IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

The Average Amount of License Is \$5.35.

The amount collected for automobiles in North Carolina from July 1, to March 10 inclusive, was \$412,322.27. If you will divide this amount by \$5.35, which is the average amount paid for a license, you can find approximately how many automobiles there are in the State.

There are in Granville county about 1500 automobiles. According to the above license figures there are about 94,750 automobiles in the State.

## THE NEWS BOILED DOWN.

**The World Is Full of Trouble.** Japanese carving Koreans up into dog meat.

**Bullshewhiskers knocking bourgeoisie for row of Chinese pagodas.** Spartans busting each other for goals.

**Mexicans making pin cushions of one another.** Reds throwing bouquets of hand grenades at the orchestra.

**Italians and Austrians sparring for an opening.** Soviets cracking skulls like peanuts at a picnic.

**Wife wanting a new Easter trench hat.** First flight across the Atlantic postponed.

## GERMAN HELMET FOR PRIZE.

**The One Who Writes The Best Essay Gets It.**

The Woman's Committee of the Victory Loan campaign offers a German helmet to the boy or girl in the fourth, fifth or sixth grades in any school in Granville county, who writes the best essay or composition on "The Victory Liberty Loan and why we should subscribe to it."

One of these helmets will also be given to the woman or girl who sells the most bonds.

For particulars phone or write to MRS. J. D. BROOKS, Oxford.

## REVISED CASUALTIES SHOW 75,344 MEN DEAD IN OVERSEAS FORCES

Washington, April 23.—Revised casualty totals announced by the War Department placed the total of dead in the army and Marine Corps at 75,344, of which 33,887 were killed in action. Prisoners reported were 4,791, including 15 reported now held by the Bolsheviks. Of prisoners previously held by the Central Powers, the records show 281 died during internment and 118 of doubtful status. The grand total of wounded is 201,230, of whom it has been estimated more than 85 per cent returned to duty.

## MORE THAN 5,000 MEN LOST TO MARINES IN CHATEAU THIERRY BATTLE

Brigade Lost 126 Officers and 5,073 Men of the 8,000 Taken Into Fighting to Stop Thrust on Paris.

Washington, April 24.—Of the 8,000 officers and men composing the marine brigade when it and other units of the second division were thrown into the fighting near Chateau Thierry last June to stop the German thrust at Paris, 126 officers and 5,073 men either were killed or wounded before the brigade was relieved at the end of the month.

## A FAMILY OF FIGHTERS.

The Four Sons of Mr. Charles Landis.

Four finer young men are hard to find than the sons of Mr. Charles Landis. Lieutenant William Landis is the only soldier in Granville county who enlisted as a private and rose to first lieutenant. He was attached to Company K, 120th regiment, Old Hickory Division. He was twice wounded and his company literally shot to pieces in crossing the Hindenburg line.

Corp. Gus Landis was the youngest soldier furnished by Granville county. He volunteered in the machine gun company at the age of seventeen years. The boys say that he acted all right under fire.

Sergt. Mark Landis, a handsome young man, is in the Army of Occupation. He and Sergt. Luther Landis have the distinction of having been shot across the ocean with only one month's training on this side and being rushed to the front with only one month's training in France.

Hamilton Landis was in camp when the armistice was signed, and he will always regret that he missed the big show.

Major Thad G. Stem was the oldest soldier furnished by Granville county.

## THE HOUSING PROBLEM

Modest-Cost Houses Are the Kind Needed Here.

One of the most practical suggestions yet made for relieving the housing situation is that a company of public-spirited capitalists be organized to build modest-cost houses for rent.

It is estimated that twenty-five houses at a cost of \$2,500 each would be a safe investment and relieve the congestion, but double that number would be rented in less than six months.

Hundreds of people have been turned away from Oxford during the past few months because they could not find houses here for their families.

A nice, pleasant man from Durham called at the Public Ledger office yesterday and told us that it was his desire to move his family to Oxford and start a small manufacturing plant here, but he failed to find a home for his family. He said that he would be willing to pay \$25 per month for a modest home.

We asked him if he would be willing to live in a modern apartment house, and he said that he would gladly pay \$30 per month for three rooms and heat in a conveniently located apartment house.

The Public Ledger is keeping a tally sheet and there is no mistake that there is an unprecedented demand for houses here.

## WILL ENTERTAIN THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

At the Home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter This Evening.

The ladies of St. Stephen's church will entertain in honor of the soldiers and sailors of St. Stephen's church tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter. A most enjoyable event is anticipated by the young men and their friends.

## A STORY WITH A MORAL.

Searching For a House and Found It Not.

The specialists was about to remove the bandages from a man's eyes who had been blind since birth.

"What do you want to see most?" the great doctor asked.

"Flowers and a home," replied the expectant one.

The patient was led into a garden and his eyes bared to the light of day. As the flowers and their colorings were photographed in his brain, he stood as though turned to marble.

"Oh!" he breathed, "it is wonderful, beautiful. I never dreamed such marvels existed," and tears of joy rolled down his face and onto the grass at his feet.

He was then led to another part of town, as it was growing dark. Placing him before a window, the doctor again removed the bandage and allowed him to gaze into a home. He leaned eagerly forward for a better look, then straightened up, and, turning to his friend said, "Take me back. I can stand no more. How can I ever become accustomed to the joys and wonders of this new world?"

**MORAL.**—What must be the feeling of the hundreds of people who come to Oxford and drink in the beauties with two perfect eyes and find an alarming scarcity of homes here—or no home at all for them.

## THE CLERK OF CO. E.

Passed Around Paris, Came Through London in the Dark and Was Within Fifteen Cents of New York

Sergt. Jennings Walters, the efficient clerk of Company E, who arrived from overseas a few days ago, didn't get to see Gay Paree. Comparing notes with a crowd of soldier boys, Jennings said:

"They sent me around Paris; I came through London in the dark, and was within fifteen cents of New York."

A by-stander who knew very little of the havoc wrought in northern France and Belgium, asked Jennings if he didn't see some of the other large cities in the old world.

"Yes," said Jennings, "but what good did that do; the houses were all knocked to pieces and all of the girls gone to Paris or London or some other sea port town."

## HONOR COMES TO CAPT. JOHN B. MAYES

District of Columbia Army Officer Disclaims Credit For Daring Deed.

(Washington Post.) Lieut. John Buckley, of Washington, D. C., is among the first Americans to disclaim credit for heroic honors and in publicly announcing his forfeiture bestowed the distinction on Capt. John B. Mayes, Jr., of Stem, Granville county, North Carolina. "He was the officer who turned the trick and was decorated with a distinguished service medal and the military cross," said the District of Columbia soldier upon his return from overseas service.

Lieutenant Buckley was credited by Washington newspapers on December 7, while a member of the headquarters platoon company D, 120th infantry, as having led six men in the capture of 224 Germans. Captain Mayes, the rightful claimant to the heroic honors, is a son of John B. Mayes of Stem, Granville county, who was formerly register of deeds there. He is a brother-in-law of Major Thad Stem, of Oxford, who was attached to the 113th field artillery under the command of Col. Albert Cox of Raleigh.

## WAR BILL AGAINST GERMANY HAS BEEN COLLECTED

More Than Enough In Hand to Square With Germany. (New York Special.)

Seven hundred and fifty million dollars is the war bill of the United States against Germany. It is already collected and under lock and key in the United States treasury. The above statement was made by A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States.

Palmer said the war debt includes payment for the destruction of all American property by Germany and also the lives of American citizens lost on the Lusitania and similar disasters.

Palmer declared the alien property custodian had seized alien property in this country totaling an actual value of \$800,000,000 owned by Germans.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell Hart, of Suffolk, Va., spent a few hours, in Oxford Thursday, returning home from a visit to relatives in Creedmoor.