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MR. B. E. PARHAM KNOCKED DOWN BY AN AUTO

Badly Bruised But Wounds Are Not Serious.

There were eighteen auto accidents in Oxford last week, the most serious one occurring in front of the postoffice last Saturday night, when Mr. B. E. Parham, proprietor of the Farmers' warehouse, was knocked sprawling upon the street, sustaining a cut hand and badly bruised knees. While his suffering has been great, it is stated that his wounds are not necessarily dangerous.

Mr. Parham was in the street when the accident occurred. He said that he saw a car approaching, and stepping back to let it pass he stepped in front of a car going in the opposite direction, which he did not see until it was too late to save himself.

Mr. Marsh Ray was driving the car that struck Mr. Parham. He evidently did not see Mr. Parham, or in the event he did see him, he had no idea Mr. Parham would back-step. Those who saw the accident said that Mr. Ray's car was moving very slow when it approached and struck Mr. Parham.

Other Accidents.

Eighteen automobile accidents in a town the size of Oxford in one week is going some. Who is to blame?

If the laws that we have were enforced there would not be so many accidents, and we also need a new law, and that, too, should be strictly enforced.

A Case In Point.

A car moving slowly down College street Saturday struck a horse-drawn vehicle at the intersection of College and Hillsboro street. The automobile was on the right side of the street and so was the horse-drawn vehicle, but the horse-drawn vehicle turned abruptly to the left and attempted to cross the street in front of the automobile. It was the duty of the horse-driven vehicle to drive to the end of the square, circle the monument and come down on the opposite side of the street instead of attempting to make a short-cut.

The Guilty Parties.

Not one-fourth of the accidents in Oxford are caused by drivers of automobiles. The drivers of automobiles as a general thing, know the laws of the street and try to obey them. The guilty man is he who stands in the street or gets on the wrong side of the street with his vehicle.

New Law Needed.

(1) Any one desiring to cross the street should be compelled to drive to the end of the square before making the turn.

(2) On account of the obscure view at the corner of Hillsboro and Broad streets, automobiles should be prohibited from moving in both directions on Broad street between Hillsboro street and Penn avenue.

(3) No cars should be permitted to park at the head of Main street between the monument and the sidewalk. Enough space at this point should always be clear to enable vehicles to make the sharp turn at the monument.

THE GRANVILLE WAREHOUSE.

It Will Be The Largest Warehouse In Oxford.

The old King Buggy shop on Hillsboro street is being removed to make room for the new "Granville warehouse," which is being built by the Granville Warehouse Company.

The lot acquired for the warehouse and out buildings extends back 365 feet from Hillsboro street. The front of the lot on Hillsboro street is 75 feet wide. In rear of John Young's place it has a width of 200 feet, and extends back along the cemetery fence and takes in the Bullock prize house which will adjoin the warehouse. The property is accessible to four driveways.

The promoters state that the warehouse will be a fraction larger than any warehouse in this section. It will be ready to handle the fall tobacco crop.

It is generally regarded here that the new warehouse will draw a large number of tobacco growers to the market that have been going to other markets.

SIXTY AMERICANS DECAPITATED BY BOLSHEVIKI AXEMEN

The Allied Position On The Archangel Front Is Now Firm.

(London Times.) Bolsheviki axemen decapitated 60 American soldiers at the capture of Skenkurst in a surprise attack made possible by the work of spies.

The allied position on the Archangel front is now firm. There is no longer ground for anxiety. The allies are planning a junction with the forces of Admiral Olchak.

WHOLE WORLD AWAITS THE KAISER'S TRIAL

It Will Be The Chief Attraction of The Day.

Word comes from Paris that the Treaty will require the institution of an international tribunal whose duty will have to do with the trial of the Kaiser and formal disposition of his case. William Hohenzollern is to be tried alone and by himself. Other officers of the German Military Government responsible for violations of the rules of war and the laws of humanity will be tried by tribunals constituted for that purpose. But of all the military courts, that in which the Kaiser is individually concerned will prove "the chief attraction of the day." The United States, France, Italy, Great Britain and Japan will collaborate in judgment on what his fate is to be.

The formal charges against the Kaiser are for "violation of international morality and the sanctity of treaties." They will get him on that. The Government of Holland will be requested to turn over its guest to the tribunal as soon as that body is organized and ready to proceed with his case. The Kaiser will be given an opportunity to select his own counsel. The only thing for the judges to come into agreement upon what form the punishment shall take and upon what point public curiosity must hang, pending the working of the regular processes to a conclusion, for the sentencing of the Kaiser will be the next thing worthy of a big black display line on the front page.

ARTICLE TEN IN LEAGUE'S COVENANT WILL BE FOUGHT

Republicans Will Demand Its Elimination or Amendment—Claim It Empowers the League's Council.

(By L. C. MARTIN.)

Washington, May 4.—Elimination or amendment of Article ten is the price of a number of influential republican senators will demand for their acceptance of the league of nations covenant.

A motion to strike article ten from the covenant will be made early in the debate.

It will have the support of Lodge, the republican leader; Knox, Brandegee and others who, while they would like to see the whole covenant rejected, believe this impossible. The motion also will be supported by Borah, Poindexter and those who with them are fighting outright defeat of the league plan.

Article ten, which was not one of those revised at Paris, reads:

"The high contracting parties undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression, the council shall advise upon the means by which the obligation shall be fulfilled."

The criticisms upon which the fight against this article will be made are:

"That it virtually empowers the league council, composed of one American and eight foreigners, to order the United States to go to war."

TWO ESTIMABLE CITIZENS.

Mr. Z. W. Lyon and Mr. R. S. Usry Are Quite Sick.

Prayers were said in the Oxford churches Sunday for the recovery of Mr. Z. W. Lyon and Uncle Richard Usry, who have been sick for some time.

The condition of these two fine citizens is such as to cause much uneasiness.

BLALOCK MOTOR COMPANY

Incorporated and Will Enlarge the Business.

The Blalock Motor Company has been incorporated with a view of enlarging the business. The incorporators are:

Dr. W. N. Thomas, president. W. Z. Mitchell, vice-president. J. F. Veasey, secretary. E. B. Howard, treasurer. J. M. Blalock, manager.

FAILING TO LIST TAXES.

Notice is hereby given that all parties, without exception, failing to list their taxes during the months of May and June will be charged with 25 per cent added to their taxes as prescribed by law. By order of the county board of commissioners.

J. ENNIS DAVIS, Chmn. June 30-19.

New Road Law.

All road overseers and road supervisors of the county are urged to call at the office of the Register of Deeds and get a copy of the new road law.

THE STATUS OF THE BOND DRIVE.

The Victory Loan is being called the "Thanksgiving Loan," without doubt a fitting designation. Think of the boys who are coming back home alive and well, with the enemy vanquished, the battles won. Think of peaceful America, its people prosperous, its children happy and well nourished, its lands safe from the invasion of the foe; and compare our situation with that of starving Russia in anarchy, with Germany torn by Red revolution, with victorious France still bleeding from the scars of the horrible war.

Think of the heavy taxation that must for years burden the people of Europe, victors and vanquished alike. And then compare our conditions here—with our government asking only that we lend what we can, and with guilt-edge security and liberal interest. Certainly we may call this a "Thanksgiving Loan" and prove our thankfulness by liberal investments.

The allotments to each of our banks and the amounts subscribed to date is as follows:

	Quota.	Sold.
National Bank of Granville	\$ 148,000	\$ 60,000
Oxford Savings & Trust Co.	30,200	10,000
First National Bank, Oxford	118,000	37,900
Union Bank & Trust Co.	12,400	5,800
First National Bank, Creedmoor	36,550	5,000
Bank of Stem	9,850	10,000
Bank of Stovall	7,450	9,350

W. B. BALLOU, Chairman.

SPEAKING TONIGHT.

Col. Ballou, Chairman of the Victory Loan, states that either Judge Pritchard or John Temple Garves will speak in the Court House tonight.

The ladies are invited to be present.

NO AMERICAN TROOPS ON GERMAN SOIL AFTER PEACE

Speeding Up Demobilization At Home and Abroad.

(Washington Special.) Determination of President Wilson indicated in press advices from Paris, that no American troops shall continue on German soil for a longer period after the signing of the peace treaty than may be necessary to embark them for home.

The plans of the War Department contemplate the return of the entire American Expeditionary Forces by September. Because of this, General March, Chief of Staff, is making every effort to speed up the demobilization in this country.

The September date represents estimates by embarkation officials as to the maximum possible speed in withdrawing the entire force in Europe, including the troops holding the Coblenz Bridgehead sector on the Rhine. If anything, officers anticipate that the movement will be accelerated rather than retarded. The schedule has been exceeded recently and in increasing measure from week to week. With an indicated monthly movement of 450,000 men, the best predictions of General March and his aides bid fair, it was said to be more than realized.

TAX LISTING IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Tax Listers In Every Township of the County.

Tax listing for the year 1919 began on May 1, according to the law, and all property owners are required to list their possessions that are liable to taxing, as well as individuals who don't own property and who must list for assessment of poll taxes. Tax listers are to be on hand throughout the whole of the month of May for the purpose of recording property.

Instructions governing the valuation for 1919 have been sent out to the proper officials in all townships and counties throughout the State, and have been received here.

WILL GIVE GERMANS 15 DAYS TO ANSWER

There Will Be No Oral Argument on Their Part, and Objections Must Be In Writing.

London, May 5.—The Germans will be given a maximum period of fifteen days in which to accept or reject the treaty of peace, according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. There will be no oral objections to the terms, but the Germans may present their written objections in writing to the Allies, which will reply in writing.

SEVEN TAR HEELS FINISH COURSES IN SEMINARY

Rev. Stuart Roscoe Oglesby Comes To Oxford.

Seven North Carolinians are included in the list of 1919 graduates of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., last week. Rev. Stuart Roscoe Oglesby, Jr., Hope, Ark., will be pastor at Oxford.

Meeting of Woman's Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Oxford library Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. This will be an important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

DELIVER TERMS THURSDAY.

Paris, May 6.—It is now certain, according to the French press, that the treaty of peace will be solemnly handed to Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German Foreign Minister, by Premier Clemenceau at Versailles on Thursday afternoon.

COLORED SOLDIERS ON PARADE MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION

Some of Them Were Members of the Famous Buffalo Division.

The parade of colored soldiers here last Friday reflected honor upon the colored race. The insignia of the famous fighting Buffalo Division was in evidence.

The parade was led by Lt. Cheatham, son of Dr. Cheatham, superintendent of the colored Oxford orphan asylum. He was a member of a New York division and was brigaded with the French and won a medal for distinguished service. There were about 200 soldiers in the line of march. They wore the "military face," kept the step and were applauded by both white and black as the line swung through the streets from the Colored Orphan Asylum, where the line of march was formed, to the Fair Grounds, where a sumptuous dinner was served to the soldiers. The inspiring patriotic music was furnished by the local colored brass band.

It was a general holiday for the colored people throughout the county, and there were two or three thousand of the better class represented here.

The older heads were in control and perfect order, and decorum prevailed throughout the day. The ceremonies at the Fair Grounds were in keeping with the patriotic occasion.

Mr. B. E. Parham tendered the use of the Farmers' warehouse for the dance, which was largely attended and enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening. A piano was used for this occasion.

A QUESTION THAT IS FREQUENTLY ASKED

Will There Be a Granville County Fair This Fall?

Nearly every day some one asks the Public Ledger if there is to be a Granville county fair this fall.

The Public Ledger learns that the question of holding a fair was left entirely with a committee of three, of which Mr. P. W. Knott is the chairman. We spoke to Mr. Knott about the matter some time ago and he said that he was unable to get the committee together. Mr. Knott went on to say that he had in view a young man who would make a fine secretary and put the fair over in good shape.

The fair grounds were advertised for sale some time ago, and if our memory serves us right the property was purchased by private parties.

It is up to the fair association and the fair committee to tell the people what they have done and what they intend to do.

The young ladies of Oxford who entertained the soldiers and sailors of the town at a banquet and dance last Thursday night were: Misses Esther Mitchell, Janie Hunt, Georgia Winston, Estelle White, Hixie White, Mary Webb, Beatrice Parham, Lois Wood, Bernice Wood, Mary Fisher Hunt, Caroline Hunt, Elizabeth Gibson, Dorothy Royster, Martha Parker Brinkley, Selene Parker, Fannie Taylor, Margaret Capehart, Mary Landis, Helen Knowles, Ethel Hancock, Mary Royal Hancock, and Mrs. J. C. Currin.

Dr. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth, and Dr. Morris of Wilton, were in Oxford Monday.

GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES MEET ALLIED ENVOYS AND CARRY OUT PRELIMINARY

Across the Green Table, They Hand Over Their Credentials to Representatives of Allied and Associated Powers, Scarcely Five Minutes Being Consumed in the Formal Ceremony, Not Attended by Wilson, Lloyd George or Clemenceau.

(By the Associated Press.) (FIRST DAY.) The peace congress at Versailles has formally begun its sessions. The eventful day which the world had awaited since the signing of the armistice on November 11 last year has at last arrived.

The German peace delegates have met the representatives of the allied and associated powers and across the green baize table have carried out the first preliminary which probably will mean a return to actual peace in the not far distant future.

This preliminary was the handing to the representatives of the allied and associated powers by the Germans of their credentials, certifying their right to act for Germany in accepting the peace treaty, which later is to be given them, outlining the terms which the peace conference in Paris has decreed Germany shall meet in order to secure that peace and a return of normal conditions which Germany has professed she desires so ardently. Similar credentials of the allied and associated representatives then were handed to the Germans.

Scarcely five minutes were taken up with the procedure. The formality of addresses was entirely dispensed with. When the brief ceremony ended, the Germans immediately left the Trianon hotel for their place of residence.

Pale and Nearly Fainting.

Pale and almost fainting from emotion, Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German foreign secretary and head of the delegation, passed through what evidently was one of the bitterest moments of his life. He was barely able to sustain himself through the brief ceremony. On delivery of the German credentials, his emotion was too great to enable him to deliver an extended discourse.

OXFORD WINS PLEA FOR FREIGHT RATE

Permission Denied Southern Railway to Charge Rate Exceeding That Granted Virginia Cities.

Washington, May 5.—Application by the Southern Railway and other carriers to continue to charge rates from the West and Central west to Rock Hill, S. C., which are higher as a through rate than the aggregate of intermediate rates to and from the Virginia cities was denied Saturday by the Interstate Commerce Commission, effective August 1. Similarly, the Commission denied permission to the carriers to continue to charge for the transportation of buggy wheels from Oxford, N. C., to Atlanta and other points rates which are lower than maintained on like traffic from Rock Hill.

THE GRANVILLE HOSEIERY MILLS

Plant At Creedmoor Will Be In Operation June 1.

Creedmoor, May 5.—The new Granville Hosiery Mills Company, incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000 (of which about \$15,000 will be paid in at the time of starting operations) has secured a lease on a plant and will start improvements immediately with the expectation of being ready to operate by the first of June. The company has purchased the Regina Hosiery Manufacturing Company, of Haw River, N. C., and will remove the machinery etc., to Creedmoor.

TOWN ELECTION WAS QUIET.

There Was No Opposition Ticket In The Field.

The town election, held Monday, was very quiet, there being no opposition ticket in the field a light vote was cast. The mayor and new board is as follows:

Mayor—Major T. G. Stem. Commissioners—W. T. Yancey, C. D. Ray, W. A. McFarland, W. H. Fleming, W. A. Parham, John Williams, S. H. Pritchard.

Deputy J. W. Davis, of Brassfield, captured a big still early Monday morning and brought it to Oxford and turned it over to Sheriff Hunt.

Gen. B. S. Royster will return from St. Louis today, where he has been attending a national meeting of one of the fraternal orders.

Real Douglas Fairbanks Picture Douglas Fairbanks, in "He Comes Up Smiling," at the Orpheum Monday, May 12th. Enough said.

ASSESSORS ARE NAMED BY STATE TAX COMMISSION

Mr. W. A. Parham, of Oxford, Is the Assessor For Granville County

The State Tax Commission has announced the appointment of district and county tax supervisors under the new property valuation law passed this year. The one hundred counties of the state are arranged into ten districts over each of which a supervisor has been appointed.

The ten supervisors, four of whom are army officers and the other six men who have made a success in the business world, are all well known men of the state. The Tax Commission is equally proud of the selection of men for county assessors.

Mr. W. A. Parham, of Oxford, is assessor for Granville county, and C. M. Vanstony, of Greensboro, has been appointed supervisor of the Fifth District, which includes Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph and Rockingham.

The State Tax Commission regards the choice of supervisors as fine a set of able men as can be found in the State. Much can be said for the calibre of the county assessors, also. Right at the forefront of the list stands H. E. Fries, of Winston-Salem, one of the best known men in the commercial life of North Carolina and a man of unquestioned integrity.

Granville county is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Parham. He is a man of affairs and is a most valuable member of the town board of commissioners. He carries to the position a familiarity with taxation and property values second to few men in the county. It is generally regarded here that a better man for the place could not have been found.

Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., who was recommended for the position, notified the State Tax Commission that it was practically impossible to serve.

CITATION FOR EMPLOYERS

Issued To Those Who Take Back Employees Who Entered the Service.

Washington, May 5.—Patriotic employers who perform their duty in employing returning soldiers and sailors will receive a citation from their government. This citation will carry with it a special certificate which will become a more valuable asset to every patriotic employer and business concern as the years go by.

This certificate, which is headed "War and Navy Departments, United States of America," reads as follows:

"This certifies that John Doe has assured the War and Navy Departments that he will gladly re-employ everybody who formerly worked with him, and left to serve in the army or navy during the great war. Signed, Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War."

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS BY JUNE 1 LIKELY

President Wilson Confident His Work at Paris Will Be Over In Time to Stare Home By June First.

Intimation that a special session of Congress will be called by President Wilson to meet about June 1, was contained in confidential dispatches received in Washington from Paris.

It was said in authoritative administration quarters that it was quite possible that if the situation in Paris should develop rapidly, the session might meet before June 1. In that case the call would be made by cable.

The President was pictured as being confident the work of the peace conference would be completed in time for him to start home by June 1.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Mr. John W. Hester Saves a Colored Man's Neck.

David Elkerson, a Granville county negro, was accused last spring of killing a man in Rocky Mount.

Mr. John W. Hester, council for the accused, fought the case through two terms of Nash county court, and last week, Judge Bond, presiding, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

ORPHEUM THEATRE.

Every Night and Matinee Friday and Saturday.

Tuesday—Enid Bennett, in "When Do We Eat?"

Wednesday—Mary Pickford, in "The Dawn of Tomorrow."

Thursday—Ethel Clayton, in "Woman's Weapons."

Friday—Ruth Roland, in "Hands Up;" and also a two reel comedy.

Saturday—Pearl White, in "The Lightning Raider;" Charles Ray, in "The Law of the North."