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THE NEW PREPAREDNESS

Nothing could so eloquently suggest the state of really informed opinion in Washington as the official announcement of the appointment of General Pershing to organize and direct a new war staff which is to be formed to "prepare instantly in time of peace for military operations on a large scale."

Hitherto in this country we have got along without a superstaff in the War Department, though such staffs have always existed in Europe. Nobody is better fitted than General Pershing for the special duty which he will perform. The move is one of preparedness in a real sense. The simple fact that the appointment was made shows that it is considered necessary.

HUGHES ON IMMIGRATION

If virtually all of southern and eastern Europe were not one vast trap, the ports of the United States would have been clogged before now with a tide of immigration such as no country in the world ever was called upon to face.

Bewildered hordes in all the distressed countries—the sick, the unfit, the embittered, the revolutionary—think of the United States as the average man is accustomed to think of heaven. Poverty holds them back. They are hedged about by military regulations. They cannot find transportation in Europe. And if all who want to come to America could reach the Atlantic ports there wouldn't be ships enough on the ocean to carry them. But as order is restored the heavy tide will increase.

Secretary Hughes vividly states the case in the request for immediate restriction of immigration which he has recently transmitted to Congress. Mr. Hughes ought to be listened to and apparently, Congress is in a mood to listen to them.

THE EXPLORERS

It is often disconcerting to parents when the spirit of exploration develops in their young children. The spirit in them is the same as that which moved Columbus to cross the ocean in search of a new route to India. It is what sends men to the unknown regions of Africa and South America. It carried Magellan around the world. It moves small boys to start for the West to fight Indians and other small boys to go to sea in a ship.

Insatiable curiosity is what has enlarged the realm of knowledge. If we were all content to stay quietly at home and amuse ourselves with the things we know about little progress would be made.

Yet it is difficult for parents to be patient when their children manifest the disposition which has led men to all sorts of romantic endeavor. And they ought not to be patient. Children must stay at home until they learn how to take care of themselves. If they can be induced to do this without the destruction of their curiosity about the remote places of the world they may grow up to do something worth while.

A GREAT DEMOCRAT

When, 400 years ago last week, Martin Luther made his declaration in support of the duty of a man to obey his own conscience, he gave impetus to a movement which changed the course of events in Germany almost immediately and ultimately affected a large part of the western world.

This German peasant's son is generally admitted to have been one of the greatest men of his generation. Yet he was a compound of vices and virtues, as all men are. He did nothing moderately, and it might be said that he was an exponent of the strenuous life centuries before the man with whom that thing is nowadays usually associated.

One would not be far wrong if one called Luther the Roosevelt of the sixteenth century. He bolted from the church of his early manhood as Roosevelt bolted from his party. But, unlike Roosevelt, he carried his country with him and did not return to the fold as Roosevelt did. No man can understand the history of Europe for the last four centuries without knowing something of the movement which Luther started when he asserted before the Diet of Worms his right to use his own judgment.

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THE BEST MINDS

Championship contests are never held in the fields of intellectual achievement. What man of science ever was a hero to the crowd? The folk who cheer Babe Ruth and love Charlie Chaplin might look with awe at Dr. Alexis Carrel, the wizard of the Rockefeller Institute, who has just been talking before the American Philosophical Society, and they probably read no further than the headlines of a narrative of effort that it being successfully directed to disclose the secret of life and to prolong human existence by locating the exact origin of vital energy. Yet thousands of people are now alive because of Dr. Carrel's work and his discoveries. Surgical operations are safer. The causes of old age and death are better understood and are actually being brought under scientific control.

We have been hearing a great deal about the Best Minds. Few people ever realize that the minds that are really best in this country seldom get a hearing until the thing is accomplished.

There are men whose instinct for exploration is gratified only by pursuits in the utter darkness that shrouds ultimate truth. They might be divided into two great groups. One group deals with the intangible and untouched and unseen forces of all life. Another gives its time and attention to the visible realities of ordered existence, to a search for the fundamental verities of politics, economics, historical implication and the war of social influences. One group serves what is known as pure science. The other group seeks to achieve pure reasoning and to present the absolute truth before it has been filtered and diluted in minds less able to see it clear. Both are so far ahead of the procession that you seldom hear of them. They do not even apply their knowledge. They leave that to others and go on.

State College students won their years-long fight for self-government Wednesday when the board of trustees of the institution conferred that right upon them, effective at the beginning of the college year next September. The organization of the controlling authority will be completed before the expiration of the present term, leaving the machinery in readiness for the opening of the succeeding college year.

Tax Listing Notice

Beginning on the 3rd day of May and continuing during the month tax-payers must list all the property owned on the first day of May 1921. For the first twenty days of the month, you may list with your Township list-taker, according to the schedules given below, and, unless prevented by sickness or accident, you must list with him. If so prevented, but on no other condition, you may list with me during the last ten days of the month.

All farmers are requested to come prepared to tell the list-taker the number of acres cultivated, number of acres plowed, and number of acres planted to each crop. I want to emphasize that this information will be kept confidential and will not be used for tax purposes.

FISHING CREEK—C. R. Gordan, Home, May 3rd-3th. inclusive. Knott's Grove, Tuesday, May 10. A. P. Overton's Store, Wednesday, May 11. Fairport, Thursday, May 12. Bethel School House, Friday, May 13. Dickerson, Saturday, May 14. Rayner's Store, Monday, May 16. Oxford Court House (for Cotton Mill), Tuesday, May 17. Shady Grove School House, Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19. R. M. Tunstall's Store, Friday, May 20.

BRASSFIELD—W. B. DIXON, Wilton, Tuesday, May 3 and Saturday, May 7. Jones' Store, Wednesday, May 4. Grissom, Thursday, May 5. Mt. Evergy, Monday, May 9. Baily School, Saturday, May 14.

DUTCHVILLE—J. L. Peed, Hester, Tuesday, May 3. Lyons, Wednesday, May 4. Knapp of Reeds, Thursday, May 5. Creedmoor, Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Northside, Monday, May 9. Creedmoor, Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14.

TALLY HO—J. M. Bullock, Tar River, Tuesday, May 3. Enon, Wednesday, May 4. Stem, Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Culbreth, Monday, May 9. Providence, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10 and 11. Stem, Saturday, May 14.

WALNUT GROVE—W. M. Thorp, Sun Set, Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Howard, School House, Monday and Tuesday, May 9 and 10. Berea, Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12. W. L. Hick's Store, Friday, May 13. Babe Evan's Store, Saturday, May 14. Satterwhite, Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17.

OAK HILL—Jno. S. Watkins, Oak Hill, Tuesday May 3. R. L. Eaker's Store, Wednesday, May 4. Pollard's Store, Friday, May 6. Farmers' Hardware Co., Virginia, Va., Saturday, May 7. Wilbourn's Store, Tuesday, May 10. Elliott's Store, Friday, May 13. Cornwall, Saturday, May 14.

SASSAFRAS FORK—E. H. Gregory, Stovall, Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5. Bullock, Saturday, May 7. Mountain Creek School, Monday, May 9. Grassy Creek School, Saturday, May 14.

SALEM—L. G. Breedlove, Salem School House, Tuesday, May 3. Huntsboro, Wednesday, May 4. Dexter, Thursday, May 5. J. E. Grissom's Store, Friday, May 6. Lewis', Saturday, May 7. Burnett School House (Pine Ridge) Tuesday, May 10. Gregory's Mill, Wednesday, May 11. Dexter School House, Saturday, May 14.

OXFORD—W. P. Stradley and R. B. Hines at Mayor's Office during the month of May.
W. P. STRADLEY,
4-22-3 County Supervisor.

BATCH OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL OF TALLY HO

Dr. R. C. Craven Will Preach Commencement Sermon
(W. R. Mangum)

Stem, N. C., April 28.—Prof. J. G. Feezor, principal of the Stem High School, announces that Dr. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church, will preach the commencement sermon before the Stem High School at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, May 1. Exercises by the primary and intermediate grades will take place Wednesday May 4. The graduating exercises of the eleventh grade, and the recitation contest by the Victorian Society will take place Thursday, May 5. The High School play will be given Friday, May 6.

The commencement sermon which marked the closing exercise of Providence High School was delivered in Beulah church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian Church. The theme of his discourse was "Redeeming Time," based on the text: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools," etc. Time said the preacher, is the most valuable possession and may be redeemed, by ceasing to waste. Every individual is a plan of God and time should be conserved and utilized in carrying out this plan by taking advantages of opportunities. We should not take the easy way, but take the harder task and not follow the line of least resistance.

Our community learns with regret of the serious illness of Mr. E. E. Bullock. He was born and reared in the limits of the town and is widely known as the former manager of the Stem Supply Company has a large number of friends in this section who wish him a speedy restoration to health.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hester and family of Oxford, were the guests of Mrs. Hester's father, Mr. J. B. Thomasson, at Tally Ho Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Minor, wife of Mr. R. L. Minor, salesman for The Stem Mercantile Company underwent a very serious operation at Brantwood hospital Thursday but is getting along very nicely.

Miss Harriet Thomasson, who has been teaching the past fall and winter in Alamance, near Burlington returned home, at Waterline Farm near Tally Ho, last week, having closed a most successful term. Although this was her first experience in teaching, she was made principal of this school with three teachers under her, and in this most responsible position gave perfect satisfaction. She is a graduate of The Greenville Training School and eminently qualified for this vocation.

Prof. J. F. Webb and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb and children, of Oxford, were the guests of Mrs. James H. Webb, of Tally Ho Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ingold, returned home Saturday from a visit to relatives in Richmond, and were distressed to find their little son Robert seriously ill. Two physicians are in attendance and we hope the bright little fellow will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch spent the week end with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mr. W. I. Wheeler, who has been in the wheelwright business here for the past year, has retired from this business and purchased a half interest in a saw mill and will engage in the lumber business, his mill being located at present on the farm of Mr. Cannon Johnson. He will continue to live in Stem.

We regret to note the illness of Mr. Frank Eakes, one of the venerable citizens of Tally Ho, who was taken suddenly very ill Tuesday morning.

We were glad to see on our streets Monday, Mr. W. B. Cash of Oxford Route 6, whose condition the physician pronounced hopeless a month ago. He is still very feeble but is slowly gaining strength.

Mr. L. P. Cotton, proprietor of "Cotondale" farm Oxford Route 6, purchased a new Ford touring car last week.

Mr. Frank T. Cozart, returned Sunday from a trip to Washington, New Jersey, Norfolk and Wilmington. Farmers of this community are going ahead planting corn and a good many will begin planting tobacco next week. They are generally well up with their work and are taking an optimistic view of the situation.

Miss Mary Cozart, member of the faculty of Stem High School, spent the week end with her brother, Dr. W. S. Cozart at Fuquay Springs.

Firemen found a thieves' nest in the basement of the Atlantic warehouse at Kinston Sunday afternoon. Smoke emerging from the building which has been closed since the end of the season caused the department to be called. The smoke was from a blazing mattress in the basement, surrounding the bed was an odd assortment of goods which are believed to have been stolen.

By a vote of three to two, the Wake County Commissioner Monday afternoon decided to move no horizontal cut in the property valuation in the county. Instead of the cut asked by property-owners, the commissioner will try to relieve the situation by adjusting inequalities with a systematic campaign of investigation extending into every township of Wake County.

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LEGAL NOTICES

A ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Oxford: That Section 7, Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of the Town of Oxford be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. No brick, stone, wood or other substance shall be suffered to lie in any streets or alleys of the town, and no person, firm, or corporation shall place or permit it or upon any sidewalk, street or alley of the town any boxes, crates, barrels, casks; tools, provisions, or other material, substance or merchandise whatsoever. This section shall apply to merchants displaying their wares as well as to other persons. Provided, however, that building material, earth and other obstructions of like character, may, by permission of the Mayor, in writing, be allowed in the streets under such restrictions as he may impose; Provided further, that such building material, earth and other obstructions shall not take up or occupy more than one-half of the street at any one place. Provided that this ordinance shall not apply to the receiving of merchandise on the sidewalks or the opening of boxes or crates in which same may be shipped, provided the opening of said boxes or crates and the receiving of said merchandise shall be expedited as much as practicable. Any one violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined Five Dollars, and each day such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense."
Adopted April 26th, 1921.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE BAZAAR DRY GOODS COMPANY

Under and by virtue of an order of re-sale duly made by Judge J. Loyd Horton in the proceeding entitled "First National Bank of Creedmoor and Richmond Dry Goods Company vs Bazaar Dry Goods Company," I will on Monday, May 16th, 1921 at Creedmoor, N. C. at the Store of Bazaar Dry Goods Company at 12 o'clock noon, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder all the stock of goods, wares, merchandise and personal property shown by inventory of the Receiver. Sale subject to confirmation by the Court.
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O. E. ALLEN, Receiver.

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