

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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## Blanket of Snow Covers Lynn County

Last Sunday morning snow and sleet began falling over this section of the South Plains, and in a few hours time Lynn county was covered like a blanket. The fall continued through Sunday night, accompanied by a strong northeast wind, which caused it to drift considerably. This insures a bountiful supply of moisture for winter wheat and is of untold benefit to the country at large. It is estimated that the snowfall amounted to three inches or better on the level. The year 1919 starts off with flattering prospects for a bumper crop next fall. Let's all start out to accomplish bigger and better things for Tahoka and Lynn county during the coming year. We have a farming country second to none on the plains and now that we have been blessed with rains and snows to start us off, we see no reason why next year should not be one among the best years in the history of the county.

Misses Clara and Celia May came in Saturday from Abilene, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. They are students at Simmons College, in Abilene. Miss Clara is an Art student in the school, and brought home some beautiful samples of her work. The sum of \$50.00 was refused for one of the larger pictures painted by this young lady. They expect to return to their studies about the first of the year.

Mrs. John Stokes received a message the first of the week that her brother, who resides at Bangs, Texas, was seriously injured, and left at once for that place. We trust her brother will recover from the injuries received at an early date.

Frank H. Weaver, Cashier of the Guaranty Bank, left Tuesday for Coleman, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Weaver and little son, went down last week.

A. M. Sullivan, returned to Eastland, Tuesday morning. In order to keep up with Lynn County happenings, Mr. Sullivan becomes a reader of the News for six months.

J. O. Miles, of C'Donnell, renewed his subscription to the News the past week. Mr. Miles is quite optimistic in regard to crop prospects in Lynn County next year.

S. E. Reid, the Oil Lease man, had some sign painting done on his office windows, Saturday. Jake Leady did the work, and it is all done with Jake a hold of the brush.

Read the News.



## Hello People!

MY NAME is Nineteen Nineteen—  
You see I'm just brand-new;  
With a big joyous shout, Daddy Time let me out  
To bring new hope to you.

NOW that you've got my number,  
Perhaps you rather doubt  
That I have come here to scatter good cheer,  
And all the glooms to flout.

DAD says the world's gone crazy  
And things are all dead wrong;  
But a new little boy brings a promise of joy,  
So greet me with a song!

## REMEMBERED and FORGOTTEN

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY

"The heart is hard in nature and unfit for human fellowship, as being void of sympathy and therefore dead alike to love and friendship both, that is not pleased. With slight of others enjoying life Nor feels their happiness augment his own."

At the beginning of the New Year one should brush the dust off his list of friends, looking up those who have dropped quietly out of one's everyday life without a very good reason for it. Making new acquaintances is usually an easy matter. But to nurture those acquaintances until they blossom into friends, cemented by loyalty and constancy, is a different problem.

A man or woman may count acquaintances by the score—people who invite them to their homes to dine, to theater party, or merry-making—yet they are still acquaintances only. Friendship means much more than this, while few actually understand it. Many a one has counted up a hundred

so-called friends today. But if adversity assails one tomorrow there may not be one heart among the many one could turn to for solace and cheer.

Not one pair of hands would be extended to draw one in from the cold, the storm and darkness, if one is suddenly bereft of shelter. Past benefits are not remembered. Acquaintances find it easy to forget. Only friends remember the past and its hallowed memories.

A woman will remember every detail of her courtship—where she first met her lover, their introduction, the impression she formed of him at first sight. She even remembers what her reveries were and her wonderment as to whether or not he thought of her. She remembers each call he made; all that was said or done; how she had detected his growing love for her even before he guessed it himself. She remembers the hour of their betrothal and the conversation that brought it quite unexpectedly about.

As for the man she married, not one man in a hundred can remember what emotion swept across his heart at his first meeting with her whom he was to love evermore till death did them part. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred will confess to their wives. "I'm blest if I just know just how I happened to propose to you." When a man can forget that most thrilling of

all moments in his life he can forget anything. Such men find it very easy to forget their wife's or children's birthdays, realizing that remembrance would call for presents.

Many wives are glad to have the children not forgotten. But they are just as well satisfied that he has forgotten how swiftly time is running away with their good looks and aging them. Last, and by no means least, no man or woman, no matter how happily married, should allow the old folks at home to imagine themselves forgotten by them. It doesn't take much time to write a few lines once in a fortnight. We should always remember not to forget those who have been dear to us.

## Tahoka Public School Will Begin Monday

The Tahoka Public Schools, which have been closed the past few weeks on account of the epidemic of influenza, will resume the session next Monday morning, December 30th. It is hoped that a full attendance will be present to begin the work of the second half the term.

## Mountain Time After January 1st

Slaton, Texas,  
Dec. 19, 1918.

All Station Agents:

I will send you in a few days supply of time table Q-40 effective January 1st, which covers changes in time brought about by the new zone system authorized by the Government whereby all points on this division, except Sweetwater station will be governed by present Mountain time instead of Central time. Sweetwater remaining under Central time.

Please see that information relative to these changes is given circulation, and where there are local newspapers you might request editors to make mention of these changes. You should see that your local Postmaster is furnished with copy of the time card as soon as received.

F. J. EVANS.

The following schedule has been furnished us by local agent, J. L. Heare, for trains arriving at Tahoka station:

Train No. 912; North Bound, arrives 8:20 A. M.

Train No. 911, South Bound, arrives 2:00 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Montgomery have received word from their son, Carl, to the effect that he had landed safely back in the good old U. S. A., at New York, and would probably be home within a short time.

Henry McDaniel, of Camp Travis, visited his parents here this week, returning to San Antonio Thursday.

Miss Ruth Hussey, of Lubbock, spent the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Clayton, of this city.

Miss Bertra Hollis returned to her home near Miama, Texas, after several days visit with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Jones, east of town.

## No Teachers' Institute Will be Held at Lubbock

On account of the epidemic of influenza at Lubbock, we are informed there will be no Teachers' Institute held at that place this year. The Public Schools will begin in Lubbock next Monday, December 30th.

C. O. Thompson, proprietor of the Star Drug Store, is in Amarillo on business matters this week.

Boyce Hatchett returned from Brownfield Saturday. Boyce reports business good in the sale of oil and gas leases.

Aubry Thomas came in from Eastland and spent a day or so with his parents here this week.

J. O. Park sends the News to Joe Fulton, at Muenster, Texas, for one year.

Charley Shook is in Plainview on business, leaving for that city yesterday.

Sid Sanders and little son, returned from Lubbock Thursday.

P. W. Hamilton and son left Thursday morning on a business trip to Fort Worth.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. (Pete) Brown, Wednesday, Dec. 25th, a fine girl.

W. C. Cowan, of Abernathy, was here on business a few days this week.

## Santa Fe Trains Crash Near Texico

Last Sunday morning a freight train backed into a belated east-bound passenger at Lariat, a little station on the Santa Fe, near Texico, New Mexico. The fireman on the freight was killed and the engineer on the same train received a broken leg.

Jack Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ramsey, of Tahoka, a messenger on the passenger, received a few scratches about the head.

No passengers were injured. It is reported the passenger had stuck in a snow bank and its danger signals were overlooked by the freight which was backing in.

All trains are running late on account of the heavy snows in this section of the state.

Jake Leady, the sign painter, placed a "Lynn County News" sign across our large front windows this week. Tahoka can well boast of one of the "best" sign painters in this section of the state. Yes, Jake is there with the "goods." He places an ad in the News. Look it up.

H. B. Howell, proprietor of Howell's Garage had some artistic sign painting done the past week at his garage, advertising Federal and Eveready Tires, of which he carries a full stock. Mr. Howell believes in printer's ink and carries a regular ad in the News.

John Williams and family returned to Hale Center Saturday, after a short visit in Tahoka and Lynn County. John called at the News office while here and got on the right side of the ledger for one year's subscription, and said "It's like getting a letter from home."

Miss Grace Hester, primary teacher in the Tahoka Schools, left Wednesday morning for Plains, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Glenn Brashear, who is attending school at Meridian, Texas, spent Christmas with home folks.

The News, \$1.50 the year.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

I stood on a tower in the west,  
And New Year and Old Year met,  
And winds were roaring and blowing;  
And I said, "O years that meet in tears,  
Have ye aught that is worth the knowing!  
Science enough and exploring,  
Wanderers coming and going,  
Matter enough for deploring,  
But aught that is worth the knowing?"  
Seas at my feet were flowing,  
Waves on the shingle pouring,  
Old Year roaring and blowing,  
And New Year blowing and roaring.  
—Alfred Lord Tennyson.

## GOOD NEW YEAR ADVICE.

"The old familiar wish rings true,  
A Happy New Year, friends, to you."

A man who keeps up the custom of sending New Year cards to his friends included this year a second card bearing these words:

"Instead of returning evil for evil, try to return evil with good; to say nothing ill of others; to act kindly even with dumb animals.

"Live thus one day, two days, or more, and compare the state of your mind with its state in former days.

"Make the attempt and you will see how the dark, evil moods have passed away and how the soul's happiness has increased.

"Make the attempt, and you will see that the gospel of love brings the greatest and most desirable of all things."

On these cards is written, "This is the story's advice. It is good to pin on a calendar where it will be seen every day."



# The Glad NEW YEAR Is Upon Us

The year 1919 is close upon us. Only a very few days remain of the old year. Let us all line ourselves up for 1919—the greatest year in the history of this country. We hope all our customers will be prosperous and happy, and we want to help you in every way possible. Come in and see us, and if we can be of any assistance to you we are at your service.

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### A BILL TO PERMIT SOLDIERS TO KEEP UNIFORMS

Congressman Marvin Jones of this district introduced the following bill which has been referred to the committee on military affairs:

#### A Bill

To provide for the retention of all uniforms issued to soldiers and sailors of the United States who have been honorably discharged, and providing also for the privilege of using same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that each enlisted man of the Army or Navy of the United States, whether by induction or otherwise, who has been or who may hereafter be honorably discharged from the service, shall have the right to retain as his personal property all clothing, uniform, shoes, hat, and overcoat which may have been or which may hereafter be issued to him by the Government of the United States. Such individual soldier or sailor so discharged shall also have the privilege of wearing such complete uniform and clothing at any time: Provided, however, That the Secretary of War may require of any discharged soldier, and the Secretary of the Navy may require of any discharged sailor, the wearing of some character of inexpensive insignia or button on the collar, sleeve, or other part of such uniform as evidence that such soldier or sailor has been honorably discharged.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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## THANKS

We are very thankful indeed to all of you for the Splendid business you have given us during the year just closing and we hope that our business relations have been such that we will be able to enjoy your continued trade. The New Year is opening with bright prospects and we hope you will have a prosperous 1919, and that your improvements needs will bring you to our yard often.

**A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co.**  
TAHOKA, TEXAS

### NEGRO TROOPS LAND IN NEW YORK FROM ENGLAND

New York, Dec. 19.—Rows upon rows of flashing white teeth greeted the crowd which waited on docks yesterday to meet the White Star steamer Celtic bringing troops from Europe. The bands that waited with uplifted instruments to burst into the familiar "Home, Sweet Home," suddenly laid them aside, for over the water from the approaching troopship floated the strains of "My Old Kentucky Home."

The big ship glided into her moorings, the gang plank dropped and over it came a band leader in an overseas cap and a swagger that might have created jealousy even at Great Lakes.

There wasn't much business transacted on the pier until that band got through. Young officers looked inquiringly at the pretty Red Cross canteen workers. They found themselves of the same mind and in a few minutes were floating about the pier to the dreamy strains of a waltz played as only a negro band can play it.

The police and fire department bands that waited patients to play "Home Sweet Home" never had a chance after that negro soldier band made the White Star docks.

The band was from the Eight Hundred and Fourteenth Pioneer Infantry which trained at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. There were several hundred negro troopers aboard also and they were glad to get back to this old U. S. A.

"The wah, it ain't so bad," declared one of the dusky soldiers, "but this heah ocean doan make no hit with me. All I asks is to be taken away from this heah ocean—dey doan ever want to see watah again, no sah."

Most of the negro soldiers aboard had been in England, as they arrived too late to take part in the fighting.

### CASUALTY REPORTS ALMOST COMPLETE

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Pershing cabled the War Department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by Dec. 20 and of severely wounded by Dec. 27.

General Pershing said that the number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces on Dec. 14, was 40,440.

They were divided as follows: Killed in action 390, died of wounds 275, died of disease 353, accidentally killed 51, severely wounded in action 39,371.

These include all "suspense cases under investigation," the General said.

Total casualties to Nov. 23 in the Thirtieth (Wildcat) Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) were given as 7,623. The casualties were classified as follows:

Killed in action 1,168, died of wounds 283, died of disease 15, died of other causes 5, severely wounded 1,181, wounded (degree undetermined) 805, slightly wounded 3,973, missing or captured 193.

General Pershing reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since Nov. 27 would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces given in his summary of that date, as additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

Dried corn and sweet potatoes are delicious together.

### POLL TAX NOT LEVIED AGAINST TEXAS WOMEN

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—That the act of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature granting women the right to vote in primary elections and nominating conventions does not levy a poll tax on all women of voting age, is the opinion of State Comptroller H. B. Terrell, and he has so advised a number of County Tax Assessors who have made inquiry of the Comptroller regarding this law. Comptroller Terrell construes the statute referred to to mean that women who desire to vote are granted that privilege by paying a poll tax as required of male voters, but if a woman does not desire to participate in primary elections, she does not have to pay a poll tax, and County Assessors are without authority to levy the poll tax against her.

In answer to an inquiry from Mrs. Anna Bowman of Palestine, County Assessor of Anderson County, Comptroller Terrell sent the following:

"Replying to your favor of the 14th asking for information as to whether or not you should assess women and place their names on the tax rolls for poll tax, you are advised that the law passed by the called session of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature granting women the right to vote in all primary elections and conventions in this State, and requiring the payment of a poll tax of all women desiring to vote after the first day of January, 1919, does not levy a poll tax on all women of voting age.

Sec. 5 of this act is as follows:

"The provisions of this act shall apply and govern the voting of women in the primary elections held during the year 1919, and from and after the first of January, 1919, each woman voter in this State shall be required to pay the poll tax now required by law of each male person who desires to vote and shall be governed and controlled by all the laws of the State of Texas requiring and permitting the voting upon the payment of poll tax in this State."

"The statute quoted above does not levy a poll tax against all women, but grants women who desire to vote the privilege of doing so by paying a poll tax as required of male voters. You are therefore advised that women should not be assessed or placed on the tax rolls for a poll tax."

Mr. Terrell pointed out that Art. 7354 of the revised statute, which levies a poll tax "on every male person between the ages of 21 and 60" is not a tax for the privilege of voting, but that tax is levied on male persons whether they desire to vote or not. The Terrell election law penalizes the man who fails to pay this tax by not permitting women to vote merely charges the woman who desires to participate in elections for that privilege. If a woman does not care to participate in elections, she does not have to pay a poll tax.

### CURETON RETAINS ASSISTANTS IN ATTY. GENERAL'S OFFICE

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—Attorney General-Elect C. M. Cureton announced today that he will retain the present office force and fill the two vacancies in the department with F. R. Smith of Snyder and W. F. Schenck of Lubbock.

Assistant Attorney General Walter A. Keeling will be promoted to First Assistant Attorney General, succeeding Mr. Cureton when the latter becomes Attorney General on Jan. 1, 1919. Mr. Keeling has been in charge of all liquor matters in the department. The other assistants will be assigned later. Under today's appointments the following remain in the department:

Luther Nickels of Hill County, C. W. Taylor of Navarro County, John C. Wall of Grayson County, W. P. Dumas of Kaufman County and W. J. Townsend of Angelina County. Mr. Keeling hails from Limestone County.

Mr. Cureton retained the present clerical and stenographic force in the department, of which L. C. Sutton is chief clerk and R. V. Nichols is special agent.

Of the new appointees Mr. Smith has been practicing law at Snyder and resigned as Mayor to come to Austin. Mr. Schenck was formerly Mayor of Lubbock and at one time County Attorney of Bosque County. He and Mayes Cureton were schoolboys together and became mates when attending school at Waco, also in the first days of law practice.

Potatoes can perfectly well be used in cornmeal bread.

### ZONE POSTAGE RATES TO BE LOWERED JULY 1

Washington, Dec. 19.—By adopting the Finance Committee amendments to the war revenue bill affecting second-class postage and insurance companies, the Senate today cleared the way for disposal of the few other contested but important features remaining. Leaders now have increased confidence of passing the bill before adjourning next Monday.

By a vote of 34 to 22, the Senate approved the committee amendment proposing repeal next July 1 of the present zone system of second-class postage rates and substitution of a rate of 1c per pound within 150 miles and 1 1-2c beyond. Most of the day was spent in spirited discussion of this amendment and one by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, for a modified zone plan, which was rejected without a roll call.

The Senate also approved the committee plan for new rates on casualty, fire, marine and other insurance companies, except life insurance. The new rates, based on premium receipts are, respectively: Fire insurance companies 1 3-4 per cent, casualty, plate glass and similar companies 1 1-2 per cent, and marine 2 1-4 per cent on inland and 1 3-4 per cent on export policies.

Disposal of these and many minor administrative and verbiage changes left virtually only the income war excess profits, inheritance and luxury tax sections to be considered.

A substitute for the committee's bill, proposing large tax increases, principally on big incomes and war excess profits, was introduced late today by Senator LaFollette (Rep.) of Wisconsin, who is expected to make a lengthy address tomorrow in its behalf.

### Fight on 1920 Taxes.

Senator Jones (Dem.) of New Mexico plans to advocate an amendment to continue war profits taxation through 1920, and Senator Thomas (Dem.) of Colorado is expected to propose elimination of the inheritance tax provisions, with Senator Kenyon of Iowa and others prepared to urge reinsertion of the 20 per cent tax on luxuries.

Besides these questions, that of prescribing 1920 tax rates, opposed by Republicans, remains for disposition.

Disposal of the second class postage section today was regarded as removing a considerable obstacle from the bill's path. Senators Hardwick of Georgia and McKellar of Tennessee led the fight on the committee amendment which was defended by Senator Smoot of Utah.

On the roll call on adoption of the committee amendment, thirteen Democrats and twenty-one Republicans supported the new periodical rates, with fifteen Democrats and seven Republicans in opposition.

### La Follette's Substitute Bill.

The substitute bill, which Senator LaFollette will advance tomorrow, proposes mainly large increases in the war excess profits rates and individual income surtaxes.

The LaFollette substitute also proposes to retain the 12 per cent tax on corporation incomes, but would cut the individual normal rates from 12 to 2 per cent and secure the bulk of individual income revenue from surtaxes.

From individual incomes Senator LaFollette estimates that his bill would raise \$1,784,000,000, compared with \$1,432,000,000 estimated under the pending measures.

In disposing of the miscellaneous provisions today, the Senate adopted committee amendments to give mutual insurance companies the same tax privileges as life insurance companies basing their taxes on net income instead of on policies issued.

### GERMANY MUST PAY ANY PRICE FOR U. S. TREATY

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Discussing President Wilson's trip to Europe, Count Ernst von Reventlow, chief editorial writer of the Tages Zeitung, says:

"The German people must pay any price, no matter how high, the United States names as a condition for the resumption of their relations with the world."

Count Von Reventlow believes that Mr. Wilson's consent to the armistice conditions imposed on Germany is bound to "prove inimical to the influence of the United States in Europe and among its associates."

Eggs in potato nests are a good substitute for eggs on toast.

### SOME WEATHER REPORTS FROM TEXAS POINTS

Orange, Texas, Dec. 19.—The incessant rainfall in this section for the last two days has rendered travel by automobile between Beaumont and Louisiana points almost impossible. Rice farmers, who were saving their crops at a rapid rate, have suspended thrashing because of the rain.

Cleburne, Texas, Dec. 19.—A steady rain has been falling here for the last thirty-six hours.

Colorado, Texas, Dec. 19.—A good rain fell here today and last night, amounting to one inch. This gives us the best season we have had in the ground for two years.

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 19.—A steady downpour of rain has fallen over this entire section today.

Sweetwater, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain fell slowly almost the entire day, precipitation being about one inch. This being the first rain since the big snow, the grain crops were in fine condition to receive the moisture.

Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain has fallen almost continuously since yesterday.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 19.—A heavy rain fell here today.

Four Springs, Texas, Dec. 19.—Three fourths of an inch of rain fell here last night and today. Fall grain and winter pasture will be much benefited.

Stamford, Texas, Nov. 19.—One and sixty-three hundredths inches of rain has fallen here this week. The wheat crop is looking well.

Vernon, Texas, Dec. 19.—It has been raining here all day, giving the finest outlook for wheat in the history of the county.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 19.—Rain fell here for several hours last night and today, estimated at one inch.

### FLU SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE IN PLAINVIEW

Plainview News:

Dr. E. F. McClendon, city health officer, informed the News editor this morning that the influenza situation is improving rapidly, and while there have been two deaths since Tuesday—Merl Hester and Rev. W. M. P. Rippey—and a number still have pneumonia, the disease is letting up, and there are not very many cases in town now. The wet weather of this week has caused some people to contract the disease, especially where they have not taken the proper precautions, and the weather has also been hard on those who already had the disease or had contracted pneumonia. If the present clear and warmer weather continues the community will soon be free of the epidemic.

There were fourteen patients in the emergency hospital in the basement of the Presbyterian church last night, and they were reported to be doing well, and possibly none will result fatally.

### Watch the label on your paper.

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Yours for service,

## Thomas Bros. Drug Co.

Tahoka, O'Donnell Texas

### 1,400,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS KILLED DURING WAR

Paris, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the Socialist deputy, Lucien Voilin, in the chamber of deputies this afternoon during an interpretation of the government on demobilization.

Deputy Voilin asked that the soldiers be returned to the soil and the

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### PLANS FOR TAKING OF NEXT CENSUS NOW UNDER WAY

Washington.—According to the annual report of Director Sam L. Rogers of the Bureau of the Census to Secretary William C. Redfield of the Department of Commerce, covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, which has just been made public, the Census Bureau during that year turned aside in large measure from its usual peace-time work and directed a part of its energies to the compilation of war statistics. The increase in this class of work was so large that the number engaged on it rose from 92 on July 1, 1918 to 231 on September 1.

The general work done by the Bureau included a census of the Virgin islands, recently purchased from Denmark. These islands have a total area of 132 square miles, and the total population on November 1, 1917 was 26,051.

The force of the Census Bureau in Washington comprises 684 officials and employees, and in addition there are employed throughout the cotton belt approximately 700 local special agents who make periodical collections of cotton and cottonseed statistics.

In order to avoid waste and delay in the conduct of the next decennial inventory of the country's population, agriculture, and industries, to be made in 1920, the Bureau is carrying on such preparatory work as can be done prior to the enactment of the pending bill to provide for the Fourteenth census. Under this bill, if it is enacted into law, all the clerical and subclerical force of the Bureau will be appointed through open competitive examinations held by the United States Civil Service Commission, as at the census of 1910. In addition, a number of the minor officials will be appointed in the same manner; and in certain other respects also the provisions of the bill in reference to the merit system have been made more rigid than the corresponding ones contained in the act providing for the last census.

The Fourteenth census will cover the subjects of population; agriculture, including irrigation and drainage; manufactures; and mines, quarries, oil and gas wells. The undertaking will require the services of a field force of about 85,000 or 90,000, chiefly enumerators. The canvass of the urban population will require two weeks, and the canvass of the rural population and of agriculture will be completed in one month; but the collection of the industrial statistics will consume months.

### ALL REGULATIONS ON FLOUR MILLING ARE WITHDRAWN

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cancellation of all flour milling regulations, including fair price schedules and the price and quantity restrictions on the sale of wheat flour by millers, which officials expect will result in cheaper flour, was formally announced late today by the food administration.

Notification of the action was telegraphed last night to all zone agents of the food administration's grain corporation and today there was a sharp rise in the price of wheat, bran and other mill feeds on the Minneapolis market, which officials expect to be followed by a drop in flour prices.

Existing regulations restricting margin of profit on flour and mill feeds remain in effect, as do general regulations of the food administration prohibiting profiteering, hoarding and unfair practices and officials said these would be strictly enforced.

The prediction of cheaper flour to the consumer, it was stated at the food administration, is based on the immediate rise today in the price of mill feeds, amounting to several dollars a ton. Close observation of the market trend in flour and mill feeds, made by the food administration's milling division and grain experts, it was said, showed that with every upward movement of feeds came a fall in the price of flour on a basis of an average drop of three and four hundredths cents a barrel on flour to every \$1 a ton increase on mill feed.

### SNOW STORM CAUSES CATTLE LOSSES IN OLDHAM COUNTY

Vega, Texas, Dec. 20.—The second great snow storm of the season is sweeping over the country. The storm began late Monday afternoon with a slow rain, followed during the night with about four inches of snow. Since Tuesday morning, snow has been falling at intervals. A total of ten inches has fallen.

Some cattle losses have been reported. The range is poor and even a light snow fall does considerable damage to stock that are not fed regularly. The continued snows are putting excellent moisture in the ground, and the farmers are encouraged.

If your patriotism has glue on one side and W. S. S. on the other, it's bound to be of the right vintage.

### HOBBY APPOINTS LARGE NUMBER STATE OFFICIALS

Austin, Dec. 21.—Announcement of appointment of Texas state cabinet officers was made by Governor W. P. Hobby late today. Members of various other state boards and commissions approximating 150 in number, some of which are appointed by the governor in co-operation with other officials, remain to be appointed. Those named today are:

Secretary of State, George F. Howard.  
Commissioner of Insurance and banking, George Waverly Briggs.  
State purchasing agent, D. L. Pollard.

Tax commissioner, James A. King.  
Superintendent of public buildings, and grounds, Bruce W. Bryant.

Assistant Attorney General for Court of Criminal Appeals, T. A. Berry.

State health officer, G. W. Goddard.

Game, fish and oyster commissioner, W. G. Sterrett.  
Dairy and pure food commissioner, R. E. Hoffman.

Adjutant general, James A. Harley.  
Assistant adjutant general, W. D. Cope.

State reclamation engineer, Arthur A. Stiles.

Members state insurance commission, Fritz R. Smith and William H. Knight.

Labor commissioner, T. C. Jennings.  
John D. McCall is secretary to the governor with Ralph Soape and Miss Mamie Edmonson, assistants.

Attorney General C. M. Cureton announces his staff: W. A. Keeling, first assistant; assistants, C. W. Taylor, John C. Wall, W. P. Dumas, W. J. Townsend, W. S. Schneck, G. F. Smith, L. C. Sutton, chief clerk, and R. V. Nichols, special agent.

### CATTELMEN REPORT WINTER PASTURE UNUSUALLY GOOD

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 18.—"I can't recall a time when conditions have been as favorable for the wintering of cattle as they are now," C. L. Brown, Fort Worth cattle owner and cattle salesman, said today. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that recent rains here and over the State will net big results for Texas and Oklahoma cattlemen next year.

Mr. Brown said that a few months ago the condition was so serious that cattlemen were fearing great loss, but that recently he has toured a considerable portion of the cattle sections of Oklahoma and many parts of Texas and conditions point toward good returns next year.

"An abundant amount of wheat pasturage in North Texas and especially in Oklahoma proved a life saver, and thousands of cattle now are being taken care of in this manner. The pasturage is far above the average," he said.

It is the opinion of Mr. Brown that cattlemen are assured of the lowest feed bill for this winter that they have had for many years.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Sold by Thomas Bros.

If your word is as good as your bond, prove up on it this week by liquidating that W. S. S. pledge of yours.

Fervent prayer is said to avail. Pray fervently then that you may not receive for Christmas a pair of purple socks or a yellow necktie.

A Trenton New Jersey woman is searching for her seventy-seven year old husband. Men are certainly getting scarce.

# Forward with the Year

IS OUR MOTTO

and we sincerely believe that our customers are of the same progressive spirit, else they would not benefit daily, as they do, by our practical mechanism of buying and selling.

STEP WITH US

during the New Year and let us share the good will you have bestowed upon us in the past. Our every effort will be bent to your best service and our best wishes always are sitting on your door-steps.

## THE FAIR

The Store of Quality  
H. M. Larkin, Proprietor

Southwest Cor. Square. Tahoka, Texas.

### TWO AIRPLANES VISIT LUBBOCK LAST SATURDAY

Lubbock Avalanche.

Two airplanes passed over Lubbock last Saturday afternoon. They were following the main line of the Santa Fe, and after sailing about over the city for a few minutes hit a beeline toward Clovis, where it was reported they were headed for. This was the first visit of airplanes to Lubbock, and it was quite an enjoyable scene to many of the Lubbock people.

Some reported that these men were looking out a route for an air mail route, and will include Lubbock in the number of cities that will receive this service when it is finally permanently worked out. We have no doubt that the latter will be the case, but as to the mission of the men above spoken of, we have no information, further than a mere rumor.

Europe just now resembles one of those dissected pictures so popular a few years ago. It can be put together again, but to do so will require an infinite degree of study and care.

Just now the world seems to be made up of two kinds of people—heroes and zeroes.

Black walnuts are good salted.

### TEXAS PRISONS TO BE IMPROVED BY HOBBY

Austin, Texas, Dec. 18.—Prison conditions in Texas have been the subject of recent investigation by Governor Hobby with the end in view of improving the State's property in a needed and permanent manner and of making conditions on the prison farms as bearable for the convicts as is consistent with good prison methods.

This investigation terminated with the recent visit of Chairman R. L. Winfrey of the Texas Penitentiary Commission to Governor Hobby and the careful going over of his report upon needed changes on the farms and in the prisons.

After the conference and the filling in of the report the Governor took the matter under discussion and the determination to which he has come may be briefly summarized as follows:

With good crops in 1919 the prison system of Texas will own some 75,000 acres of the best land in the State and it will be practically free from debt. The object is to take the penitentiaries out of partnership with land owners and to place needed improvements upon the State's own property.

Rice is best when cooked from four to six hours.

# We Remember You

every minute of our business career because you are always uppermost in our thoughts. It is you we strive to please and satisfy.

We express our sincere thankfulness for the kind co-operation that has passed between us during the year 1918. We ask this same good will to continue during the greatest year history has yet invented—

1919

Our goodness in service will always hold its standard to be preceded by none. The New Year says "practice economy"—We say, "Come to us for your Dry Goods and Groceries, we can help you more than any other factor."

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# The Family Newspaper

must contain something that is of interest to every member of the family. What appeals to father does not necessarily interest mother and what gets mother's attention may not get a glance from 16-year-old Mary, and as for Bill—well, he has his own ideas about reading.

Examine the label on your paper each week. Do not get in arrears with your subscription.

Something that will interest father and mother and Mary and Bill is included every week in

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Why not send THE NEWS to the boys "over-seas?" It will be just like getting a letter from home. We are already sending many copies "over there." An address left with us will receive the same careful attention as our local mail receives each week. Act now. Don't delay.

## The Lynn County News



# A Prosperous New Year 1919

is the wish of this institution to its many customers and friends. The drouth is now broken--- the war is over--- we want to double our effort: to make more money, more friends, and do more good in every way for our country and our customers during the year 1919 than ever before.

¶ We want to personally figure with every individual or firm on any proposition and if we can assist you it will be a pleasure to do so.

Bank With Us During 1919

The  
Guaranty State  
Bank,  
Tahoka, Tex.

## Shareholder's Meeting

Notice of the annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Guaranty State Bank, Tahoka, Texas, is hereby called to meet in the directors room of the said Bank at One-Thirty P. M. on the second Tuesday in January, same being the 14th day of the month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other matters as may come before said body.

FRANK H. WEAVER,  
Cashier.

## An Open Letter From a Lyon County Citizen

Plainview, Texas,  
December 20-18.

### To My Tahoka Friends:-

I have never practiced any dishonesty. Neither sacrificed any principal. I told a few before I left, (now this is to all I didn't tell.) I have one good old pal who has known me 20 years, and that is Conductor Thompson. He is a friend indeed too. I just received the money I sacrificed a short time ago. I also received apologies. The parties said they were very sorry they had caused me so much shame and trouble, and treated me so cruelly.

I thank the many Tahoka people who treated me so nice. I truly want the good will and friendship of everyone I know there. There is some good people there. I have found some good people here.

Respectfully yours,  
J. S. CLEM.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good second-hand, Chivrolet 5-passenger auto. Will trade for maize, corn, or Liberty Bonds. See or phone A. R. McGonigal. 152tp

FORSALE—Horses and mules Cash or good notes; also fat hogs for sale.—Will Montgomery.

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# The "Newest" New Year of Frances Elizabeth Lanyon

"BEING alone over Christmas isn't so bad, but a whole week after that, too! I'm lonely now; what will it be for ten days, for Mary won't be home until New Year's day?"

For the first time during twenty years of married life Robert Adams' helpmeet had taken a vacation, or rather had gone on a visit to an invalid sister, and her husband had begun to miss her woefully. So smoothly had life gone, so many burdens had Mary lifted from his shoulders in her patient, plodding way, that he missed her guiding, helpful presence dreadfully. She had left everything in trim order. The house was neat as a pin, everything provided for comfort to his hand, but the irksomeness of the intense solitude was beginning to get on his nerves.

"I reckon I never knew her value till just now," he muttered. "She shames me with the contrast between the inside neatness and the outside disorder, and as he glanced from the window he had to confess that he was a careless, slovenly man. The front fence had two out of every five pickets broken or missing. The barn was an antiquated ruin. The porch wobbled and the clapboards of the house were bent and storm-blistered for the lack of paint.

He glanced into a mirror as he passed it, his neglected beard tousled and awry. He looked down at the grimed and threadbare suit he wore and flushed. He had just come from the sleeping room upstairs, and, rummaging a bureau for some papers, had happened across a stored-away memento cherished by Mary, a photograph of himself in his early courting days. It showed a neatly dressed, arrow-straight young man, scarcely comparing with the careless, shabby-looking individual he presented now.

The front gate gave out a rasping sound. It did not click, for one shattered hinge alone supported it. The crack-toned house bell issued a hollow, growling sound, and Robert went to the door to greet his brother-in-law, local real estate agent, who held the bell knob in his hand, as it had come loose, trailing half a foot of rusted wire with it.

"I nearly broke my neck stumbling over that sidewalk of yours," he observed. "Not much like Mary's domain here, eh?" and he bestowed an approving



His Face Softened.



ing look around the neat, clean little sitting room. "I say, Robert, I had a bid today on some of your property here."

"That's good," responded Robert, pricking up his ears, ever keen for business.

"The town's growing and getting crowded, and a client is thinking of buying some street frontage and building a half dozen bungalows as a speculation. I wondered if your vacant corner beyond here mightn't suit

What are you asking for it an acre?"

"An acre!" fairly shouted Robert. "Humph! that's cool! Why, the land is fully a quarter of a mile nearer town than the new subdivision of Jen Lane. He charges lot prices, and so shall I."

The brother-in-law hunched his shoulders and looked dubious. "See here, Robert," he said. "I'm going to be plain with you. I've brought half a dozen customers here who want to build, and lost all of them. The location isn't so bad; it's a direct street and the widest in town, but the minute they see those rickety sheds facing the street, and the house here, lopsided, paint all flaked off and the lot littered up with old wagon wheels and other rubbish, they shake their heads. You're behind the times—worse than that, you delight in playing the 'don't-care old hayseed,' who doesn't appeal to an up-to-date neighbor. I should think, with Mary, the thrifty Mary, always neat as a pin and living in this old wreck when she could grace a palace, you would turn over a new leaf. By the way, the good time to start it will soon be here—January 1. Think it over. It means happiness for Mary, who deserves it, and profit for you, who have let the golden chances slip by unheeded all these years."

Robert Adams did not resent the straightforward talk of his visitor. He was just in a frame of mind where the suggestions implanted might take root.

He nodded a thoughtful adieu to his relative and sat down alone to cogitate. The postman appeared with a letter from Mary and a small bundle. The former expressed the delight her long-anticipated visit had brought to her people. The package, opened, revealed Mary's Christmas gift to him—half a dozen handkerchiefs and two neckties. All of them bore initials or some ornamental needlework, and his face softened as he realized how many plodding hours his wife had devoted to the task to give him pleasure. Then he smiled grimly. As he fixed his eyes on a framed portrait of his helpmeet his eyes grew tender. Then they took to their depths a dreamy tinge. Before his mental vision passed a series of pictures born of the vivid suggestions of the day.

"Why, not?" he cried abruptly, coming briskly to his feet. "January first is a good time to begin!"



Stared Fixedly at a Feminine Form.

Robert Adams visited a carpenter shop, the town paint store and other places early the next morning. He went to the hardware store and examined the latest in house trimmings. He spent two hours going over wallpaper stock. He asked each artisan he consulted one uniform question: "Can you get the work all finished by New Year's eve?"

He amazed the village tailor by ordering his first suit in five years. He was a profitable customer for the barber, who not only worked in a shave and a hair trim, but a shampoo and half a dozen special unguents.

The renovated husband of Mary Adams dallied long at the mirror ere he went out and took Dobbin out of the stable. The train was due at ten o'clock, but it was New Year's eve, travel was heavy and all trains delayed, and it was well on toward midnight when he craned his neck from the sleigh and eagerly watched the passengers alight.

An utterance of disappointment escaped his lips as passenger after passenger left the platform. Then he stared fixedly at a feminine form arrayed in a neat velvet hat and a pretty plush coat. She had turned her face toward the station light.

"Mary!" he cried, but unbelievably, as he viewed her strange attire.

"Oh, Robert!" she replied, and hastened eagerly toward him, but halted with a quick shock. Old Dobbin looked ten years younger than when she had last seen him. The sleigh glis-

tened like a newly burnished chariot. And Robert!—she feasted her eyes on this apparent subject of the fountain of youth.

"I—I didn't know you," she stammered.

"Nor I you," said Robert—"all dolled up in new togs."

"Oh, Uncle Ephraim made sister and me a famous Christmas present and insisted on seeing it spent on our own selves," explained Mary.

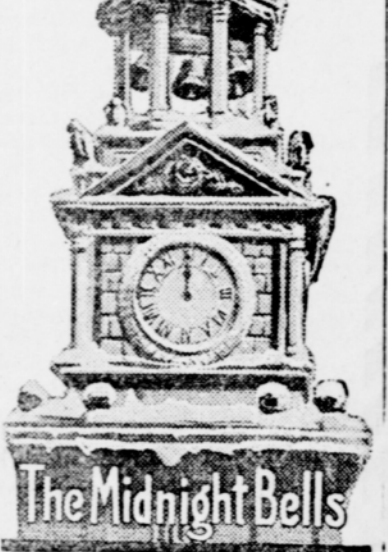
"I've invested a trifle in the same line myself," vaunted Robert, with a spice of pride. "Get in, Mary. Yes, new robes. Don't think me reckless—I did it all for you."

Again—"Oh, Robert!" in rapt tones, as they came in sight of home, looming up like a mansion in a new robe of white trimmed with dark green.

"Wait till you see the rooms—new papered from top to bottom," and Mary was in a daze as she was ushered into the house. Then she put her arms around his neck and kissed him.

"What does this wonderful magic mean?" she fluttered.

"It means—hark! there go the bells, chiming out the old year. It means Happy New Year!" and he placed his arm about her waist—"the newest New Year of our lives, for we are going to begin to enjoy the best the world can give all over again!"



The midnight hour, solemn and drear—  
The bells ring out our good old year.  
I listen to the plaintive sound  
Vibrating o'er the country round.  
Alas! my friend has to depart,  
My good, old year, it pains my heart!  
He was with me 'mid sunny rays,  
And clung to me in cloudy days,  
A friend in joy, a friend in woe,  
Yes, such was he, but, he must go!  
No more he shall return to me,  
With all his charms and gifts, so free.  
And Ah! it grieves me too, the thought,  
That I've not used him, as I ought!

And when I think about this year,  
Forever now to disappear,  
Now also of the years of yore,  
Rung out since long, to be no more:  
With childhood's sport, when dreams I dreamed,

When fancy's rays upon me beamed,  
With dear old home, and all its charms,  
And smiling eyes and loving arms,  
With beckoning hopes of rainbow hue,  
With hearts sincere, that stronger grew,  
The bells say sadly: "Gone for aye,  
Time sweeps your pleasures all away!"

Ah! cease to ring thou mournful bell,  
I do not like thy funeral knell,  
Curtain mine eyes, thou blessed sleep,  
And let me joy in dreamland reap!

The notes are hushed—the year is dead,  
And what he was and gave has fled,  
But no—once more I hear it ring,  
Now moving with a steeper swing,  
Bounding, sweet notes, conveying cheer,  
The bells ring in the bright New Year.  
New life, new hope, new peace, new cheer.

Farewell the old, welcome New Year!  
Yes, church bells, ring from lofty spire  
That heavenward point, with hope to inspire!

The happy song is in your clang,  
Which one sweet night God's angels sang:

"Glory to God and peace on earth  
Good will to man," at Jesus' birth.  
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Lynn County Maps for sale at the News office. 50 cents each, 25c each, for fifty or more. Get your map now, a limited supply only on hand.

Only Keep Green Ones.  
Don't carry over any old bills into the New Year—barring, of course, green bills.

A Good Resolve.  
Resolve to be better natured during the coming year.

"ONE PRICE IS THE THING."

# "GREETINGS"

There are two very happy days in the year for the One is, when we and our folks gather around the Log on Christmas Day, and the other is the day our greetings goes out to you, our loyal friend and customer.

We want you to know that we are thinking of you are under lasting obligations for the many favors you accorded both myself and my sales clerks during the just closing.

Here are our best wishes that you have had a Christmas and that the New Year may bring you happiness and prosperity in generous abundance.

Your grateful friends,

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JAKE LEADY,

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### SUNDAY TO HOLD TWO RE-VIVALS IN TEXAS IN 1920

Billy Sunday will conduct campaigns in two Texas cities, El Paso and Houston in 1920.

Histentative program for the next two years includes a trip to France and six evangelistic campaigns.

From Fort Worth he will go to Richmond, Va., for a campaign there. After that he intends to go with "Ma" Sunday and do work in France. He will return to the United States in time to open a revival meeting in September at the tri-cities, Rock-Island, Davenport and Moline.

The remainder of his program so far prepared is: Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 1, 1919; El Paso, Jan. 1, 1920; Houston, last of February, 1920, and Oklahoma City, April 1 1920. Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Now and then we hear talk of a oil well at Lubbock. Who knows that there is not an ocean of oil beneath our sea of water. A trial might prove very profitable.

Apples, dried prunes and raisins are among the cheapest fruits.

## DAMAGE IN BELGIUM DESCRIBED BY HOOVER

Washington, Dec. 25.—Physical damage wrought in Belgium by the Germans is described in a cablegram received by the Food Administration from Herbert Hoover, who with William B. Pollard, has just completed a survey of conditions there.

On the basis of Mr. Hoover's report, the Food Administration announced today that hereafter 160,000 tons of supplies, including clothing, would be shipped to Belgium each month. As this will require 160,000 deadweight tons of shipping in addition to the 340,000 tons now on charter to the relief commission, application for addition tonnage has been made to the Shipping Board.

The cost of the entire relief program will be borne by the Belgian and French governments from loans made by the American government. France's part of the expense will be for supplying the people of Northern France as well as several hundred thousand refugees who were forced from that section into Belgium during the retreat of the German forces.

Mr. Hoover's report says:

**Relief Work Beyond Praise.**  
"Together with Mr. Pollard, European director of the commission for relief in Belgium, I have now completed a survey of the entire Belgian situation as disclosed by the evacuation. The work of the American relief officials in Europe in the last two months is beyond all praise. They have followed up the retreating army with distributions, and there has been no break in the food supply at any point.

"Prior to the armistice the German army had completely enclosed a zone of railroads and canals, some twenty miles wide, extending entirely across Belgium. After the armistice there was comparatively little destruction of transportation to the rear of this zone and with the rapid rehabilitation of transportation facilities across this zone of destruction, the problem of distribution of food and reconstruction can be undertaken with much less difficulty than at present.

"The Germans in their final retreat removed but little of the relief supplies.  
"Their action toward the native harvests and cattle in their withdrawal differs widely in different areas. They started to take all remaining hogs from those hidden by the peasants in underground caves. After the armistice, however, and with the demoralization of the German army in its final retreat, many of these beasts were abandoned or sold by soldiers to the peasants further back, and in practical results there appears to have been no widespread cattle stealing in the retreat, although during the four years of occupation there has been a great diminution, probably over one half in the total number of cattle and hogs. It can be said almost literally, that horses have disappeared out of Belgium, and probably not being 15 per cent of the original animals.

**Steel Furnaces Destroyed.**  
"Investigation proves that industrial and residential destruction in Belgium varies greatly in different localities, and with different industries. For instance: out of the fifty steel furnaces in Belgium thirty-five or forty have been deliberately destroyed by Germans in their determination to end the Belgian steel industry. Many of the textile mills have been put out of commission, either through deliberate destruction and removal of machinery or by removal of the copper and electric motors. Some of the textile mills of the more antiquated type of equipment can be gotten into action at an early date. The Germans seem to have focused their efforts on the modern equipments.

"The glass industry had been but little interfered with, and the stern promise of retribution of President Wilson seems to have saved the coal industry except for very few mines, although actual explosives and wires were laid in place for the destruction of a large number of the mines.

**Refugees Returning.**  
"There are some 300,000 French refugees in Belgium, driven out of Northern France by the Germans. They have been cared for out of the meager stores of the Belgians and by the commission of relief in Belgium. They are, however, like homing pigeons in their resolve to return to their native villages. As there is no transportation the roads southward into France are a continuous stream of these pitiful groups of men, women and children, pulling their carts and trudging through the cold and wind toward their destroyed homes. Everything is being done that is humanly possible, but in the present state of demoralization, with moving armies and the necessity of using every truck and horse with which to feed the population, their plight is heartbreaking. They refuse all persuasion to wait in the crowded Belgian villages until their affairs can be organized.

"The Americans of the commission are working night and day providing shelter stations, clothing and food for them, but like many other human migrations in Europe today there is no solution to the suffering that must go on.

"One of the great difficulties of Belgium lies in the enforced currency circulation imposed upon them by the Germans. This currency runs into millions of paper money and presents an extremely difficult financial problem to the Government.

"The Belgian Government is rapidly taking hold and the Belgian manufacturers are engaged everywhere in the rehabilitation of their works so far as materials are available, and spirit of Belgium was never better than today. The Belgians are resolved to find a solution of their manifold difficulties with as little assistance as possible from the outside. They are, of course, dependent upon continued government financial advances for the provision of imports pending German indemnity and the reconstruction of their export business."

Ninety per cent of the heat from an open fire goes up the chimney.

## HOOVER REFUSES FOOD INTERVIEW WITH GERMANS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Food Administrator Hoover, in Europe arranging relief for the peoples of the war-devastated territories, has refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron Von Der Lancken and Dr. Rieth, who sought a meeting with the food administrator.

A message from Paris today said these two German officials who were prominent in the German administration in Berlin, wired from Berlin to Walter Lyman Brown, director of the commission for relief in Belgium at Rotterdam, that they had been appointed by the German government to negotiate with Mr. Hoover for food supplies and that they desired Mr. Hoover to advise them when and where he would meet them.

In answer to the request for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message:

"You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell the pair personally to go to hell with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans it will not be with that pair."

## GERMANY MAY HAVE REPUBLIC ON BASIS OF U. S.

Geneva, Dec. 27.—Reports received from Germany indicate that the present government there is to constitute republic on virtually the same plan as the United States. There would be a congress composed of two chambers, a volkhaus, or popular chamber, which would be the chamber of representatives and a stadtenthaus, or chamber of the states which would take the part of a senate. The president would be elected by the people and would not be responsible before congress. The border states would be completely modified, the privileges of the nobility abolished and Germany would annex German-Austria.

## A SONG BY UNCLE IKE

Oh blessed be the day when  
The Americans come to France  
For in my eye they do appear  
As men par-excellence.

Their coats are of the khaki stuff  
Their trousers khaki too  
And there is not a man among them  
But walt's both brave and true

Oh, how I long to be married  
I long to be a bride  
I long to wed with a soldier boy  
And march along by his side.

Her mother says dear daughter  
You talk like you was in a trance  
Why would you wed with a soldier  
And go away from France.

The Americans are deceitful  
They do not know their pay  
Can any man support a wife  
But one dollar a day.

No, mother, they're not deceitful  
Full well they know their pay  
And I could lead a lady's life  
On but one dollar a day.

There is a man among them  
That is proper, neat and tall  
If ever the sun doth exceed the stars  
He doth exceed them all.

His cheeks they are of the cherry red  
His lips a purple dye  
I will lay my life, I will be his wife  
And for his sake I die.

The war, it is now over  
They are going to leave tomorrow  
There is not a lady in all of France  
But will break her heart for sorrow.

Adieu! Adieu! Adieu! Adieu!  
Adieu! Adieu! Adieu! Adieu!  
If ever I die for any man  
I am sure I will die for you.

Oh how I long to be married  
I long to be a bride  
I long to wed with a soldier  
And march along by his side.

The next fond wish of the world  
is that it won't be long until the  
Russian bear walks, talks, and acts like  
a man.

Though willing to become a laborer  
in the proposed new German  
republic, the former crown prince lets  
it be known that he would prefer a  
sinecure.

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## Jake Leedy

Tahoka, Texas

## PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAS CLEAR-ED AWAY ALL DIFFERENCES

London, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour, in an interview with American correspondents Saturday night, declared President Wilson's visit to London has resulted in a complete understanding between Great Britain and America on peace. They expressed the greatest optimism in regard to future deliberations.

Additional significance was attached to the statement of the two British leaders, in view of the fact that the President previously had expressed a similar opinion. Balfour said the President's coming to England resulted in an understanding that otherwise would have been impossible, and assured the foundations of a definite, lasting peace.

Lloyd George declared his belief that the President's presence was a momentous event in history, resulting in complete satisfaction to Great Britain and America and assurance there would be no misunderstandings at the peace conference.

The Premier said that Wilson's visit had established a common cause for Britain and America, and marked a new era in Anglo-American relations. He declared positively that the situation "is most satisfactory."

**Expect No Friction.**  
While neither Lloyd George nor Balfour went into details they joined in declaring there was absolute agreement on principles and that there was no anticipation or any friction.

The British delegates will be unable to go to Paris before Jan. 9 or 10, when definite applications of the details of the President's principles will be worked out.

Satisfied that he has obtained important results in his conference with British statesmen, President Wilson feels there is no need to delay his return to Paris. He will leave for the French capital Tuesday morning, barring a change in the situation.

**Goes to Carlisle.**  
The President completed his conferences late Saturday and had dinner with Premier Lloyd George. He left for his mother's former home in Carlisle Saturday night.

During his stay in London, the President feels he has had the opportunity to come in close contact with the people as well as their leaders. His Guild Hall speech Saturday reflected his confidence in the future. His speech was praised generally; Viscount Grey and the Archbishop of Canterbury lauded it in private as "an epochal address."

Rear Admiral Grayson insists that the President shall rest at least two days in Paris before he goes to Italy.

One should always keep a vessel of water in a steam-heated room.

## PANTHER ARTILLERY TO RETURN FROM FRANCE SOON

The Panther Division artillery is back at Camp Bowie about February 15.

Orders for them to start to the United States have already been given and probably by now the men are moving to a point of embarkation in France.

News that the artillery brigade has been designated for early return was contained in a cable message from Capt. Wiley Blair of the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment. He is the son of Fuel Administrator Blair.

The three regiments making up the Sixty-first field artillery brigade are One Hundred and Thirty-first, One Hundred and Thirty-second, and One Hundred and Thirty-third.

The personnel, both officers and men, is made up of Texans and Oklahomans, and before the war was the National Guard of the two States. Brig Gen. George Blakely was sent to Camp Bowie to train the artillery and remained in command of the brigade until shortly before the Panther Division started for Europe. He was sent to Camp Jackson to continue instruction work. Regimental commanders were: Col. Claude Birkhead, Col. Arthur R. Shales, Col. Fred A. Logan.

The artillery was never in action in France.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR TEXAS PUBLIC BUILDINGS APPROVED

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Glass today recommended to Congress the following appropriations for completion of Texas public buildings: Comanche \$35,000; Gilmer \$15,000; Hoey Grove \$20,200; Mount Pleasant \$29,500; Orange \$10,000; Pittsburg, \$29,500.

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