

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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## Tahoka Public Schools Closed Wed. 10th

The News is informed by Superintendent H. P. Caveness, that the Tahoka Public Schools will close this afternoon for the holidays, and also allow the teachers of the county to attend the Teachers' Institute, which convenes at Lubbock all next week.

The bad weather, together with cotton picking has hindered many of the pupils from attending school regularly the past few weeks. The school is also short on coal supply, having only about a weeks supply on Monday of this week. It is not known at this time just when the session will take up next year on this account.

The teachers desire to thank the patrons through these columns for the support given them during this year. They fully realize that without the co-operation of all they can accomplish little or nothing.

Many of the teachers will spend the holidays at their home in various parts of the state.

LATER—The school closed Wednesday afternoon on account of the supply of coal not being sufficient to last the remainder of the week.

Last week a realty deal was made in this city, whereby I. S. Doak bought the beautiful home of Ed. Herderson, on East Porterfield street. Mr. Doak sold his home on the outskirts of Tahoka to Bob Chambers, and expects to occupy his newly acquired property just as soon as workmen can overhaul same.

A. Z. Rogers, of Childress, Texas, was in the city the latter part of the week transacting business matters. Mr. Rogers is well known to many Tahoka people, having the contract to build Lynn county's magnificent court house building, and several other buildings over town.

Mrs. James Crie and little daughter left Monday morning for Phoenix, Ariz., where she will remain with her mother, Mrs. Jim Boswell through the holidays. She will probably return to this city about the first of the year.

A. R. Dillard, of Bishop, Texas, arrived Tuesday with a carload of horses. He owns the place occupied by Mr. Redwine in Lynn county, and will probably make his home here.

Lieut. Governor W. A. Johnson, of Memphis, Texas, has announced his candidacy for reelection to the lieutenant governor's chair.

Former Attorney General Looney, of Hunt county, has made his announcement for governor, subject to the Democratic primaries in July 1920.

Sam Weathers orders his copy of the News changed from Tahoka to Wilson, Texas.

## New Conductor on Lamesa Santa Fe Branch

This week Conductor Hannon, who has had the Seagraves run the few past months, was transferred to the Lamesa Branch of the Santa Fe, taking the place of Conductor Dodridge on this run. Mr. Dodridge was transferred to the Seagraves Branch. Since the number of trains on all railroads have been cut in half, there has been many transfers made in trainmen.

## Bank of O'Donnell Secures New Cashier

Raymond Weathers, who has been acting as Cashier of a bank at Arlington, Texas, the past few years, has accepted the position as Cashier of the Bank of O'Donnell, and entered upon his duties last Monday. This institution was recently established in O'Donnell by the officers and directors of the First National of Tahoka, and has done a thriving business from the very first day it opened its doors to the public.

Mr. Weathers and family will make their home in O'Donnell, and will add greatly to the excellent citizenship of that fast growing little city. The News extends a hearty welcome to these people in becoming citizens of Lynn county—the best county in the Texas Panhandle.

## Casing of Tahoka Oil & Gas Co. Shipped to Eastland

The string of casing, consisting of about 2,700 feet, belonging to the Tahoka Oil & Gas Company, has been sold to an oil company at Eastland, Texas, and workmen are busy this week hauling it from the abandoned well south of town to the cars on the railroad. The casing consisted of several different sizes and sold for a consideration of about \$17,000.00.

County Judge C. H. Cain, left Wednesday for Crosbyton to bring back his Hupmobile, which he was forced to leave in that little city several weeks on account of the bad condition of the roads.

The many friends of J. S. Weatherford will be glad to learn that he is convalescent, after having been confined to his bed since last Friday.

## The News Will Print Kiddies Santa Claus Letters

The kiddies of Tahoka and Lynn county are expecting old Santa Claus this year about December 24th, and of course will want to write him how good they have been and what they expect him to bring on his big sleigh. The News will print all letters received at this office free of all charge, and we ask every child in the county to write a letter to Santa Claus. Be as brief as possible, but tell him what you need and want. We will publish all letters in the issue of December 19th.

Mrs. J. F. Hayes and children, of Weatherford, Texas, arrived this week and will visit her father and sister, Frank King and Miss Maggie. Mr. King and daughter have just returned from the above city, where they went to attend the bedside of Mrs. Hayes, who was reported critically ill. She will probably spend the winter in Tahoka.

Messrs. Charley and Otho left Monday for Plainview where they will move a garage building which they purchased in that city to Eastland. They expect to enter the garage business in the latter city.

Miss Leland Means, teacher of Voice and Music in the Tahoka Public Schools, sends the News to her father, T. L. Means, at Belton, Texas, this week.

Quite a crowd attended the monkey show at the Star Tuesday night. On account of a break in the machinery the moving picture part of the entertainment advertised failed to materialize.

## 5,526 Bales Ginned in Lynn County December 10

5,526 Bales of cotton had been ginned in Lynn county up until Wednesday night, December 10th. Following is the number turned out by each gin, as given us by telephone:

Grassland.....	1500
O'Donnell.....	926
Wilson.....	600
Fuller.....	879
West Texas.....	821
Click.....	800
Total	5,526

We call your attention to the double column advertisement of Edwards & Sullivan in this issue of the News, composed of J. H. Edwards and A. M. Sullivan, agents for the Dort Motor car. They have established a service station and sales room in the building formerly occupied by the Tahoka Oil & Gas Co., and will have a carload of cars and parts on sale. They also represent the Overland "4".

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Petty returned from Fort Worth, Texas, where Mr. Petty had been receiving treatment in a sanitarium in that city.

## Canyon Family Moves to Tahoka to Make Home

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harter and children left this week for Tahoka where they will spend the winter at the home of Mrs. Harter's parents. The people of Canyon regret to see Mr. and Mrs. Harter leave, but have much of an idea that they will be back to Canyon soon.—Randall County News.

Mr. Harter is employed at the Sanitary Barber Shop in this city. We welcome this family back to make their home in Tahoka.

H. M. Anthony is busy this week arranging his stock of groceries in the building next door to the postoffice. Mr. Anthony expects to carry a complete line of staple and fancy groceries.

J. T. Wooldridge, of Lubbock, was transacting business matters here Monday in connection with the Fordyce Oil Co., of which he is district manager.

## Church Notes

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
There will be no preaching services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening, the pastor, Rev. Parker will be absent from the city attending the Baptist General Convention, at Houston. Sunday School at the usual hour.

Commenting on an article appearing in the News of week before last issue, warning the farmers and stockmen about burning the Russian thistles, the Lubbock Avalanche says:

"This is a very timely warning, not only in the matter of burning of the thistles, but also against carelessness with fire, matches, cigars, cigarettes, etc. Many disastrous fires have been started from the careless toss of a cigarette into the grass, a spark from a pipe, or the leaving of camp fires burning. Range means much in this country to the ranchman, and people should take this into consideration when handling fire on the roadside across the pastures or on the farm.

Rev. W. C. Hinds left on the Tuesday morning train for points north.

## Train Service Is Cut in Half Over U. S.

The Government has cut passenger train service over the union in half, making it quite inconvenient for many people to arrive at their destination as soon as was otherwise the case. Citizens residing on the Lamesa branch of the Santa Fe will be forced to remain in Slaton overnight enroute to points north of that city, a person going to Lubbock, Plainview or Amarillo, will lose considerable time by laying over in Slaton until the next day to catch a train to either of these points.

## News Will Issue Christmas Holiday Edition

The management of this paper is glad to inform the readers of the News that we will issue a special Christmas holiday cover in the issue of December 19th. Owing to the extreme advance in the price on paper, this edition will be a considerable expense on our part, and it will be necessary to charge our advertisers a somewhat higher rate for space than in the regular run of the paper.

The holiday cover will consist of four pages. The front page being reserved for news matter, and the remaining three pages for advertisements. If you desire to have your advertisement appear on one of these pages call this office and have your space reserved. Other pages will be issued as the advertising space demands.

The News believes in keeping up with the spirit of the times, and want our subscribers to have the best on the market along this line.

Print paper is scarce, and it might be that our shipment will be delayed. However, if it does not arrive in time for next weeks issue, the special cover will appear Christmas week.

George Riley is carrying his arm in a sling this week, caused from getting a second finger on his right hand ground off. George was in the act of cutting off a windmill on the top of the tower, when in some manner his hand was caught in the machinery, with the above results, causing him considerable pain.

G. N. Willoughby returned from Lubbock Monday, where he underwent a slight operation. Mr. Willoughby has been suffering the past few months with an affected tooth, and an operation was found necessary in order to obtain relief.

Mrs. Raymond Weathers and baby left Wednesday for O'Donnell, her future home, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Belton Howell, of Tahoka, were here Sunday visiting Mrs. Howell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Walters.—Brownfield Herald.

## Fordyce Oil Company Changes Managers Here

This week a change in management of the local station of the Fordyce Oil Association was made, Chester Connelly, who has had charge of the Sales room at the Bradley-Tahoka Auto Co., being given the position, taking the place of S. N. McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel is now employed with the West Texas Gin plant. J. T. Wooldridge, District manager for the Association, of Lubbock, came down Monday and checked in Mr. Connelly.

## December 17 to 20 Is Coming Along

A certain Frenchman by the name of Porta has dragged this old world into a considerable mess by predicting all sorts of calamities for the period of time between and including December 17 to 20. He has arranged for most of the planets to be paraded in front of the sun during those few days and it is expected this parade will create such an impression on the remaining part of the universe that it will bust wide in applause. His predictions have attracted attention the world over and many people have committed suicide rather than stay here and see the show. There is no need to go ahead and make your will, because if what he says is true, there will be no one left to whom you may leave your property. Other astronomer's better known than this Porta have said we may have unusual weather conditions during the period named, but that the Frenchman has overestimated in all particulars and things will not be as bad as he wants to make them.—Exchange.

"But you should be on guard, with yourself and belongings in good shelter during the nine days centering on December 21. Do not make any ocean or lake voyages at that time. You will probably regret it if you do. Lives and property may be saved by finishing your outdoor affairs during the nine days centering on December 11."—Exchange.

## Baptist Pastor Leaves for General Convention

Rev. L. L. F. Parker, pastor of the First Baptist church, in Tahoka, departed Tuesday for Houston, Texas, where he went to be in attendance at the Baptist General Convention, which convenes in that city this week. Rev. Parker carried with him, pledge cards showing Tahoka and the Brownfield Association to have gone over the top in the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign, which closed Sunday night. The Tahoka church easily over subscribed their quota of \$10,000.00 by several hundred dollars in pledges and cash. Something like \$800.00 in cash was collected and sent to headquarters at Dallas. Bro. Parker will return home the early part of next week.

## Some More Cool Weather in Lynn County This Week

During the early part of Monday night a cold norther broke from the northeast, and in a few minutes the thermometer dropped several degrees, registering early Tuesday morning 19 degrees above zero. Plenty of ice was in evidence all day Tuesday. Cotton pickers were forced to lay off most of the day. The extreme cool weather is diminishing the short coal supply in this section, many people being entirely out. The local coal dealers do not give any hope for relief any way soon. Grubs and "coal oil" stoves have been brought into use by many of our citizens.

Attorney G. E. Lockhart was among the many passengers leaving the city on the north-bound Santa Fe Tuesday morning.

Mrs. G. W. Knoy returned Wednesday after a visit with her children in Lampassas, Texas.

J. C. Clark, of Terrell, Okla., transacted business matters here Monday.

## Fourteenth Decennial Census of the U. S.

By THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1919, the Fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken beginning on the second day of January, 1920; and

Whereas, a correction enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the House of Representative; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance of all the people of the United States that this Census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the Nation;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the Census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. The Census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, complete and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

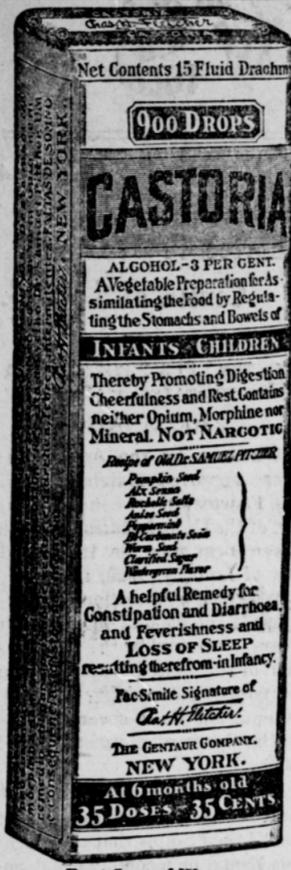
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE in the District of Columbia this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

WOODROW WILSON  
By the President:  
WILLIAM PHILLIPS  
Acting Secretary of State.

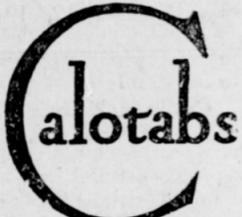
## Small Blaze at West Texas Gin Plant

A small blaze was started in one of the stands at the West Texas gin plant Monday afternoon, caused from the saws coming in contact with sand, making a friction sufficient to start a fire. No damage was done. The bale of cotton being wet is said to have caused the unusual heat of the gin saws.



**GASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
**Mothers Know That**  
Genuine Castoria  
Always  
Bears the  
Signature  
of  
*Chas. H. Fletcher.*  
In Use  
For Over  
Thirty Years  
**GASTORIA**  
THE GENTLE COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

To abort a cold  
and prevent comp-  
lications, take



The purified and refined  
calomet tablets that are  
nauseless, safe and sure.  
Medicinal virtues retain-  
ed and improved. Sold  
only in sealed packages.  
Price 35c.

"Shallow men believe in luck; strong  
men believe in cause and effect."

**BREAKS YOUR COLD IN  
JUST A FEW HOURS**

"Pape's Cold Compound" instantly re-  
lieves stiffness and  
distress

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing  
and snuffling! A dose of "Pape's Cold  
Compound" taken every two hours un-  
til three doses are taken usually breaks  
up a severe cold and ends all gripe  
misery.

The very first dose opens your  
clogged-up nostrils and the air pas-  
sages of the head; stops nose running;  
relieves the headache, dullness, fever-  
ishness, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.  
"Pape's Cold Compound" is the  
quickest, surest relief known and costs  
only a few cents at drug stores. It  
acts without assistance, tastes nice,  
contains no quinine—insist upon  
Pape's!—Adv.

Faith and ingenuity often take the  
place of the hired man.

If you use Red Cross Ball Blue in  
your laundry, you will not be troubled  
by those tiny rust spots, often caused  
by inferior bluing. Try it and see.

Different people take different  
views.

**WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT**

Thousands of women have kidney and  
bladder trouble and never suspect it.  
"Women's" complaints often prove to be  
nothing else but kidney trouble, or the  
result of kidney or bladder disease.  
If the kidneys are not in a healthy  
condition, they may cause the other or-  
gans to become diseased.  
Pain in the back, headache, loss of  
ambition, nervousness, are often times sym-  
ptoms of kidney trouble.  
Don't delay starting treatment. Dr.  
Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's pre-  
scription, obtained at any drug store, may  
be just the remedy needed to overcome  
such conditions.  
Get a medium or large size bottle im-  
mediately from any drug store.  
However, if you wish first to test this  
great preparation send ten cents to Dr.  
Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a  
sample bottle. When writing be sure and  
mention this paper.—Adv.

Money is not the real gauge of  
wealth.

**Cuticura Soothes Baby Rashes.**  
That itch and burn with hot baths  
of Cuticura Soap followed by gentle  
anointments of Cuticura Ointment.  
Nothing better, purer, sweeter, espe-  
cially if a little of the fragrant Cuti-  
cure Talcum is dusted on at the finish.  
25c each everywhere.—Adv.

To bear is to conquer our fate.

**TORPEDOED!**  
Don't blast your Liver and  
Bowels, but take  
"Cascarets."

You men and women who can't get  
feeling right—who have headache,  
coated tongue, bad taste and foul  
breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bil-  
ious, nervous and upset, bothered with  
a sick, gassy, disordered stomach at  
colds.

Are you keeping your liver and bow-  
els clean with Cascarets, or shocking  
your insides every few days with Cal-  
omel, Salts, Oil, and violent pills?  
Cascarets work while you sleep; they  
cleanse the stomach, remove the sour,  
undigested, fermenting food and foul  
gases; take the excess bile from the  
liver and carry out of the system all  
the constipated waste matter and pol-  
son in the bowels. Cascarets never  
gripe, sicken or cause inconvenience  
and Cascarets cost, so little too.—Adv.

The Sword is his who girds it on.

Use **MURINE**  
Night  
Morning  
**Keep Your Eyes**  
Clean—Clear—Healthy  
For Free Eye Care Book Murine Co., Chicago, Ill.

**GOVERNMENT'S OFFER  
REJECTED BY MINERS**

**OPERATORS ACCEPT PROPOSAL,  
BUT ADMIT IT MEANS CLOSING  
OF SOME MINES**

Washington.—An abrupt end has  
come to all attempts to settle the na-  
tion wide coal strike by peaceful  
agreement.

Miners and operators spent a bleak  
Thanksgiving in embittered debate  
over the government proposal for a  
14 per cent wage increase, made by  
Fuel Administrator Garfield, rejected  
it and every other proposal that was  
forthcoming and then dissolved sine  
die.

Participants went home and where  
the break left coal strike conditions  
no one of them, miner or operator,  
would say. Likewise, in official quar-  
ters there was silence.

Operators, although accepting the  
government's proposal, in a letter of  
explanation to Dr. Garfield, which  
they made public, intimated that the  
government refusal to allow price in-  
creases would necessitate the closing  
down of some of the mines.

**NEW RAILROAD WAGE  
AGREEMENT IS SIGNED**

Partial Demands of 400,000 Mainte-  
nance of Way and Shop Men  
Granted

Washington.—A new wage and  
working agreement has been made  
between the railroad administration  
and officials of Brotherhood of main-  
tenance of way employees and railway  
shop laborers. While demands of the  
union were not fully met the 8-hour  
basic day was established for track  
laborers and others of that classifica-  
tion and time and a half pay after  
that hour was provided. Most of the  
other employees included under the  
agreement will receive time and a  
half overtime pay after ten hours.

Signing of the new contract by  
Director General Hines ended negotia-  
tions which have been in progress  
since February. Approximately 400-  
000 men are affected, railroad admin-  
istration officials estimated. The  
contract also provides that it shall be  
applicable during the period of fed-  
eral control of the roads unless  
notice of 30 days is given of its can-  
cellation.

**AMERICA'S INDEBTEDNESS  
IS ON THE DECREASE**

Government Indebtedness Already  
Cut \$385,000,000, Glass Points  
Out.

Washington.—Secretary Glass fore-  
casts a further reduction in monthly  
deficits of the treasury over the Octo-  
ber record and announces that on  
Dec. 1 the semi-monthly issues of  
treasury certificates would be resumed.

While rates on call money have  
been soaring and the situation in fi-  
nancial centers has been the occasion  
of some concern, treasury officials  
point with satisfaction to the reduc-  
tion of government securities held by  
banking institutions during the last  
five months. In that period, Mr. Glass  
figures showed, war bonds and in-  
debtedness certificates held by financial  
houses dropped \$825,495,000. Mean-  
while, the nation's debt fell to \$26-  
210,965,000, or a net reduction of \$385-  
000,000 from its highest mark at the  
end of August.

**ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
FACING GRAVE CRISIS**

Rumors of Plans of Socialists To  
Cause Trouble in Circulation

Rome.—Tommaso Tittoni, Italian for-  
eign minister, has resigned, and Vite-  
rio Scialoja, minister without por-  
tfolio, has been named to succeed him,  
according to Epoca.

The reopening of the chamber of  
deputies has been postponed for a  
few days. This has been made neces-  
sary by delays connected with the  
election formalities.

Rumors of the wildest character re-  
garding the possibility of a serious  
crisis involving not only the cabinet,  
but also the reigning house of Italy,  
are in circulation as the opening of  
parliament, set for Dec. 2, approaches.

The socialists, proud of their recent  
victory, are eager to continue what  
they call their "march forward."

Angeles Is Sentenced to Die  
Juarez, Mexico.—General Felipe  
Angeles and his two companions,  
Major Enciso De Arce and soldier  
Antonio Trillo, captured near Para-  
ral, Chihuahua, Nov. 15, by Major  
Cabino Sandival, were found guilty  
by a court-martial at Chihuahua City  
and sentenced to be shot, according  
to information received by Judge  
Gonzales Medina of the Mexican fed-  
eral court here.

Liquor Permit is Issued  
Austin, Texas.—A permit has been  
issued by the comptroller to the  
American Railway Express company,  
which authorizes shipment of in-  
toxicating liquors.

Democratic Committee Meets Jan. 8  
Washington.—The democratic national  
committee and the women's  
associate committee are called by Na-  
tional chairman Cummings to meet  
here Jan 8 to fix a time and place for  
the national convention next year.

**HAIR FALLING? HERE  
IS WHERE IT SHOWS**

Don't worry! Let "Danderine" save  
your hair and double  
its beauty.



To stop falling hair at once and rid  
the scalp of every particle of dandruff,  
get a small bottle of delightful "Dau-  
derine" at any drug or toilet counter  
for a few cents, pour a little in your  
hand and rub it into the scalp. After  
several applications the hair usually  
stops coming out and you can't find any  
dandruff. Your hair will grow strong,  
thick and long and appear soft, glossy  
and twice as beautiful and abundant.  
Try it!—Adv.

Live lobsters were the first mer-  
chandise carried by the new air ser-  
vice between Paris and Brussels.

**ASPIRIN FOR COLDS**

Name "Bayer" is on Genuine  
Aspirin—say Bayer



Insist on "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin"  
in a "Bayer package," containing prop-  
er directions for Colds, Pain, Head-  
ache, Neuralgia, Lumbago, and Rhep-  
matism. Name "Bayer" means genuine  
Aspirin prescribed by physicians for  
nineteen years. Handy tin boxes of 12  
tablets cost few cents. Aspirin is trade  
mark of Bayer Manufacture of Mono-  
aceticacidester of Salicylicacid.—Adv.

Artificial lace that is more durable  
than the genuine is being made by a  
French inventor from cellulose.

**GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER.**

Stop a minute and think what it  
means to say that "Green's August  
Flower" has been a household remedy  
all over the civilized world for more  
than half a century." No higher praise  
is possible and no better remedy can  
be found for constipation, intestinal  
troubles, torpid liver and the depres-  
sed feeling that accompanies such dis-  
orders. It is most valuable for in-  
digestion or nervous dyspepsia and  
liver trouble, coming up of food, pal-  
pitation of heart, and many other  
symptoms. A few doses of August  
Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle  
laxative. Ask your druggist. Sold in  
all civilized countries.—Adv.

Some puns are almost as pointless  
as women's pencils.

**OLD AGE STARTS  
WITH YOUR KIDNEY**

Science says that old age begins with  
weakened kidneys and digestive organs.  
This being true, it is easy to believe  
that by keeping the kidneys and diges-  
tive organs cleansed and in proper work-  
ing order old age can be deferred and  
its prolonged far beyond that enjoyed  
by the average person.

For over 200 years GOLD MEDAL  
Haarlem Oil has been relieving the  
weakness and disability due to advanc-  
ing years. It is a standard old-time  
home remedy and needs no introduction.  
GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil is included  
in odorless, tasteless capsules contain-  
ing about 5 drops each. Take them as  
you would a pill, with a swallow of  
water. The oil stimulates the kidney



Good Digestion  
and natural bowel movement  
result from the use of

**MRS. WINSLOW'S  
SYRUP**

The Infants' and Children's Regulator  
This superior purely vegetable  
preparation for correcting  
baby's troubles contains no al-  
cohol, opiates, or narcotics.  
Brings gratifying results for  
mother and child. Formula in  
every bottle.  
At all druggists.

**"I Was So Weak That  
I Could Not Walk"**

Rich-Tone Is Making Me Strong  
Healthy.—Says F. Maese.

"I was so very weak and nervous  
lost all my appetite and had become  
such a bad physical condition that  
I could not walk. I saw the  
advertisement on Rich-Tone and  
taking it. I feel so much better  
I take pleasure in recommending  
Rich-Tone to all my friends as the very  
best tonic in the world."

**Take RICH-TONE  
and gain new energy**

Rich-Tone makes more red corpus-  
cles and purifying the blood  
contains all of the elements that  
are needed most in maintaining  
strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the  
nerves, restores appetite, in-  
creases healthful sleep—it gives you all  
things which mean energy and  
being. Get a bottle today—only  
at all drug stores.  
A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman,



**Everyone Likes  
this Syrup**

Farmer Jones Syrup is a delicious  
nourishing food, morning, noon  
or night. Everyone likes it because  
it is so good. The natural pur-  
ple color of sorghum is main-  
tained, absolutely unchanged.  
Made by a process exclusive with us,  
the case grown under the direct supervision  
of our own agricultural experts.

The label on  
**FARMER JONES**  
SORGHUM BLEND SYRUP  
is your guarantee of pure goodness and  
strength. Beware of cheap imitations.  
Ask your grocer for it. If  
he is unable to supply you, write us.  
We will be glad to supply you.  
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THE FORT SCOTT SORGHUM SYRUP  
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**GREAT SECRET OUT AT LAST**

Observing Intellect Has Discovered  
How the Brain That Names Sleep-  
ing Cars Works.

I used to be awed, writes Inohetta  
at the thought of the intellectuality of  
the man who names the Pullman cars.  
To what storehouse of classical or his-  
torical lore did this mentality have ac-  
cess, that he could exhume therefrom  
such names—names that seemed to  
mean something, but yet just eluded  
analysis? I used to think I'd like to  
meet that bird.

But I've pegged him at last! He's  
no giant intellect at all. He's just a  
pathological specimen—one of these  
wrong-foot cases the medical journals  
have been discussing lately, whose  
cerebral or spinal connections seem to  
be crossed. Their handwriting goes  
from right to left—it's called "mirror  
writing." Their co-ordination mecha-  
nism is constantly in reverse gear. And  
how do I know that the nomenclator  
of Pullman cars is one of these? Sim-  
ply thus:

The sleeper in which I rode from  
Cincinnati to Atlanta the other day  
was named "Klimwoe"—Cleveland  
Plain Dealer.

Rather Hard on Him.  
Hubby—It's a wonder to me you  
didn't marry the first bonehead that  
proposed to you.  
Wifey—Well, I did.—Boston Post.

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## WILL NOT USE GERMAN DYES

**Real Reason Why the Red Trousers of the French Infantryman Have Been Discarded.**

The red trousers of the French army are to be no more. There is a political and economical tragedy about it with which very few people are familiar. The originator of the red trousers was Napoleon, who was prompted in his "reform" by a desire to help the native cultivation of madder root against the Dutch and Italian rivals.

But then came the Graebe-Liebermann discovery of the alizarine dyes, and in less than ten years, between 1870 and 1878, the production of madder root in France shrank from 25,000 to 500 tons, and then it disappeared. This was a great German victory. Nevertheless, the army trousers continued to be dyed red, only this time the dyes had to be imported from Germany. It evidently required a great war to put an end to this humiliation.

### Fettered.

Mrs. Nexdoor—How do you manage to keep your cook so long? You've had her two weeks.

Mrs. Skeemer—I gave her some of those stylish narrow skirts to wear in the kitchen and she won't be able to walk a block from the house till they're worn out.

### Just Rats.

For want of a pied piper of Hamelin, the British board of agriculture is using the next best thing to get rid of the rats and mice—a bill.

The house of parliament tittered when the bill was introduced, says "A Londoner." The titterers did not know that the rat has been described as the most expensive animal maintained by man. He costs in damage anything up to \$200,000,000 a year—as much as the whole government subsidy to the farming industry. He spreads bubonic plague and other diseases among men and animals alike. He is of no earthly use except as a scavenger, and there the remedy is worse than the disease. The flat has gone forth; he must be exterminated wherever he shows his head—in stacks, in granaries, in warehouses, in the holds of vessels. The mouse, too, if less harmful, is just as useless as his big relative—and the only living creature which will regret his disappearance is the cat.

### Kangaroo More Likely.

Mother—And are you learning anything in your lessons in natural history in school, Ethel?

Ethel—I think I am, mamma.

"Well, what have you learned?"

"Well, it's taught me to think that it wasn't a cow that jumped over the moon, at all; that it was a kangaroo." —Yonkers Statesman.

## REBELLION IN STOMACH

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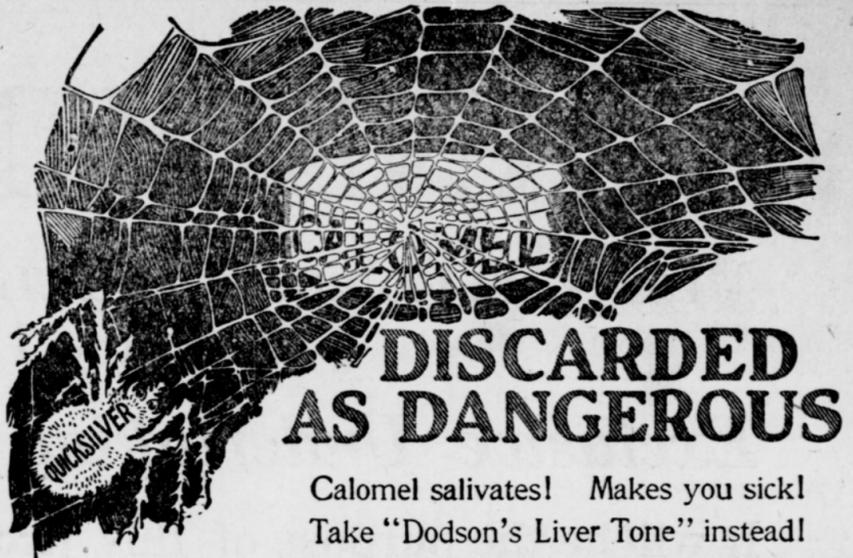
Lumps of undigested food cause pain. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food—just take a tablet or two of Pape's Diapepsin to help neutralize acidity and in five minutes you wonder what became of the pain, acidity, indigestion and distress.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless stomach antacid is Pape's Diapepsin, which costs so little at drug stores.—Adv.

"Radical." The fellow who does not agree with us.

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If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone at little cost under my personal money-back

guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver as well as a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

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# A BLACK-DRAUGHT FAMILY

## An Interesting Record



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## Robinson-Simmons Undertaking Company

### SOME-APPALLING FIGURES ON THE COST OF THE WAR

"The figures presented in this summary are both incomprehensible and appalling, yet even these do not take into account the effect of the war on life, human vitality, economic well-being, ethics, morality or other phases of human relationship and activities which have been disorganized and injured. It is evident from the pres-

ent disturbances in Europe that the real costs of the war cannot be measured by the direct money outlays of the belligerents during the five years of its duration, but that the very break down of modern economic society might be the price exacted."

So runs the summing up of a 338-page volume from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, which presents an approximate idea of the direct cost of the world war,

but which confesses the utter inability of its author to envisage or estimate the tremendous collateral losses that humanity has borne, growing out of this great conflict. The author is Ernest L. Bogert and he has gone back to all modern wars, from those of the Napoleonic area to the Balkan wars that sowed the germ of the recent conflict. The loss of life in all those wars was 4,449,300; the estimated dead of the five years from 1914 to 1918 he places at the staggering total of 9,998,771.

Mr. Bogert puts an arbitrary monetary value on each human unit of the different races involved in the war. The highest value he gives to Americans, at \$4,720 each; English next at \$4,140; Germany third at \$3,380; France and Belgium \$2,900; Austria-Hungary \$2,720; Russia, Italy, Serbia, Greece and the other nationals at \$2,020 each. Figuring on this cold basis, he places the losses of the countries involved in human life thus:

Russian	8,000,000,000
Germany	6,750,000,000
France	4,800,000,000
England	3,500,000,000
Austria Hungary	3,000,000,000
Italy	2,384,000,000
Serbia	1,500,000,000
Turkey	1,000,000,000
Roumania	800,000,000
Belgium	800,000,000
United States	500,000,000
Bulgaria	200,000,000
Greece	75,000,000
Portugal	8,300,000
Japan	600,000

The loss in human lives in cold dollars and cents, then, was \$33,551,276,280 in the pick of the young men of every nation, for it was they upon whom fell the bulk of the fighting and the suffering of most of the battle deaths. The total property loss Professor Bogert puts at \$29,960,000,000, one-third of which was suffered by France alone with a total of \$10,000,000,000. Belgium's property losses were \$7,000,000,000. The remaining twelve billions were scattered among the other belligerents thus:

Italy	\$2,710,000,000
Serbia and Balkans	2,000,000,000
British Empire	1,750,000,000
Germany	1,750,000,000
Poland	1,500,000,000
Russia	1,250,000,000
Austria Ukraine	1,000,000,000
Roumania	1,000,000,000

The losses of ships and cargoes is estimated at \$6,800,000,000. The total direct costs of the war are put at \$186,336,638,097. The indirect losses from the war—they include the \$45,000,000,000 loss in production, a billion in war relief and \$1,750,000,000 to neutral nations—are put at \$151,612,542,560. The stupendous grand total is \$337,946,179,657—a figure quite beyond human comprehension.

The Senate in a resolution introduced in the United States Senate Wednesday, requested President Wilson to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico.

### PRODUCTION OF COAL DWINDLES; MORE WORKERS QUIT

Washington, Dec. 2.—The coal situation is becoming more serious. Telegraphic reports to the National Coal Association indicate that fewer miners are at work today than at any time since the strike was called.

The Georges Creek district is completely closed and last week it was running nearly normal. The West Virginia fields and New River fields are producing about 15 per cent less than last week. Other fields report similar conditions.

**At Work in Kansas.** Only in Kansas, where volunteers worked in the strip pits under protection of State and Federal troops, and in the New River field of West Virginia was there prospects today of increased production. In Kansas seven pits were worked.

In Wyoming new labor troubles threatened to decrease the small amount of coal being brought out.

Members of the railroad brotherhoods in Kansas today were expected to act on a resolution adopted last night to request authority to refuse to handle coal mined by nonunion workers.

Under the sweeping order of Fuel Administrator Garfield limiting delivery of fuel or power only to essential consumers in the first five classes of the war priorities list, curtailment of production was in prospect in factories turning out boots and shoes, brass and bronze manufacturers, clothing, machinery (except where specifically exempted), iron and steel, jewelry, marble and stone products, musical instruments, paper goods (news print exempted), rubber goods, cigars, wagons and carriages, wood manufacturers, sheet and metal products, leather goods, mattress, paints and varnishes, photographic supplies and miscellaneous nonessentials.

**To Close Theaters.** Theaters, motion picture shows and all other places of amusement, faced complete shutdowns. Churches and schools also were included in that category, although efforts were being made to postpone closing the schools as long as possible.

Bakeries, except those producing only bread, also fell under the ban, as did confectioners and certain packing plants.

In some of those industries, however, an immediate shutdown might be forestalled if the regional coal committee permitted them to operate until their present supply of fuel was exhausted.

Suspension of all traffic over the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad out of Oklahoma City today was said to be only a matter of hours unless coal was supplied. All railroad traffic might be tied up at Oklahoma City by the end of the week, railroad officials there said.

Villa, the Mexican bandit, has ordered that all of Carranza's officers or men captured, be executed without further ceremony.

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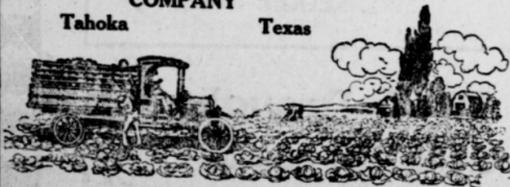
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### GOVERNMENT APPROVES PLAN FOR TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 2.—Approval of the War Department for a \$1,000,000 hospital for tubercular soldiers to be located at Fort Bliss has been obtained, according to advices to the local Chamber of Commerce from its Washington representative. An appropriation from Congress for the hospital will be asked soon, it is expected.

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She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

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## BIG SPRING FEELS SHORTAGE OF COAL

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 2.—The temperature has fallen from 70 Monday to 22 Tuesday, and the scarcity of fuel makes the situation very acute. None of the coal yards have any fuel and many families are depending wholly on oil stoves.

The Fourteenth Decennial Census is to be taken during the month of January, 1920.

W. S. S.—"Posted against poverty"

## SLATS' DIARY

Friday.—Blister sent him up 2 our house to stay a while & we are having a lot of fun. & sum fites once in a while 2. The teacher was a telling us all about the Civil War to day & Jake sed 2 her My grashus you got a awful good memry 2 recollect all that stuff. She blushed & give him a angry luk.

Saturday.—ma kep insisting that I should ought 2 wash my face this afternoon & I kep delaying it as it was 2 cold. Then they was a lady which is ma's cistern law cum in & we was not expecting her & she kist ma & then me. Then ma sed 2 me Now you go wash yure face. The lady looked kinda funny. But sed nothing.

Sunday.—This morning wile we was a eating breakfast pa & ma & me & Blister the telephone rung & sum buddy wanted Blister. It was his pa & he told him that the Stork or sumthing had brung him a nice little baby sister. Blister was so tickled. He sed Dont tell ma I want 2 surprize her. Then he hung up.

Monday.—The teacher was explaininge the word Assault & she sed to Pug Stevens Now if you was 2 be a walking along the street & Slats wood walk up 2 you & strike you what wood that be. Pug replied & sed That wood be a funral. Pug is a mean guy 2.

Tuesday.—Pa red me the story about Jonah which was et up by a whale but which cudent keep him on his stummick. That fellow was a lucky guy 2 tell his wife such a story & get away with it. Even if it was a fack.

Wednesday.—My dog is lerning a lots of trix now. I tell him 2 speak & he growls & I throw a stick & he gets it & cums up 2 me with it in his jaws & I say Gimmy it & he does. Ma got mad today. She cum in & sed 2 pa That dog has ate 1 of my pies. Pa sed Well thats 2 bad, but I think he will be all rite he is a tuff dog.

Thursday.—Ma sed I am pritty decent here of lately. I am 2 & that isent all. I intend to keep on continuing. 18 more shopping days till Crismas.

## NEW WAGE SCALE FOR MINERS AGREED UPON

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representatives of all the larger coal mining corporations in the United States today reached an agreement on a new wage scale for mine workers, after an all-day session here, and announced it would be submitted to the fuel administration for ratification tomorrow. It embodies, it was said, a little more than the 14 per cent increase for the men suggested by Fuel Administrator Garfield as the government proposal for dealing with the strike, which the miners rejected.

Meanwhile the operators were keeping in touch with developments at Indianapolis, where the federal court on the application of department of justice agents cited 84 general and district officials of United Mine Workers for contempt of Federal Judge A. B. Anderson's order calling off the coal strike. Some optimistic reports reached the operators indicating that at several points in the central competitive field, around the strike centers, miners were going back to work.

Attorney General Palmer would not discuss tonight the steps taken at Indianapolis in advance of the hearing to be given the miners' officials on Tuesday.

Get in the road that goes somewhere. Save something every day. Invest in W. S. S.

## TO ENCOURAGE SALE OF LOW PRICED FLOUR

New York, Dec. 2.—Encouraging the sale of the lower priced wheat flours and urging the purchase of "United States Grain Corporation standard pure wheat flour," Julius H. Barnes, United States Wheat Director, tonight in an open letter to the housewives of America asked that they co-operate in the adjustment of the present flour situation.

Mr. Barnes said that within the next two weeks the Government will place on the market "straight flour in small packages at a nominal cost." This flour, he asserted, was being sold in order to get the "individual consumer and our backers to re-adapt their consumption to use of the product which is in ample supply this year."

The re-adaptation of the habits of "our flour consumers" is necessary, Mr. Barnes explained, because of the increase in flour and bread consumption and "a shrinkage in the crop yield of spring sown hard wheats by 150,000,000 bushels and a corresponding increase in the yield of winter wheats." He said this made it necessary for "a balanced consumption, a shifting of part of the demand from one kind to the other."

Although flour production has increased in this country in five months over 10,000,000 barrels above last year, all of which has been either eaten or stored away, Mr. Barnes declared "our large crop of wheat" will care for the increased consumption.

The new standard flour to be placed on the market by the Government, Mr. Barnes explained, will be sold "at about 75c" for one-sixteenth barrel (twelve and one-quarter pounds). The Bureau of Labor retail price reports indicated, he said, that for twenty months the average price of flour in this country for the same quantity has been 81c to 89c.

## PLAINVIEW CITY CHARTER DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The new city charter of Plainview was declared to be unconstitutional and invalid by the court of civil appeals in Amarillo Wednesday, by a unanimous opinion of the three members of the court.

The court holds that the charter is unconstitutional in that the legislature had no right to enact such local legislation, as the constitution provides for home rule for cities of more than five thousand people and is explicit in just how city charters shall be initiated, drafted and adopted by a vote of the people of the city. The court held exactly in line with what the News last January said was unquestionably the law on the matter, as a layman understands it.

The new city charter was prepared without a voice from the people, sent to Austin and enacted by the legislature in March 1917, without a voice of the people, then not referred to the people for their approval or rejection all of which, so the court declares, makes it void. The case is reversed and remanded.

It is not known whether the city will appeal the case to the state supreme court or not. One of the attorneys stated to the editor of the News this morning it had not been decided what further action would be taken.

An attorney on the other side said that many property owners have said they would not pay any further city taxes until the case is fully settled, in case it is appealed. This would greatly curtail the finances of the city.

Under the old charter the city taxes were about 60c on the \$100; under the new charter they are \$1.50 on the \$100.—Plainview News.

## PRESIDING ELDER SHEARER AT LORENZO NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Geo. W. Shearer, Presiding Elder of the Lubbock District, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Lorenzo, where he held quarterly Conference Saturday evening and preached Sunday. He will hold the First Quarterly Conference of the Lamesa Station next Wednesday, and the following schedule will complete his first round of the district.

Lamesa Station, December 10.  
Matador Station, December 14, 15.  
Roaring Springs Circuit, December 14, 15.  
Lubbock Circuit, December 21, 22.  
Slaton Station, December 28, 29.  
Tahoka Station, January 4, 5.  
Littlefield Circuit, January 11, 12.  
Ralls Station, January 18, 19.  
Wilson Circuit, January 25, 26.  
Seminole Circuit, February 1, 2.  
Brownfield Circuit, February 8, 9.  
Post Station, February 15, 16.  
Post Circuit, February 15, 16.  
O'Donnell Circuit, Feb. 22, 23.  
Dickens Circuit, Feb. 29, March 1.  
The district stewards will meet in the Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas, December 17, at 2 p. m.

## GUN ETIQUETTE WORTH REMEMBERING

Gun etiquette is strictly regarded by the good sportsman and hunter. Robert E. Hewes, in the Hunter-Trapper-Trapper, published in Columbus, Ohio, lists some of the "don'ts". "Never carry a gun cocked unless it has a positive safety and then keep it safe."

"Never point a gun, loaded or unloaded, at anyone."

"Never climb through a fence and pull the gun after you. Put the gun through first."

"Never leave a gun lying around loaded."

"Do not use cheap oil or grease on a gun. It only takes a little to keep the action working smoothly all the time."

"Do not fail to keep a gun dry. Oil it if it becomes wet to keep it from rusting. Clean it after it has been used."

"Everyone should know how to use a gun and if one is taught right in the beginning, it will never be forgotten."

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The troops are expected to entrain Thursday. General Dickman announced that this is the only request he has had for troops to guard mining property.

A portion of the troops will be detailed for duty at McAlester, General Dickman stated.

## U. S. WOULD SEIZE MEXICO BORDER TOWNS

Many thousands of American troops are lined up along the Mexican frontier, ready to cross the border and seize Mexican border cities in case a break between the Washington and Mexico City governments. It is the general opinion that in case of a break the places to be occupied will be Nogales, Juarez, Piedras Negras, Nuevo Laredo and Matamoras. Regularly established army posts along the international boundary now total more than two score, with probably as many more outpost positions, each accommodating a troop of cavalry or an infantry platoon.

## PASSENGER TRAIN WILL CARRY THE MAIL

Brownfield, Tex., Dec. 1.—On account of the enormous corn, cotton and feed crops of Terry county and adjacent territory, the Santa Fe began today running a daily train each way except Sunday, on this line, out of Lubbock to Seagraves. This train will also carry the mail, which has heretofore been carried by auto mail line. This will be a great convenience in both freight and passenger traffic for this territory including Eastern New Mexico.

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Austin, Texas, Dec. 2.—The sum of \$1.50 per capita was apportioned this month on the scholastic apportionment of \$7.50 for each child enumerated, a total of 1,245,278 children. This makes a total of \$2 per child thus far this season, against

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# The Devil's Own

A Romance of the Black Hawk War

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## "IF YOU CAN SWIM, JUMP FOR IT!"

Synopsis.—In 1832 Lieutenant Knox of the regular army is on duty at Fort Armstrong, Rock Island, Ill., in territory threatened by disaffected Indians. The commandant sends him with dispatches to St. Louis. He takes passage on the steamer *Warrior* and makes the acquaintance of Judge Beaucaire, rich planter, and of Joe Kirby (the Devil's Own), notorious gambler. Knox learns Judge Beaucaire has a daughter, Eloise, and a granddaughter, Rene, offspring of a son whom the judge has disowned. Rene's mother is a negress, and she and her daughter, never having been freed, are slaves under the law, although the girls have been brought up as sisters. Kirby induces the judge to stake his plantation and negro servants on a poker hand unfairly dealt by Joe Carver, Kirby's partner. Kirby accuses the judge of cheating. Beaucaire, infuriated, drops dead. Knox tries to induce Kirby to give up his stolen winnings. Kirby and Carver throw Knox overboard. The lieutenant swims ashore and reaches a hut. Knox lies unconscious for ten days. Recovering, he finds he is in a cabin owned by Pete, a "free nigger," who had shot him, mistaking him for an enemy. His dispatches have been forwarded. Recovering from his wound, Knox sends Pete to bring Haynes, Beaucaire's lawyer, and they arrange, with Pete's help, to get the women to the cabin of an abolitionist, Amos Shunk, before Kirby comes. At the Beaucaire place Knox overhears a conversation between the sheriff and his deputy, and learns the truth about the situation. He is witness to an interview between Kirby and a girl who says she is Rene Beaucaire. Kirby insults the girl, and Knox attacks him. Believing Kirby dead, Knox explains affairs to the girl, and she agrees to try to escape with him. They fail to find Pete where he had been posted, so Knox seizes the sheriff's keelboat, along with Sam, the slave left in charge, and they begin their voyage up the river. Next day a steamer passes and Sam recognizes Kirby on board. At Shunk's place they find Pete, Shunk and Carver murdered—the work of Kirby. Kirby then steals their keelboat, leaving only a skiff.

## CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"It is my guess," I said, "that their only thought was to get away before the crime was discovered. Rene would you be afraid to remain here alone for a little while?"

She glanced about into the gloom of the surrounding woods, her hesitancy answering me.

"It is not a pleasant prospect I admit, but there is no possible danger. Kirby has gone, beyond all question, but I wish to learn if I can the direction he has taken. All this must have happened only a short time ago—while we were at the cabin. The keelboat can scarcely be entirely out of sight yet on either river if we could only find a place to offer us a wide view."

"But could I not go with you?"

"Hardly with me, for I intend to swim the creek and try to reach the point at the mouth of the Illinois, from where I can see up and down the Mississippi. I am going to send Sam back through the woods there and have him climb that ridge. From the top he ought to have a good view up the valley of the Illinois. I suppose you might go with him."

"Ah, sure wish yer wud, missus," broke in the negro pleadingly. "Ah ain't perzackly feered fer ter go lone, but Ah's an ol' man an' Ah reckon as how a young gal was likely fer ter see mor'n Ah wud. 'Pears like Ah's done los' my glasses."

A faint smile lighted up her face—a mere glimmer of a smile.

"Yes, Sam, I'll go," she said, glancing up into my eyes and holding out her hand. "You wish me to, do you not?"

"I think it will be fully as well. You still retain the pistol?"

She nodded her response, and without delaying my departure longer I lowered myself into the water and swam toward the opposite shore, creeping forth amid a tangle of roots and immediately disappearing in the underbrush. I found a rough passage for the first few rods, being obliged to almost tear a way through the close growth and unable to see a yard in advance. But this ended suddenly at the edge of the sand flat, with the converging waters of the two rivers visible just beyond. My view from here was narrowed, however, by high ridges on both sides, and with a desire not to expose myself to any chance eye, I followed the line of forest until able to climb the slope, and thus attain the crest of the bluff.

From this vantage point the view was extensive, both up and down the big river, as well as across to the opposite bank. Along that entire surface but three objects met my gaze—a small island, green with trees, seemingly anchored just beyond the mouth of the Illinois; a lumbering barge almost opposite me, clearly outlined against the distant shore, and barely moving with the current; and far away below a thin smudge of smoke, arising from behind a headland, as though curling upward from the stack of some steamer. I felt no doubt but what this was the stolen keelboat, speeding toward St. Louis.

This struck me as the most reasonable course to pursue—to work our way quietly up the Illinois by night, keeping close in shore to avoid any passing steamer, until we arrived close to Beardstown. Undoubtedly there were blacks in the town, both slaves and free negroes, with whom Sam could easily establish an acquaintance. By this means we would soon be able to identify that particular preacher into whose care I hoped to confide Rene. Of course the girl might refuse to enter into the game, might decline to assume the role assigned her, however innocent I intended it to be; indeed, I felt convinced she would meet the suggestion with indignation. But why worry about that now? Let this be kept as a last resort. There was no necessity for me to even mention this part of my plan until after our approach to Beardstown; then the necessity of our going forward with it might be so apparent she could not refuse to carry on her part. With this

point settled in my own mind I felt ready to rejoin the others.

I must have been absent in the neighborhood of two hours, and they had returned to the bank of the creek some time in advance of me. As I appeared at the edge of the wood Sam hailed, offering to row the boat across.

"All right," I replied, confident we were alone. "It will save me another wetting. You saw nothing?"

"No, sah; leastways not much. We cud see up de Illinois mor'n ten mile, Ah reckon, but dar wa'n't no boat no-whar, 'cepting an ol' scow tied up to de bank."

"I thought so. The keelboat has gone down the Mississippi."

"Yer done saw her, sah?"

"I saw her smoke; she was hidden by a big bend just below. Don't sit there staring at me—come across."

Rene greeted me with a smile as I scrambled up on the slippery log, and asked a number of questions. I answered these as best I could and then explained, so far as I deemed it desirable, the general nature of the plans I had made. The Illinois route offered the only hope, and we decided to venture it, although Rene pleaded earnestly that she and the negro be permitted to go on alone. To this suggestion, however, I would not consent, and the girl finally yielded her reluctant permission for me to accompany them until she could be safely left in the care of white friends.

I knew her real thought was elsewhere—with those two in Kirby's hands, already well on their way to St. Louis. Try as she would, she was



Rene Greeted Me With a Smile.

unable to banish from her mind the conception that she was largely to blame for their misfortune, or submerge the idea that it was cowardly in her to seek escape, while leaving them in such peril. I lingered, talking with her for some time after Sam had fallen asleep, yet the only result was the bringing of tears to her eyes and a reluctantly given pledge that she would do whatever I believed to be best and right. She appeared so tired and worn that I left her at last in the little glade where we had found refuge, hoping she might fall asleep. I doubt if she did, although I dozed irregularly, my back against a tree, and it was already growing dusk when she came forth again from her retreat and joined us in a hastily prepared meal.

Sam and I stowed away in the boat whatever provender remained, and I assisted her to a seat at the stern, wrapping a blanket carefully about her body, for the night air in those dank shadows already began to chill. I took possession of the oars myself, believing the negro would serve best as a lookout in the bow, and thus settled we headed the boat out through the tangle of trees toward the invisible river.

Suddenly we shot out through the screen of concealing boughs into the broader stream beyond. The light here in the open was better, although dim enough still, and revealing little of our surroundings. Sam knelt, peering eagerly forward into the blackness, an occasional growl of his voice the only evidence of his presence. I

doubt if I had taken a dozen strokes, my whole attention centered on my task, when the sudden rocking of the boat told me he had scrambled to his feet. Almost at the same instant my ears distinguished the sharp chugging of an engine straight ahead; then came his shout of alarm, "God Almighty! Dar's de keelboat, sah. Dey's goin' ter ram us!"

I twisted about in my seat, caught a vague glimpse of the advancing shadow, and leaped to my feet, an oar gripped in my hands. Scarcely was I poised to strike when the speeding prow ripped into us, and I was catapulted into the black water.

## CHAPTER X.

### The Loss of Rene.

There was the echo of an oath, a harsh, cruel laugh, the crash of planking, a strange, half-human cry of fright from the negro—that was all. The sudden violence of the blow must have hurled me high into the air, for I struck the water clear of both boats, and so far out in the stream that when I came again struggling to the surface I was in the full sweep of the current, against which I had to struggle desperately. In the brief second that intervened between Sam's shout of warning and the crash of the two boats I had seen almost nothing—only that black, menacing hulk, looming up between us and the shore, more like a shadow than a reality. Yet now, fighting to keep my head above water and not to be swept away, I was able to realize instantly what had occurred. I had been mistaken; Kirby had not fled down the river; instead he had craftily waited this chance to attack us at a disadvantage. Convinced that we would decide to make use of the rowboat, which he had left uninjured for that very purpose, and that we would venture forth just so soon as the night became dark enough, he had hidden the stolen craft in some covert along shore to await our coming. Then he sprang on us, as the tiger springs on his prey. He had calculated well, for the blunt prow of the speeding keelboat had struck us squarely, crushing in the sides of our frail craft and flinging me headlong.

What had been the fate of the others I could not for the moment determine. The darkness shadowed everything, the bulk of the keelboat alone appearing in the distance, and that shapelessly outlined. The craft bore no light, and had it not been for a voice speaking I doubt if I could have located even that. The rowboat could not be distinguished—it must have sunken, or else drifted away, a helpless wreck. The first sound my ears caught, echoing across the water, was an oath, and a question: "By—! a good job; do you see that fellow anywhere?"

"Naw," the response a mere growl. "He's a goner, I reckon; never knowed what hit him, jedgin' from the way he upended it."

"Well, then he isn't likely to bother us any more. Suppose he was the white man?"

"Sure he was; it was the nigger who was up ahead. We hit him, an' he dropped in 'tween ther boats, an' went down like a stone. He never yeeped but just onc, when I first gripped ther girl. I don't reckon as she was hurt at all; leastwise I never aimed fer ter hurt her none."

"Has she said anything?"

"Not a d—d twitler; maybe she's fainted. I dunno, but that's ther way females do. What shall I do with the bird, Kirby?"

"Oh, hold on to her there awhile, long as she's quiet. I'm going to try the steam again, and get outside into the big river. H—, man, but this hasn't been such a bad night's work."

The steam began to sizz, settling swiftly into a rhythmic chugging, as the revolving wheel began to churn up the water astern. Confident of being safely hidden by the darkness, I permitted the current to bear me downward, my muscles aching painfully from the struggle, and with no other thought in my mind except to keep well out of sight of the occupants of the boat. To be perceived by them and overtaken in the water meant certain death, while if they continued to believe that I had actually sunk beneath the surface, some future carelessness on their part might yield me an unexpected opportunity to serve Rene. The few words overheard had made sufficiently plain the situation. Poor Sam had already found freedom in death, crushed between the two colliding boats, but the girl had been grasped in time and hauled uninjured aboard the heavier craft. This had been the object of the attack—to gain possession of her. Very evidently I had not been seen closely enough to be recognized by Kirby. In a measure this afforded me a decided advantage, provided we ever encountered each other again—and I meant that we should. The account between us was not closed by this incident; far from it. There in that black water, struggling to keep afloat, while being swept resistlessly out into the river, with no immediate object before me except to remain concealed by the

veil of darkness, I resolved solemnly to myself that this affair should never end until it was ended right. In that moment of decision I cared not at all for Rene Beaucaire's drop of negro blood, nor for the fact that she was a slave in her master's hands. To my mind she was but a woman, a sweet, lovable, girlish woman, in the unrestrained power of a brute, and dependent alone on me for rescue. That was enough; I cared for nothing more.

With silent strokes I waited patiently until the steady chugging of the engine grew faint in the distance, and then finally ceased entirely.

Uncertain which way to turn, and conscious of a strange lassitude, I made no struggle to reach land, but permitted myself to be borne downward in the grip of the water. Suddenly something drifted against my body, a black, ill-defined object, tossing about on the swell of the waves, and instinctively I grasped at it, recognizing instantly the shell of our wrecked boat. It was all awash, a great hole stove in its side well forward, and so filled with water the added weight of my body would have sunk it instantly. Yet the thing remained buoyant enough to float, and I clung to its stern, thankful even for this slight help.

There was no occasion for fear, although I became aware that the sweep of the current was steadily bearing us farther out toward the center of the broad stream, and soon felt convinced that escape from my predicament would be impossible until after daylight. The struggle to keep afloat was no longer necessary, and my head sank in relief on the hands gripping at the boat's stern, while we floated silently on through the black mystery.

Suddenly the wrecked boat's bow grated against something immovable; then became fixed, the stern swinging slowly about, until it also caught, and I could feel the full volume of down-pouring water against my body. The blindly floating boat had drifted upon a snag, seemingly the major portion of a tree, now held by some spit of sand. I struggled vainly in an attempt to release the grip which held us, but the force of the current had securely wedged the boat's bow beneath a limb, a bare leafless tangle, making all my efforts useless. I found a submerged branch on which to stand, gripped the boat desperately to prevent being swept away, and waited for the dawn.

It seemed a long while coming, and never did man gaze on a more dismal, ghastly scene than was revealed to me by those first gray gleams dimly showing in the far east. All about stretched utter desolation; wherever my eyes turned the vista was the same—a wide stretch of restless brown water surging and leaping past, bounded by low-lying shores, forlorn and deserted. How far I had aimlessly drifted downstream during the night was a mere matter of conjecture. I possessed no knowledge of where I was. Each bank of the river appeared about equally bare and desolate, entirely devoid of promise. However, I chose the west shore for my experiment, as the current seemed less strong in that direction, and was about to plunge in, determined to fight a way across, when my eyes suddenly detected a faint wreath of smoke curling up into the pale sky above a headland far to the southward. As I stared at this it became black and distinct, tossed about in the wind. I watched intently, clinging to my support, scarcely trusting my eyesight, while that first wisp deepened into a cloud, advancing slowly toward me. There was no longer doubt of what it was—unquestionably some steamer was pushing its course upstream. Even before my ears could detect the far-off chug of the engine the boat itself rounded the sharp point of the headland and came forth into full view, heading out toward the middle of the river in a search for deeper water.

It was an unusually large steambot for those days, a lower river packet, I guessed, with two funnels painted yellow and a high pilot house surmounted by a huge brazen eagle. At first, approaching me, bow on, I could perceive but little of its dimensions, nor gain clear view of the decks, but when it veered slightly these were revealed, and I had a glimpse of a few figures grouped forward, the great wheel astern splashing the water, and between, a long row of windows reflecting the glare of the early sun. Even as I gazed at this vision a flow crept up the slender staff at the bow and reaching the top rippled out in the crisp breeze. A moment later I deciphered the lettering across the white front of the pilot house—*Adventurer of Memphis*.

Indifferent at that moment as to where the approaching boat might be bound, or my reception on board; desirous only of immediate escape from my unfortunate predicament, I managed to remove my sodden coat and furiously wave it in the air as a signal. At first there was no response, no evidence that I had even been seen; then slowly, deliberately, the steamer changed its course and came straight up the river, struggling against the full strength of the current. I could see a man step from out the pilot house onto the upper forecast deck, lean out over the rail and speak to the others below, pointing toward me across the water. A half-dozen grouped themselves at the bow, ready for action, their figures growing more sharply defined as the struggling craft approached. The man above stood shading his eyes with one hand and gesticulating with the other. Finally the sound of his voice reached me.

"Hey! you out there! If you can swim jump for it, I'm not going to run into that snag."

I measured the distance between us with my eye and leaped as far out as possible, striking out with lusty strokes. The swift current swung me about like a chip, and swept me downward in spite of every struggle. I was squarely abreast of the boat, already caught in her suction, and being drawn straight in toward her wheel, when the looped end of a flying noose struck my shoulder.

"Keep your head, lad!" roared out a hoarse voice. "Hang on now, an' we'll get yer."

It was such a rush, such a breathless, desperate struggle I can scarcely recall the details. All I really remember is that I gripped the rope and clung; was dragged under again and again; was flung against the steamer's side, seemingly losing all consciousness, yet dimly realizing that outstretched hands grasped me and lifted me up by main strength to the narrow footway, dropping me there in the pool of water oozing from my wrecked boat.

It was all awash, a great hole stove in its side well forward, and so filled with water the added weight of my body would have sunk it instantly. Yet the thing remained buoyant enough to float, and I clung to its stern, thankful even for this slight help.



"Yes, He's All Right, Sir; Just a Bit Groggy."

clothes. Someone spoke, lifting my head on his arm, in answer to a hail from above.

"Yes, he's all right, sir; just a bit groggy. What'll we do with him?"

"Bring him along up to Haires' cabin and get him the old suit in my room. You might warm him up with a drink first. You tend to it, Mapes."

The liquor I drank out of a bottle burnt like fire but brought me new strength, so that with Mapes' help I got to my feet and stared about at the group of faces surrounding us. They were those of typical river men, two negroes and three whites, ragged, dirty and disreputable. Mapes was so busily bearded that about all I could perceive of his face was the eyes, yet these were intelligent, and I instantly picked him out as being the mate.

"How long yer all bin roostin' on that snag?" he questioned, evidently somewhat amused. "Dern me, stranger, if I ever see the sorter thing done afore."

"I was caught there last night," I answered, unwilling to say more.

"Boat got snagged in the dark and went down."

"Live around yere, I reckon?"

"No; just floating. Came down the Illinois. Where is this steamer bound?"

"H—I alone knows," dryly. "Yeller Banks fust, anyhow; we're loaded with supplies."

"Supplies! For Yeller Banks?" in surprise. "Why, what's going on there? My friend, there aren't ten families within a hundred miles of that place."

Mapes laughed, his mouth opening like a red gash, exhibiting a row of yellow fangs.

"No, I reckon not; but that's a h—ov a lot o' fellers that wud ain't families but kin eat. Didn't yer know, pardner, that's a right smart war on; that the Illinois militia is called out, an' is a-marchin' now fer Yeller Banks? They're liable fer ter be that too afore ever this d—n scow makes it, if we have ter stop an' pick em up more blame fools outer the river. Come on, let's go up."

"Wait a minute. This is an Indian war? Black Hawk has broken loose?"

"Sure; raised particular h—! We heard down at St. Louee he'd killed 'bout a hundred whites, an' 'bouted sum ov 'em—ther ol' devil."

"And where is he now?"

"Dunno; never was up in yer afore. We bin runnin' 'tween St. Louee an' New Orleans, till the gov'ment took us. Maybe the captain kin tel yer, sumwhar up Rock river, I reckon wharver that is."

We climbed the steep steps to the upper deck, and were met at the head of the ladder by the captain, evidently desirous of looking me over. He was a solidly built individual, wearing white side whiskers and a bulbous nose, and confronted me not altogether pleasantly.

"All right, are you? Water pretty cold yet, I reckon. Been sticking on that snag long?"

"Several hours; but my boat was wrecked before we lodged there."

The captain laughed and winked aside at the mate.

## Fate steps in and makes a new complication.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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### DIFFERENT WAYS OF BEING NEIGHBORLY

We have heard of compounded felony, double pneumonia, double mastoiditis, etc., but we heard of something a short time ago for which we can find no appropriate name unless it be double unneighborliness. Perhaps a better name for it would be two-way unneighborliness, for it was unneighborly "going and coming." The story related to us in a conversation was to the effect that a certain man had been getting a very fine country product from a hill farmer at a very reasonable price, in these days of the high cost of living. This farmer lived in a somewhat inaccessible place and did not keep very close touch with the doings of the big world outside. He was, therefore, selling this particular produce at but little advance over pre-war prices. A friend of the purchaser, having tested the excellent quality of the goods, wanted to know where he could procure it. The buyer refused to tell where it could be bought, because he feared a greatly stimulated demand would cause the farmer to advance the price, or else would exhaust the supply.

In taking such a stand he was unneighborly in two ways; unneighborly toward his friend, who merely wanted to know where he could buy, and unneighborly toward the farmer, whom he thus deprived of a good

customer. Now this was a man who prided himself on his strict honesty. By "honesty" he would mean that he never defrauded a man by misrepresentation, or by failing to keep his pledged word. He would have been in a fine fury of indignation if he had discovered another man trying to defraud him. Was he, or was he not, defrauding the farmer? To be sure, he had violated no pledged word he had told no lies; but he had kept silent to his neighbor's hurt, or, rather, to the inconvenience of one neighbor and the financial loss of another. Is it any more harm to defraud a man by misrepresentation than by withholding information which you are asked, or expected, to give? We are sure that many of our readers will say at once: "One is just as bad as the other." It should be understood, however, that such an admission is a considerable advance upon prevailing ethical ideals. If "one is just as bad as the other," then it is just as bad to refuse to do a neighbor a service as it is to do him a disservice. In other words, a negative wrong is just as wrong as a positive one.

I think we shall all agree that the refusal to render a service in cases where that service may, of right be expected, is just as much a failure to fulfill the law of love as the doing of a positive wrong. We once talked with a horse jockey who made that discrimination. We asked him if he

never told a lie about a horse. He promptly said he never had, but added, with a sly smile: "I have sometimes lacked a lot of telling all the truth." He then said, very seriously, that he had never withheld the truth about a horse in dealing with a man who was not supposed to be a judge of horses, but that he had often said nothing about the defects of his horse when dealing with a man who made a business of trading in horses, who asked him no questions and whom he asked none. They were supposed to be equals, matching their wits against one another. That horse jockey showed a finer moral sensibility than many a man who boasts of his high honor exhibits in business. The average man who goes out to buy is not asking what the thing he desires is really worth, so much as what it can be bought for. In selling, it is not so much what price would yield him a fair profit, as what he can get. Like the man whose story started this chat, they count themselves fortunate if, without telling a positive falsehood, they can buy for less than a thing is worth and sell for more than it is worth. That is what makes profiteering possible.—Presbyterian Advance.

### R. R. EMPLOYEES MAY REFUSE TO HANDLE COAL

Pittsburgh, Kansas, Dec. 2.—First coal taken from the strip mines of southeastern Kansas by volunteer coal diggers was to be loaded on railroad cars today. Whether the coal will reach the shivering populace of the state, remains to be seen.

Outcropping of opposition to the state receivership's operation of the strip mines, last night culminated in a report that union officials had appealed to railroad brotherhood members to refuse to move the coal cars. It was understood early today that local trainmen had wired their brotherhood chief for instructions. If no reply is received, a local strike of railroad men was considered a possibility.

It was believed that cars will be placed at the mine pits, but would not be moved until a decision is reached by the railway men.

Six strip mines in northern and southern parts of Crawford county were expected to operate today. Volunteers had been placed in five camps and the news that 400 others entrained for Pittsburgh last night, gave rise to the hope by receivers that six mines would be producing much needed fuel before night.

### PRESIDENT ASKS FOR CONGRESSIONAL HELP

Washington, Dec. 2.—General recommendations on the cost of living, labor unrest, radicalism and readjustment of the nation to a peace basis were the features of President Wilson's annual message to congress delivered today.

The peace treaty, the president told congress, will be discussed in a separate message later, as will the railroad question. For the second time only since the president established the practice of addressing congress in person, his message was read by the clerks.

The president's principal recommendations were the establishment of a budget system for national finances, reorganization of the taxation system with simplification of the income and excess profit taxes; readjustment of the tariff system to conform with the fact that the United States is the greatest capitalist in the world; recognition and relief for veteran soldiers of the world war, particularly in the way of government farms as proposed by Secretary Lane; proper measures to foster dye-stuffs industry built up during the war to keep the United States independent of foreign supply; enlarged program for rural development, in recognition of the farmers' part in the war.

Measures which will "remove the causes of the political restlessness in our body politic." At this point the president made his most extensive reference to the peace treaty by saying that the causes for unrest "are superficial rather than deep-seated," and that they "arise from or are connected with the failure on the part of our government to arrive speedily at a just and permanent peace permitting return to normal conditions from transfusion of radical theories" from the seething European centers, pending such delay, from heartless profiteering, resulting from the increased cost of living, and lastly from the machinations of passionate and malevolent agitators. With return to normal conditions this unrest will rapidly disappear.

The president renewed his recommendations for legislation to deal effectively with "those persons who by violent methods will abrogate our time-tested institutions."

Several recommendations and some renewals of previous ones were made by the president to bring down the cost of living. Among them were extension of the food control law to peace times for emergency, regulation for the transportation of foods in interstate commerce; a cold storage law modeled after the law in New Jersey, the law requiring marks to show the length of time foods are kept in storage, and a law to secure "competitive selling and to prevent unconscionable profits" by federal license of corporations selling food in interstate commerce.

A long portion of the message was devoted to a discussion of the condition and rights of labor. "A definite program to bring about improvement

in conditions of labor and a genuine democratic industry," was recommended.

### BUDGET TOTAL IS PRACTICALLY FIVE BILLIONS

Washington, Dec. 1.—The record \$1,000,000,000 congresses of ordinary peace times faded into the past today when Secretary Glass presenting the annual estimates proposed appropriations of practically five billion dollars for conducting the peace time activities of the government during the fiscal year, 1921.

According to these figures, it will cost more than five times as much to conduct the peace time affairs of the government as it did in the year immediately preceding the world war.

The greatest individual estimates for expenditures, of course, go to the army and navy. The yearly interest on the war debt, however, is \$1,017,500,000 which sum alone is greater than all the appropriations for all purposes whatsoever of any peace time congress.

All in all, the estimates justify the predictions made on the floor of congress during consideration of the war tax bills that the present generation would not see the government conducted at an expense of less than four billions a year.

The estimated appropriations for the principal government departments were presented as follows:

Legislative (congress)	\$9,025,297.25.
Executive (White House and governments)	\$149,111,463.77.
Judicial	\$1,634,190.
Army	\$898,578,657.20.
Navy	\$542,031,804.80.
Pensions	\$215,030,000.
Public works	\$283,921,810.17.
Miscellaneous	\$833,717,637.96.
Foreign intercourse	\$11,243,250.91.

The total of all estimates including some comparatively minor items not included in the foregoing is \$4,865,410,031.62, the greatest sum ever asked of any congress when the country was not actually at war.

Rivers and harbors estimate include: flood control Mississippi River \$10,000,000; southwestern pass, Mississippi River \$2,191,000; waterway, Mississippi River to Sabine River, \$332,000; Galveston harbor \$203,000 Galveston channel \$1,203,000; channel, Galveston to Texas City \$88,000 channel to Port Bolivia \$34,000; Houston ship channel \$700,000; Freeport harbor \$471,000.

### MANY TELEPHONE POLES DOWN IN WEST TEXAS

The extent of damage to telephone and telegraph lines in West Texas as a result of the severely cold weather of Thanksgiving is beginning to be determined as company linemen and laborers report from the scene.

According to the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph company offices, 500 poles were pulled down in the immediate Ranger territory. In

the Burkburnett-Wichita region the demoralization included the felling of about 200 poles. The greatest damage was done between Brownwood and Dublin were, instead of 200 poles being down, as previously reported, 2,000 poles were smashed. The company has an immense force of men employed in erecting poles and get-

ting the wires out of the snarl. More than 250 extra men are working in West Texas to relieve the situation.—Ranger Times.

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### TEXAS WOMAN SUFFERS FROM PAINS IN HEAD

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San Antonio, Texas.—"For about three years I have been in a run-down condition. I would be so weak at times I could scarcely get around. I was extremely nervous, could not sleep and I was in a miserable state, when just recently I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have not taken all of one bottle, but am feeling better than I have for a long time. I am going to continue its use, for I know it is helping me more than any medicine I have taken."—Mrs. H. T. Knippa, 913 Burleson St.

If a woman is nervous or has dizzy spells, suffers from awful pains at regular or irregular intervals she should turn to a woman's tonic made up of herbs, and without alcohol, which makes weak women strong and sick women well. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Druggists sell it in liquid or tablets. Send 10 cents to the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package.

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### A Texas Case

Mrs. N. B. Allen, Goldthwaite, Tex. says: "I was bad off with kidney trouble. The pains I endured were severe and I had headaches. I was so nervous I would jump at the least noise. I would get dizzy at times. I had a lot of trouble with the action of my kidneys, which was irregular and my hands and feet would swell. Doan's Kidney Pills regulated my kidneys. Five boxes cured me."

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### CARRANZA REFUSES TO RELEASE JENKINS

ARGUMENTATIVE REPLY IS MADE TO SHARP COMMUNICATION FROM WASHINGTON

### NEXT MOVE IS NOT KNOWN

Jenkins Case is Divided Into Two Phases in Mexican Note and New Issues Are Raised

Washington.—Mexico has replied with an argumentative diplomatic refusal to the American government's demand for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, the consular agent imprisoned at Puebla.

No comment was forthcoming to indicate how the state department regarded the answer to what was considered one of the sharpest warnings yet sent to Mexico, and neither was there any indication of what the government's next step will be.

The Mexican reply, which, according to its text, was prepared at the direction of President Carranza, argues in the main that the Mexican government can not order the release of a prisoner while his case is under adjudication in the civil courts of one of its states, and contends that the American government's demand for the consular agent's release had no foundation or precedent in international law.

The tendency of the Mexican argument is to separate the Jenkins case into two phases: First, the situation in which the consular agent was kidnaped by bandits and held for ransom, and, last, his subsequent arrest and imprisonment by the civil authorities of Puebla on a charge of having "connived" with the bandits.

The allegation against Jenkins is that he signed conflicting statements regarding his kidnaping and, therefore, was "guilty of falsifying judicial declaration."

The note says Jenkins has opportunity to be released on bail in the sum of 1,000 pesos, the equivalent to \$500 in American money, if reckoned in coin rather than Mexican bank notes, and that Jenkins has refused to avail himself of it, although he has been requested to do so.

Recalling that Mexican consuls in the United States have been imprisoned and that Mexico has never asked the United States to waive local law in their cases, the note remarks that "the Mexican government can not concede to American citizens more rights than Mexicans enjoy in the United States."

### ELLIS ISLAND REDS ON HUNGER STRIKE

Refuse to Attend Hearing on Deportation Warrants and Then Refuse to Eat

New York.—A hunger strike has been coupled with a "silence" strike by 73 radicals at Ellis Island in an effort to have removed an iron barrier separating them from visiting relatives.

The barrier was erected after discovery that several reds planned to escape by exchanging clothes with friends and after some visitors had passed revolvers to the radicals.

In a letter to the house immigration committee, which is in New York investigating the immigration and deportation system, they reiterated they would not attend deportation hearings and would go on a hunger strike in addition. Three summonses to the dining-room were unanswered. Drinking water and oratory had been their only diet for 24 hours.

About a half dozen voluntarily attended hearings, but joined in the hunger strike. One attended a hearing, but refused to answer questions.

### GREAT METEOR FALLS INTO LAKE MICHIGAN

Lighthouse Attendant Tells of Seeing Great Ball of Fire as It Fell

Chicago, Ill.—Evidence that the great flare recently visible for a few seconds in portions of three states bordering southern Lake Michigan came from a huge meteor has been obtained.

A lighthouse attendant at Grand Haven, Mich., described the phenomenon as follows:

"What looked like a ball of fire appeared to fall in the lake about fifteen miles south of me. I thought it to be a falling star. In its rush downward at terrific speed I could clearly hear it whistle. When it seemed that it was striking the water a flash of flame shot into the air and caused a great disturbance."

### Know Your Own State

Dallas.—The Texas chamber of commerce has inaugurated a "Know Your Own State" propaganda intended to provide the people of Texas with information along these lines.

### Children Victims of Vaccine

Dallas.—Physicians of this city have reported two additional deaths from faulty diphtheria vaccine. This brings the total deaths in Dallas from the effects of the preventive inoculation to four.

### REPORTS SAY RAIL STRIKE IS PLANNED

MATTER IS SAID TO BE UNDER DISCUSSION BY BROTHERHOOD LEADERS

Chicago, Ill.—National leaders of the four great railway brotherhoods have held a secret session at which the insistence of many local unions that a general strike of all railway workers in the United States be called by Dec. 1 to enforce demands for a general increase in pay was given serious consideration, according to information obtained here from union railway men. It was said by one union official that many of the delegates who are now in Cleveland went there with the specific purpose of forcing the general committee to call the nation wide strike.

A similar announcement was made at the convention of the newly organized labor party here.

Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburgh and St. Louis were declared to have been among the cities whose locals were particularly insistent that a strike be called in view of recent governmental statements to the effect that general advances in the pay of railway workers could not be considered at this time.

The main demand of the railway men, as reported by union men here, is that of a general increase, independent of all overtime questions, in the rate of pay for firemen, engine-men and trainmen.

It was said that the secret conference would continue in Cleveland but that there was every assurance that nothing of a concrete nature would come from the discussions for several days.

Reports that national leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods in session at Cleveland are holding secret discussions as to whether a strike of railway workers in the United States should be called by Dec. 1, and which gained wide circulation and considerable credence in Chicago railway union circles, were denied by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and by Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen.

### TWENTY PERISH IN DANCE HALL FIRE

Fourteen Crushed to Death in Mad Scramble on Dance Hall Stairway

Ville Platte, La.—Twenty-eight persons are dead, victims of fire and the trampling feet of 300 terror-stricken fellow-dancers who sought in a mad rush the single small exit when they learned the dance hall here was in flames.

Fourteen were crushed to death when the narrow stairway leading from the dance hall collapsed, while a like number perished above in the flames.

Several mothers who were chaperoning their daughters saved 20 babies in a nursery room of the dance hall, but themselves perished, according to one report.

### SUPREME COUNCIL DISCUSSES QUITTING OF GERMAN ENTOYS

Decides to Send Note in Regard to Absence of Delegates to Peace Parley

Paris.—The supreme council has discussed the situation created by departure of the German delegates sent here to discuss methods for carrying out the terms of the peace treaty, and decided to send a note to Germany.

The council also decided that future negotiations between the Poles and Germany over boundary questions will be held in Paris.

Sir George Clark, head of the allied mission in Budapest, had notified the supreme council that a Hungarian coalition cabinet has been formed and that he is leaving Budapest.

### Deplores Exploit of Soldier-Poet

Rome.—The whole nation deplores the "irresponsible attitude" of Gabriele d'Annunzio, which "threatens to involve Italy in serious international complications," the Messagero declares.

### West Virginia Condition Improving

Charleston, W. Va.—Improved conditions in the non-union coal fields of southern West Virginia and prospects of additional mines opening tomorrow in the organized New River and Kanawha districts are reported.

### Army Food and Clothes on Way

Dallas.—Three car loads of food and clothing for the municipal store here have left San Antonio, according to reports received by Commissioner E. B. Reppert. Mr. Reppert could not say when the store will be opened, but the price lists are ready.

### No Decision on War Prohibition

Washington.—The supreme court has adjourned until Dec. 8, without announcing any decision as to constitutionality of war-time prohibition or the legality of 2.75 per cent beer.

### May Not Be Billy Dansey

Hammond, N. J.—County officials are investigating a theory that the skeleton found here may not be that of Billy Dansey, "perfect baby," for whom a nation-wide search was conducted after he disappeared Oct. 8.

### MEXICANS IGNORE AMERICAN NOTE

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NO INTIMATION THAT MEXICO WILL REPLY TO NOTE

Washington.—There is no word from the Mexican government in answer to the sharp note from the state department demanding the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla.

Officials are waiting for a note they thought might be handed them by the Mexican embassy here, in view of reports Sunday that long dispatch relating to the Jenkins case had reached the embassy from Mexico City.

But there is no reply and not even an intimation that the Mexican government had prepared its answer. So far as the state department was able to learn, Jenkins still was sick and in the Mexican penitentiary on charges that he had conspired with rebel bandits who kidnaped him to pay a ransom of approximately \$150,000.

The department is in constant communication with the American embassy in Mexico City and was advised that the cabinet had discussed the American note and called Governor Cabrera into conference regarding it. Governor Cabrera is a brother of Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury in Carranza's cabinet, and known to be one of the most bitter, anti-Americans in Mexico.

President Carranza has found the situation to be so acute that he has returned to Mexico City from Queretaro to take part in the consideration of the Jenkins case reports say.

Mexican officials have caused reports to be circulated that the government was amply justified in holding Jenkins. No report has been made to this government or its representatives, however, as to the nature of the evidence on which the American consular agent was locked up a second time.

### OIL TRAFFIC IS TO BE SUPERVISED FROM DALLAS

E. L. Brown, Expert in Transportation, Arrives and Goes to Fields

Dallas.—Establishment at Dallas of an office of regional supervisor of oil traffic, with jurisdiction over the oil regions of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, has been authorized by the United States railroad administration, according to advices received here from R. F. Bush of St. Louis, southwest regional director. The order establishing the office here has been issued with the approval of Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, and is effective immediately.

E. L. Brown, formerly of Denver, Col., has been appointed oil traffic supervisor and will maintain headquarters in Dallas. Mr. Brown, who is a recognized traffic official, has departed for Ranger and other points in the west Texas oil territory. He was accompanied by W. C. Staley of Kansas City, who has heretofore supervised oil traffic in the southwestern region, and J. A. Somerville, general manager of the Texas & Pacific railroad.

### BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS TWO AND INJURES SEVERAL

Accident at Gin in Roanoke Shatters Windows in Business Houses

Roanoke, Texas.—Clint Merritt, engineer, and Sam Segraves were killed in a boiler explosion at the Farmers' gin plant here Friday. A number of other persons were injured.

Glass doors and windows in several business houses were shattered from the explosion and pieces of timber and the boiler were blown about 300 yards from the scene of the accident.

The gin, which was valued at \$25,000, was wrecked, five dwellings were damaged and the Texas & Pacific railway station wrecked by flying timbers.

### State Railroad Is a "Jonah"

Austin, Texas.—The auditor of the railroad commission is now going over the books of the state railroad, which runs from Rusk to Palestine, a distance of 32 miles, and railroad commissioner Allison Mayfield said that the road is \$300,000 in debt to the state and increasing this debt at the approximate rate of \$25,000 a year. In his opinion, the best thing to do would be to junk the equipment.

### Fail to Make Election Returns

Austin, Texas.—Up to date 100 counties have failed to make returns to the secretary of state of the election on constitutional amendments. Included in the missing counties are Dallas, Bexar, Harris, El Paso, Grayson and Ellis. Of the larger counties, Tarrant is the only one reporting.

### Shriners Hold Ceremonial

Dallas.—More than 500 candidates were initiated Friday by Hella Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. There was plenty of amusement throughout the day for both novices and nobles.

### Bids Farewell to America

New York.—"Farewell and God-speed." This was the message echoed from thousands of throats along Riverside Drive as Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, steamed down the Hudson on the British battle cruiser Renown.

### Texas News

Lufkin has voted in favor of an issue of \$100,000 paving bonds.

Much land is being acquired in Hays County at present for oil development.

The attorney general has approved \$200,000 bonds for San Jacinto County Road District No. 4.

A car of new crop pecans, weighing 30,000 pounds, was shipped from Wharton to Eastern markets this week.

Construction has been started on a \$500,000 plant near Houston, having a daily capacity of 100 tons of sulphuric acid.

An election held at Center Point on the question of a \$65,000 bond issue for good roads resulted in a sweeping victory for good roads.

The sulphur mines at Matagorda at present have a capacity of 1,200 tons a day. The mines were discovered last spring while drillers were boring for oil.

In 1918 Texas led all states in the production of cotton. The acreage was about 11,000,000 acres of all types of soil, and produced cotton worth half a billion dollars.

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A decrease of 10 per cent in the number of preventative fatalities and injuries among employees of the seven larger railroad systems in Texas under federal control was attained during the national accident prevention drive, which began October 18 and ended October 31.

There are 59,356 licensed insurance agents in Texas, as shown by the records in the department of insurance and banking. They represent companies as follows: Fire, 29,531; miscellaneous, 21,161; life, 8,413, and fraternal, 191.

Taking the figures of November 1, the state highway department has granted state aid to the amount of \$2,462,195. Of this amount \$919,541 is covered by projects which have been specifically agreed upon, and the payments on account of state aid have totaled \$492,208.

The state game and fish department of Texas is greatly pleased at the observance of the game laws this season. Deputies state that there are few complaints of violation of the law and that it appears that the sportsmen have finally become aroused to the importance of complying with the statutes.

The state highway department has been advised by the war department that additional motor equipment is being sent to Texas for the benefit of the good road builders. Included in the allotment are 120 new Packard trucks, now located at Buffalo, 18 trucks now located at El Paso, 14 motorcycles, 20 miles of light portable industrial railway and a portable asphalt plant.

The war department does not contemplate the organization of a division of the national guard in Texas, according to information obtained Friday in connection with the annual report of the chief of the militia bureau. Texas now has six regiments of cavalry and three of infantry, with a paper strength of about 12,000 men and 347 officers, which is far beyond the state's quota.

The first permanent branch of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture, to be established in the Southwest, was opened at Dallas last week.

F. A. Mitchell, Marfa, Tex., won the grand championship on a carload of Hereford feeder cattle at Kansas City, Mo., last week. Of the 1,000 on display, practically all were from Texas. The cattle, viewed by hundreds of cattlemen from all over the West, were the subject of much favorable comment.

The entire available federal allotment for good roads in Texas has been set aside for the present—that is, until other appropriations are made, but the state highway commission has used extraordinary care to see that there has been no overstepping and every allotment which has been made will be paid as it is due. No further allotments will be made until there are other funds and the commission has no idea when this will be.

Governor Hobby recently reappointed the six members of the commission of appeals and their terms expire with the life of the law on June 30, 1921. The appointees are as follows: Section A, Leon Sonfield of Beaumont, presiding judge; Beeman Strong of Nacogdoches, and W. M. Taylor of Dallas, associate judges. Section B, J. T. Montgomery of Wichita Falls, presiding judge; S. P. Sadler of Gatesville, and James W. McCleendon of Austin, associate judges.

### KEEP IT HANDY

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## CHAPTER X—Continued.

"Seems to be a mighty populous river up this way, hey, Maps?" he remarked genially. "Castaways round every bend."

"What do you mean? Have you picked up others?"

"Certainly have. Hit a keelboat twenty miles below."

"A keelboat operated by steam?"

"Couldn't say as to that. Was it, Maps? The craft had gone down when I got on deck. Had four aboard, but we got 'em all off an' stowed 'em back there in the Texas. You better get along now and shuck those wet clothes."

The captain turned rather sharply away, and I was thrust through an open cabin door by the grasp of the mate before I could really sense the true meaning of this unexpected news. Maps paused long enough to gruffly indicate a coarse suit of clothes draped over a stool, and was about to retire without further words when I recovered sufficiently from the shock to halt him with a question:

"I suppose you saw those people picked up from the keelboat?"

"Sure; helped pull 'em aboard. A d—d queer combination, if you ask me; two nigger wenches, Joe Kirby an' a deputy sheriff from down St. Louee way."

"Two women, you say? Both negroes?"

"Well, that's what Joe said they was, an' I reckon he knew. However, one ov 'em looked ez white as anybody I ever saw. The deputy he tol' her same story—sed they both slaves that Kirby got from an of' plantation down below; some French name, it was. Seems like the two wenches had run away, an' the deputy had caught 'em, an' was a-taking 'em back. Kirby cum 'long ter help, bein' as how they belonged ter him."

"You knew Kirby, then?"

"H—l, ov course. Thar ain't many river men who don't, I reckon. What is it to you?"

"Nothing; it sounds like a strange story, that's all. I want to get this wet stuff off, and will be out on deck presently."

I was shivering with the cold, and lost no time shifting into the warm, dry clothing provided, spreading out my own soaked garments over the edge of the lower bunk, but careful first to remove my packet of private papers, which, wrapped securely in oiled silk, were not even damp. Fate had played a strange trick, and I knew not how best to turn it to advantage. One thing only was clear; whatever was to be accomplished I would have to do it alone—nowhere could I turn for help. In the first place Kirby undoubtedly had the law with him, and besides was among friends—those who would naturally believe him and were loyal to the institution of slavery. The very fact that this was a Memphis boat we were on precluded any possibility that the crew would sympathize with a nigger-stealer. Nor could I anticipate any assistance from without. Steamboats were few and far between on these northern waters, and at this time, if the report of war was true, everything afloat would be headed upstream, laden with troops and provisions. That the report was true I had no doubt. The probability of an outbreak was known before I left Fort Armstrong; the crisis had come earlier than expected, that was all.

This, then, was the situation—through an odd intervention of Providence here we were all together on this steamer, which was steadily

turning its way northward, every turn of the wheel bearing us deeper into the wilderness. The chances were that we should thus be aboard for several days; certainly until we encountered some other boat bound downstream, which would accept us as passengers. Meanwhile what should I do? How escape observation? How reach Rene, without encountering Kirby? The answer was not an easy one. The deputy would not know me, for I had never been seen by him. Kirby believed me dead, yet might recognize me in spite of that conviction

if we met face to face. Still, would he? The daring hope that he might not come to me in a flash. Might it not be possible to so disguise myself as to become unnoticed? I sprang up to stare at my features in the small mirror hanging over the washstand. The face which confronted me in surprise was almost a strange one even to my eyes. Instead of the smart young soldier, smoothly shaven, with closely trimmed hair, and rather carefully attired, as I had appeared on board the Warrior, the glass reflected a bearded face, the skin visibly roughened and reddened by exposure, the hair ragged and uncombed. Even to my view there remained scarcely a familiar feature—the look of razor and shears, the exposure to sun and water, the days of sickness and neglect, had all helped to transform me into a totally different appearing person from what I had formerly been; the officer and gentleman had, by the mystery of environment, been changed into the outward semblance of a river roustabout. Nor was this all. The new character was emphasized by the clothes I wore—far too large to fit; also the texture and color, not to mention the dirt and grease, speaking loudly of a rough life and the vicissitudes of poverty. The metamorphosis was complete; so complete that I laughed aloud, assured by that one glance that the gambler, confident that I was dead, would never by any possibility recognize me in this guise, or while habilitated in such nondescript garments.

But the girl—Rene? And so this was how I had appeared to her. No wonder she questioned me; doubted my first explanation. I had approached her confident that my appearance as a gentleman would awaken her trust; I had felt myself to be a most presentable young man, in whom she must instantly repose faith. Yet this had not been true at all—instead I came to her with the outward bearing of a worthless vagabond, a stubble-bearded outcast. And yet she had trusted me; would trust me again. More: she could never be deceived, or fail to recognize my presence aboard if she had the freedom of the deck. Kirby might be deceived, but not Rene. If I could only plan to meet with her first alone, the peril of her recognition would not be extreme.

But I must also figure upon the other woman. Who could she be? Not Eloise Beaucaire surely, for the mate had only mentioned one of the two as being sufficiently white to be noticeable. That one would surely be Rene, and it was scarcely probable that Eloise, with no drop of negro blood in her veins, could appear colored. Perhaps this second woman was Della, the quadroon mother. But if so how did she chance to fall alone into Kirby's clutches? Was she aboard the keelboat, locked below in the cabin, when it rumbled into us? If she had been captured at Shrunks' camp during their murderous raid, what had become of her companion? Where was Eloise Beaucaire? The harder I sought to straighten out this mystery the more involved it became.

With every additional glance at the face reflected by the mirror my confidence strengthened in the ability to encounter Kirby and pass unrecognized. Convinced as he undoubtedly was of my death in the black waters of the river he could not possibly imagine my presence aboard the Adventurer, while my personal appearance was so utterly changed as to suggest to his mind no thought of familiarity. The conditions were all in my favor. I was smiling grimly at this conceit, well pleased at the chance thus afforded me, when the stateroom door was suddenly flung open and the hairy face of the mate thrust within.

"I reckon yer better tote them wet duds down ter the boiler room," he said gruffly, "an' then git sum grub. Likely 'nough yer wouldn't mind eatin' a bit. Be yer a river man?"

"I've never worked on a steamboat, if that is what you mean."

"No; well, I reckoned not, but the captain he thought maybe yer had. I tol' him yer didn't talk like no steamer hand. Howsumever, we're almighty short o' help aboard, an' maybe yer'd like a job ter help pay yer way?"

My fingers involuntarily closed on some loose goldpieces in my pocket, but a sudden thought halted me. Why not? In what better way could I escape discovery? As an employee of the boat I would go about the decks unsuspected and unnoticed. Kirby would never give me a second thought or glance, while the opportunity thus afforded of speaking to Rene and being of service to her would be immeasurably increased. I withdrew my hand, swiftly deciding my course of action.

"I suppose I might as well earn a bit," I admitted, hesitatingly. "Only I had about decided I'd enlist if the war was still going on when we got up there."

"That'll be all right. We'll keep yer busy till then, enyhow. Go on down below now an' eat, an' when yer git through climb up the ladder an' report ter me. What'll I call yer?"

"Steve."

"Steve—hey; sorter handy man, ain't yer?"

"Well, I've done a little of everything in my time. I'm not afraid to work."

During most of the remaining hours of the morning the mate kept me employed below, in company with a number of others of the crew, in sorting over the miscellaneous cargo, which had evidently been very hastily loaded. The work was hard and dirty, and after a few hours of it I must have looked my assumed part to perfection. The overseer gave me a hat which added little to my personal appearance, and by the time we were called to knock off or the noon meal I was thoroughly tired and disgusted, feeling as much a roustabout as I certainly looked.

The meal was served on an unplaned plank, the ends resting on kegs in front of the boilers. I was still busily munching away on the coarse, poorly cooked food when Maps, prowling about, chanced to spy me among the shadows.

"Hullo; is that you, Steve?" he asked gruffly. "Well, when yer git done eatin' I got another job fer yer on deck. Yer hear me?"

I signified that I did, and indeed was even then quite ready to go, my heart throbbing at this opportunity to survey other sections of the boat. I followed him eagerly up the ladder, and ten minutes later was busily employed with scrubbing brush and a bucket of water, in an endeavor to improve the outward appearance of the paint of the upper deck. I was engaged busily scraping at the dingy paint of the pilot house, when a negro, evidently a cook, from his dress, came up from the lower deck, bearing a tray well laden with food in one hand, and disappeared aft. He did not even notice my presence or glance about, but I instantly shrank back out of sight, for I became immediately conscious that someone was closely following him. This second man proved to be one of the fellows in civilian clothing I had previously noticed at the table below, a tall, sallow individual, attired in a suit of brown jeans, his lean, cracker face ornamented by a grizzled bunch of thin whiskers.

"Yer wait a minute thar, Jim," he called out, "till I unlock that thar door. I ain't ter kind that takes chances with no nigger."

I recognized the peculiar voice instantly, for I had listened to that lazy drab; before while hidden in the darkness beneath the Beaucaire veranda—the fellow was Tim, the deputy sheriff from St. Louis. The negro rested his tray on the rail, while the white man fumbled through his pockets for a key, finally locating it and inserting the instrument into the lock of the second cabin from the stern. I heard no words exchanged with anyone within, but the negro pushed the tray forward without entering, sliding it along the deck, while Tim, evidently satisfied that his charges were quite safe, promptly relocked and locked the door, returning the key to the security of his pocket. After staring a moment over the rail at the shore past which we were gliding he disappeared after the negro down the ladder. Eager as I certainly was to make the poor girl aware of my presence on board, the chance of being seen, and my purpose suspected by others, restrained me. Besides as yet I had no plan of rescue; nothing to suggest.

Even as I hesitated, industriously scrubbing away at the paint, Kirby and the captain appeared suddenly, pausing a moment at the head of the ladder in friendly conversation. Parting at last, with a hearty laugh over some joke exchanged between them, the latter ascended the steps to the pilot house, while the gambler turned aft, still smiling, a cigar between his lips. I managed to observe that he paused in front of the second cabin, as though listening for some sound within, but made no attempt to enter, passing on to the door beyond, which was unlocked. He must have come to the upper deck on some special mission, for he was out of my sight scarcely a moment, returning immediately to the deck below. This occurrence merely served to make clearer in my mind the probable situation—the after cabin was undoubtedly occupied by Kirby, perhaps in company with the deputy; while next to them, securely locked away and helpless to escape, were confined the two slave women. In order to reach them I must operate under the cover of darkness, and my only hope of being free to work, even then, lay in the faith that the gambler might become so involved in a card game below as to forget his caution. So far as Tim was concerned I felt perfectly capable of outwitting him; but Kirby was dangerous.

CHAPTER XI.

The Story of Elsie Clark.

The next two hours dragged dreadfully slow, in spite of my pretense at steady work, and the fact that my thoughts were continuously occupied.

A cautious whisper, sounding almost

at my very ear, caused me to glance up quickly, startled at the unexpected sound. I could perceive nothing, although I instantly felt convinced that whispering voice had issued from between the narrow slats defending the small stateroom window. No one was in sight along the deck, and the rag I was wielding hung limp in my hand.

"Who was it that spoke?" I ventured, the words barely audible.

"Ah did—the prisoner in the stateroom. Have both those men gone?"

"Yes; I am here alone. You are a woman? You are Rene Beaucaire?"

"No. Ah am not her; but Ah know whar Rene Beaucaire is."

"You know? Tell me first who you are."

"Elsie Clark. Ah am a mulatto, a free negress. Ah bin helpin' Massa Shrunk, an' cookin' fer him. Yer know what it was what happened down thar?"

"I know part of it, at least—that Shrunk has been killed. I was at Shrunk's cabin and found the bodies. Tell me exactly what occurred there."

"Whut's yer name?"

"Steven Knox; I am a soldier. Rene must have told you about me."

"No, sah; she never done tol' me nuthin'. Ah didn't much mor' see her enyhow, fur as that goes."

"Not see her! Then she is not confined there with you?"

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"But there was another woman on the keelboat when it was sunk—a prisoner also. Surely you must have seen her," I insisted.

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"Yes," I said soberly. "I am; and, if I can find any chance to help you, I am going to do it, Elsie. Don't talk any more—the captain is just coming out of the pilot house."

As greatly as this brief, hastily whispered conversation had served to clear up certain puzzling matters in my mind, the total result of the information thus imparted by Elsie Clark only rendered the situation more complex and puzzling. Evidently the other prisoner had not been confined on the upper deck, but had been more securely hidden away below, where her presence on board would better escape detection. For what purpose? A sinister one, beyond all doubt—the expression of a vague fear in Kirby's heart that, through some accident, her identity might be discovered, and his plans disarranged. I comprehended the part he intended Eloise Beaucaire to play in his future, and realized that he cared more to gain possession of her, to get her into his power, than he did to obtain control of the slave. This knowledge helped me to understand the predicament which this revelation put him into, and how desperately he would strive to retain the upper hand. If, in very truth, she was Judge Beaucaire's white daughter, and could gain communication with others of her class, bringing to them proof of her identity, there would be real men enough on board the Adventurer to rally to her support. We were already sailing through free territory, and even now he held on to his slaves rather through courtesy than law. Once it was whispered that one of these slaves was white, the daughter of a wealthy planter, stolen by force, the game would be up.

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 Deposits Dec. 8, 1919, . . \$234,094.92

The above Statement shows the wonderful growth this Bank has enjoyed. We wish to thank our customers for their patronage that enabled us to make this splendid showing. Let us all pull together for a bigger and better Lynn County.

Watch West Texas Grow!

The  
**Guaranty State Bank,**

"THE BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE."

Tahoka,

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For Quick Sale List Your  
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Tahoka,

Texas

## Your Prosperity Is Important to this Bank

WE WANT EVERY MEMBER  
 OF THIS COMMUNITY TO  
 PROSPER—

Even though you may do no  
 business with us direct, your  
 prosperity is an advantage to  
 the community and consequently  
 to us.

If we can help, with advice or  
 service, please remember that we  
 are cheerfully at your command.

You may correctly count us  
 YOUR FRIEND.

## The First Nat'l. Bank

SAFETY, SERVICE, SECURITY

A Bank Whose Resources are for the Benefit of its Customers.

Tahoka, Texas

## IT IS STRANGE

"It is strange that a newspaper man should be compelled to solicit advertising, or give arguments for its use," remarked one who knows what he is talking about. Funny isn't it, that a man who thinks he is a business man will get up in the morning from an advertised mattress, shave himself with an advertised razor, using advertised soap, take off his advertised pajamas and put on advertised underwear, a advertised hose, shirt, tie and an advertised suit, seat himself at the table and eat advertised breakfast food, drink advertised coffee or substitute, put on an advertised hat, light an advertised cigar, go to his place or business where he turns down the advertising solicitor or salesman on the ground that advertising does not pay—strange indeed. —Longview Times Clarion.

Did you miss your copy of the News last week? Many delinquent subscribers were cut off in an effort to put our subscription list on a cash in advance basis. If you expect to receive the weekly visits of this paper your date must be marked in advance. The time has come when no publisher can send out a free list and expect to keep his bank account above the "overdrawn" mark. Make an effort to send in the amount necessary to keep the Lynn County News coming your way.

FOR SALE 225 head of high grade cattle, including 5 registered bulls. Priced right. Would like to lease 7-section pastur; nice home and 100-acre farm. Ranch 17 miles west of Plains, Texas. H. H. Harris, Bronco, Texas.

We now have a full stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries. H. M. Anthony Cash Grocery. Phone 91. 141t

FOR SALE—Good Dodge car. Worth the money. Write or see I. S. Doak, Tahoka, Texas. 12tf

FOR SALE—Five shares Guaranty Bank stock at par. Apply at this office. 8tf

If we haven't got what you want, we will get it for you. We sell on a cash basis only. Phone 91. 141t

FOR SALE—Dodge Touring car; in good running order. Price \$500.00. J. B. Miles, O'Donnell, Texas. 141t

POSTED Positively no hunting allowed in my pasture 2 miles south of town. Offenders will be prosecuted. C. W. Slover. 138tr

Buy a couple of Dollars worth from Anthony, and he'll deliver the goods. Phone 91. 141t

Become a News subscriber.

## Bargain Days Close Dec. 15

If you intend to read the Star-Telegram next year you will have to get your subscription in before December 15th, unless you want to pay at the regular rate of \$9.00 per year. Until December 15th the News man is prepared to take your subscription at the rate of \$6.50 for the Daily and Sunday; or \$5.00 for the daily without the Sunday edition. It has been the custom in the past years to extend this offer until the first of the year, but the Star-Telegram managers assure us that such will not be the case this year, and to get the benefit of bargain days the subscriber must get his subscription in before midnight, December 15th. Give your subscription to the Lynn County News man and we will do the rest.

Buy your Christmas goods from Tahoka merchants, and especially do we ask you to patronize those who advertise their wares in the News columns. They want your business and are spending their money in asking for it. Trade with News advertisers, who stand back of their wares.

Our supply of coal is going fast since real winter set in. Besides our big western trade, people from Dawson and Lynn counties have been here after coal, some as far away as Lamesa. —Brownfield Herald.

Several Mexicans arrived on the afternoon train Tuesday to help gather the Lynn county cotton crop.

For results place an advertisement in the News each week. It pays.

If we please you tell us. If we don't tel a- phone 91. 141t

Extra copies of the News are 5c each.

The vacant houses in Tahoka are all being occupied. New people are arriving on every train to make Lynn county their home. Prosperity is in evidence on every hand.

The members of the Christian church have recently purchased a lot in the north part of the city on which to move the building bought for the purpose of remodeling into a house of worship.

Miss Birdie Doak, of O'Donnell, was a visitor in Tahoka Wednesday, coming in on the northbound train.

Lynn County News, \$1.50

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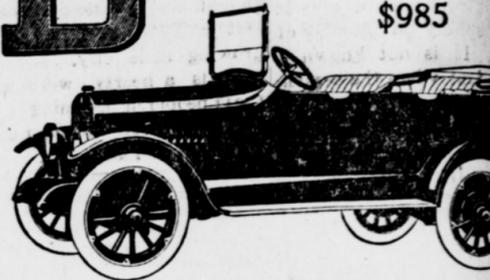
## Sanitary Barber Shop

I. S. DOAK, Proprietor

# DORT

Quality Goes Clear Through

TOURING CAR  
 \$985



No matter how impressed you may be with your Dort when you purchase it you have a far higher opinion of the car six months or a year later.

It is when you look back over the daily record of its service for a long period that you completely appreciate the value of your investment.

The finest qualities of the Dort reveal themselves only in actual service. It maintains its even performance and riding comfort.

It registers the same high mileage per gallon of gasoline and quart of oil month after month.

It stays "tuned up" and sweet running. That is why the Dort stands so well with its owners.

### PRICES

Touring Car	\$ 985
Roadster	985
Fourseason Sedan	1535
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Wire Wheels and spare tires extra

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We Carry a Full Line of Parts for these Cars. Columbia Storage Batteries. Service Station.

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What is more appropriate for a Christmas Gift than a nice piece of Jewelry? Our stock is positively new and splendidly assorted with a wide variety of most up-to-date styles at prices convincingly low.

In variety and quality our line is without an equal.

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Will help you to quickly and delightfully finish your Christmas lists. Not only in many instances will the Christmas gifts you select be practical and useful, but beautiful and ornamental, and will be welcomed by the recipient in a mood of appreciation that other gifts would fail to arouse. Here are some of the many nice things you will find in our store that will make appropriate presents for Mother, Father, Sister or Brother: Silverware, Aluminumware, Percolators; Baking Dishes, Cut Glass, Jewelry of all kinds, Fountain Pens, Tiffany Never-winding Clocks, China, French Ivory, Fancy Stationery, Purses, Toys of every description, Kewpie and Tiss-Me Dolls, Tea Wagons, Army Trucks and Windmills, in fact anything one might wish to find in a first-class General Merchandise Store.

JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF WRIST WATCHES.

# THE McCORMACK STORE,

"The House of Honest Prices and One Price to All."

TAHOKA, TEXAS

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