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NACADOCHES SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHOT

MARINES PREPARE FOR DETERMINED ATTACK ON REBEL FORCE

POSITION OF SANDINO IS BOMBED BY PLANES

Think Rebel Forces Number About 1,000 Men

By United Press.
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 4.—United States Marines after a terrific bombing attack by airplanes massed today for an attempt to storm the position of the strongly entrenched rebel General Augusto Sandino.

The attack probably will be made tomorrow.

Sandino with a well-trained force estimated at 1,000 men held a strong position at El Chipote in the mountains of the Occotal region.

The marines under Lieutenant Moses J. Gould were operating out of Quilali 15 miles away which they captured last Friday.

Marine planes bombed the rebel positions unceasingly Monday and yesterday. It was believed they had done heavy damage.

No further casualties were reported to Col. Louis M. Gulick in command of marine headquarters here since the fighting at Quilali in which six marines were killed and 28 wounded.

Attachments For Witnesses Issued In Robbery Trial

Assistant District Attorney Sterling Holloway this morning filed with the district clerk an affidavit for attachments for Sam Fox, Mrs. Sam Fox, Chester Duffield, Mrs. Chester Duffield, Joe Duffield, Mrs. Josephine Herron, Francis Herron, Claud Edwards, Dr. J. T. Vick, Roy Duffield, Leon Harkey, Mrs. Leon Harkey, Harold Herron and Cecil Bldsoe, as witnesses in the case of the State of Texas vs. Marshall Ratliff, charged with murder, robbery with fire arms and theft in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank of Cisco.

The assistant district attorney, in his affidavit, stated that it was his belief that should the witnesses be released they would absent themselves from the county. The attachments were issued.

All of the parties named in the assistant district attorney's application for attachments, had been held under attachments to appear before the Eastland county grand jury.

The bonds of the various witnesses attached were fixed at \$1,000 each. None of them had given bond this morning and the entire number are now in the Eastland county jail.

Steamer Reported Sunk In Black Sea With 250 Aboard

By United Press.
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The steamer Ogoza, carrying 250 persons went down in the Black Sea, dispatches from Constanza said today.

An unconfirmed dispatch said all aboard had been drowned, including 50 students.

The dispatches said the Ogoza sprang a leak in a heavy storm and sank before the passengers could reach the boats.

Other steamers arrived after the disaster.

The United Press had no direct confirmation of the sinking of the Ogoza.

HEFLIN RESOLUTION WOULD RECALL TROOPS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A resolution asking immediate withdrawal of troops in Nicaragua was introduced in the senate today by Senator Heflin of Alabama. It was referred to the committee on foreign relations by request of chairman Borah.

Heflin's resolution called the marine invasion an "act of imperial tyranny."

BLEASE INTRODUCES ARMY AND NAVY BILL

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Hanford MacNider, resigned as assistant secretary of war today and President Coolidge sent the nomination of another Iowan, Charles Burton Robbins to the senate as his successor.

Informing the president that he wished to return to private business MacNider asked to be relieved of his duties on January 12.

NEW BANK MAY BE OPENED IN RANGER SOON

W. J. Moore of Llano, Well Known Banker-Rancher, Plans New Institution

That plans are afoot for the establishment of a new bank in Ranger, is the belief of practically all of the Ranger merchants and citizens.

W. J. Moore, president and majority stock holder of the Moore State Bank of Llano has been in Ranger the last two days investigating the financial condition of Ranger and visiting the majority of merchants in the city in the interest of establishing a new bank.

Mr. Moore today refused to say whether or not he would charter a new Ranger institution but did say that it was very likely that he would.

"I can't say just now whether or not I will establish a new bank," he said, "but I have been here for two days investigating the feasibility of such a project and it looks at the present that it is very likely."

Mr. Moore is a well known West Texas banker and former rancher, and is known in banking circles throughout Texas.

Mr. Moore, in company with Mr. Fred Dierhoffer of Ranger, has called upon the chamber of commerce, business firms and prominent citizens in the last two days, investigating the practicability of another bank for Ranger.

Although Mr. Moore did admit that he was here in the interest of financing another banking institution he did not make public any of his plans relative to capitalization or organization.

He will remain in Ranger for two or three more days and will make a further statement regarding the bank before he leaves.

Pastor Eastland Baptist Church Called to Taylor

Rev. W. J. Nelson, for the past six years pastor of the First Baptist church in Eastland, has resigned that position and has accepted a similar place with the First Baptist church of Taylor. He has gone to Taylor, but will not move his family there until after the mid-term examinations in the Eastland public schools on the account of his children being in school.

Rev. Mr. Nelson came to Eastland from Gorman where he had served as pastor of the Baptist church. His successor as pastor of the Eastland church has not been announced.

The First Baptist church of Eastland made great progress during the time that Rev. Mr. Nelson has been its leader. When he came as its pastor the church was heavily in debt due to the fact that plans had been made to sell the property on which the church is located and build on other property that had been purchased. The slump in the oil boom came just at that time and the deal selling the old church property was never consummated, leaving the congregation under obligation to pay for the property it had purchased together with paying bills, etc., aggregating some \$15,000. This and all other debts of the church have been paid off.

From the standpoint of membership the First Baptist church, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Nelson, has been equally successful, there being a material increase each year that he was its pastor.

Prominent members of the church are authority for the statement that the church is now out of debt and that plans are now underway for the erection of a new house of worship, actual construction on which is expected to be started sometime during the present year.

Rev. Mr. Nelson and his splendid family have greatly endeared themselves to the people of Eastland and this section and it is with regret that they are leaving.

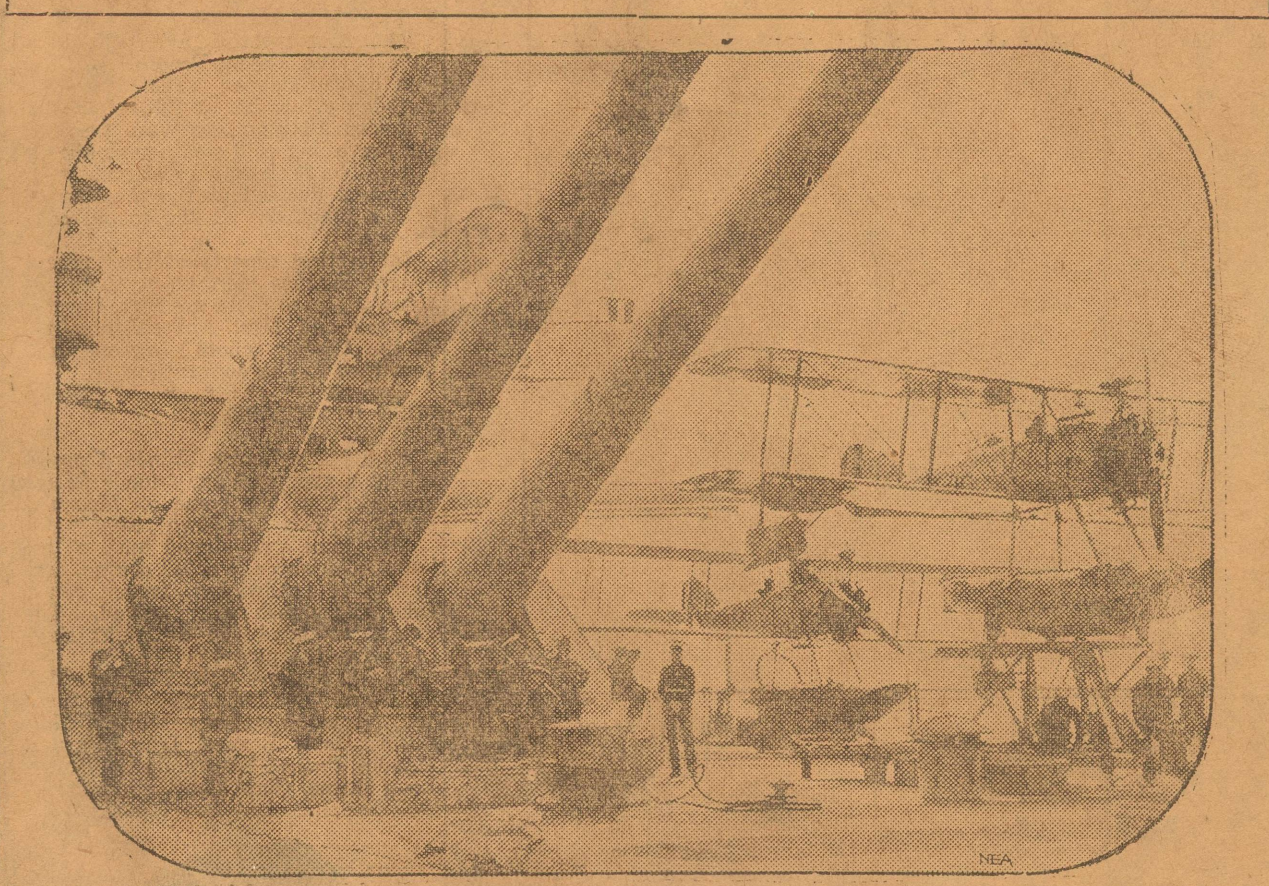
The pulpit committee of the First Baptist church, which has charge of securing another pastor for the church has invited a number of prominent ministers to preach for the Eastland congregation and shortly will expect to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Nelson.

MACNIDER RESIGNS WAR DEPARTMENT

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The Eyes of the Navy on the Alert



The eyes of the navy—great seaplanes like those pictured above—are to take an interesting part in the Pacific maneuvers. The huge guns of the U. S. S. California, shown here are the hands that follow the eyes.

Ranger City Commission Considers Request For Increase In Gas Rates

New Officers For Eastland County Boy Scouts Named

At the annual meeting of Eastland County Boy Scouts at the Eastland country club Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Alex. Clark, Eastland, president; L. A. Carter, Cisco, vice president; W. W. Housewright, Ranger, treasurer; Joseph M. Weaver, Eastland, representative to National council; Rev. H. B. Johnson, Ranger, commissioner; John M. Thurman, Ranger, chairman committee on leadership and training; Walter Harwell, Ranger, chairman committee on troop organization; S. M. Sellers, Rising Star, chairman committee on civic service; Charles G. Gray, Cisco, chairman finance committee; Joseph M. Perkins, Eastland, chairman camping committee; E. P. Crawford, Cisco, chairman court of honor; T. C. Williams, Cisco, chairman reading committee; Walker I. Clark, Eastland, chairman publicity committee; S. E. Singleton, Carbon, chairman Lone Star division.

Reports from County Scout Executives Guy N. Quill and Mr. Gray, showed splendid progress during the past year, with total enrollment of 234 registered boy scouts in the county. Organization of troops are now being effected in Rising Star, Pioneer and Gorman.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Housewright and Mr. Quill were given special commendation for their interest and work for the organization.

COMPANY ASKS PERMISSION TO HIKE RATE 10c

Request Is For Increase For Six Months Period, When Rate Reverts Back As Present

The Ranger city commission, at its regular weekly meeting last night at the city hall, received a statement of facts and figures from representatives of the Texas-Louisiana Power company, relative to raising the price of gas in Ranger for a six months period, but decision on the plea was postponed until the meeting next Tuesday night.

W. L. Barrett, district manager, and M. B. Armer, local manager of the company, appeared before the commission with figures to support their statement that the company had operated in Ranger at a loss in 1927, and asked to be allowed to raise the price on consumption of gas for a six months period.

The present rate of gas is sixty cents per one thousand feet, with a \$2.00 minimum. The company asks that they be allowed to raise the price of household gas ten cents a thousand, which would make the price seventy cents per 1000 feet, with the minimum remaining stationary. The industrial gas rate would

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Good Will Flyers From Houston On Way to Mexico

By United Press.
HOUSTON, Jan. 4.—Two Ryan monoplane today were speeding toward Mexico City bearing good will delegates from Texas.

A stop was planned at Brownsville and the pilots expected to reach their goal by late afternoon.

The first plane piloted by Captain Frank Hawks took off from the municipal airport here at 7:04 a. m. The second plane with R. L. Robbins of Dallas at the stick took off at 7:15 a. m.

Each plane carried three passengers.

CHORPUS CHRISTI, Jan. 4.—

Frank Hawks, monoplane carrying a good will delegation from Houston to Mexico City was sighted over Corpus Christi at 8:50 a. m.

The second plane passed over here at 9:20 a. m.

By United Press.
BROWNSVILLE, Jan. 4.—The good will flyers from Houston are on the second leg of their flight to Mexico City. The first Ryan monoplane, "Port of Houston" piloted by Frank Hawks landed here at 10:10 a. m. today. The second ship landed at 10:40 a. m. They took off just after 11 o'clock on the hop to Tampico. They expected to arrive there about 1 p. m.

Suggest Limit At Trial of Men For Robbery

Due to the limited space in the 88th district court room in the Eastland county courthouse, where the men charged with murder and robbery with fire arms in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank of Cisco on December 3rd, are to be tried it has been suggested that the attendance be as large as is anticipated the doors of the court room be closed when all seats were occupied in order that the trial could proceed without hindrance such as would be almost certain if the room was badly overcrowded.

With all the extra seats that could be placed in the 88th district court room space is available for only about 350 or 400 people, whereas thousands will likely desire to attend the trial.

If the courtroom is overcrowded progress of the trial would necessarily be slowed down as attorneys, the court and court officials would be working under difficulties. And again, in trials like these, one never knows what is going to happen that might cause serious injury to innocent people. Furthermore the Eastland county courthouse has been condemned as being unsafe for large audiences.

The suggestion of limiting attendance at the trial has not come from the court or any officials, but from citizens who know the situation.

Negro Trusty At Albany Sets All Prisoners Free

Word was received by Chief of Police Jim Ingram, Ranger, this morning that a wholesale jail delivery had taken place at the Shackelford county jail at Albany.

The sheriff told Chief Ingram that a negro trusty, who had been placed in charge of the confined men, went from door to door and allowed the prisoners to withdraw from their cells, and that he followed soon afterwards.

Chief Ingram was asked to be on the lookout for any of the men. One of the men, a Mexican, has his home in Ranger.

Three of the escaped prisoners returned today of their own accord, but no trace has been found of the others.

EUROPEAN CHURCHMAN TALKS IN RANGER TONIGHT

J. L. Neal, one of the foremost European churchmen and known the world over, will lecture tonight at the First Christian church, Ranger, at 7:30 o'clock.

All of the churches of Ranger are co-operating with the Christian church.

Senate Passes Norris Bill To Change Session

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The joint resolution of senator Norris changing the date for congressional sessions and presidential inaugurations was passed by the senate today. The vote was 65 to 6.

The resolution, if passed by the house will do away with short "lame duck" sessions of congress and shorten the time between election and the start of service by congressmen, the president and vice president.

RANGER PEOPLE WARNED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

R. F. Holloway, acting chairman of the tree and rose committee, has announced that no nursery has been authorized to accept exclusive orders from Ranger citizens.

Mr. Holloway said that a certain nursery had representatives in Ranger soliciting orders and stating that the committee had appointed them as exclusive agents for Ranger, on behalf of the planting campaign now on.

"The representation is purely false," said Mr. Holloway, "and the public should know that the committee has appointed no separate nursery as exclusive agent."

MOTHER TO TESTIFY FOR HICKMAN

Another Important Witness Will be Former Police Chief of Kansas City.

By United Press.
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—The mother of William Edward Hickman will be called to testify for her son in his fight to escape the gallows for the kidnapping and murder of Marion Parker, Jerome Walsh, defense attorney revealed today.

Walsh said the mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman of Kansas City would be questioned as a witness to bring out abnormality in Hickman's environment as a boy and his mental condition.

This evidence will be sought to bolster up his plea of not guilty by reason of insanity when the murder case is called for trial January 25.

A witness of almost equal importance in the attempt to prove that the youth was insane when he committed the crime will be Charles Edwards, former chief of police of Kansas City, Walsh said.

Walsh intends to leave Los Angeles tomorrow to begin the task of taking depositions of friends, relatives and acquaintances of Hickman and the Hickman family.

May Establish Air Mail From U. S. to Mexico

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Postmaster General New announced today he has opened negotiations with Mexican postal authorities for establishing air mail service between the United States and Mexico City.

He said the flight of Col. Lindbergh from Washington to Mexico City showed both countries the feasibility of such service.

Three of Tanker Crew Freeze As Ship Hits Reef

By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Italian tanker Clituanu with a crew of 35, broke in two on a reef near Constanza in the Black Sea, a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bucharest said today.

The Clituanu lost her direction in a snow storm and piled up on the reef which was only 600 yards off shore.

Three of the crew were frozen to death.

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REPORTS SAY SHERIFF MAY NOT LIVE

Had Waged Relentless Warfare Against Bootleggers

By United Press.
NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Jan. 4.—Mystery surrounding the shooting of Sheriff T. G. Vaught, 50, and deputy Carl Butler, 48, early today grew deeper as the sheriff fought for his life in a hospital without regaining consciousness.

Butler refused to make a statement on the shooting other than that the pair were ambushed. He had gone to the home of Sheriff Vaught about 1 a. m., and the two were returning to the Butler home two miles south of Nacogdoches. The shooting took place as they neared the house.

Sheriff Vaught was rushed to a hospital and placed on the operating table with a bullet through his abdomen. Butler's arm was fractured by a bullet.

The sheriff, widely known for his relentless war on bootleggers throughout the county, had been in office here for about five years. Butler has been his deputy for four years.

No hope was held for the sheriff's recovery.

Evidence Shows Bribe Documents Are Forgeries

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Evidence of international handwriting experts that the Hearst Mexican documents are forgeries was introduced before the senate investigating committee today by John DeFord, Hearst attorney and the committee set out to determine identity of the forgers.

DeFord's sensational admission of the spurious character of "documents" published by newspapers of William Randolph Hearst, some of them purporting to show a Mexican plot to bring four United States senators came at the outset of today's hearing.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN TEXAS IN CHAOTIC STATE

Democrats At Sea On National Slate, Aspirants For Governor Wait On Moody Decision

By CORDON K. SHEARER (United Press Staff Correspondent).
AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—Texas enters the "presidential year" with its politics in chaotic state.

For both Democrats and Republicans the situation is unsettled.

The Republican situation is simpler than that of the Democrats. It centers only on the fight for delegates to the national convention to name the candidates for president; and vice president.

Harry Wurzbach of Seguin, lone Republican congressman from Texas, and National Committeeman Rene Creager will have an opportunity to fight out the leadership of the party in Texas as a result of President Coolidge's withdrawal. That leaves it an open fight. Which ever picks the winner will be the Republican boss of Texas.

Heretofore Creager has held state control but even with Creager's backing no one has been able to shake Wurzbach's control in the fourteenth district. This time Wurzbach will have the support of F. E. Scooby, ex-director of the mint and formerly aligned with the Creager-Nolte forces in opposition to Wurzbach.

The Democratic politicians have a more complicated year ahead of them. The presidential matter will only have a good start in the May precinct primaries when Democrats will be plunged into the senatorial, gubernatorial and local races.

Governor Moody, who has been on repeated hunting trips accompanied by some of his tried political advisors, still maintains silence on his plans. "When I make a statement it will be to the whole state," he said recently to newspaper men who tried to force an expression from him.

A try for a place on the national ticket, candidacy for the United States senate and candidacy for a second term as governor are his possibilities to remain in politics. Some think he will eschew them all, rest on his laurels as the youngest governor and resume law practice.

Moody May Retire

Another term as governor would mean much to his friends and little to him. The system by which six year appointments are possible to some of the state's most desirable positions gives a governor an opportunity to put his friends in good berths from which successors cannot remove them. Present office holders in two year terms are also anxious for Moody to take another term which will assure them two years more.

For him personally it would end his second term at a time with nothing else open politically. The next senatorial race would be against Morris Sheppard. Any issue between Moody and Sheppard would be difficult to find upon which to stage a successful campaign. Financially a second term means considerable loss. Even with the strenuous efforts made by the governor and Mrs. Moody to live within the \$4000 salary, Moody finds it can't be done.

If he decides to run for the senate, Senator Mayfield seems to be the one he will have to attempt to beat.

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THE FARM HANDICAP

Probably the greatest hindrance to successful farming in this or any other section of Texas is the fact that too much of what is produced on the farm is mortgaged long before it is produced. We do not refer here to the regular farm mortgage, the mortgage on the land, but to the mortgage on the farm crop, farm animals and farming machinery.

It is a regrettable fact that before the first day of the new year the entire 1928 crops of many farms in Eastland county were already mortgaged. Not only were the crops mortgaged but the farm animals and their increase were mortgaged as well and in addition farm machinery was often included. In several instances even the chickens and turkeys on the farm were included in the blanket mortgage.

To expect a farmer to succeed under a handicap of this kind is little short of foolish. In a case of this kind the farmer owns absolutely nothing. Even his chickens, hogs, horses, mules, milk cows, belong to someone else. It certainly must be an optimistic farmer who has the heart and courage to work very hard under conditions like these.

The future must of necessity look rather dull to the man on the farm who doesn't own the stock he feeds and uses and who also has his entire crop for the next year mortgaged.

We don't know anything about farming, therefore we have no suggestion to make that might remedy the situation. But we do know that there are some farmers in Eastland county who own all their farm stock, their farm machinery and do not have anything like a mortgage on their next season's crop. The farmer who is plastered from head to foot with mortgages can't be expected to do much under those conditions. He might be able to improve his condition by studying the methods of the successful farmer. He might be able to get some suggestions from the county agricultural agent and his wife might be able to get some pointers from the home demonstration agent. These may help some.

We do know that a farmer who is hobbled every year from the first of January to the thirty-first of December with a mortgage on everything on the farm cannot be expected to take an optimistic view of life. We can't see where he has much hope for the future as long as his condition is unchanged.

But there is a way out. It can be found for many farmers have found it. Modern methods of farming might be found an aid.

We see where a bill has been introduced in congress which provides for furnishing the Congressional Record to American Legion posts, disabled veterans, etc. We know that the men who make up congress were men of broad sympathies and that eventually they could be expected to do something really worth while for the ex-soldier.

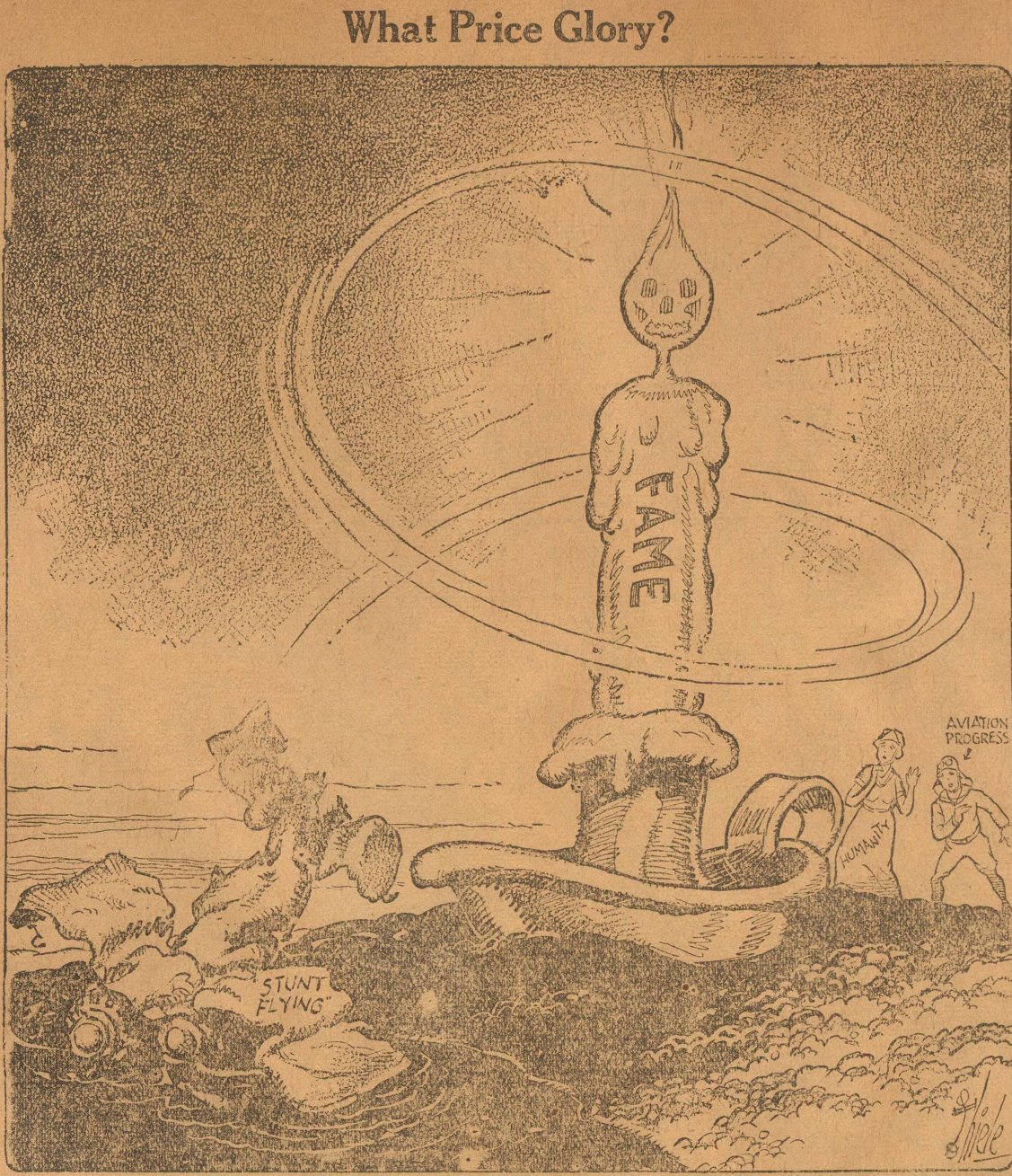
TANGO OUSTS JAZZ STEPS IN LONDON

LONDON.—The haunting, melancholy rhythm of the Argentine tango, as it is danced in Buenos Aires, has become more popular in London than the jazzy strains of the Black Bottom, the Yale Blues and the now almost obsolete Charleston.

In practically all the dance palaces throughout England, the Argentine tango is a prominent feature on the program. There are at least four or five numbers of this dance in a single evening. At private functions, where the chaperones frown upon the latest Terpsichorean innovations, the grace of the Argentine tango also has found favor.

Its intricate steps also are being introduced on the stage. Many of the star dancers in musical comedies and revues are featuring this South American dance while its beauty is adding to the charm of English chorus girls. It is also popular in vaudeville, never failing to gain plentiful encores.

Nature is consistent. She never makes an egotist without giving him plenty of tongue.



Excavation Work In Ancient Athens Is Being Planned

By United Press.

ATHENS.—Streets upon which Diogenes himself once tramped in his cynical quest for an honest man soon may be discovered as a result of the archaeological excavations which are now under way throughout Greece.

Architectural specimens of inestimable value and priceless art treasures are expected to be brought to light by the numerous archaeologists and specially trained students who plan to discover exactly what lies hidden beneath the world's oldest field of art.

In Athens several beautiful churches and a number of small private dwellings will actually be torn down before the work of excavation begins. This will temporarily cause an ultra-modern housing problem, right above ruins which are well over two thousand years old. The situation will occur early this year when the proper steps are taken by the authorities to expropriate, after due indemnification, the owners of the properties which must make way for science.

As soon as the ground is cleared, members of the American Archaeological School will begin digging beneath modern Athens there to seek antiquities which promise to contrast strangely with the city's latest modern buildings.

The work is expected to begin with the excavation of Poseidon (Mercury) Street which runs parallel with the eastern side of Theseion Hill. The area involved is about 450x150 feet. It is not far from the famous Shree Lane where many have purchased old coins and art objects from the numerous dealers who are established there.

The belief has been expressed that beneath this section of Athens lie some of the rarest treasures which are being sought. It has long been established that the district was traversed by the ancient road which led the procession of the Panathenaea to the Acropolis at the time of their famous ascension. There is documentary evidence to show that superb monuments lined the road on both sides.

Attempts will be made also to discover what remains of the Basilios Stoa, the Eleutherios Stoa and the temples of Zeus, Ares and Aphrodite. It has been suggested that if the Royal Stoa should be brought to light, the ruins might be found to contain the drafts of the early laws of Athens.

While the work is proceeding it is expected that much data will be gathered which will enable historians to check up on many of the popular legends which have been handed down from generation to generation for centuries past.

Valuable historical data will doubtless be gathered during the excavations which are scheduled to take place at Sparta.

The excavations there will be conducted by the British. Their object will be the continuation of the work which has been under way for some time past in the vicinity of the ancient theatre and the Temple of Athena (Minerva).

Cemeteries dating back to the VI and VII centuries B. C. have been discovered by the Italians at Lemnos. They, like their British colleagues, will continue the work they have undertaken.

BEAUMONT—Texas grown rice has become a popular ingredient in German and Holland beer.

Large quantities of rice have been shipped from this port in recent weeks to Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg where it is made into beer.

According to Captain A. Johnson of the steamer Youngstown, rice has been found as satisfactory as malt, except that the product is somewhat lighter in color.

Methodists Of Cisco District In Conference

Some two hundred representatives of the 44 churches in the Cisco district Methodist conference, which extends as far as Dublin on the east, Breckenridge on the north, Scranton on the west and Rising Star on the south, are in Eastland today attending the annual meeting of the Cisco district missionary institute and pastor's conference, which convened at 10 o'clock this morning for a one day session. The meeting, which is being held in the Wright building on West Main street, was opened and presided over by C. O. Shugart, presiding elder of the Cisco district.

In addition to the pastors of the various churches in the district, many prominent men and women lay members are in attendance. At noon the women of the Eastland Methodist church served luncheon under the direction of Mrs. Claire McCormick.

Addresses by Dr. J. L. Neill of Nashville, Dr. Roy Langston of Arlington, and presiding Elder C. O. Shugart of the Cisco district, featured the morning's program.

The object of this meeting is to bring before the church an appeal for a freewill offering with which to supplement the regular offering for missionary purposes, and to acquaint the church members with the plans of the church for the year.

The program this afternoon will include an address by Presiding Elder Shugart in which he will outline the year's work for the Cisco district.

Presiding Elder Shugart has called the members of the Cisco district board extension and missions to meet in Eastland this afternoon.

CHIAN MAKES CHANGES IN EDUCATIONAL WORK

By United Press.

PEKIN.—The ministry of education has inaugurated certain fundamental changes in the educational system of north China.

Under the old regulations, approved by the National Educational conference of 1922, a college could be established without a preparatory department or any arrangement for guaranteeing that candidates for entrance were properly qualified.

The old system had other features which the present ministry disapproved, chiefly its failure to give adequate attention to professional and vocational training.

Under the new regulations one year will be required for kindergarten work, six years for primary school, six years for middle school, two years in junior college and four years of university work.

GARRETT WILL RUN FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Following the publication of an article in Sunday's Ranger Times and Eastland Telegram in which it was mentioned that C. L. Garrett of Eastland, former Eastland county clerk and at present office deputy, was being talked as a prospective candidate for judge of the commissioners court, Mr. Garrett told newspapermen this morning that it was his intention to make the race and that in due time he would make his announcement.

SOUTH PLAINS—The newest city on the plains will soon have a water system complete that will be a credit to a city of 2,000 population.

The work on the mains is practically finished, the well has been dug, the engine and pump installed, and the standpipe is on the ground. South Plains was established two months ago.

TOKYO—Nationalist China now is looking to Japan for support and advice and hopes Japan will occupy the relationship towards the Nationalist movement formerly held by Russia, according to the newspaper Nichi Nichi. The newspaper quotes Hsu Chung-ching, shortly expected to come to Japan as a Nationalist envoy, as declaring the Nationalists were cheated by Soviet Russia and can expect better advice from Japan.

HAWKINS TRIAL MAY RESULT IN HUNG JURY

In the case of Jack Hawkins of Cisco, tried Tuesday in the 88th district court on a liquor charge, and which went to the jury late Tuesday afternoon, it looked very much like a mistrial this morning. The jury came before Judge Been and reported that it stood 9 to 3. How the jury stood as to guilt or innocence could not be stated.

Judge Been instructed the jury to again retire to the jury room and deliberate further in an effort to reach a verdict.

PIONEER WOMAN OF EASTLAND VERY ILL

Mrs. Laura Bills, pioneer Eastland county woman and mother of Ed Bills of Eastland, is critically ill at her home on South Connellee street, Eastland. Mrs. Bills is believed to have suffered a light stroke of paralysis a few days ago. At that time she fell in the floor and was injured.

FOR CONSTIPATION

Mississippi Man Says He Has Found Black-Draught So Satisfactory, He Has No Need to Change.

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1920 CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

Members of the 1920 club will study the life and works of Amy Lowell, at their meeting to be held Thursday afternoon at the Gholsen hotel at 3 o'clock.

Three papers, "Miss Lowell's Versatility and Modernity," "Miss Lowell's Polyphonic Prose," and "Miss Lowell as a Writer of Narrative Poetry, with Readings," will be presented at the meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO MEET THURSDAY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Election of officers is scheduled and a full attendance is desired.

COPPER SCHOOL F. T. A. HAS MEETING

The first meeting after the holidays of the Parent-Teacher association of the Cooper school, was held Tuesday afternoon at the school.

About 12 members were present, the prevailing cold weather making it impossible for many to attend.

It was decided at the meeting to hold a lunch day at the school each Friday.

Interesting reports of the recent Parent-Teacher convention held at Houston, were given by Mrs. Earnest Glazner and Mrs. Ablard, members of the Cooper school branch, and delegates to the convention.

MISS STANDARD ENTERTAINS

Miss Mary Louise Standard entertained a group of her friends Saturday night at her home on Mesquite street, with a forty-two party.

The game was played until a late hour, afterwards, a salad course, consisting of sandwiches, frozen salad, cake and punch was served. The guests attended the midnight show following the party.

Those present were Misses Elva Jameson, Oklahoma visitor in Ranger, Neoma Matthews, Mildred Matthews, Doris Barnes, Lois Barnes, Maudie Bruce, Messrs. Egis Burns, Leon Burns, Clarence Seay, Fred Grant, Doil Lancaire, and Roy Bruce.

ALATHEANS TO MEET THURSDAY

Group number one, of the Alathean class, Central Baptist church, will entertain group number two, Thursday at noon, at the home of the class.

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One of the interesting things planned for the afternoon program will be the revelation of the name of each woman's "Polly Anna."

The Alathean class has acquired a reputation for definite Bible study and the meeting six women will discuss different bible characters.

PERSONALS

Miss Oreta Davenport is visiting in Wichita Falls and Graham this week.

AMERICAN HOT CAKES MAKE HIT IN JAPAN

TOKIO—The American hot cake has come to Japan.

Every afternoon these cold days in December a big restaurant in the basement of one of Tokio's department stores is crowded with hungry Japanese partaking of hot cakes and maple syrup. Two cakes—which the Japanese call "hotskaak"—with syrup, butter and a small cup of coffee cost 25 sen or about 12 cents gold.

The "hotskaak" literally has taken Tokio by storm possibly because it is one of the few cheap dishes in a very expensive city.

JAPAN'S STORK FAVORS GIRLS

The population of Japan increased 333,688 from Jan. 1 to April 1, this year, according to a report made by the statistical bureau of the cabinet which has decided to issue a population report every three months owing to popular interest in the subject. In the three months births totaled 708,936 and deaths 325,248. The number of girls born was 356,218, and boys 352,718. This makes 99 boy babies to every 100 girl babies. The death rate increased by 25,249 in comparison with the corresponding period of last year.

Motor Sled Climbs Hills

The trouble of walking back after a good ride down a hill has been obliterated by a motor sled that has just appeared in Germany. It is propelled by a cogwheel driven by a one and one-half horsepower gasoline engine. On the slide the drive wheel is disconnected and the sled coasts. Then the engine is operated for the return trip. The sled has made nearly 20 miles an hour on level surfaces, and the footrests are heated by exhaust gas from the engine.

SHANGHAI—The greyhound racing craze has struck Shanghai and several promoters are making a race of it to be the first to import the hounds and start the sport. Three sites for racing the dogs have already been secured and grandstands are being erected.

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Agriculturist Sees Corn Borer National Danger

By United Press.

COLUMBUS, O.—The corn borer, in a way, threatens to eat into the meat industry of America, just as it now nibbles at Ohio corn stalks, Director of Agriculture Charles V. Truax believes.

For that reason, Truax said, the problem of eradicating the pest is a national one, and one that should continue to receive federal aid.

Ohio is one of many states suffering heavily through corn borer infestation. The loss to farmers had become such that Truax, accompanied by other members of the executive committee of the International European Corn Borer Organization, recently went to Washington to ask that farmers be reimbursed next year again with federal aid.

Truax feels that farmers of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan might be reimbursed sufficiently without additional compensation if only a better distribution is made of the appropriation already allowed.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, the local director stated, was of the opinion that corn borer eradication was a state problem, for the individual states to remedy.

"I have been told," Truax said, "that leading meat packers of the country are very much concerned with the situation in these four states. They realize that if the great corn industry should be paralyzed that the meat industry would suffer accordingly."

He based his assertion that the corn borer problem was a national one, also, on the fact that anything done in Ohio farmers to check this enemy will aid farmers of other states by eliminating the spread of the contagion to their crops.

Corn growing, Truax pointed out, was the second largest farm industry in America. In Ohio it is the chief product of the farm.

The director felt the borer would eventually be checked.

"I hope, however," he added, "that America does not have to pay the price exacted from Canada some years ago in eliminating the pest."

"Canada was so hard hit that farmers in that great corn growing country had to turn their corn land into potato patches and wheat fields."

"Such a situation in America would be a calamity, affecting not only corn, but the meat industry as well."

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RANGER BOY ESCAPES STATE REFORMATORY

Chief of Police Jim Ingram received word last night from Gatesville, that Wade Polvadore, Ranger boy serving a term in the state reformatory of that place, had escaped.

Polvadore was sent to the reformatory about three months ago on a charge of burglary. He escaped about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. Gatesville officials informed Chief Ingram that the boy, in company with another escaped inmate, were traveling in a wire wheel Ford sedan, and thought that he might attempt to come back to Ranger.

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Maurice Rush spent Christmas up in Muskogee, Okla. He was playing horse shoes with his girl and she beat him you know, she made a ring or something like that too many. Maurice had a bet with her that if she did beat him he would have it written up in the papers, etc., etc. We think he got beat on purpose. Who wants to beat a girl pitching horseshoes? Anyway he got his name herein, even if it did cost him three bucks and, incidentally, 74 simoleons that we won't mention here.

This is election year. Our gang must be very particular who we support, because almost every office except that of postmaster is to be filled by election and we want to be sure and handle this thing rightly... meaning correctly.

In order to vote you must pay your poll tax and you must pay it this month. You have to have a poll tax receipt to be a member of our gang and after we have completed the list we will hold a caucus and decide who will be favored by our unanimous support and who we will turn thumbs down on.

That's the only way to play politics. Influence is alright, but votes is what counts and you can't vote unless you pay your poll tax.

After reading this you are expected to rush down to Mr. Maddock's office and pay your poll tax and then start thinking about who you will vote for. If you don't know, ask us. We expect to have the low down on all of them by the time the race gets under way.

We haven't selected our office yet, but our friends are soliciting us already to run for something. You know, no pay ever announced except "the solicitation of friends" etc. Public weicher would be a nice job for us if we could borrow a pair of scales some place. Being a fair guesser, we wouldn't really need scales except just for a stall.

China Announces Reform Regime Of Less Radical Type

NEW YORK.—The strong reaction in South China against Russian Bolshevik activities and the failure of the Bolshevik effort to gain possession of Canton are beneficial alike to China and Russia. As long as foreign influences are thought to be dominant any of the Chinese factions, it will be impossible for China to hope for a reunited country. The Chinese can work out their destiny only by themselves and the natives will not rally to support any regime that financially or politically is dominant by alien influences.

South China's triumphant march northward with its fair promise of capturing Peking was halted when its sensations occurred after Russian civilians in the rear of the armies attempted to direct their Chinese associates to make South China communist. Much property was destroyed or confiscated in the name of the communists and industrially South China began to suffer.

The victorious army felt this drag and became discouraged, while Chiang Kai-shek, its commander-in-chief, was forced to retire because of the pressure of the Bolshevik civilians. This situation now has changed. The Chinese, who have tried communism at various previous times in their long history, have always in the end rejected it. They are now following their ancient precedent and by recalling Chiang Kai-shek to head the South China civilian government, they are notifying the world that a new reform movement, along more conservative lines is being developed.

Radicalism is alien to the Chinese temperament. The teaching of Confucius for some 2,500 years has impressed on China the value of respect and obedience. This instruction is too firmly planted to be overthrown in a single generation. The Chinese are lost without the teaching of the Ancient Sage to guide them. They cannot discard the rules of the past unless they have new rules of the present to substitute for them.



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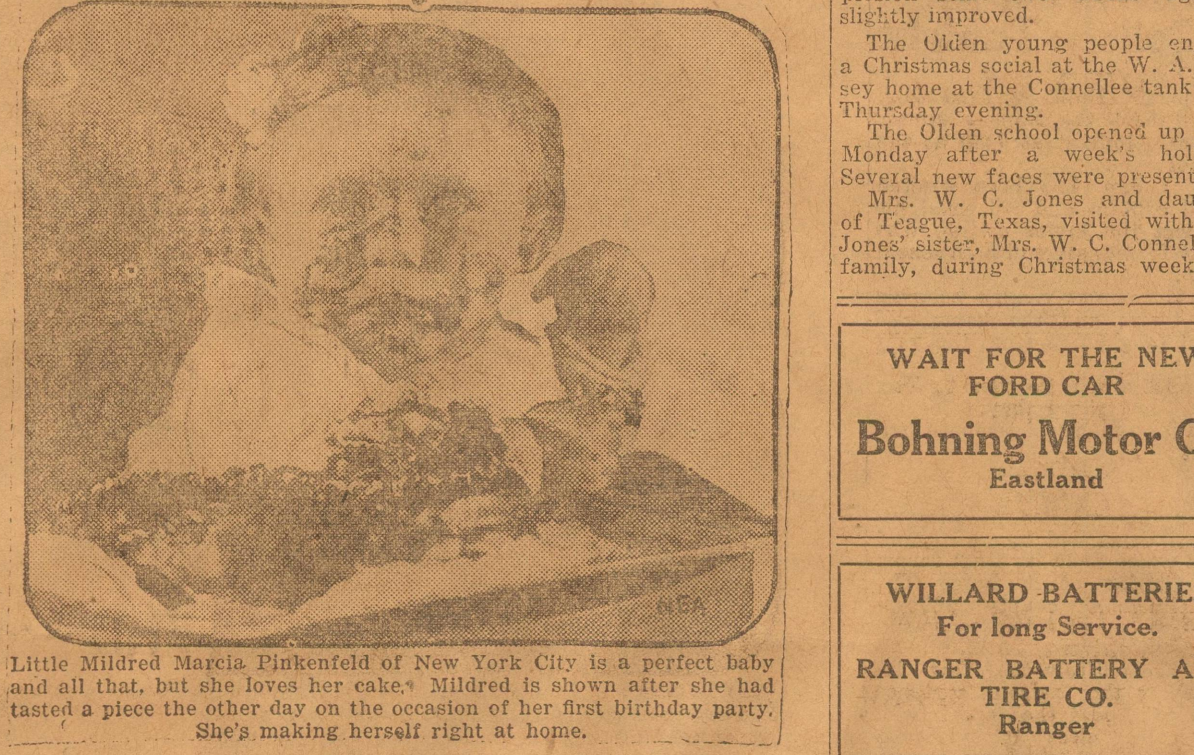
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LONGEST CONCRETE BRIDGE OPENS SOON

By United Press. NEW ORLEANS.—The Pontchartrain Bridge, longest concrete highway bridge in the world, located at New Orleans will be opened for traffic January 9th, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. The bridge is 14 1/2 miles long and spans Lake Pontchartrain at New Orleans and Slidell, La. When completed it will link New Orleans to two important transcontinental motor routes—the Old Spanish Trail, running from St. Augustine, Fla. to San Diego, Cal., and the new Colonial Highway, which will run from Canal St., New Orleans to Broadway and Forty-second Street, New York City.

Olden News

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Rice are home from Oklahoma where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rice's sister's husband, John Taylor, who was killed in an accident in California, where they were living. Miss Myrtle Pickens spent last week at Rising Star with her mother. Miss Opal Howell who was living with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Hamilton, has returned to her home at Lamesa, Texas. John Donoho, who is attending S. M. U. at Dallas spent the Christmas holidays here with his sister, Mrs. Geo. H. Fox and family and with home folks at Comanche. Mr. W. A. Massey's brother and daughter, Miss Lorena Massey, who have spent several days here, have returned to their home at Comanche. Mrs. J. L. Haynes who has been

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Mrs. Frank Middleton entertained her sister, Mrs. Dr. Popplin, of Terrell, Texas, during Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Nicks of Alvord, Texas, were Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson and husband, here this Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Dove Lewis and son of Deedemona, spent new year's day here with Mrs. Lewis' brother, B. F. Coyce and family. Miss Ina Delle Woods has returned to her school at Idolan, Texas, after spending Christmas holidays here with home folks. Miss Nova Barker entertained at the home of her parents Wednesday night with a Christmas social. Those present to enjoy the games and refreshments of cake and peaches, were, Miss Rebecca Wright, Geneva Young, Flora and Bonnie Branscum, Odell Fox, Fannie Belle Russell, Ella Pearlé Howell, Hartie Massey, Valentine Beatrice Brashers, Lilan Duncan, Irene Jackson, Jack Wright, Arthur Russell, Raymond Armstrong, Pete and Nathan Wright, Tom Fox, Walken Branscum, Worth Hatten, Burren Brashers, Carl Young, Lewie Huskey. Little Geneva McFadden was run down by a car Tuesday afternoon on her way home from school. The accident was unavoidable and the little girl was only slightly hurt. Dave Vermilion has returned to Earlboro, Okla., where he is employed, after spending several days here with his family. George B. Jackson of Fort Worth, spent the week end here with his brother, W. A. Jackson and family. Mrs. Frank Fiddler and children spent Christmas with relatives at Cresson, Texas. Mr. Fiddler went down and pointed them for the week end. They returned home Sunday. Mrs. M. G. Lewellen and daughter, Ina, returned home Friday from McCamey, Texas, where they have been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. M. Cox and family.

A large crowd enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McDonald of Hamlin, Texas, are moving to Olden to make their home for a while. Mrs. P. A. Jenkins is ill this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hubbard. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coyce, who have been living at Anoma, Texas, have moved back to Olden to make their future home.

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BILLY EVANS' SPORT TALK

Drama as well as comedy featured the most amusing situation I have ever witnessed on the ball field.

It is drama when, with your team a run behind and a runner on first, you hit what you believe is a home run, putting your club ahead.

It is comedy when you later discover that you didn't make a home run and, instead of being a hero, you are regarded as the "goat" because of dumb base-running, alleged or real.

"Keep your head up" as well as "keep your eye on the ball" have long been pet slogans of baseball. In the particular instance which I am about to relate, the batsman literally kept his head up and thereby failed to keep his eye on the ball.

It is customary with a great many fast runners after they once get into high to run with their heads tilted slightly upwards. Harry Niles, one of the fastest runners in the history of baseball was of that type.

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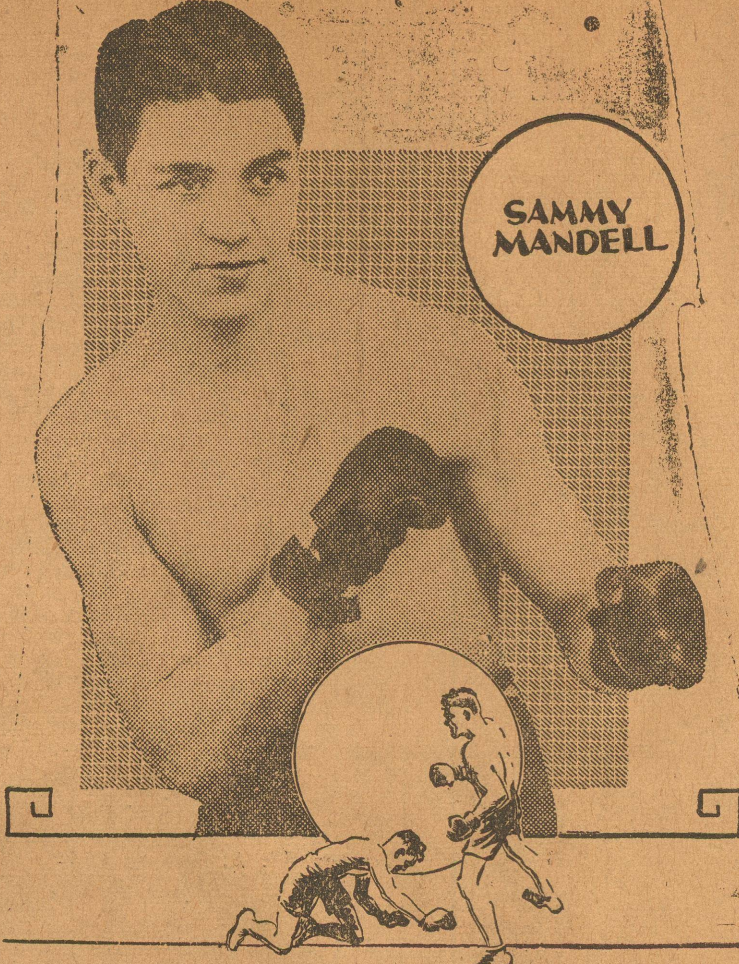
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Sammy Mandell won't be lightweight champion when next Dec. 31 rolls around. That's the opinion of Tex Rickard, New York's famous promoter. However, that is a different view of the matter than Mandell's, and Sammy is willing to risk his title and see who is right about the matter any time—they place enough money before him to do so.

of running, produced one of the most ludicrous situations I have ever seen on the ball field.

How It Happened.
This style of running peculiar to Niles, caused him to receive credit for only a single and not a home run on a terrific drive that carried to the fence. Unquestionably there never was a longer single since the origin of baseball.

Niles was with the Boston Red Sox at the time the game being staged at Washington. On the Boston club was a recruit by the name of Danzig, who played first base. He belief in safety first methods created a situation that I believe is without parallel.

With Boston one run behind, late in the game, the eighth inning, I believe, Niles came to the bat with Danzig on first base. One man was out at the time. Since two runs were needed to put the Red Sox in the lead, Niles flashed the signal for the hit and run play on the first ball pitched.

His effort was a long drive to right field, which Danzig after getting under way with the pitch, decided might be caught, and stopped dead when within about 20 feet of second to await developments.

Niles who had hit the ball, early made up his mind that no one was going to catch it. The drive looked like a home run to him.

Passed Man on Second.
When Niles rounded first base he was traveling in high, carrying his head in the air, tilted backwards. He passed Danzig between first and second like an express train slips by a freight on a side track.

It so happened that the judgment of Niles was correct. The right fielder failed to reach the ball and it carried on to the fence.

The ball was relayed hurriedly to the infield, but Niles was in considerably ahead of the ball.

Walking back to the bench, well satisfied with his effort, Niles received the shock of his life when his teammates informed him that Danzig only reached second on the play, that Niles had passed him between first and second, and of course, was automatically out for so doing.

You can well imagine what Niles later said to Danzig. Unquestionably that near home run was the longest single I have ever seen in baseball.

In my next article I will discuss one of the dumbest as well as costliest plays I've ever seen.

Horned Frogs Go To Fayetteville For Cage Battle

FORT WORTH, Jan. 4—The T. C. U. Horned Frogs will open their southwest conference basketball schedule Friday and Saturday night in Fayetteville, Ark., meeting the Arkansas University Razorbacks. The Arkansas quintet have annexed the conference title for the last two years in succession and have most of last year's championship combination back again.

Coach Matty Bell's Frogs look much better than last year and are expected to give the Forkers a real tussle. In the four non-conference practice games the Christians have played they flashed a brand of basketball that should result in their getting high in the circuit race this season.

All except one of the practice games were played with the veteran "Rags" Matthews absent from the lineup, the stellar Frog guard being given leave of absence to take part in the East-West football game in San Francisco. However, in the pace of Matthews, Coach Bell uncovered a real star in Horace Wallin, Fort Worth Central high youngster, a guard who can step into the lineup at any time and leave the coach confident he has not weakened his combination materially.

Probable starting lineup at Fayetteville will be, Captain Steadman and Parrish, forwards; McDonald, center; Acker and Matthews, guards. Other who likely will make the trip are Wallin and Province, guards; Edleman and Eury, centers, and Smith and Tomlinson, forwards.

Bills ready for the house of representatives so far number 8459. It seems there are a few things which haven't been prohibited.

Ranger Bulldogs Will Meet Junior College Tonight

The Ranger Bulldogs basketball team will meet the Ranger Junior College team tonight at 7:30 at the high school gym.

Alfred Glenn has been elected basketball captain and will lead his men against the junior college who are mostly former stars in high school basketball.

There is a great rivalry between the two teams and the game will be a hard fought one from the very start.

The Bulldogs will go over to Fort Worth Friday, where they will play the Central High school team on Friday night.

MEXIA.—Prison sentences for persons driving automobiles while intoxicated were demanded by a grand jury here which filed its final report with the district court here. The jury complimented county officers but called special attention to drunk automobile drivers.

"There are entirely too few instances where the prison sentence has been invoked," the report said. "Ordinarily this class of violators escape with a fine, which we consider wholly inadequate. An intoxicated person at the steering wheel of a motor driven vehicle turned loose on the streets and public highways is a menace to life and limb and endangers lives.

"If a few of these fellows should be given a term in the penitentiary, we believe it would have a very salutary influence."

SPORTSMATTER

BY FRANK GETTY
UNITED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR.

Tex Rickard's "600 millionaires" who have been an edifying adjunct to sporting fixtures and championship prize fights during the past year play hosts tonight to the champions of certain lines of sport.

A "world's champions' dinner" they call the entertainment they will offer to such monarchs of their respective realms as Gene Tunney, Bobby Jones, Devereux Milburn, Babe Ruth and others.

The "600 millionaires"—the quotation marks are not Mr. Rickard's—comprise the membership of the Madison Square Garden club, the existence of which marks a distinct new era in sport.

It was some years ago that Rickard, discovering that part of the demand for ringside seats at his old Madison Square Garden came from folks with real money and financial standing in Wall Street, conceived the idea of giving the really moneyed class of fight patrons an opportunity to control the market in good seats instead of partaking in a vulgar scramble each time Benny Leonard met Johnny Dundee.

Accordingly, Rickard organized the Madison Square Garden club, whose members were to put up the \$5,000,000 necessary for a new Madison Square Garden. In return for their cash, they were to receive first choice of seats at all fights.

The "golden 600" became an attraction at Garden festivities, occasionally outrivalling the performers within the ropes. Their short fronts gleamed white from the solid respectable jet black of evening wear, and Rickard used to sneak up to the

gallery and beam down upon the scene with obvious pride.

"There's six hundred millionaires at this fight," Tex said of one of his recent super-attractions, and the phrase stuck.

The new Madison Square Garden took on the aspect of the National Sporting club of London, where the Prince of Wales and his tuxedoed cronies are fond of attending boxing matches. All of the good seats not occupied by firemen, policemen, deputy boxing commissioners and One-Eye Connolly were given over to the "600 millionaires" and their lady friends.

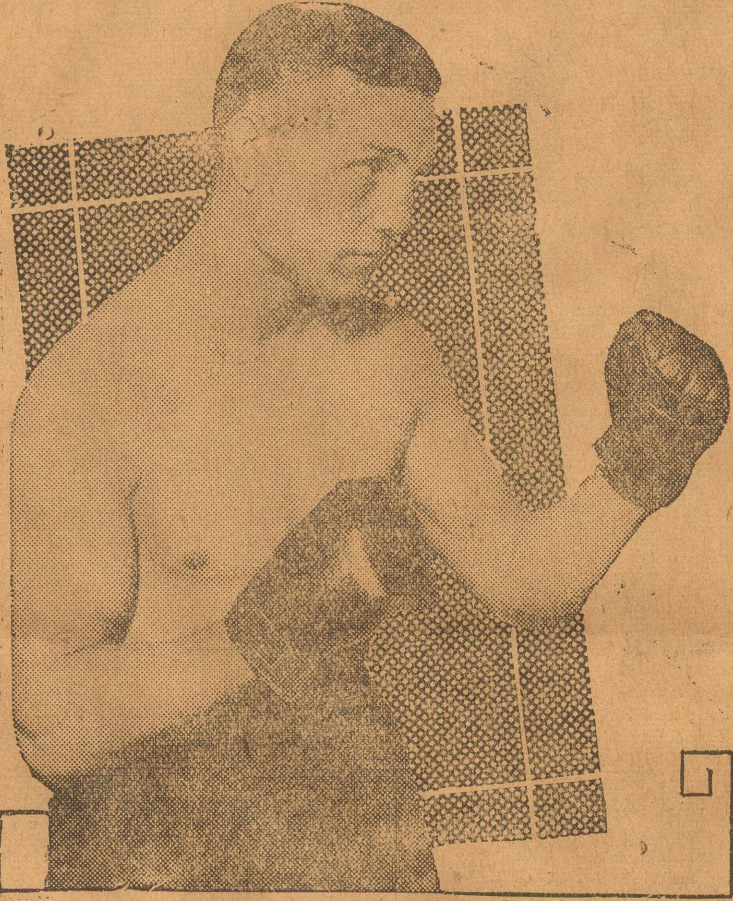
Rickard not only swelled with pride over the presence of this wealth within his gates; he succeeded in closing the gates to many of the ticket mooching politicians who since time began had made it a practice to walk in free and appropriate the best seats at boxing entertainments.

Getting in free to prize fights was the privilege of every petty ward boss, to say nothing of all his friends.

Tex put a stop to the practice. He made a number of persons exceedingly wrathful, but he had his "600 millionaires" so he didn't care.

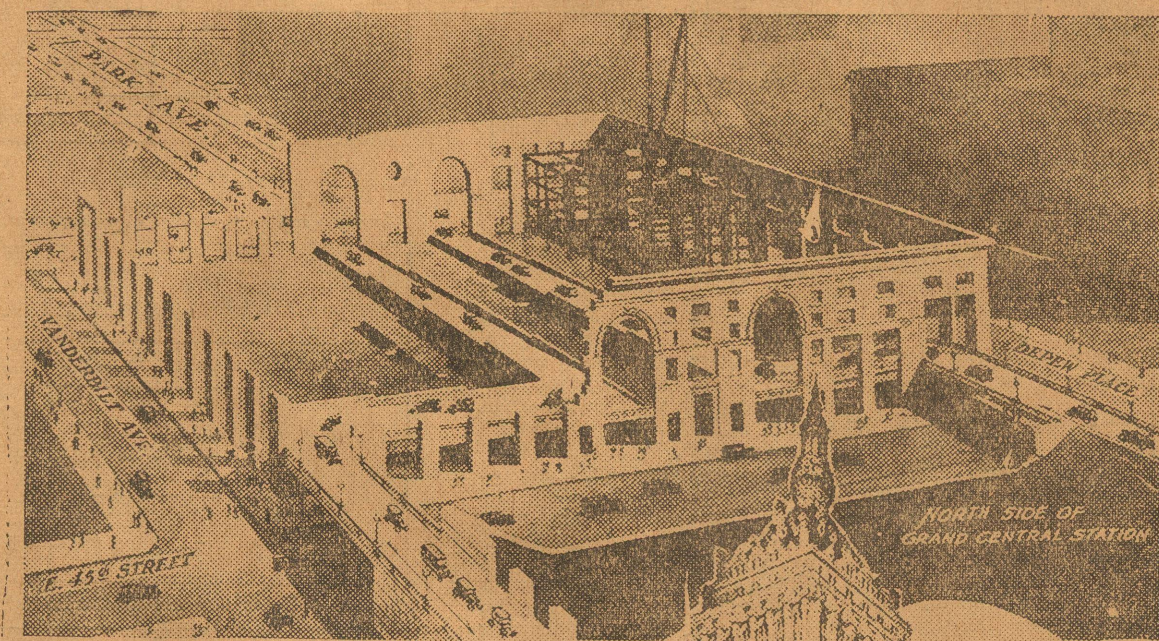
Tonight, with lavish fare and speech, the "60 millionaires" feast and toast the gladiators who performed best for them during 1922.

May Get Loughran's Crown



Leo Lonski, Aberdeen, Wash., fighter who may lift Tommy Loughran's light heavyweight title when they meet on Jan. 6 in New York.

Large Mountain of Offices To Rise Over New Kind of Motor Tunnel In Heart of New York



IN the old days the railroads cut tunnels through mountains. Now the New York Central is building a thirty-five story mountain of offices around a tunnel.

Spanning New York City's fashionable Park Avenue, the huge structure will enclose vehicular traffic in two streams, each making an S-turn inside the building and rising from the grade level at Forty-sixth Street to an overhead roadway at Forty-fifth. These will connect with two elevated ramps around the Grand Central Terminal, continuing overhead all the way to Fortieth and Park Avenue—a clear seven blocks' drive, without intersecting traffic.

The passageways through the building will be well illuminated and faced with terra cotta, so that dirt and carbon deposits may be easily washed away, preserving the light surface.

While motor traffic whisks directly through the structure, railway movements will continue underneath. All of the 700 trains entering and leaving the Grand Central daily, pass underground through the district of which this building will be the center.

At the cornice level of the sixteenth floor, there will be mute reminders of the days when the only tunnels of interest to railroad builders were those which were driven

through grim, obstructing hills. Instead of the conventional lions with which many cornices are adorned, this one will have terra cotta bison heads, symbolic of early America.

From sidewalk to the tip of the tower the building will be 560 feet, taller than the Washington Monument. It will cost \$14,000,000 and

will house approximately 10,000 persons. Forty elevators will take them to and from their work.

Despite the utilitarian features of the structure, beauty has not been neglected. From the fourth story to the thirty-fourth, there will be carefully worked out architectural detail in terra cotta.

Has Hard Task



Connie Mack believes "Letty" Grove, shown here, will win 20 or 30 games for the A's next year. It is the big southpaw does that, it is liable to mean a pennant for the Athletics.

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Father of Mrs. Thurman Is Dead In California

Word was received today by Mrs. John Thurman, Ranger, that her father, James H. Barnett of Taylor, had died at the home of his daughter at Los Angeles, Calif., Tuesday morning. Mr. Barnett was spending the winter with his daughter. Mrs. Thurman will leave Thursday for Taylor to attend the funeral Friday. The funeral will be held at the family home in Taylor.

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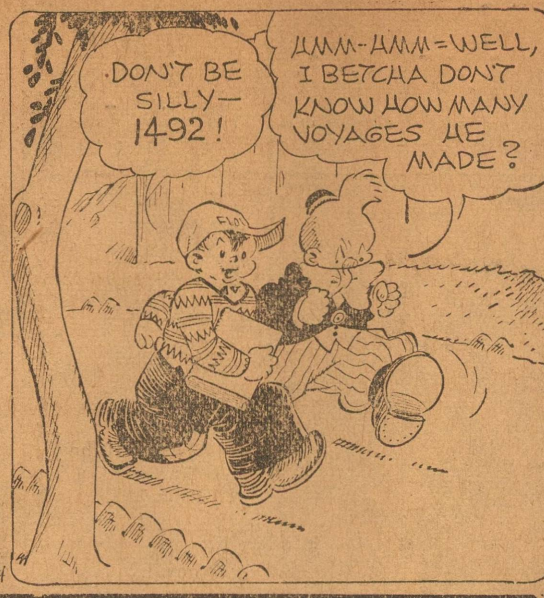
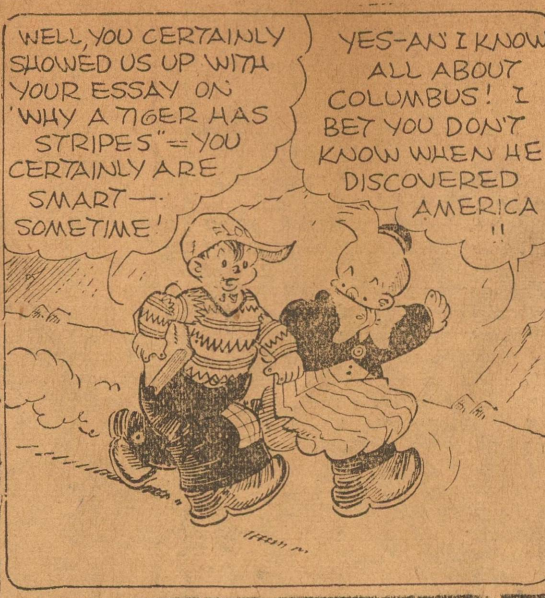
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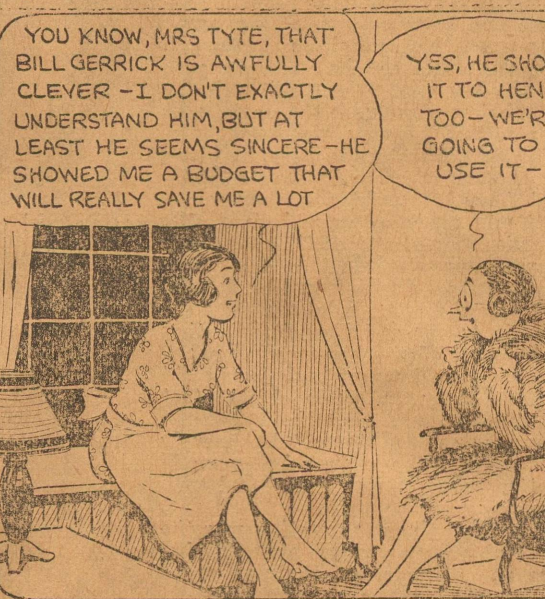
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He was wilfully cruel to himself: "You're just a nobody, and Rita—amounts to something."

Many times during that summer Joe Craig would pause in whatever he happened to be doing, to gaze in puzzled fashion at Tony Harrison. The boy now was in the habit of falling into long spells of silence; in many ways, Craig decided, he was again the old Tony Harrison, the little fellow he had encountered on a certain tragic evening in Caldwell.

"Tony," Craig often urged, "you need a little change. Why don't you run over to the 101 and visit the Miller boys? You're tired of associating with old horses like me and the other no-account hands; what you need is a little spell with someone your own age."

To these suggestions Tony replied with a shrug and a careless shake of the head, and Craig, vaguely troubled, worried about the boy, not in the least suspecting what lay on the mind of his young charge.

Rita's letters to Titus Moore revealed a keen interest in her new surroundings. There was so much to do; she had met so many interesting people; she and her mother had spent several weeks with friends in Washington.

"I am not sure," she wrote, "whether I'll visit the ranch this summer. I am anxious to see you again, but mother and I have been so very busy and there are still so many things to be done. Did mother tell you about our change in plans for my school?"

And she went on to explain that a finishing school in Washington had been decided upon, rather than the one in Richmond. "They tell me it is ever so much nicer," she added, "and I have met two very lovely girls about my own age who will be classmates of mine."

She enclosed a photograph of herself on a horse. It had been taken in Rook Creek park in Washington and showed her in a very proper riding habit. She was in a side saddle. Titus Moore exhibited the picture to Joe Craig and Tony Harrison and invited their criticism. Craig shook his head dubiously.

"It don't seem natural, Colonel. She looks like she's ready to fall off. My golly! She's been used to riding astride ever since she could shoo up on a pony. She's sure pretty, though, in them clothes. She'll be a young lady before you know it." He passed the picture on to Tony.

"Back there," the colonel informed Craig, "it would be unheard of to see a woman sit a horse like a man. My golly! She's been used to riding astride ever since she could shoo up on a pony. She's sure pretty, though, in them clothes. She'll be a young lady before you know it." He passed the picture on to Tony.

"It came over him then in a swift rush—the thing he had dared not admit to himself—the realization that this hopelessness that had descended upon him could mean but one thing; he was in love with Rita Moore. It was not then, that he merely was lonely, that he missed her slightly but tyrannical companionship; he—absurd, impossible thought!—cared for her.

"What a fool..."

Savagely, bitterly, he cursed his reflection, then permitted himself to linger deliciously over the thought; but in the end he groaned and rolled over on his back and lay with his face upturned to the burning sky while he reflected on the hopelessness of his position and the grief that was widening every day between himself and the daughter of Titus Moore.

He, Tony Harrison, he told himself, was a hired hand; an orphan to boot,

and quite another when he tried to extract some comfort out of it. It might be that he was too young to know when he really was in love; it might be that this feeling toward Rita was a childish thing and to be easily forgotten, still it all felt very real to him.

His memory carried him back to the time that he had been helpless for weeks with a broken leg and Rita her customary arrogance banished by touching contriteness, had sat beside him and sung songs to him the while she had strummed on her guitar. It had been then, he now told himself, that he had overcome that dislike for her and instinctively had felt at first sight of her and which had been fed by her imperious and her occasional cruelties. He remembered, too, how he had lied to save her from censure when her father had asked about his accident, and he wondered if she remembered.

For hours he lay on the bank beside Cottonwood Creek, the victim of torturing thoughts. When he arose to go the sun was low in the west and he tried to think of an explanation that would satisfy Joe Craig.

(To be continued)

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Two Black Crows Follow Ranger Man Around Town

George Seaborn, Ranger, has the original "Two Black Crows." Seaborn, who emphatically denies that his pet birds are buzzards, but has them labeled as "Carrying Crows," took the two birds from their nests and has raised them since as house pets. The birds go wherever he goes, and follow him around town.

This morning the birds followed Seaborn to work, hounded his footsteps around the business district and went from job to job as he worked at his automobile shop on Rusk street.

Seaborn said that when he found the birds they were white and fuzzy but that they have since changed to the dull black of the buzzard family. It seems that Seaborn has made such pets of the two birds, a male and female, that he finds it burdensome endeavoring to formulate schemes as to how to leave the house without them finding it out.

With the birds, it is immaterial. They meet Seaborn when he leaves for work, they perch upon the automobiles that he is working upon, they follow him to the drug store, and when they get tired of walking they endeavor to mount the shoulder of their owner. And they do it all with the familiar "Caw Caw."

Hickey Invited To Business Dinner At Wichita Falls

Wayne C. Hickey secretary of the Ranger chamber of commerce, has received an invitation from Hubert Harrison, secretary of the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce to attend a business men's banquet to be given in that city, January 13, at the junior college.

Prominent speakers, including J. L. Kraft, president of the Kraft Cheese corporation, Joseph L. Leopold of the United States chamber of commerce and General Paul B. Malone of the United States Army, are scheduled to appear before the 800 business men.

It is not known yet whether any representative from Ranger will attend the banquet.

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A magnificent crusade of mercy and charity is being explained here by an American, Prof. Edmund A. Walsh, Vice President of Georgetown University and President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

The scene is the new Oriental Pontifical Institute in Rome. The American hand of understanding and sympathy is shown here again reaching into lands where need has long replaced plenty, where despair defies hope, where disease commands and the facilities for education and religion are languishing.

Prof. Walsh with another American, Joseph F. Moore, of Philadelphia, general secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, standing beside him, is outlining to Bishop D'Herbigny, President of the Oriental Pontifical Institute at Rome, just how far the Association will be able to proceed in helping the distressed children and adults of the Near East and Russia.

One million American Catholics enrolled as members and formed the Association last winter at the suggestion of Pope Pius XI who is eager that there be a unification of all American Catholic charitable effort abroad in order that there may be no waste or duplication and that the greatest good for the largest number may be achieved. These American Catholics contributed funds to the Association which will be used in behalf of the many who need

shelter, clothing, medical attention and above all, education and religious opportunities.

Prof. Walsh, Bishop D'Herbigny, who is the resident representative of the Association in Rome, and Mr. Moore, are shown conferring on the welfare and relief program in the European offices which are in the Oriental Pontifical Institute building now being completed. The International headquarters of the Association are in the Vatican where Pope Pius directs the activities of the organization but he granted the use of the new Institute for European offices. The structure is being completed and the Association is supplying funds to this end and support the Institute which is a

center of Slavic learning, for students of the East and West.

The Association's program will go as far as funds will allow and the membership will be enlarged under the direction of Prof. Walsh and Mr. Moore that the Association's usefulness may be extended. As a beginning, funds from the 1927-1928 budget of \$300,000 have already been dispatched to five European countries to aid refugees, students and others who are in need.

At the American headquarters of the Association, 430 Lexington Avenue, plans are being pushed to make possible the welfare and relief service that is so necessary to the unfortunate of the Near East and Russia.

DRILLING REPORT Political Situation In Chaotic State

Homer Peoples, C. B. Snyder No. 1, intention to plug, Callahan county, section No. 58, Lumatic land survey. J. P. Helms No. 13, intention to drill, Coleman county, block 14, A. White League survey, depth 400 feet, 100 acres.

J. P. Helms, No. 2, intention to plug, Coleman county, A. White League survey, block 14, 100 acres. J. P. Helms No. 13, intention to drill, Coleman county, block 14, A. White League survey, depth 400 feet, 100 acres.

J. S. Dennis, Olin Elliott No. 1, intention to drill, Callahan county, J. J. Hendrix pre-emption survey, 10 acres, depth 750 feet.

Harry Thaw has gone to Hollywood. Is it possible the young man is becoming a trifle wild?

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Political Situation In Chaotic State

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Senator Mayfield came home for the holidays but left again for Washington still confident that he has the race already won. His fences are in good shape everywhere but in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. There he will encounter some feeling that as Texas senator he should have combatted Senator Hefflin's attack on the valley.

R. R. Ogden, who was a prominent worker for the Moody headquarters in the last election, was in Austin for the holidays after an automobile tour over the state. He said Mayfield's fences are in fine condition.

If Moody chooses to ask a second term there is wide guessing as to his opponent. Senator Bob Stuart of Fort Worth is popular in many parts of the state as a result of his proposed nine man elective highway commission. The opponent given the backing of the Ferguson forces is more likely to be an orator of the type of Former Senator T. H. MacGregor of Austin. With a man like MacGregor harassing Moody on the stump and Ferguson flaying him in the Forum the campaign would be one to entertain the people.

Bexar County Factor.
If Moody decides to enter neither race the doors will be open for a flock of candidates for governor. Among those mentioned are Barry Miller of Dallas and R. L. Bobbitt of Jareado. Lynch Davidson of Houston might try again and Whit Davidson of Marshall might also. Attorney General Claude Pollard's ambitions are said to lie along other lines.
If C. A. Chambers, new mayor of San Antonio and a former state senator, can hold the San Antonio city

and the Bexar county political machine together he may be a big factor in state politics by the time this year's campaign is under way.

Issues of the campaign are already beginning to take shape. Things upon which the candidates will have to map out a program are: Division of water rights on Texas streams.

Regulation of the power and light organizations.
A highway policy, including a plan to fill gaps in the present system.
Adjustment of interests of the University of Texas, west Texas counties and oil operators on the university lands.

Relative rights of the public, railroads and motor buses.
Other minor issues for the candidate to formulate a popular policy are: Slaying of bank robbers, sharing of highway funds with the cities, adjustment of the interests of sportsmen and commercial fishing interests, keeping the prison farms which paid so well this year or centralizing the prison system.

Judicial reforms, a new tax system, abolition of the fee system and increased salaries were so effectively voted down in last August's election that they are practically dead so far as the coming campaign is concerned.

NAGOYA, Japan.—Emperor Hirohito astounded Nagoya poultry men here when he visited the Hattori poultry farm near this city. His Majesty was much interested in incubators, and went over the apparatus in use carefully.

Ranger City Fathers Asked to Permit Raise in Gas Rate

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also be affected by the raise, but the rates, based entirely upon a graduating scale, were not made public.

The gas company, at present, is purchasing the gas being consumed in Ranger from the Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil company but they hope by the time a six month period has passed they will be able to get gas from their own wells. It is for this period that the company asks for the temporary raise.

Barrett and Armer, both said that the company had operated at a loss in Ranger during the past year, due to the increased cost of gas. The first cold spell that penetrated Ranger found that the local company was unable to furnish enough gas for the city's consumption, from its own supply, and it was necessary to purchase gas from an outside company. It is upon this purchase that the representatives are basing their plea for the ten cent raise. Although the commission discussed the matter at its meeting Tuesday night, final decision on the matter will not be given for another week. At the meeting next Tuesday night the representative will again appear before the commission and at that time they will present more data on the company's loss and final decision will be handed down by the commissioners.

Both Armer and Barrett said that at the end of the six month period, the rate would revert back to the old scale of sixty cents per 1000 feet consumption and that the requested raise was not for a profit but merely to cover up the charge being made by the Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil company.

Although the gas question was the predominating question brought before the commission, the paving of Ranger streets was also discussed. It was announced at the meeting that J. E. Burke, who was awarded the contract for the paving, would be delayed and would not arrive in Ranger until Monday. At that time he will open the construction company's office and preliminary work will be started immediately upon arrival.

DEVICE ABSORBS COFFEE SLOSHED INTO SAUCER

DENVER.—This business of drinking coffee in restaurants where waitresses make a habit of sloshing part of it in the saucer is going to be much less hard on vests in the future, thanks to the inventiveness of Sewell Jones, former football star at Denver University.

Jones, who made his first bid for fame as one of the best back-field players the Denver institution ever had, has just patented his anti-coffee-dripping device, a contraption which he hopes will bring him fortune as well as add to his fame.

His contribution to the store-room where the patent office keeps inventors' models, consists of a round disk of blotting paper.

And that's all there is to it," Jones said. "In fact it really is quite simple."
The disk, Jones explained, it to be placed in the saucer. Then, should coffee drip over the sides of the cup, the disk will absorb it, and the consumer may raise the container to his lips without fear of damage to his neck-tie.

MIAMI, Fla.—The fishing season is now on in Miami. Boats filled with anglers go out to the deep blue waters of the Gulf Stream in the morning and return at sunset with their fish-boxes filled and larger specimens hanging over the sides.

The slashing, smashing sailfish, the vicious barracuda, the marlin, tarpon, bon-fish, mackerel, jacks, jew-fish, pompano, sea-trout, dolphin, snook and seatrout find a warm and plentiful feeding ground in the mysteriously moving "river" of the Gulf Stream.

BUSINESS COMBINES IN BRITAIN INDICATE INDUSTRIAL CHANGE

LONDON.—Great Britain is passing through an industrial and commercial revolution.

The past few months have brought probably the most important changes and plans for changes in Great Britain business life since the close of the world war. While in the experience of many countries in the past those changes in business have been confined to a single industry, there appears to be in England a tendency to changes in all of the more important industries, including mining, manufacturing and shipping.

Following close upon the recent amalgamation of England's previously separated chemical industries into the gigantic 50,000,000 pound combine, the Imperial Chemical Industries, it has been announced that the large armament and heavy steel interests of the two former competitors, Vickers and Armstrong-Whitworth, would be combined in a single company called Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., with an initial capital not exceeding 21,000,000 pounds.

At the same time as this important announcement in the steel industry was made, James Fairbairn, prominent rubber expert, urged closer co-operation in the rubber industry at a meeting of the Amalgamated Rubber Finance Company.

Remarking that British capital invested in rubber growing totalled 150,000,000 pounds, Fairbairn pointed out that control of the industry is now divided into as many as 100 units while eight or 10 could give more efficient control.

One financial writer commenting on the rubber situation remarked, "if the agency firms can get together and work out a fair basis of amalgamation, or even co-operation, a long step would be taken to place the industry on a sound and stable basis."

It is reported that the ground work has already been laid for such a plan. Perhaps the most important matter now in the minds, not only of Britain's industrialists, but also in the mind of the general public, is the question of a sound scheme to deal with the coal situation in England.

Various plans of "Rationalization" and "Trustification" have been put forward by responsible people, the latter being particularly backed by Lord Beaverbrook, well known Independent Conservative newspaper proprietor whose papers have a total combined circulation of nearly 1,500,000 daily.

Under Lord Beaverbrook's plan a gigantic trust of Great Britain's coal interests would be formed, particularly with a view to the elimination of present waste and inefficiency. The trust would include all of the mines in the country. They would be joined together either through actual amalgamations or through interlocking directorates.

The Rationalization scheme, on the other hand, merely envisages closer co-operation between the producers, the reduction of costs by limiting supply to conform with demand, the elimination of part of the present high costs to the consumer by doing away with the middle-man. It is emphasized that the subsequent reduction of production costs through the plan would considerably cheapen the selling price of coal and permit a wider consumption.

Another mining industry which has recently come to the forefront through a plan of co-operation is tin. A plan to stabilize the price of tin at 300 pounds per ton in place of the present wide fluctuations in the price of the metal has gained wide support among many producers. It is understood that a group of prominent producers, controlling a large part of the world's supply recently evolved a plan for stabilizing the price. Negotiations are now proceeding to encourage other producers to join in the plan.

Not only are these revolutionary plans being put forward in Great Britain, but the Continental producers are looking toward similar changes. Germany particularly has been making considerable progress through the formations of cartels and large trusts and combines in eliminating much of the production costs in mining and industry. The importance of these steps to-

ward combination and monopoly, so far as Great Britain is concerned at least, cannot be over-emphasized, for Great Britain has always been generally opposed to anything looking toward combination. Before the war, it is noted, while Great Britain was forced to compete with foreign manufacturers in world markets, there was also a keen competition in the home market and among individual English producers in their attempts to conquer in the world market. With Germany, however, successfully forging ahead in world trade due in part to her adoption of the plan of co-operation and with the United States already firmly entrenched in markets which she gained during the world war at the expense of many of the European manufacturing countries, Great Britain is finding it more and more necessary to find a means of combating this situation in foreign commerce.

Englishman Sells His Postal Curios For Big Sum Money

LONDON.—A. V. Moreton, a retired post office official, has the curious but profitable hobby of collecting post office curios.

He has just sold his collection to Union of Post Office Workers for a sum running into four figures sterling, after having been offered \$100,000 for it by a group of Americans. The collection includes boxes of letters and manuscripts, old-fashioned post horns, model mail coaches and postal relics of every kind.

There is the original letter, dated May 24, 1639, written by Sir E. Osborne, who was in command in Yorkshire, to Colonel Fairfax at the time of the advance of the Royalist army against the Scots. It had been mailed: "With all possible speed. Hast, hast, hast. Post hast, hast. For life."

One letter dated 1531, was from Sir John Fortescue, chancellor of the exchequer, to the Queen. Another was from Captain Robert Clarke of the Drake, to the Admiralty, dated about the same time, and sent "post haste from Dover" at noon and reached London at 8 a. m. the next morning. And this by mail coach.

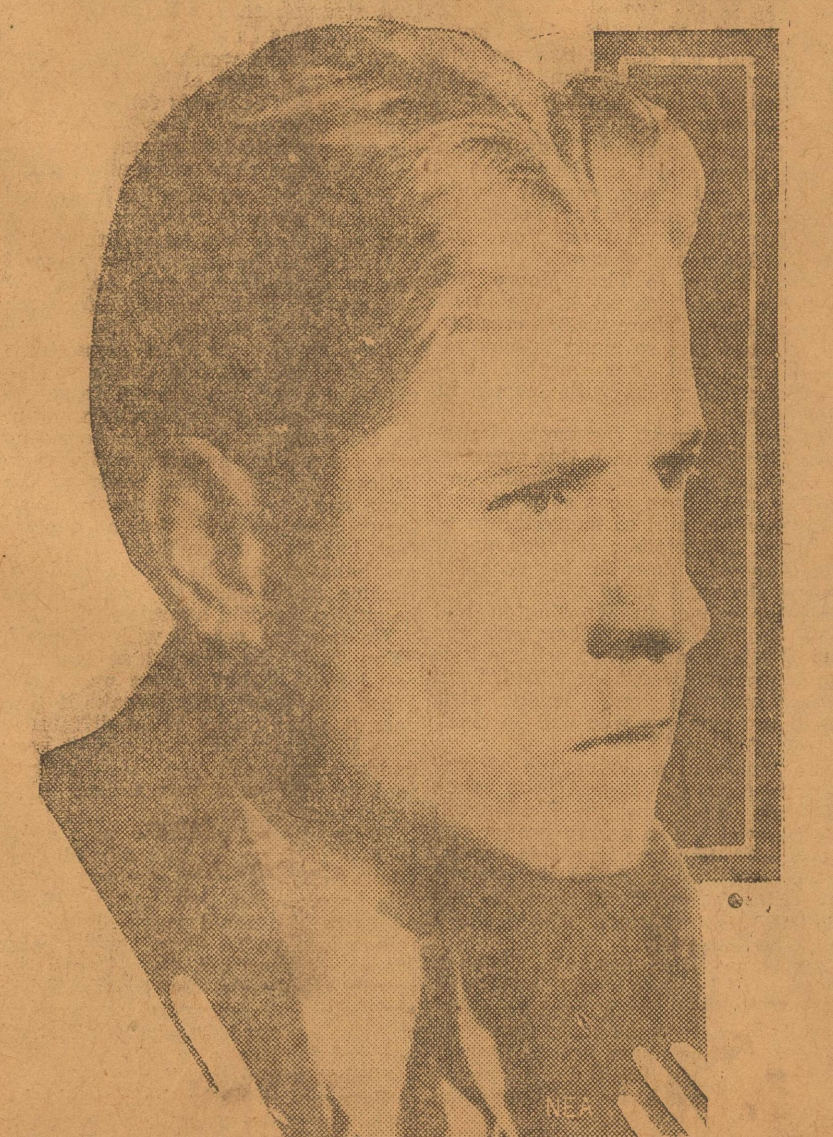
The earliest curio is a postage receipt for Normandy mail dated 1397. Another is one for which the coach mail messenger asked Queen Elizabeth 20s (about \$5) fees for delivery in Kent. O document described as one of the earliest post office guides is dated 1650. The thousands of objects also include a medal from which was taken the portrait head of the first penny stamp in the world, issued in May, 1840.

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