

"MA'S" ADMINISTRATION NOW ENDORSED

FIVE MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED AT MORGAN WELL NEAR CARBON

BORAH LOOMS UP AS A POSSIBLE NOMINEE

IDAHO SENATOR DENIES ATTACK AGAINST 'WETS'

Politicians See The Big Motive Behind Recent Utterances In Nation

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, denies his recent onslaught against the wets, including his Baltimore dry feat, should be interpreted as motivated by a desire for "political aggrandizement."

This statement interpreted as a denial of the generally accepted view that he was clearing a path for the 1928 presidential aspirations, did not, however, change the minds of the politicians in Washington, that Borah is very much in running for the 1928 candidacy.

Those who know Borah best say that his every move recently is directed at putting himself in a favorable place for the 1928 race. The fighting Idaho senator has been a farm relief advocate, besides favoring the dry amendment and opposed to any change in the law. He has been a foe to the League of Nations idea and has fought the world's court proposition advocated by President Coolidge. He is chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. It is reported that he will have the backing of the north-west as well as the farming element in the Middle West.

ACIDS HURL DEATH TO 8 AT GARY, IND.

GARY, Ind., June 14.—Acids stored in the second floor of the modern coke house of the Gary Steel works, exploded today, showering death on eight workers and injuring 50 or 60 others.

The coke plant was wrecked—its walls caving in on a number of the 150 workers, and windows in buildings in a three-block radius were shattered. Many of the 60 injured are in dangerous conditions and are not expected to live.

RANGER MAN, AND WOMAN CAR VICTIMS

Arthur Burrows, 30, an employee of the C. C. Advertising Company of Ranger, lies in a Cisco hospital today with a broken back as the result of an almost fatal accident that occurred last night on the highway.

Mystery surrounds the accident. The car was driven by a woman believed a flat tire which threw it into a ditch causing the serious injuries to Arthur Burrows while the extent of the woman's injuries has not been determined.

The couple were found lying in the road by County Attorney W. J. Barnes who was passing and he called assistance and when the man regained consciousness for a few moments he said his name was Arthur Burrows and that he lived at Ranger. The name of the woman has not been obtained.

The man was rushed to a hospital at Cisco, where he remained unconscious through the night and hospital doctors fear that he has broken his back and little hope is held for recovery.

This morning it was stated from Cisco that an x-ray examination of the injuries would be made. The woman was brought to Eastland where little can be ascertained as to her injuries or her correct name and address.

Rescuer Falls Victim Of River's Current; Woman Is Saved

ROGERS, Arkansas, June 14.—Attempting to rescue his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marion Bates of Columbia, Mo., caught in the current of the White river near here yesterday, J. C. Bates, 63 years old, was drowned, while Mrs. Bates was saved by Ray Bates, a son of the victim.

As the Governors Ate Beans



The navy isn't the only place where they eat beans. Governors eat 'em, too. Governor Friend W. Richardson (right) of California and Governor Walter M. Pierce of Oregon are shown above with a plateful apiece at the celebration of the completion of the Douglas Memorial bridge (below) over the Klamath River, which fills the last gap in the Canada-to-Mexico coast highway.

FLOODS MENACE MIDDLE STATES DAMAGE HEAVY

CHICAGO, June 14.—Prospects of fresh rainfall today brought a flood menace to many sections of the Middle West that has already suffered the effects of week-end cloud bursts.

The government weather forecast predicted more rain for most of the Middle Western states today and tomorrow. Streams were swollen to flood stages. Streets in many cities are under water and basements are flooded.

Damage by wind and hail that accompanied the rain will reach millions of dollars, it was predicted.

RAINS RELIEVE HEAT WAVE IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14.—Rains accompanied in some vicinities by high winds, hail and electrical disturbances had terminated today an unseasonable heat spell in this territory bringing relief to late crops and presaging reports of nominal damages from storm centers.

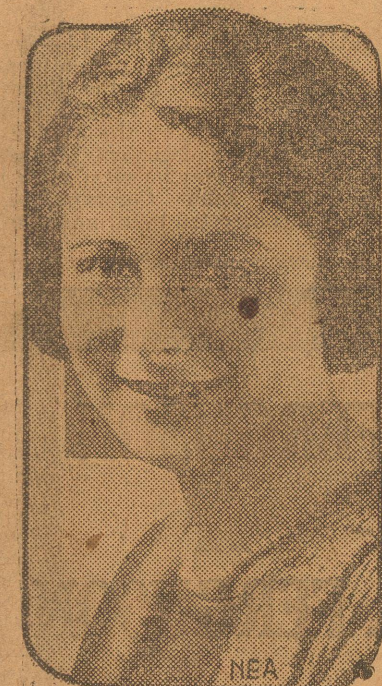
Topeka reports the entire river valley drenched by heavy showers. Two persons were reported injured at Neodesho, Kansas, when severe winds swept the nearby farming communities.

York Withdraws Barry Miller Is Without Opponent

AUSTIN, June 14.—Colonel Edwin York of Austin, has withdrawn from the race for lieutenant governor, leaving Lieutenant Governor Miller of Dallas, unopposed for the democratic nominee for re-election. York said today he had notified that state executive committee to not place his name on the primary ballot.

COCHET IS WINNER OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT PARIS, France, June 14.—Henri Cochet, of France, today won the international hard court championship on the center court of the racing club by defeating Rene LaCoste, 6 to 2, 6 to 4 and 6 to 3.

24 Pairs



Miss Mary Lawson of Arkansas City, Kas., has just bought among other things, 24 pairs of shoes. She is to be the bride of Allen B. White of Grove City, Pa., and will leave with him immediately after the ceremony for Talara, Nigritias, in Peru, where he'll be stationed by the International Petroleum Company. So she's laying in a three years' wardrobe.

Auto Overtakes And Injures Four; One Seriously

CLEBURNE, June 14.—Four persons were injured, one seriously, when an auto overturned on the highway near Glen Rose during the night. Norman Farr, 14 years old, is expected to die.

Fire Chief Returns From Convention With Presents

The city commission of Ranger, and its mayor, are sporting some beautiful canes, today, the gift of Fire Chief Murphy, who has just returned from the firemen's convention at Harlingen. The canes are very beautifully carved, looking somewhat like an Indian totem pole in the design, and were purchased by Mr. Murphy when he made a trip over the border.

CREW PULLING CASING IS HIT BY BELCHING GAS

Ambulances Is Rushed From Eastland To The Scene Of The Accident

Five men of an Eastland casing crew were severely injured Monday, when they were pulling pipe on the Mike Morgan well seven miles south of Carbon.

One of the injured men said, as they were pulling a string of casing from the well they encountered a break in the casing which bridged over and when they removed the bridge the gas shot from the hole while sand and earth belched in their faces.

Ambulances were at once rushed from Eastland while the worst of the men were brought in on cars at the well.

The injured men are Odell Cobb, J. G. Leonard, Lee Cook, Lester Hamilton, and Irvin Dunn. The men were terribly burned about the face and head, while Cobb might lose the sight of both eyes. They are in an Eastland sanitarium.

HURL BOMB INTO HOME OF WORKER

PASSAIC, N. J., June 14.—A bomb thrown by unidentified persons today wrecked the home of Frank Lessinger in Clifton. No one was injured, but the windows of the house were broken and the building damaged.

Lessinger is employed in the Botany Worsted Mills. The police said they believe the textile mill strikers sought to intimidate him by damaging his home.

Prisoners Moved To Another Jail From Caldwell

AUSTIN, June 14.—To avoid mob violence to five of the six men indicted last week on capital charges in connection with the theft of ballot boxes and tickets in 1922, and for the murder of Otto Lange, near Somerville on July 2, 1923, during the Klan fight in Burleson county, have been taken from the Burleson county jail at Caldwell by state rangers to a jail in another county for safe keeping. Press dispatches that the man are in jail in Belton were denied at the adjutant general's department today.

Three Delegates Will Attend The Amarillo Meet

M. H. Hagaman, J. M. Dodson and C. C. Patterson will attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The local chamber of commerce has on hand Ranger insignia and will give any amount out to those who anticipate making the trip.

Wichita Falls will be a candidate for the 1927 convention and it is anticipated that Ranger will pull for that city.

Jap Scientist Has Found Cure For Dog Distemper

TOKYO.—Japanese dogs from lowly gutter "yorks" to thoroughbreds in princely kennels are barking lusty praise of Michisaburo Nakamura, professor of canine diseases in the Tokyo veterinary hospital, who has just made public discovery of a cure for dog distemper. Of the first 38 dogs treated all but four were cured. Dr. Nakamura promises to reveal his treatment to the dogs of all the world next September.

Confesses Murdering Indians



Ernest Burkhardt, nephew of E. K. Hale, Osage cattle king, has confessed to murdering the home of W. E. Smith, wealthy Osage Indian, killing Smith and his wife. He did it, he says, at the instigation of Hale, who is under indictment for murder. Two views of Burkhardt are shown above; below is shown the wreckage of the Smith home.

Let It Rain



It can rain now and Howard Tooley of Sullivan, Ind., won't care at all. He travels with a Chantanooga company and has devised a detachable rubber covering for his straw hat that protects it in any kind of weather.

BRIGANDS ROB CAR AND KILL SEVEN

ATHENS, Greece, June 14.—Brigands attacking a car containing a bank shipment of \$187,500 on the Prevesa-Jammina Road, killed seven members of the crew and escaped with the money. The shipment was being made by the National Bank of Greece. The driver, three gendarmes and three bank clerks escorting the shipment were slain.

Fire Threatens Entire Block In City Of Houston

HOUSTON, June 14.—Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the warehouse of the Houston Paper Stock company. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

COMMITTEE NOW HOLDING MEET WICHITA FALLS

Drawing For Places On The Ballot Will Be Held This Afternoon

WICHITA FALLS, June 14.—A resolution approving the administration of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, and asking the Texas democrats to support her for re-election, were adopted by the State democratic executive committee in session here today.

Twenty-five members were present and six absent. To vacancies on the committee to vacate on the committee of Plainview and the resignation of Dwight Dewelling of Dallas, will be filed at the afternoon session.

The resolution favoring the amendment was adopted after a lengthy discussion by a vote of 19 to 8.

A proposed amendment seeking to secure endorsement for Dan Moody for governor, was defeated 18 to 7.

The resolution adopted declared the administration of the woman recommended that the state democrats follow the usual custom of rewarding "a faithful servant" a second term.

Former Governor James E. Ferguson was in Wichita Falls, but was not present at the session.

Entries for various posts were tabulated and tentatively accepted by the committee.

Drawings of positions on the official ballot will be made at the afternoon session. The committee also will decide the time and place of the next meeting.

'Ma' Will Turn Loose 15 Negroes On June Teenth

AUSTIN, June 14.—The governor has granted pardons to fifteen negro convicts, effective June 19. The proclamations are to be issued today. All of the negroes are said to be "friendless and penniless" and have good records.

Japanese Fear Food Shortage In Near Future

TOKYO.—A black picture of an overcrowded Japan facing starvation and disease epidemics was painted by Under-secretary of Agriculture Koyama in an address to parliamentary sub ministers on the nation's food prospects.

The population of the country is increasing at the rate of nearly a million a year, Koyama pointed out, and the food shortage already is becoming acute.

Within 30 years, the minister said, the rice shortage will be upwards of 100,000,000 bushels a year while the wheat shortage will be even larger. To prevent this situation from becoming worse Koyama urged adoption of a plan to spend \$20,000,000 a year for 30 years on increasing agricultural production.

Only 110 Miles Of Dirt Roads Are Found In 6,412

EMPORIA, Kan.—Traveling a distance of 6,412 miles in automobile from Quebec, Can., to Vancouver, B. C., via San Antonio, Texas, J. C. Nicholson, Newton, Kan., reports that he found only 110 miles of dirt roads, and that the rest are all-weather roads.

Nicholson, in a letter to a local newspaper, stated that he found 4,258 miles of paved road, 1,884 of gravel, or all-weather surfacing, and just 110 miles of dirt road.

WILL SPEAK AT CISCO

Ex-Governor James E. Ferguson will speak at Cisco, Saturday afternoon in behalf of the candidacy of his wife, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

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THE FOLKS BACK HOME



FROM LIFE'S GUIDE.

The Man of Courage: "And Caleb * * * said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."—Nl. 13:30.

Prayer: Give us courage, God, ever to do Thy will. Amen.

NO ROOM FOR A PESSIMIST.

There is no room for a pessimist in Eastland county. All signs portend to the most prosperous year in its history since the big boom when oil was first discovered.

The oil industry is staging a comeback with drilling active in all sections of the county and production showing an increase every week.

The price of crude oil is enough to insure a profit if the well produces enough. All labor is busy in the oil fields with a good demand reported for drillers and expert mechanics. Oil well supply houses report a good business. They expect still greater business. New sectors in the oil belt are coming in for a big play. The Chaney district looms up as the next big pool in Eastland county. Should that pool develop, then look out.

So much for the oil game and what it promises.

County Demonstration Agent R. H. Bush has just made a survey of the agricultural and poultry industry. His report shows that the farmers of Eastland county are sitting on top of the world. Unless the unforeseen happens, Eastland farmers will harvest a bumper cotton crop. They now are harvesting an unusually heavy grain crop. Farmers have more money to spend this year than for several years past. The value of diversified farming has been demonstrated.

The poultry and egg sales are paying the running expenses of the farm, leaving such crops as cotton, corn and other things as velvet. An increase in the acreage planted also is noted.

The work of the home demonstration agent is bearing results.

The housewives and young women on the farm are canning all they can't eat and sell. Besides economies in other things are being taught. The saving in the homes adds to the amount of money the farmer has to spend.

With the oil game going on in full swing, the farmer having the best prospects for years, and more cash money to spend, the motor car dealers report the heaviest business in years throughout the territory. More autos are being sold now than for years at this season of the year.

The truest index that Eastland county is in a prosperous era is the fact bank deposits show an increase. Each of the two banks here have more money on deposit and to loan out than one bank had at the same time last year. There is more than twice as much money in each of the banks.

Building trades men are busy with plenty of work for more in practically every town in the county. More homes are going up than for years.

The building and loan associations in the various cities of the county are making loans. This shows that the population now is stable. Home-building and home ownership are barometers of the growth of a city, town or county.

Lumber yards show an increase in business in all lines. The demand for derrick timbers as well as home building material shows a good increase.

There are practically no vacant habitable houses to be found in any town in the county. There is no time now and there is no place in any town in the county for the pessimist. Just watch Eastland county grow.

FORT WORTH MAN RANGER VISITOR

W. H. Bennett of Fort Worth, was in Ranger this morning consulting his local agent, C. E. Maddocks & Son. Mr. Bennett is a large property owner in Ranger, owning some fifteen dwelling houses, from which he reports satisfactory returns.

18 RECEIPTS FOR \$307,575 ARE EXHIBITED

Pepper's Campaign Treasure Is Put On Sand By Committee

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Joseph R. Grundy, "angel" of the George Wharton Pepper senatorial campaign in Pennsylvania, made 18 advances amounting to \$307,575 to the Pepper campaign fund between April 9 and June 5.

This was shown to the senate primary investigating committee today when F. H. Polwell, treasurer of the Pepper Philadelphia committee furnished Grundy's receipts. The 18 receipts were signed by a rubber stamp signature.

Folwell said he was in Europe most of the time and the rubber stamp of his signature were affixed to the receipts by Frank J. Gorman and Chester W. Hill, attaches to the headquarters.

Ranger Police Kept On Jump Saturday Night

Saturday night was a lively one at Ranger's city police hall. The activities started off with a fight between two married men, who started out to fight it out in the vicinity of the Gholson Hotel early in the evening. However, they were separated and brought to the city hall, plead guilty, paid their fines, but did not make up. No cause was given for the bout.

Later in the evening 'long about 11:30 o'clock, four young men and two young girls were caught up for speeding. The girls were let go, and three of the young men plead guilty, and the fourth is expected to be charged with reckless driving.

Brazil Sends In Resignation To The League

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 14.—Brazil resigned from the League of Nations today as a result of the dispute over the permanent membership which began last March when Germany's application for membership the first time came before the council.

Brazil's notification of withdrawal was communicated direct from the Foreign Minister of Brazil to Sir Eric Drummond, secretary general of the league.

Appeal Is Made For New Trial For Woman Plotter

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14.—Attorneys for Mrs. Albertina Frank, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for plotting to kill her husband, announced today that they would file a motion for a new trial immediately, and if this failed, they would appeal the case to the supreme court.

COLORADO GAS RATES ARE SLICED

WASHINGTON, June 14.—A reduction ranging from fifteen to twenty-five percent in freight rates on oil and gasoline were ordered effective by the L. C. C. from district points at Augustus Kans., Ft. Worth Texas, Tulsa, Okla., Custer, Wyo., to Colorado destinations over the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad.

Two Boys Throw Live Cat In A Woman's Face

Throwing a live cat in a woman's face is the latest highway offense that has been reported to the Ranger police department.

On Sunday morning a man and his family were driving along the Pleasant Grove road and they saw two boys, sixteen or seventeen years old by the side of the road. When the car drew alongside the boys, one of them threw a live cat in the woman's face and the couple took to their heels. The man stopped his car and tried to overtake them but they took to the brush and he lost sight of them.

No motive could be assigned for the deed except malicious mischief as the boys were not known to the motorists.

The man came in and reported the offense to the police but the boys have not been found.

Legionnaires Meet Oil Belt At Nitro Park

With the American Legion holding first place in the Business Men's League, the game this afternoon between Oilbelt Motor boys, who are just on the first round of the ladder, toward the final goal, is going to give one of the teams a chance to pile up a new score.

The Oilbelt players don't seem to be dreading a meeting with the topnotchers and the Legionnaires are ready for the game. With the days getting longer, the game will doubtless be played through to the last score before darkness falls.

Catholics Greet Papal Legate To Eucharist Meet

NEW YORK, June 14.—In a glittering spectacle of pomp and pageantry Cardinal Bonzano, papal legate to the forthcoming Eucharistic congress in Chicago, moved through tremendous crowds on Fifth avenue yesterday to St. Patrick's cathedral, receiving the archdiocesan welcome of Cardinal Hays, in glamour of tradition and magnificence of setting.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FOR DALLAS

DALLAS, June 14.—Texas republicans will meet here in their first state convention, Sept. 7.

Eugene Nolte, of Seguin, chairman, was authorized to call the session by the republican state executive commission today.

The committee formally accepted the state ticket as announced several days ago. The name of Jarrett of Franklin county, was added to the roster as candidate for the post of state superintendent of public instruction.

H. H. Haines of Houston heads the ticket for governor.

Ranger Boy Scouts To Enjoy 'Weenie' Roast Tuesday

Troop No. 1 of the Ranger Boy Scouts will meet at the American Legion hall Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, and go from there to the Chesnut-Smith lake for a "weenie" roast.

Scouts are requested to bring their bathing suits, mess kit, and 25 cents to defray the expenses of the supper and refreshments.

The truck will leave the Legion hall promptly at 6 o'clock so boys who intend to go must be on time.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON
—AND—
HON. JAMES E. FERGUSON
Will Speak in the Chautauqua Tent, Cisco
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH
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SOCIETY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

NO MEETING OF CHILDS WELFARE
Owing to sickness and the fact that a number of the members are out of the city, the Child's Welfare Club will not hold its regular meeting Tuesday. Members take notice.

AD LIBITUM ANNOUNCEMENT
The Ad Libitum club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Jimmie Tolland. Members please take notice of date and place.

PERSONALS
F. A. Maddocks and wife spent the week-end in Dallas.
Mrs. F. H. Manning and baby of Texarkana, are visiting Mrs. Manning's sister, Miss Mollie Smith.

AN OLD FASHIONED SPELLING BEE
An old fashioned spelling bee was the main event at the social meeting given by the Rebekah lodge No. 140, Friday evening, at their hall. Leaders were Mrs. R. J. Taylor and Mrs. Rose West, with Mrs. Taylor's side coming out victorious. Miss Theolo Strong was awarded a box of candy for being the best speller and Mrs. Aaron Styles received the second prize, a home-made cake.

A musical program added to the evening's pleasure, with Miss Olga Mitchell giving a violin solo, Junior McCiehel and Lee Russell a cornet duet; Hiram Brimberry and Leo Underwood, a cornet duet, and Miss Emma Dixon a piano solo.
Refreshments of ice cream, cake and iced tea were served to the splendid crowd present.

OFF FOR BOULDER.
Miss Sue Dean and Miss Madeline Norman left this morning for Boulder, Colo. The young ladies are making the trip overland in a new Pontiac car, recently purchased by Mr. Norman, and are going a long distance alone. They seemed quite sure they would have no difficulties and expected to arrive in Boulder in ample time for enrollment in the school there. Miss Dean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Dean and Miss Norman the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Norman.

Miss Marjorie Neely Senorita Amarillo At Big Convention

AMARILLO, June 14.—Miss Marjorie Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Neely, of Amarillo, will be Senorita Amarillo, during the big convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in this city, June 21-23.

The following young ladies will be maids in waiting to Senorita Amarillo: Miss Peggy Masterson, Miss Ellen Dickson; Miss Virginia Griggs, Miss Mary Nobles, Miss Jane Wheatley, and Miss Mary Wilkinson.

It will be the duty of these young ladies to serve as hostesses to all visiting señoritas and señoras who will take part in the Spanish fiesta to be presented under the direction of Hal C. Worth, Tuesday evening, June 22, at the city auditorium, as one of the feature attractions of the convention.

One Janitor Dead Another Janitor Jailed

SAN ANTONIO, June 14.—John H. Johnson, 40 years old, a negro janitor employed by the Express Publishing company is dead today after being struck on the head Friday with a piece of timber. Johnson did not regain consciousness after being struck. John Conway, head janitor was arrested today and placed in jail.

Chief Visited Mexico While At The Convention

Chief Murphy returned home from the State Firemen's convention at Harlingen last night. The chief reports a fine convention, hospitable treatment, and that the next meeting will be at San Antonio. The Ranger delegates were for that city.

Chief admitted that he went over into Mexico for times—to see the old hundred year cathedral and the ancient cemetery there, for which the descendants of the dead pay an upkeep of one dollar per month per tomb and if the dollar is not forthcoming, the bones of the ancestors are thrown out of the tombs.

He said it was no trouble to get back until the United States officers stopped you outside of Falfurrias, with the big "Stop" sign. Then they overhauled your car cushions, tires, and luggage and nothing escapes their eyes—so he brought back only cokes, and non-contraband souvenirs.

Wichita Falls Is After The Next Big Convention

AMARILLO, June 14.—"You may be assured that Wichita Falls is coming to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Amarillo, June 21-23, primed to make a sure enough fight to bear off the honor of entertaining the 1927 convention," declared J. Malcolm Harrison, special representative for the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, speaking for Hubert M. Harrison, general manager of that organization, while in this city recently.

Mr. Harrison stated that Wichita Falls realized that she has some strong competition but that she is going to make a little herself.

The Wichita Falls delegation, 300 strong, is coming by special train, to which will be attached Pullmans re- about her. All together the special will be one of the largest that has ever been run to a convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, it is declared.

Not content with one band the delegation from Wichita county is bringing two, one large band to be entered in the contests, and a specialty band of eight pieces.

POLICE ANSWER CALLS FOR MARAUDING COWS

The police department of Ranger received two calls in less than fifteen minutes this morning, asking for some one to come and arrest marauding cows that were destroying flower gardens. One call came in from the Blackwell road and the other from Young Addition.

IN THE COURTS.

D. F. Pugh and wife to M. Melborn Bush, lot 9, block 9, Daugherty addition, Eastland; consideration, \$1,925.
T. A. Bendy and wife to H. F. Ferrell, east 60 acres of the south one-half 160 acres out leagues 3 and 4, McClelland county school land surveys and 80 acres out of leagues 3 and 4, McClelland county school land, being the north half of lot 50 of said league.

Marriage Licenses.

A. D. Tamer and Miss Ufama Harmon, Desdemona.
Gaylard Johnson and Miss Callie Cross, Cross Plains.
Caston H. Newson and Miss Cecil Iris Lamosters, Desdemona.
Sam W. Jones and Mrs. F. M. Thranant, Ranger.
Suits Filed in District Courts.
Ruby Marabee vs. C. Marabee, divorce.

American Artist Paints Picture Of 'Norge' Over Pole

OSLO, June 14.—The first picture ever painted of man flying across the north pole has been completed by Frank Wilbert Stokes, American artist. It is a remarkable picture of the Norge in flight.

Stokes went to Kinsbay at the request of Lincoln Ellsworth and made sketches of the Norge before the start of the north pole flight. With these and from information of conditions found at the pole, he was able to make a realistic picture. Stokes has long been interested in and identified with polar explorations. In 1892 he joined the Peary relief expedition as artist for Scribner's and during the next two years he was artist member of the Peary North Greenland expedition. He has lived and worked on the shores of Arctic seas and is perhaps best qualified of living artists to do Arctic scenes. In 1909 he completed, for the American Museum of Natural History, his series of mural decorations illustrating the allegory of the Arctic night. His picture of the Norge is said to be one of the finest things he has ever done.

Ranger Stores Observe Flag Day; Decorated

Flag Day was celebrated in Ranger today by Ranger business men putting out their large American flags, so that Main street looked like a flag lined avenue.

The Elks had planned an elaborate program as it is their custom to observe the day, but on account of the flags not arriving on time, the program has been postponed until next Monday night.

Next to home the worst place on earth ito be is away.

A man's own observation, what he finds good of, and what he finds hurt of, is the best physic to preserve health.—Bacon.

SMALL DAMAGE DONE TO GROWING CROPS

Rain accompanied by heavy winds fell over the greater portion of Eastland county Sunday afternoon. Little, if any damage, was done to growing crops so far as could be learned this morning. The fall was heaviest south, southwest and northeast of Eastland.

Married Woman Eats Only Bread and Milk

"I could eat only bread and milk, everything else soured and formed gas. Since taking Adlerika I can eat anything without causing gas." (signed) Mrs. J. B. Manning. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often brings astonishing relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Excellent for bostinate constipation, often removing surprising amounts of old waste-matter you never thought was in your system. Murray's Pharmacy, Ranger.—Adv.

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LEAVES EASTLAND to Cisco, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, 9:35 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 2:55 p. m., 6:35 p. m., 11:25 p. m.
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Thurber	4	6	.400
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Team	W.	L.	Pct.
American Legion	5	1	.830
Lions	4	2	.667
Salesmen	4	2	.667
Green Caps	3	3	.500
Leveille-Maher	1	5	.166
Oilbelt Motor	0	6	.000

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Dallas	23	24	.586
San Antonio	33	27	.550
Fort Worth	29	28	.509
Houston	31	30	.503
Beaumont	29	30	.492
Shreveport	29	30	.492
Wichita Falls	29	31	.483
Waco	22	36	.379

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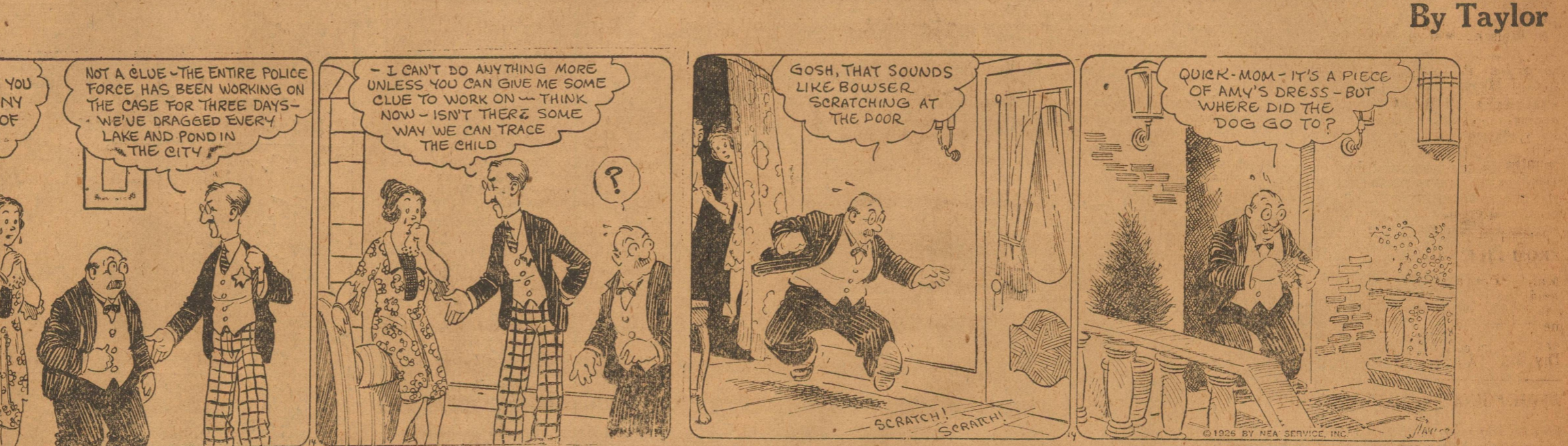
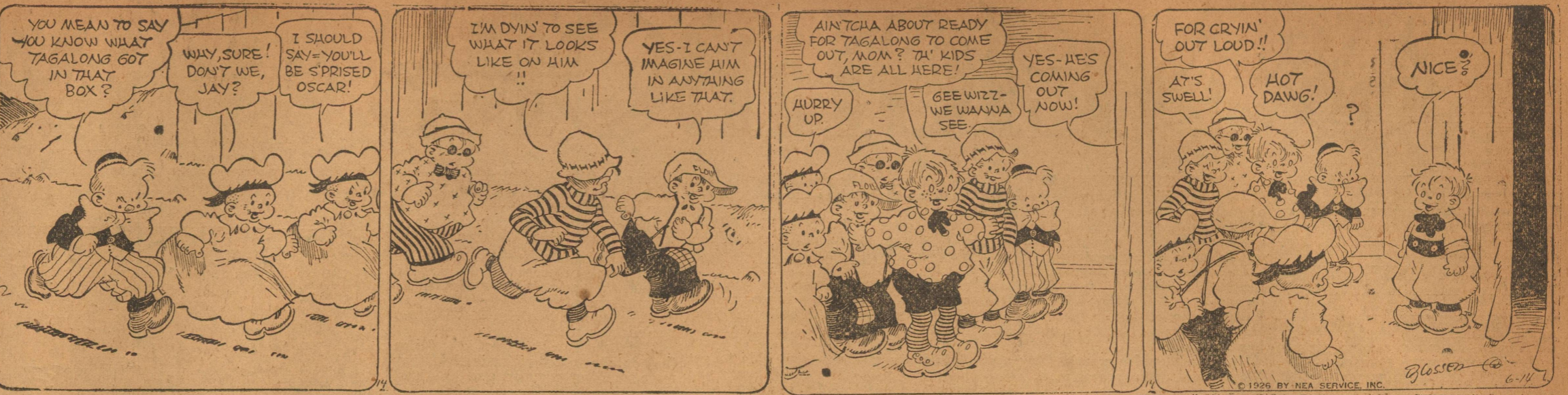
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Consolation From Experience

two-base hits were made, and scored again for the home team. The fourth inning was just "you're up and you're out" affair with both teams. In the fifth Williams, who seems to be the temperamental man of the team, tossed his bat high in the air when he struck out like a wood chopper, which was followed by King who also struck out, and no scores were marked up for them in that half. Business picked up in the beginning of the sixth, with McArdle (Continued on page four.)

Eastland Shares Honors In Fast Double Header

Eastland shared honors in a double-header played Sunday at Thurber where over 1,500 persons watched some fast ball but the second game had to be called off in the fifth in consequence of the storm which hit the ball orchard with sand, rain and a tremendous gale of wind. The feature of the first game was two fast double plays in which Third Baseman Reagan Coleman figured. In the last play the bases were full and the fast play by Coleman kept Thurber from scoring. Scores, first game: Eastland 4, Thurber 3. Batteries, Hale and White; Hunt and Bryant. Second game, Thurber 1, Eastland 0. Batteries, Rabinson and Amos; Caraway and White. The Fort Worth Shrine band played selections during the afternoon. A Nebraska woman opened a can of grapes which she had canned thirty-eight years ago, and found them in good, edible condition.

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Billy Evans Says

SEEMS strange to look at the National League batting averages and not see the familiar name of Rogers Hornsby heading the list. With the season about one-third over, Hornsby, one of the greatest batters in the history of the game, is No. 25 in the ranking. However, Hornsby isn't so far away from the top as the difference between 1 and 25 would make it seem. Measured in percentage figures, just 39 points separate Hornsby from Cuyler, the league leader. The only possible explanation that can be offered for Hornsby's slump is that the added responsibilities of managing the St. Louis Cardinals have affected his batting average. It is also possible that Hornsby has been hitting in hard luck. But that I mean he has been meeting the ball hard, but always straight at somebody. The element of luck plays its part even with the greatest of batsmen. Team Disappoints HORNBSBY'S present batting average, which is at least 50 points below normal, is certain to be considerably bettered before the close of the season. If he fails to lead the National League in batting this year, it will eliminate the only big league player with a chance to equal or better Cobb's remarkable feat of leading a major league at the bat for nine consecutive years. At the close of the 1925 campaign Hornsby had six consecutive batting championships of the National League to his credit. In the month, during spring train-

Magnolias Trim Dynamos In One Sided Game

Ranger Magnolias dissolved a tie between themselves and the Breckenridge Dynamos, at Nitro Park, yesterday afternoon, which they capped the game with a score of 12 to 5. The fan who controls the dust storms set in until the beginning of the first inning of the second game, and then turned loose his batting average so strongly that he routed both Magnolias and the Dynamos and their loyal fans hunt automobiles and head for home. But the victory was the Mags, who in dethroning the Dynamos, speeded themselves up as top-rungers in the Oil Belt League, for it is pretty generally understood that the winner of Sunday's game bade fair to be the winner of the pennant, which is the goal at stake. Breckenridge lead off with Taber at the bat, with Fairbain pitching for Breckenridge and Browning for the Ranger Magnolias. Breckenridge failed to score in the first half of the first inning. Harbison up for the Mags in the beginning of the last half for the first inning made a home run that brought the Ranger and Olden fans to their feet. Ollie, the new man from State University, from whom much was expected on account of his previous record, was there with the goods. Breckenridge failed again in the first half of the second inning to score, but in the last half Ranger Mags made history. Ollie made a three-base hit, Brown stole third base, and Browning and Harbison scored. The third started off with Fairbain up, and who died on bases. Williams scored for the Dynamos. In the Magnolias half, Dean made the second home run of the game, and set the Magnolia fans to yelling like Indians, their enthusiasm running to the breaking point when made two-

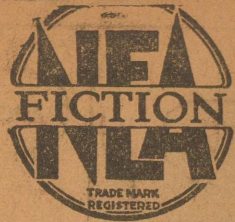
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WANTED—A young colored girl to do housework in the forenoon. Apply Mrs. W. K. Jackson, phone 288, Eastland.

WANTED—Middle aged white woman to do general house work for family of three at Throckmorton, Texas. Phone 434, Eastland.

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FOR RENT—Modern 4-room cottage, furnished, 109 N. Dixie st., Eastland.

FOR RENT—Nice new 4-room furnished house. Dr. Buchanan, Ranger.

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CHICKEN farms for sale—Several 4 1/2 or 8 1/2-acre tracts in cultivation, facing highway just outside city limits; accessible to city water, gas and lights. Will sell 1-3 cash, one and two years on balance if desired. If interested see me at once as this will not last. R. L. Davenport, Box 454, Eastland.

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HUPMOBILE touring, 1924. Sivalis Motor Co., Ranger.

BEGIN HERE TODAY:

John and Fay Milburn buy a home of their own shortly after their baby girl is born and the advertising agency in which John is partner and copy writer lands a new contract.

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Dr. Dick Menefee marries Margaret Wayne and John is best man. Margaret's younger sister, Clara, runs away and marries Clifton Lane, whom John cordially dislikes.

A party is given by Noel and Vera Boyd, and Vera shows an interest in John which he does not return. Nevertheless, Fay Milburn notices it, and there is a quarrel between her and John.

Noel Boyd later boasts of the arrangement between him and his wife, Vera, whereby each leaves the other free to do as he pleases. John and a few others show some surprise and Noel angrily accuses them of being "conventional liars" and hypocrites.

Fay and the Milburns' baby, Judith, go to Jacksonville to visit Fay's relatives and John, after weeks of idleness, and hard work, discovers that Pat Forbes' wife is away and the two

of them get together. The Ormes, knowing their wives are away, invite them to dinner.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

(The names and situations in this story are fictitious.)

CHAPTER XXV.

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"Mighty glad we were able to get hold of you so Pat could bring you over," he said to John, and Nell, said, "I think we're mighty fortunate to get hold of two such handsome grass widowers in one afternoon."

"Be careful, Nell," laughed Forbes, "it's Sunday afternoon," and Nell smiled as she walked back to the kitchen.

At dinner she asked John, "And how long have you been a bachelor, Mr. Milburn?"

"Oh, several weeks now. I'm beginning to get a little fed upon it too."

"I should think so. Where is Mrs. Milburn—visiting her people?"

"Yes—in Jacksonville. We're both from the same town, you know."

"Marian's been away just three days," put in Forbes, "and she's coming back in a week." He groaned.

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Financial difficulty—the roof of so much marital discord? John glanced around the room at the rich furnishings. Expensive, obviously. Besides, Pat Forbes had told him that Howard was making plenty.

Well, then, what was it? Were they intellectually mismatched? If they were, it never cropped out. Both of them seemed intelligent enough, Nell especially. And although Howard said little, nevertheless on the rare occasions when he did have something to say he said it pretty well.

Howard seemed pleasant enough, talking to Pat Forbes, whom he seemed to like and who seemed able to draw him out better than anyone John had yet seen.

It was along toward the end of dinner before John was able to tell himself just what it was that had seemed peculiar about Howard Orme. He never spoke to Nell. That is, he never spoke to her unless it was necessary. When he spoke to Pat or John it was as if Nell were an outsider. He asked her routine questions, such as whether she would have another helping of vegetables, and that was all.

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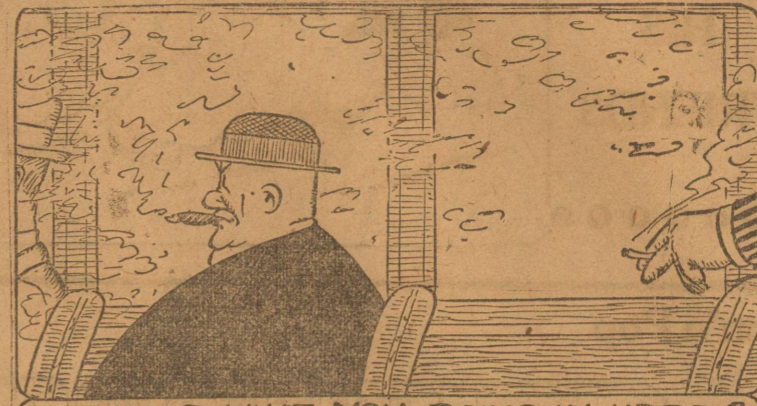
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He did, and he had a miserable time. The two girls, Cora and Pearl—he never did get their last names—lived together in an apartment, and Pat made quite a ceremony of introducing him. And John was a little nettled when Pat, quite unnecessarily he thought, told the girls that "Mr.

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COME ON, FIDO!!!



Milburn is married, too.

The drugging odor of heavy incense, from a little Buddha on a table, filled the room and mingled with their cigarette smoke. Cora and Pearl smoked incessantly and, much to John's distaste, they smoked Turkish cigarettes, which he always found nauseating, himself preferring the cheaper domestic brands.

Pat turned on the phonograph and he and Cora began dancing. Pearl, with a highball in her hand, sat down on the arm of John's chair and accompanied the phonograph.

Who stole my heart away? Who makes me dream all day? Dreams I know can never come true— Seems as though I'd ever be blue.

She broke off. "What's the matter—don't you dance?" she asked.

"Thought I'd finish smoking," John explained weakly. "I kind of like to listen to the music anyway." He laughed. "Besides, Pat's such an expert dancer he makes me look like a sucker."

"Pat's some boy," she agreed and, the record having played down, she hopped off the arm of the chair and grabbed Forbes. "My turn now," she commanded, and made him dance with her.

Cora was mixing highballs. "How'll you have yours, Pat?" she called as John walked over toward her, and Forbes, deep in the intricacies of the Charleston, answered, "Poisonous."

"Warm dancing?" John asked her, noticing her perspiring forehead.

"I'll say," she said, stirring a drink with a spoon.

After a pause she asked, "Don't you dance?"

"Sure."

"Well, come on. What's the matter with you?" and she threw her arm around him.

"Hey, there," called Forbes; "you don't have to hold him so tight. He won't run away."

"How do I know he won't?" retorted Cora, and defiantly squeezed John all the harder.

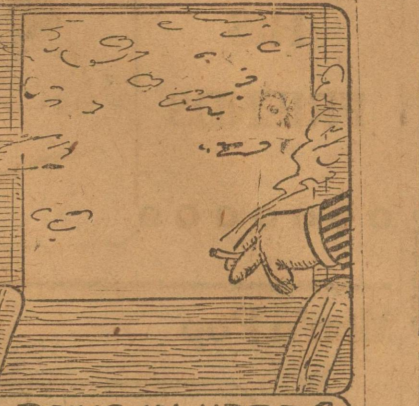
The music stopped, and John, adjusting a new record, looked up to see Pat and Pearl locked in a long embrace. He looked quickly toward Cora and saw that she was watching with unapproving eyes. Later, when John was talking again with Pearl, he saw Cora move over to Forbes and say something in a sharp tone and with flashing eyes.

Pat shrugged his shoulders, and John heard him say, "Well, what of it?"

"Plenty," was Cora's terse answer. "I won't stand for it, see?"

Pearl, at John's elbow, was saying, "Say, what do they call you—Jack?" and something in him was a little rebellious at this familiarity.

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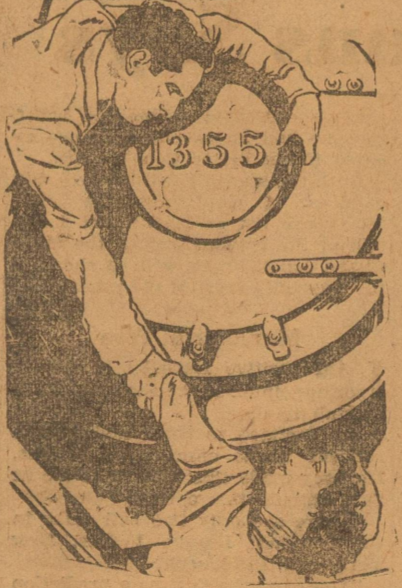
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