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The chief concern of the legislature in road legislation will be in the correcting of some minor points in good roads legislation of previous sessions, with a small amount of new legislation.

In order to reorganize and strengthen the militia, it is proposed to levy a per capita tax of fifty cents on all persons subject to military duty.

Expect to Solve Anti-Jap Tangle in California

TOKIO, Jan. 26.—Premier Hara has promised his support for a conference of the Japan-American relations committee, composed of Japanese and Americans, to be held next spring.

The meeting of the committee now has been called here for the exchange of frank opinions regarding diplomatic, economic and other questions arising between Japan and the United States.

United States at Top in Producing World's Petroleum

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—United States has produced more than 61 per cent of the world's supply of crude petroleum since the discovery of that product and at the latest report is producing 69 per cent of the world's total supply.

HELPING DISABLED SERVICE MEN TO HELP THEMSELVES



Left to right: Col. Rucker, R. G. Cholmeley Jones, Bishop Charles Sumner Burch, Mrs. Wendell Phillips and Father Kelly.

W. T. C. OF C- THANKS TIMES FOR ITS WORK

Appreciation of the Times' work for West Texas is expressed in a letter received from W. H. Wright, publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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"At each of the 7,000 local posts of the American Legion throughout the country, in a war risk officer, conforming in this regard with the state organizations and that at national headquarters in Indianapolis.

"In a period of two months, for example, national headquarters has been instrumental in collecting for ex-service men \$15,650 in Liberty loan bonds and \$16,430.90 in allotments and allowances.

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 26.—Mexico which has been forced to import its artillery for years, expects soon to manufacture its own field pieces.

MORE COTTON THIS YEAR IN BLACK LANDS

Continued bad weather has greatly hindered the gathering of last year's crops and the planting of crops and preparation of the land for spring planting in the great farming districts of central and east Texas.

In the black land belt in the vicinity of Fort Worth and Dallas many thousands of bales of cotton are unpecked. Cases are numerous where farmers have almost the whole of their crop still in the fields.

PEACE TREATY DEADLOCK MAY BREAK TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Fate of negotiations in the senate for a compromise of the peace treaty deadlock hinged on today's meeting of bi-partisan members, composed of five Democrats and four Republicans, who have been holding a series of informal conferences in an effort to adjust the differences between foes and friends of the pact.

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RED INQUIRY TO FURNISH SENSATIONS

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Particular interest is held in the testimony of Martens because of his statement that he would testify to facts involving department of justice agents in radical activities.

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OPERA HOUSE—Hoot Gibson in "THE DOUBLE HOLD-UP."

OPERA HOUSE.

Frank Mayo and Kathryn Adams will share honors at the Opera House beginning Tuesday, in their latest Universal release, "The Brute Breaker."

The production concerns a young fellow who inherits a timber tract in the north woods and sets out at once to clean up the lumber camps. Unknown, he visits each camp in succession.

In the first camp he encounters a bully who lusts for blood; a man who takes pleasure in printing the mark of his boot calks on the faces of the weak. The crusader "takes the bully down the line" for a beating and acquires enviable prestige.

To break brutes seemed fairly easy for the crusader, but his mighty strength was laid aside in overcoming the hatred of a beautiful girl.

The cast supporting Mayo and Miss Adams includes such favorites as Harry Northrup, Jack Curtis, Burwell Hamrick, Bert Sverette, Frank Brownlee and Charles LeMayne.

HIPPODROME.

Blue Grass Belles, the musical comedy company that was so popular a few months ago at the Texas theater, is playing a return engagement at the Hippodrome this week. The company comes back here with a bigger reputation and a larger company. They have new costumes, new songs and music and a complete new repertoire of plays.

LIBERTY.

An Abandoned Mine and Its Peril. A real odd mine was used by William Farnum in making several scenes for his latest William Fox production, "Wings of the Morning," which will be seen today and tomorrow at the Liberty theater.

This mine was hidden in one of the caves at Santa Catalina island, and could be found only with the aid of a man in the possession of the map now lying in the mine's entrance. In making the scenes under Director J. Gordon Edwards, Mr. Farnum had to enter the mouth of the mine which was tunneled at the base of a mountain, and travel more than 500 feet. Before entering the star had been warned that the timbers supporting the tunnel were rotted and

weak, and that a cave-in was among the possibilities.

Mr. Farnum, however, insisted that the work proceed until finished. Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when the last scene was "shot" and the party emerged from the mine.

Alcohol Has Never Touched the Gleaming Teeth of Fair "Intoxication."

Nubian slaves searching the African forests for the rarest and most perfect specimens of ivory never found anything half so beautiful, so shining and so brilliant as the sparkling white teeth of Miss Anne See, who plays Intoxication in "Experience," which F. Ray Comstock and Morris Gest will present at the Liberty Theater Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

This girl, although cast for the role of Intoxication, has never permitted alcohol to touch her pearly teeth, and as a result she is said to have the most perfect set known to the dental profession.

LONE STAR.

Marion Davies' Gems Closely Guarded During Filming of Picture.

Every member of the cast which made Marion Davies' new picture "The Cinema Murder," coming during the first part of the week to the Lone Star theater, was an amateur Pinkerton when they were not actually working in the picture. It seems that one of the actresses in the company plays the role of a criminally rich woman and to look the part had to be laden down with jewels. Miss Davies, whose hobby is absolute realism and who has one of the finest collections of rare gems in captivity, suggested her own diamonds as accessories.

Sneak thieves have been unusually active recently around New York, where the picture was made, and every precaution was taken lest the jewels be stolen from the actress between scenes. The collection includes a stunning lavalliere, necklace, several rings and two magnificent bracelets, one set in onyx.

"The Cinema Murder" was adapted from E. Phillips Oppenheim's serial story and novel by the same name. Nigel Barrie, who recently appeared as leading man for Marguerite Clark in "Widow by Proxy," has the chief male role. The picture is a Cosmopolitan production and was directed by George D. Baker.

With Associated Press, International News Service, Central Press association and other reliable, speedy and newsy services, the Times furnishes its readers with the news that's worth reading, while it is news.

Eastside Theater TODAY

MADGE KENNEDY
in a comedy drama
"A PERFECT LADY"

Also **GEORGE LARKIN** in
"The Terror of the Range"

\$2,197,709 Spent in Running the 33 Depts. of State

AUSTIN, Jan. 26.—Expense of maintaining the thirty-three departments for the administration of the government of Texas during the fiscal year of 1918-19 was \$2,197,709. The adjutant general's department is charged with the largest amount, \$518,589, but this includes funds that went to the National Guard and Ranger force. The general land office with \$164,220 drew the largest sum for straight administrative duties. The state mining board took \$2,406, the smallest amount. Maintenance of the Texas judiciary system during the fiscal year 1918-19 cost \$1,192,758. This included appropriations and deficiencies for the appeal and lower courts.

A total of \$1,391,605 worth of bonds were bought by the state treasury during the fiscal year 1918-19, according to the records of the comptroller, and \$332,330 worth of bonds held in the treasury for permanent funds were redeemed. Occupation tax collections brought Texas \$167,050 during the same period. Bexar county led with \$14,118; Harris county paid \$12,371; Dallas county \$7,000; and county with lowest with \$7.50.

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Frank Mayo in "The Brute Breaker"

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QUEEN THEATRE

TODAY	TOMORROW
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Cole's Cafeteria

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"A Good Place to Eat"

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RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF THE Blue Grass Belles

New Songs, New Costumes, New Music—Everything the very latest.

The Company That Was the Talk of The Town for a Month.

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For the Best Grade **Paint** See **H. MEAD** North Austin Street

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Six beautiful women as seen in "Experience," coming to the LIBERTY Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 28 and 29. Seat sale now on at box office. Mail orders should be sent in at once.

Philological. "OH BOY" ROAD SHOW WANTS BOOKING HERE. "He spent two years in Paris, yet he doesn't know a word of French." "That's nothing; I've lived five years in New York and can't speak English yet."—Life. An inquiry has been received by Assistant Freight and Passenger Agent Kimball from John A. Shean, manager of the "Oh, Boy" vaudeville show, wanting a booking here for the show. The company is now at El Paso, and according to Mr. Shean's letter it will make only three stops between El Paso and Galveston. Mr. Shean wants a booking here about Feb. 10.

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In Louis Tracy's

"Wings of the Morning"

A Tremendous Production from the Tremendous Novel Supreme in Thrills, Suspense and the Power to Fascinate

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Showing Now AND Tomorrow

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A Paramount-Arcraft Picture

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Directed by GEORGE D. BAKER

RUIN OR SHAME—WHICH?

Her "angel" had come to collect! On the very night of her first triumph as an actress! His was the power to wreck her career—maybe send to the gallows the man she loved. She had not dreamed he knew of the "camera murder." But bluntly, ruthlessly, he told the brutal facts—and bade her choose. Come and see what happened!

EXTRA FEATURES
"PRIZMA" Pictures in Nature's Own Colors; Title, "COST OF CARELESSNESS"
Burton Holmes Travelogue Briggs Comedy

Coming WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—
MAY ALLISON IN "FAIR AND WARMER"
—All Ranger Will Shriek With Laughter at this Whirlwind Farce

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ONE OF OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS?

PIPE HOLDS UP EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY

The work of extending the water supply system of Ranger has been held up lately by bad weather and a shortage of four and six-inch water pipe.

Water mains are now connected throughout the downtown district, and in nearly all of Young addition and other close-in residence tracts.

R. R. Nelms, superintendent of the Ranger waterworks company, stated today that the company plans to extend water service to Hodges' Oak park as soon as pipe arrives.

Additional fire plugs have been installed lately and all the business district and nearby residence tracts are now in search of fire plugs.

OIL CITY BALL LEAGUE WANTS CITY CONTRACT

An oil league, comprising Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Abilene, Thurber and Mineral Wells, is the project of an association of Ranger men, who are asking the city for a ten-year lease on the city park and organizing a \$75,000 company to finance the Ranger club.

Mayor M. H. Hagaman, City Manager M. A. Turner, Dr. E. H. Hodges, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary George Hemmingson have promised their co-operation.

Estimates for the park and clubhouses for local and visiting clubs have been given by Moore & Company, contractors, who say that material for the park can be at hand in fifteen days.

LOCAL VOTERS ASKED TO PAY TAXES IN DAY

Approximately 739 poll tax receipts have been issued in the city tax assessor's office up until and including today.

Mr. Ringold, city tax assessor, asks all local voters to pay their poll taxes during the day, but the office will be kept open until 8 o'clock Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, in order to accommodate oil field workers who cannot get in during the day.

There are only five more days in which to pay poll taxes Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the tax assessor's office will be closed promptly and preparation for compiling the list of all qualified voters will be started.

SNOWBALLS PUT OUT FIRE. International News Service. IRWIN, Pa. — Snowballs extinguished a fire which for a time threatened the destruction of Hahntown, a small mining community near here.

SATURDAY IS LAST DAY FOR TAX PAYMENTS

Saturday is the last day in which to pay city taxes and avoid the extra ten per cent charged delinquent tax payers.

In addition to the ten per cent additional charged delinquents, interest is charged on principal and the ten per cent extra, beginning at the date of delinquency. The rate of interest is six per cent. This means that a man's taxes were \$1,000 and he waited until the first of March to make a settlement, he would have to pay \$1,000 plus \$100 penalty, plus interest on \$1,100 at six per cent for a period of one month, making a total of \$1,105.50.

Have you noticed how far in advance of the other papers circulating in Ranger is the Daily Times with the news of the world?

Harper Pool Hall Sells to Chicago Men at Big Price

The large and well equipped pool hall in the Harper-Barnes building has been sold by Curly Harper to Chicago interests, through Moore & Freeman, local real estate agents.

The consideration is reported to be \$25,000. The pool hall is one of the largest in the state.

IN THE CITY COURT.

One drunk picked up on the streets Saturday night was brought before the police court this morning and fined \$1 and costs.

Four men engaged in a street brawl were arrested last night and lodged in the city jail. Upon making their bond they were released and asked to appear in police court this morning.

Tell them you saw their ad in the Daily Times—it will help them as well as your newspaper.

YOUNG LADIES TAKE TO "AFRICAN" GOLF

International News Service. BUCYRUS, Ohio.—That he has more lady customers than men who buy dice is the claim made by a local dealer in dice, poker checks and playing cards.

stated: "I know lots of girls who carry dice, and they shoot craps, too." "For fun, or do they shoot for stakes?" she was asked. "Why, I guess they generally shoot for pennies," was the answer. Adept at the game of "African golf" had better steer clear of the Bucyrus girls, who may show them a thing or two about the mysteries of "seven, come eleven."



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Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Hotel Daniels at Cisco to Build \$150,000 Addition

CISCO, Jan. 26.—George W. Daniels, owner and builder of the Hotel Daniels at the corner of Broadway and Avenue D, has let a contract for the building of an addition to the first building erected in 1918, to cost about \$150,000.

When this work is completed, Cisco will have one of the largest hotels in this section of the state. Steam heat, elevators and all modern conveniences will be built into the new structure, which will have two hundred rooms.

Manager of Dandy Dick and Red Hill Plans Local Bouts

Local fighters wishing to meet boxers of recognized standing are to have their opportunity, through G. J. Browning of Kansas City, manager of Freddie Hill, 126 pounds, and Dick Griffin, 112 pounds.

Browning plans to lease a hall here, form a club, "The Ranger City Social Athletic Club," and provide regular boxing programs. Any local aspirants are asked to present their claims, weight and records, in communications to the sporting editor of the Times.

ANTHRAX CASE DUE TO CUT BY BARBER

NEW YORK.—Joseph Cook, forty-eight years old, a longshoreman, walked into Bellevue Hospital recently with a cut on his right cheek, which he said was made by a down-town barber and which had swollen.

Patronize those who believe that their merchandise is worth advertising.

PERSONALS

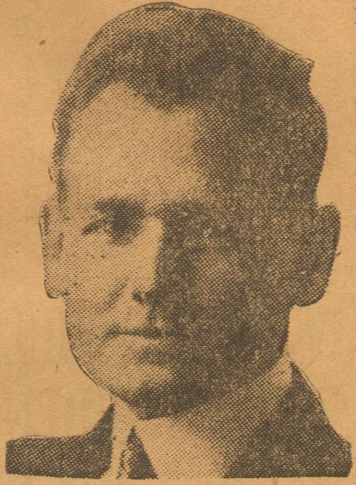
C. B. Jonz, local freight and passenger agent, left last night for El Paso, with his wife and his small daughter. The child will undergo an operation for throat trouble.

J. F. Green, H. Givens and Mr. Grigg, auditors for the Texas & Pacific railroad, expect to complete their work here this week.

Sidney C. Lackland, one of the managers of townsites for the Cisco & Northeastern railroad, and also heavily interested in local real estate, left today for Leeray, the first town opened on the new road.

John E. Milford of the Milford Furniture company went to Fort Worth last night on a business trip.

Do you realize that there are certain "lift givers" that are easily available to help you in attaining great success? Daily Times want ads provide the practical means of "giving a lift" for many.



Knowing how to use anaesthetics we do extractions absolutely painlessly.

DR. JEFF HALFORD Formerly of Taft, California Texas' Leading Dentist

You are going to have that dental work done—why not obey that ever-insistent impulse and visit Dr. Jeff Halford's Dental Office today?

When all the prominent physicians and surgeons of the country agree and say that 85 per cent of all diseases are due to the teeth, "CAN YOU THEN AFFORD TO NEGLECT YOURS?"

Having had nine years' experience in specializing on crown and bridge work, I can deliver the best work money can buy.

Columbia Records and Gramofone advertisement for Percy Grainger's "Hungarian Fantasy".

Advertisement for fire insurance: "WE PUT THE SURE IN INSURE" by Moore & Freeman.

Advertisement for Brown Welding & Machine Co. featuring scored cylinders.

Advertisement for C. P. Hall's, The Home Outfitter.

Advertisement for Hill Printing & Stationery Co. listing office furniture and supplies.

Large advertisement for H. W. Young & Co. Furniture, Light Hardware and Camp Supplies.

Advertisement for First National Bank, Government Protection, and F. W. Melvin, President.

Large advertisement for Allendale Oil Company, featuring the initial issue of 250,000 shares.

Advertisement for Allendale Oil Company, detailing the special dividend and stock certificate information.

Advertisement for Bryant & Company, Special Agents, located at Suite 208 P. & Q. Realty Bldg.

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DESDEMONA ABLAZE

FLAMES SWEEP AWAY BLOCK OF OIL TOWN'S BUSINESS CENTER

Fire starting at 2 o'clock this afternoon raged unchecked for more than two hours and destroyed an entire block in the main business district of Desdemona.

The conflagration started in an office in the rear of a drug store on Main street. When discovered it was too large to be downed by extinguishers and other emergency apparatus at hand. It soon reached the combustible liquids in the drug store and spread with renewed energy. Sweeping in both directions it ignited building after building until the entire block was a mass of flames.

All the buildings in this block were of wood and because of insufficient fire fighting equipment little effort to check the flames could be made. Origin of the fire is unknown, and the loss, though large, cannot be even approximately estimated at this time.

No one was injured, so far as can be ascertained.

Business places destroyed include: Two grocery stores; two meat markets; an auto accessory store; two theaters, the Liberty and Majestic; two hotels; three cafes; a pool hall; drug store; garage; a large dry goods store and a barber shop.

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Finland is in the happy position of being absolutely self-supporting. It cut off from the rest of the world tomorrow, Finland could still manage to exist. This, however, does not apply to the other Baltic states. Estonia has but a small agricultural population, too small to furnish the cities with their needed supplies. Lithuania and Latvia are in a similar position.

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The three states mentioned are well situated in order to get the best of terms from the Bolsheviks. They control practically all the outlets in the Baltic sea for Russia and no matter what success the Bolsheviks had they could not do much trading with the rest of Europe unless they conquered and occupied the ports of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

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Cabaret artists delight their audiences with songs of Yankee millionaires. In the Simplicissimus cafe, to the trot rhythm, you learn what the cabaret singer would do were he an American. Being an American he could naturally be a plutocrat, but he would also be a philanthropist. He would buy up all of Vienna and move it to Switzerland, where it could get plenty to eat and thaw out its chilled bones.

A favorite story Viennese like to tell you is of an American demanding a Vienna banker how many crowns he will get in exchange for \$100.

"As many as you want," the banker replies, with a sweeping bow.

But being an American in Vienna has its disadvantages. If you remonstrate because you are charged four times as much as a local inhabitant you will be curtly asked: "What are you complaining about? For \$2 you can buy the whole city!"

"Food smuggling is the leading industry of hungering Vienna. You see the 'sneak-traders,' as they are called, everywhere with their knapsacks on their backs. Practically no effort is made to stop the practice."

"You know that man is a sleight-handier; why don't you arrest him?" I demanded of a Vienna policeman.

"Because I have a wife and two baby girls at home to feed," was his short answer.

"But these people are getting everything; that's why you don't get your ration on your foodcards," I argued.

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Russell and Jay were living in a small shack in Rice addition. The accident which cost them their lives occurred when they went to light a gas stove, on getting up in the morning. An explosion took place and both were badly burned about the face and body. They were given medical attention and later taken to the hospital.

Mexico to Make Own Field Pieces

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 26.—Mexico which has been forced to import its artillery for years, expects soon to manufacture its own field pieces. Two Mexican army engineers have perfected a formula for tempering steel for cannon and, when the installation of three electric furnaces in the national arsenal is completed, the first guns will be turned out.

quantity transportation by railroad or in wagons, food has the exorbitant price of having been brought to Vienna on the backs of human beings with the additional increase of an illegal business.

So many people have become knapsack merchants that shops are complaining they can't secure girl clerks. Servant girls are quitting their work to strap a bag to their backs and go into the country on bicycles or by train to buy provisions from the farmers. Then back in the city they sneakily peddle from house to house.

The fact that one has a food card does not insure him that he will get even the sample-size ration it calls for. He must hunt from store to store until he finds food for sale on cards at the fixed government price.

The only Viennese who today get enough food to live on either patronize these illegal knapsack merchants or put on their own knapsacks and go into the country.

MORE COTTON THIS YEAR IN BLACK LANDS

Continued bad weather has greatly hindered the gathering of last year's crops and the planting of crops and preparation of the land for spring planting in the great farming districts of central and east Texas.

In the black land belt in the vicinity of Fort Worth and Dallas many thousands of bales of cotton are unpicked. Cases are numerous where farmers have almost the whole of their crop still in the fields. Only a small percentage of the usual wheat acreage has been sown this year, and constant rains have prevented the sowing of fall oats, while the farmers are now getting anxious in regard to spring oats, as the fields are too muddy to work and very little land has been prepared for sowing.

Farmers will plant more cotton and feed crops of various kinds this year than ever before, in the belief of well-informed men. The fine ground season lends a favorable prospect to corn raising, and the high price of cotton will tempt many to put in a big acreage of the fleecy staple.

The labor situation has aggravated the troubles of farmers in the black land belt. High prices and pleasant working conditions in central Texas towns, and the promise of high wages in the oil fields have tempted thousands of boys and young men away from the farms. In many cases farmers were unable to secure help in the few working spells last fall.

FOUR HUNDRED KANSAS MINERS GO OUT TODAY

PITTSBURG, Kan., Jan. 26.—Four hundred Kansas miners struck today because of the passage of the industrial court bill.

Governor in Conference.
TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 26.—The strike of miners reported from Pittsburg, Kan., means the immediate test of the new industrial court law. Governor Allen and members of the court announced that whatever action seemed necessary would be taken at once.

WHAT LEGION IS GOING TO DO FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

By Associated Press.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26.—Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, today issued the following statement with regard to the service the legion has undertaken to render ex-service men:

"At each of the 7,000 local posts of the American Legion throughout the country, in a war risk officer, conforming in this regard with the state organizations and that at national headquarters in Indianapolis.

"These local post officers have been instructed to take up with various governmental bureaus in Washington, or branch offices, any cases with regard to ex-service men that may be brought to their attention calling for governmental action. Such cases as they deem worthy of the advice of the state war risk officer are forwarded to him. Where the case cannot be handled by state department officers it is forwarded to state headquarters, and may in turn be submitted to national headquarters for attention, where the headquarters service is required. Thousands of these difficult or extraordinary cases involving questions of law and procedure or delayed cases are received at national headquarters daily.

"Most of these appeals consist of various claims against the government growing out of a man's service in the army, navy or marine corps. They relate for the most part to compensation, allotments, Liberty loan bonds, vocational training and bonuses.

"In a period of two months, for example, national headquarters has been instrumental in collecting for ex-service men \$16,650 in Liberty loan bonds and \$16,430.90 in allotments and allowances.

"Charles F. Sheridan, in charge of the service division at national headquarters, and formerly connected with war risk insurance bureau at Washington, is in charge of this branch of the service. His intimate knowledge of the workings of various governmental bureaus in Washington enables him to render with the utmost dispatch this service to the many ex-service men to appeal their cases to the war department."

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RED INQUIRY TO FURNISH SENSATIONS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—

Developments of a sensational nature are promised by members of the senate foreign relations subcommittee when the investigation of the Bolshevik propaganda question was resumed today. Ludwig Martens, self-styled Russian soviet ambassador to the United States, was the first witness. Members of his "embassy staff" will follow.

Particular interest is held in the testimony of Martens because of his statement that he would testify to facts involving department of justice agents in radical activities.

"Russian soviet organizations have become strong enough to fight the world," said Martens. Because of this fact, he said, the soviets have ceased to urge international revolution to support them.

"The Russian soviets," Martens said, "have between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 in their public treasury which they desire to spend in purchasing necessities."

ABILENE BAKERY CHANGES HANDS

Special to The Times.
ABILENE, Jan. 26.—J. Sides, who has been conducting a confectionery and bakery here for twenty years, has sold the business to B. S. Adams of Abilene and the new owner will assume charge at once.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—Members of the soviet government have left Moscow after a renewed outbreak of the plague and have gone to Tvor, on the upper Volga, according to advices received here.