

West Texas—Tonight and Friday partly cloudy weather; scattered showers.

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## WAR CLOUDS AGAIN HANGS OVER EUROPE

### Jury for Starkey Trial Being Filled, Both Sides Fighting

#### COURT HOLDING NIGHT SESSIONS TO SPEED CASE

Eighty Out of Nearly 200 Veniremen Remaining to Be Examined This Morning.

Special to the Times

EASTLAND, Aug. 30.—A jury of 12 men was completed at 11:30 o'clock this morning to try L. J. Starkey for the killing of E. D. ("Pet") Brown. The last five jurors selected were: C. L. Jones, plumber, of Gorman; G. R. Irwin, 40, farmer, Nimrod; B. J. Evans, cafe man, Eastland; S. B. Bowles, 56, farmer, of near Cisco; J. E. Smith, 51, Gorman, city employe.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the slain man, was the first witness and was on the stand when court reconvened at 1 o'clock.

EASTLAND, Aug. 30.—Seven jurors had been selected in the L. J. Starkey case at 6 p. m. yesterday evening when court recessed for two hours. They are:

Max Smith, merchant, of Pioneer, 54 years of age. Was born in Germany, he said, and has lived in this county for 45 years.

C. T. Williams, 24, engineer with the Magnolia, at Desdemona.

R. D. Patterson, farmer, of Desdemona, 51 years of age. He is an oil pumper with the Prairie. Has been in the oil fields five years.

M. B. Hall, of Eastland, with the Gulf Production company filling station, 35 years old and married.

J. E. Elrod, 46, merchant, at Desdemona.

H. L. Jackson, 45, carpenter of Eastland.

E. C. Walser, of Gorman. He is 33 years old and a teamster.

Two Veniremen Fined.

The veniremen yet to be examined stay close to the court house, most of whom remain on the first floor of the building. The sheriff calls the names of eight or 10 at a time, and they are required to remain just outside the court room on the second floor until they are called one at a time to be examined. Each venireman is called by his number on the return of the sheriff and they are taken consecutively. Some of the jurors learned of numbers and left the building, thinking they would not be called for a length of time. The judge ordered attachments issued for two jurors who left and assessed a fine against each of them.

Another night session was begun last night at 8 o'clock. Twelve veniremen were examined but another juror could not be selected. The state used peremptory challenges on the first three men examined. This brought their total to 11, while the defense used one challenge on the last man examined, bringing this total to 14. The defense has one remaining challenge and the state four.

F. G. Yonkers, general superintendent of Chestnut & Smith corporation was challenged for cause by the defense after he had said he had an opinion in the case and had read the Times' stories of the former trial.

Question of Identity.

B. F. Sandel, farmer, near Nimrod, was next called to the stand and Senator Burkett arose and stated to the court that Mr. Sandel was not the person drawn from the jury wheel, but that a man named Sannel appeared on the original venire list, while the return of the sheriff showed that the venireman, Mr. Sandel, had been served. He challenged the juror for cause. The defense attorney, Carl P. Springer, said that the defense contended that Mr. Sandel was drawn from the jury wheel and wished to offer testimony that there was not a man named Sannel living in the Nimrod community. B. W. Patterson, of defense, asked that R. E. Townsend be placed on the stand and he was sworn. Townsend testified that he had lived at Nimrod for 45 years, and said there used to be a Sannels in the community, but they had moved away 20 years ago. Judge Davenport sustained the challenge of the state, to which the defense excepted, and they were given a bill by the court.

#### Owsley Expresses His Admiration For French Pep

By Associated Press.

DUSSELDORF, Aug. 30.—Admiration for French "pep" was expressed today by Col. Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion on his arrival here for an observation tour of the Ruhr. "The remarkable thing to me," Colonel Owsley said, "is that after a long, arduous war, the French are on their toes and doing things with real, American pep."

He added that he wanted to impress upon America the conditions as he saw them and that he was not "pro-anything." "I have come to the Ruhr," he said, "with an open mind. I have come not to instruct but to learn and see things with my own eyes and to impart to the United States what I have seen."

#### DISPUTE OVER BALL GAME HAS FISTIC ENDING

Team Manager and Shortstop Bring Disaster to Heavy Plate Glass Window.

Al McKay, manager of the Snappers, and Bud Dinsmore, Snapper shortstop, engaged in a fistic encounter in front of the Gholson hotel about 11:30 o'clock this morning that ended in disaster for a heavy plate glass window of the Julianna shop. McKay went through the window backwards and his back was lacerated in a half dozen different places.

After the Snapper manager picked himself out of the broken plate glass the fight was resumed until friends separated them. McKay went to the Ranger Medical and Surgical clinic for his cuts dressed while Dinsmore retired to his room in the Gholson.

A misunderstanding is said to have existed between the two ball players since the Breckenridge game Sunday when the Snappers were defeated by a lop-sided score. McKay, who had been in Dallas to get a pitcher, met Dinsmore for the first time this morning since his return, when they had a dispute over the game.

APPELLATE COURT ASKED TO ADVANCE CASE ON DOCKET

City Attorney Milton T. Lyman has prepared a petition asking the court of civil appeals of the Second district of Texas that his appeal from the decision of the Ninety-first district court of Eastland county in the case of the Southern Ice & Utilities company versus City of Ranger, in which the latter is restrained from interfering with the piping of gas from beyond the city's limits to the Southern's plant, be advanced over other cases.

Preference and priority over other cases now pending in the court is specifically asked for.

SEVEN MEN ARRESTED FOR FLOGGING EX-SERVICE MAN

By United Press.

BRYAN, Texas, Aug. 30.—Seven men, alleged floggers of Manuel Moon, ex-service man, have been taken into custody. Moon is in a hospital recovering from the flogging administered with a wet rope and a six-shooter. All of the seven men have lived here for years and have refused to give the reason for the flogging.

Moon was seized at his home, it is stated, taken a distance way, flogged and left lying in the road. His condition is said to be serious. Moon's reputation in the community is good. He is married and has been cultivating a small farm. He only recently returned from a government hospital where he was treated for injuries received in the war.

### RAILROAD COMMISSIONER SPLAWN DISCUSSES PROPOSED PLAN OF CONSOLIDATING THE RAILWAYS

He Points Out Fallacies of Attempting to Cure Existing Evils by Making Strong Lines Stronger by Mergers or Imposing Undesired Burdens by Fastening Weak Feeders to Struggling Roads.

The consolidation of railroads is one of the most vital current problems. Under the Esch-Cummins law, the interstate commerce commission is now engaged in working out a plan for putting all the railroads into a few systems. Former President Harding, in several speeches, advanced railroad consolidation. A member of his cabinet, Secretary Hoover, wants the government to buy the roads so that they may be put together and then resold to whomever might want to buy them. Senator Cummins of Iowa wants to compel consolidation.

Commissioner Walter Splawn of the railroad commission of Texas has been asked by his associates to represent the railroad commission. He has also been requested by commercial interests of Texas to act for their interests in the matter of consolidation now pending before the interstate commerce commission. Commissioner Splawn has prepared a series of brief articles in which he traces the development of this movement toward consolidation, states the arguments that have been made

in its behalf and against consolidation, gives an account of the work of the interstate commerce commission and its efforts to put the roads together in a few systems, and discusses the objections to such consolidations as have been proposed. He says:

History of Consolidation.

Consolidation is putting two or more units together and managing them as one. To consolidate the railroads means to put two or more railroad companies into one company and to operate through one corporation properties that had before belonged to two or more corporations. There are now over eight class I railroads, that is, railroads with an income of a million dollars or more per annum. There are also several hundred class II and class III railroads, that is, railroads with incomes of less than one million dollars per annum. The proposal is to consolidate all of these railroad companies into 15 or 20 big systems.

Consolidation has been going on for three quarters of a century. The first railroads were short lines, built to carry goods to and from important ports and river cities. It was thought that they would always be less important than canals, rivers, and other means of water transportation. Many of the roads were built by local people and for only a few miles. In time many of these little roads came to connect with each other; and after 1850, it was seen to be desirable to piece together many of these short lines into longer roads which could carry through passengers and through freight for distances of several hundred miles.

By 1870, some systems had reached a thousand miles. In the 80's, through extensions and consolidations, some systems had even five thousand miles of line. Through these same processes by 1910, there were several systems with as much as 10,000 miles. When James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman formed a corporation to buy and operate as one property parallel and competing roads in the northwestern part of the United States, the country began to be alarmed. The department of justice filed suit to dissolve this corporation and the supreme court held that such consolidations were unlawful.

Competition Desired.

It then appeared to be settled that the people of the United States preferred a number of railroad companies to a few; that they believed in competition, particularly between parallel lines; and that they were disposed to reply upon competition as the most important and effective means of regulating railroad transportation.

In 1920 the Esch-Cummins bill became law, and was referred to as the transportation act of 1920. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of section 5 of that law calls upon the interstate commerce commission to prepare a plan under which the railroads of the United States may consolidate into a few systems; that is to say, congress commanded the interstate commerce commission to prepare a plan for consolidation. After the commission has prepared and published its plan, then the railroads may do as they like about consolidating, but no consolidation will be permitted unless it is in harmony with the plan of the interstate commerce commission.

This provision of the act of 1920 constitutes a radical departure from the previous policy of the country. The language of the transportation act is very strong and provides that these consolidations shall be brought about in conformity with the plan of the interstate commerce commission, state laws to the contrary notwithstanding; that is to say, it is proposed to over-ride the statutes and constitutions of the states in putting together the railroads.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Prohibition enforcement headquarters today issued a warning that 100 withdrawal permits, 100 form letters confirming such withdrawal permits and 40 physicians' liquor prescription blanks, each containing 100 permits had been stolen from an unnamed prohibition director's office.

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#### Nation's Council Will Make Effort To Settle Dispute

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Council of Nations will meet in France and will request Italy to make no move until the matter in dispute between that nation and Greece shall have had consideration. The council will forward to Greece a protest against the assassination of Italian officials within the Albanian borders. It is expected that Greece will agree to whatever course shall be designated by the Council of Nations and Italy will be requested to hold her hand.

#### NEED OF BETTER CITIZENSHIP IS URGED BY SANER

Dallas Man Presents Committee Report to American Bar Association.

By United Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 30.—The international committee of the American bar association today refused to obey instructions of the association to recommend amendments to the World court, making it possible for the United States to participate in the court.

The committee, including Robert Lansing, former secretary of state, declared the recommendation was not made because the World court had become a subject for political discussion which probably may become more earnest and divergent as it proceeds.

By Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 30.—Reports of various committees and sections occupied the attention this morning and afternoon of delegates to the annual convention of the American Bar association, which tonight will hear an address by Secretary of State Hughes on the Morro doctrine.

Action by the American Bar association endorsing the idea of calling a new conference of nations in continuation of two former conferences at The Hague in efforts to classify the rules which concern the principles of international law was recommended in a report of the committee on international law.

The purposes of the suggested new conference would be to restate the established rules of international law, especially in the first instance in the fields affected by the events of the World war; to formulate and agree upon the amendments and additions, if any, to the rules of international life and intercourse which have followed the war; to endeavor to reconcile divergent views and secure general agreement upon the rules which have been in dispute heretofore; to consider the subjects not now adequately regulated by international law, but as to which the interests of international justice require that rules of law shall be declared and accepted.

Better Citizenship.

Conditions demand continuation and extension of service on behalf of better citizenship in the United States, R. E. L. Saner, of Dallas, told the American Bar association today in giving the report of the association's committee on American citizenship. Mr. Saner said:

"It is stated on competent authority that there are 1,500,000 radicals in this country who are clamoring for a change in the nature of our government from its present form to one of various degrees of communism. It is said there are 400 newspapers and periodicals that represent similar views, and that are read regularly by 5,000,000 people. It is also said that \$3,000,000 was spent during the past year in behalf of 'red' propaganda.

"We submit that the time has come when members of the bar should bestir themselves in a unified effort to meet this challenge. Such unified activity has, as a matter of fact, been already too long delayed.

"The schools of America should no more consider graduating a student who lacks faith in our government than a school of theology should graduate a minister who lacks faith

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### Italy Would Compel Greece To Bend Knee

Premier Mussolini Declared In England to Have Acted Too Hastily In Seeking to Impose Humiliating Terms on Greek Nation.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—"Europe today is suddenly confronted by grave and imminent danger of a new war." This paragraph in the London Evening Mail today sums up the crisis that has been precipitated by the Italian demand on Greece for redress for the assassination of five Italian members of the Graeco-Albanian boundary commission at Janina, Albania, Monday.

The Italian government demands from Greece a formal apology, 50,000,000 lire indemnity and that the Greek fleet pay full honors to the Italian fleet at Piraeus.

The five Italian members of the Graeco-Albanian boundary mission were killed while motoring from Janina, in Albania, to Santi Quaranta. When in a forest near the Greek frontier at Kakadia, 30 or 40 shots were fired from ambush, killing all five members of the party. The bodies were left lying where they fell. The dead are: General Tellini, Dr. Corti, medical attache; Lieutenant Bonacini; Graveri, an interpreter and Forneti, the chauffeur.

When the automobile containing C. Botzari, Greek member of the commission, reached the scene, the attacking party had fled.

Great Britain was startled by Premier Mussolini's sudden action. The News compares the massacre with the killing that aroused Austria and started the World war and denounces the Italian precipitancy. The News says that no state could submit to the Italian demand and calls the ultimatum most provocative, especially the demand for naval honors which seeks to place Greece in a submissive attitude to which no state could be expected to submit willingly.

"It is essentially a case for the League of Nations," says the News. "If the league fails now, it always will fail."

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Milan says that the Italian fleet has been ordered to mobilize at Turanto and to clear for action.

#### SALVATION ARMY WORK DID NOT END WHEN THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED

Special to the Times

GALVESTON, Aug. 30.—The reds, bolshevism and communism are being fought every day by the Salvation Army in America, Lt. Col. George Wood, commander, southwestern division of the Salvation Army, said in an address before the Texas state convention of the American Legion today.

"While on one corner the soap-box blatherskite is damning the government of free America and her institutions, and tearing Old Glory to shreds, on the opposite corner is a sweet-faced Salvation Army lassie, preaching the words of peace, love, charity and loyalty to the country," said Colonel Wood.

"Open air services like those lassies conduct ought to appeal to the Americanism of every one," Colonel Wood declared, "when they think for a moment of the effect of the 176,000 Salvation Army street meetings in the United States last year.

"Gathered at those meetings, especially in the larger cities, were thousands who never darken the doors of any church and thus are fertile soil for the doctrines of the red flag. "Service is the motto and business of the Salvation Army today just as it was during the war. I want to assure you that for us the armistice did not mean peace, so far as our battle against sin and distress and human misery is concerned."

#### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LATE "DICK" WINFREY

By Associated Press.

DALLAS, Aug. 30.—Funeral services for Richard Winfrey, former member of the state prison commission under Governor Hobby, were held today. He died yesterday following an operation for appendicitis.

PEKIN, Aug. 30.—Rev. W. A. Whiteside and Rev. F. G. Watt, British missionaries of the Chinese Mission society, were shot and killed by bandits in the Szechwan province on Aug. 15, according to a letter from Mienchow received here today.

#### GREECE WILLING TO EXPRESS HER SORROW AND PAY

In Event of Deadlock Would Submit Question to League of Nations.

By Associated Press.

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 30.—It is understood here that Greece is not disposed to accept the humiliating conditions imposed by the Italian government in its note demanding redress for the massacre of the five members of the Graeco-Albanian mission sent here on a boundary question. In the event a deadlock is reached in settling affairs, Greece, it is further understood, will propose to submit the question to the League of Nations.

The Greek government is disposed to profess profound sorrow over the massacre and to indemnify the families of the Italian officials who were killed.

#### Indiana Governor Meets Losses and Financial Reverses

By Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.—A meeting of the bank creditors of Governor Warren T. McCray, who today admitted heavy reverses during the recent agricultural depression, has been called to meet here tomorrow. A. T. Stout, president of the Fletcher American National bank, called the meeting, shortly after the resignation of the governor as president of a bank in Cumberland had been made public.

Until recently McCray has been rated as one of the financial and political powers of the state. He is the owner of several livestock farms and is said to have lost money in connection with these. The governor said that he had personally taken up and paid off obligations of others due his bank, in order to preserve its integrity. The institution is declared to be sound.

The governor said he had accepted farm notes and had discounted them at the bank, and when the bank became crowded for cash, he had taken up the notes. "It is a farm situation that every banker in the state must face," said the governor. "Unfortunately, I am both farmer and banker."

#### FARMER KILLS WIFE AND SELF, THEN SHOTS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

FORT WORTH, Aug. 30.—Clifford Donald, a farmer of somewhere in West Texas, entered the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Miller, in Seminary Hill, where his young wife had been ill for two weeks, Wednesday afternoon, shot and killed his wife, fired another shot into the body of Mrs. Miller, and then went into the yard and fired a shot into his forehead. He died on the way to the hospital.

The mother-in-law was taken to All Saints hospital where physicians hold little hope for her recovery. Detectives have been unable to learn the cause of the shooting, nor was it learned where he had lived. The only eye-witness to the affair and only one here who knew him, Mrs. Miller, was unable to make a statement.

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BIBLE THOUGHT. WHO INDEED?—If God be for us, who can be against us?—Romans 8:31.

WOMAN'S LIFE LENGTHENED.

The general effect of the emergence of women from earlier conditions it is still too early to measure with convincing accuracy, especially if the observer has not felt the weight of past restrictions. But some of the gains made are sufficiently common and obvious to force recognition. For instance, 10 or 20 years have been added to the lives of women, both in active work and in enjoyment. A century ago 15 was a marriageable age, 30 was mature matronhood and 40 was old age. As to anything over 40—that was sheer senility.

Women live somewhat longer than do men, but their life cycle in men's minds covered in the past only the child-bearing period; they had less childhood, less youth, less maturity and far more of the least desirable period, old age. Save as somebody's mother or grandmother, they ceased to be. Today they have longer childhood, longer youth, and maturity holds on steadily, with health and strength, ambition and enjoyment, well into what used to be mere fire-side knitting time. The woman of 50 and onward has a wide, free outlook; many have undertaken new trades and professions and carried them on successfully. This is a great and beneficent change of status.—Charlotte Perkins in August Current History Magazine.

Senator La Follette says the country can get along without an extra session of congress, but that doesn't explain whether his oratorical aim is sore or his voice needs a rest.—Indianapolis News.

The eighteenth amendment did not take the prohibition question out of politics, but it put a wonderful assortment of politics into the prohibition question.—Cleveland Times-Commercial.

We suppose one could again christen a battleship in the good old-fashioned way by launching it out beyond the three-mile limit.—Kansas City Star.

Although Hi Johnson doesn't measure up to White House standards, he nevertheless seems to be a man of presidential sighs.—Springfield Union.

Every day and in every way fewer and fewer people care when Lloyd George is coming to visit this country.—Indianapolis Star.

Our senatorial observers in Europe have probably also been observed by their hosts.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

YOUNG MAN BROUGHT HERE TO SEE DYING MOTHER A young man being held in the Stephens county jail was brought to Ranger last night by Deputy Sheriff Couch to see his mother, who is reported to be in a dying condition. He was kept in the city jail over night and was returned to Breckenridge this morning. He lives in Breckenridge.

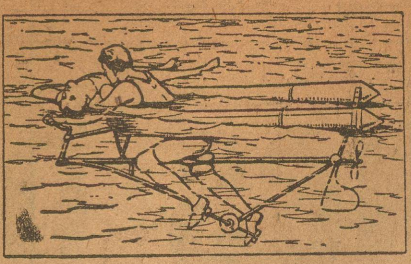
BODY OF FARMER FOUND BURIED UNDER COTTON SHERMAN, Aug. 30.—The body of E. T. Kauffman, Whitewright, was found today under a lot of cotton in a shed on his farm. He had been missing since yesterday. He is survived by a wife and nine children.

What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Human Hair Made Into Cloth Resists Heavy Pressure

Tons of human hair are being turned into cloth by a southern factory to supply the demand of cotton-seed oil mills of that section for a fabric that will withstand, for a time at least, a pressure of 4,000 to 4,500 pounds a square inch. Only that made from hair is strong enough. Formerly it was woven from camel's hair, but the price of that product went to such high levels as to prohibit its use. After a series of tests, a method was devised for weaving human hair in specially constructed machines. The search for a sufficient supply to keep the factory going ended in China, where buyers found a veritable army of coolies ready to sacrifice their queues for American money. Bound in huge bales, the hair arrives at the factory ready for weaving, having already been inspected and sterilized on the way over from the Orient. Combed and carded, it is twisted into threads and fed into the looms, where it is woven into rolls of cloth 1/4 inch thick, the bolt weighing 400 pounds.

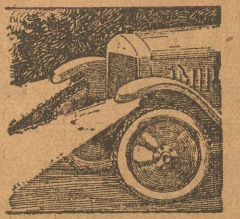


Water Bike Aids Life Guards in Saving Drowning Persons

To aid life guards in rescue work, a floating frame supported in the water between two air tanks, enables them to reach danger points quickly. Half submerged, the rider drives a propeller by working pedals with his feet, traveling at greater speed than swimming would permit. The body of the victim may be easily thrown across the front of the tanks and carried to shore.

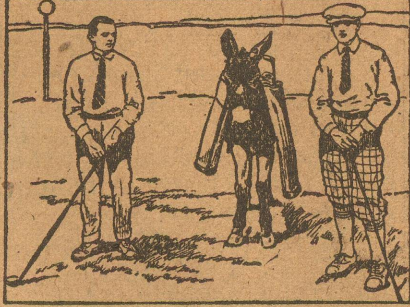
Auto Lights Under Fenders Remove Strong Glare

By having all of its rays strike directly on the road ahead, an automobile lamp attached by a single bolt to the under side of the front fender inside the wheel, does away with blinding glare of ordinary high-powered headlights that frequently annoy those driving at night.



Mule, as Caddie, Carries Bags of Golfers

Because of lack of caddies, a mule is being used on one golf course in the South to carry the bags of the players. One of the



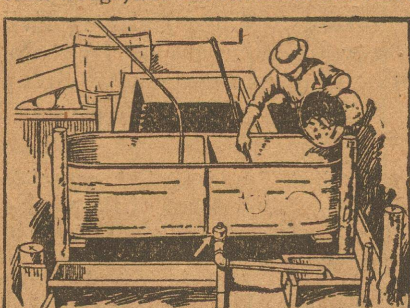
mule's advantages over the human caddie is the fact that he can carry as many bags as can be strapped on his back. Then, too, he works without tips or pay.

Tag Fish for Identification

A practical and comprehensive plan has been suggested by the Bureau of Fisheries, to help in studying the habits of various fish such as salmon, codfish, pollock and haddock. A device similar to a bachelor button of aluminum is riveted into the fish's tail. With this system the oceanic migration of fish, their rate of growth in various localities, and age can be determined. The bureau pays 25 cents each for tags sent in if accompanied by place and date of capture, length, weight and sex of fish, and how marked.

Mixing Feed for Hogs

The novel method of slopping hogs shown in the drawing has been found a great time and labor saver on an Iowa farm. The iron tank shown in the foreground is placed at one end of the concrete watering trough, and can be filled with water from the pipe that supplies the trough. The tankage, shorts, or other ground feeds are mixed in the tank and enough water run in to make a thin slop. Then the valve indicated by the arrow is opened, and one of the troughs filled, whereupon the valve is closed again, the pipe swung over to the other trough, and this one filled. The valve



FRIDAY EVENTS. Twentieth Century club meets at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. E. J. Wiss.

NEED OF BETTER CITIZENSHIP URGED BY SANER

(Continued from page one) in God," Mr. Saner declared. "Strength in Education. "It should be borne in mind that the service which is incumbent upon us is primarily one of education. Such education begins with our children in our schools and should extend itself so that every adult citizen in our country is reached. The foundation work, however, is to be done in our schools. The committee's work should be organized, therefore, first of all so that in some way direct contact is made with all our schools and colleges and thus stimulate a better training for citizenship than has been the case heretofore."

ALL SCHOOL TAX RENDITIONS MUST BE MADE THIS MONTH

Tomorrow is the last day in which school tax renditions can be made by Ranger taxpayers. Those persons who have not made renditions by Friday evening will go on the unrendered tax list.

The advantage of a taxpayer making his own rendition lies in the fact that if the equalization board deems the rendition too low, he can go before the board and argue his case. If his property goes on the unrendered list, the decision of the equalization board is final. He has no recourse and must accept the board's rendition without an appeal.

Ninety-five per cent of the total renditions expected in the Ranger independent school district have been made, according to School Tax Collector and Assessor H. S. Cole. He is making efforts to have the remaining 5 per cent make renditions either today or tomorrow.

MISS CHRANE SUES HERRICK FOR LIBEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Miss Ethel Chrane, against whom former Representative Manuel Herrick of Oklahoma, recently filed a \$50,000 breach of promise suit today asked the court to compel Herrick to pay her \$100,000 for alleged libel. She bases her suit on statements said to have been made by Herrick in presenting the grounds on which he is suing.

NOTICE

All Elks are requested to attend regular meeting, Friday night, Aug. 31. Initiation work and important business to come up. All visiting Elks are invited. Refreshments.

L. L. Neal, Secy.

Total area of Nova Scotia is 21,423 square miles.

Deason, Left-Hand Pitcher, Joins the Ranger Snappers

Bob Deason, left-hand pitcher, and with the San Antonio Bronchos of the Texas league in the early part of the season, joined the Ranger Snappers this morning. He came to Ranger in company with Manager A. L. McKay from Dallas, where he has been pitching ball since leaving the bronchos.

Deason pitched nine games for the Bronchos. Deason, Nugent or Koch will get the call this afternoon in the DeLeon game at the city ball park at 4:30 o'clock. Goss Cobb, here with the Snyder Tigers last month, will twirl for the visitors.

Cobb will get a tryout with the Fort Worth Cats next season, it was said by one of his teammates. The DeLeon club officials would like to schedule a game for tomorrow and if a nice crowd turns out today, the club manager will ask Manager Shannon for a Friday game.

DeLeon came in from Breckenridge this morning, where the team concluded a two-day series. The scores were 8 to 1 and 12 to 0, all in favor of the hard hitting Dynamons.

"The best team in this part of the country," is the way one of the visiting players described the Dynamons.

STOLEN TOOLS ARE RECOVERED AND TWO MEN ARE ARRESTED

Tools valued at more than \$100 and two belts, one new and worth about \$120, were recovered early this morning with the arrest of two men by Officer Jim Daniels, on the Caddo highway. The tools and belts were identified by field foremen of the Magnolia Petroleum company, according to Assistant Chief L. E. Davenport.

Representatives of the Magnolia, following the identification, filed charges of theft against the two men arrested, R. H. Trowbridge and B. H. Harris, in Justice of the Peace J. N. McFatter's court. The men will probably be taken to Eastland this afternoon.

DANCE TO-NIGHT SHAMROCK PARK

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LEGIONNAIRES FIGHT OVER COMMANDER AND NEXT CONVENTION TOWN

By United Press. GALVESTON, Aug. 30.—Ft. Worth and Brownwood are seeking the next convention of the Texas division of the American Legion, but a "dark horse" was being suggested. William E. Hubbard of Dallas appeared to have strong support today in the contest for state commander. Dr. M. W. Sherwood has been regarded in the lead for the office, but Rufe Enridge have been making a hard fight.

SECOND IN FAMILY TO MEET VIOLENT DEATH

By Associated Press. WACO, Aug. 30.—Tullis Holt, killed by rangers Wednesday night in a Somervell county raid, was a brother of W. E. Holt, who was killed by Roy Mitchell, in one of McLennan county's mysterious murders and for which crime and others the negro, Mitchell, paid the penalty on the gallows recently. Tullis Holt is survived by his mother, two brothers and several sisters.

T. P. COAL AND OIL CO. GETS FAVORABLE REPORT

By Associated Press. FORT WORTH, Aug. 30.—A report holding in favor of the Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil company against the Vulcan Oil company of New York City, was filed in federal court today by John Jackson, master of chancery. The hearing on the suit, involving more than \$3,000,000 in Texas leases and claims has been in progress for six months.

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SCHOOL FUNDS TRANSFER TO AWAIT COLLECTIONS

By Associated Press. AUSTIN, Aug. 30.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Marrs dispelled all fears of the state being thrown into a seven-million-dollar deficit when he announced that he would not ask for a transfer of \$3,500,000 of school funds from the general funds to the school fund until next December. He said that the collection of taxes would have been made then and the state would not be put into a hole.

In places of worship under the Church of England are 31,454 unpaid bell-ringers.

Abraham Lincoln left an estate of more than \$100,000.

DEATH IN FORT WORTH BRINGS SORROW HERE

The little 4-year-old daughter of Dr. Truman Terrell died in Fort Worth, Wednesday, of lockjaw, following a few days' illness. The child got a piece of glass in her foot several days ago and died from the effects.

Dr. Truman Terrell is a brother of Dr. C. O. Terrell and Dr. Sanford Terrell. Many Ranger relatives and friends will sympathize with the family in this hour of sorrow.

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SPORTS
HOUGHTON IS PERFECTING HIS RING DEFENSE

Jim Clark, a 17-year-old negro, didn't show any staying qualities last night in a couple of rounds with J. B. Houghton at his training quarters on South Rusk street, but we would bank on his future. Jim wanted to quit in the middle of a round last night when blood began streaming down his chest from a bleeding nose but who wouldn't?

He got the impression that Houghton was going to knock him out or as he put it, "he's mad." Houghton wasn't mad or anything else. Jim was boring in and when Houghton saw an opening he jabbed his right to the colored boy's nose.

Jim Will Be Back Tonight. This little encounter put the spectators, who filled the room, back of Schertz's grocery store, in a humorous mood and they asked for more. Clark was tired as he had gone several rounds with several men and it was his first time inside a ring. Aubrey Jameson brought him over to "Happy" Schertz's ring and he says he will have him back tonight for a short workout with Houghton.

At least a hundred men and boys and some women also visited the little improvised training quarters of Houghton last night, which indicates the interest in the coming bout next Monday night at the Liberty theatre. Pirtle Rainey, Houghton's opponent, is not working out at nights and so the followers of both men were present last night. Rainey worked out this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock and again this afternoon.

Do Close-In Fighting. Pete Hines and "Slim" Lowe were two big fellows who mixed it up with Houghton. "Happy" Schertz put on the gloves for a two-round session with Houghton and on several brief occasions they did some close-in fighting.

Houghton contented himself last night with letting his opponents hit at him the best they would and ward off the jabs and uppercuts the best his ring science would permit. "Shorty" however, used his right when he found himself backed up against the ropes.

We would say that Rainey is going to miss some blows next Monday night if Houghton does his head ducking as nice as he did it last night. Anticipating a hard swing, he throws his head forward and sometimes bores into his opponent's stomach.

Lowe made Houghton do some fast footwork for the tall fellow carries the fighting to his man. Lowe tops Houghton by better than half a head. Young Charley Ghoson put on the gloves for several rounds.

Houghton will work out again tonight, starting about 7:15 o'clock.

AT THE HOTELS

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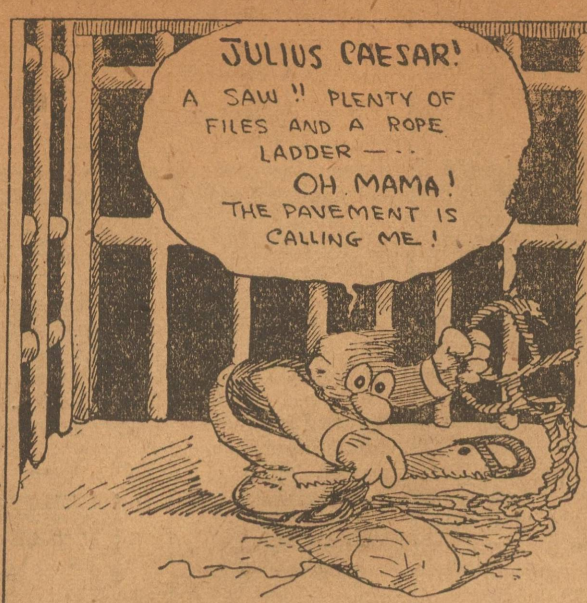
Musical comedy will hold sway at the Connellee theatre when "Irene", dainty, tuneful and irresistible will be seen there Tuesday night, Sept. 11, one performance.

No light opera, in recent years, has been quite as successful as has "Irene." Not only did it score a record run for over two years in New York city at the Vanderbilt theatre, but it can claim long engagements in other American cities, the longest in fact—and in foreign capitals, it having been played all over the world.

Musical comedies that have gone before "Irene" have had, many of them, much to recommend them. Some have been notable for melody, some for novelty, some for character drawing, as in the case of "Sally" a few for plot, and here and there one for some combination of these merits. It has remained for "Irene" to encompass all these qualities and to have marked up to its credit one more—class. There is class in the story, class in the musical numbers, class in the production—or staging—and, what is of vital importance, class in the company.

DALLAS.—A herd of very much alive elephants, with 500 human actors, take part in the fire pageant, "India," to be given nightly before the grandstand at the State fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28.

BARNEY GOOGLE—For Being Out Barney Has an "All-In" Feeling.



Greb-Wilson Fight Tomorrow has the Dopesters Guessing

By HENRY L. FARRELL, (United Press Sports Editor.) NEW YORK, August 30.—No fight of the hectic summer of fights and fights has had the experts guessing as much as the world's middleweight championship bout here tomorrow night between Johnny Wilson, the title holder, and Harry Greb, that great, little piece of Pittsburg fighting machinery.

As a rule, in doping and in betting on the outcome of the fight, the champion possesses the known qualities and what experting is to be done revolves around the prospects of the challenger.

In this unusual case it is just the opposite. Everyone knows the capabilities of Greb, and no one is sure what Wilson will turn out to be when he is subjected to the real test that he is bound to face.

Wilson sort of sneaked into the championship and he has sneaked more as the champion. He won the title from Mike O'Dowd in Boston on a decision and O'Dowd shouted to the world that he had been made the victim of larceny. Wilson gave him a return bout in New York, and although he failed to show any kind of championship ability, he did beat O'Dowd, and in the poverty-stricken condition of the class it meant that he was the champion sure enough.

Wilson fought the rugged Bryan Downey in Cleveland and he was floored and saved by what the ring-siders maintained was a most gorgeous and considerate count on the part of the referee. The champion then took Downey back on for a no decision thing in Jersey City and the exhibition was terrible that Tex Rickard refused to pay Wilson his purse.

More trouble followed for the champion. When he tried to get his money, Rickard forced him to sign an agreement to fight Harry Greb. Wilson signed the agreement, got his money and then told Rickard to jump himself into the well-known lake.

The New York boxing commission then suspended Wilson for failing to defend his title and announced that Greb had become the champion through a sort of default process.

Matters were further complicated when Greb proceeded to win the American lightweight championship and decided that he didn't care to monkey around and defend what claim he had on the middleweight title.

Finally, after months of wrangling the Wilson-Greb match was made. Wilson was reinstated by the boxing commission and they are going to have it out.

In winning the championship and in the few times that he stepped out of the set-up class to defend the title, Wilson showed himself to be so bad that he was dubbed the "cheese" champion.

He follows the southpaw style of fighting with his right hand and his right foot extended, and it is rather an annoying style to beat. He is of rugged build and has enough power in his back shoulders and arms to be a good hitter, if he knows how to get the most of his possibilities.

ST. LOUIS EXPECTS 70,000 TO WITNESS AIR RACE

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 30.—Preparation of St. Louis field for the international air races to be held here Oct. 1, 2 and 3, is rapidly nearing completion. The work is in charge of Col. Albert T. Perkins and represents virtually the construction of a new field.

The site is the old Bridgton field, formerly a commercial field but now at home of the Missouri National Guard air unit.

DALLAS.—All purses won at the State fair race meet during the State fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 13-28, will be paid on the day following the race, between 11:30 o'clock and noon, according to racing rules.

HOW THEY STAND

TEXAS LEAGUE. Standing of the Teams. W. L. Pct. Fort Worth 83 50 .624 Dallas 73 62 .540 San Antonio 71 62 .533 Wichita Falls 70 62 .530 Galveston 62 68 .477 Beaumont 62 69 .473 Houston 62 71 .466 Shreveport 46 85 .352

Yesterday's Results. Today's Schedule. Dallas at San Antonio (2) Fort Worth at Beaumont. Shreveport at Houston. Wichita Falls at Galveston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Standing of the Teams. W. L. Pct. New York 76 42 .644 Cleveland 65 55 .542 Detroit 61 55 .526 St. Louis 60 57 .513 Washington 57 62 .473 Chicago 55 63 .466 Philadelphia 51 66 .426 Boston 45 70 .391

Yesterday's Results. Today's Schedule. Detroit at St. Louis. Cleveland at Chicago. Washington at New York. Philadelphia at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Standing of the Teams. W. L. Pct. New York 79 46 .632 Cincinnati 74 48 .607 Pittsburgh 72 49 .595 Chicago 68 56 .549 St. Louis 60 63 .488 Brooklyn 57 63 .475 Philadelphia 40 80 .333 Boston 38 83 .314

Yesterday's Results. Today's Schedule. Boston 2, Cincinnati 1 (10 innings.) Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 2. St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain. Three scheduled.

BEAUMONT.—The recent purchase of Joe Martina, pitcher of the New Orleans team, by the Washington Americans, proves the theory that pitchers can come back. Martina was with the Boston Red Sox 10 years ago, and was released to the minor leagues. He played several years with Beaumont and then went to New Orleans. His purchase by Washington has met with joy by his friends here

INCREASE OF CRIME IN U. S. CHARGED LARGELY TO MANNER IN WHICH COURTS FUNCTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 29.—Starting disclosures of the extent and rapid increase of crime in the United States were submitted before the American Bar Association yesterday by a special committee on law enforcement which urged that the whole code of criminal practice in the 48 states of the union be rewritten so that the long arm of the law might also become swift, sure, constant and on occasion, merciful.

Data on numbers of crimes, method of trial treatment of prisoners in England and France were cited in comparison with which this country showed to a decided disadvantage. The blame was laid partly upon the structure of the law and the manner in which our courts function, but principally the increase of crimes and criminals was attributed to "the apathy and indifference of the American people" toward law enforcement. "Terrible failures of justice have occurred in all parts of the country," says the committee. Truth still clings to Chief Justice Taft's statement that the "administration of criminal law in the United States is a disgrace to civilization. The trial of a criminal seems like a game of chance in favor of the criminal and, if he escapes, he seems to have the sympathy of a sporting public."

In 1921, for instance, there were 9,500 homicides as compared with 9,000 in 1920. In other words, since 1910 no less than 85,000 of our citizens have perished by poison, the pistol, the knife or other unlawful and deadly injury.

As compared with England and France: In the last year for which facts were available, there were 63 murders in England and Wales; 585 in France. In the 48 American cities where live one-fifth of the population there were 1,562 murders.

In London there were 17 murders. Only nine of these were classed as first degree. Scotland Yard ended the year with none of them unsolved. During the same period Chicago had 137 recorded murders, and New York 260—the latter city obtaining three convictions.

The annual homicide rate per the 100,000 rate in Hartford, Conn., is 1.4. It is 56.8 in Memphis, Tenn. "The largest proportionate of

crime is in our cities of less than 200,000 population," says the committee. "It therefore maybe conservatively estimated that in this republic last year there occurred 7,859 murders. To this may be added 6,790 cases of manslaughter and other unlawful killings, totaling 14,690 unjustifiable homicides."

England is severe in punishing murderers. The death penalty often is imposed, although prison sentences usually are brief compared to ours. In France, where crime is less severely punished, murder is more frequent. Eight states of the union have abolished capital punishment. In five others it had been outlawed, but now is reinstated.

Thus there were 92 executions in this country in 1919. "But to prove that our failure to inflict the death penalty did not proceed from an excess of tenderness", the committee points out, "we successfully put over 83 largely attended lynchings."

Discussing the prospect of speeding the trial of prisoners in the United States; of eliminating the disappearance of witnesses, falsification of defense and loss of testimony, the committee concludes. "The first great work to be accomplished in bringing about a better enforcement of law must be an awakening of the public to a clear sense of their responsibility for it. Improvement in our laws can accomplish little unless accompanied by a determination on the part of our citizens to have those laws enforced."

"We recommend that a permanent commission of this association be appointed to formulate a standard code of criminal procedure for the states of the union. It is of first importance that such committee be composed of men who have had large practical experience in the criminal courts and especial care should be taken to exclude mere theorists and faddists."

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Main Drag Stuff

Recalling Experiences of Motorists Passing Through Parker County Before the Present Reforms Were Instituted; Scene in Restaurant.

By P. G. T.

How not to get arrested for speeding near Weatherford, while en route to Fort Worth has been one of the main topics of "discussion" in Ranger for several months.

When our friends return from an auto trip to Fort Worth or Dallas it is not necessary to ask, "Did you have a good time?"

You merely say, "Did you get pinched near Weatherford?" If the friends say "No," then your answer is, "Oh, I am so glad you had a good time."

One of our sterling citizens drove up from Fort Worth last Monday morning. He got ditched and was doing his damndest to get the hoop coupe out of the gumbo. A Parker county speed copper stopped to watch the mired flier fight for life.

Just as the motor gave a dying gasp and bumped off the copper said, "See here, young feller, that's enough of that. Didn't you know they was a speed limit of 35 an hour in these parts?"

"This wagon ain't doin' 35, she ain't movin'," reported the exasperated motorist.

"Don't argue with me," said the copper, "or I'll put you in the hoosgow for contempt of court. Maybe that car ain't movin', but them wheels is doin' around 50, so come across."

Our motorist paid off in some Elks' jubilee "bucks" and told the copper to keep the change. This copper was so dumb he expressed thanks for the tip.

Another man from Ranger had a slipping clutch on his car. The motor made so much noise that one of these coppers thought he was breaking the limit. He made a pinch on the evidence of the fast motor and also argued in court that when he used up time and gasoline chasing a speeder that wasn't speeding he pinched him anyhow. He wasn't working for nothing.

One bird thought he'd play safe by driving backward through that motorists' Waterloo. The speed cop didn't know whether he could arrest a man for speeding in reverse or not, but figured that if the car was going backwards it was on the wrong side of the street and if backing up it was on the wrong side of the street so made a pinch on that regulation.

After this little spite we don't expect to go through Weatherford very soon. Might take a trip through there by train. At that these high-powered coppers might pinch the train for speeding through their village. Think of the cash they'd get after collecting a fine from each passenger. Jesse James would go down in history as a sneak-thief in comparison.

A Rangerite says: "Tother day I was kickin' about havin' to shave every mornin' to one of these here fast talking young gals. She sez, 'You shouldn't have no kick comin' about nothin' like that. I wear very thin chiffon stockings and—' Then she stopped real sudden like."

T. D. Wade is a wonderful humorist. As reason therefor witness the following incident:

The other morning one of the drug store cowboys came into Wade's cafe looking as though he was about ready to pay a final visit to John Milford's. He and a friend had made merry the night before with a quart of bootlegger's favorite, spiked with horse liniment and other high explosives.

When the D. S. C. walked in the cafe, Wade noticed the usual geebut-I-feel-rotten appearance, gave the customer a solicitous greeting, took his order and then took from under the counter an antique bottle, bearing the name of a quartet of roses and plastered with the physician's prescription seal.

The customer looked furtively at the bottle, watched what was done with it and finally saw it placed in a position fairly convenient to his long reach. The drug store cowboy's mouth began to water and he knew that just one mouthful of this golden, brown liquid would knock all that sick, weakish feeling out of him. He reached slowly, carefully, keeping tab on the waiters all the time. Finally he got the bottle, poured a quantity of the beautiful, golden brown liquid into his empty coffee cup, smacked his lips, and took a quick swallow, then yelled:

"Say, Wade, what do you mean by putting cold tea in a bottle like that, you'll kill somebody that way. Don't know whether I can live through the day or not after a shock like that."

"Been laying for you thieving run hounds all morning," answered Wade, "you're number three," and he laid the bottle aside for the next sick looking D. S. C.

DALLAS.—A Texas radio equipment concern is offering a \$200 radio set as a premium at the State fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-28; for the standard boys' or girls' agricultural club making the best report for 1923 in the annual club contests.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

(Continued from page 1.)

Whether or not the supreme court will uphold the legality of such legislation remains to be seen. It is clear from the record of testimony before the commission in its various hearings on consolidation that some of the states will certainly contest the constitutionality of the law.

For Consolidation.

Those favoring consolidation of the railroads of the United States into a limited number of systems have advanced a number of arguments, among them being the following: First, the economies of large scale operation; second, the advantages to a weak road and to the people served by the weak roads.

The first advantage, the economy of large scale operations, has been frequently advanced by the supporters of operating railroads on a big scale, and many economies are stated without submitting evidence to prove that there will be great saving in the traffic department. The traffic department comes in contact with the public, and solicits business for its road. A railroad seeks to get goods coming from beyond its territory to consumers along its route to such customers over its lines.

So a railroad like the Katy, for example, will have agents in New York, Baltimore, Detroit, and other important centers where freight originates, and it is the business of such traffic agents to get as much of the freight as possible coming into its territory routed by way of the Katy. If the Katy and the Cotton Belt serve the same town and a merchant in that town buys a bill of goods in New York or Chicago, the goods may be routed by way of St. Louis and over either the Katy or the Cotton Belt out of St. Louis to the merchant. The traffic man of each of these railroads will be present in New York or in Chicago, soliciting this business.

Now it is proposed that consolidation would eliminate such activities of the traffic solicitors, for when the competing roads are put together, the goods would move to the Texas merchant necessarily over the property of the large system. It would therefore not be necessary to have as many traffic solicitors as are now employed.

This appears to be a reasonable proposition, but the dismissal of several hundred or a thousand of these traffic solicitors would not result in dismantling their offices because the systems would be in competition with each other, and would maintain offices and solicitors. Moreover, the cost of the traffic department constitutes a small percentage of the total operating expenses of a railroad. Consolidation will by no means make useless such a department, and even if it reduced expenses, they would not be reduced enough to furnish appreciable relief to the public.

Other proposed economies sound well, but upon examination likewise prove relatively insignificant and of doubtful realization.

The argument that consolidation would care for weak roads had great influence with congress. Under the transportation act rates are to be uniform in a given territory, that is, the same rates are to be charged by different roads in the territory they serve on the same commodities or classes. Where a strong road is paralleled by a weak road, it is clear that rates that would bring a fair return to the strong road would be sufficient to maintain the weak road, and rates adequate for the weak road would bring such prosperity to the strong road that the public would protest. Now it was proposed by consolidation to place the weak roads with the strong into one system and to prescribe rates which would allow a fair return to all the properties of the system including both the strong and the weak.

In the preceding article I have called attention to the problem of the weak and strong road operating as competitors in the same territory. Congress called upon the interstate commerce commission to consolidate these properties so that each strong road would be given its due proportion of the business which would bring a fair return to the roads as a system. For many months, the interstate commerce commission has been working on this problem of putting the weak roads with the strong. It has found its task almost insuperably difficult.

For example, in the northeast, there are three huge systems that have grown up through the years—the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, and the Baltimore & Ohio. The other roads of the northeast are relatively much weaker than these three systems, with a few exceptions. To place all the railroads of the northeast in three systems would perhaps be necessary if the mandate of congress were obeyed to the letter, that is, that the strong and weak roads should be actually put together. But that would make three systems so large that operating officials are skeptical as to the wisdom of attempting to do so.

Moreover, consolidation is voluntary, and it is hard to conceive how it could be otherwise, for it would be very difficult to compel a railroad to buy another railroad. A man may be compelled to sell his property for public use, but we have as yet no law to compel a man to buy what he does not want. Now it has appeared from the hearings that the New York Central does not care to buy the weak roads paralleling it. The same

is true of the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio.

Railways in the West.

When we come west of the Mississippi river we get a similar situation. The strong railroads of the west like the Union Pacific and the Hill lines, the Southern Pacific, and the Santa Fe are not very desirous of taking on hundreds and even thousands of miles of property that have not been able to earn a living. We have in the Southwest a number of railroads that from time to time have been in the hands of receivers.

It is true that much of the financial difficulties have been due to their being overcapitalized. But financially weak they are, piling up deficits from month to month and from year to year and passing through one bankruptcy proceeding after another. Congress had in mind that such properties would be consolidated with the financially strong systems. But it appears to be very difficult to interest the strong competitors in taking over these non-dividend paying and frequently bankrupt railroads. Consequently the tentative proposal, put out by the interstate commerce commission in August, 1921, to provoke criticism and thought, contains several systems made up almost entirely of financially weak roads. There are such systems in the Northwest, in the Southwest, in the West and particularly in the Southwest.

The so-called systems 18 and 19 of the tentative plan, the consolidation of the Frisco, the Katy, and the Cotton Belt into one system, and of the old Gould lines into the Missouri Pacific system, furnish examples of the difficulties which are actually met in consolidating these roads. Since the commission evidently was not able to get any assurance from the strong systems that they would take over all of these Southwest lines, these lines have been treated individually and consolidated into two relatively local and competing systems composed of fancifully weak properties. A strong chain cannot be made up of weak links. A strong system can hardly be constituted of financially weak properties.

Texas and the Railways.

The tentative plan which was put out by the interstate commerce commission about two years ago in order to provoke criticism and to encourage the roads and the public to come before the commission and give testimony, or as the lawyers would say, to make a record, upon which the commission could base its findings, proposes that Texas should be served by four systems, the Santa Fe, the Southern-Pacific-Rock Island, the Missouri-Pacific, and the Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt.

The people of Texas, both those favoring consolidation and those opposed, have objected to these proposed systems. It is felt that if the Rock Island be given to the Southern Pacific that the Southern Pacific may lose interest in Texas ports upon the Atlantic seaboard and that we may not have in Texas water compelled rates as in the past. Communities like Fort Arthur object to the proposed Missouri-Pacific combination because the Missouri-Pacific is financially interested in New Orleans, and since the Kansas City Southern is given in the tentative plan to the Missouri Pacific, Port Arthur fears that the Missouri Pacific would route its tonnage to New Orleans and would not be as much interested in developing Texas ports.

The tentative plan of consolidation proposes to give the Fort Worth & Denver City railway to the Santa Fe. This is objectionable to most of the people served in Northwest Texas as these properties. Heretofore, as new counties and areas have developed on the Plains in the northwest part of the state, the Santa Fe and the Denver, each has constructed a feeder of short line to protect its interest in the territory. If the Denver should be given to the Santa Fe, there would no longer be any incentive to build these short lines, for all of the freight whether it should

go east or west by truck would have to go out, or be brought in on the Santa Fe, if the Santa Fe owned the Denver.

The Denver is now owned by the Burlington interests, which also own a half interest in the Trinity & Brazos Valley. The Burlington interests want to come into and across Texas to the gulf and they strenuously object to being deprived of the Denver and losing their outlet to the gulf of Mexico. It would certainly be of advantage to Texas to have a strong system like the Burlington come into the state as a competitor to such properties as the Santa Fe.

Competing Lines.

The Frisco, the Katy and the Cotton Belt are parallel and competing lines out of St. Louis and Kansas City into Texas points. The consolidation of these roads will eliminate competition that has long existed and will not constitute a system strong enough to stand up by the side of the Union Pacific, the Burlington, or the Southern Pacific, or Santa Fe. That is to say, such a system would merely perpetuate the problem of the weak road, for rates that would be sufficient to sustain the Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt would bring undue prosperity to the strong systems of the West and rates that would bring a fair return to the strong systems would bankrupt the weaker Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt system.

The people in the southwest part of Texas are also strenuously opposed to the consolidation of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass with the Southern Pacific.

Since congress has commanded that the interstate commerce commission prepare this plan for consolidation, and since there are powerful financial interests and political interests that are opposing any modification of the law, and since we do not know what the courts will finally hold with reference to its constitutionality, it is necessary that we in Texas play safe, that is, we must get from the interstate commerce commission as favorable a plan as possible, for the plan put out by the interstate commerce commission may possibly be sustained and under it the railroads may consolidate in spite of all that the opponents of consolidation may do.

That being true, Texas is demanding of the interstate commerce commission very radical changes in its tentative proposal. For example, it is asking that whatever great systems are created west of the Mississippi river that they shall be brought into and across Texas; that the proposed Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt consolidation be abandoned and that these properties be used to bring such roads as the Union Pacific and the Burlington into Texas.

In that way existing competition would be preserved and the great systems would be interested in Texas and would seek to develop their Texas properties, and would encourage the agricultural, commercial, and industrial development of the state. That would be an infinitely better plan than the tentative one which would fix upon the Southwest two relatively weak systems that give no promise during the generation of being able to compete with the strong systems. In fact, we might have to look forward to bankruptcies, receiverships, and the unsatisfactory service attending the financial failure of railroad companies. Moreover, modifications such as requested in the plan would bring across Texas much heavier tonnage than would be possible.

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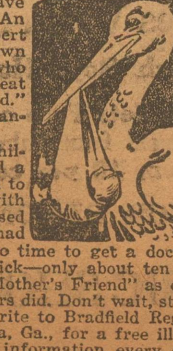
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sible under the tentative plan, and this would encourage the rapid improvement of roadbeds, of equipment, and of service.

TOWNFOLKS

Brock Hazzard, who was president of the Ranger High school senior class, '23, will leave next week for Austin to matriculate at the University of Texas.

American made goods, including cooking utensils, and office supplies, were displayed at the recent seventeenth annual fair at Johannesburg, South Africa.

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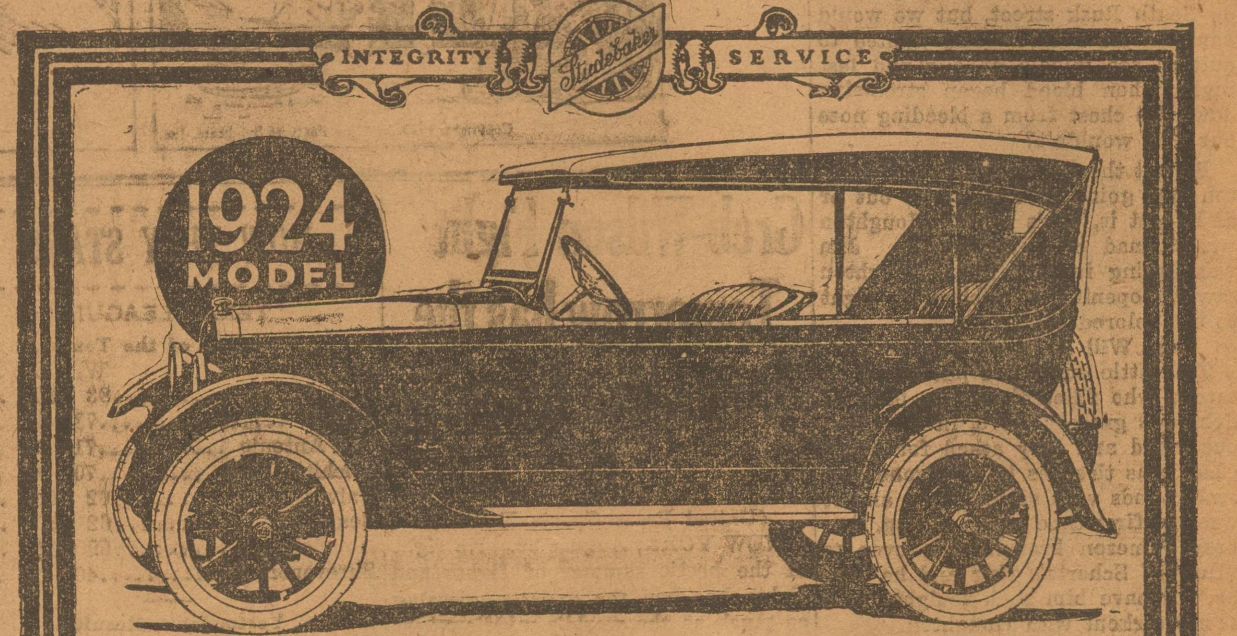
W. N. Wright's well No. 1 of the Ranger Rock Island was the surprise of the week and the best well to be reported. Although it had been a producer for weeks, it was not expected to jump to heavy production. Conservative estimates placed it at 3,000 barrels, but Saturday it was reported at 5,200 barrels.

M. C. Crispin, formerly superintendent of the Big Creek Development, a West Virginia independent, has come to Ranger to take the position of superintendent of the Texas company, succeeding J. I. McCasklin, who was transferred to the superintendency of the Brownwood office.

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