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U. S. AND GERMANY IN STATE OF WAR Nation's Young Men Called for Service

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Congress will stand almost solidly behind the President, giving him what ever power he wishes for fighting Germany. War plans are being rapidly carried out, and without actual declaration of war it is generally conceded that a state of war exists between the two nations.

The senate adjourned this afternoon without acting on the administration's state of war resolution. Democratic Leader Martin refused to consent to the transaction of any other business until the war measure was passed. LaFollette objected to Martin, asking that other business be taken up, but was voted down. Senator Hitchcock introduced the amended resolution with favorable report from the foreign relations committee and asked for immediate consideration. LaFollette objected to immediate consideration of the resolution, demanding that under rules the bill go over for one day, and senate adjourned until tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported out at noon today the administration resolution declaring that a state of war between the United States and Germany existed. The resolution was amended so as to strengthen the entire text of same with but one dissenting vote, Chairman Stone voting against the resolution.

By the resolution, President Wilson is directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States against Germany in bringing the conflict to a successful termination. The resolution ends by saying "all resources of the country are hereby pledged by congress of the United States."

WASHINGTON, April 3.—From three to five million men will probably be raised for the American army. At least one cabinet member wants three million men as minimum for army while another member recommends that the army be increased to five million. The process will be in increments of groups of five hundred thousand as rapidly as they can be officered.

The war strength of the navy will be raised to one hundred and fifty thousand as against the present authorized war strength of eighty-seven thousand.

AUSTRIA WARNED TO HANDS OFF

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A break with Austria has by no means been averted, according to general view of situation by high administration officials. Instead of postponing discussion of the situation President Wilson merely served notice on Austria that unless she keeps hands off war between United States and Germany, she too, must come under the ban.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Urging that there be "no faltering no division and no weakness in the nation," Senator Hitchcock in opening the upper house of Congress today began the argument for passage of the resolution to make the war with Germany an open actuality.

Hitchcock's appeal to the Senate was all the more dramatic, as he declared he had always been opposed to war and even in the face of his inborn belief asked Congress to pledge the nation to a war that "may last three years, cost much blood, and which shall have no Gethsemane. We want no more territory, demand no indemnity, have no historical grudges to settle and no antipathies of race," he began.

"We alone of all the nations of the world will spend our treasure and our lives without hope of material gain," said Senator Hitchcock, "we are going into war to vindicate our honor and our independence as a great nation—we are going to war for the defense of humanity." The senator said such quarrel as we have has been forced on us, and that he did not believe the German peoples desired war but that the German government was desperate.

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FRANCE HEARS ABOUT U. S. ENTERING WAR

By The United Press
PARIS, April 5.—A formal salutation of America entering the war was read in a declaration by Premier Ribot at the opening of the Chamber of Deputies this morning. The formal notice was received calmly as a matter of fact and no surprise was expressed.

Wm. Glass of the Poy creek country, returned home Wednesday at noon from near Temple, where he had been visiting relatives the past few weeks.

A. E. Gentry, of the Marie country, H. A. Neas and Wm. Gallia, of Rowena, J. T. Hardigree, of the Crews country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

GERMAN SEA ADDER REPORTED DESTROYED

By The United Press
BUENOS AIRES, April 5.—Persistent reports continue to circulate here among shipping circles and navy officials to the effect that a British cruiser destroyed the German raider Sea Adder, which is credited with sinking so many vessels off the South American coast. No confirmation of the report is available.

G. F. Crim of the river country Northwest of Ballinger, was in town Monday and reports about 3-4 of an inch rain at his place Saturday night. J. H. Booth, of the Eagle Branch neighborhood, was also in the city Monday, and says the rain was very light at his place.

CHARGES WILSON WITH BAD FAITH; NO CAUSE FOR WAR

By The United Press
BERLIN, April 5.—Insisting that there is no cause for war between Germany and the United States, Berlin newspapers feature comment on Wilson's war speech. The papers term the President's country as having kept bad faith,

and charges that England commanded the indictment of the Kaiser's dynasty. Particular violent criticism and bitter antagonism is expressed in newspaper comment against the "president separating the German people from the German government."

BERLIN SAYS BLAME FOR WAR RESTS ON THE U. S.

BERLIN, April 4.—Officials here say they can not see any reason for America's adoption of a hostile attitude toward Germany. They protest that the responsibility must rest with the United States and no blame lies with Germany.

In the meantime it is asserted Germany will treat American citizens remaining here the same as heretofore.

Berlin newspapers in their public discussion of the new angle of the war, are divided between the American situation and the franchise reform movement in Germany. Leader Bassermann of the National Liberal party, has written Deputy Stressmann, expressing agreement with the latter's Reichstag speech for electoral re-

forms in Germany, and especially favoring an immediate change in the electoral franchise for Prussia.

GERMANS MUST NOT UNDER- ESTIMATE AMERICAN IMPORTANCE

AMSTERDAM, April 4.—"Germans must not underestimate the importance of the United States entering the European war, for America is the richest country in the world," declared the Berliner Tageblatt today, according to dispatches from Berlin.

"The German people, however, seem convinced that the participation of the last great neutral nation will not defeat Germany," the Tageblatt also stated.

GERMAN SPIES PLOT TO PUT TEXAS IN "BLACK REPUBLIC"

NEW YORK, April 4.—German propagandists, secret agents and spy scouts are trying to foment an uprising of negroes against the white people in the event of war between this country and the central powers.

This information is according to charges contained in a special dispatch from Greensboro, North Carolina, to the New York Tribune this afternoon.

The plot is said to have been formed in a meeting of Mexicans, negroes and Germans at San Diego, Texas, in 1915. The Tribune says that is known as "the plan of San Diego."

"The plan of San Diego" involved the formation of Texas into a so called "black republic."

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Means for registering all single men between the ages of twenty and twenty-three as fixed under the universal training bill and grounds upon which those to be exempted are being discussed by the National Defense Council today.

The federal government will call on the state and municipal governments to co-operate with them in accomplishing this work in carrying out the general plans for placing the government on a war footing in the quickest possible time.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The House went into a committee as a whole immediately upon convening this afternoon, and entered into a debate on the resolution declaring that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany.

Chairman, of the foreign relations committee, opened the discussion. The House will pass the war resolution before night, and Congress will then be ready to receive the administration's plan for waging war against Germany. The leaders in the House announced as soon as Congress convened that they would attempt to keep the body in continuous session until the war resolution had been passed.

The Senate voted on the resolution last night at eight o'clock, eighty-two senators voting for the measure, while Senators LaFollette, of Wisconsin; Lane, of Oregon; Gronna, of North Dakota; Norris, of Nebraska; Stone, of Missouri; Vardaman, of Mississippi; voted against the bill.

WAR BUDGET TO BE BIG ONE

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The American government plans to start into the great world war with a budget of three billion, four hundred million dollars.

This vast sum will be raised through a bond issue. A rate of interest of three and a half per cent. or about this amount will be

fixed. The Federal Reserve Board will have charge of the task of handling the contemplated issue of the bonds and raising of the money as well as financing all the expenses incurred by the war.

CALL ISSUED FOR ARTISANS TO JOIN ARMY

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The war department today issued an appeal for 20,000 artisans to fill up quartermasters enlisted reserve corps for wartime service.

It is the department's intention to immediately begin training the men. These men will begin in the ranks now and are subject to active service at President Wilson's call. The department appeals to the newspapers of the United States to give it maximum publicity for the call.

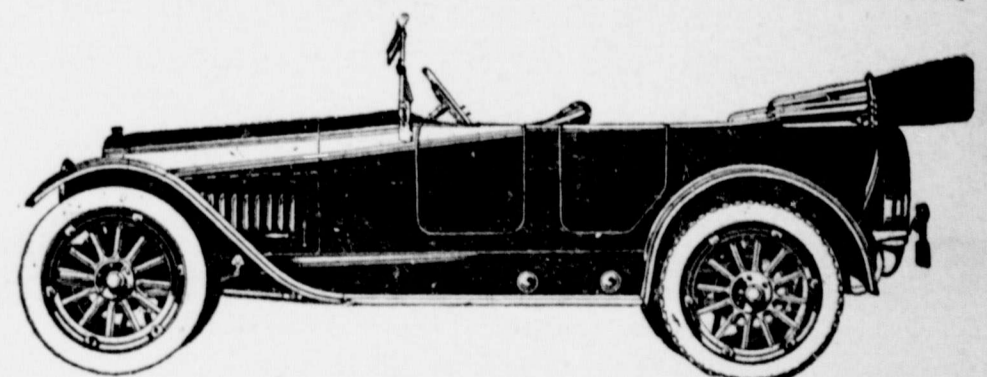
W. T. Garner of Norton, E. C. James of the Maverick country, and J. M. Nichols of the Winters country, were supplying and looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bean, nee Clara Malone, of Van Horn, came in Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser and Ballinger friends for a few weeks.

W. S. Maddox, of the Valley creek country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday at noon en route to Sweetwater on a business trip.

John Englert, of the Miles country was among the number attending the Farmers' Union meeting in Ballinger Wednesday.

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1 new Case, 7 pass. \$1400 car, a bargain \$1000.00
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1 5 passenger Auburn . . . \$225.00
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Men Welcome Mother's Friend

The husband is often worried over the condition of his wife during her period of expectancy. The thought that he is helpless to relieve her physical suffering and discomfort causes him great distress.

"Mother's Friend" is a safe external lubricant which penetrates to the fine network of nerves beneath the skin of the abdomen. It has a marked tendency to relieve the muscular strain to which these broad, flat abdominal muscles are subjected.

If husbands will secure for the expectant mother a bottle of "Mother's Friend" from their druggist, they will find that they have aided to a very great degree in relieving much of the discomfort during pregnancy and pain at the crisis.

The mother should apply "Mother's Friend" every night and morning, right up until the time of giving birth to the child. By aiding nature in its pre-natal work the mother will experience much less pain.

Every mother should have the free book prepared for users of "Mother's Friend." It concerns her health and well-being during and after the crisis. Write to Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. D, 415 Atlanta, Ga. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today.

WILL PURCHASE AUTO FOR DEMONSTRATOR

At a meeting of citizens held Tuesday afternoon a committee was appointed to purchase an auto for E. F. Eaton, the new farm demonstrator. Under contract with Mr. Eaton an agreement was entered into before he came that he would be supplied with a conveyance of some kind in order that he might travel over the county and carry on his work, and the auto will be purchased at once by the committee appointed for that purpose, which is composed of E. D. Walker, Chas. S. Miller and R. G. Erwin.

Mr. Eaton was greeted by quite a number of local business men in the meeting held Tuesday afternoon, and he briefly outlined his work, and the business men who were present expressed themselves freely after the meeting, stating that they believed that Mr. Eaton was the right man in the right place.

Mr. Eaton will visit the other towns in the county at once, where he will meet with the business men and discuss matters of importance to them, and he is now ready to answer calls from any farmer in the county who needs his services. He expects to spend the first few weeks getting acquainted with the people and the "general lay of the land" but will be on the job at any and all times when his services are needed towards pushing the agricultural, stock farming and diversified interests of this county. He comes to Rannels county from Comanche where great strides have been made along diversified lines.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 2c.

J. B. Bowden of Holland, Tex., and L. D. Duke of Lancaster, came in a day or two ago to be at the bedside of J. W. Duke, who is seriously ill in the Bethel neighborhood. Mr. Bowden returned home Tuesday afternoon.

CHAUTAUQUA COMING HERE FIRST OF MAY

The Ledger is in receipt of advertising matter and advance notices of the coming of the series of attractions to be put on here the first of May by the Co-Operative Chautauqua Bureau, of Dallas, Texas. The program covers a three days period, and is highly recommended as being first class in every particular. Watch this paper from day to day for the remainder of this month and arrange to attend every attraction.

Season tickets are on sale at the Walker Drug Co., and it is expected that the sales will be good as a saving can be realized by buying a season ticket, which will entitle you to the three days program which covers more than a half dozen attractions.

Ballinger is indeed fortunate in getting this chautauqua on the basis upon which it comes to this city. Dr. H. W. Sears, himself a great lecturer, is one of the men at the head of the chautauqua, came here two or three months ago, and tried to interest the business men in putting up a guarantee. He failed to get the guarantee, but was so well and favorably impressed with Ballinger that he decided to bring his company of entertainers here without a guarantee, asking only that the citizens and business men show their appreciation by co-operating with him and helping to bring the people of this county to Ballinger for the three days entertainment. Dr. Sears said he knew that he had a program that would please the people and was not afraid of the result.

Before Dr. Sears came to Ballinger with his proposition representatives of two other chautauquas had been here and went away because the citizens would not guarantee \$800. Dr. Sears is coming without any guarantee and the people should appreciate this.

This chautauqua company will bring their own tent, employ hands here to put up the tent and look after the seating, etc. In addition to the good program offered for the three days, Dr. Sears gives a free community co-operation lecture that is worth a great deal to any community wherever it is given. For this lecture he request all the business houses to close and he says he can show any reasonable man in five minutes why he can buy goods cheaper at home than he can from any mail order house. Dr. Sears is the man spoken of as "The Taffy Man," and "The Laughing Philosopher." This chautauqua is expected to bring large crowds to Ballinger.

Some Good Advice
"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when billions or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

John M. King of Concho, W. V. Tubbs of the Valley creek country, and J. M. Johnson of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.



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Don't be fooled in this matter of clothes Pay enough to get quality

YOU get the best when you buy HART SCHAFFNER & MARX clothes. Quality in the fabric—all wool; quality in the tailoring; quality in the lining and "insides"; quality in the thread—pure silk; quality in the styles.

Considering what you get, they're the most economical clothes you can buy. We'll show you the Hart Schaffner & Marx label in them; your guarantee of absolute satisfaction; a small thing to look for, a big thing to find.

Special showing of Easter shirts, neckwear, and hosiery; "dress up" as much as you want to in these things.

Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

FALLS FROM BRIDGE; BOY MAY NOT LIVE

N. J. Wardlow received a telephone message early Monday night informing him that his grand son, Master Jack Wardlow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wardlow, of San Angelo, had been seriously injured, and it was feared that he would die.

Information received over the telephone from San Angelo did not give the particulars of the accident, further than to say that the boy either jumped, fell or was thrown from the Orient railroad bridge over the Concho river at San Angelo.

The last reports from the boys bedside today stated that he was still alive, but his condition was very serious. The Orient bridge is fifty feet high, and that death was not instant as a result of the fall is a wonder.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

HOMER COSTON MET DEATH IN ORIENT WRECK

Homer Coston, 23, of Ft. Worth, Texas, was the man who met death Saturday afternoon when a south-bound Orient freight train was derailed on South Oak Creek, 2 miles west of Blackwell, and eight cars plunged into the dry creek bed. Coston is supposed to have been riding between the second and third cars wrecked. His body was badly mangled and death was probably instantaneous. The body was turned over to Nolan county officials and taken in an automobile to Sweetwater, from which place it was expressed to Fort Worth Sunday. The dead man was single and was on his way to San Angelo to find work when killed.—San Angelo Standard.

Garland Woodward, of Coleman, came over in his auto Wednesday to accompany his father, Judge J. O. Woodward.

BRITISH RECIPE FOR RAISING WAR MONEY

(Copyright 1917 by United Press)
By Lowell Mellett

United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, April 4.—A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has given the United Press the recipe for raising five billion dollars—under certain given circumstances. Only one ingredient is necessary, he said, in effect, and that is patriotism, but it is well to have it stirred by German frightfulness.

"The synchronization of the German frightfulness," he said today, "made the success of the Victory war loan certain."

Just as Zeppelin attacks on London started the first great rush to the colors, the German promise of undersea frightfulness accentuated the greatest rush to the pocketbook any country ever saw. So in giving the people of Great Britain most of the credit for the great financial effort, the Chancellor insists that some credit be allotted to the promulgators of the frightfulness campaign.

Asked why he had confidently undertaken to raise the desired money with a promise of a little more than five per cent interest, when London's greatest financiers

had declared it would be necessary to pay six per cent, he said:

"The bankers, as was natural, looked at it as a financial problem. I didn't. I looked at it as a fighting problem, a war problem. I considered what the people would do as a matter of patriotism, not as a matter of finance. Once they were made to see the fighting possibility of the money asked, I was sure they would not look twice at the question of interest. Events proved that to be the case."

He could have added that the difference in interest saved the empire more than \$5,000,000 a year.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Dr. F. Tinkle and wife, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to San Antonio, on a vacation trip.

We All Want A. & M. College.
Wendorf at the Busy Shoe Shop wants your shoe repairing. ttdw

A. R. Holman of Paint Rock, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route to Winters on a short business trip.

Service cars, phone 109, 320 or 305. Conn Jitney Co. 4-3d-1w

G. H. Dierschke, of the Oilfin country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

BARGAIN BARGAIN BARGAIN
One 1916 model, 7-passenger Studebaker, good as new, extra tires \$6.50.
31-2-3w BALLINGER AUTO CO.

Notice
All parties interested in the Farm Loan Association, will meet at the law office of R. S. Griggs, Friday the 6th of March at 2 p. m.
4-2d-1w W. E. BRANCH.

Jack Pierce left Wednesday morning for Talpa where he will inspect a bunch of cattle at that place.

MORTUARY.

Mrs. C. B. Rose
Mrs. C. B. Rose died Saturday evening at the Star Wagon Yard house at 1:40 o'clock from erysipilus and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the City Cemetery Sunday morning. Rev. J. W. Milton conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Rose was 25 years of age at the time of her death, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gray, who live ten miles up the Colorado river from Ballinger. Besides her parents and other relatives she leaves her husband and one small child to mourn her early demise. The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the family in the sad hour of bereavement.

P. M. Caudle and son Miles, of the Pony creek country, were in the city Saturday and the young man left in the afternoon for Santa Anna to visit relatives a few days.

Corns Loosen Off With Magic "Gets-It"

2 Drops Do the Work, Painlessly.
"I tell you, before I heard of 'Gets-It' I used to try one thing after another for corns. I still had them. I used bandages and they made my



Corns Drive You Mad? Try "Gets-It" and They'll Peel Right Off!
toe so big it was murder to put on my shoe. I used salves and other things that ate off more of the toe than they did the corn. I'd cut and dig with knives and scissors, but now no more fooling for me. Two drops of 'Gets-It' did all the work. It makes the corn shrivel and get so loose that you can just pick it right off with your fingers!"
There has been nothing new discovered for corns since "Gets-It" was born. It's the new way—the common-sense, simple, sure way. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.
Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce, and The Walker Drug Co.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR BANK

You'll never accumulate any surplus
—you'll never establish your credit
unless you bank your money.

What more watchful guardian
of your individual welfare than
your Government. What better
or surer place for your money than

**YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
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Your Lips Will Smack For More!

If you have never tried Pablo, get acquainted with this pure non-alcoholic thirst quencher today. The goodness of PABLO is best expressed by its pureness. PABLO is invigorating, refreshing and healthful. Its good, old "hoppy" flavor gives to it a tang that really satisfies.

The Happy "HOPPY" DRINK

Answers every beverage problem. Picnics, parties, gatherings of any kind always find PABLO a very welcome guest. Keep PABLO on ice in the home always ready for a satisfying drink. Served ice cold wherever drinks are sold. Try PABLO today—and pass the good word along.

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J. M. Radford Grocery Co.
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FARM DEMONSTRATOR ARRIVED TUESDAY

E. F. Eaton, the new farm demonstrator, arrived Monday night and began immediately to arrange to take up his work in this county. Mr. Eaton is a man of family, but says he will not move his family here until school is out at Columbus, as the term is so near at end. Mr. Eaton has been

in charge of the work in Comanche county for some time and he has made a success in that county. He comes to Ballinger highly recommended as a specialist in his line of work, and the department has notified the committee that the county is fortunate in securing the services of this man. Mr. Eaton met with the local committee Tuesday afternoon and the work here was formally turned over to him.

\$5.00 IN GOLD GIVEN AWAY THURSDAY MARCH 29

Archie Crews, representing the Walker Drug Co., boarded an automobile Thursday evening at 3:30 to go to the country to award the \$5.00 gold piece to some home that had the "Calendizer" pinned on the wall, the first home visited was that of our friend Mr. Albert Kresta, where the \$5.00 was not left for the reason that some of the children had destroyed the "Calendizer" and in so doing they lost a bright shiny \$5.00 gold piece. The next home visited was that of Mr. J. B. Porterfield, Mr. Crews knocked at the door and asked the question, "have you a copy of Murphy's Handy Full Page Newspaper 'Calendizer,' hanging in your home?" Mrs. Porterfield did not understand at first but when it was made clear to her, she explained that she did not have it hanging up because she subscribed for the daily paper instead of the weekly, so on he went to the next home where he found no one at home. Opening a gate he got out into the road and the very next home was that of Mr. Wilde. Mr. Crews again asked the question, "Have you a copy of the

'Calendizer' hanging up in your home?" Mrs. Wilde very promptly answered yes. Then Mr. Crews asked the next question, "Can you tell me whose advertisement is under today's date and what they are advertising?" Mrs. Wilde without a moment's hesitation, said "The Independent Oil Co.," and told what they were advertising, thereby becoming entitled to the \$5.00 which Mr. Crews turned over to her—for 29 days she had prepared herself each day by reading and committing to memory the announcement under each day. No day has ever been selected, no home is selected in advance, prepare yourself, you do not know when a representative of the Walker Drug Co., will call at your home.

Who will get the \$5.00 in April? No one knows. It may be you. Everybody hangs it up, and keeps it.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.

Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of sprains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of grippe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

Mrs. J. R. Holliday, of Hatchel, after a pleasant visit to relatives and Ballinger friends, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

SEEKING CITIZENSHIP IN UNITED STATES

As a result of the threatened war with Germany many people who have lived here for years, but who have never become citizens by the necessary process of law, are making a rush on the federal court and taking steps to become citizens, consequently the war, or threats of war, will have a tendency to solidify Americanism.

There are many good people in this country who are not what might be called legal citizens, yet their interest and all is in American, and their sympathy is with the American government. In the trying times that seem to be drawing near every American loving man wants to be a real citizen, and to this end all such are seeking citizenship.

The Ledger learns thru Miss Mary Phillips, the local district clerk, that within the last few days quite a number of German-Americans and persons of other nationality, have called at her office and secured the necessary blanks for making application for citizenship. Under the present law for becoming naturalized the applicant must appear before the federal authorities, and those desiring to become citizens have been supplied with blanks and will go before the clerk of the federal court at San Angelo and file their application.

In testing out a venire for jury service last week in district court in Ballinger, it developed that one man had lived here for thirty-five years, but was not a citizen and could not serve on the jury. He is one of the best citizens in this county, and while he is of German birth, he is not only an American but a Texan, and expresses his loyalty to the nation, and he began at once to qualify to be an out and out American citizen, and will no doubt be granted his full citizenship.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

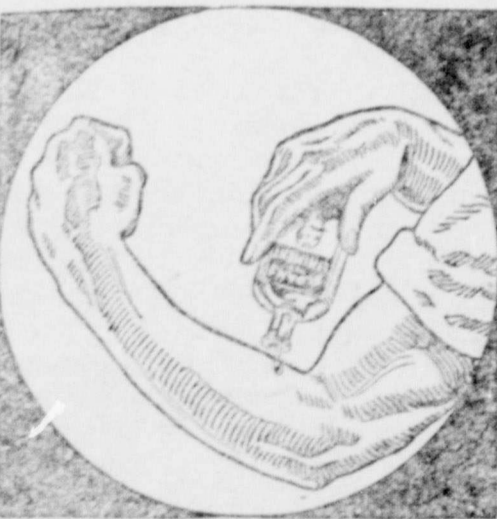
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All druggists, 75c. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

RETURNS HOME

Paul Trimmer returned home Sunday from an extended visit at the home of his father-in-law, J. M. Brown, of Miami, Fla., and was accompanied by his little daughter and her grandmother, Mrs. Brown.

Tom Trail, of Point Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.



No Need To Rub!

FOR stiff sore muscles apply Sloan's Liniment to the pain or ache, it quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Rheumatism, gout, lumbago, neuralgia, sprains and bruises are quickly relieved by its use. Cleaner and more promptly effective than mussy plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. The family medicine chest in thousands of homes has a place for Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

FERGUSON VETOES BONE DRY BILL

AUSTIN, April 3.—Governor Ferguson today vetoed the "bone dry" bill. When declining to sign the bill Mr. Ferguson stated that it was his opinion that the law was unconstitutional. The governor also vetoed the free pass bill and the bill carrying a ten thousand dollar appropriation creating a commission to make an educational survey of the state.

MOTHER! GIVE CHILD "SYRUP OF FIGS" IF TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels.

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

ROBBERS GET \$113 AT CREWS POSTOFFICE

Robbers entered the post office at Crews some time between closing time Saturday night and opening time Monday morning, and robbed the office of \$113 in cash, and probably other things were taken from the store where the office is located.

Sheriff Perkins received a telephone call early Monday morning, and went to the scene of the robbery to see if he could get a clue that would lead up to the arrest of the robber or robbers.

The post office is kept in a store. Wood McKissack has been in charge of the store and office, L. R. Wilkerson, being the post master. The cash and postage stamps and other valuables for the office are kept in a steel cabinet, as the office had no fire proof safe, and the cash is kept in an iron box inside the cabinet. The robber broke open a window and entered the building and broke the lock on the cabinet and also broke open the money box and got the cash. The robbers left no clue and it is probable that they will never be apprehended.

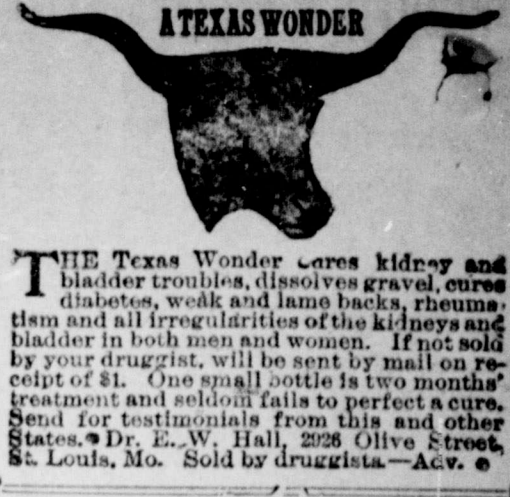
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BABY BORN ON TRAIN

A baby was born Sunday night on the "California Special" to Mrs. Givan of Coleman, who was en route Coleman to Melrose, New Mexico. The birth occurred shortly after leaving Sweetwater. A physician was on the train and rendered assistance in bringing the babe into the world under unusual environments. — Coleman Democrat.

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your nervous system is shattered; your strength is wasted; your digestion weakened, your blood impoverished.

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is the rich tonic-food to nourish your nerve-centers, repair the wasted tissue, improve your blood-power, sharpen your appetite and gradually re-establish your strength.

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COURT QUITS AFTER CLEANING UP JAIL

District Judge Woodward left for his home at Coleman Saturday morning, after spending two weeks here where he worked hard in cleaning up the criminal court docket. All the jail cases were disposed of, and where the motions for continuance did not justify continuance Judge Woodward overruled all such motions and several defendants out under bond were brought to trial.

Judge Woodward returned home feeling good over being able to rid the docket of so many cases, and stated that he hoped to do even better at the next term of court and would hold night sessions if it was necessary to clean up the docket.

There is a little work to be done before the minutes are signed and the term completed. Judge Woodward will return next Wednesday to hear motions for new trial in the Alexander incest case and in the M. Bega burglary case, and to pass on some civil cases that are pending.

There were about one dozen convictions and pleas of guilty at the term just brought to a close, and there will be at least eight prisoners carried to the pen, and possibly more, if the motion for new trials are overruled and an appeal is not taken. This is another record breaker for Runnels County, but The Ledger is proud to note that practically all the convicted are transient people and do not belong in this county, and apparently came here only to ply their trade. Following is a list of the cases disposed of:

H. F. Alexander, charged with incest, found guilty and given ten years in pen. Counsel for defense files for a new trial.

M. D. Freeman, charged with assault on rape; convicted and given two years in pen.

Luther Boatright, charged with cattle theft; plead guilty and acquitted by jury on insanity plea.

H. P. Hudgens, charged with assault to murder; convicted for aggravated assault and given \$25 and cost.

Arthur Alexander, charged with forgery; dismissed for want of evidence. Alexander is a son of H. F. Alexander, convicted for incest.

H. D. Broyles, forgery, plead guilty and received two year sentence. Two other cases against Broyles were dismissed.

V. D. Nelson, alias Walter Kinney, charged with forgery; plead guilty and sentenced to two years in pen.

B. L. Snowden, charged with burglary; plead guilty and given a four year suspended sentence.

W. H. Horton, charged with burglary; plead guilty and given a two year suspended sentence.

Clifford Foster, charged with forgery, plead guilty, sentenced to two years in pen.

Gilbert Adams, charged with burglary; sentenced to two years in reformatory.

Sherman Smith, charged with burglary; sentenced to two years in reformatory.

V. Rodriguez, charged with burglary; plead guilty; sentenced to two years in pen.

M. Bega, charged with burglary; convicted, sentenced to two years. Will ask for new trial.

Arthur Williams, alias William Morris, charged with burglary, pleads guilty and is acquitted by jury on insanity plea.

DR. TINKLE'S LIVEREZE FOR CONSTIPATION AT YOUR DRUGGISTS

NO RAIN IN THE WEST.

Lee Maddox and Uncle Joe Routh returned from a trip overland to Andrews, Texas, Sunday afternoon. They spent the night at Midland Saturday and reports that no rain fell in that country and that it was very dry. The rain only extended to a short distance beyond San Angelo and the fall increased this way. Mr. Maddox made a trip over in New Mexico while on this trip and says that there is no more room in that country for any more people.

Charlie Wimberly of the Crews country, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Ft. Worth, where he had shipped a car load of cattle.

TAKES THE PLACE OF DANGEROUS CALOMEL

New Discovery! Dodson's Liver Tone Acts Like Calomel But Doesn't Gripe, Salivate or Make You Sick—Don't Lose a Day's Work—Harmless Liver Medicine for Men, Women, Children—Read Guarantee!

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you

right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

ORIENT TRAINS PASSING THROUGH BALLINGER.

On account of a wreck on the Orient south of Sweetwater, passenger trains over that line passed through Ballinger Saturday night and Sunday, both the north and south trains being detoured over the Santa Fe via Coleman cut off. The Kansas City train going north passed through here about seven o'clock and the south bound train from Kansas City passed here shortly after the noon Santa Fe passenger train Sunday.

Patronize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

RAILROADS TO GUARD BRIDGES

The announcement has been

made that in case of trouble with Mexico and Germany, as now seems to be certain, the railroads of Texas, and especially of West Texas, will again place guards at all the important bridges. The T. & P. has already taken such steps to guard against trouble and have guards stationed at the important bridges on their line from Fort Worth to El Paso.

CYLINDERS BORED

Call at the Central Garage to have your cylinder bored and magnet recharged. We do all kinds of auto repair work. Phone 643. 3-3td wtf

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY SELLS 2 MITCHELLS

W. A. Nance, of the Ballinger Auto Co., reports the sale of two five-passenger Mitchells within the last week. One of the cars went to Andy Gustavus and the other to Miss Azelie Toulme.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wood, of the Mud Creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

LAND LAND LAND "Don't Overlook This Opportunity"

Just placed on the market 170,000 acres of SOUTH PLAINS LAND, lying adjacent the new SANTA FE RAILROAD, being built Southwest out of the town of Lubbock. This land is being sold in tracts of 80 acres and upwards, at prices ranging from \$10.00 per acre and upwards, on terms of \$2.00 to \$2.50 per acre cash, long time on remainder of purchase money, 6 percent interest. Inexhaustible water.

For further particulars call on

C. A. Doose & Co.
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Hot Water Facilities

Make the heat of your range help you wash the dishes. Connect a water tank and have an ample supply of hot water for the kitchen, laundry or bathroom.

This practical device overcomes the hot water question in thousands of homes. Why not have one in your home? We make a specialty of installing all kinds of water heaters, including gas.

We will gladly furnish you our figures. Our experience in this line makes our repair department particularly efficient.

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Phone 136

DROPS DEAD WHILE WATCHING BALL GAME

Ed Dozier, of Paint Rock, died almost instantly at Miles about four o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the news reached Ballinger a short time afterwards. At the time of his death Mr. Dozier was seated in his auto and was watching a ball game between the Miles and Paint Rock teams. The Paint Rock team went to Miles, and Mr. Dozier with a number of other friends accompanied them, making the trip in their autos.

The ball game was in progress and Mr. Dozier was seated in his car when friends near by noticed him drop his head over on the steering wheel, and within a few minutes, and before a physician could reach him he had passed away. He was apparently in good health when he left his home, and just a few minutes before he died he was talking with his son, and there was nothing in his action to indicate that he was ill.

Mr. Dozier was a pioneer of the Concho country. He came to this country in the early days, and was well known by the early settlers throughout West Texas. For many years he has been identified with the development of the country, and has many friends who will regret to hear of his death.

The funeral services were held at Paint Rock Sunday afternoon and interment made in the cemetery at that place, the Masons having charge of the funeral. Rev. C. L. Ewing, Presbyterian minister from Brownwood, came up and conducted the services. The lodges at Miles and Ballinger participated in the Masonic ceremonies and a large crowd attended the funeral.

Deceased was well known in Ballinger and the following friends from this place attended the funeral: J. McGregor, Alex McGregor, Arch Crews, Dr. A. S. Love, J. A. Reese, H. C. Gardner, U. P. Melton, W. H. Schleyer, H. W. Armstead, D. M. Baker, Bob and Pete McGregor, Judge Jno. I. Guion, H. M. Josey, C. C. Schuchard, Dr. J. W. Bladell, Ed O'Kelly and Geo. M. Vaughn.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy? You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold, the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery has for 48 years been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle today and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, gripe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

W. A. Hamlicek, one of the prominent business men of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

C. C. Carter, Mack Watkins and J. D. Carleton of the Norton country, and B. F. Pope of the Miles-Rowena country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

SHOE EXPERT SAYS FOOTWEAR TO GO UP

Representing the Howard & Foster shoe company of Brockton, Mass., J. P. Thomas was a visitor at the Melton Dry Good Co., store Saturday night. Mr. Thomas talked very convincingly of the outlook for higher prices on all kinds of shoes next year.

The shoe man stated shoes were certain to be from 50 cents to one dollar higher next fall than they had this year. "Most merchants are reducing their purchases to 75 percent and will use up surplus stocks," he said. "Howard & Foster are not the biggest concern in the United States, as they only make about 2500 pairs a day," said Mr. Thomas, "but our business is indicative of how the trade is situated."

When asked what was the most important reason for the higher prices in shoes, the expert said, "shortage." Organized labor is also demanding increases that amounting to nearly 21 per cent, and dyes are out of sight, according to the shoe man. "American

dyes are not as good as the dyes procured from Europe before the war. The first dyes made in the United States wouldn't hold at all, and shoes were spotted after a short while."

Mr. Thomas has been coming to Ballinger for about nine years, but said general conditions in this country right now were better than he had ever seen them. Thomas' territory includes six Southern states.

Constipation and Indigestion.

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

Rev. Father Gorman of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

SPRING'S COMING

You will need lumber for making improvements around your home. When you think of building and painting think of

Ballinger Lumber Company



Which way are you going? Are you saving or are you

Running Behind?

You can't begin to go forward financially until you learn to save your money.

An account at this bank is a step Forward

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
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SEND US YOUR MAIL ORDERS
We have made special arrangements to have all mail orders filled by an expert shopper. We guarantee to please you.

You'll Need New Clothes for Sunday

Special Showing of Easter Dresses



These irresistible dresses in all the newest shades are shown in styles that are unmistakably different and positively cannot be compared with others.

To appreciate this gorgeous display you should pay our Ready-to-Wear department a visit Saturday.

Afternoon and Party Dresses



Every conceivable style and color is to be found in this the most representative showing of afternoon and party dresses we have ever made. Whether you intend to buy or not it is well worth a trip to town to see this showing.

Easter Millinery

Your last chance to buy an Easter hat is Saturday. For the woman who has put off buying a hat till now we are able to offer a really exceptional display. Our buyers have made a special effort to have ready for the tremendous Easter rush as complete and in fact the largest assortment of the season now awaits you.

White Boots and Pumps for Easter

This is going to be in reality a White Easter—white suits, white hats, and white dresses. Consequently you will have to have white boots. We are prepared for you.

Nile Cloth and Rein skin in a white 9 inch lace boot. Very pleasing and comfortable. They are very easy to keep clean and wear exceptionally well, Louis heels, \$5.00 and\$6.00

Sport Boots are Here

This style of practical low heel boot is sure to be popular here. They are in mustard and white, and brown and white, at\$5.00

Low Shoes For Men

We are particularly well prepared in our men's low shoe department. Edwin Clapp, J. P. Smith and Slater & Morrel, have helped us make this showing correct.

Easter Is Dress Up Time

With the formal opening of Spring; Easter only a few days off every man, woman and child should be awake to the necessity of replenishing their wardrobe. Where to secure just the needed garment is a very important question, one that is easily answered if you are a patron or customer of

The House of Higginbotham

Our stock is replete with all that your heart could desire in the way of wearables. Well selected and bought with the customer's interest always in view; we offer an authoritative expression of the newest modes, whether you desire serviceable practical styles or something daring, dashing and charming. You will find a chance to express your individuality in our exceptional Easter Showing.

Spring Silks & Wool Suits Greatly Reduced for Fast Selling

These prices should clear out every Spring Suit and Coat in our Ready-to-Wear section. This sale embraces all suits and coats, regardless of style or attractiveness.

\$24.35

Suits and coats of taffeta, poret twills and gaberdines in new styles and colors, \$30 to \$35 values special Saturday and all next week\$24.35

\$19.95

Gaberdine, serge and poplin suits in clever styles and color combination, values to \$25.00, special\$19.95

\$21.75

A comprehensive showing of very desirable spring suits and coats, good values at \$27.50, special\$21.75

\$16.95

A really charming showing of attractive suits and coats, good styles, regular price \$20 to \$22.50, special \$16.95

All \$15 and \$16.50 spring suits and coats \$12.95 extra special

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Easter Silks

For those who want to make their own Easter dress we are especially well prepared and have arranged a silk showing exceptional.

Foulards—A new and attractive material in odd and pleasing designs, bright catchy colors, very serviceable. 45 inches at, a yard\$3.00

Fancy Taffetas—in soft and pleasing weights, wide and narrow stripes and plaids, dark and light colorings and charming combinations, 36 inches wide. \$2.00 to\$2.50

Georgette Crepes—in practically all of the newest solid colors of mustard, chartreuse, gold, silver, pink, oyster-white, copenhagen, navy, royal purple, and black, 40 inches wide, priced at, a yard\$2.00

Oriental Crepes—A beautiful line of georgette crepes in unique and bright catchy colors and extremely quaint designs, a real novelty that is going to make a great hit, 40 inches, at a yard, only\$2.50



Accessories for the Easter Parade

Fancy Hose—A striking display of hosiery for the Easter parade. Fancy stripes of most every new shade made of pure thread silk, priced \$1.25 and up to\$1.75

Georgette Neckwear—A real novelty in new neckwear combinations that are different and are out of the ordinary, priced 75c to\$2.50

Fancy Parasols—Can you imagine an Easter parade without a fancy parasol? The clever Japanese designs and combinations add such a realistic touch that you will be sure to like them, \$1.00 to\$10.00

Easter Ribbon Bargain

A special purchase of No. 250 extra wide hair bow ribbon in all the good colors, a regular 50c seller, priced now, yard 25c

Materials for the Children

We are featuring a special line of materials for the little tot's Easter suit. Poplins, serges, and reps, all colors, yard 25c

Spring Wash Goods

Romper cloth, quadric cloth, galatea, and crepes, 15c, 20c and25c