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## INFLUENZA DEATH RATE LOW IN TEXAS

The people of this country have been somewhat alarmed over the influenza epidemic, and well they should to the extent of using every precaution to stamp out the disease, but when we compare our losses with those of northern and eastern cities and states, we have just cause to feel thankful.

The state board of health announces that the death rate in Texas from influenza has been less than five per cent, while in the north and east it has run as high as 100.2 per thousand cases. The death rate in Boston jumped from 14.7 per thousand to 100.2 per thousand. In Lowell, Mass., the death rate increased from 15.9 to 62.5. In Cambridge, Mass., it increased from 12.7 to 83. In the state of Texas the rate has not exceeded 5 deaths out of 1000 cases reported.

Due to sanitary conditions and climatic conditions the death rate in some Texas cities has been greater than in others. Some cities and towns have almost escaped the disease entirely, while others have suffered heavily.

The board of health attributes this to the fact that the people did not use the proper precaution or did not have their city in a sanitary condition.

## FOURTEEN TEXANS ON HONOR ROLL

Today's casualty list contains the names of fourteen Texans. The list contains the names of 423 Americans and the Texans are as follows:

### Wounded in Action

Corp. John H. Morgan, Austin.

Pvt. Early O. Forristall, Eldorado.

Pvt. Abner B. Partain, Gonzales.

Pvt. William O. Jarnagin, Bridgeport.

Pvt. William G. Judkins, Waco.

Missing in Action

Corp. William L. Calvert, Mineral Wells.

Corp. Marshal Yandel, Emory.

Pvt. Thomas Roberts, Wallis.

Pvt. Earl O. Palmer, San Antonio.

Capt. Robert M. Gibson, Houston.

Pvt. Marion E. Houston, Muhl.

Wounded in Action

Pvt. Mell Allred, Wills Point.

Pvt. John L. Franeoni, Dallas.

Pvt. Tom Hutcheson, Lampasas.

### COUNTY COURT CALLED OFF

The regular term of county court scheduled to convene here Monday Nov. 4th, has been cancelled, and there will be no county court. Men who had been summoned to appear as jurors will take notice and not respond. This decision is the result of the influenza epidemic which is prevalent throughout the country and to the fact that many farmers are busy planting grain.

## Austrians Lose 25,000 Men---Huns Send Another Note Our Allies Advance 7 Miles on 25 Mile Front

### Walter Finley Embrey Gives His Life For His Country

"Deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Private Walter Finley Embrey, Machine Gun Battalion, died Oct. 2 from wounds received in action. The above message signed by "Harris" acting adjutant General, came to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Embrey late Tuesday afternoon. The message was received here over the Western Union and transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Embrey at their home six miles south of Ballinger over the phone. Mr. and Mrs. Embrey had not

heard from their son in two or three months and they were uneasy about him. They have the sympathy of their friends in this sad hour.

Walter Finley Embrey was in the first registration. He was 21 years old when he registered, and was inducted into service on April 26th of this year, and sent to Camp Travis.

He was sent to France in June and gave his life for his country, paying the supreme price on October 2nd.

### LAST DAY OF PAY UP WEEK

Dallas, Oct. 30.—Persons who have not paid their War Savings pledges, which are due between October 24 and October 31 under the government's call for payment should not fail to make arrangements to liquidate these obligations by October 31. Louis Lipsitz, Federal Director in Texas for the War Savings Committee pointed out today.

Careful arrangements to inform the people that their pledges are due during this period and that the government is asking for the liquidation at this time of November and December pledges have been made by the government. Posters calling attention to this fact have been posted in all public places, Treasury Department agents holding the written pledges of the people in their communities have been notified and the newspapers have been asked to call the attention of the people to this fact.

### S. OLDIER'S REMAINS ARRIVES AT WINTERS

The Remains of Ewald Christian Henniger, who died in a training camp in Alabama about a week ago as the result of influenza, arrived at Winters Wednesday at noon and were laid to rest in the Winters Cemetery. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Henniger, of the Winters country, and he was inducted into army service here a few months ago, going first to Camp Travis and later transferred to Alabama.

Ed Schwertner and son Ben were here from Rowena Tuesday, having business with the Farm Demonstrator, Eaton.

### ANGELO HEDGING AGAINST SALOONS

Local option petitions were being circulated in San Angelo Monday morning calling for the holding of an election to vote Pro or Con 1, 2 and 4 of Tom Green county dry. The entire county voted wet less than a year ago, and no local option can be held in the county as a county for more than a year. But under the interpretation that has been upon the local option laws there is nothing to prevent the calling of an election to cover a portion of the county. All of San Angelo is included in the first precinct. Under a statute passed by the last session of the legislature no liquor licenses can be granted for the selling of liquor outside the limits of incorporated towns, of which San Angelo is the only one in the county. Many signatures were being secured to the petitions which are expected to remain open throughout the week. The Commissioners' court is to meet next Monday and the plan is to ask the court to act on the petitions immediately and set the date for the election as early as possible.—San Angelo Standard.

Removing the iron bar and breaking the window, robbers entered the Gustavus grocery store on Hutcheson Ave., either Saturday night or Sunday night, and carried away a quantity of groceries.

Nez Gustavus, head of the firm is ill with influenza, and the clerks in charge discovered the robbery when they opened the store for business Monday morning. It is impossible to determine what the thieves carried out of the store, but among the articles missing is a quantity of jelly, canned goods, tobacco, cigars, chewing gum and several sacks of meal and flour. Those in charge of the store think that at least four sacks of flour and equal amount of meal were taken, showing that the robbers respected the rules governing the sale of flour.

The officers were put on the case, but have no special clue, and it is probable that the robbers will get by without being brought to justice.

### GERMANY'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's latest communication says:

"The German government has taken cognizance of the answer of the president of the United States.

"The president is aware of the far reaching changes which have been carried out and are being carried out in the German constitutional structure, and that peace negotiations are being conducted by a people's government in whose hands rest, both actually and constitutionally, the power to make the decision.

"The military powers are also subject to it.

"The German government now awaits proposals for an armistice, which shall be the first step toward a just peace, as the president has described it in his proclamation."

(Signed) SOLF.

### DRAFT CALL MADE FOR ABOUT NOV. 11

The local board received notice Wednesday that the call for thirty men from this county, which was postponed indefinitely on account of the influenza epidemic had been reinstated and the date fixed for on or about Nov. 11th.

The notice does not fix the exact date for entrainment, this comes later, and while the exact number of men to be furnished for this call is not given, it is expected that about thirty men will go from this county.

The board will begin at an early date notifying men to prepare for call, and the date of mobilization and entrainment will be announced later.

### ENEMY LINES FOUND ALMOST EMPTY

Paris, Oct. 30.—The French and Americans, in launching an attack northwest of Rethel, penetrated deeply into the German positions at many points. The French and American troops advanced to the support lines of the enemy which they found almost empty, the Germans having deserted in hasty retreat.

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### DR. HALE SAILS FOR FRANCE

Mrs. F. M. Hale received a message informing her that her husband, Dr. F. M. Hale, sailed from Hoboken to France Sunday.

Dr. Hale volunteered for service and received commission as Captain and has been in training at Camp Ordelethrope, Ga., for several weeks. His friends here will wish for him a successful sojourn in foreign land and a safe return to his family after the war is over.

### ROOMING HOUSE MAN DIES AT ANGELO

Doe Rasbury, a veteran rooming house man in San Angelo, died with influenza. Deceased was sixty years old and had been conducting hotels and rooming houses in San Angelo for many years.

### ARRIVES ON FOREIGN LAND

His family received a card Monday from Bill McGregor, saying, "arrived safely overseas." Alex McGregor volunteered last spring, going to a training camp in California with a number of other Ballinger boys. He has landed near the scene of action in time to get a taste of warfare before the big scrap is settled.

### DRAFT BOARD RESUMES EXAMS.

Twenty-five or thirty young men were here Tuesday to appear before the local draft board for medical examination, this feature of the draft work having been resumed after a suspension of several days on account of the influenza epidemic.

About sixty per cent of the men of the last registration who have filed their questionnaires and been classified, have been examined to determine their physical fitness for army service, and the remainder will be examined as fast as the work can be done.

Tad Richards, of Winters, was mingling with friends in Ballinger Wednesday.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Austria, in reply to president Wilson's note, accepts all his conditions, it was learned officially here from Berne, Switzerland today.

Austria accepts Mr. Wilson's terms regarding the Czech-Slovaks and Jugo-Slavs, and declares readiness to enter into peace negotiations immediately regardless of the result of any other negotiations with Germany.

The note asks Mr. Wilson to take appropriate measures towards an immediate armistice and peace.

### HOBBY APPEALS TO DEMOCRAT VOTERS

Mr. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Mr. Sledge:

In order that the victory won by us in the primaries may be pronounced at the general election, I urge upon you the importance of taking some step to the end of bringing out a big vote in your county. The forces of evil, and particularly of bad government, are always working and may be depended upon to come out and vote; therefore, it is of extreme importance for the friends of good government to be most careful and most watchful.

Will you please bring the importance of a big vote at the November election to the attention of the people in your precinct and county, and also later on undertake some systematic method of impressing the voters so that the importance of going to the polls November 5th may not be overlooked.

I am asking that you help bring out the biggest vote ever recorded for the democratic ticket in November.

Sincerely yours,  
W. P. Hobby  
Governor of Texas.

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We hope the war will end before April 1st, but—

The only safe way is to figure that it won't end for another year.

This means that we must figure that there won't be any new cars next summer.

But you'll want a new car next summer, and won't be able to get one.

The next best thing to do is—make your old car into a new one.

You have no idea how small an expenditure it will take to bring your car back to a youthful condition.

Furthermore, an inspection NOW may save you money later on, for attention to troubles when small prevents them from getting big—and costly.

Drive it in any day.

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We Do Expert Repairing of All Kinds

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PHONE 505. Opposite C.H.L.

**A Texas Boy Gave His Life for You Today. What Have You Given?**

Take care when you sign that subscription blank for Liberty Bonds that the amount you set squares as can with all your heart acknowledges this heritage to be worth to you.

**"The More Bonds you Buy—the Fewer Boys will Die."**

**The Winters State Bank**  
Winters, Texas

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### TWO CORPSE SHIPPED TO PAINT ROCK

A young man by the name of Tillery, and a young man by the name of Glascock, died at the army camps and were shipped to their homes at Paint Rock for burial Friday. The remains of both of the young men, according to information received here were due to arrive in Paint Rock Friday afternoon.

Young Tillery was the son of Ashby Tillery of Concho county, and a grand son of Uncle Dick Tillery of this city. He had been in the army camp for several months, and died from the effects of influenza and pneumonia.

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic** destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 50c.

### FELIX JONES TRIAL BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Dallas, Oct. 25.—Felix Jones, charged with the murder of Miss Florence Brown in July 1913, is scheduled to be tried in criminal court here beginning next Monday. The murder was one of the most sensational every committed in Dallas county. Great crowds are expected to attend the trial.

### HUSBAND DIED; WIFE ILL

The condition of Mrs. Charlie R. Miller is unchanged. Mrs. Miller is quite sick with an attack of Spanish influenza at the home of her mother in Fort Worth. Her condition was considered serious at the last report.—Brownwood Bulletin.

It will be remembered that Mr. Miller died at the officers training camp at Little Rock, Ark., a few days ago. He was court stenographer for this district for several years during Judge Goodwins administration. He was a Ballinger boy.

Preston Dunn is at home from an overland trip to New Mexico.

### FORMER BALLINGER JEWELER DEAD

News of the death of his brother, L. P. Rummann, who died at Camp Mabry, where he was in training for army service, Thursday. The remains were shipped to the home of deceased at La Grange, where they will be buried.

L. P. Rummann will be kindly remembered by many people in Ballinger. For several years he was a citizen of this city and was with the Jas. E. Brewer Jewelry store.

The epidemic which is taking so many people out of this world, was responsible for Mr. Rummann's death, he having died from pneumonia superinduced by influenza. John Rummann and family have the sympathy of their friends in their sorrow.

### Bronchial Trouble Mrs. A. E. Sidneberder, Rockfield, Ind., states: "Far an attack of bronchial trouble which usually assails me in the spring I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only thing that gives me relief. After using it for a few days all signs of bronchial trouble disappears."

### JACK FROST'S VISIT SLIGHTLY DELAYED

By a narrow margin tons of green vegetation and garden truck in this county escaped the blighting bite of Jack Frost Saturday and Sunday night.

The temperature Sunday night dropped to 37 degrees, according to the government record kept by E. M. Eubanks in South Ballinger. 42 was the low point Sunday night.

Under certain conditions light frost forms at 37, and it is probable that a light frost struck in some places in this county, but not heavy enough to do much damage. The cold wind of Saturday and Saturday night damaged fall gardens in some localities.

Guy McDonald and W. H. Rodgers were here from Winters Monday. They report health conditions in Winters improving.

## PLANTING THIRTY THOUSAND ACRES

The wheat acreage in this county is estimated at thirty to fifty thousand acres, this estimate being based on the number of bushels of seed wheat sold here and at other places in the county.

The government made loans on more than five thousand acres of wheat. Local dealers have sold many bushels for planting, while C. L. Green, a Winters grain and mill man, is reported to have sold wheat sufficient to seed seventeen thousand acres, and it is known that there was considerable wheat in the hands of farmers which was held over from last year, as the drought prevented planting last fall.

Thousands of acres of wheat were planted before the rains and is up to a good stand. The recent rains will give the early planting a boost that will insure some pasturage.

The oat acreage promises are unusually large and there promises to be more oats raised in this county than Carter had. The heavy grain sowing is due to the probable scarcity of farm labor to cultivate the land next year and also to the demand for winter pasturage.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

## ANGELO ANTIS OPPOSE SALOONS

In view of the fact that state-wide prohibition has been declared unconstitutional, the citizens of this city as well as neighbor cities, are interested in what steps San Angelo, the only wet spot in this part of the map, will take in dealing with the liquor question.

The following from the San Angelo Standard of Sunday will be interesting to the thirsty:

"Opposition to the reopening of saloons in San Angelo under present conditions is manifesting its self in the ranks of many who have steadfastly voted the anti-prohibition ticket. Many representatives citizens who have always heretofore voted 'wet' expressed the opinion that conditions should for the present remain as they are, when the Standard undertook Saturday to ascertain their views.

"Many who have supported the 'wet' regime stated Saturday that since the government has taken steps to abolish the manufacture of liquor during the war, it is plain that saloons are for the present not wanted. But with few exceptions the speakers would not permit themselves to be quoted.

"I don't think there is a shot for the saloons to come back, but if there is, I am not in favor of the chance," said Heeter McKenzie, prominent sheepman.

"There is not one anti-prohibitionist in ten who would vote to have the saloons return," said District Judge Dubois. "I signed the petition calling for a local option election and know dozens of others who did the same thing."

"Many seem to hope that no effort will be made to reopen the saloons, thus eliminating the necessity for an election, which would afford opportunity for strife. Both prohibitionists and former anti leaders asserted that there would be no question as to the result—that liquor would be dealt death blow by a large majority. Persons formerly arrayed on opposite sides of the question discussed the matter in the utmost harmony Saturday. The majority of those who formerly voted for the retention of the saloons pointed out that war times were no time for the open saloon."

Mrs. J. T. Morgan, who came here to attend the funeral of her brother, Mack Taylor, and who remained over for a few days on account of sickness, returned to her home at San Antonio, Thursday. Her daughter, Miss Minnie Lee, who came to be with her mother also returned to San Antonio.

E. C. Ryan, the oil king, went to South Texas for a few days hunting trip, Saturday. "This is going to be a great oil field but it may be two years before it is developed," said the oil magnate as he was boarding the train.

## WAR AND MEDICINES

What Many of the Sick and Ailing Are Learning Nowadays.

So many doctors have gone to war, the services of comparatively few are available at home.

Good proprietary medicines are more widely used than ever, and more and more people are finding out how great their merit is.

At this time, when there is greater need of economy than ever before, Hood's Sarsaparilla, a thorough blood purifier, Peppinon, a real peppin-nux-iron tonic, and Hood's Pills, a potent yet mild cathartic, are especially good. They are liked by all who use them.

These medicines are remarkably efficient, whether taken in conjunction or separately. Sold by all druggists.

## HEAVY RAINS BRINGS BIG RISE

The north and northwest part of the country received heavy rains Tuesday night. The rain was accompanied by considerable hail in some places. Norton and the divide country was flooded, and Valley Creek came down with a deluge that caused a rise in the river the second rise for the week.

Heavy rains out towards Big Springs and along the tributaries of the Colorado river brought down the highest rise in that stream in three years. Lowlands along the banks of the stream which had been put in cultivation and in some instances put under irrigation, were flooded, and late crops damaged or destroyed.

Showers after showers, and heavy rains in some localities has almost put an end to the serious drought, and with anything like an average rain fall through the winter season this country will be in first class agricultural condition for planting next spring.

## A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, sick, feverish, constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

"If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep their harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a small bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

## SOME "FLU" IN OKLAHOMA

Tulsa, Okla., 10-23-18.

Dear Sledge: Please send my weekly Banner-Ledger to my address here. There are 4000 cases of influenza in this city but we think the situation is better. Best wishes. J. M. London.

Miss Ida Ray Cockrell left for San Antonio, Thursday, where she goes to accept a position as clerk in the government war work department.

S. L. Alexander, one of the prominent Winters citizens and pioneer settlers of this country, is lingering at death's door at his home in Winters, having developed pneumonia from influenza.

Aurelia McKinzie principle of the Mary Nead high school is spending the week with her parents. While her school is suspended on account of the influenza epidemic.

## GLASS MAKES BOND RELEASED FROM JAIL

San Angelo, Oct. 24.—Bond in the sum of \$25,000 granted the previous day in federal court by United States Commissioner Jesse Couch was furnished late Tuesday afternoon by Frank Glass of Rowena, who was charged with violation of section 3 of the espionage act. Securities to the bond were M. Feist, Guss Glass, a brother of the defendant, Frank Gerngross, H. B. Halfmann and Henry Kasburg, all residents of Rowena community.

The sums placed opposite their names amounted to \$70,000.

Glass will be required to appear in court here on the opening day of the April term. He was arrested at his home last Friday and placed in jail here the following day upon information that he had made disparaging remarks about the United States government and the conduct of the war. When arraigned in federal court Monday, he waived examining trial and was remanded to jail in default or bond.

## DROUTH SUFFERERS DIE IN HOUSTON

Only one member now survives of the Lowery family of four. She is Lottie Lowery, and she is only 8 years old. She has been taken to Dublin, Texas, to make her home with relatives.

J. J. Lowery, father of the family died at the home of H. A. Hardin on the Wallisville Road, yesterday afternoon from pneumonia following influenza. On October 9 Mrs. Lowery died of pneumonia and two days later her little son Jesse died. The double funeral was held here October 12 while the father of the family lay critically ill.

An evil star pursued the Lowery family. The young 28 year old farmer and his family were driven out of Comanche county by the drouth and in their wagon travel the entire state, finally reaching Houston, ill and almost penniless. Their plight reached the attention of the public and a home was found for them with the Hardins, October 1. Funds were raised for them through The Chronicle.

Mr. Lowery's body was removed to Westheimer's. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.—Houston Chronicle.

## CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies, Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills. A few are sold every where, and with Blue Ribbon. Take an entire box of four. Beware of cheap imitations. CHICHESTER'S PILLS FOR COLIC, BILIOUSNESS, HEADACHE, CONSTIPATION, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE BOWELS.

M. B. Alexander and wife, of Lometa, and W. E. Alexander, of Burnett, returned to their home Saturday afternoon. They had been to Winters to attend the funeral of their brother.

Joe Hadden came down from San Angelo, Saturday, and spent Sunday with his family, returning to San Angelo Monday, where he is baking bread.

## Time Brings Happiness With The Dawn

The Coming of Baby Marks the Advent of a Glorious Future



Scientists say great stress should be laid upon the remarkable influence which the mother's happy pre-natal disposition has upon the health and future of the generations to come.

There is a splendid preparation women for over half a century have applied before the start's arrival, known as Mother's Friend. This is a most grateful, penetrating remedy that at once softens and soothes the myriad of broad, flat abdominal muscles under the skin of the abdomen. By its regular use during the period the nerves, tendons and cords are relaxed and there is an absence of nausea, bearing-down pains, strain and general discomfort more often than otherwise experienced when nature is unaided.

By the use of Mother's Friend night and morning the muscles relax with ease when baby comes, the time at the crisis is shorter and pain and danger is naturally avoided.

Write the Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. E, Lamar Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for their Motherhood Book, and obtain a bottle of Mother's Friend from the druggist, by all means, and get into condition to meet the crisis.

## WEST TEXAS BUYS THE BOLL W. EVIL

Mr. Johnson informed us that their line gang would begin in a few days taking down the lines and otherwise dismantling the property.

A deal was closed in Winters Wednesday that marks the ending of the career of the "Boll Weevil" Telephone Company. The property was sold to the West Texas Telephone Company and D. J. Johnson, traffic manager for the latter, received the property.

The "Boll Weevil" Telephone Company was organized in 1909, many farmers and a few business men in Winters taking stock. The property has changed hands many times in its precarious career, but seemingly manager after manager has been unable to manage it to any advantage to those who had invested in it. The last owner was C. S. Jordan who closed the business a few months ago when, as a result of the drouth many business institutions were closing. The deal closed Wednesday was between Mr. Jordan and the West Texas Telephone Company.—Winters Enterprise.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lusas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

(Seal) Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and act through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Ills for Constipation.

C. R. Hightower, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

## To the Building Public

You can make any repairs or additions to your buildings that do not cost over \$2500.00. You can also make any improvements or build anything new on your farm, that does not cost over \$1000.00. Any other new buildings, of any kind, require a permit from the War Industries Board. We will be glad to inform you how to proceed in securing building certificates, as we have the blank forms on hand.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.



THE First National Bank OF BALLINGER, TEXAS ESTAB. 1886

"Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best remedy we have found for constipation. We cannot say too much for it." (From a letter to Dr. Caldwell written by Mr. Winfield S. Taylor, 342 Penn. St., Burlington, N. J.)

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best remedy for constipation because it acts gently and does not gripe and strain. Its freedom from all habit-forming properties and its positive effect make it the ideal remedy for the family medicine-chest.

## DR. CALDWELL'S Syrup Pepsin

The Perfect Laxative  
Sold by Druggists Everywhere  
50 cts. (Per Bottle) \$1.00

A TRIAL BOTTLE CAN BE OBTAINED, FREE OF CHARGE, BY WRITING TO DR. W. B. CALDWELL, 459 WASHINGTON STREET, MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS

### DEATH CLAIMS HIS ONLY AUNT

U. P. Melton of this city received news Friday of the death of his only aunt, the only sister of his father U. P. Melton Sr., of Cuero, Mrs. Omega Melton Gerald, who died at Waco Thursday evening as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Gerald was 83 years old. She was the widow of the late Judge George Bruce Gerald, and one of the most prominent women in the city of Waco during the time she was active in life. The Waco Times Herald, in giving an account of the death of Mrs. Gerald, pays a beautiful tribute to her life, reviewing her life's history at length, and in part says:

"The death of Mrs. Gerald notes the passing of one of Waco's real pioneers. She and her husband came to Waco in 1868, this having been her home since

that time. It will be remembered that Judge Gerald died in January, 1914. Mrs. Gerald was born in Canton, Miss., July 25, 1835. On July 27 last, two days after celebrating her eighty-third birthday she cast her first vote. At the time of her death Mrs. Gerald had been married about sixty years.

"News of the death of Mrs. Gerald became generally known last evening, bringing the most sincere and pronounced regret to a legion of friends. Waco never had a truer daughter of the south than this beloved woman. The traditions of her beloved southland were most familiar to her, and the hospitality which this beloved woman dispensed was marked by that graciousness which seems part and parcel of the southern people which gives everything and asks nothing in return, save the consciousness of having made life sweeter and pleasanter for some one. To Mrs. Gerald was it given to witness all of the stirring scenes that accompanied the Civil war, in which her husband participated with such unchallenged gallantry and bravery. Her reminiscences of the deeds of daring of those who gave their lives in behalf of a cause that was to them just, righteous and holy were intensely interesting.

"Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Gerald retained complete possession of all her mental and physical faculties. She manifested the keenest interest in the war and in things political. From childhood she had been a student, one who always strove to attain the best in formation obtainable as to world happenings, and this trait was manifested until the day of her death.

"In the death of Mrs. Gerald, Waco loses one of her most highly esteemed and beloved women, one who had endeared herself to thousands during her residence of half a century in this city. Ever was her home open to her numerous friends, and in her home was found that contentment and happiness which makes home an earthly paradise. To her children and grandchildren she was a daily inspiration, and in the training of

### Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me. . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

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### WOMEN TORTURED. Suffer Terribly With Corns Because of High Heels, But Why Care Now.

Women wear high heels which buckle up their toes and they suffer terribly from corns. Women then proceed to trim these pests, seeking relief, but they hardly realize the terrible danger from infection, says a Cincinnati authority.

Corns can easily be lifted out with the fingers if you will get from any drug store a quarter of an ounce of a drug called freezezone. This is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. You simply apply a few drops directly upon the tender, aching corn or callus. The soreness is relieved at once and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts out without one particle of pain.

This freezezone is a sticky substance which dries in a moment. It just shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. Tell your wife about this.

Dward McKintie, who is attending Simmons college taking the S. A. T. C. course is at home for a few days.

### With Our Boys in Khaki and Blue.

Somewhere in France Sept. 27, 1918.  
Dear Folks: I had a letter written to you all in answer to several letters sister, mamma, etc., but couldn't find an envelope so lost the sheet it was written on before mailing. Am going to try again (on this one sheet, the only scrap I can find.) I have written at least five or six letters since arriving in France, and don't understand why you don't get them.

I have been through my first drive and its sequel—in which the doughboys went over the top and am whole, well happy, and anxious to be in on the next big show of the Hindenburg circus (going towards Berlin). I understand Troy Simpson was in on this same drive. Have not seen Roy Reeder of K. V. in about three weeks and suppose K. V. must be attached to some field hospital. Roy was doing wireless stuff the last heard from. Would like to see Roy Sharp, Gene Kipp, and some of the other Ballinger boys who I'm sure must be over here now. I'm not cooking any more, but am doing work that suits me better in the signal corps.

I see the Red Cross is going to furnish a box and coupon for Christmas boxes for soldiers in France, to be 9x14 inches in dimensions. I want you to fill mine for me with candy or cake only, please. This special Xmas package will not require the approval of a Colonel and only requires that you use the regular container and coupon attached. And be sure you get the right address—the same I have had.

Sister's reference to the name Yanks shows she hasn't been over here and that she hasn't forgotten the Civil war, but as for me personally I like Yanks better than Sammys. Sammy is too effeminate. Just got your letter with envelope and sheet of paper which I needed greatly. Thanks I think that we will get some stationery today tho. Don't know why K. V. letters get there and mine don't, but I have written. But don't get anxious or nervous about me—I'm all right. Yes I get the Daily Ledger occasionally—five or six at a time about every two weeks, but am glad to get 'em anyway.

How are the crops and business around Ballinger? Glad you all got rain—saw it in the London Daily Mail, (American Edition). Also saw where west Texas was under a most terrible drought.

Talking about rain, it sure does rain in France—mud up to your knees in the trenches and not much better in some roads. When our clothes get dirty here we just throw 'em away and get more—too far to a laundry. Write me like you have been doing and tell me all the news. So Louie Cohen is a captain now, is he, Good but hope the Queen and W. C. won't go flat. Love to all for this time. James Skinner, Co. C, 315 Field Signal Bat.

On the Front, France Sept. 16th, 1918.  
My Dear Folks:

Since my last letter to you things have happened around here that you have read all about. I think it entirely permissible for me to tell you that my regiment was in the big middle of this offensive and that my division easily did more than any of the others, taking part in the drive. As to what will happen further I do not know and could not tell you if I did. I have always read of these famous events and have been extremely interested in every move and every scrap of importance that I can get. Rains and muddy roads is all that stopped us. The infantry had to be held down till the artillery could move up and the continuous gain of the last two or three weeks made that very difficult. In fact all the artillery is not moved up yet. All roads were destroyed in the retreat of the Germans and we engineers had to rebuild them before the heavies could follow the Doughboys. This drive has taught the world that when equally matched the Boche is no match for the Americans, but the American Doughboy cannot continue to advance without the support of the artillery. My history of the past two weeks is a story of a "forced march" to attack and a pursuit of the enemy in his retreat. Things have quieted down a bit now but there is no telling when it will open again. I wish I could give you a detailed account of all that I know but cannot for many reasons

However, I am pretty sure you have gotten a good knowledge of all from press dispatches. I want to say in justice to the press that it is and has been, giving the truth to the U. S. people and the world in every detail of this war.

I wrote you sometime back that I was in a Liaison School. At this time I am assigned to an infantry brigade or liaison agent from my regiment and am stationed at this infantry brigade headquarters. I have been back to my outfit since I was assigned but must go back this afternoon as this one has about run its course. I also want to get a few things from my pack as I left in such a hurry that I didn't have time to get everything.

I have quite a number of prisoners and have taken a curious interest in them all. They appear to be nervous but most seem to be contented with their capture and I really believe are glad they are out of it. A machine gun crew of mine captured this morning, nine, who was just brought back to this post for examination and you can bet I was intensely interested. They were clinging for dear life onto their little chunks of black bread. I examined one piece, which was awfully heavy for its size, but seemed to be nutritious. One of the fellows asked a prisoner what he thought of the kaiser and he replied that the kaiser was not hungry but that they (the prisoners) were. I do not believe that Germany is near starvation, but from what the prisoners say and how they look I am convinced that they are under fed. Most of the prisoners I have seen are real young, but there are old men in the lot. I saw several drives of several hundred each and one of 900 at a distance. The Americans take the success and capture calmly and as a matter of course, but the French are overcome with joy. They praise the Americans and find much pleasure in deciding the unfortunate (or fortunate) captives.

The air is constantly alive with all sorts of planes and I have seen some fine fights. Do you know how much trouble it is for me to go to bed now? I'll tell you. When bed time arrives, I just wrap up in my saddle blanket, pull my slicker over me, use my saddle for a pillow and am soon dreaming of home sweet home. There is hardly a night passes that I do not dream of home. Of course I have a better bed when I am with my outfit, but cannot carry everything with me when on this duty. I thought I would have a hard time sleeping with blouse and gas mask on but that was a mistake. There was a time when I could not have slept with my shoes on but that mistaken idea has long since vanished. I do not believe they are not sleep in in gas masks at alert at my outfit, but we must here. Now mamma, I am now and have been quite a distance from the front lines and really not in much danger. Artillery is all that can reach this spot. A Brig. Gen. stays here and several colonels and majors are here.

Our trip over the old No Man's Land and into former German territory was most interesting, yet its utter destruction made me double thankful that the war was here and not in the U. S. I cannot begin to describe it. It is just ruin, ruin, ruin. We have all enjoyed exploring the old German trenches and dug-outs and some were fixed up with all the conveniences of aristocrats (officers quarters). In all such places a plentiful supply of empty bottles were found. Confirming reports of German drinking.

I bought a sweater a few days past, as good one as I have ever seen. Cost me 35 francs, so you need not get that one. All for this time.

Lovingly,  
Mrs. Diaz B. Wood.

Southampton, England  
September 2nd, 18.

Dear Mother and Father:  
I have been transferred from one side of England to another. Had a grand ride across this wonderful country. The farms are beautiful. Arrived at camp, which is much finer than the first one. Buildings are built very substantially. Timber is a scarce article in this country. My room is twice as large as the one I had in the U. S. camp. In looking over the Y. M. C. A., register I noticed where a Lieut. from San Angelo, whom I knew very

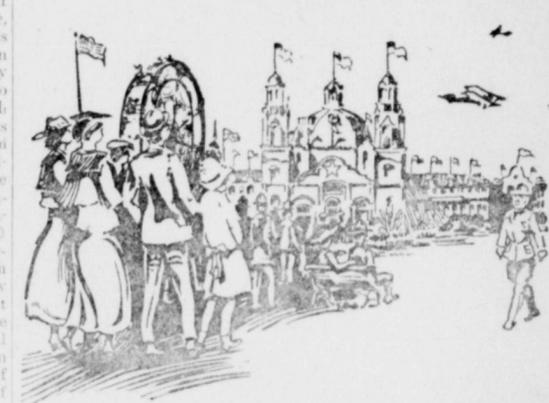
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## WACO

NOV. 2 TO 17, 1918

well, passed thru here yesterday. I have met a Dr. Williams from Ozona also Dr. McCoy. I tell you it sure makes one feel good to run across anyone from home.

I was happy indeed to meet them. I do not expect to remain in this camp a very long while. The next letter you receive may be from "Somewhere in France." I had quite a nice look about the city of Liverpool. It is a typical old English town, very interesting indeed, so many things to see surrounded with history for generations to generations. Having been at war so long, that the people take the war as a matter of course. But mighty glad the old U. S. A. has a hand in it. In asking how far it is from one place to another here in the city, one is always told so "many minutes walk." Never do they say so many blocks. However, there is a reason for this. The streets run in all directions, crooked as can be. One block four or five times the length of one of ours the next one that much shorter.

I have seen all kinds of soldiers since coming over, from the Scotch Highlander in kilts, to the English South African troops. The Highlanders are a sight in their short skirts and bare knees.

I had a very interesting talk with a British Airman coming here on the train. He has several German planes to his credit. The air fighting sure must be an exciting game. I felt very much at home coming out of quarters this A. M., when I heard the lingo of a bunch of Southern negroes, the "face alls" sure did sound good to me. The U. S. soldiers are taking the girls away from the Tommies. Can see them talking to one another, while the Tommies stand by looking on. I had the opportunity of spending a couple of hours in London while waiting for train connections.

Three officers and myself hired a car and instructed the driver to take us to as many points of interest as possible during the time we saw a number of historical places. Among them was Westminster Abbey, St. Pauls Cathedral, Towers of London, London Bridge (which we drove across) House of Parliament and Bank of England. We had very little time for interior sightseeing. One thing I saw was the original round table used

by King Arthur and his Knights, while reorganizing the government of this country. Hope to see more of this on another trip while over here. It has rained nearly every day since I came. One can't get far from a rain coat and be comfortable. I have been sleeping under two heavy blankets and really need a third one. Few days ago I saw a most interesting sight a whole string of German prisoners at least five hundred in the bunch, they looked mighty happy to be in our care. Things look blue for them. Henry Ford has his cars predominating everywhere on the streets. Pleasure cars are not allowed, the taxes are so high on taxis and service cars that it takes a mint to ride one, even if one cares to.

One is certainly impressed by the absence of young and middle aged men on the streets, can walk anywhere and see women filling positions and jobs that were formerly held by men. Also have seen the female (bar maids) of which I remember father speaking. Yesterday afternoon another officer and myself took quite a walk in residence section in and about some of the estates surrounding our camp. These estates are beautifully kept have wonderful trees, shrubbery, etc. Roek walls surround all of these, we went into several of these estates, some of the owners were glad for us to look about, while other men surprised at the nerve we showed by intruding on their property. One place we were shown thru the home, ground and beautiful gardens. It certainly was interesting. When I make my fortune I am going to have one just like it. Have been unable to have an audience with the King as yet, "don't you know."

Kindest regards to all friends,  
Lieut. F. M. Pearce.

### The Strong Withstand the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS-CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can't soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect.

Mrs. U. E. Hartman received a death message Thursday bringing her the news of the death of a cousin at Mullin, influenza being responsible for the death.

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**DEFENDING THE KAISER**

The newspapers and leading statesmen of London and Paris approve the reply of President Wilson to Germany almost unanimously and some of the papers declare it to be the "crowning rejoinder" of the President. It could not have been difficult for Mr. Wilson to have simply handed the discussion over to the allies with the suggestion that they decide what shall be done. He declared, however, that America refuses to treat with the Hohenzollern crowd now or hereafter. What more could be said and surely it was said in a fine fashion.—Abilene Reporter.

That puts the question of peace square up to the German people. So long as the German army continues to fight the world will now know that they are fighting for the defense of the kaiser. America nor the allied nations do not want any of Germany's territory, and the fight continues that Germany may be placed where she can never harm peaceable nations again. It is down with the kaiser and his family of Hohenzollerns, and its fight until they are down.

**ONLY SENTIMENT IN A NAME**

A movement to change the name of New Braunfels has grown out of the war with Germany. It may be that loyal descendants of the German pioneers of 1848 who settled in that vicinity and named their town after Prince Solms Braunfels, who was head of the committee of organization of German nobles whose object was to enable poor people of Germany to establish themselves in a new land, feel the name to be a sort of reproach under present circumstances. It is probably true that Prince Solms Braunfels was not much of a commoner. It is said that he deserted the colony in a critical time and that his successor had to pay some of his debts in Texas and that he never came back to the colony. But the name is old and has been made most respectable by the people of that place, many of whom are direct descendants of the colonists who landed at Galveston and came into the Comal region overland from Indianola seeking freedom and opportunity. It means much in a historical way and can have no possible connection with the present international situation. Texas has an esthetic asset in the names of places and highways that have come down from early days. They embrace Spanish, Indian, German and purely Texan in a manner that makes for beauty and meaning. The picturesque and historical names of Texas towns that have endured since the days of the republic are Texan. They should not be changed because they may have had their origin in lands that we do not approve of. The loyal citizens of New Braunfels can not be more loyal if their town be named for an American war hero. And there are plenty of new towns that want the name of Pershing.—Dallas News.

**POLITICS MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS**

There are men in Ballinger, good citizens, patriotic to the core, who did not hesitate to speak out loudly their approval of the court of criminal appeals in knocking out the prohibition law which has kept the saloons closed in Texas for more than four months.

These men are for the open saloons, and would vote, if given an opportunity, to re-establish the liquor business in Ballinger. They admit that removing the saloons from Texas has worked wonders. They know that a drunk man is a curiosity. They know that the necessities and comforts of life have replaced booze in thousands of homes throughout Texas. They have no defense to offer for the open saloon, yet they are ready to encourage the bringing back to this state the liquor business.

Why? Let them answer. These patriotic wet Americans, who place booze above everything else, should look to New Braunfels for a sample of patriotism and quit boasting about their loyalty to the American government until they can measure up to citizens of German ancestry, whom they have been watching with a suspicious eye and criticizing.

When the report reached New Braunfels that the state wide prohibition law had been declared unconstitutional,

the citizens immediately assembled in mass meeting and passed resolutions pledging that the saloons in that county would remain closed until the end of the war.

No such resolutions are needed to keep the saloons out of Runnels county, not only until the war is over, but for all time to come, but this condition of affairs is not in keeping with the wishes of some local Americans, who otherwise are apparently in harmony with the administration and good government.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

- The boys in France. . . . .
- Buy war savings stamps. . . . .
- Some scheme for better streets. . . . .
- How we are going to save the big grain crop. . . . .
- Voting the Democratic ticket on November 5th. . . . .
- Saving the overflow oil when the gusher begins to gush. . . . .
- Filling vacant houses with people who won't run from a drouth. . . . .
- Less selfishness and more sacrifice for the boys who are dying for you. . . . .

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**OUR PEACE TERMS**

The humblest citizen of America is deeply interested in the conditions upon which peace shall be made with Germany. As one of the humble citizens, who anxiously followed the course of this war as given in papers, magazines and books, may I be permitted to say through your columns a word as to their unqualified just conditions.

First that the allies who have for four years borne the brunt of this war should be permitted to retain the colonies which they have conquered at tremendous cost of blood and money and suffering.

Second that Germany having brought on this war should pay the cost of it, as far as money can pay. It will probably cost at least two hundred billions or more. It may be said that Germany cannot pay it. To this it is replied, "yes she can, in time. It may take her two hundred years but if it is just, let it take that long. It is better, and nearer just than that the nations upon whom she has thrust this war should be impoverished and almost bankrupt for the next half century. But how could Germany pay it? Let the allies impose a tax upon the imports and exports of Germany, leaving her enough to run her government upon and setting aside the balance to pay interest and a small part of the principle each year. Germany made France pay in 1870, and said that if she whipped the U. S. she would make her pay the cost and Germany took a part of France's territory in 1870 besides money for cost of war. This feature of terms of peace has not been specifically mentioned by Mr. Wilson or the allies, so far as I know; and Mr. Wilson ought to know the sentiment of our country upon this subject. I am not alone in this opinion. Many of our most prominent citizens have so expressed themselves, and my third and last point is that Germany and her allies should know before an armistice is agreed upon that this is going to be one of the main conditions of peace and it understood if not expressed in Mr. Wilson's fourteen points of peace.

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**The U. S. Makes a Special Appeal for Stenographers and Bookkeepers.**

The United States government is waging a campaign to secure Civil Service employes to organize an efficiency civilian army to support our active fighting forces. Entrance salaries are exceptionally high with advancement after a short term of satisfactory service, due to the insufficient number of applicants.

This need is deemed pressing enough to justify the United States Civil Service Commission in promoting the army by an organized campaign to secure the co-operation of Commercial schools, asking that every effort be made to forward Civil Service training, that this work by extensively advertised and that their needs be brought to the attention of commercial students and other persons who might be interested.

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Girls show your patriotism—spend three and one half months in the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, and qualify to pass the Civil Service examination, thereby helping to win the war. The Tyler Commercial College has a special class in Civil Service work by the aid of the famous Byrnie Shorthand which they control they can qualify you to do this patriotic work for which the government pays handsomely, in three months less time than other schools. Girls, what excuse can you offer for not spending three and one half months preparing to go to our beautiful National Capitol at a good salary and help your brothers win the war?

The cost of tuition, books, and board for the three and one half months would not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars. If you haven't this amount, borrow such part of it as is necessary from some business man who would be only too glad to make you a loan since it would serve to help win the war, then, too, you could soon pay off the loan out of your salary. The Tyler College itself is extending credit to some worthy girls and boys. Write at once for catalog, shoulder arms and start on your march to our Nation's Capitol and do your bit to defend U. S. A.

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The young soldier died at camp Mabry Tuesday afternoon after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia. His people had been kept posted on his condition since he was taken ill and went to be with him when his condition became serious.

Luther Harding was inducted in to service through the local board, leaving Ballinger on Sept. 18th, just about one month before he was stricken with influenza. He was one of the sons of E. H. Harding, a prominent citizen of the Norton country, and had lived most of his life in that community where he had many friends to sorrow with the relatives in this loss.

On the first Sunday in September, and just a short time before he left home to fight for his country, Luther Harding and Miss Clarice Taylor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Taylor, were married. His young wife was at his bedside during his last hours.

**THIS MAN IS WITH BALLINGER BOYS**

Following is a letter from Jack Ragsdale, a Brownwood boy. We reproduce the letter because Ragsdale is a member of the 21st Field Artillery Band, and is fighting side by side with Troy Simpson and Diaz Wood, two Ballinger boys.

On the Front Line in France, Sept. 23, 1918. Dear Father:—You, no doubt have been reading the letters that I have been sending to all you home folks and are quite aware of the fact that your son was in a real sure enough offensive during the past week. I tell you it makes us all feel good to go into such a monster thing, that requires hundreds of thousands of men and millions upon millions of dollars in ammunition and material, then after the smoke has all cleared away to know that you have been victorious. Within twenty-seven hours after the first gun was fired we had recaptured 150 square miles of French territory, 15000 prisoners and millions of dollars worth of German ammunition and supplies. Even such a thing as an entire railroad train loaded down with ammunition was captured by some units in this one drive. They did not know but what the Hunns were still in their places so quick was our work.

So far we are real proud of a record that even the French concede is the best ever made by an allied army. This was the first drive under whole American command and practically all Americans. Some French who are here, helped us and they did wonderful work.

It's a thrilling sight to be able to see those great ugly tanks go creeping towards the enemy's trenches, not to be daunted in their path by even barbed wire entanglements, trenches or small trees. Such a thing as bullets can not harm them at all, for they are too close for the artillery to get a range. The only thing that will put them out of commission is the under ground mine. I saw one that had been blown literally to pieces by a mine in the middle of No Man's Land during the drive and of course the men who were mopping them had been torn into shreds. I saw observation balloons shot at, observers jumping, with his parachute just as the thing burst into flames. I also saw many airplane battles in which each time planes from both sides were shot down, some in flames, just as easy as if they were birds being killed. I happened to be near several big shell bursts that threw part of their iron all around me and saw several times our own and French soldiers killed outright by the burst of these dreadful shrapnel shells. Some of this was thrilling and some indeed very, very sad, for one has only to consider the cost in human lives. The return of the dead and wounded on jitters was enough to make me wish I had never heard of such a thing as war and make me despise not the Germans so much as their leaders who are driving them to do these things. As the thousands upon thousands of prisoners passed me going back to our headquarters I saw beautiful blue eyed lads who did not look to be over fifteen years of age, pass me and it seemed to me that every eye twinkled as they thought that were out of the horrors of such a beastly government. I could not help but feel sorry for them for I know that they were driven to do this. Among the numerous prisoners that passed were some women who claimed that they were nurses. One was found, according to doughboy accompanying them, manning a machine gun as the American soldiers advanced. I helped bury some of the German dead, we had too for there were so many around the dugout we were to sleep in that we were afraid they would make a noise for they had been dead two or three days, and let me tell you, although it might not have been exactly right, but there was not much ceremony attached to it. It was simply ashes to ashes and dust to dust sung to the tune of Hesitation Blues, then we cast him into an empty shell hole and threw a shovel full of dirt at his ugly square head. (Right now the report comes in that there were 3 killed an 10 injured in a shell burst right here in our regiment) I have kicked German helmets and machine guns around just as if they were tin cans and sticks, so numerous they are around here. At the present writing I am, so I think, safely tucked away deep down in a dugout—this time last week the Germans were occupying it.—writing

this note by the light of a candle. I consider it safer here than outside in the light of day. They are shelling us all the time, so there can be no pleasure in remaining outside. I might also add that we have to don our gas mask most every night for they don't hesitate to disturb us with gas shells during our sleep. So far we have only had two gas victims in our regiment on account of the perfect system they have of spreading the alarm. There is no fun going through all the hardships that are necessarily entailed in fighting and in finding these dirty German enemies that we are after.

We have been on two different fronts in two different sectors and on each have strated the only allied offensive that has been pulled during this war. Seven weeks of it in all without a rest, so you can realize that we have had some hard bumps in doing it all. We have been so toughened that we can go to sleep on the wet ground and never feel very much discomfort in doing it. Sometimes we think that we can not have a good rest unless we are in the middle of some pond of water. That also is about the only chance we have of bathing. Just let it rain on us and then when the sun comes out let it dry us. I did stretch a joint and take a couple of buckets of water and take a regular Saturday night bath the other night. Stand in a trench and let one of the boys pour it over you from above. It was cold but it answered for the purpose all right. I am for one that will be mighty glad when this game is over and we can roast our feet in front of the old fire place at home. Camp fires are unknown in this man's army, so if your feet get cold they have to stay that way.

We were rather fortunate the other day when they sent out a Y. M. C. A. man and the chaplain to hold forth and to live. He is a Methodist minister from Kansas by the name of Albert Noah Smith. During his first night we learned that he was not only a Mason but a Knight Templar, 32 degree and a Shriner. That makes four 32 degree men in this one dugout. He is a fine fellow and is doing a great work. By the way, he is the only man that I have seen really homesick since I have been here. He had them bad yesterday. He was on a boat that was torpedoed near England last April and has had a world of experiences since landing here. However, this is his first time on the front line trench where he can hear the big one whistle over his head.

We would all love to be home tonight. However, there is work here for us so we are getting our teeth and setting our minds to the task that is set before us. We want it finished and finished right before we leave because we don't want to have to come back and have to finish it some other day. After the war is over Woods and I have a great desire to finish circling the globe before we return if such a thing can be done. I wrote Marguerite of our plans in that respect several days ago. What do you think about it. Woods' folks have written him by all means to do it. By the way, the next time you are in Ballinger go out and see them. They are fine folks and would love to meet and talk to you.

It's time for our regular Monday night Bible class so I'll have to close. Love to all.—JACK.

**Cascarets Best Family Laxative**  
 Harmless to keep liver, bowels and stomach clean, and cost only 10 cents

Tonight sure! Take Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. Cascarets will liver, your liver and clean your thirty feet of bowels without griping. You will wake up feeling grand. Your head will be clear, breath right, tongue clean, stomach sweet—Get a 10 cent box now at any drug store. Best cathartic for children as well as grown ups. Taste like candy and never fail. They work while you sleep.

R. A. Nicholson returned to South Texas, Monday after spending a couple of days with his family.

Mrs. Tom Pickett and children returned to their home at Temple, Monday after a visit to Mrs. Pickett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett and other relatives.

**WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH**

We will pay up to \$1.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest price paid for old gold jewelry, gold crowns, bridges, platinum and silver.  
 UNITED STATES SMELTING WORKS, Inc.  
 221 Goldsmith Bldg. Opp. Post Office  
 MILWAUKEE, WIS.

**HARRY SHARP SERIOUSLY ILL**

Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, his mother, and Mrs. T. J. Starkey, his wife's mother, left early Tuesday morning for Sweetwater in response to a message stating that Harry Sharp was seriously ill.

Mr. Sharp recently recovered from an attack of influenza and was resuming his duties on the road when he became ill again, or was overtaken by some misfortune the nature of which had not been learned up to a late hour today.

According to the report received here by his relatives, Mr. Sharp left home about midnight Monday night going to the station to catch the train and go out on his work as a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house. He was found on the school campus in Sweetwater about seven o'clock Tuesday morning in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Sharp is well known in Ballinger, having lived here the greater part of his life. He is a brother of Lieut. Roy Sharp who is in a hospital in France recovering from serious wounds sustained while in battle on the western front. For several years he has been traveling for different wholesale sales houses. His wife was formerly Miss Maude Starkey.

Whether his condition is due to a relapse of influenza or from some other cause, had not been learned up to a late hour Tuesday.

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic**  
 restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

**SEED WHEAT**  
 Red Rust Proof Seed Oats and Seed Barley at Ladwigs Grain Store. 1 3tW

**WE FIGHT THE KAISER**  
 Six days in every week by repairing and half soling your shoes mending your harness, saddles, and recovering your auto and buggy tops. Let us do yours! 4  
 EBB CATHEY 1 27d-4w

L. B. Baker decided that it was poor economy to do without The Banner-Ledger, and after missing a few issues Mrs. Baker and the children sent him to town instructed not to return until he had subscribed for the paper.

**Banner-Ledger Want Ads**

50c per hundred for junk iron, highest price paid in Ballinger. N PASSUR. d&wtf.

SCRAP IRON won't be worth the freight if the war ends. Bring it in now. I. O. Wooden 11 4tw.

WANTED—Good settled woman to do general housework and care for 19 months old baby. No washing or ironing; good permanent home for good woman at fair salary. For particulars write 3212 Colonaire Ave., Dallas, Texas. 18 2tw.

FOR SALE—Furniture and stoves, big lot farm implements, good hack, good buggy, two almost new three inch wagons, one registered Durock Jersey sow, one registered 11 months born, 6 pigs, 8 corn fed hogs, four good young mare males, broke and gated well, one four and half gallon milk cow, gentle with young calf. Prices right. First come first served, I am going to Mexico. Preston Dunn, Phone 6804. d-1w1t, pd

FOUND—On road near Elm creek bridge over coat and mud chains. Call at Ledger office. d&w1

WANTED—Hides, Furs, Bones, Rags, Rubber, Paper, Brass, Copper, Zinc, and Metal. I. O. WOODEN 30 4t d&w.

FOR SALE—20 acres in South Ballinger. Good title, cash or terms. Mrs. E. C. Baskin, 283d 1w

GOVERNOR ENDORSES FREE TEXT-BOOKS; ASKS PEOPLE TO SUPPORT AMENDMENT

Governor's Office Austin, Texas October 21, 1918

The free text book amendment to the Constitution of Texas to be voted on November 5th offers the opportunity for the most forward step ever taken to advance general education in Texas.



Governor Wm. P. Hobby.

Those who are seeking now to spread throughout the nation of the earth. Free text books will prove a fitting companion to the compulsory education law.

When the world is democratized education will possess a higher value than ever before, and so it is a propitious time to put education within the reach of every child.

W. P. HOBBY, Governor of Texas

DIED AT FT. WORTH BURIED AT RUNNELS

The remains of Horace Maxwell arrived here at noon and the funeral will be held at Old Runnels Tuesday at 9:00 o'clock.

The remains of J. H. Maxwell, better known in this county as Horace Maxwell, arrived in Ballinger at noon Monday, and were carried to the Runnels Cemetery, where they were laid to rest.

Mr. Maxwell died with pneumonia in Fort Worth, where he was living at the time, being employed in the packing house in that city.

Deceased was the son of J. A. Maxwell, formerly of the Valley Creek country, and who now lives in Young County. The young man lived in this county for many years, formerly living with his father on Valley Creek, and later living in the Rowena country.

He is survived by a wife and one child.

Horace Maxwell is kindly remembered by many friends in this county. He was a steady, industrious young man, and was honest to every trust placed upon him and at the time of his death was making a good living for his family.

SALOON OPEN 3 HOURS IS CLOSED BY ARREST

El Paso, Oct. 25.—John Ford, who opened a saloon at Vinton, Texas, three hours after the Texas statewide prohibition law was declared unconstitutional Wednesday, was arrested late yesterday on a charge of operating his saloon without a license.

His saloon did a rushing business last night and it was the only one in El Paso County.

ABILENE LIFTS BAN

Abilene, Oct. 26.—With the disappearance of the influenza here, the schools, picture shows and churches have been again opened.

It is estimated this city had 4000 cases of influenza between September 25, and October 20th.

Miss Cora Whitlow returned from Winters Sunday, where she had been visiting for several days during the close down of school.

INFLUENZA WORSE THAN HUN BULLETS

Claiming More Victims Than Battle Fronts of Europe—Disease Can be Avoided.

According to carefully compiled statistics it is an indisputable fact that the Spanish Influenza epidemic which is now sweeping all parts of the country is daily claiming more victims than German bullets on the battle fronts of Europe.

It is persons who are suffering from lowered vitality, who are weak and run-down and who have not the strength to throw off who are the earliest victims. Persons who have had colds, who are suffering from catarrhal troubles, or inflammation of the mucous membranes are especially susceptible.

If you are suffering from any of these symptoms, nothing on earth will build you up and strengthen you like Tanlae, which contains the most powerful tonic properties known to science.

This statement is easily proven by the fact that Tanlae is now having the greatest sale of any system tonic in the history of medicine. In less than four years time over Ten Million Bottles have been sold and the demand is constantly increasing.

Tanlae increases your strength and weight and creates a good, healthy appetite for nourishing food. It keeps you physically fit and helps every organ of the body perform its proper function in the natural way.

In connection with the Tanlae treatment be sure and keep the bowels open by taking Tanlae Tablets, samples of which are included in every bottle.

Tanlae is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store.

FLU TAKES ON NEW LIFE IN ANGELO

Three deaths from influenza and pneumonia occurred in San Angelo Saturday, and forty-one cases developed during the twenty-four hours ending in the afternoon at two o'clock.

The submission of this amendment passed the House 108 for, and 22 against; it passed the Senate 23 for, and 4 against, and received the approval of the Governor, March 19th, 1917.

During the twenty-four hours ending Thursday at noon, only twenty-seven people were stricken Friday noon, however, thirty-three new cases were reported by doctors to the special Red Cross committee, and this number was exceeded by eight from Friday noon until Saturday midday.

The Red Cross influenza hospital located in the Merchant house on East Twogh avenue, had fourteen patients Saturday night, with accommodations left for only three or four persons. A man and five children, the oldest nine years old were moved from their home to the hospital Saturday. The wife is the only member of the family who is not ill.

Mrs. Morgan Flowers, who is the wife of a non-commissioned officer in Troop K, Third Texas Cavalry, and a trained nurse, and Mrs. Oscar Wilson, chairman of the Red Cross committee that is co-operating with the board of health have been added to the staff of volunteer nurses at the hospital.

Other young women are nursing at the Park Heights sanitarium and in scores of private homes.—San Angelo Standard.

WANTED—Girl to do house work, phone 439, Mrs. P. E. Truly 29 3td.

FREE SCHOOL BOOK AMENDMENT

The people of Texas are privileged to vote on an amendment to the state constitution on November 5th, which if adopted will give the school children of the state free text books.

Following is the section relating to free school under the present law, and also the proposed amendment. We reproduce it that every voter may read, think and vote intelligently on this amendment:

Present Form Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed twenty cents, on the one hundred dollar valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, etc., etc.

Amended Form Section 3. One fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one dollar on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twentyone and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirtyfive cents, on the one hundred dollar valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the state board of education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this state, provided, however, that should the limit taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the state and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, etc.

The submission of this amendment passed the House 108 for, and 22 against; it passed the Senate 23 for, and 4 against, and received the approval of the Governor, March 19th, 1917.

When meals don't fit and you heleh gas, acids and undigested food. When you feel lumps of distress in stomach, pains, flatulence, heartburn or headache. Here is instant relief—No waiting!

Just as soon as you eat a tablet of Pape's Diapepsin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress ends. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapepsin never fail to make sick, upset stomachs feel fine at once, and they cost so little at drug stores.

Mrs. Iby Boykin left Monday afternoon for Cuba, her home. She had been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Brown. After arriving in America the government called in all passports, and Mrs. Boykin experienced some difficulty in getting a permit to return home, but through the kindness of Congressman Blanton she secured her passport and will sail from Key West, Florida, the last of this week. Her husband is in the sugar industry in Cuba.

J. G. Ensor and D. L. Tueker, of the Mazeland country, were here on business Tuesday.

E. H. Colburn, of the northern part of the county, was here Tuesday.

ELECTION TICKET READY FOR SCRATCH

The tickets for the general election to be held on Tuesday November 5th, were delivered to the county by the Ballinger Printing Company, Tuesday morning.

The ticket makes a sheet 13x18 inches, containing the ticket of four political parties, Democrats, Republicans, Socialist, Independent and a blank column for writing the name of any candidate not printed on the ticket.

The Democratic party is the only party in this county with a full ticket from United States Senator to constable. The Republican party has a state ticket only, while the Socialist have nominees for only part of the state ticket. No names are printed on the Independent ticket.

Two amendments are to be voted on. One amendment to section 10, article 1 of the constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, and taking testimony of witness by deposition, under certain circumstances.

The other amendment is the free school book amendment.

Following are the names of the candidates as they appear on the ticket:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

- For United States Senator: Morris Sheppard
For Governor: W. P. Hobby
For Lieutenant Governor: W. A. Johnson
For Comptroller of Public Accounts: H. B. Terrell
For State Treasurer: John W. Baker
For Commissioner of General Land Office: J. T. Robinson
For Attorney General: C. M. Cureton
For State Supt. Public Instruction: Annie Webb Blanton
For Commissioner of Agriculture: Fred W. Davis
For Railroad Commissioner: Clarence E. Gilmore
For Chief Justice Supreme Court: Nelson Phillips
For Associate Justice Supreme Court, unexpired term (four years): T. B. Greenwood
For Judge Court Criminal Appeals: O. S. Lattimore
For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals Third Supreme Judicial District: W. M. Key
For Congressman 17th District: Thomas L. Blanton
For Representative 111 District: C. R. Stephens
For District Attorney 35th Judicial District: Walter F. Early
For County Judge: O. L. Parish
For County Attorney: C. P. Shepherd
For District Clerk: C. C. Coekrell
For County Clerk: W. C. McCarver
For Sheriff: J. D. Perkins
For Collector: M. D. Chastain
For Tax Assessor: Mike C. Boyd
For County Treasurer: W. L. Brown
For County Surveyor: J. E. Powell
For County Supt. of Public Instruction: John J. Bugg

REPUBLICAN PARTY

- For United States Senator: J. Webster Flanagan
For Governor: Charles A. Boynton
For Lieutenant Governor: John C. Scott
For Comptroller of Public Accounts: W. G. McClain
For State Treasurer: J. Allen Myer
For Commissioner of General Land Office: J. L. Hickson
For Attorney General: U. S. Goen
For State Supt. Public Instruction: Mrs. Ralph W. Sellers
For Commissioner of Agriculture: D. H. Merrill
For Railroad Commissioner: George W. L. Smith
For Chief Justice Supreme Court: G. N. Harrison
For Associate Justice Supreme Court, unexpired term (four years): C. O. Harris
For Judge Court Criminal Appeals: Harry M. Wurzbach
For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals: Harry M. Wurzbach

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO BE THRIFTY
Then you will never have cause to blush for it
Few parents hearts have ever ached over the misdoings of a thrifty child.
Guide your boy and girl out of the path of the spendthrift.
Start an account for them in our bank and teach them the importance of saving.
If you follow our advice you will always be thankful.
Farmers and Merchants State Bank

il Appeals Third Supreme Judicial District:

SOCIALIST PARTY

- For United States Senator: M. A. Smith
For Governor: Wm. D. Simpson
For Lieutenant Governor: T. L. Hulbert
For Comptroller of Public Accounts: Jno. B. Yarborough
For State Treasurer: H. J. Bimble
For Commissioner of General Land Office: Monroe Jones
For Attorney General: J. E. Green
For State Supt. Public Instruction: S. J. Bronson
For Commissioner of Agriculture: For Railroad Commissioner: J. W. Lawless

ENEMIES AT WORK IN OUR ARMY CAMPS

Camp Travis, Oct. 28.—German propagandists again are seeking to cause dissatisfaction and heart aches among the thousands of homes in Texas and Oklahoma, and other sections of the country, from which men have gone forth to do their part in the present war.

Now comes the German and the German sympathizer with stories "from reliable people" as to the horrible conditions which have been found to exist in the hospitals and military training camps of the country. According to these people the men are given no attention, they are allowed to die of cold, or of hunger. They have been given no medicine, or improper medical attention.

Then some subtle German mind conceived the idea of having doctors and nurses caught in the act of injecting influenza germs into the food of men in the camp. To make this more realistic they decided these men or women should be "shot at sunrise." Then they spread their stories in the hopes of making people lose faith in the government and its efforts.

Added to this have been frequent telephone calls from anonymous parties to prominent Red Cross people in San Antonio and elsewhere alleging that men in camps were without cover, were without food, etc. These workers, often in the middle of the night, have hurried in cars to the places mentioned and found that their information merely had been seeking to cause trouble.

It will be recalled that last winter when pneumonia broke out in the camps of the country that frequent rumors of very similar nature were circulated. These were found to be false. Then it was charged ground glass had been found in food of soldiers at training camps. Again this proved false.

Later came nation-wide charges that Red Cross garments issued to the soldiers by the Red Cross were being marketed generally at a price from fifty to seventy-five cents. This was an effort to discourage Red Cross knitting and giving their time and money and assisting the government. The government since has taken charge of all knitted garments and issues them as it does other clothing, requiring a strict accounting.

Now, with the soldiers of the United States carrying the Stars and Stripes through Germany's impregnable lines, the propagandists are seeking to cause worry by circulation of reports of lax conditions in army camps. They have charged all manner of things which never have been proven. Parents, friends and relatives of men in the service have been the people attacked. Every effort has been made by the German sympathizers to cause dissatisfaction at home to cause worry at home. Then letters naturally would go forward to the men and weaken their morale.

The latest efforts of the Germans in the United States has been directed towards parents of those whose loved ones are in camps. Fake letters have been sent consoling them in the loss of their son husband or father. Investigation proves the parties alleged to be dead, to be in good health. But the German believes he created a germ of dissatisfaction. He believes he lessened the willingness of the people to stand behind their government.

Parents, Wives, children of the men in camps are warned to pay no attention to the constant rumors that are circulated but which are never printed as authentic in responsible newspapers. Beware of the people that tell of horrible conditions in army camps or elsewhere and can only charge it to "someone told me." When you hear such rumors do not pass them on. Brand them as false and help beat the German at his own game in the United States. Just as your loved ones are defeating and beating him down by force in Europe.

FOR COLDS AND GRIPPE DOCTORS ADVISE

The Improved Calomel Tablet That is Entirely Purified of All Nauseating and Dangerous Qualities.

Physicians are warning the public against trifling with colds, influenza and grippe. They say that a brisk cathartic purgative, preferably Calotab, the new improved calomel tablets should be invariably taken at bed time and repeated the second or third night, if necessary. In the earliest stages one Calotab is usually sufficient unless the case is particularly severe.

Physicians say that it is a waste of time and is dangerous to experiment with other laxatives, as calomel is absolutely necessary sooner or later. One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swal low of water,—that's all. No salts no nausea nor the slightest interference with diet, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and restored. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages. Price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by Druggist every where. Price refunded if you are not delighted.

SNOW FALLS IN NEBRASKA

Washington, Oct. 26.—The weather bureau reports the first snow of the season in northern Nebraska, Wisconsin and Minnesota and South Dakota today.

Mrs. August Henson, after a visit to A. J. Zappe and family, returned to her home at Hallettsville, Sunday afternoon.

R. A. Nicholson, is at home from Wharton for a few days visit with home folks. Mr. Nicholson is operating guns and buying cotton in South Texas.

Money to Loan on Farm Lands

I represent a strong and liberal loan company See me about new or renewal loans.

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## Calomel Today! Sick Tomorrow! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Don't take nasty, dangerous calomel when bilious, constipated, headachy. Listen to me!

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea. If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money. If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it will salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

## DROUTH NEWS ON WESTERN FRONT

Under the heading of "Interesting Items From the Home Papers" publisher on a page in the Paris France, News, devoted to American news for the soldier boys, the following little news item appeared:

"The business men and citizens of Ballinger (Texas) has adopted resolutions calling upon the Federal Government for immediate aid for the drouth sufferers."

That news item was no doubt culled from a copy of the Ballinger Daily Ledger sent to some Ballinger or Runnels County boy in France, and which fell in the hands of a reporter for the Paris paper. It was authentic news all right, for the citizens of this city did meet and discuss the drouth situation, adopted resolutions and sent a committee to Austin.

We do not regret that the news reached the boys on the western front. Roy Sharp clipped the little item from the Paris paper and sent it to his sister in a letter just to show them how the news travels. In the same letter, Lieut. Sharp writes that he is up and able to hobble around the hospital on crutches, and take in the sights of the city at long range from the perch of the hospital.

We have no censorship when it comes to giving the boys on the western front the news from home and we do not regret that this little news item reached them, although it made them feel a little blue at the time.

If the Paris News will keep on the look out and get hold of another copy of The Daily Ledger and reproduce the item about how Ballinger and Runnels county went over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan and how good rains have caused a coat of green grain to spring up over the county after sowing of more than thirty thousand acres, and how holes dug in the ground are causing oil to gush out, the little pessimistic item will be forgotten.

### GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than a half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

### CASING ROWENA OIL WELL

Judge A. K. Doss, Judge O. L. Parish, W. A. Nance and U. E. Hartman visited the Rowena oil well Friday afternoon. They report that casing to the depth of 900 feet had been set, and everything was moving along nicely. Salt water continues to flow from the well and as the casing shuts this out of the well it flows out around the casing. As soon as about 600 feet more is placed in the well drilling will be resumed.

Estess Lynn returned Thursday from North Carolina, where he went ten days ago to visit his mother.

## SOLDIER'S REMAINS EN ROUTE HOME

The remains of Ewald Christian Henniger are en route from Camp Sheridan, Alabama, to Winters, where they will be buried.

Ewald Henniger died in the training camp at Camp Sheridan Friday morning as the result of influenza and pneumonia.

He spent some time in Camp Travis before being sent to the Alabama Camp.

Deceased was thirty years old. He registered in this county for selective draft and was drafted into the service three months ago, leaving Ballinger on July 22. He was the son of H. W. Henniger, of the Winters country, and had lived in Runnels county for the past twelve or fifteen years, coming here from South Texas with his father when he was quite a boy.

This young man was in line for overseas duty and would no doubt have sailed for France within the next few months had he lived. The county has suffered the loss of a good soldier, and the sympathy of his friends is extended to the relatives in the loss of their son and brother.

### Can Now Eat and Sleep in Comfort

If troubled with indigestion or sleeplessness you should read what Miss Agnes Turner, Chicago, Ill., has to say: "Overwork, irregular meals and carelessness regarding the ordinary rules of health, gradually undermined it until last fall I became a wreck of my former self. I suffered from continual headache, was unable to digest my food, which seemed to lay as a dead weight on my stomach. I was very constipated and my complexion became dark, yellow and muddy as I felt. Sleeplessness was added to my misery, and I would awake as tired as when I went to sleep. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and found such relief after taking them that I kept up the treatment for nearly two months. They cleansed my stomach, invigorated my system, and since that time I can eat and sleep in comfort. I am today entirely well."

## RUNNELS LEADS IN COTTON PRODUCTION

Up to October 2nd, 736 bales of cotton had been ginned in this county, as compared with 2,683 for the same date last year. This places Runnels county in the lead of counties in this immediate section of the state. Coleman county having ginned only 108 as compared with 7,032 for last year, Brown county 714 against 2,336 last year. Concho county and Tom Green county are not in the government report, these counties having made no cotton.

The Gulf coast counties lead in cotton production this year. Nueces county, which had ginned only 6,080 bales up to October 2, last year ginned for the same period this year 25,151 bales. Wharton county is ten thousand bales ahead of last years ginning. Fort Bend county is leading her last year's record by nearly two to one.

## LETTERS FROM BOYS OVER THERE

Butchery, Co. 310  
A. P. O. 784

Dear Mr. Weeks:  
I received your letter only a day or two ago and with that statement you will become thoroughly familiar with manner in which our mail reaches us. Today I had a letter from Mary that was mailed in Wichita Falls Sept. 22nd, I think it went everywhere in the states and France before it reached me, lately tho it has been picking up. I have had in the last day or two, mail that mailed July 28, which isn't so bad.

I am glad to hear that you received the picture and nothing pleases me more than to be among the celebrities that are in the "Rogues Gallery."

Since I wrote you we have been moved, at least twenty of our outfit has, we in a town of about thirty thousand people, something like fifteen kilometers from the front—You see with the little air raids that we have wished on us and the cannonading at the front, we can almost imagine that we are really in the war. Another feature that pleases me is absence of the 3 below zone temperature that we had in the other places. This is really a very pretty place, the people are a different class to any I have seen, they seem to be really human. Nearly all the wagons have four wheels and mostly they use two horses to them. The place is wide open, you can take a chair on the side walk in front of a wine shop and have all the Vin Rouge, Vin Blanc and bier you want but nothing stronger. The French soldiers drink no water and very little coffee, they have their wine issued them just the same as other rations. I don't care for this country, but I must say that the rivers and canals with the wonderful trees makes it a very beautiful place to live. In this town is a cathedral that started in the year nine hundred and finished in eleven hundred, it is marvelous, and you can't help notice how up-to-date the work is generally, you feel almost cheated that you didn't live in that age.

It grieves me to know that the drouth still continues, seems that people out there have the hardest time on earth. Believe me my heart goes out to them all because I know how well they have done every thing allotted them in this great struggle and how hard it was for them to do the things they have done, under the existing circumstances. It is easy to be a patriot when it only cost you the luxuriant things, but it takes a heart of gold to be a patriot and do your part when it is done in the face of starvation, drouth, and failure. Believe me the people of Runnels County well deserve credit for their part in this war, and when I come home that is where I am coming, and I am going to stay. Write me when you can, remember me to all folks, especially Squire and Grandma Weeks, best wishes to Mrs. and Maurine, I am, believe me,

As ever,

Noel Penn

All the boys from home are right around here but haven't been able to see them yet.

My Dear Judge Guion:

France Oct. 5th.  
Have been intending to write you for some time, but when the spirit was willing the opportunity was either not present, or else the flesh was weak. However, I know Clara was sending practically all the letters I wrote to her to you to read.

I have seen much of France since I landed and before coming here saw a great deal of England. With all the dry years of Western Texas I would not trade half acre there for a whole providence here. Here the people have habits and customs that I could never observe with any feeling of satisfaction. They never live on but merely off the farms. They sleep in villages, frequently going two or three miles to their work. Men, women, children, cows, horses pigs, chickens, goats and sheep all dwell under the same roof and the odor of manure is everywhere. But it is this manure that causes the soil to still yield bounteous harvests after having been in cultivation for nearly two thousand years. Flies, my there are flies by the millions. Mrs. Guion would just naturally fold her hand and await her end if she had to live under such swarms of mousseis as one finds here. But the women here never die. They get fat and work in the fields from sun up to sun down each week day, while on

## RECEIVING WAR CROSS



The patriotic spirit and devotion with which American women have so far performed war-service work and made sacrifices has never been equalled in the history of any country. Mothers, wives and sisters support their husbands with strength and fortitude. But those who are already incapacitated from the complaints and weaknesses which are so common to women, should take the right tonic for the womanly system.

If a woman is lorn down by pain and sufferings at regular or irregular intervals, by nervousness or dizzy spells, by headache or backache, "Favorite Prescription" should be taken. "Favorite Prescription" can now be had in tablet form as well as liquid at most drug stores. Send to Doctor Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for a ten-cent trial package of tablets.

For fifty years Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets have been most satisfactory in liver and bowel troubles.

Houston Heights, Texas.—"My mother used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She was in very ill health, was all run down and it seemed like she could not get anything to do her any good until she took this medicine. It did her more good than anything she tried and I am always willing to recommend it to friends who need a fine tonic."—Mrs. Julia Stinson.

Sunday they spruce up with a fit of color just like women the whole world over do. Of course I have seen but few of the better class of French in their homes. While I have been to a large number of places, I have not tarried long in them. La Harve is like all other ports, La Rochelle is steeped with history, but it is a history I am not familiar with. Rouen is where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake and you still buy ashes from the fagots that roasted her to glory. At Nevers may be seen that great barracks erected by Napoleon, while near Pont-a-Mousson is a great monument on a high hill to Joan of Arc that is a poem in bronze. Charleraux is a lively place and St. Maxient is one of the most inviting looking of all the villages I have seen in France. Niort and Charnes are magnificent but the sewers run on the surface and the natives do their family washing at the municipal wash house. Neuchateau is quaint and Toul is surrounded by a high wall, has its moat and its gates that are still closed at night are lowered at daybreak. Nancy is a big place with Metropolitan stores and Langres is a hum of industry. All over France is to be found the American soldier. He is ready for any venture, but is well behaved and has the affection and good will of the natives. Near the front the deserted places bespeak of the awfulness of war in tones that are depressive. Whole rows of houses remain just as they were left, one, two, three, and four years ago. In some cases the doors are looked, but just as often they are wide open. Shells have torn great gashes in the walls, the gardens are rank with wild growth, but once in a while there is to be seen great red roses that seem to defy the surroundings. As city after city and village after village is redeemed in the wake of the retreating huns, the expatriots come back to the homes they left and with smiling faces and stout hearts begin anew the broken works, broken asunder by wars alarm. It all seems so unreal, so unnatural, as if it were part of a great dream. The children have no gladsome countenances but their faces are the faces of those old and harried looking in queer contrast with their frail undernourished bodies. For them there is no play time and they know not the sound of gladsome laughter. Only every little once in a while may be seen some little mother with her doll in her lap, sitting on the steps of a combination dwell ing and barn. The huns have succeeded in giving to war a blackness that can be contrasted to nothing else on earth, but then at best war is of a blackness that knows no light. Even for those who were the realization of righteousness death is no easy job to do, so it is impossible to wage war in a human manner. There is no humanity in destruction and war is not war unless it is destruction multiplied and magnified. While I think we have passed over the hill and have reached what should be the beginning of the end, we have still a long journey to make before we reach that blessed state of mind and body—peace.

But enough of this line of thought. I hope you are bravely re-

covered from the effects of the election and I know that revelation of the Brewery suits were worn wood and gall for you. It must forsooth be a stout wagon to be drawn by a star without rattling like a Ford.

I see a great many West Texas boys and hear of still others. Noel Penn is near me, but I have not seen him. R. A. Hall's boy is making fine affairs as is also Guion Blanchard, Wynn Hamilton of San Angelo is doing splendid work but he ought to have a commission I rode with him in his ambulance the other day. But all over here the boys are measuring up to the expectations of the folks back home, and all want to finish this job and return as soon as possible. We are all more or less homesick and two months of living under the constant sound of the big guns has not made the disposition or temperament of anyone the least bit sweeter.

Great is France. One could not in a thousand years get up a prohibition agitation here. Perhaps this is one reason why this country is so well worth fighting for. Well Judge, I hope you are enjoying good health and manage to fuss just enough to prevent more serious things from worrying you too much. I hear from Clara often and still think I have the best little family of any man alive.

When the spirit moves you, would like to hear from you. Oh, yes tell Judge Woodward that Dr. Robert H. Cochran of Coleman is one of the best men alive, and the way he looks after the boys of this train has endeared him to all of us.

Give my regards to all my friends, and my love to your tribe. Yours affectionally,  
D. C. McCall.

### LEMON JUICE IS FRECKLE REMOVER

Girls! Make This Cheap Beauty  
Lotion to Clear and Whiten  
Your Skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very, small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

### INJUNCTIONS GRANTED TO PREVENT SALE OF LIQUOR

Austin, Oct. 26.—Granting by the district court of two temporary injunctions restraining former Texas saloon men from selling intoxicating liquors were the only developments today in the statewide prohibition situation. Today's injunctions followed similar action in district court yesterday when four former saloonists were perpetually enjoined from selling liquors, notwithstanding that the court of criminal appeals on Wednesday declared the statewide prohibition act unconstitutional. Attorney B. F. Looney has not yet filed a motion for rehearing on the opinion, declaring the statewide law unconstitutional, although he has announced such a motion would be filed.

The temporary injunction issued by district court today restrain B. M. Goodman, of Bartlett and John Ford, of Vinton, El Paso county, from selling intoxications. Neither man had redeemed the unused portion of their licenses issued before the statewide act became effective and Ford is reported to have re-opened his saloon in El Paso county.

### For indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Parke Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

### GRAVE DIGGERS NEEDED

New York, Oct. 26.—Mayor Hylan tonight called on the president of the five boroughs of New York to provide laborers, equipped with picks and shovels to help bury persons who have died of Spanish influenza.

"Conditions are such in the cemeteries throughout the city that the cemetery authorities are not able to handle the situation, although some of them have refused aid," the mayor said.

The mayor also instructed the commissioners of street cleaning to furnish as many men as are required to dig graves.

## MODERN STRATEGY

All life-time is a school of strategy—a game of war upon germs and tendencies which, unless thwarted, weaken the system and invite disease. Modern health-strategy dictates the use of

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

as a reliable means of thwarting the enemies of strength. Scott's is Nature's ally and its rich tonic and strength-supporting properties are known, with satisfaction, to millions. Build up your strength with the nourishing qualities of Scott's Emulsion.



## MORE BLESSINGS SHOWERED UPON US

The drouth will soon be a thing of the past. Showers which have been falling here for the past week or ten days have developed in to good rains.

A half inch of rain fell in Ballinger again Saturday morning, and rainy weather continued throughout part of Saturday. The rain fall was general over the county and in adjoining counties.

The West Texas Telephone Co., reports the following from points where this company operates exchanges:

- Abilene, 2 1-2 inches
- Ballinger 1-2 inch.
- Benoit 1 inch.
- Blackwell good rain.
- Bradshaw, 1 1-2 inches.
- Brady 2-10 inch.
- Bronte 1 inch.
- Brownwood good rain.
- Coleman, good rain.
- Concho, good rain.
- Crows 1-2 inch.
- Glen, showers.
- Chadbourne, 1-2 inch.
- Hatchel good rain.
- Leaday light showers.
- Maverick, good rain.
- Menard, 1 inch.
- Miles 1-2 inch.
- Millersview, good rain.
- Norton good rain.
- Offen 1 inch.
- Ovalo, good rain.
- Paint Rock 1-2 inch.
- Pony, good rain.
- Rowena, 1-2 inch.
- San Angelo, good rain.
- Santa Anna, 1 1-2 inches.
- Stacy, no report.
- Talpa, good rain.
- Truitt, no report.
- Wilmet, good rain.
- Wingate, 1-8 inch.
- Winters, 7-10 inch.

### A Beautiful Woman

Do you know that a beautiful woman always has a good digestion? If your digestion is faulty, eat lightly of meats, and take an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen your digestion. Price 25c.

The cost of War Savings Stamps during Pay Pledge week, is \$4.21 each. They may be obtained from the postoffice, any bank and almost every store.

## Standers, Walkers, "Gets-It" for Corns

World Has Never Known Its Equal

"What will get rid of my corn?" The answer has been made by millions—there's only one corn-remover that you can bank on, that's absolutely certain, that makes any corn



Corn-Pain Is Eased—the Corn Is Doomed! on earth peel right off like a banana skin—and that's magic "Gets-It" Tight shoes and dancing even when you have a corn need not disturb you if you apply a few drops of "Gets-It" on the corn or callus. You want a corn-peeler, not a corn-remover. You don't have to fool with cutting, makes corns grow and bleed. Why use irritating salves or make a bundle of your toe with tape or bandages? Why putter and still have the corn? Use "Gets-It"—your corn-pain is over, the corn is a "gone" sure as the sun rises. "Gets-It" the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way, costs but a trifle at any drug store. MFG by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

**NR Tonight—  
Tomorrow Feel Right  
Get a 25¢ Box**

WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas

# SPANISH INFLUENZA

## Resembles Old Fashioned Grip

The symptoms of Spanish Influenza are very similar to old fashioned grip—pains throughout the body, extreme dizziness, sleepiness, chills, high fever, headache, disturbed digestion with running at the nose and eyes and excessive spitting, showing an inflammation and congestion of the mucous linings.

## Manifested by Catarrhal Condition

With the first symptoms of Influenza, it is well to consult your family physician at once. It is not the disease itself that is to be feared so much as it is the complications which may follow. To ward off Spanish Influenza or as an aid to returning health after an attack, nothing is any better than Dr. Herring's World Famous Peruna.

## For Catarrh of Every Description Take PE-RU-NA

The well known and direct action of Peruna in restoring and maintaining a healthy condition of the mucous membranes throughout the body makes it the greatest disease preventing and health restoring remedy known to science.

For forty-five years Peruna has retained its title as a reliable safe-guard to the health of the American family.

**EXPERIENCE OF USERS THE BEST RECOMMENDATION**  
 ANNA, OHIO. "I find Peruna excellent for Catarrh of the head. I keep Peruna and Mahala in the house all the time."—Mrs. A. Hunkle, Box 86.  
 NEWARK, N. J. "I have used Peruna for colds and grip. It will do all you claim and more. My family always have a bottle on hand for stomach and bowel trouble and colds."—Geo. Clark, 124 Union Street.

Try Peruna First—Tablets or Liquid—Sold Everywhere

## WILLIAM LESTER SMITH DIED FROM INFLUENZA

The epidemic which has been sweeping over this country since early in this month, left the death mark upon the home of W. L. Smith, when the death angel visited that home and removed the husband and father.

William Lester Smith died at seven o'clock Thursday morning, October 24, 1918, after an illness of about ten days. He returned from South Texas last Saturday a week ago, and would have been at home two weeks next Saturday had he lived. He was 40 years, 3 months and 23 days old.

Mr. Smith was apparently in perfect health and the best of spirits when he returned home and in the most jovial and happy way spent several hours in the city greeting friends before going to his home twelve miles west of Ballinger.

On Sunday after returning home he was stricken with influenza. This disease developed pneumonia, and he gradually grew worse until death relieved him of all suffering. Shortly after becoming ill Mr. Smith was brought to the home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Smith on tenth street, and he received the best medical aid possible.

Deceased came to this country in 1906 with his parents. For several years he was associated with

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**H. Giesecke** Ballinger, Texas.

## WINTERS GOES OVER TOP AND WANTS FLAG

The Winters State Bank and the First National Bank of that city raised their Liberty Loan quotas and put Winters over the top with a liberal excess. County Chairman Parish received a request from the Winters committee Wednesday asking for a Liberty Loan Flag. Judge Parish stated that he had not been furnished with community flags, and that he had received only one flag and that was for the county.

The individuals who subscribed for bonds through the Winters State Bank are as follows:

Winters State Bank	\$6,000.00
D. A. Whisenant	1,500.00
West Tex. Tele. Co.	250.00
E. A. Giesecke	250.00
Winters Cotton Oil Co.	500.00
J. M. Skaggs	500.00
E. A. Shepperd	500.00
Mrs. J. W. Dale	300.00
Guy T. McDonald	200.00
J. L. Speer	100.00
City Drug Store	100.00
Jno. J. Swatowse	100.00
O. D. Dillingham	100.00
J. Q. McAdams	100.00
W. W. Poe	100.00
E. R. Middleton	100.00
P. H. Martin	100.00
H. O. Jones	100.00
T. G. Carr	100.00
W. C. Bowman Lbr. Co.	100.00
W. J. Garner	100.00
J. T. Elms	100.00
Herbert Jones	100.00
W. L. Hinds	100.00
Wm. Stevens	100.00
A. H. Van Pelt	100.00
Mrs. H. W. Lynn	100.00
R. H. Gamble	100.00
A. T. Elland	100.00
Miss Thelma Meadows	50.00
Warren Babb	50.00
W. D. Sanders	50.00
Miss Ellen Ashberry	50.00
H. W. Lynn	50.00
R. A. Cramer	50.00
Will Barrett	50.00
W. D. Meadows	50.00
Cleveland Logan	50.00
W. P. Wood	50.00
D. S. Diggs	50.00
Z. V. Dry	50.00
Ben Nitch	50.00
W. T. White	50.00
Mrs. W. T. White	50.00
Elton White	50.00
Elmer White	50.00
Jas. A. Huffhines	50.00
Mrs. J. C. Meredith	50.00
R. L. Grimes	50.00
Fritz Voleker	50.00
F. D. Bedford	50.00
W. A. Griffin	50.00
H. D. Springfield	50.00
W. H. Arnold	50.00
Mrs. W. J. Arnold	50.00
Mrs. W. A. Speer	50.00
Jno. T. Russell	50.00
Mrs. J. W. Huffhines	50.00
W. R. Gannaway	50.00
W. E. Hudson	50.00
W. W. Scott	50.00
Joe Kerby	50.00
T. S. Lankford	50.00
A. C. Herrison	50.00
Geo. T. Rossan	50.00
Mrs. J. M. Skaggs	50.00
C. T. Rives	50.00
Albert Spill	50.00
Ben Spill	50.00
Lucy Bishop	50.00
A. N. Polk	50.00
Frank Berryman	50.00
J. E. Cleveland	50.00
Willie Danham	50.00
A. P. Garrett	50.00
Geo. Weber	50.00
E. F. Edwards	50.00
Mrs. T. V. Jennings	50.00
Lela Griffith	50.00
Total	\$14,550.00

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, 30c.

## RAILROAD EMPLOYEES LIBERTY BOND BUYERS

The Liberty Loan records in this county show that the employees of the Santa Fe and A. & S. railroads came up with the coin and purchased liberally of Uncle Sam's securities. The Santa Fe employees at Ballinger, Benoit, Rowena, and Miles purchased \$6,300 worth of bonds. The A. & S. employees at Ballinger and Winters purchased \$1,500 worth of bonds. The railroad companies are making it easy for the employees to buy bonds by selling the bonds to their employees on small payments. It creates a saving habit and the employee who buys on this plan soon has a neat sum laid up and will hardly realize how he made the saving. Others should go and do likewise when the Victory Bonds are put on sale.

Conda Wylie is able to be up after a three weeks spell with the "flu."

## BUSY BUSINESS MEN IN WAR WORK

When busy business men drop their work, sacrifice their time and get out and work for a good cause other citizens should do their part in helping in that cause, and respond in a way that will demand as little of the committee's time as possible.

On November 11th, and up to November 18th, this county will be expected to put up \$7000 for the United War Work fund. Every one should know by this time what the United War fund is and for what purpose the money is being raised.

The campaign is one which all the religious and literary organizations are co-operating in raising money to carry on the Y. M. C. A. and kindred organization work on the front and at the army encampments.

To raise this \$7000 the citizens who can must give liberally. Here is where you have an opportunity to make a sacrifice and when your name appears in the list of subscribers it will stand for something.

The Liberty Bond buyers have made no sacrifice. The government only offered an opportunity for the investor to help himself.

There will be many dollar donors in the campaign, but there must be many larger subscriptions or the county will not make the showing creditable and in keeping with her reputation.

Volunteers should come forward promptly and help to make the committee's work light. A tax roll record is being prepared and every man will be called on, the committeemen dividing the list in alphabetical order.

The business men who will devote their time to this work giving almost a whole week to the cause, are Scott H. Mack, Dan Moses, E. E. Hartman, W. A. Nance, C. J. Lynn, J. A. Williams, and Father Goldbach will assist in the work and Rev. H. P. Bates will have charge of the boys work and Miss Fannie Wilmett the girls work.

## GIRLS! DRAW A MOIST CLOTH THROUGH HAIR, DOUBLES ITS BEAUTY

Try this! Hair gets thick, glossy, wavy and beautiful at once.

Immediate?—Yes! Certain!—that's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a Danderine hair cleanse. Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggly, faded, dry brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be, after a few week's use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it surely get a bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and just try it.

## FLU INCREASES IN ANGELO

Influenza cases increased rather than decreased in San Angelo during the twenty-four hours period ending at noon Friday. Thirty-three cases reported by physicians to Mrs. Oscar Wilson, chairman of a special Red Cross committee that is co-operating with the health authorities.

A negro doctor also reported that he had also attended forty patients, since the epidemic started. All are now convalescent except fifteen.—San Angelo Standard.

Mrs. J. F. Currie received word from San Antonio Wednesday of the death of Miss Eddie Storm's brother, which occurred on last Sunday, caused from influenza. It will be remembered here that Miss Storm visited relatives in Ballinger last summer. The report stated that all members of the Storm family were down with this malady.

## Rheumatism Back on the Job With its Old-time Fury

### No Let-Up In Its Torture.

Pretty soon you will be reaching for the liniment bottle again, for the millions of little pain demons that cause Rheumatism are on the war-path. Winter weather seems to awaken them to renewed fury.

But your Rheumatism cannot be rubbed away, because liniments and lotions cannot reach the disease. It is in the blood, and only a remedy that goes deep down into the circula-

tion, and routs out the disease germs, can rid you of this disabling disease. S. S. S. has given some wonderful results in treating Rheumatism. Being a purely vegetable blood remedy, it purifies the blood of every germ, and thus removes the cause of Rheumatism. Get a bottle to-day at your drugstore, and start on the right treatment that will get results. Free advice about your case can be had by writing to Medical Director, 26 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

## POINEER CITIZEN

### DIES AT WINTERS

News was received at Ballinger Thursday of the death of S. L. Alexander, which occurred at his home in Winters at nine o'clock Thursday morning, after an illness of several days with pneumonia.

Mr. Alexander was in Ballinger a short time ago accompanied by his wife, en route to some point east where they were going in response to a telegram that a relative was seriously ill.

He was stricken ill after he returned home and his condition was soon found to be serious, and he succumbed to the disease which is claiming so many lives in this county.

He was a pioneer citizen of this county. For many years he has been living in the northern part of the county. He owned a large farm west of Winters and was the largest grain grower in that section of the county, when seasons were favorable for raising grain.

Several years ago he moved to Winters and engaged in the grain business.

Deceased is survived by a wife and several children, having a son in the army. He was active in the development of the country for many years in the past, and was active in war work in helping to keep the home fires burning. The town of Winters has lost a good citizen.

The funeral was held Friday and the remains were laid to rest in the Winters Cemetery.

Emmitt Cookrell returned to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, Thursday afternoon, after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cookrell. He went by Fort Worth to get a couple of deserters and carry them back to Camp Merritt.

Judge L. J. Wardlaw, of Sonora, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw.

## MORE DEATHS BUT

### FEW INFLU CASES

There has been a decrease in influenza cases here during the last forty-eight hours, but the malady continues to reap its reward where the cases develop into pneumonia.

The latest cases reported to the Ledger are in the Herring family. Several members of this family became ill Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday afternoon R. H. Herring was taken ill.

Abert Afferbach is another new case. Mr. Afferbach was one of the pall bearers selected for the funeral of Athur Zappe, but became ill Wednesday afternoon.

Audy Gustavus is quite ill with influenza.

Mrs. A. Schawe has been suffering with the disease but is better.

Those who were inclined to treat the epidemic as a small matter when it first made its appearance here are realizing that the occasion demands precaution, and the public is more careful.

In the east reports indicate that the disease is not so prevalent as two weeks ago, and as the epidemic began in the east and swept west, there is hopes that the worst has passed here, and that continued improvements in the health conditions will be made.

## A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weakand lame back, rheumatism, and irritabilities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Mrs. Joseph Spence and son Jack Ransom came down from San Angelo, Monday morning.



Pay W. S. S. Pledge Week--October 24--31

It's your time to charge the Hun lines. That W. S. S. Pledge you made is due and payable to the United States Government October 24--31.

We have the War Savings Stamps here for you.

Our services are yours in Uncle Sam's service

This Government Advertisement Patriotically contributed by **Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.** Sam Baker, Ass't. Cashier



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## Here's a Line that Holds

In war time as in peace "the Munsingwear Line Holds"

Attacked by the enemy—shortage of material—the Line never falters.

Munsingwear fights on—Firm in its stand for freedom, comfort, fit finish—economy and satisfaction in underwear.

You know when you ask for your Fall and Winter Munsingwear the makers have not sacrificed—even in view of the abnormal conditions—a single ideal that has made Munsingwear the dominating underwear of the nation.

You know that it's economy to buy Munsingwear. The fit lasts as long as the fabric. The same high quality prevails—its Durability, Washability, Popularity makes Munsingwear 100 per cent right.

It's your patriotic duty to get the best in underwear. When you buy underwear just say Munsingwear. You get Union of Service and Quality. Right in Size, Style and Price.

American efficiency, your efficiency, to win the war demands the utmost in comfort, freedom, satisfaction, mentally and physically. Munsingwear is doing its share to increase your efficiency.

Get Under the Cover of Munsingwear. Be a Union-Suited American Forever

Our Stock of Fall and Winter Munsingwear is waiting for you.

Come in today and choose from the variety of styles and fabrics.

It is genuine goodness all the way through—Buttons too.

## Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

### BIG JOB TO CLEAN THE CAPITOL

Austin, Oct. 29.—The spreading influenza epidemic has caused the superintendent of public buildings and grounds to begin an intensive cleaning of the interior of the capitol. It was already clean, as clean as buildings go, but the ledge dusting, wall scrubbing, carpet beating campaign that has been instigated extends through a twin ten horse power turbine vacuum cleaner about two barrels of dirt from the crevices of the building each day.

Cleaning the capitol might be compared to cleaning a furr. There is eighteen acres of floor space to be mopped, 258 rooms to be dusted, 900 windows to be washed, and seven miles of wooden wainscoting to be scrubbed. There are also 500 doors with projecting ornamental ledges to catch the dust. Polishing the stairway rails is more than one man's job.

Thirty men are regularly em-

ployed with mops and brooms, but four more have been secured for the general cleaning.

#### GIRLS HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Dear Editor:

We are two sailor boys from Old Virginia, and life around here is getting to be dull and monotonous. Just a little romance would help lots and what could be nicer than corresponding with some of the daughters of your fine State sometimes?

When you want a filler use our letter and request some, even demand it if necessary, to write us all the nice cheerful things they can think of when not busy. We are both unmarried, around twenty-five years of age, and are not considered at all bad looking, and have been accused of being almost good looking at times. (This with blushes.)

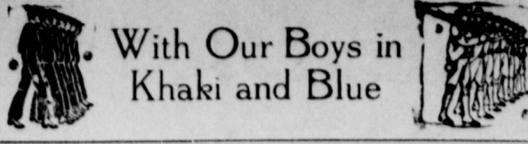
Yours for a speedy downfall of that beast, the Kaiser, we are

Yours truly,  
J. Leo Scott,  
Arnold T. Ross,  
Box 635, Portsmouth, Va.  
Thank you.

#### WHO IS JAMES MELTON MADISON

The casualty list of several days ago carried the name of James Melton Madison, of Ballinger, Texas, reported missing in action. We have been unable to get any record on this soldier. The records in the local draft board office fails to show this name as a registrant of this county, and the cards returned from army cantonments when men are received failed to show that the board sent such a man from this county. It is possible that Madison volunteered before America entered the war, or before the first registration, and gave as his home Ballinger. Or it is possible he enlisted from some other county and gave some one at Ballinger as nearest kin and Ballinger as his home. Who knows him?

J. R. Turner and son were here from the Norton country Tuesday. Mr. Turner reported that his family were recovering from the influenza. He reports that the epidemic was pretty bad in the Norton-Wingate country, but only one death had occurred, Mrs. Gus Clark of the Wilmett country dying.



### With Our Boys in Khaki and Blue

Camp De Meuron, France, Sept. 14th, '18. Dear Mr. Brewer: Received your letter today, dated Aug. 12, just a few days better than one month. While at St. Maxent, I went to town several times. One of the most interest things I saw there was the Cathedral. A great piece of work, and must be several hundred years old. Went thru it, if only some one who had been acquainted with the history, had been along and explained everything would have been more interesting.

Some of the wood work had fine carvings on it, all by hand, great work too. The pipe organ is near the center, much to my surprise. There are quite a few confession boxes and three alters. The sides are arched up and the ceiling must be 40 feet grand work.

One thing I especially noticed were the great number of jewelry stores. There must be 8 or 10 nice places in a town of 8 or 10 thousand, and all seem to have a good stock. Some swell silver tea sets. Lots of clocks, and they are heavy on jewelry too.

I think the jewelry business must be good in this country.

I had a time trying to make a girl understand that I was a watch maker, she tried to sell me a watch and most every other thing, before I finely got her to understand. I never tried to explain to any of the others. One of the prettiest cities I have seen is Poitiers, it is a small place, has some real small business houses.

We are about 60 miles from Brest, and not very far from the coast. Not but a few miles from Vamer.

All thru the country there are great apple orchards, must be for the people are great on cider. Lower down the vineyards set in.

A great place for all kinds of vegetation. All thru the country there is a great amount of kale or it looks like kale.

The natives don't seem to care for the black berries. I never saw them as plentiful in any place as thru this part of France.

There is "lots" of buckwheat here, chances must be good for some "buckwheat cakes" and "molasses" this winter.

I heard that Bruce and Willie were married, did not know that Archie Crews was at the officers training camp in Little Rock, Ark.

I hope it has rained good before you get this, and that business will be better than you expected this fall.

Very glad to hear that your wife is much better.

By the way, the Americans are making a "big drive" now and have made a great gain in the last two days.

The French language is hard for me to get on to. A few days ago I was on detail and was emptying trash, and some cans were mixed with it, a French girl was out where the trash was being emptied, she wanted us to pick the cans out and pile them in another place it took her a half hour to tell us what she meant, or it took us that long to understand.

Give my best regards to all your family. Write when you have time.

Your friend,  
Louis Tigner.

Sept. 22 '18. Dearest M.Mother and Homefolks:

I have been moving some since I last wrote you. France is a large place when you come to move, across it, especially when part of that distance is covered with full packs on your back weighing in the neighborhood of seventy-five pounds, but do you know you seldom hear a murmur from any of the boys for ours is an easy lot compared with what these French people have had to put up with for the last four years.

Just here, let me say some thing about them. They are more like Americans than any other people I have met, just like homefolks the kind you and I are used to seeing every day, and they want to help make the doughboys stay in France just as pleasant as possible.

They will go to almost any inconvenience to themselves to make things comfortable for us.

You want to talk to them so much that you will put in every spare moment in trying to learn their language and it is surprising to see how readily they pick up the American tongue.

France seems to be covered with

canals and boats going up and down stream can be seen most any time and are almost always loaded down with valuable products of the country. From the way our forces are driving those detestable "Hun hordes" back, we may be home for Christmas dinner, unless the cold weather puts a stop to our operations, but believe me, it is going to have to become pretty cold before our operations come to a halt for we are prepared for them, both with good clothes and fighting material and food, something the enemy is very short on, so when he is trying to keep warm and free from hunger we will be fighting and driving him back.

You no doubt can tell how things are going by the papers and our losses are very light in comparison to the amount and character of the fighting we have been doing.

Do not worry about me for I shall come out alright and we will all be happy once more. I have been taken out of my company for the time being and put on some special work or preparations for special work and it is not nearly so hard as doing the general routine and drilling that we did have to do. If anything should happen to me the government will let you know at once so don't be worried about my welfare.

With love and kisses to you all I am as ever,

Your boy,  
John R. Phillips.

#### TOM RAPE WRITES FROM FRANCE

Dear Uncle Tom:

Just received your letter and words cannot express how glad I was to hear from you again. In regards to my obedience to my superior officers, I could not be otherwise, as I can truthfully say that we have as fine a lot of officers as can be found in the service. They are doing all within their power for the cause that we are fighting for. No, there is no flinching blood in my body. You know that I am here until the end, and if it be God's will I will return. If not I will go for my country the same as many other good men are doing.

I would like to see you and talk with you. I am sending you some papers which will give you an idea of what the boys are doing. Believe me, the Kaiser can't get away. It is hot here, but a different kind of hot to what you people are having. Give my regards to The Ledger and also the Red Cross people. We have some very fine Red Cross nurses over here with us and they are doing a fine work. It is great for the wounded boys to have some one to care for them.

Is J. Y. Still there in the Drug Business? If so give him my best regards. Hoping to hear from you often I am.

Your nephew,  
Tom Rape.

#### JUST IN TIME

Some Ballinger People May Wait Till It's Too Late

Don't wait until too late. Be sure to be in time. Just in time with kidney ills. Means curing the backache, the dizziness, the urinary disorders.

That so often comes with kidney troubles.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for this very purpose.

Here is Ballinger Testimony of their worth. Mrs. R. A. Williamson, 205 N. Sixth St., says: "My back ached and pained across my kidneys. I felt dull and languid, especially in the morning and could hardly keep going. Dizzy headaches annoyed me and my kidneys acted irregularly. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store and they relieved all these symptoms of kidney complaint and strengthened my back."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Williamson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

The City Cafe is undergoing a general renovation and remodeling. Proprietor Stroble has workmen on the job building an addition for a kitchen and making room to enlarge the dining room. The building will receive repairs from bottom to top.

### Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

Motor Hearse and Ambulance

T. S. LANKFORD

Night Phone 81 Day Phone 82

### THREE FUNERAL IN COUNTY SUNDAY

Parties were here Sunday morning for a casket and making arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. T. M. Cooper, who died at the home of her daughter in Ballinger Saturday evening.

Mrs. Cooper had been ill for several days and it has been announced that she could not recover from the attack of pneumonia.

She came to Ballinger from her home near Crews to nurse her daughter who was sick when she became ill and died.

Sunday afternoon the remains were laid to rest in the Crews Cemetery.

Deceased was 35 years, 9 months and 25 days old. She is survived by a husband and several children and other relatives, and a host of friends who knew her and who will sympathize with the sorrowing relatives.

#### Baby Died at Concho

The two and half year old baby girl, Dora Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cape, died at its home near Concho Saturday after an illness of several days.

Parties were here Sunday after a casket and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the Concho Cemetery.

#### HEAD AND NOSTRILS

#### STUFFED FROM GOLD

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends a cold or gripe in a few hours

Your cold will break and all gripe misery ends after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiff ness.

Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.

#### FLU EPIDEMIC

#### ON THE WANE

The Ledger only located two or three new cases of influenza today by inquiring among the physicians and at the medicine stores, and the disease seems to be greatly on the wane.

W. M. Hill, train dispatcher at the Santa Fe, is one of the new victims, and a Mexican is said to be quite ill with the malady. Two or three cases are reported in the county.

Most of those who have been suffering with the disease are reported to be getting along nicely. Robert Herring is thought to be on the crest of the illness and is holding his own, and the next few hours will be the turning point in his case.

So far as The Ledger has been able to learn there has not been a death in the county since Saturday

#### JACK NICHOLS LOCATES AT GONZALES

Mr. Sledge. Please forward my paper to Gonzales. We are all well. I am sure sorry to hear of the death of my friends up there. The influenza is sure raging down here but we have been fortunate enough not to catch it yet. Best regards to all.

J. A. Nichols.

Reports from over the country indicate that influenza is losing its hold, many cities reporting no new cases for several days past.