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BIG STORE IS CLOSED

By United Press.
NEW YORK, June 25.—Receivers were appointed today for the H. B. Clofflin Company, one of the biggest dry goods firms in the world.

The Clofflin receivers was followed by an equity petition consented to by Clofflin's attorneys. An involuntary petition of bankruptcy was also filed.

Joseph Martindale and F. A. Juilliard, both of whom are friendly to the company, were appointed to act in both proceedings.

There bends were fixed at \$500,000 each.

Fully twenty-five millions of dollars are involved and a score of New York banks held Clofflin's paper.

Probably 2000 banks in different parts of the country handled the company's business.

The concern has scores of retail subsidiaries throughout the country but it is very unlikely that any of these will close.

W. P. Odell, filed a third suit today, charging that a subsidiary manufacturing company owed him \$5000 and also asking involuntary bankruptcy of the smaller concern.

The stock market was slightly off at the opening, influenced by the appointment of a receiver for the Clofflin concern.

Twice before the company stopped payment on its notes but no holder lost money as a result.

AUTO PLUNGES OVER CLIFF INTO OCEAN

By United Press.
SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 25.—An automobile plunged 125 feet over a cliff into the Pacific Ocean today.

Three women and one man are dead as a result of the tragedy.

Harry Baker, owner of the automobile, is probably fatally injured. He said it was his first ride.

MEXICAN PEACE STILL UNDECIDED

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 25.—Peace in Mexico by mediation is still undecided. It is not believed here that Gen. Carranza's representatives are coming here for conferences with Gen. Huerta's envoys. Pending word from Gen. Carranza, mediation has halted.

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ANOTHER TOWN FALLEN TO REBELS

By United Press.
TORREON, Mex., June 25.—San Luis Potosi was captured by the constitutionalists under General Torree, was the information received here in a brief dispatch at rebel headquarters.

The federals suffered heavy losses and retreated towards Aguascalientes.

COTTON BLOSSOMS EXHIBITED TODAY

The first cotton blossoms brought to Ballinger were exhibited here Thursday afternoon, June 25, by Prof. N. J. Key, of the Valley creek country. Prof. Key came to town on business and as he was passing his cotton patch he plucked a pretty red blossom and brought it along to see if Ballinger folks had seen the 1914 bloom. It was the first reported at this office from the present crop.

Mr. Key stated that he had about fifty acres and that while every stalk did not have a bloom on it, that the entire field was in good shape and many blooms were showing up. He reports crop conditions in his section AI, and everybody at work.

It has been many years, perhaps never before, when this country promised more than at the present writing. Feed crops that were planted early are practically made and cotton is in fine condition where it has been cultivated.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON STOCK EXCHANGE BILL

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, June 25.—A favorable report on the Owen Stock Exchange regulation bill was ordered by the senate banking currency committee today.

BELIEVED IN HANDS OF WHITE SLAVERS

By United Press.
BURTINGTON, Ia., June 25.—Perle Harris, desiring to earn money to buy a graduating dress, answered an employment ad, and is believed to be the victim of white slavers.

ONE KILLED WHEN CAR LEAVES RAILS

By United Press.
LORAIN, Ohio., June 25.—Irvin Brocker, who was riding a motorcycle alongside an interurban car, was crushed and is dying as a result of the car jumping the rails. The motorman on the car was killed, several were injured.

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Zacatecas Fallen; Garrison Fleeing

RODRIQUEZ DIES

By United Press.
ZACATECAS, Mexico, June 25.—General Trinidad Rodriguez, a bosom friend of General Francisco Villa, died today, from his wounds received in Tuesday night's assault on this city.

By United Press.
JUAREZ, Mex., June 25.—The remnant of the federal garrison at Zacatecas is fleeing toward Aquascalientes, directly south of the besieged city, leaving 2000 killed and 6000 wounded in the streets of the city, is a dispatch received from General Villa today, dated Zacatecas.

According to the telegram, received here from the general, he captured 5000 prisoners, 6000 rifles, all the munitions and all provisions of the federal army holding the city.

General Villa gave his own loss at 500 killed and 800 wounded.

Among the wounded are Generals Huerrera, Ortega and Rodriguez,

The rebels' storming of the impregnable heights Sierra Lubufa was unequalled in an exhibition of courage.

Before leaving the federals dynamited the principal government and bank buildings, destroying railroads as they retreated.

It will be weeks before General Villa can repair the bridges and tracks of the railways so that he can move his army within striking distance of Calientes

Jaurez is continuing her celebration of the victory today.

The evacuation of San Luis Potosi is unconfirmed here.

NO CLOSING ON JULY FOURTH

On account of July Fourth falling on Saturday the business houses in Ballinger will not close in honor of the National holiday. The merchants feel that on account of the busy times on the farms that many people will come to town on Saturday afternoon to trade and look after business that they have been neglecting through the rush, and they will remain at their post of duty and be ready to serve them.

It has been the custom for many years for the business houses in Ballinger to close on July 4th, but it is very seldom that this day in the year falls on Saturday. Some of those connected with the business houses of Ballinger will be disappointed, but the merchants are doing what they think is for the best in the matter.

SEX HYGIENE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

By United Press.
CHICAGO, June 25.—Sex hygiene should be taught in the Sunday schools, E. K. Moher, superintendent of the Purity Department, told the International Sunday Schools convention here today.

8 BODIES ARE FOUND

By United Press.
TULSA, Okla., June 25.—An unidentified report has reached here that eight human bodies were found in a manure pile in the Cushing oil fields by government officials, who were searching for whiskey, which was believed hidden.

Cushing is excited over the affair, is the report.

The chief of police of Cushing denied the report but an attache at his office confirmed it.

An oil man came from Cushing to Tulsa with the story.

TY COBB IS FINED \$500 BY COURT

By United Press.
DETROIT, Mich., June 25.—Tyrus Cobb, Detroit's great outfielder, was fined \$500 for threatening with a gun a butcher who it is alleged insulted Mrs. Cobb.

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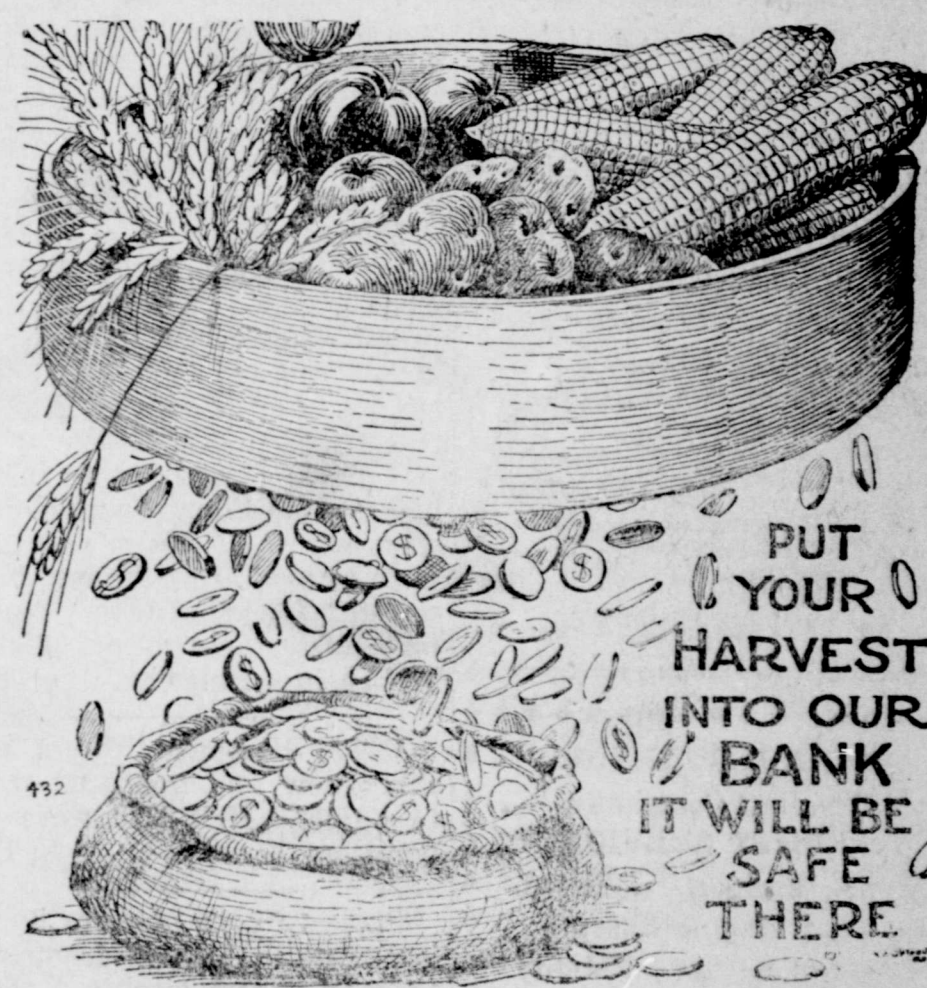
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SICKNESS IS INCREASING SERIOUSLY INJURED

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, June 25.—The percentage of sickness in both the army and navy at Vera Cruz is slowly and steadily increasing, is the statement made here.

President Wilson vetoed today the suggestion from army officers that the army lines at the Mexican port be extended so that a majority of the troops will be on high ground and get relief from the intense heat.

President Wilson feared that such an extension might cause hostilities.

Judge W. H. Gross, owner of one of the largest ranches in Central West Texas and probably the largest in Runnels county sustained serious injuries Wednesday afternoon, when he fell from a horse which he was riding, frightening the animal and causing him to kick the rider. A rib was broken and it is believed the kidneys were dislocated.

Physicians attending Judge Gross today state that he is resting very well, under the circumstances. The accident is one (Continued on last page.)

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WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Because He talks Baseball Wife is Suing for Divorce

By United Press.
 CHICAGO, June 25.—Because her husband continually talked baseball to her, Edward Herman, a fanatic in the national pastime,

DAIRY INSTALLS MODERN METHODS

SERIOUSLY INJURED
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which causes much pain, but is not fatal.

Judge Gross had just crossed a small stream on his large ranch when the accident occurred. In some manner he slipped from the saddle and fell. The horse became frightened at seeing the body fall to the ground and began kicking. The tenth rib was broken and the kidneys dislocated, according to information received Thursday.

Judge Gross lives about six months in the year on his ranch near Ballinger. The remaining part of the year, he spends in Mineral Wells, where he resided before moving to Ballinger and before he purchased the large tract of land.

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Blister bugs are uncommonly plentiful this year and the reason for the carrying of such a large stock is not known nor can it be accounted for. Neither before in the history of Ballinger have so many of the pests been seen and felt as lately.

Hardly a night passes that some good pious Ballingerite does not get angry at the meanderings of some nice blister bug after the insect has left various portions of his body scattered along the route traversed by the pest in making his hasty exit from the body. Physicians state that more people are suffering from the bites of blister bugs this year than ever before.

Mrs. Joe A. Barbisch and Mrs. Bob Beldin, of Austin, arrived Wednesday on a visit to J. J. Erwin and family. Mrs. Barbisch is a sister of Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Beldin is Mrs. Barbisch's daughter.

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Judge C. O. Harris passed thru Wednesday en route from San Angelo to Mineral Wells to spend a few weeks recuperating.

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M. T. Griffin and E. P. Flagg, special agents for the Kansas City Live Insurance Co., are here in the interest of their company. The Kansas City Life has done a good business in this county, both in their life department and loan department. C. A. Doose is loan representative in this county and he has placed many thousands of dollars in loans on real estate in county.

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Charles Golden, son of W. L. Golden, returned first of the week from a four year's service in Uncle Sam's navy. The young man was on the battleship Maryland, and said it began to look like he was going to see some real fighting before his four years expired and allowed him to come home. He seems very well satisfied with what he has experienced in the navy and says he is not going back unless he is forced to.

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RECEIVES NEWS OF DEATH OF SISTER.
 U. P. Melton received a message early Thursday morning conveying to him the sad news of the death of his only sister, which occurred a short time before the message was dispatched at Navasota.

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