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GERMANS PUSHING INTO FRANCE

DEFEAT DUE TO NUMBER

Namur Falls And Invasion Starts

10,000 FRENCH TAKEN

(By United Press)

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Namur has fallen.

Nancy is reported to be in the hands of Germans.

The English and French troops have been driven back to their secondary defense and are striving desperately to hold their lines.

The war office here says they will hold out but it made the same promise about Namur.

There is grave apprehension that the Germans are going to break through the lines for a real invasion of France.

Appalling losses on both sides are reported. Doubtless, they will startle the world when officially announced.

The Germans assault was tremendous today. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers were hurled against the gaps between the chain of fortresses of the French.

Attempt Made to Destroy Royal Palace at Antwerp

(By United Press)

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—A German Zeppelin airship was disabled and its crew of twenty-five were captured, after they had made a vain effort to destroy the Royal Palace here early today.

The bombs which were dropped from the giant aircraft, destroyed two houses and nearly killed several persons.

The inhabitants were terror-stricken after the explosion, but were reassured by the captain in charge of the Belgian troops in the city, that the shell which was fired by him penetrated the dirigible's envelope.

NEUTRALITY AGAIN

IS PROCLAIMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—President Wilson today signed a neutrality proclamation towards Japan.

COLEMAN MAN RAPIDLY RECOVERING.

W. A. Hamiter, of Coleman, arrived here Sunday night in a critical condition, coming here for an operation for appendicitis. When the man arrived here it was not thought that the physicians could save his life. General peritonitis had set up and the man's

pulse had run up to 130. An operation was performed at the Halley & Love sanitarium at once, and the physicians battled with the case up until about four o'clock this morning and before they gave any hopes of recovery. Mr. Hamiter is getting along nicely today, and he now has a good chance to get well.

RETURNS FROM NEW YORK.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harris and baby returned home Monday afternoon from San Angelo. Mr. Harris and his father C. O. Harris of San Angelo had just returned from a business and pleasure trip combined to New York, and other points up North and Mrs. Harris and baby visited at San Angelo during Mr. Harris' absence.

Bomb Kills Seven

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—Seven persons were killed and six were wounded, some seriously, by bombs dropped from a Zeppelin airship today.

Marine Almost Assured

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The foreign governments have not as yet objected to the United States owning her own lines to be used in carrying on commerce between this country and other countries. President Wilson believes that he can purchase ships from Germany or elsewhere without violating the neutrality of this government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—France holds Alkirsch and Muelhausen, following the German victory in the first big battle. The allies' entire army is entrenched strongly in their secondary defense and are not disheartened over the defeat. This was the official message received here from Paris to the French embassy.

After the allied armies offen-

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GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—The Belgians sorted and drove the Germans back to Maimh, it was learned here this afternoon. The Germans were reinforced by several thousand of the million reservists held in the rear, and have again resumed the offensive.

New Pope Will Try to Restore Peace

ROME, Aug. 25.—Cardinal Farley said today that the entire Sacred College as praying that God may guide them in the election of a new pope, "who will be able to restore peace in war-torn Europe."

Every influence possible will be utilized by the successor of Pope Pius for the restoration of peace in Europe.

Cardinal Merry Del Val is being suggested as a candidate for high office of pope.

Cardinal Del Val, however, is grieving over the death of Pope Pius and absolutely refuses to see all visitors. He mourns alone constantly.

Austria Declares War on Japan.

Vienna, Austria, Aug. 25.—Austria this afternoon declared war against Japan.

This followed the declaration of hostilities of Japan against Germany, Austria acting as the Kaiser's ally.

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Mrs. O. E. Mittonck, of Bellville, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Shortt and family of the South Ballinger country for several weeks past, left for her home Monday afternoon.

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Elder McMillan left Monday afternoon for Skerman where he will assist in a protracted meeting for the next week or ten days.

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PRIMARY ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—California is casting its primary vote today for the party tickets between which its electors must choose at the November state election. Despite a demand for a "short ballot," the ballot for this primary is several feet long. On it are the names of 770 candidates and so many propositions that it takes an average of an hour to read them all. Experts say it is the most cumbersome ballot in California's history and probably in the history of the state. Candidates for the governorship nominations are:

Republican—John D. Federicks, Los Angeles; Charles M. Belshaw, Antioch; and Francis J. Keesling and William C. Ralston, San Francisco. Democratic—Fred H. Hall, Bakersfield; John B. Curtin, Sonora; Edward White Watsonville; Sydney M. Van Wych, Jr., San Francisco, and Charles King, Hanford. Progressive—Hiram W. Johnson, San Francisco. Prohibitionist—Clinton P. Moore, Oakland.

Senatorial candidates are: Republican—Joseph R. Knowland, Alameda, and Samuel H. Shortridge, San Francisco. Democratic—James D. Phelan, San Francisco and Thomas F. Griffin. Progressive—Francis J. Heney, San Francisco, and Chester H. Rowell, Fresno. Prohibitionist—Frederick F. Wheeler, Los Angeles.

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Sam Baker returned home Monday from Marlin where he had been using the hot baths at that place for the benefit of his rheumatism and we are glad to report him much better when he returned home. Mrs. Freeman and daughter, Mrs. Keys, of Abilene, came in Monday afternoon to visit Mrs. Freeman's son J. A. Freeman and family during the serious illness of Mr. Freeman's oldest daughter. We are glad to report the little girl some better Monday afternoon.

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BIG SILO CRACKS CAUSE HEAVY LOSS

The heaviest individual farm loss reported in this county from any cause this year, is the loss sustained by the busting of a big concrete silo on the old J. H. Routh farm just east of Ballinger. In dollars and cents the loss depends altogether on how the feed in the silo is preserved—how much of it is damaged by the opening in the silo giving away.

The property is owned by Wm. Shurtz, of San Antonio, and is in charge of H. Giesecke. Mr. Giesecke contracted for the silo, and it was recently completed at a cost of about \$800. Tom Lively contracted to fill the silo and the work of filling it with a fine quantity of ensilage was just about complete, only about six feet remaining to be filled when the silo cracked open.

The big silo has a capacity of about four hundred tons, and it is estimated that about \$2000 worth of feed had been placed in it before it broke.

It is thought the break was caused by the steel supports not being strong enough to hold the pressure down by the heavy feed. Chas. Eisenhuth, who guarantees the work, will begin at once to replace the silo with another one. The form of the silo is perfect and the loss caused by the break falls very heavy on the contractors and the owners of the feed.

CITY MEAT MARKET

We always handle the very best meats of all kinds that the market affords, and your orders promptly attended to at all hours. We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, when you have anything to sell. We guarantee first-class meats and we handle the same in a sanitary way. Your orders appreciated. City Meat Market, Telephone 185. STANLEY CAMERON, Prop dwtf.

RAIN AND THE WEATHER

Up to four o'clock Tuesday afternoon the rain fell at Ballinger since Sunday amounted to two and one tenth inches. The forecast says unsettled tonight and tomorrow, probably showers.

How the Trouble Starts.
Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

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COTTON WAREHOUSE WOULD SAVE US \$8,000,000 YEARLY

While at this particular time the entire South, and a good part of this nation is perplexed over the cotton situation, and through fear of being unable to convert the cotton into cash, business men and farmers are uniting in an effort to bring about a condition that will once and for all settle the question, we can not help but see in it all a blessing in disguise. Regardless of what the price may be, the solution of the problem for all time to come will be derived by the establishing of cotton warehouses in every city, town and hamlet throughout the cotton growing country, and wherever cotton is marketed. The business man and the farmer have come together and have been made to realize the folly of throwing on the market within a space of a few months the millions of bales of cotton produced by the South. And, again, with a market of 15 cents, the business man has been made to realize the loss sustained by piling the valuable product out in the cotton yards and permitting it to remain for months exposed to the weather. It is claimed that damage to yard cotton last year amounted to \$4.00 per bale. It is also claimed by cotton men, and submitted in statistics supplied by the government, that the loss each year on cotton held in yards several months, averages \$2.00 per bale.

NEW PHONES INDICATE TOWN'S GROWTH

Manager Day, of the West Texas Telephone Co., informs us that twenty new names have been added to the telephone directory since the first of the present month, in the city, and that quite a number of new rural phones have been installed.

Parties were here from the river country south of Ballinger Monday and carried out the material for building a new party line south, connecting with the cable that crosses the Colorado river. On this new party line there will be ten subscribers to begin with, and is about all the line will carry. Those having connection on this line are Ralph McShann, W. F. McShann, J. H. Booth, M. C. Wilson, W. T. Ward, C. A. Wilson, J. C. Wilson, T. M. Patton, J. H. Webb and Joe McKenzie.

The increase in rural phones is due to the fact that the people in the country are beginning to realize more than ever the importance, the convenience and pleasure to be derived from having phone connections with the outside world. They can sit in their home and talk to almost any point in Texas.

The increase in the city phones shows the rapid rate at which the town is coming back to its former good days. The vacant houses are rapidly filling up and a phone is a necessity.

The new phone directory is now on the press and will be ready for distribution about the first of September. It will be up to date, carrying many new names, and giving the correction of all changes made since the last edition was issued.

\$100 REWARD, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

T. E. Davis of Miles was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES SMITH 3,573

Sweetwater, Aug. 24.—The Congressional convention of the 16th Congressional District met here today and canvassed the returns of the votes cast for Congressman in the recent primary election and declared Congressman W. R. Smith re-nominated by a majority of 3,573, with the returns from one county, Menard, missing. There are 58 counties in the District, 6 of which held no primaries. Smith carried 31 counties and Blanton 20 counties. The total vote cast in the district was 38,901.

The total official vote was: Smith 21,237 and Blanton 17,644. Dr. Coleman of Mitchell county was chairman and Prof. Green of Callahan county was secretary. H. C. Hord was elected chairman of the 16th District Executive Committee for the next two years.

H. Winkler of Sweetwater, a former valued citizen of Ballinger, came in Monday night to look after business affairs and visit Ballinger friends.

Stop That Rheumatism.

Get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. This is the remedy that everyone is talking about because it stops the pain so quickly. For neuralgia and headaches there is nothing better. Ask your druggist.

WAGONS! WAGONS!

The old reliable, PETER SCHUTTLE, and STUDEBAKER Wagons. Always the best, now the cheapest, at HALL HARDWARE COMPANY. dwtf

Jesse Manley left Monday afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives a few weeks.

Headache Gone.

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Bank Barber Shop
Jim McWhirter, Proprietor.

When Tired And Thirsty
Drop in at my store and get an ice cold soda. Cakes, nuts and all kinds of confections.
M. Rosenwasser

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder A. E. Ellmore of Gunter, Texas, will hold a few days meeting at the Church of Christ on the corner of Strong Avenue and Fifth street, beginning Wednesday night of the 26th. Everybody is invited and urged to come and hear him.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only cleans out the worms but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. M. D. Chastain returned home Monday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Cobb and family of San Angelo. Mrs. Cobb and little daughter accompanied her home to visit with relatives a week of two, Mr. Cobb who accompanied them to this point left Tuesday morning for the east in the interest of their firm.

For SORE or WEAK EYES, use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water. Don't hurt. Feels Good. d6-1-14-6m

G. B. Vanlandingham, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and says he has his feed crops harvested in good condition.

Simmon's Liver Purifier.

The mild and pleasant liver medicine is Simmon's Liver Purifier. It's actions is thorough, but pleasant. Does not gripe or sicken like other medicines. Sold in 25c boxes by your druggist.

A. J. Jordan of the Coyote creek country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. H. McNeely returned home Monday from an extended visit to Sweetwater and other points in that section.

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Our Loaves Biggest and Best!

Kneading the Dough With Omar.

For I remember stopping down the row
To watch a baker thumping his wet dough.
And with its all obliterated tongue
He mumbled, "Gently, brother, gently, slow!"

The dough for our bread is well thumped. We are merciless.

Our bread is made of richest and best materials and contains lots of shortening. The loaves are not blown like a bag of wind.

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DIFFERENT MEXICO SAYS CORRESPONDENT

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD. (United Press Correspondent)
MEXICO CITY, July 29: (By mail to New York)—Its a different Mexico. If all Job's boils had burst at one and the same time, and all the pain and purple swelling has disappeared in one grand bang of cures Job might have felt something like Mexico feels today. The wonder to a man who had a carbuncle lanced is that so much pain can disappear in such a short instant. And Mexico today is like and ex-sufferer of carbuncle—wondering and happy and willing almost to kiss the surgeon.

A little iron-grey haired Indian with a stubby mustach had dashed through the streets of the capital one morning in an automobile; he had alighted at a railroad station, climbed into a waiting Pullman, said to the porter, "Hello, my boy; glad to see you! If you've got anything to drink in this car bring me a double cognac." The engine bell had rung, the conductor had shouted, "All aboard," the train had started—and the core of Mexico's carbuncle had been expelled. That railroad engine, No. 27, was the strongly draing poultice; Huerta, sipping his goodbye cognac, was the core; the Mexican capital and all the land of Mexico was the happy patient.

There were hundreds of thousands of men in Mexico who slept soundly that night for the first time in months. The rich man slept peacefully in his mansion because he knew that at last his wealth was safe; the peon slept soundly in his dobe hut because he knew that Huerta, the man who in the dead of night dragged peons from their beds and families and put them into his staving army, had gone. The wonder of it all, to rich and poor, was that anything so small as a Pullman car coach could carry away from the nation such a gigantic horror as this man Huerta had been. But the Pullman car did it. In the Arabian Nights a fisherman found on the seashore a small casket which contained the terrible geni which, when released, was so huge in size it filled the sky. So the Pullman car, with a little iron-grey haired man sleeping in his clothes, on a red plush settee, inside, contained a terror that had been suspended over the nation like a vast cloud and that had hung over the lives and homes of Mexico's men, women and children as the shadows of the dead volcanoes hang over beautiful Mexico City.

It is hard at first to believe the change had really come. When I departed from the capital on April 22, howling mobs were traversing the streets, yelling for Yankee blood. I had slipped through the streets under the tarpaulin of a coach, to the depot. The cable office had been closed to American newspaper men and they had been given to understand that they must get out or go to jail. The only one of our number who was foolhardy enough to stay had been arrested and had disappeared and has never been found in any jail or graveyard. It was an ugly Mexico we left on April 22.

But no sooner was Huerta out than the American newspaper men were in. It wasn't a comfortable job coming back either because we could not realize how great and sudden the change had been. It was after dark when we drew into the railroad station. There were five of us, the first American correspondents to return. One of us had tried to enter the capital once before and had been arrested at the station, jailed and deported. We arranged to leave the train singly for we expected that secret service men might be waiting for us on the station platform. And so, one by one we made way through the depot crowd. But the expected taps on the shoulder didn't come. Only a horde of yelling hotel commissionaires laid their hands on us. A Mexican and an English newspaper man greeted us.

"It's all right," said the Mexican, who used to do his writing in Texas. "Welcome to our city. The old man has beat it. The fly cops have faded away. There are 3,000 Zapatistas on the outskirts of the city hammering to get in, and Huerta has left only 3000 soldiers in the city. You fellows are going to see the city looted like a chicken coop. You're here just in time for the big blow-off."

Even the streets seemed different as our coach rolled through the rain. The presence of horror was no more. A train had carried it away. Peace seemed to

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brood over the domes and parks and streets and homes of the great Mexican city. What if the Zapatistas were fighting to enter the city? What if the wounded and dying Federals of that brave band of 3000 were being brought into the city in coaches and street cars. What if the great auto truck, loaded with Mexican Red Cross nurses, dashed past us toward the suburban battlefield? What, even, if the Zapatistas did come into the city? They were a danger that a man could see and meet, face to face, and fight, hand to hand. They were not an unseen, a ble, unobtainable, unfigurable Terror, such as the Pullman car had drawn away. That was how we felt and that was how the people of Mexico felt that night after Huerta had gone.

By the next day Mexico had begun to find itself again. The morning newspapers began to tell of the terrible things Huerta had done; of the awful crimes; of murders and assassinations; of millions of money which the fleeing Huertistas had taken with them; of how Huerta had looted the public zoo at the last moment and given a banquet of deer, bear and game-bird meat; how his henchmen had matched pennies among themselves for government automobiles which they carried away with them; how one cabinet minister named Losano had almost brained his chauffeur with a bottle as a drunken farewell; how Urrutia, now finding shelter in the United States, had murdered and tortured some of Mexico's wisest men; how Moheno also had sold precious concessions for a song. Bereaved families began to search openly in graveyards and prisons for knowledge of relatives. Flowers were toted by the ton to Madero's grave. The truth came out. Each man in the capital was his own man's man. Mexico knew she was facing a new day and a new chance to climb to her place among other nations.

It's here in the capital that one sees most clearly the patience, kindness, bigness and dignity with which the United States, sponsor and protector of the Republican form of government on this globe, big brother of all nations that have presidents instead of kings, has treated and helped the Republic of Mexico as it stumbled and staggered through the dark days of Huerta's tyranny. Looking at it from here, it makes you proud to be an American.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it, because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

E. H. Redman of the Rowena country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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When T. J. Bryan arrived in Ballinger with the first bale of cotton this week it was suggested that Mr. Bryan should have a premium, as it has been the custom for many years to present the grower of the first and second bale with a small token of appreciation from the Ballinger business men. The suggestion was soon put into action and John Hopkinson circulated a list and raised the following amount, one-third of which has been reserved and is in the Ballinger State Bank for the man that brings in the second bale. T. J. Bryan, the grower of the first bale, received two-thirds of the premium.

Following is the names of those contributing and the amount contributed:

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 - Ballinger Printing Co.,\$1.00
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 - W. B. Wood & Son25
 - H. L. Wendorf75
 - Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack\$1.00
 - Ballinger Dry Goods Co.,\$1.00
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 - Higdon, Melton Jackson Co. \$1.00
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WOMAN WANTS TO HELP OTHERS

By Telling How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

Miami, Okla. — "I had a female trouble and weakness that annoyed me continually. I tried doctors and all kinds of medicine for several years but was not cured until I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I hope my testimonial will help other suffering women to try your wonderful medicine." — Mrs. MARY R. MILLER, Box 453, Miami, Okla.

Another Woman who has Found Health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Lindsborg, Kansas. — "Some years ago I suffered with terrible pains in my side which I thought were inflammation, also with a bearing down pain, backache, and I was at times awfully nervous. I took three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now enjoying good health. I will be glad to recommend your medicine to any woman suffering with female trouble and you may publish this letter." — Mrs. A. L. SMITH, R. No. 3, Box 60, Lindsborg, Kansas.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

amount of the premium is cash. Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack bought the first bale, paying 11 cents.

You never heard of a \$10,000 man doing \$1000 work and you can't expect to get the designing and cutting of high-class artists in clothes that sell for "\$150 more-no-less." W. H. Roark, exclusive dealer for Ed. V. Price & Co., has provided this to all his correct dressers. See him for reliable and dependable tailoring.

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If you want cotton pickers or farm hands write, phone or come and tell us just which you desire, and whether you want single men or families. If families, how about house, wood and water. State plainly what you have and what you want.

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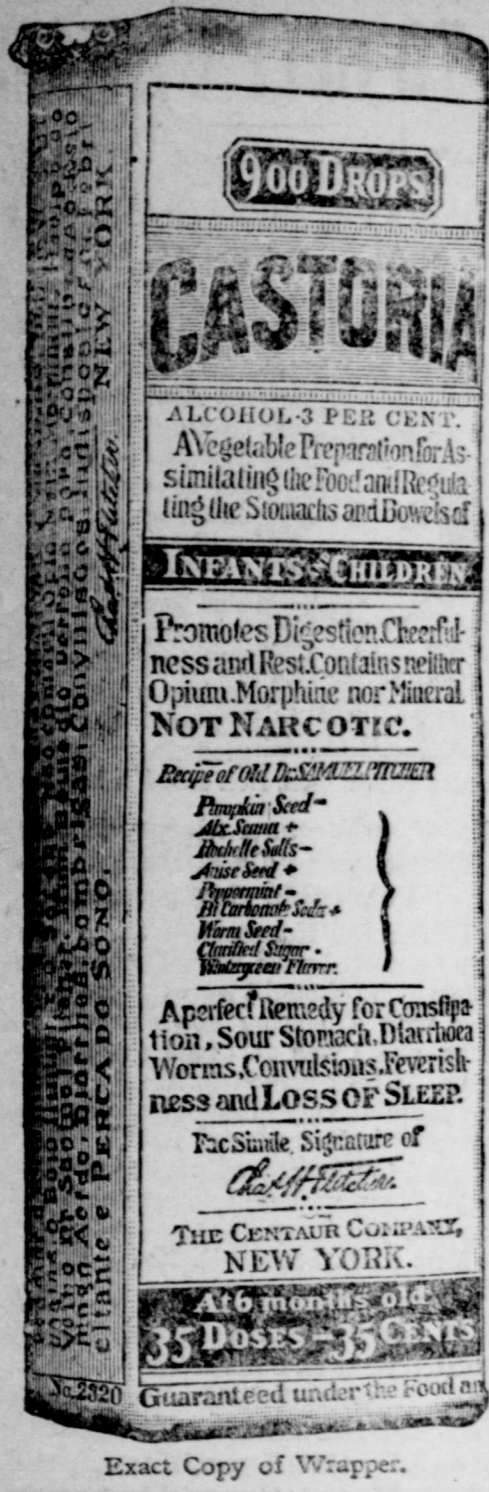
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First Big Battle of Russians Is Expected

By United Press.
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.—It was reported at the War Office here today the operations of the Russian troops in Prussia and Austria were so well developed that a general battle is very imminent and is expected within a very short time. The Russian soldiers are prepared for the conflict it was stated, while at the same

time, it is believed the Austrians are similarly situated for operations. The people were warned here by the government today not to expect too much from the operations of the Russians in Austria, at the start. The German main fortifications, it is said, are very strong and the Russians will not gather them in without trouble.

Japan May Extend Operations

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—That Japan may be drawn into the general European war outside the Orient, was the statement made today by the Japanese Embassy in Washington.

Japan beyond the Orient, the Japanese will come to their assistance. Another neutrality proclamation is planned by the American administration, it was learned today. The American government will insist that the United States citizenship keep their hands out of the conflict which is at present involving all of Europe and part of the Far East.

"WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES WAS PRUDENCE"

By United Press.
LONDON, Aug. 25.—Admitting that Namur had fallen into the hands of the German forces and the allies had retreated, the war bureau today insisted that the

withdrawal of the English and French forces was dictated by prudence. An ultimatum that victory for the allied army is certain was

"LOSSES WILL STARTLE WORLD WHEN REVEALED"

Reports carried in today's news dispatches from the war zone are to the effect that the losses in the gigantic battle which is being waged along the French frontier between the allied forces and the German army, will exceed those of any battle ever fought. "The losses on both sides will startle the world when officially revealed," is the manner in which the correspondent at Paris words the part of this despatch relating to the sacrifice of lives.

400 being federals and 27,599 being confederates. They remember Gettysburg when 54,807 lives were sacrificed upon the field of battle, the Union army losing 31,621 and the confederate 23,186. These figures include the dead, wounded and missing.

The most deadly battles of the Civil War follow below. The cryptic message from Paris probably means that Gettysburg will fall far below in the list of great battles of the world and the fight on the French frontier will take a leading place with its sacrifice of tens of thousands of soldiers.

	Federal	Confederate	Total
Cold Harbor	27,400	27,599	54,999
Gettysburg	31,621	23,186	54,807
The Wilderness	37,727	11,400	49,127
Spottsylvania	26,441	9,999	35,441
Chickamauga	15,851	17,804	33,655
Chancellorsville	16,020	12,281	28,301
Stone River	13,047	10,694	23,741
Fredericksburg	13,248	5,315	18,563
Fredericksburg	12,523	4,576	17,099
Manassas	7,800	3,700	11,500

WITH GUNS ROARING, BELGIUM "CELEBRATING"

By United Press.
BRUSSELS, Aug. 25.—With her fields blooded in the general conflict of European powers, Bel-

gium today celebrated her 'Independence day.' Today was the anniversary of the revolution in 1830 which resulted in the Independence of the nation.

NOTICE

We have purchased for the FREE use and benefit of all and more especially the farmers, a
SCIENTIFIC COTTON GRADER
containing the 9 grades of cotton as established by Act of Congress. Learn to grade your cotton. We also have Cotton Pickers Records for farmers. Don't fail to ask for one.

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Defeat Due to Number

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sive movement had failed," said the dispatch, "they retired to the secondary defense which is impregnable."

"The defeat was due to the overwhelming superior German forces. The French Second Division suffered severely but the German losses are also very heavily, especially among the advance guards."

"France believes the entire German army is striking her. The allies have not as yet been driven out of Belgium."

"Considerable fighting will be had before the Germans cross the Belgian-France border."

"The Germans are unsuccessfully attacking the French in Alsace, and have been holding so since Sunday."

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels—they are torpid. The fault lies with the liver and bilious impurities in the blood and remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom returned home Tuesday at noon from Hot Springs, Ark., where they had been for the benefit of Mr. Odom's health the past six weeks or more and we are glad to note Mr. Odom much improved in health.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

George Gipson of Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to San Angelo.

LOOK BOYS, I want to sell my bicycle. It is nearly new and I will sell it cheap. Albert Sledge.

FIERCE FIGHTING

By United Press.
OSTEND, Aug. 25.—Fierce fighting is progressing between the German Uhlans and the Gendarms at Vilkers.

The wounded are being brought here hourly.

WAGONS! WAGONS!
The old reliable, PETER SCHUTTLER, and STUDEBAKER Wagons. Always the best, now the cheapest, at HALL HARDWARE COMPANY. dwf

Ben Allen of Big Springs and his sister, Mrs. Jones and children of Blanket, came in Tuesday at noon to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Allen and family and Ballinger friends.

STOMACH TROUBLES

Mr. Ragland Writes Interesting Letter on This Subject.

Madison Heights, Va.—Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of this place, writes: "I have been taking Theford's Black-Draught for indigestion, and other stomach troubles, also colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I have ever used."

After taking Black-Draught for a few days, I always feel like a new man." Nervousness, nausea, heartburn, pain in pit of stomach, and a feeling of fullness after eating, are sure symptoms of stomach trouble, and should be given the proper treatment, as your strength and health depend very largely upon your food and its digestion.

To get quick and permanent relief from these ailments, you should take a medicine of known curative merit.

Its 75 years of splendid success, in the treatment of just such troubles, proves the real merit of Theford's Black-Draught. Safe, pleasant, gentle in action, and without bad after-effects, it is sure to benefit both young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25c. N. C. 12

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THE FREIGHT MAN
Always on the Dot at the Right Time
Nothing too Heavy
Nothing too Small
Phone City Drug Store for Orders

SERVIA PROTESTS

By United Press.
NISH, Aug. 25.—Serbia today lodged a protest to the neutral powers against alleged atrocities of Austria on Serbian soldiers.

The war office here today announced that the Serbian armies are aggressively driving the Austrians back into their own country.

Public Take Notice!
The City Meat Market is for sale or lease and if not disposed of by the 1st of September, I will be forced to advance the price of meats two cents per pound to maintain my business.
STANLEY CAMERON
Proprietor City Market.
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Mrs. Landers, the milliner at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., returned to Ballinger Tuesday at noon from the East where she had been for several months past.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Largest Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Beware of cheap imitations. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

WHITE CITY
TONIGHT

The Million Dollar Mystery, episode No. 5—At the bottom of the sea.

The Last Supper—2 rel American.

A Bathing Beauty—Keystone Comedy.

Coming Friday "Tess of the Storm Country" in five reels—Mary Pinek-fords Masterpiece.

Admission 10c
Reserved Seat 20c

WHITE CITY
"GOOD SHOWS ALWAYS"

IN BEST SPIRITS

By United Press.
LONDON, Aug. 25.—It was announced here at the war office that the French and English troops are in the best spirits today following their defeat yesterday. The second army of English soldiers are marching hard to the scene of battle where they will help the allied army.

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15th, and had used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only getting worse all the time. I was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill, of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Dee Oliver and children and her mother, Mrs. Woods, returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to relatives at Talpa

Costly Treatment
"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.

H. E. Dickinson of Reagan county, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger the past week, left for his home Tuesday at noon.

A TEXAS WONDER
The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

E. F. Edwards of Winters was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Sallow complexion comes from medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.