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Berlin Reported to Be in Panic

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 26.—Berlin is in a panic, fearing that the Russian invasion will reach the capital, say reports made public here. It is also said that many wealthy Germans are already fleeing from the Scandinavian-Slav invasion.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The War Office here this afternoon declared, "Russian success in Eastern Prussia and Austria is unbelievable." Much of Prussia has been evacuated by the Germans.

"Russian Success Is Unbelievable"

Russians Rout Austrians; Capture Many

Belgrade Again Is Attacked

NISH, Aug. 26.—The bombardment of Belgrade has been renewed by the Austrians. It now seems imminent that the Austrian army will penetrate through the Serbian lines and take possession of the city.

Many important buildings have been destroyed from the bursting of shells thrown from the heavy Austrian artillery. One of the most beautiful structures to be demolished by the effective fire of the invaders was the royal palace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—The Austrians were routed along the River Sevels near Arnopol. The Russians captured five guns and some of the general equipment, and 300 prisoners. They also shot an Austrian aeroplane to pieces.

On August 23 and 24, the Russians fought a successful engagement with the Twentieth German army corps. They charged the entanglements, penetrated the German lines and forced them to retire, capturing cannon and rapid-firing guns as they went. It was also announced here that in the same engagements 1100 prisoners were taken by the Russians. The German army is concentrating today and it is believed that another general battle is expected. The Russian armies having as their bases Gumbinner and Biala, are co-operating to drive the Germans from the difficult land in Eastern Prussia.

Holy War May Be In Turkey

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Fears by the Americans of a Holy War in Turkey with rumors that attacks have been made on Christian Jews, were transmitted by Ambassador Morgenthau from Constantinople today. The Tennessee and North Carolina now engaged in relieving Americans in Europe could be sent to Turkey in case of serious trouble.

14 Die When Ship Sinks

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—The steamer Princess Victoria at six-thirty o'clock this morning rammed and sank the liner, Admiral Sampson of Point No Point. It is reported that fifty-four passengers were carried on the Sampson.

Admiral Sampson sank within four minutes according to messages received here, after she was struck by the bow of the Princess. It is unknown here whether the fifty-four passengers carried by the Sampson were saved or perished. Victoria's bow was stowed in badly when she arrived in this harbor, but she managed to make the port all right. It was learned this afternoon that twelve members of the crew of the Sampson perished, including Captain Sydney Moore. All the passengers were saved with the exception of two.

FORTS MAY NOT HAVE FALLEN

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The Belgian legation today stated that it has no official information that any Namur fort has been captured but feels certain that the majority of the fortified positions remain intact, although the German troops undoubtedly have traversed the town.

PROTEST IS MADE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Belgian minister lodged a protest against the German dirigible's killing noncombatants at Antwerp yesterday. Secretary of State Bryan acknowledged receipt of the protest immediately after its lodging but made no further action.

BELGIAN LEGATION CLAIMS VICTORY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Belgian legation here announced today that the Belgians had gained a distinct victory over the Germans between Antwerp and Brussels yesterday. Three German divisions suffered severely from the effects of the Belgian fire, suffering heavy losses.

French Evacuate Before Germans

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Muelhausen and Allkirch are today occupied by the Germans. The French Alsace army which had been holding these two places withdrew early in the day in order that the Lorraine army of the

French might be reinforced. This was the announcement made today at the war office here. The Germans who had been contending for the occupancy of the two cities immediately took possession. Muelhausen was occupied by the Germans several days ago but were later driven out.

JAPAN IS INVESTING KIAU CHAU TODAY AFTER CHINA REFUSES REQUEST

PEKIN, Aug. 26.—Japan's army numbering approximately 20,000 men, is investing Kiau Chau today. The order to disembark was given after Germany had refused to surrender the peninsula to Ja-

pan, who in turn, promised to surrender it to China. The Japanese are landing rapidly. China refused Japan's request to extend the war one so that Japan could land on China's territory. Immediately afterward Japan began investing Kiau Chau.

FRENCH EMBASSY REPORTS SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The French embassy today announced that the movements of the French army in the war zone met with success for the past twenty-four hours. The German attack upon Nancy was unsuccessful, according to the dispatch received here. The Algerian corps attacked the outposts of the Prussians with little success. Great losses are reported on both sides.

MARRIED LAST NIGHT. Rev. E. W. Wells performed the ceremony on Valley creek last Sunday afternoon that united in matrimony Miss Sallie Dorsett and Charley Proctor. These young people live in the Norton country and are numbered among the best people of that community. May everything be happy for them.

BOMB HORRIBLY MANGLES NONCOMBATANTS' BODIES

GERMANS ATTACK BUT LOSE IN ALSACE

LONDON, Aug. 26.—An official announcement was made here this afternoon that the Germans attacked the French in force yesterday all along the Alsace-Lorraine frontiers, and were repulsed with heavy losses. Fighting continues today with the French advancing in their trenchments.

ANTWERP, Aug. 26.—Terror stricken, the inhabitants of this city are ready for a second visit by a German dirigible balloon. Belgian aviators have climbed to the top of steeples of the highest buildings in the city, ready to fire upon the dirigible if it again appears over the city. The aviators of the Belgian army have their special designed guns with them on their high perches, ready to rent destruction to the first balloon of the enemy which sails over this city.

ILLINOIS CELEBRATES 96 BIRTHDAY

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 26.—Informal celebrations throughout the state today marked the ninety-sixth birthday anniversary of the state of Illinois. It was on August 26, 1818 that the state adopted the motto, "State Sovereignty—National Union."

The bodies of yesterday's explosion are horribly mangled. Some cannot be distinguished, so badly cut up are they from the force of the explosion of the bomb which was dropped into two houses in the city. Four girls and three mothers were literally blown to pieces by the deadly bomb when it struck their vicinity. A man and his wife, who were standing in their doorway early yesterday morning, were instantly killed by the highly explosive missile. The Belgian government has made a strong protest to the neutral powers against this unwarranted killing of unprotected non-combatants, claiming that it is against the rules of civilized warfare for Belgians to do such acts. The Germans have so far made no efforts to capture this city, instead passing it by and proceeding on southward.

MILITARY RULER OVER BELGIUM

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Field Marshal Von Der Goltz has been named by the German government as military governor of Belgium which has now been taken over by the Kaiser's forces. Nearly all large places of the country is now under the control of the Germans and this fact made it necessary that a governor be appointed. The Belgians have moved their seat of government from Brussels to Antwerp.

Weather Forecast. Unsettled tonight and Thursday probably local thunder showers.

Judge R. S. Griggs left Monday afternoon for Austin where he goes to attend the called session of the legislature.

"Big Battle Progressing Favorably to the Allies"

PARIS, Aug. 26.—The war office announced here at noon the following: "Advices from the front declare that a big battle is progressing

favorably to the allies." It was admitted that the progress of the French and English troops was slowly. Numerous Germans repeatedly charged the allies in a fierce ter-

rific shell and rifle fire from the entrenchments of the secondary defense. The fate of France admittedly hangs in the balance. The result of the present fighting will tell the tale.

Ranging in a line from Maugeuge to Givet thence to Montigny and thence west and south of Luneville, the British lines this morning swept back the German tide, according to the announcement at the war office.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The additional English troops landed in France yesterday and were immediately rushed to the front according to an announcement made here today. Because of the seriousness of the situation along the Franco-Belgian frontier, 20,000 soldiers from Canada will sail from that province tomorrow. They will be conveyed by a strong fleet across the Atlantic for fear that German or Austrian warships will cause trouble. The troops are today making preparations to sail according to messages received here.

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For Rent—a good building, known as the Palace of Peace.

If war is hell Europe has been converted into hell.

The oyster season will open in a few days, and it is to be hoped that the oyster dealers are as deaf as an oyster and have not heard of the war.

President Wilson seems to be determined to set a worthy example for the rest of the world by telling the Americans to attend strictly to their own business.

Jack Johnson is in France, remember, and also remember that the present war will be a failure if Jack comes out whole. Its a good time to get shed of him, and the Kaiser will win the gratitude of the United States by pulling the trigger at the proper time.

Charles G. Dawes, former controller of the currency, predicts an era of prosperity for this country never heard of before. We trust

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the gentleman knows what he is talking about, but we believe that if prices continue to go up somebody is going to be mighty poor.

PEOPLE WILL KNOW AND JUDGE AS THEY KNOW.

"What's the use? Nobody knows," has been the question that has lead many a man and woman on in their delusion.

How often have young men, and men not so young, and some women deluded themselves into a false security by the thought that nobody knows?

But somebody does know—often everybody knows. Yes, too often.

No matter what our imperfections may be, don't get the idea that nobody knows. There are those who know, and what a few know, the people know.

It matters not what our aims and aspirations may be, the people will know sooner or later—will always know.

No mouth is so closed but that a word is dropped here and there, and when two and two are put together brains will call it four.

The man who totters on the brink of dishonor must reconcile himself to the fact that some will know—many will know, and eventually everybody will know and will judge as they know.

The woman who perils her soul must accept the world as her audience, for a few people will know, and other will know—and then all will know and, again will judge as they know.

The churchman who bespatters his cloak of religion is not immune. People know—know him, know his ways, know him for what he is—and judge as they know.

The man who swaggers through life with pride in this wickedness is also known. Known by his deeds, by his sins, by his lack of morality—of sense and of brains. He, too, will be judged as he is known.

No act is so small, no character so infinitesimal, but that the people will know—will always know.

And people will talk—some softly, others noisily, with a shrug here, a wink there—or a grin. For the people will know—will always know, and will judge us by what they know.

What's the use? There's very use. Make it a good deed here, a word of kindness there, a helping hand to the afflicted and the needy, for every little act has its influence on each and every one of us.

And in this the people will know—will always know, and will judge as they know. For people were born to know.

A NEW PROHIBITION ISSUE.

The head lines of one of the leading dailies "Urges Prohibition of Slaughter of Young Calves." That is the sort of a prohibition issue we can all unite on and the most radical anti ought to be willing to statutory prohibition on that subject. We protect birds and wild animals, in a measure, from slaughter, and why not have a closed season for domestic ani-

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mals? Pleasure is not near so desultive an agency as profit.

The rush to market of calves is almost threatening the extinction of the bovine specie. We show a decrease of three and one-half million head of cattle in Texas during the past ten years, and a decrease of 5,000,000 head in the United States for the same period.

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Rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on and the pain is gone almost instantly. For neuralgia and rheumatism it seldom fails to give instant relief. Don't suffer pain when this splendid remedy can be purchased at your drug Store.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

No Friendly Moon or Guiding Star

Give the young and struggling a word of encouragement when you can. You would not leave those plants in your window boxes without water, or refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them; but you would leave some human flower to suffer from want of encouragement.

There are a few hardy souls that can struggle along on stony soil—shrubs that can wait for the dews and sunbeams, vines that climb without kindly training; but only a few utter the kind word when you can see that it is deserved. The thought that no one cares and no one know, blights many a bud of promise. Be it the young artist at his easel, the young preacher in his pulpit, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems, or the little girl at the piano, give what praises you can.

In the following little poem which I have composed, think of this world that is full scrambling souls compared to the ocean covered with beckoning waves, and then, when you are in the world, act the man in the world and lend a hand; for of all things we need more "friendly moons" and "guiding stars."

No friendly moon or guiding star. The ocean waves flash in reply; The dark waters are beginning and beck'ning. "But no answer comes from the sky."

Softly whispers the sweet breezes, "Way far stretches the rolling main, "Through all flows love; pure and holy, "My heart only knoweth its pain!"

No guiding star wand'ring in heaven, No friendly moon smiles from above, "Oh! why should they care if of mortal, One heart is dying of love!"

Like the moon, there's no lover, Too, like the star no student finds Time for sympathy, a bit of love— Unto the calling and beck'ning minds.

Like the ocean-waves need moon-shine, This world of people in this world Need your good will—your friendly smile. Then, Oh, why can't you be a man! —Dallas E. Hawkins.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

F. W. Bowden to Miss Pearl Whitley. Monroe Voglesang to Miss Nina Mathis. Fred Foster to Miss Myrtle Lee Lovelass. B. J. Whitely to Miss Kate Faulks. Chas. N. Proctor to Miss Sallie Dorsett.

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GREATEST INFLUX OF CITIZENS EVER

Hundreds of people have arrived in Ballinger within the past several weeks from all sections of the state to help gather Runnels County's bumper crops. They are still arriving and indications point to the fact that the greatest influx of residents in the history of the city is at the present time.

On account of the bad weather of the present week, many of the new arrivals are kept from the fields and are remaining in the city until the opportunity presents itself to go to the country where work is awaiting them. It is believed that by the latter part of the week, in the event no more rain falls over the county, farmers will be in a position to call for the help which is so sorely needed in Ballinger. At the present rate, Ballinger will be caring for several hundred farm hands who are arriving on every train, by the end of the week. Hardly a day passes that a score or more do not arrive in the city.

Good Reason for His Enthusiasm

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Miss Beulah Baker, of Lampasas is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce. Miss Baker formerly taught in the Ballinger schools, and is now a teacher in the Abilene schools.

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Miss Mary Stokes and little niece Miss Mary Fender of Brown wood, after a pleasant week's visit with Ballinger friends returned home Wednesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Grantham, of the Norton country, who had been visiting relatives in Oklahoma the past few weeks, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home.



Lee Stokes and family of San Angelo, had been spending several weeks at San Saba with relatives came in Tuesday and will be the guest of his brother Geo. Stokes and family a few days before going on home.

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 clears out the worms but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

RUNNELS COUNTY BAPTIST TO MEET AT WINTERS

The place of meeting of the Runnels County Missionary Baptist Association, has been changed from Wingate to Winters. The Association will meet at the Winters Baptist church on September first.

Y. M. B. L. ORGANIZE LABOR BUREAU

Through the efforts of the Young Men's Business League, and certain other similar organizations of Runnels County, Secretary Ed Boler, is receiving applications from the farmers for such help as they may need to gather their fall crops. These laborers, or cotton pickers are procured from different parts of this, and adjoining states, and prices quoted them are \$1.50 per day for farm laborers, and 50 cents per hundred for picking cotton and the farmer putting in application for help obligates himself to cover by check an amount representing railroad fare, and any necessary incidental expense, looking to such labor employed to be re-embursed.

Any farmer in this vicinity or Runnels County desiring help to handle their fall crops under these conditions may place their application with the Secretary of the Young Men's Business League of Ballinger, Texas, and they will be supplied in regular rotation. Quick action is desired as the number of laborers the League are able to procure is limited. And first come first served.

The Young Men's Business League is now located at 707 Hutchings Avenue, next to the Ideal Barber Shop.

NORTON NOTES.

On account of the rainy weather the farmers are being kept out of the fields. Maize heading and cutting is the order of the day when the weather permits.

Miss Artie Moreland of Canyon City is the guest of Mrs. Edwin Gentry this week.

Miss Maggie Taylor of Moody, left Monday, after a short visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Leslie Holloway and Eunice Lilly visited friends in Ballinger Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. De Lilly Allen and son left Wednesday for May, after a visit to Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lilly.

Miss Katherine Bass is spending this week with Ballinger friends.

Mr. Chas. N. Proctor and Miss Sallie Dorsett were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jeanes on Valley Creek, Rev. Wells officiating. The Norton people wish for this young couple a life of happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. T. J. McCaughan left Sunday for Chirtoval, where she goes to attend the Baptist Encampment.

Miss Annie Green of Sweetwater, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Briton, this week.

Beulah Allen is visiting Helen Massey, of Ballinger, this week. "Queen of the Prairie."

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Editor Banner-Ledger:

Will you permit me through your valuable paper to say a few words to the farmers of this county.

There is no doubt but what we are going to have a large cotton crop. Now what are we going to pay for picking? Some tell me that they are going to start it at 50 cents per hundred. Others say that they are going to pay one dollar. A good picker that rustles from day light till dark should make from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. This he can do at 75 cents. This is a fair price where the cotton is good which all of it is this year. While the crop is large, yet the people are coming here in bunches to pick cotton and we can get it gathered by paying a fair price, just as easily as we can by paying more than we can afford. Paying a big price does not get any more pickers. Then again what are we going to get for this cotton? Are we going to be able to sell it at all? No one at present knows. I would be glad to know that I can sell my cotton at any price, and I would be delighted to know that I can

some of it for eight cents. Can you raise cotton as high as labor is, pay \$1.00 for picking and sell it for 7 or 8 cents? If you can you can do more than I can. Don't get fancy because you will make more cotton than you did last year. You will get it picked. The stalk is large and the cotton will stand a long time without hurting. The trouble is most of us wait till we are really needing pickers before we ever try to get them. Then we will find a bunch in town and offer them more than they are getting. The pickers will go back to the man they are picking for and tell him. He will raise the price, of course, and keep them. We get no more pickers and cause the farmers to pay more for getting his crop gathered. I have had pickers engaged for two months. No one can get them. If anyone was to offer them \$2.00 it would cause me to pay that amount.

Where cotton is good as it is this year, I consider that 75 cents is a fair price for picking and we will get our cotton gathered just as easily at this price as we can by paying more. J. J. POPE.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT IOWA'S STATE FAIR

Des Moines, Aug. 26.—Despite the war, which has injured some lines of business, the Iowa state fair which opened its annual show here today, promises to be larger than ever, with more exhibits and attractions and a bigger attendance. Besides the exhibit of live stock, implements, farm products, and races, a new women's building is to be dedicated and as nearly every farmer in Iowa now has an auto, it was found necessary to lease a big farm on which the machines will be parked in rows under guard, while the owners see the fair. It is expected that the attendance will run about 20,000 and the biggest day of the ten, is expected to be next Wednesday when 60,000 are expected. High prices for farm products, caused by the war, will swell the attendance.

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HERE'S HOW TO THREE.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Representatives "Dick" Austin of Tennessee and Finis J. Garret of Tennessee, today celebrated birthday anniversaries. The former is 57 and the latter 39 today. This was also the birthday anniversary of former Representative Sylvester Smith of California, who was born in 1858.

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 "\$15-no-more-no-less." W. H. Roark, exclusive dealer for Ed. V. Price & Co., has proved this to all his correct dressers. See him for reliable and dependable tailoring.

Jennings Show Co., will open an engagement in Ballinger, Monday night, August 31st. The company consists of 25 people, band and orchestra, and play under a large tent theatre. One of the largest and best dramatic companies on the road. Their plays are standard dramas, clean, moral and refined. This is an old company in new territory and will appreciate a good reception Monday night. Prices 15 and 25 cents 26-1w3td

JUDGE GUION RETURNS FROM A. & M. MEETING

Judge Jno. I. Guion returned from College Station Wednesday, where he had been to attend a meeting of the board of the A. & M. College. He reports that W. B. Bizzell, at present president of the school of Industrial Arts at Denton, was elected as president of the A. & M. College. Considering the fact that the A. & M. College has been operated on short funds, and taking into consideration all the disadvantages, Judge Guion reports that Texas agricultural school is in good shape, and has a promising future for a good work.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazier and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Frazier and mother, of Lampasas and R. L. Frazier of Corpus Christi, Miss Norma Harris of Lampasas and Flem Harris of Brownwood and Powell Harris of Dallas, came in Sunday and will be the guests of their relatives, Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell a few days.

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.

Mr. Dickey, of Gatesville, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Griggs and family and enjoyed a fishing trip on the Concho while here, left for his home Monday afternoon.

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J. H. Wilke left Tuesday afternoon for Temple to look after business interests a few days and will also go to Dallas on a similar mission before returning home.

Misses Georgia and Ruth Richardson, of Honey Grove, who had been visiting their sister, Mrs. Jester and family, the past several weeks, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

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

"Dutch" Wardlow of Del Rio, who had been visiting relatives and friends the past few days in Ballinger returned home Tuesday afternoon.

W. O. Woods, of the Oxeen country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Temple to attend a church convention as a delegate from his neighborhood.

Proof In Your Own Hand Writing.

That's what you should have when you disburse funds for any purpose. It's not the part of business wisdom to depend upon the memory or receipts for a record of money paid out.

When you write out your personal check on the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., a record is made in your own hand writing that is dispute-proof. It is always more business like to pay by check.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company

"We take care of our customers"

E. Shum, of the Maverick-Norton country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. George McLain are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet little girl baby born to them Sunday night, August 23rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holland, of Arlington, who had been visiting friends at Paint Rock, and Ballinger, the past few days, left from this point Tuesday afternoon en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Elkins of the New Home community, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

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.

R. G. Ray, who had been with the compress at Sweetwater, came in Tuesday and will be connected with the Ray-Penn Cotton Co. for this season and will likely locate permanently in our section. Mr. Ray is a brother of W. B. Ray of city.

Mrs. Letha Arrant and children of Killeen who had been visiting her father, M. L. Hughes and family east of Ballinger, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Walter Allen returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short business trip to points West.

J. W. T. Bishop, of the Pony creek country, left Wednesday for Stamford where he had shipped out a carload of water melons for his neighborhood.

Mrs. Oscar Brown of Miles who had been visiting her father J. D. Perkins and family the past few days, returned home Wednesday at noon.

R. G. Erwin, Chas. S. Miller, E. D. Walker and W. C. Penn returned home Wednesday at noon from Dallas where they had been to look after banking and cotton interests the past few days.

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Rev. Jno. E. Roach of Georgetown, commissioner of the Southwestern University, was the guest of J. W. E. Meadows and family while here in the interest of his work and left Wednesday at noon for Miles.

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TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS:

Anticipating the great need of this country for farm labor, especially cotton pickers, we placed an ad in The Dallas News and Houston Chronicle and we are receiving good results.

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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UNCLE SAM IS LOOKING OUT FOR TRAVELING AMERICANS

BY BURTON K. STANDISH
(Written for United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—In these uncertain war days Uncle Sam is about the only great world figure who is keeping his head. Uncle Sam today is standing not only for peace at home but he is doing everything he can to keep the 100,000 Americans scattered throughout the European war zone content and safe.

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In Washington the headquarters were established. A large room on the first floor of the Department was designated the Information Office. A half dozen officials of the consular service were resigned to act as clerks and the latch string was hung out, the country was notified and since then the bureau has been "swamped."

First it undertook to inform relatives or friends in the United States of the whereabouts and condition of their relatives or friends traveling in Europe. If a business man in Springfield had relatives in Germany he asked the state department to cable the American consul at the station nearest the last stopping place of the tourist. This the State Department did and when the reply came the business man was notified immediately.

Few hours passed, however, until the bureau discovered it would have to come to the financial relief of Americans. Telegrams poured into this country that traveler's checks of the tourists and their letters of credit would not be cashed. It became necessary for friends and relatives in this country to come to their assistance and semi-official banking business was started.

The first day \$25,000 was received and forwarded to European points. The second day checks ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 and \$10,000 were deposited to be forwarded abroad.

In this way the information bureau not only looked after the inquiries from persons here in

the United States but it sought to put ready money in the hands of stranded tourists.

To illustrate just how this is done let me cite an instance of a New Yorker who came to Washington to find out about a daughter "somewhere in France." He gave her itinerary and stated just where she had expected to be on that day. The clerk took her name and address and the information her father gave. He explained to the father that the State Department has no funds to pay for telegrams and that it would cost him between nineteen and twenty-five cents a word to send the cable.

The father said he would pay any bills and deposited \$3,000 with the clerk with the understanding that all except the State Department expenses should be forwarded to his daughter. By midnight of that day a message was en route to the consul near where the girl was expected to be. The consul was notified to pay the girl the money.

This incident is duplicated in scores of ways every day. Men and women in nearby cities are coming to the bureau with those in other parts of the country are wiring their Congressmen to inquire for them. On the day the bureau opened more than fifty congressmen inquired in behalf of the constituents. Practically the whole Minnesota delegation in Congress called first.

A large number of Norwegians were somewhere in northern Germany en route to a convention in Norway. Friends and relatives in the Northwest were concerned about their safety and the State Department started an investigation. As this is written it has not been concluded.

According to the State Department Register the number of consular officials in the countries in the war territory are as follows:

Germany	69
France	61
Austria-Hungary	17
Russia	20
Italy	28
Servia	3

In the same countries the United States has twenty-one officers in the various diplomatic stations.

BRIG.-GEN. ANDREWS ON RETIRED LIST TODAY

By United Press.—Brigadier General George Andrews, adjutant general of the United States Army was automatically retired from active duty today, when he reached the age limit.

ANSWER THE CALL

Ballinger People Have Found That This is Necessary.

A cold, a strain, a sudden wrench, a little cause may hurt the kidneys.

Spells of backache often follow. Or some irregularity of the urine.

A splendid remedy for such attacks.

A medicine that has satisfied thousands.

Is Doan's Kidney Pills, a special kidney remedy.

Many Ballinger people rely on it.

Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirteenth St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "I was troubled by my back for some time. The kidney trouble that I could hardly walk. This would go away after I moved about for awhile, but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions were disordered and caused annoyance. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I had seen them highly advertised and after using half of them, the lameness left. I am glad to tell others how much I was benefited."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Orange had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

C. E. Jordan, of Winters, was in Ballinger Tuesday and shipped out his stock of dry goods to Santa Anna, and left on the evening train for that point where he is consolidating his two stocks of goods.

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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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Wingate, Texas, Aug. 24, 1914.
A. W. Sledge, Esq.,
Ballinger, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Sledge:—I desire to make the county the following proposition through you. If the commercial club or county commissioners will pay my railroad expenses and hotel fare I would be pleased to represent the county at the State Fair, Dallas, this fall with an agricultural display same to be gotten together by the farmers of the county. Just seems to me that Uncle Johnnie would be in his natural element boosting for Rannels County—the county that has done more for me than all the other counties in the world.

But if somebody else will go and pay their own expenses that would be better still. Next?

JNO. BALLEW.
P. S. Of course we should have a county fair and select the choicest products to send to Dallas.

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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no others. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

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GERMANY HAS BIG WAR CHEST READY

At the close of the Franco-German war in 1871, Germany demanded of France an indemnity of 5,000,000 francs in gold coins, mostly French. Two hundred million marks of this large amount were put away as a nucleus of a ready war chest, says Collier's Weekly. "In a little mediaeval-looking watch tower, the Julius Thurm near Spandau, lies this ever increasing driving force of the mightiest war engine the world has ever seen. It is ever increasing for quietly and unobtrusively, 6,000 marks in newly minted gold coins are taken year by year and added to the store. On the first of October of each year, since 1871, three ammunition wagons full of bright and glittering twenty-mark pieces are stored away in the steel-plate subterranean chambers of the Julius Thurm, ready at an instant's notice to furnish the sinews of the nations wielding this force. This is tremendous power itself, for there are now close to 500,000,000 marks (\$120,000,000) in minted gold coinage in storage there. This provides the necessary funds for the German army for 12 calendar months.

"The authorities have no necessity to ask the country, warring politicians—in this instance the Reichstag—for money to start a campaign. They have got it ready to hand. Once war is declared and started they will get the rest if they need it.

"This money is under the sole control of the military authorities. It has often been declared a myth. I know it to be a fact. Notwithstanding the financial straits Germany has gone through at times or may go through, this money will never be touched. It is there for one purpose only, and that purpose is war. Needless to say, it is amply guarded. Triple posts in this garrison town, devices to flood instantly the whole under 15 feet of water from the River Havel, are but items in the system of protection. Twice a year the Emperor, or his heir apparent, personally inspects this war chest. Mechanically balanced devices are employed to check the correct weight. It is marvelously simple mechanism by means of which in less than two hours the whole of this vast hoard of gold can be accurately checked and the absence of a single gold piece detected."

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.

COTTON MARKET WILL BE ESTABLISHED

C. S. Miller, R. G. Erwin, E. D. Walker and W. C. Penn returned Wednesday at noon from Dallas, where they attended a meeting of farmers, bankers and cotton men from all parts of the state. The meeting was held for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention to be held in New Orleans on the 27th and to discuss way and means of handling the cotton crop.

The gentlemen report that while nothing definite was accomplished, that it is thought that some way will be found to finance the cotton crop, and that the market will be established in the near future. Just what method of handling the cotton will be adopted is not known. At present there is no demand for cotton, and consequently there is no market for the bumper crop at any price.

The bill now pending in the legislature will not fix a cotton market. It may be the means of establishing warehouses, and fix a value on cotton certificates that will make it possible to use them as commercial paper.

The estimate on the cotton crop for Rannels county now runs as high as seventy-five thousand bales. This will break the record by nearly double, and with a fair price the country will be more prosperous than ever before in its history. But without a cotton market all lines of business will suffer and conditions will be anything but pleasant in the commercial world.

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.

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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.

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

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