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## AMERICA WILL JOIN ENTENTE IN HUNT FOR GERMAN SUBS

By Carl D. Groat

WASHINGTON, March 20.—United States, Great Britain and France, will join in guarding the trans-Atlantic shipping lanes against Teuton underwater raids, if present government plans materialize.

The administration expects to begin work immediately to informally negotiate with England and France in regard to the submarine menace.

With the proposed big fleet of submarine chasers, plans for larger naval vessels, the United States will soon be in a position to offer protection for commerce off the African coast, while Great Britain and France will be expected to reciprocate in protecting merchant ships in the "barred zone."

Naval officials believe the submarine menace will be brought directly home to this country. Feats such as the German raider U-53 performed off the coast of Nantucket last summer, are expected to be repeated.

## PRESIDENT REJECTS CARRANZA'S OFFER

WASHINGTON, March 20.—While rejecting Carranza's peace plan proposal wherein the Mexican leader wants to place an embargo on shipments to the allies, President Wilson in his note to the Mexican government just made public, renews the suggestion of co-operation among neutral countries for halting the war.

## UNIVERSITY REGENT APPOINTED.

Austin, March 20.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of C. E. Kelly, of El Paso, as member of board of regents of the State University.

The pure advertising bill, as passed by the house, was engrossed in the senate this morning.

Package Garden Seed — are pretty, but you pay a good price for the pretty picture; then why not buy your seed in bulk from Jeanes Produce Co. 15-d&w-tf

## CONGRESS REIMBURSTS RAILROADS?

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Congress will be asked in the coming session to pass a law granting increased freight and passenger rates to reimburse the railroads for the increased wages they are being forced to pay employees under the Adamson law.

Officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission and prominent railroad heads made this announcement this afternoon. They say since the United States Supreme Court has decided Congress has the plenary power to fix wages, applying the same rule, it has a right to legislate railroad rates.

## RAILROAD STRIKES THING OF PAST

NEW YORK, March 20.—The supreme court's decision in the Adamson eight hour law clearly establishes the right of the government to prevent railroad strikes, is the opinion of railway managers. A statement issued by brotherhood chiefs contend otherwise and this difference of opinion develops a sharp split between managers and employees.

A good treatment for a cold settled in the lungs is a Herriek's Red Pepper Porus Plaster applied to the chest to draw out inflammation, and Ballard's Horehound Syrup to relax the tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound Syrup; there is a porus plaster free with each bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. H. A. Bradley and son and her son-in-law, W. H. Pope, of the Crews country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

## DEVASTATION IN WAKE OF RETREATING TEUTON ARMY

By Henry Wood

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ADVANCING ON THE WESTERN FRONT, March 20.—One hundred and sixteen square miles of territory burned black and rent with wanton explosions, is the prize wrenched from the Germans by the victorious French armies.

One little district around Chaulnes to the Oise river is merely a part of the vast territory repatriated by the French after hot pursuit of the enemy.

The German retreat is in precipitate haste and resembles the famous retreat from the Marne.

This territory, however, marked by wanton destruction devastation of all living things, is typical of German ruthlessness in retreat, exceeding even the devastation in the original German invasion.

## STORMY WEATHER STOPS RETREAT

LONDON, March 20.—The latest news from the western front says that the German retreat has slowed up. Dispatches indicate that the halt might be attributed to stormy weather that is prevailing along the western front; although it is possible that the Germans have reached a line of stronger defense, and occupying positions better prepared for checking the British Advance.

## 10 INTERNED SAILORS ARE DISAPPEARED

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 20.—Ten German sailors from interned boats at the League Island navy yards are still at large this afternoon, according to police of this city. The officers think this mysterious disappearance was part of a general movement by local German sympathizers to liberate men of their own nationality.

Names of prominent German-Americans were found on the persons of some of the captured men, indicating places of refuge, police believe.

Fourteen German sailors this morning attempted to swim away to liberty from pursuing posses in the icy waters of the Delaware river.

## ALABAMA MURDERER MAKES HIS ESCAPE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 20.—Dave Overton, being held under death sentence for the murder of Judge Lawlers, in June last year, escaped from prison this morning with six other men. The trial of Overton was one of the most famous murder trials ever held in this state.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, of the Navy...

## Wilson to Outline Status in 24 Hours

By Robert J. Bender

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Declaration of war by the United States against Germany appears to depend upon the fate which will befall the first armed American merchantman. It is forecasted that a clash will occur between the merchantmen carrying defense guns and submarines as soon as the merchantmen reach the barred zone.

It also appears this afternoon from statements coming from administration authorities, that an avowal of hostilities by the president will not result from the sinking of the three American freighters last Saturday. While taking every preparedness step possible to take at this time, the president is loath to plunge the country into actual hostilities, hoping that submarines will not attack armed merchantmen.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Wilson is expected to outline the real status of relations between the United States and Germany within twenty-four hours as the next immediate step toward preparing the American people for possible, and even probable hostilities with the Central powers.

The President worked late last night in his study. Today he meets with the cabinet officers in a conference.

It is generally taken for granted by Washington officialdom that a state of war now exists between this country and the German nation, though there are a few who believe Mr. Wilson will fail to acknowledge this in his first utterances.

## SOCIALISTS MEET TO DISCUSS WAR

CHICAGO, March 20.—The National Socialist party has called an emergency convention at St. Louis for the second week in April to determine the attitude Socialists will take in case of war with Germany.

Each state in the Union will name its own delegates to the St. Louis gathering.



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## COTTON CROP IN 1916 WAS 11,356,944 BALES

Washington, March 20.—The actual cotton crop for 1916 amounted to 11,356,944 bales—exclusive of linters. This was announced by the government today.

## DEALING DEATH BLOW TO THE CATTLE TICK

DALLAS, Tex., March 19.—Passage of the state cattle tick eradication bill by the legislature has added new interest to the local eradication election which will be held in this county April 3. The new law makes it compulsory to eradicate the tick in a given time and those counties which do the work at once will only be taking time by the clock.

Many vats have already been built in Dallas County and others are under construction. The United States Bureau of Animal Industry with headquarters at Fort Worth is sending out literature to all voters in the county urging them to vote for tick eradication, one letter going to voters in the county precincts and another to town voters. A general letter signed by a number of Dallas business men and institutions is also being mailed. Dairymen will also be asked to leave with their customers on election day a note urging them to vote for tick eradication.

A letter recently mailed is as follows:

"No one can say a single good thing in favor of the cattle tick. Every thinking farmer, dairyman, stockman and business man in Dallas County is or should be a sworn enemy of this leech on the local live stock industry.

"The tick sucks blood from cow, steer and calf,—blood made from food which ought to be going to make milk, meat and fat. The tick, therefore, is eating your food, milk and beef, and is making a big hole in the money which ought to be in the pockets of dairy men, stockmen and local business interests.

"The tick transmits tick fever and each year kills many thousands of cattle in the area quarantined in Texas. This fever, known as bloody murrain, prevents the introduction of worthy animals for breed improvement. Where the tick is, scrub cattle are the rule, good cattle the exception. Where the tick is dipped out, good cattle become the rule and scrubs the exception.

"The tick can be eradicated. It already has been dipped out of nearly half the quarantined area. Wherever the tick has been dipped out more and better cattle are being raised, death loss from tick fever has been eliminated, spring losses have been reduced and cattle owners are getting more milk and meat for every ton of feed used.

"The tick is an enemy to prosperity and hurts every legitimate business interest. That is why business men, including farmers, are in favor of its eradication. Join with your county live-stock association and the business men in eradicating the tick; build dipping vats; the Commissioners' Court will help you; dip the tick; begin now and you will finish him in one season."

## FIRST WEEK IN MAY TO BE BABY WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Plans to make Baby Week celebrations throughout the country this year from May 1 to May 6, a huge educational movement for the reduction of mortality among women at child-birth are under way at the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor today.

Baby Week celebrations in the past have been directed more towards reducing infant mortality. The fact, however, that 15,000 mothers are dying annually from conditions incident to child-birth has opened up an even greater problem, the Bureau announced. Ignorance and neglect are the prime causes for this high mortality.

Many women, one official at the Bureau said, do not seem to realize how much their own health and the health of their children depends on the intelligent care of the mother before her baby is born. Baby week can help mothers in various ways and it will be made the starting point, this year, for certain concrete activities.

Plans now being completed, will include centers for mothers living in the country to gather and take pre-natal educational work. The needs of rural mothers are less generally understood than those of city mothers and a rural nursing service is urged as one means of reducing the mortality rate in sections far removed from the city.

W. A. Gustavus Sr., returned home Monday afternoon from a visit and business trip to San Angelo.

## SHORT BABY CROP CONFRONTS GERMANY

BERLIN, March 20.—One of the biggest problems confronting the Reichstag, which reconvened here today is that of increasing the birth rate in Germany. Many radical proposals have been made and the government will sift them all.

The Committee of 28 appointed to investigate this matter is expected to report. The more conservative proposals include economic steps to make earlier marriages possible; higher wages, regulation of vice and the limitation of disease, making marriage easier.

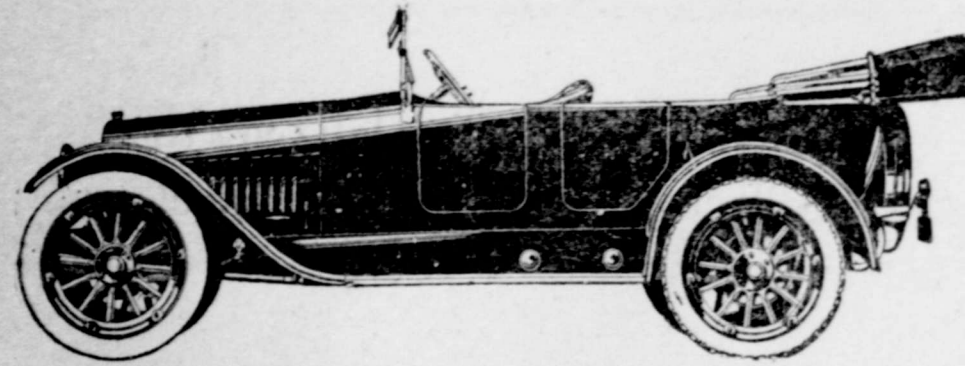
Other proposals include heavy bachelor taxes, plural voting rights for men with large families and money premiums for mothers bearing many children.

Another plan is to make professional education courses shorter so young lawyers, doctors and professional men can get established and married before their 25th or 30th year.

## Stop Left Over Coughs.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your drug store today. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health in our midst is good. Crop prospects since the late rains are most promising.

The fruit growers have cleaned up their orchards, pruned and dug up all dead trees, burned brush and trash and plowed the ground and killed the winter weeds that have been very detrimental to good growth in dry season.

Everybody has already planted early gardens and lots of vegetables were up but was injured by the hail.

There are lots of new incubators in our community and all are improving the line of poultry breeding, also that of live stock.

"KNOX."

Despondency Due to Constipation

Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets.

Plants, Plants—tomato and pepper plants, now ready for transplanting. Jeanes Produce Co.

TAFT TO ADDRESS DALLAS PEACE CONVENTION

The City of Dallas is sending out invitations urging the various towns to have representatives at Dallas on March 27th when ex-President Taft will address the people in the interest of organizing a League of Nations after the present war, that will guarantee and enforce future peaceful settlements of disputes between nations.

Mayor Powell received a request to appoint delegates from this city to the Dallas convention, and he has announced the appointment of the following.

T. T. Crosson, Jon. I. Guion, R. B. Truly, A. K. Doss, Tom Patterson, R. S. Griggs, Q. V. Miller, M. C. Smith, C. P. Shepherd, and J. H. Baugh.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

M. D. High, of Roxton, Texas, an old friend of A. B. Legate of our city, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Winters on a business trip.

When you are going to Winters wait for the big Studebaker at the Auto Station next door to Schawe grocery store.

R. A. Nicholson left Monday afternoon for Lubbock where he and his cotton associates are figuring on putting in a cotton oil mill in that city.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Theford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whittaker, of this place, "with sick headache, an stomach trouble.

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theford's Black-Draught, when I did and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and I does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commence using Black-Draught."

Theford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

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DR. BASKIN BUYS HEAD PLACE

After April first Dr. E. C. Baskin and family will be at home in the J. H. Head place on Eighth street. A deal was closed this week in which Dr. Baskin purchased from Prof. Head this bungalow, and he will move from the Norris place to his new home as soon as he can get possession.

Dr. Baskin recently sold his home on Sixth street to Malcom McGregor, and contemplated building on a block of land in South Ballinger, but closed a deal for the Head place when he was offered that property at a bargain.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.

Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of sprains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like musky plasters or ointments.

Attorney Baker, of Coleman, who had been attending district court on legal business, left for home Monday afternoon, having had his cases set for the next week of court.

DR. TINKLE'S LIVEREZE FOR CONSTIPATION AT YOUR DRUGGISTS

L. M. Bales, of the Hatchell country, H. L. Chapman, S. L. Alexander and J. W. Adams, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

LADIES INSPECTING CITY TODAY

A committee of ladies from the civic league are inspecting the streets and alleys today and will make their report to the league at a meeting to be held tomorrow from four to five o'clock at the Library. The committee will make a list of the clean alleys and dirty alleys and the league will know what sections of the city, or what citizens have done their duty towards making the city clean, and will know who have fallen short in the work.

It has been announced that there will be no let up until the city is thoroughly cleaned and an effort will be made to keep it clean throughout the spring and summer, keeping fly breeding places stamped out and thereby increase the health of the people.

All the ladies who are interested in this work are urged to be present at the library at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and if there are no ladies in this city interested in this work the league will seek their co-operation and make an effort to enlist their interest in the work of making Ballinger the cleanest city in Texas. There's a reason.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas 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 Cure. 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.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts 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 Pills for constipation.

Robert Coggins, the Walker Drug Co.'s sudden service purveyor, happened to an unfortunate accident Monday afternoon while delivering a prescription. A child with a "nigger shooter" hit Bobby in the eye, causing considerable pain and endangering his sight. The eye is all bandaged up and today Bobby is back on his motorcycle.

The Pneumonia Season.

The cold damp, weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

If you intend to get a 98c dictionary you had better get it this week as our supply will all be gone next week.

PARK WORK ATTRACTING ATTENTION

While it is early in the season and vegetation has not added to the attractiveness of the court house park, the wonderful improvements being made in that beauty spot is attracting the attention of the public. E. D. Haden, in charge of the work, has a bunch of prisoners on the job and the park is being leveled up—high places cut down and low places filled in, flower beds prepared and seed planted. The park in years past has attracted the attention of visitors to the city, but the really beauty of the place is to be seen during the coming spring and summer.

DESPONDENT WOMEN

Constantly recurring suffering gives women "the blues." Comparatively few women realize that despondency, together with backache, headache, and that "dragging-down" feeling indicate some derangement of the feminine organs, for which Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a remedy.

It is said that this famous, old root and herb remedy has been the means of restoring more women to health and consequently happiness than any other remedy in the world.

Don't wait until your life is wrecked by neglect and suffering. Give the Compound a trial.

A. & M. COLLEGE AT WORK

Feeling that a quiet campaign, with every man on the job, will be more effective in landing the West Texas A. & M. College, than a hurrah campaign, the committee is busy quietly working out plans for presenting Ballinger's claim to the locating board. In the meantime every one is urged to write his or her friends to do what they can for Ballinger. The committee will be prepared to show that Ballinger offers more natural advantages than any other town applying for this institution.

Clear Your Skin In Spring

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers to be elected April 3, 1917 For Mayor: E. F. Krebs. For Commissioners: R. T. Williams C. A. Doose.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephenson, of Brownwood, came in Sunday to visit relatives and friends a few days. Mr. Stephenson is recuperating from a severe case of measles.

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Mrs. Dave Cohn, of Houston, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Trail since the death of their father, Capt. N. F. Bonsal, left for her home Monday afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. Bonsal, accompanied her home to visit for some time.

**A Bilious Attack.**

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach, and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

The Ledger will close their sale of 98c dictionaries next week.

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**PLEADING INSANITY FOR BOY IN TROUBLE**

District court went into trial of the Luther Boatwright case Monday afternoon, and the fate of the young man was placed in the hands of the jury about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Boatwright is charged with stealing a cow. When arrested on the charge the young man made a written confession. The state in prosecuting the case succeeded in getting this written confession before the jury, and the defense did not attempt to deny that the man stole the cow, but introduced testimony to show that he was of unsound mind. As the case goes to the jury it will be a matter for them to acquit him of the cattle theft charge on the ground that he is insane, or convict him as charged. As The Daily Ledger goes to press the jury is deliberating on the case.

The Alexander incest case was called again and the court is hearing motion to continue on the grounds of absence of important witnesses for the defense. The court will rule on motion probably before court adjourns this afternoon.

**Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy?**

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

Dr. J. M. Pyburn, of Collidge, Texas, is here visiting his son, J. M. Pyburn, Jr. Dr. Pyburn has been practicing medicine in Limestone county for nearly thirty years, and his son comes into the drug business naturally. The doctor was very favorably impressed with Ballinger and Runnels county, remarking on the splendid agricultural advantages at length.

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**LADIES! CAPUDINE TAKE**  
FOR ACHE AND PAINS & RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS ALSO IT'S LIQUID-NOT NARCOTIC AT DRUGGISTS

G. W. Wilson and son Max, of the Pony creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports a good rain at his place last week and says the hail was light and did no damage.

The Ledger's 98c dictionaries will all be gone next week.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Attorney L. B. Harris of San Angelo, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price left Monday afternoon for Waco, where they will spend a few weeks while Mr. Price does some carpenter contract building.

Passengers called for and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 13 or 135. 12-tdf

Saturday, March 31st closes The Ledger's Dictionary offer. If you want one of the best dictionaries you had better get it this week.

J. R. Turner, of the Norton country and W. P. Vaughn, of Crews, and H. W. Henniger, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**

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Christi, who had been to Paint Rock to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ella Morris passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

A. G. Barnett of Glascock county, a former citizen of this city, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Santa Anna on a business trip.

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**SCHEDULE FOR TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS**

Teachers examinations for certificates will be held at the court house in Ballinger Friday, April 6th and 7th. Superintendent Hagan has announced the following schedule for the coming board of examiners, and applicants will govern themselves accordingly:  
Friday forenoon: Physical geography, physiology, composition, arithmetic, literature, solid geometry.  
Friday afternoon: Texas history, grammar, descriptive geography, plane geometry, psychology, bookkeeping.  
Saturday forenoon: Spelling, writing, methods and management, civics, reading, chemistry, history and education.  
Saturday afternoon: U. S. history, general history, agriculture, algebra, physics, plane geometry.

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**SELECTING TO PLANT MINES**

Chicago, March 20.—"Got any use for a professional dynamiter?" was the startling query addressed to Sergeant Enk of the United States Marine Corps recruiting station here by Robert S. Phillips, who applied for enlistment today.  
"I am a human torpedo," he added, "I can blow up anything from a mine to a battleship."  
Phillips explained that things had been quiet his line for some time, as engineering operations have been practically suspended during the war. He said that he had heard that the "soldiers of the sea" were always first on the spot, and that they would probably offer the best field for his talents.  
He was accepted and sent to Charleston, S. C., for training and detail to a mine planting company.

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By J. M. LOUGHBOROUGH.  
Author of the Novelization of Clyde Fitch's Play, "Her Sister," "His Back-door Romance," and other short stories.

**What Has Gone Before.**

The Secret Seven, a band of wealthy and brainy criminals, headed by a mysterious individual known to them only as The Great Master, are plotting to wrest from Beverly Clarke, a beautiful girl, the vast fortune which has been left to her by her uncle, who was a member of the powerful band of lawbreakers. William Montgomery Strong, a wealthy young clubman, enters the life of Beverly, who lives in moderate circumstances with her invalid mother, when he rescues her from kidnappers sent out by The Secret Seven. Strong at first mistakes the motives of the girl when, in fleeing from hirelings of The Secret Seven, she is found in a clothes closet in his apartment and he is compromised in the eyes of his fiancée, Eunice Morton. Afterward he realizes that she is an innocent girl, a victim of a vile plot, and he becomes her champion. She is seized by the gangsters and carried to their rendezvous. Strong goes there in disguise, puts up a terrific fight with the thugs, and his life is saved only by the timely appearance of the police. Beverly is spirited away to the den of a Chinese hypnotist, Dr. Git Sin. Strong, disguised as a Chinaman, goes there to save her and both are trapped.

**CHAPTER VIII.**

**A Clue From the Klondike.**

A reptile in the throes of a struggle to the death with a formidable foe sometimes will attack itself and believe it is maiming the enemy. This is what that reptilian band, The Secret Seven, was doing. Dr. Zulph, suspecting that there was a traitor in camp, was determined first to put Strong out of the way and then to lay hands on the one who was false. The Great Master, brains of the band, was balking Zulph. He knew that the murder of William Montgomery Strong, man of wealth and prominence, would shock the entire community and sound the death knell of The Secret Seven.  
Twice The Great Master had saved Strong's life—first when he ordered his East Indian servant to release him when he was kidnapped after the case of tainted treasure had been found in his home, and again when the sable hood went to his sick bed.  
What was back of this working at cross purposes in the ranks of the hitherto invincible Secret Seven? Therein lay part of the skein of mystery that surrounded the great secret of the all powerful organization. And so The Secret Seven was battling with itself like a frantic reptile. The Great Master represented the brains of this reptile and Zulph the teeth and claws.  
Perhaps one faint clue to this



THE GREAT MASTER SHIELDS THE DANCE HALL DOVE.

strange situation in the strangest criminal band the world ever saw may be found in a reverie in which The Great Master indulged at the very time Strong and Beverly were trapped in "the Dragon's Den." Sitting in his Hudson River mansion, he picked up an old album which lay on a table near him and turned the pages, which were filled with faded photographs.  
The turning of these pages brought a turning back in the pages of memory—a turning to years gone by when he was a prospector in the Klondike, a young man full of health and ambition, who was seeking gold from the pockets of nature.  
In this retrospection he saw an Alaskan dance hall. He was standing at the bar. A girl, beautiful and pathetic in her innocence, sat on a bench with bowed head, while the other women caroused. Near her sat Zulph, beside a woman, and that woman was Jane Warren, owner of the dance hall. She was the same Jane Warren who served as housekeeper for old Thomas Clarke Her heart, in those Alaskan wilds, belonged to Zulph. She gave him all and asked nothing in return, save love, which was bestowed by Zulph as a hypocrite bestows charity on a beggar.  
Two miners entered the place and halted to gaze in undisguised admiration at the frightened dove of the dance hall. The younger of them, who was laden with gold, offered to bet the other that he could win her affections. His companion accepted the wager, and then the younger man advanced with confidence and seized the girl.  
Realizing his purpose, she struggled desperately, but he and his companion only guffawed over her frantic efforts to get free. Then the man who afterward became known as The Great Master stepped forward. He parted

the girl from her captors and faced them angrily, hungrily.

The purchaser flew at him in a torrent of rage and received a crashing blow on the jaw that sent him sprawling to the floor. He did not get up. Zulph and Jane Warren ran forward to demand an explanation just as a gray haired woman burst into the dance hall and seized the child.

"Mother!" cried the girl as she clung to the newcomer.

"You must leave her here," said Zulph. "She has been hired by us."

"You must take her away if you are her mother!" roared her protector. "She is too good a child for this place. Here," he added, flinging a bag of gold at the man lying on the floor, "I will ransom her."

And thus he met the "dove of the dance hall," fell in love with her and married her. The ceremony was in a roughly-built chapel, and before it was over Zulph, one of the witnesses, got up and strode away from the sacred scene. The Great Master took his bride to his hut. For many months they lived happily. Their joy became more intense when a baby blessed their union.

This far had The Great Master gone in his retrospect when it was interrupted by a message which told him Strong and Beverly had escaped from "the Dragon's Den" after one of the weirdest battles in the history of the New York police department. It all happened in this manner:

The Chinese henchmen of Dr. Git Sin burst into the room where Strong had been discovered with Beverly, seized the clubman, carried him to the basement and there proceeded with a method of torture which only an Oriental brain could contrive. Strong was bound to a chair. Near him a large hourglass was placed. A Chinaman with a long knife pointed to it and told him that when the sand had run out he would be killed.

Like the hero of Poe's story of "The Pit and the Pendulum," he sat waiting for the end. But while the shifting sand seemed to be momentarily shortening his life Detective Ackerton and the police, led by Wee See, were racing to the den. Wee See knew of a secret passageway, an abandoned tunnel, which led to Git Sin's house. This subterranean channel had in it a celestial contrivance which but for the knowledge of Wee See would have balked the police.

It seemed to end in a wall of rock, at the bottom of which was a pool of water. But Wee See knew that by crawling along the bottom of the pool he could get to the other side of the wall and thus reach the continuation of the passageway. He told the police. They floundered through with him and on the other side ran into a pack of Chinamen. They were armed. The police drew their revolvers. Fighting took place. All occupants of the Dragon's den, save Git Sin and his wife, joined in it. Git Sin was busy mixing a potion he intended administering to

**FLEMING HEADS MID-TEXAS TEACHERS**

The teachers who went from this county to attend the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association at Brownwood last Friday, returned home Saturday night. They are loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them by the Brownwood people, and report a profitable two days session of teachers convention. Questions of vital importance to the educational interest of Mid-Texas, as well as Texas as a whole, were discussed and resolutions adopted that will stimulate the passage of laws favorable to better education.

W. S. Fleming, superintendent of the Ballinger schools, was honored with the presidency of the association, being unanimously elected to head the association for the coming year. An executive committee was appointed, and the duty of selecting the next place of meeting will fall upon the committee. Mr. Fleming stated that the committee would meet at the proper time and select the place. He expressed himself as favorable to Brownwood as that place is centrally located for the Mid-Teachers, and is peculiarly fitted for taking care of such a convention. However, this question will be in the hands of the committee, and the town that extends the most cordial invitation will no doubt get the convention.

Following is a list of the officers and members of the executive committee selected:

- The officers as elected are as follows:  
Pres. W. S. Fleming, Runnels.  
First V. P. W. J. Gayden, Coleman.  
Sec. V. P. Henry Simms, Erath.  
Sec'y. Treas. T. E. Gay, Goldthwaite.  
Trans. Secy. E. E. Kirkpatrick.  
The following were appointed on the Executive Committee:  
J. E. Hickman, Coleman County.  
R. F. Holloway, Comanche.  
E. L. White, McCulloch county.  
T. B. Weaver, Mills county.  
Joe Brown, San Saba county.  
W. S. Fleming, Runnels County.  
L. T. Litsy, Mason county.  
T. H. Holmes, Menard county.  
J. E. Cox, Erath County.  
V. L. Griffin, Brown county.  
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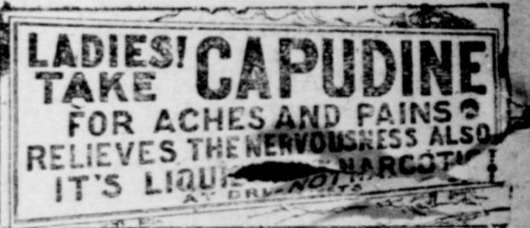
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J. W. E. Meadows returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to the Fort Worth Stock Show and while gone visited relatives at his old home at Ladonia, a few days.



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