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LINER NEW YORK STRIKES MINE; PASSENGERS SAVED

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The American liner New York struck a mine last night while outside the Liverpool bar. All passengers were later removed from the ship and the big steamer is being towed into dock, according to cable messages received. The message bringing the afternoon.

The passengers were transferred to other vessels and landed at Liverpool with no casualties reported. The message bringing the news comes as official from the American consul at Liverpool. The New York is a big steel screw steamer of ten thousand tons and is owned by the American Line, registered at the New York port. It was the third armed passenger steamer of the American line to sail since the United States authorized the arming of merchantmen.

WAR WITH GERMANY MADE AUSTRIA BREAK

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Austria-Hungary broke relations with the United States because of our announcement that a state of war existed with Germany, Austria's ally. This statement was cabled today by Consul Grew at the American embassy at Vienna to the state department.

E. Baumer, one of the prominent merchants of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Proclamation

Whereas, the citizenship of Ballinger met in mass meeting to give vent to their feelings of loyalty to their country and to speak out their endorsement of the Wilson administration in these times of war and threatening of wars on every side, and

Whereas, they, the people of Ballinger, set Friday, April 13th, at 3 o'clock p. m. for a general meeting of the citizens from all over the county to meet on the court house park of said city to carry out a program in furtherance of this purpose,

I, E. F. Krebs, mayor of the City of Ballinger, hereby proclaim and request that each and every business house in the city of Ballinger close its doors and suspend business from 2:30 o'clock to 5 o'clock on said date, and that every citizen—man, woman and child take part in the occasion in showing their loyalty and making this occasion a great success.

E. F. KREBS, Mayor.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The mayor and two commissioners elected at the city election in April were installed Tuesday morning and at 2:30 this afternoon they were in session forming plans and mapping out the work before them.

A full report of their action will be in The Daily Ledger tomorrow.

Charlie Eisenhouth had business at San Angelo between trains Tuesday.

Texas Can Raise 50,000 Volunteers In One Day

DALLAS, Tex., April 10.—Texas would raise an army of fifty thousand volunteers in one day. Under the conscription plan it would require months to do it. That's the answer Gov. Ferguson made to the plan of the United States Army General Staff to raise five hundred thousand by selective conscription. Gov. Ferguson arrived in Dallas early this morning and is here to take part in the huge patriotic demonstration this afternoon and tonight.

SMASH TO NET 15,000 PRISONERS

By Wm. Phillip Simms
LONDON, April 10.—Bitter fighting marked a continuation of the British forward smash against the Germans. The general spring offensive is netting the British daily gains. Field Marshal Haig reports the capture of nine thousand prisoners and forty field guns yesterday. The offensive has been extended northward and fighting near Labassee is terrific today and it is expected that more German troops will be captured together with guns.

WITH BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 10.—There is every reason to believe that by tonight that the great British smash will have netted Field Marshal Haig at least fifteen thousand prisoners, and fifty big guns. The British are driving a most successful fire against the enemy, having already gained advantageous territory and have fifteen thousand German soldiers cut off.

NATIONAL AIR MAY BE DIXIE

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Members of congress are busy today considering plans for having "Dixie" adopted as the National war song. It is expected that a resolution will be introduced making Dixie the National Air, with congressional endorsement.

MORE MYSTERIOUS FIRES ARE RAGING

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—Two large grain elevators were destroyed here by fire early this morning, and the fire is threatening to break across the Mississippi river to Fort Snelling. The origin of the fire is a mystery, and is puzzling the authorities who are making an investigation.

WAR MOVE LOOMING UP IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 10.—With the city seething with a demand for immediate hostilities against Germany loomed up as being more likely today than a mere diplomatic rupture between Brazil and the imperial German government. Foreign Minister Muller is reported to have resigned. It is understood that passports for the German minister and his official family have already been signed and are ready for instant delivery.

Two Suspects Arrested

Sherman, Tex., April 10.—Two men, suspected of anti-government activities, were taken into custody and are being held for examination.

T. J. Garfield, an Irishman, had on him a number of bridge and other drawings when apprehended.

Max Delling, a German, who came here from Houston last July, was the other suspect.

ROOSEVELT TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt called on President Wilson for a talk at noon today. The ex-president conferred with Mr. Wilson on war plans.

GET A FLAG FOR THE PARADE

Every one who participates in the patriotic rally next Friday are urged to provide themselves with a flag, and be ready to wave the flag when called on to do so. It has also been requested that all parties taking part in the parade are urged to be on the school campus of the Central school at two-thirty. All orders or companies of any character desiring to take part in the parade should report to E. D. Walker, in order that the line of parade can be made up and announced as soon as possible.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—At the Edystone police headquarters at noon today it was estimated that at least fifty persons, many of them girls, were killed and probably two hundred were injured, when a series of explosions destroyed the main section of the Baldwin Locomotive Company's munition works shortly after ten o'clock this morning.

Nine buildings in Section F, with machinery worth millions of dollars, were completely shattered by the terrific shocks which shook the city like an earthquake. Practically every building in the entire plant was damaged.

The origin of the explosions is being investigated by a detachment of expert secret service agents for the Department of Justice. Government agents are proceeding on the theory that the explosions are not accidental, but were deliberately planned by German plotters. Detectives from Philadelphia joined with United States operatives in running down the numerous clues to the origin of the explosions.

Ground near the munitions factories is so badly torn up that hospital ambulances could not approach. A heavy smoke hung over the whole district, with intermittent explosions occurring even after one o'clock this afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Three different explosions wrecked the shrapnel factory of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone this morning and it is estimated that at least fifty people were killed, and the death list may run up to one hundred. At noon today it was estimated that not less than three hundred were injured, many of whom will die. Fires were started by the explosions and are still burning over the wrecked buildings, and bodies will be cremated. Appeal for help came to Philadelphia after all available help in nearby towns had been called to the scene of the explosions. Many of the dead and injured are girls and women, and it is stated that at least eighty per cent of the employes working near where the explosion occurred were females.

Plot Foiled to Blow Up Capitol Buildings

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Reports of a plot conceived by spies to blow up the capitol building have been received by United States secret service operatives in New York.

This information resulted in the increasing of the guards on the capitol grounds. Fifty officers are on duty tonight. No one will be allowed to enter the grounds surrounding congressional buildings after sunset without a duly signed pass.

PART NAVY TO PLAY IS YET A SECRET

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Naval co-operation with the entente allies was the subject of a long conference late yesterday between

President Wilson and Secretary Daniels. It became known afterwards that the government already is taking steps to assist the fullest measure of co-operative operation.

The part to be played by American warships was not revealed and Secretary Daniels declined to say what action already had been

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CHAPTER XI. A Shot in the Dark.

Detective Rodman Sears was a bulldog for grit and indifference to danger. Having permitted hirelings of The Secret Seven to kidnap him and carry him to the headquarters of the all-powerful organization in the hope that he might there find a clue to the slayer of Chief of Detectives Ackerton, he found himself in a cell with no means of escape save his own resourceful brain.

Hadji Mahal, the East Indian servant, having brought him food, returned to find it untouched. "The Sahib who searches for secrets must eat," said Hadji. "You're too kind," replied Sears in sinningly. "I don't want to eat." Hadji went before The Great Master



SEARS ESCAPES FROM THE PRISON.

and reported a "hunger strike." Sears took advantage of his absence to extract a phial from a secret case which he carried. Then he seized a banana which was part of the food brought him and imbedded a pellet in its meat. It was a very innocent looking piece of fruit when Hadji returned. He had been ordered by The Great Master to partake of some of the food to prove to Sears it was not drugged.

"That sounds reasonable," said the detective when this was told him. "Here. Try this banana." Hadji did, eating it with great relish. A few minutes afterward he collapsed under the influence of the powerful drug Sears had hidden in the fruit. Then the detective put on a false mustache and Hadji's turban and flowing robes and walked out of the headquarters of The Secret Seven unchallenged. His first move was to telephone Strong.

"I've struck a big clue," he added. "Tell me of it later," he added. "I am desperately busy now with something not concerned with The Secret Seven," Sears, somewhat puzzled, hung up the receiver.

But Strong at that time was going through an adventure of his own which would have given Sears a severe shock had he realized the real meaning of it all. Sara Loring returned to "consciousness," looked at Strong, sighed and said:

"Please excuse me. I am subject to attacks of heart failure. I wish you would telephone my physician to come here at once." William called up the number she gave him, and the man who answered said he was Miss Loring's physician and would hurry to the studio. He called within a few minutes—a tall, distinguished-looking individual with gray whiskers and snow white hair.

"If I might suggest—I think it would be best if you waited outside," he said to Strong after feeling the woman's pulse. William went into another room, and as soon as he had closed the door the physician threw off the air of

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CHAPTER XII. Caught in the Web.

A bullet whistled past Strong. He wheeled about, involuntarily shielding Beverly as he did so, and was in time to see a slender figure skulking away in the shadows of the Clarke mansion. Beverly began crying hysterically. Strong carried her into the house. He tried to quiet her fears, but they seemed only to increase.

"There, there, darling," he said. "It was nothing. Some poor lunatic probably mistook me for his mortal enemy. He has gone. We will never see him again. Beauty does not thrive on tears and fear. You must be brave and cheerful. Can't I see you smile? I thought so. Now, you mentioned the great Charity Bazaar to me. Let us go there just as we are. Let us mingle with the crowds and be joyful, all in the name of charity, the sweetest word in the language—next to faith and hope.

"My dear William!" cried the girl, beaming on Strong. "How brave you are—how thoughtful! My mind had been set on the Charity Bazaar. By all means let us go." And so they set out, this time in the Clarke automobile.

While they were on their way to the Bazaar strange things were happening in the tea room, where Dr. Zulph met Sara Loring, the adventuress, after she had stolen the securities in Strong's home. Detective Sears, presenting a good type of the middle-aged tea-room hanger, except for a pair of broad-toed shoes—slutish slum narrow footwear as they do kid gloves—was talking to Cochran, while Zulph and Sara discussed the treasure.

"My guess," said Sears, "is that he has the treasure in the physician's bag. Tell you what you do, Cochran. Go behind the stairway and switch off the lights for a few seconds. I'll wager Zulph will grab the bag and run. If he does we'll be after him. The Shadow is outside. We can't lose Zulph." Cochran did as the detective suggested. And Zulph did just what Sears anticipated. He grabbed the bag and fled.

But The Shadow and Wee See, Strong's Chinese servant, picked up his trail, and with Sears trailing them they trailed the arch conspirator. Zulph was a man of whims. One of his whims, when trouble beset him, was to go to a deserted house which he owned, sit there entirely alone and ponder the situation confronting him. So straight to the deserted house he went. Now, The Shadow, reared in the slums, was thoroughly familiar with all types of criminals. When he saw Zulph enter the deserted house he said to Wee See:

"Say, this guy is cute, but there's space to rent in his upper story. That's why he likes empty houses. He's the kind of a guy who gets up at midnight to throw a thousand-dollar vase at a cat. You're pretty good at imitating things. You get in a room next to where he is. I'll slide down the chimney. You yell like a cat. I'll

thundered Strong. "You tricked me into coming here. And now you have nerve enough to believe you can take money away from me. I've never seen either of you men before, but I hereby order the one who has the key to unlock that door. If you don't do it I'll whip both of you fellows and then turn you over to the police."

"Threats don't go, Mr. Strong," said the man with the key. "I'm not going to unlock the door until we've taken your money. Is that plain enough, Now?"

But he said no more, for in a flash William had landed on his jaw with a straight right-arm punch, and the crook measured his length on the floor and lay there unconscious. But the other drew a revolver and ordered Strong to throw up his hands.

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"Let us look at another booth," whispered William and added, "I am glad she has passed out of my life and that some one else has entered."

"How brave and generous you are!" exclaimed Beverly, clinging affectionately to his arm. "But for me you would not have lost your fortune."

"Lost it?" he replied. "I have won a heavenly treasure." And thus did Cupid drive the enchanted pair from booth to booth. Beverly finally stopped to inspect a particularly attractive display, and William, believing she was near him, kept ahead. So they became separated. At that moment a band of crooks surrounded Eunice Morton and robbed her of a valuable necklace. Hearing the commotion, Strong eluded his way to the booth and, learning what had happened, shouted:

"There's a thief in this room! Lock the doors and let no one leave. Everyone must be searched." The suggestion was acted upon. When it came the turn of the crooks to be searched one of them demanded that Strong undergo a similar ordeal.

"I'll do it myself," cried Strong. He put his hand into his coat pocket and, to his amazement, drew forth the necklace and the four \$1,000 bills he had so strangely received at the studio. The situation was a dark one for William. Several persons began clamoring for his arrest, when a prominent young society woman, who was in a booth, pointed to a man near the clubman and cried, "I saw him put the necklace in Mr. Strong's pocket!"

There was another hubbub, and when it was over the accused man had disappeared. But his confederates, compelled to surrender the rich string of gems, began laying plans for getting the \$4,000 William had displayed. One of them, who had seen William and Beverly together and had observed that they afterward were separated, approached him and said:

"A young lady has been searching all over for you, Mr. Strong. She just went into that room." William thanked him and went to the room. His informant followed and closed the door.

"She doesn't seem to be here," Strong remarked. "I suppose you were mistaken." Just then another crook appeared and locked the door.

"It's no mistake," he said. "We want that money in the pocket where you had the necklace. Quick!"

"This is a case of two against one," thundered Strong. "You tricked me into coming here. And now you have nerve enough to believe you can take money away from me. I've never seen either of you men before, but I hereby order the one who has the key to unlock that door. If you don't do it I'll whip both of you fellows and then turn you over to the police."

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STRONG HURLS ONE OF THE THUGS OVER A BALUSTRADE.

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CHAPTER XIII. The Struggle.

As Strong stood with upraised hands there was a tremendous crash, the

door of the room was burst open and in rushed a uniformed policeman. There was a short scuffle, and the crook was overpowered.

"You had a close call, Mr. Strong," painted the bluecoat after overpowering the robber with the assistance of William. "This man has served time for murder. I saw him and his partner enter this room with you, and I suspected something was up. Now that he's handcuffed I'll take him to prison."

No sooner had policeman and captive departed than Strong began a search for Beverly. He found her at one of the booths, and when he briefly told her of his adventure her expression of gawky changed to one of deepest alarm.

"We seem to be fated for constant pursuit!" she cried. "Will this never end?"

"Why, it is over now," laughed William. "Those men were not allied with The Secret Seven. They merely saw my money and decided to get it. But Beverly viewed the incident in another light, and fear weakened her. She begged to be taken home. Strong, murmuring reassuring words, escorted the frightened girl to her motorcar."

"All is quiet in your home," he said. "Your mother awaits you there. You can make me supremely happy only by playing and singing for me and for her. Will you?"

"What a wonderful man you are!" she exclaimed, making no effort to disguise her admiration. "Do you not know fear? How else it will seem to be in my own home under your protection? But wait. Who was that man that just passed and gave you such an evil look? The man was The Spider, but William did not see him. He had 'shadowed' the pair to the Bazaar. Slinking out of sight, he telephoned to Dr. Zulph that Strong and Beverly were on their way to her home, and again the machinery of The Secret Seven began working."

While that machinery was being put into action mysterious events were taking place in the Hudson river home of The Great Master, leader of The Secret Seven. For the second time Wee See, Strong's Chinese valet, called on The Great Master. Outwardly Wee See was an honest Chinaman, deeply attached to Strong. But the nature of a Chinaman is difficult of comprehension. Wee See, supposedly loyal to Strong bowed low before The Great Master and said:

"Got paper here—paper I took from Doctah Zulph. This is paper. It looks like map." The Great Master's eyes kindled with delight as he grasped the paper.

"You're a good Chinaman," he said. "Do you know what this is? It's the most valuable thing you could have found. It's a map of a gold mine in the Klondike. It's just what I want. You have done splendid work, and I

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"We haven't known one another very long, miss," he began, "but I'm an honest man and I like you. I want to give you a nice present, but first I must blindfold you. Do you consent?"

The maid stood expectantly and unsuspectingly while he bound a large napkin over her eyes. Then he suddenly forced a gag into her mouth, dragged her to a linen closet and locked her there. A marvelous man was this butler. He had a bland smile and wore tortoise shell spectacles, so that he looked more like a college professor than a butler or the hardened criminal that he was. Mrs. Clarke, in her room

upstairs, had no inkling of what was taking place on the floor below.

With a smile of satisfaction, the butler drew himself up to his full six foot height and strode out into the hallway. The doorbell rang. He responded to the summons and admitted William and Beverly.

"Begging your pardon, miss," he said, "but Mrs. Clarke has been asking for you. She wants to see you at once on something important." Asking William to excuse her, Beverly hastened upstairs. Strong handed his hat and coat to the butler, who went up the stairway after her. In the darkened hallway on the second floor he threw William's coat over Beverly's head, swept her into a small room, locked the door and then pompously descended the stairway.

"Miss Clarke will be downstairs soon, sir," he said to William, and when the latter's back was turned he threw himself upon the clubman, raining blows on his face and finally knocked him unconscious. Near him was a telephone. He called Zulph. The arch conspirator had just finished an interview with Jane Warren, in which she first threatened to expose his record in the Klondike, but finally departed thoroughly frightened and cowed by the man who wielded such tremendous power over her.

"I've got Strong," said the butler. "He's unconscious. I 'frisked' him, but the paper you want ain't in his pocket. What about?"

He said no more, for Strong, having regained consciousness, had crept up behind him and seized him by the throat. There was another fierce struggle, and this time the butler got the worst of it. Zulph, at the other end of the wire, heard the commotion. Knowing that a band of his thugs were on their way to the house, he could only await results. He did not suspect that Strong after overpowering the butler had telephoned Detective Rodman Sears for help.

Strong was frantic with fear and rage. He was fearful for the safety of Beverly, whom he believed The Secret Seven again was plotting to kidnap, and was in a rage over the thought of the persistent villainy to which she was being subjected. After phoning Sears he darted upstairs to warn the girl and her mother of their danger.

Just as he had released Beverly from the room into which the butler carried her the thugs of The Secret Seven burst into the place. Strong met them on the stairway, and there was a tremendous hand to hand fight. He threw one man over the balustrade of the stairway, knocked two others down, then, becoming alarmed for the safety of Beverly and her mother, raced to the second floor, dragged them into a room and locked the door.

The desperadoes besieged them there, firing a volley of shots through the door.

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"Obey the law and keep your mouths shut," is a mighty good rule to live by in time of peace, as well as in time of war.

With five hundred thousand men giving up their positions in business life to go to the front, there should be something at home for the drones who have been loafing on the job so long.

There is no reasonable excuse for the high prices being charged for some food products today, but there is no reasonable hope for a lower price on other food products, so long as consumption over balance production.

A number of places in Texas report trouble growing out of some one showing disloyalty to his country. We do not anticipate any such trouble in Ballinger. Ballinger people are Americans, loyal to the country and will be found ready to respond when the call comes for volunteers.

"The American flag will be flown from all public buildings in France as the result of an order issued Saturday by Louis J. Mahony, minister of interior, and the mayors of many towns in France have requested that the American colors be displayed on private residences," says a dispatch from Paris. Can you imagine how it makes an American in France feel seeing Old Glory floating in the air? It should make every American at home feel proud to know that our flag was carrying an influence in foreign countries.

The sharp advance in the cotton market coming at this time is calculated to boost planting of this staple and cause a curtailment of feed crop acreage. Long price cotton will put lots of money in the bank, but if the farmers does not raise plenty feed stuff he will have to write big checks to pay for long price feed. Low price feed will put more money in the bank than long price cotton, as the cost in production is less.

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SWAT THE ROOSTER AND SAVE THE SPOILS

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The farmers of the United States lose each year large sums because of improper methods of producing and handling eggs. One-third at least of this loss is easily preventable. It is due to the partial hatching of fertile eggs.

The eggs laid by a hen may be either fertile or infertile, depending on whether or not the male bird has been allowed to run with the female. A fertile egg is one in which the germ has been fertilized by the male bird. Except for this process of fertilization, the male bird has no influence upon the eggs which the hens lay. Egg production is equally great in flocks from which roosters are excluded.

A fertile egg does not keep as well as an infertile one because the fertilized germ responds more readily to high temperatures than the unfertilized one. It is impossible to hatch an infertile egg or to cause a blood ring to form in one. Such eggs are much more likely to reach the table in good condition and there is much less spoilage in shipments composed entirely of them than in mixed shipments of fertile and infertile eggs.

After the hatching season, therefore, the male birds should be cooked, sold or confined. In approximately 14 days after this all the eggs laid by the hens will be infertile. These can be marketed much more successfully under the adverse condition that frequently prevail in the hot summer months.

Rules for Handling Eggs on the Farm.

Heat is the great enemy of eggs, both fertile and infertile. Farmers are urged to follow these simple rules, which cost nothing but time and thought and will add dollars to the poultry yards returns.

1. Keep the nests clean; provide one nest for every four hens.
2. Gather the eggs twice daily.
3. Keep the eggs in a cool, dry room or cellar.
4. Market the eggs at least twice a week.
5. Sell, kill or confine all male birds as soon as the hatching season is over.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All druggists, 75c.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

LEFT FOR PEARSALL

Rev. Friar and workers, who had been conducting a revival in Ballinger the past two months or more, left Monday afternoon for Pearsall, where they will begin a meeting in the next few days. Jewell Cunningham and A. Lee Boyd, of Ballinger left with them and have become associated with Rev. Friar in his work.

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 mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of grippe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chambers left Monday afternoon for Galveston, where Mr. Chambers goes to attend the lumbermen's convention, which convened in that city Tuesday.

Kaiser Would Sacrifice Texas Germans to Save His Crown

At the request of a number of our German friends, as well as suggested by a number of Americans, we take pleasure in reproducing in part an article written by Jake F. Wolters. Mr. Wolters is an American—a Texan by birth, although of German extraction. He upholds the administration in its stand against Germany, and points out the tyrannical and outrageous committed by the Kaiser's government and his efforts to sacrifice the Germans of Texas to save his crown. Mr. Wolters said in part:



COLONEL JAKE WOLTERS.

It is a time for calm and deliberate thought and action. It is a time when American citizens of different racial extraction must be tolerant of each other and yield to all in the fullest the loftiest purposes of patriotism. That men of kindred blood should be bound to each other by strong ties of sympathy, though living under different governments and on different continents, is but to recognize one of the basic immutable laws of human nature which is the same in every age and in every clime. The son's affection for mother does not end with the taking into himself a bride, but when an irreconcilable conflict comes between the bride and mother the dutiful faithful man remembers the pledge he has made to God in the presence of men to cleave to the wife, forsaking all others, through weal or woe.

Whatever differences in sentiment, in opinion or prejudices that may have existed in the past, all citizens of this republic must now stand united, supporting by word and act the government of the United States alone and no other. There can be no cleavage in allegiance. All differences among ourselves must now be forgotten.

We have entered upon war with the imperial German government in Germany, and until it reaches a successful conclusion all citizens, regardless of racial extraction, must co-operate with each other and with the constituted authorities of our government, civil, military and naval, until the purposes sought by the war are successfully accomplished. We are at war with the system of government put over the German people, not with their consent but by the assertion of a pretended and fictitious claim of one family to rule them by divine right.

So long as those who have put themselves in authority over the people of Germany confined the sphere of their activities to the confines occupied by their subjects we had no right to complain, although, unquestionably, millions of us in America have deep down in our hearts hoped that the time would come when the great mass of intelligent people of Germany would assert their independence of the Hohenzollern dynasty and create a government based upon the consent of the governed. But, when those who control the destinies at this time of the imperial German government extended their activities into zones beyond the realm of the German empire, it became a matter of world concern.

In America we witnessed with astonishment, if not with pain and indignation, the repudiation of a sacred treaty with little Belgium and the crushing of her people. That act was sought to be justified by the law of necessity. Every despot in history has sought to justify every act of perfidy by force of the same law. The repudiation of the treaty with Belgium was an act that no American of German extraction in his heart of hearts thought justified or condoned.

From time immemorial it has been the contention of America, as well as of Germany, that the sea is an open highway that may be used by the ships of all nations without interference, subject only to such limitations as are placed upon that right by the rules of international law. That limitation has always been recognized by all civilized nations, including Germany, to extend only to the right during war between nations to stop on the high seas any vessel, whether it sailed under a neutral or belligerent flag, search the same, and if it contained contraband to take it into a port and prevent the contraband from reaching the enemy; or, if it was impracticable to take it to a port, after assuring reasonable safety of crews and passengers, to sink such ship.

But never in all history did international law recognize the right of any belligerent to sink a merchant or passenger ship without warning. On the contrary, the very purpose of the rules of international law is to prevent just such acts. In violation of these recognized rules of international law the imperial German government, through the means of submarine boats, began the destruction of all classes of ships without warning.

America was astounded at the sinking of the Lusitania and the coincident killing of American men, women and children. A wave of indignation swept over the American nation, but our president, cautious and patient, held back the war sentiment that then arose and dealt with the subject through diplomatic channels. Other ships were sunk again and again, with the sacrifice of

and in their actions. To citizens of German extraction in particular comes the duty of promptly exposing to the constituted authorities such agents if found in any community. Caution and discretion should be exercised, however, so that no innocent man may be ever embarrassed. In times like these the public mind becomes inflamed and we are given to suspect acts of men which in normal times are not regarded other than natural.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

COMMISSIONERS WEARING NEW HATS

Commissioners Kirk, Meadows, Craft and Smith were presented with new Stetson hats when they met in regular monthly session here Monday. The hats were presented to the commissioners by Ballinger business men and citizens as a token of appreciation for the good road work being carried on in this county. Chas. Furgason, that fellow who has a heart filled with gratitude and who believes in handing out flowers while we are here to enjoy them and not hold them all back to pile on a fellow's grave, made it possible for the Ballinger people to express their appreciation in this way. He circulated among the people and made his wants known and it was a pleasure for the people to "kick in" for this token of gratitude.

The public road work is being handled in a way that is making the fifteen cent special road tax go a long ways, and within a few weeks the county will be ready to shake off the special tax and the ships flying the American flag, registered under American laws and owned by American citizens, manned by American crews, returning with empty bottoms and in some instances outside of the prohibited zone have been sunk without warning and American lives sacrificed.

But, that is not all. Immediately after diplomatic relations were severed, at a time when the United States had not indicated any steps towards war with the imperial German government, Herr Zimmermann, the minister of the kaiser, undertook to bring about a coalition with the de facto government of Mexico to the end that Japan and Mexico become allies of the imperial German government, Mexico to have for its portion of war of conquest the states of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, and coincident therewith Japan to have such privileges as might be determined. But, says some man, Herr Zimmermann has explained that this alliance was to be effective only in the event of war between the United States and Germany. This does not justify the imperial German government's conduct. If the imperial German government expected Mexico and Japan, with whom we were at that time and are now at peace, to help the imperial government in war against us, it naturally follows that such conduct indicated a perfect willingness on the part of the imperial German government at any time in the past or in the future while we were or are at peace with the imperial German government to aid and assist in any war that either Mexico or Japan might become involved in with the United States.

WILLING TO SACRIFICE TEXAS GERMAN.

We are not making war upon the German people, but we are making war upon the imperial German government, the same government for whose acts we know the great masses of the German people are not responsible, but the same government that has ruthlessly destroyed our ships and made war upon our men, women and children, the same imperial government which was willing to enter into an alliance with Japan and Mexico both non-Caucasian races, and deprive us in Texas of our homes and surrender them into the keeping of the Mexicans and Japanese. The kaiser was perfectly willing to forget the multiplied hundreds of thousands of people of German blood who live in Texas and make us serfs and our women the victims of the semi-barbaric Indian tribes of Mexico. No Texan of German blood can longer sympathize with the imperial German government and be true to himself, his wife and his daughters, independent of the fact that our country is at war with the imperial government.

It is claimed (and I have no personal knowledge thereof) that agents of the imperial German government are operating in the United States. Men in authority have reason to believe that some of them may be operating in Texas. Such agents would necessarily be secret in their movements

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, and stomach trouble."

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theford's Black-Draught, which 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 it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced 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.

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

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get 3 packages to-day.

regular maintenance tax will be all that is needed to keep up good roads in this county.

The court is in session this week transacting the regular routine business and planning for extending the road work until the entire county is a net work of good roads.

LADIES! TAKE CAPUDINE
FOR ACHE AND PAINS
RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS
IT'S LIQUID—NOT NARCOTIC

Joe Blagg, a Brownwood banker, who was the guest of Ballinger friends Sunday, returned home Monday, driving through in his auto.

The Light of Elegance

One of the most pleasurable, convenient and elegant appointments of a home is an EXTERIOR LIGHT on the porch or in the front yard.

Both the lamp and the cost of operation are easily controlled by a switch.

Estimates of cost gladly furnished.

Ballinger Light, Power and Ice Company
Phone 31

...EAT FOR LESS...

There is only one way to "Eat for Less" in these days of soaring prices. That is by getting Better Quality for the Same Money. You get it at this store.

We can't promise to make you low prices, for such groceries today would not be fit to eat. They would be a menace to your health. And besides, we have to pay high prices ourselves. But we can and DO promise to give you the

HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY for the money. That is our inducement, our great argument.

We have no higher ambition than to make our store known in every home in this section as The Home of Quality Groceries.

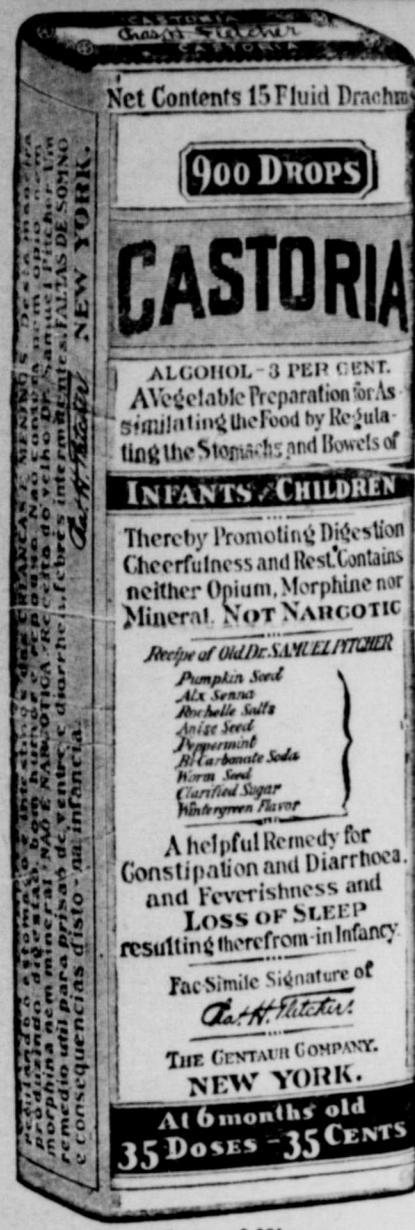
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Phones 66 77

Make Our Shop Your Headquarters

if you are particular about the way your clothes are cleaned, pressed and repaired. It pleases us to please you, so we overlook nothing in our desire to satisfy you. All we ask is an opportunity to convince you, that our work and service is unexcelled.

Telephone No. 2

Jones-Stuart Tailoring Co.
Successors to C. C. Gilliam.



CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
Mothers Know That
Genuine Castoria
Always
Bears the
Signature
of
Chas. H. Fletcher
In
Use
For Over
Thirty Years
CASTORIA

W. T. Garner and J. R. Wisenbaker, of Norton, and J. M. Green hill, of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.



ATEXAS WONDER
THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. It is sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states to Dr. E. W. Hall, 226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 6

BOUGHT OUT PARTNER.

The deal was closed a day or two ago in which E. Long becomes the sole proprietor of the Laxon Restaurant on Eighth Street, having bought out the interest of Hatton Laxon. The business will be continued at the same old stand under the management of Mr. Long.

Jelly, Jelly, Jelly

Cranberries 25 pounds for \$1.00, they are a "leetle" over-ripe, but will cook well. Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-1f

If you want a service car, city or country. Phone 165 or 630. C. G. Cape. 10-1fd

The Keystone

THE first consideration of a depositor is safety for his funds, and that is assured at this Bank by strength of resources and directorate, sound banking policy and conservative practice.

There are other important considerations, for example the quality of the service rendered; and this bank's aim is to render the most efficient service possible to all customers. An incident of this service is the privilege of all clients to confer freely with the officers on matters of vital interest to their success.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

One-Half to Three-Fourths
of your troubles are ended when you submit your
Grocery Troubles to Us.

The getting ready of your daily meal is an easy task, indeed, when we are allowed to help you. Just think of what you want and phone us, we'll do the rest. Better still, when you come to town visit our store. Let us do your baking.

L. B. Stubbs

MILITARY COMPANY
ELECTS OFFICERS

It's a sore bunch of young men today who met and drilled last night in the Ballinger Volunteer Infantry Company—sore but determined to prepare to clean up that bunch of "greasers" on the Southern border. Forty men responded to a list of volunteers secured by the efforts of Frank Pearce and LeRoy Nicholson, and trained for two hours last night.

Election of officers was one of the main business accomplishments Monday evening. Frank Pearce was elected captain; LeRoy Nicholson, 1st lieutenant; and Ewing Taylor, 2nd lieutenant. All these men have had more or less military training; and are especially fitted for their respective ranks. Frank Pearce is a graduate of the Culver Military college of Alton, Illinois, and ranked as major in the National Guard of that state when he came back to Ballinger. LeRoy Nicholson, besides previous training in a military academy, served for four years in the United States navy, and three years on the Reserve naval branch. Ewing Taylor is a West Pointer, and has had considerable drill work.

The company is preparing for the big patriotic demonstration Friday afternoon, and will endeavor to get many more men to join before that time. Requests from Rowena and Miles, and other nearby towns have been placed with the recruiting officer, and it is thought no trouble will be experienced in enlisting the 120 men wanted. Drills will be held every evening beginning at 6:30, so to make a good showing next Friday.

Rousing cheers followed a speech by L. Cohen, who said this organization was the best one he ever saw for the first drill. Mr. Cohen has had many months training during the Spanish-American war, and was a member of the Texas militia for six years.

Further discussion was made by members of the company, and plans to get in Federal service were brought out. As soon as sufficient number have been recruited, a vote will be taken on matters concerning class of service the company will apply for. In the meantime drills will go on.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

K. OF P.'S TO BE IN PARADE.

Ballinger Lodge No. 29, Knights of Pythias, at its regular meeting unanimously voted to participate in the patriotic parade to be held Friday afternoon. The Lodge urges every K. of P. to be on the School grounds at 2:30 p. m. Friday. 10-3fd

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

P. C. Ragsdale, of Brownwood, was among the delegates in Ballinger Tuesday attending the district M. E. conference.

The Ballinger Printing Co., can supply your wedding announcements as cheap as any house in Texas, engraved or printed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Matthews of the Hatchel country, were shopping and visiting friends in Ballinger Monday.

We All Want A. & M. College. Wendorf at the Busy Shoe Shop wants your shoe repairing. 1fdw

E. L. Rasbury left Monday afternoon for Brownsville to look after business interest a week or two.

A. C. Walters left Tuesday for Coleman to visit relatives a few weeks.

CATTLE DIPPING IN
PROGRESS AGAIN

With a determination to continue the tick eradication in this county until the county is entirely free from ticks, the county resumed cattle dipping again last week, the first spring dipping being held on April 2nd. The dipping was suspended during the season in which it would have worked a hardship on stockmen to dip their cattle, and probably caused a loss due to cold and weak condition of cattle. With the opening of spring and the coming of the grass the inspectors were instructed to push the work vigorously and clean up the county.

This work has been in progress here about one year, and during that time great benefit has been realized by those who complied with the law and cleaned up their cattle. Ticky cattle are inferior to cattle free from tick, and while it has been expensive to carry on the work, the final result will be satisfactory to the people, and those who opposed the law to begin with, will be made to feel glad that the county has been freed from ticks.

Dr. Werner, in charge of the work in this county, has provided himself with an auto and is better prepared to visit the various dipping vats in the county and superintend the work.

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, gripe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

W. A. Nance and Jesse Stroble left Monday for Temple and other points east on a short business trip.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Bruce Creasy left Monday afternoon for New Braunfels to look after business for the Creasy Filing Co., for a few days.

Don't Wait for Trouble

Don't wait for your storage battery to give out before you remember its existence. Have it tested at regular intervals. It will cost you nothing with our

Free Battery Inspection
(any battery on any car)

Bring your battery around today and let us inspect it. No, this doesn't mean that we will "find" trouble where there isn't any. We do not have to resort to such methods to get business.

Expert battery repairing and recharging.
Starting motors, lighting generators and ignition systems repaired.

Elder Brothers



Tucker's sister, Mrs. Garland Parks and family.

Constipation and Indigestion.

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The usual Wednesday afternoon service will be held at 4:20 instead of 4:00 p. m.

This change is made necessary because the Rector feels it incumbent upon him to meet Captain Hobson at the train at 3:55 p. m., he being an old acquaintance and a personal friend.

W. T. ALLAN, D. D.
Priest-in-Charge.

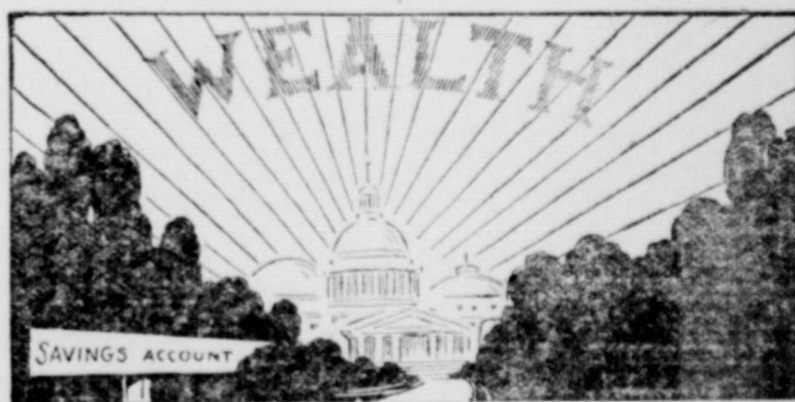
Any thing from a wedding invitation to a visiting card can be handled by us. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tucker left a few days ago in their auto for Kennedy, Texas, to visit Mrs.

Swat the Fly and Beautify

We can help you keep the fly out of your home with our screen doors and windows. We can help you beautify your home with our big line of De Voe paints. Little bills and big bills given the same attention.

Ballinger Lumber Company



The path to at least moderate wealth is open to you, but you will have to enter
By Way of the Savings Account Route.

No man has ever attained even moderate wealth without the aid of a bank account.

If you really have the ambition to acquire wealth you will start an account at once. It's the only way

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank
& Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97



Auto Delivery



Are you prepared against bug invasion?

BUGS are pesky critters that come uninvited—and never know when to leave.

But they leave pretty quickly when you're prepared with one of our New Bug Killing Sprays.

It's the handiest kind of a thing about the house, barn, chicken-house, garden—and everywhere bugs live.

Safety First—get one!



Sportsmen's Headquarters

When ready to buy Arms and Ammunition—remember we carry the well known Remington UMC line. Always fresh stocks.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

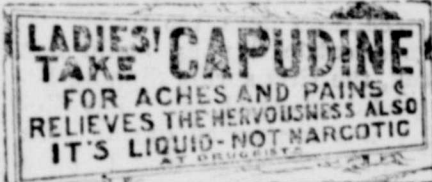
LOCAL BAND BADLY OUT OF COMMISSION

The committee on music for the patriotic rally is experiencing some difficulty in arranging a musical program. At least the outlook loomed up just a little gloomy to begin with, but there will be music, good music and plenty of it.

The trouble consist of sick members of the band, cripple members of the band, and absent members of the band. Bandmaster Wilkings is suffering with blood poison in one of his hands. An operation was performed yesterday, and it was announced today that Mr. Wilkings would have to improve in a hurry if he was even able to witness the parade.

Troy Simpson has been ill at his home for several days and it is reported that he will probably not be able to take part in the musical program. Harold Tucker, one of the important members of the band, is jittingy down around San Antonio somewhere and will not be here. Jewell Cunningham has become a member of an evangelistic party and left the city yesterday for Pearsall, where he will assist Friar in soul saving.

Fred Melvin, one of the cornet players, and N. Passur, have been called on to mobilize their forces and an effort is being made to bring the Winters band to this city. The committee authorized us to say today that there would be music, good music and lots of it. Several hundred school children singing patriotic songs will be sweet music and music calculated to bring a man's patriotism to the top.



WINTERS TO GET NEWS WHILE NEWS

A Ledger representative is at Winters this afternoon arranging for the circulation of The Daily Ledger in that city every afternoon. The plan being perfected will give the people in that little city the news right off the wire and within an hour after the paper comes off the press.

Brook's Jitney will be waiting at the Ledger office promptly at four o'clock to receive the papers as they come off the press, and within forty-five minutes the paper will be on the streets of Winters. Telegraph news will be received right up to within a few minutes before the forms are placed on the press.

This arrangement will give the people of Winters the latest telegraph news at least twenty hours ahead of any other paper. The circulation of The Daily Ledger in Winters by mail has been good, but the people do not get the paper until the following morning, the early A. & S. train carrying the paper to that place and it is circulated through the mail.

The Ledger will strive to get as many subscribers as possible and put Winters in touch with the outside world. Quite a number of progressive business men of Winters have assured us of their support in this undertaking.

Some Good Advice

"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

STEADY GAIN IN AUTOS MAINTAINED

Forty-seven automobiles were registered in Runnels county during the month of March and 13 were registered for the first nine days in April, bringing the total number of cars in the county bearing Runnels County numbers up to 1337.

The records show that farmers are the heavy buyers of autos now. The record also shows that the medium priced cars have the run in this county, and it is seldom that a car selling for more than \$1000 is listed. This indicates that those buying autos are doing so because they are finding this vehicle a necessity, and are buying the car that will answer for all purposes on the farm instead of being designed especially for joy riding.

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.

G. A. Schuhmann, one of the prominent merchants of Rowena was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

\$12,000 Paid for a Name to Take the Place of Flashlight

Come in and see who got the money.

This is Eveready announcement week.

THE WALKER DRUG CO.

Phones 12 and 13

Member of Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

FLAG PRESENTED TO LOCAL CHAPTER

In one of the most interesting, beautiful and sublime ceremonies ever accomplished in the local annals of fraternal association, the Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of the Eastern Star, Monday night came together with many visitors from nearby towns in their regular stated meeting. There are ninety-six members of the local chapter, most of whom were at the lodge hall Monday evening, and visitors from a distance were also entertained.

The session opened with an obligation ceremony, following which the impressive event of the evening was offered, when Worthy Matron of Ballinger Chapter and Assistant Deputy Grand Matron of Texas, Mrs. W. B. Halley, presented "Old Glory" to the assembled throng with appropriate words. In presenting the flag the Worthy Matron mentioned the fact that to the eye the Stars and Stripes presents beautiful harmony, reminding members of the emblematic colors of their degrees. "How kin to our own work is our flag," said the speaker.

"As we have promised faithfulness to the obligation of our order," said the Worthy Matron, in the preceding ceremony, "so in these trying times when our Country's peace seems endangered, should we be faithful and true, and promise fidelity, constancy, loyalty, hope and love to our President, our country, and fellowmen. In the name of the Associate Grand Patron, (Dr. W. B. Halley), and your Associate Deputy Matron, it gives me an unbounded pleasure to present this flag—"Old Glory"—to Ballinger Chapter No. 266."

Expressions on every hand from the chapter members were that it was the greatest meeting ever held by The Eastern Star in Ballinger.

Nature Cures, The Doctor Takes the Fee.

There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquifies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Free Sample!

To Every Home in Ballinger

Some day this week our sampler will call on you. He has nothing to sell you—just a big white bar of Cotton Boll soap to give to you to try.



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Perfecting Plans For Big Patriotic Demonstration

With favorable weather prevailing, next Friday promises to be a red letter day in the history of Runnels county. The various committees appointed to perfect plans for the big patriotic rally are working overtime. A meeting of the committee was held Tuesday morning and another meeting will be held Wednesday morning, and every morning until every detail is worked out and the program perfected.

While this move originated at Ballinger, every town and community in the county has been called on to participate and to come here with just such demonstration as they can see fit to make in showing that Runnels county is loyal to the American flag.

Superintendent Hagan announced Tuesday that he had communicated with practically all the schools under his supervision, and had asked them to close at noon Friday and if possible to bring the school children here to participate in the parade and singing of patriotic airs, "America," "Dixie," and other patriotic songs have been printed and sent out to all the schools.

The program has not been completed, but the committee reports that the people are falling in line and co-operating in a way that is characteristic of American patriotism.

The parade will be a big feature of the program. So far the order of the parade has not been announced, but the following different divisions have asked for a

place in the parade, and a man to have charge of them selected:

The band will lead the parade, and following in order yet to be announced will be the Ballinger Fire Department, with Carl Dunn in charge; County officers, and city officers from Miles, Winters, and Ballinger, with J. D. Perkins in charge; Citizens section with Ed Eason of Winters, Scott H. Mack of Ballinger, Abner Perry of Miles, and T. J. McCaughn, of Norton, in charge; School children of the county, with Prof. Fleming of Ballinger, and Prof. Minatra of Winters, in charge; Auto section with Jno. A. Weeks in charge; Easter Star with A. R. Crews in charge; W. O. W. with F. L. Harper in charge; K. of P. with E. F. Krebs in charge; Infantry Company with F. M. Pearce in charge; Rough Rider Company with J. P. Flynn in charge; Confederate and Union soldiers in charge of A. L. Spann.

The general committee appointed to work out details and perfect plans for the big demonstration are as follows, and will be glad to have suggestions from everyone:

Music, J. Y. Pearce; Publicity, A. W. Sledge; Grounds, R. G. Erwin; Police and parking, J. McGregor, J. D. Perkins, E. Allison, R. P. Kirk, J. M. Garlington; Parade, E. D. Walker.

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