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British Advance Forward Against a "Wall of Steel"

By William Philip Simms.
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 11.—A sweep forward by a storm of shells, the like of which has never before been seen, the British advance jammed its way farther into the German "wall of steel." British artillery in a concentrated fury of discharge literally turned the ground the Germans held into a muck, making British losses below the estimated minimum.

BERLIN, April 11.—British attacks on both sides of the Arras on the Cambrai road were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy, according to the official statement from the war office.

REMAINS NEUTRAL; ENDORSES WILSON

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 11.—This nation has formally announced its neutrality in the war between Germany and the United States, but declares its adherence to the endorsement of President Wilson's principles. This will have an influence with smaller neutral nations for carrying out the work of democratizing the world.

TO USE 100,000,000 ACRES CUT-OVER LAND

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 11.—Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary in the Department of Agriculture, meeting with the delegates to the Cut-over Land Conference, discussed with members present plans for utilizing one hundred million acres of cut-over wood land to produce crops.

1917 BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

NEW YORK, April 11.—Gloom of war was momentarily brushed aside as the American National leagues skidded into the 1917 baseball campaign. The New York-Boston game at Boston is the only one postponed.

INCUMBERED GUARDSMEN ARE LET OUT

NEW YORK, April 11.—Orders have been received at National Guard headquarters here from the War Department at Washington, that guardsmen having dependents be discharged at once whether it be their wish or not.

ENGLISH FOREIGN SECRETARY COMING

LONDON, April 11.—British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour is about to leave for Washington on a special mission, according to an official government announcement. Lord Robert Cecil will act as Foreign Secretary during Mr. Balfour's absence in America.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A series of war conferences will be held from time to time between representatives of the allies and the United States, it was learned today, to secure initial co-operation.

W. A. Esmond of the Valley creek country, and J. T. Ford, the irrigation farmer of the Oak creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

PORT ARTHUR READY WITH 250 GUARDS

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., April 11.—Mayor Dunn of Port Arthur, today wired President Wilson, offering the services of a Citizens Reserve Guard organized at a mass meeting last night. The charter membership of the organization is 250 men.

AMERICAN COLORS FLY IN FRANCE

By The United Press
PARIS, April 11.—The French war office decided today that in the future the LaFayette air squadron which is composed mostly of American aviators, will wear American uniforms and have the American flag painted on their aero planes. This means that the American uniforms and stars and stripes will be seen in action on the French front hereafter.

MILITIAMAN HURT LAST NIGHT

Fort Madison, Iowa, April 11.—An Iowa militiaman guarding the Mississippi river bridge here, was attacked and knocked unconscious during his rounds last night.

SMUGGLING SHIP TAKEN BY U. S.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 11.—A munitions carrying schooner bound for a Mexican west coast port was fired upon and captured by two United States torpedo boat destroyers, it was learned last night from authoritative sources. Five shots were fired at the vessel when it attempted to escape and the ship was then beached. Several thousand rounds of rifle and machine gun ammunition were taken aboard the destroyer and landed at a Pacific coast port. It is known that the destroyers have been scouting for a supposed munitions smuggling ship for more than a week. Monday the patrol boats sighted the schooner, which was south bound off the coast of California and following a course inshore. The warships gave chase and when the captain of the schooner saw that capture was inevitable he is reported to have attempted to destroy his vessel. Refusing to heed signal calls to stop the skipper steered for shore and beached the schooner. Five shots, the reports says, were fired at the ship before it piled upon the beach. The ammunition was taken off by motor launches from the destroyers. The identity of the captain and crew of the schooner has not been revealed. Persons in a position to know details of the action intimated that the ammunition was taken aboard the smuggler at two Pacific coast points by fishing boats.

GUARDING AUSTRIAN VESSELS

Billie Shafer, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday, en route home from a business trip to San Angelo.

JOINS NAVY; GIVES UP A \$5000 JOB

DALLAS, Tex., April 11.—Jesse Easterwood, of Mexia, Tex., has given up a \$5,000 per year job and joined the United States navy at \$17.60 per month. Easterwood left Dallas today for Pensacola, Florida, to join the aviation corps.

WANTS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

Dr. L. B. Stephens, a department surgeon of the United States Spanish-American War, desires to organize a company to participate in the big patriotic parade and rally Friday afternoon. Dr. Stephens is calling through the columns of The Ledger for all Americans who took part in that war to join him, and as soon as possible to call on him at his office for reservation.

BOOSTING EVEREADY DAYLOS IN BALLINGER

Archie Crews, advertising promotion man at the Walker Drug Co., is busy these days boosting the new Eveready "Daylo" formerly known as "flashlight" all over the English speaking world. \$12,000 was given away in four prizes of \$3,000 each to the winners in the name contest lately promulgated by this company, and everybody from Hell Gate to Golden Gate and from Hudson to the Gulf participated.

Mayors in three American cities and Governor Capper of Kansas, will publicly present the Eveready checks for \$3,000 to the lucky ones, while moving picture machines click off the footage and wondering eyes gaze on what might have been. "Don't ask for a flashlight, get an Eveready Daylo", is the slogan adopted by this national corporation and its dealers. Local dealers here including Hall Hardware Co., Higginbotham Bros. Co., and the Walker Drug Co., have been very active in pushing sales of the Eveready line, and will give any details concerning the campaign.

Joint Resolution Offered to Call For One Million Volunteers

RESERVISTS MOBILIZING FOR MEXICO

SANTIAGO, April 11.—Sufficient evidence has been put in the report that mobilization of German reservists in Chile for service in Mexico to cause the allied ministers to notify the United States government, when the war is over, that the United States means for the protection of the rights of the weak, the rights of humanity and is the real road leading to justice between nations ultimately to peace upon the basis of the brotherhood of man.

"Any living organism to survive must remain in harmony with the laws of nature, the most fundamental of which is the law of development or evolution. Science has recently discovered that alcohol is the specific for degeneracy and causes any living organism to go backward, bringing in the curse of nature, the evening of life and the blighting of offspring.

A young man starting at the age of 20, and living a total abstinence, attains the average age of 70; as a temperate drinker he dies at 60; as a heavy drinker he dies at 45. Twice as many men would die if there were no liquor. The nation needs these young men. Three times as many die between 35 and 45 as would die if there were no liquor.

SMITH-DUKE

Mrs. O. B. Corbet and daughter Mrs. Lennie Harris returned home Wednesday at noon from Texas City, where they had been to visit relatives and were accompanied home by her son, Pat Corbet and wife, who will visit with them.

Miss Mattie George, of Temple, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her brother F. D. George and family.

Mrs. N. B. Singletary left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo to visit her daughter and family a few days.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A joint resolution authorizing President Wilson to call for one million volunteers, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Sherman of Illinois.

PRESIDENT PERSONALLY IN CHARGE WAR LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, April 11.—President Wilson assumed personal charge of whipping up the war measures before Congress, immediately demanded for the country's defense, shortly after noon today.

Mr. Wilson went to the Capitol to confer with the leaders of the various committees on the war, and to demand in the interest of the safety of the Nation that certain proposed measures be observed with immediate action. The army bill is especially urged for passage by the administration.

Majority leader of the House, Kitchin, introduced today the administration's bond bill authorizing an issue of \$5,000,000,000 in treasury certificates. The resolution was introduced after the Ways and Means committee approved it unanimously.

This bill, however, may not be passed until as late as Friday.

BOOSTING EVEREADY SIXTEEN PIECE BAND

Several musicians from out of town will arrive here Tuesday to strengthen the weak places in the local band which have been caused on account of sickness, and some of the members being away from Ballinger at this time. Bandmaster Wilkings announced today that a sixteen piece band—every piece a good one would be ready for the big demonstration Friday afternoon.

SMITH-DUKE

Rev. J. W. Bost spoke the marriage vows Sunday afternoon that united in marriage Mr. R. J. Smith of Abernathy and Miss Lora V. Duke, of the Bethel neighborhood, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duke.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

J. F. Holliday of Abilene, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger.

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GUARDING AUSTRIAN VESSELS

NEW ORLEANS, April 11.—Increased number of guards have been placed about three Austrian merchantships anchored in the harbor as a result of unsuccessful attempts to scuttle the Anna, one of the Austrian vessels seized by the American government, and which was found sinking by water through the sea cocks being knocked off. The ship was saved.

E. V. Bateman left Wednesday morning for Talpa on a short business trip.

JOINS NAVY; GIVES UP A \$5000 JOB

DALLAS, Tex., April 11.—The huge patriotic parade staged in this city yesterday afternoon bore fruit today. Eighty men had applied at army and navy recruiting station up to noon today.

SIXTEEN PIECE BAND READY FOR FRIDAY

The Ledger stated Tuesday that the local band was badly crippled, but we did not intend to leave the impression that there would be no music. In fact we stated that there would be music, more music and good music, because we knew that the local band had put on foot a plan to get outside help for this particular occasion.

The band has secured patriotic music for this occasion, and the music will be made a big feature of the demonstration. The band will lead the parade as was originally announced, and the musical program will be continued at the bandstand on the court house square.

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The fact that Ballinger will hold her patriotic demonstration on Friday thirtieth bears no significance, unless it is for good luck.

The agricultural department urges the farmers one day to plant heavy of feed crops, and the next day comes out with another suggestion that the world will need much cotton.

Ballinger is in the small town daily paper class, and some people do not seem to consider that it is expensive to maintain a daily paper carrying telegraph news from all over the world, especially with

a doubling up in expenses in every department. We must say that at this time the expense is greater than the support justifies, yet we realize the craving of the public for the latest news and we are striving to cover the field as best we can.

That the people of Rannels county will rally to the American colors next Friday afternoon is indicated by every report brought to Ballinger. Nothing is being left undone that will detract from the success of the demonstration and reports from outlying districts and from other towns in the county, especially Winters and Rowena, say that the people are enthused, and will be here in large numbers to take part.

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.

VIOLATION LAW TO SHOOT DOVES.

It is reported that parties have been shooting doves near Ballinger. The open season on doves closed some time ago, and those who kill a single dove now can be punished with a fine of \$25 if caught and convicted.

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

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SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTS FLEMING

By a vote of five to nothing the school board of the Ballinger Independent District re-elected Prof. W. S. Fleming as superintendent of the Ballinger schools at a meeting of the board held at the Central School Tuesday afternoon.

This matter was disposed of after the usual routine business and had been passed on by the board, and before the votes in the recent trustee election were canvassed and the two new members elected sworn in.

After J. McGregor and E. Allison qualified as trustees the board perfected the new organization by electing Scott H. Mack, president; J. McGregor, vice-president; E. D. Futch, secretary.

Friday, April 20, Afternoon Convene 1:30 p. m.—Called to order by the president. Appointment of Committees.

Saturday, April 21, Morning Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by the president.

Business Session All speakers are respectfully requested to discuss the subject as briefly as possible without sacrificing valuable time.

SPRING MEET FOR WEST TEXAS FARMERS

The spring meeting of the Central West Texas Farmers' Institute will be held at San Angelo on April 20 and 21. The State Agricultural Department, under whose direction this institute is held, has approved the following program:

Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by President C. A. Dooze. Invention.

Response—C. A. Dooze. Preparation of the Soil—D. C. Dove, Department of Agriculture.

Some Farm Problems for West Texas—L. G. Sumrall. A Diversified Western Farm in West Texas—John Ballew.

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Appointment of Committees. Shall we co-operate together in a Marketing System?—E. W. Cole Department of Agriculture.

Friday, April 20, Evening Illustrated lecture by Prof. E. E. Scholl of the Department of Agriculture, showing various methods of Farming, Packing and Crating Perishable Crops; also Insects of various kinds.

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Some Legislation needed by the West Texas Farmers—C. B. Metcalf. Poultry on the Farm—General Discussion.

Livestock on the Farm—J. C. Patterson, Department of Agriculture. Orchards and Gardens—N. D. Zuber.

Warehouse and Marketing—Mr. Sparks, Warehouse Department. Saturday, April 21, Afternoon Business Session.

Round Table Talks. Home Economics—Mrs. E. M. Barrett (A separate division will be arranged.)

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Respectively, C. A. Dooze, President. W. R. Hutton, Secretary.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper.

RETURNED FROM SWEET-WATER. Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill and little daughter returned home Monday afternoon from Sweet-water.

Aliens Desecrating Old Glory Will Be Subject to Arrest. Washington, April 11.—The department of justice issued a notice that any alien enemy tearing down, mutilating, abusing or desecrating the United States flag in any way will be regarded as a danger to the public peace or safety.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. Cordill's sister, Mrs. W. A. Perry, is seriously ill and was taken to Dallas last Sunday to be placed in a sanitarium for treatment for paralysis.

Plants, Plants—tomato and pepper plants now ready for transplanting. Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-tf

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RETIRING MAYOR THANKED BY BOARD

The city commission is now composed of the new mayor and two commissioners. At ten o'clock Tuesday morning Mayor Powell administered the oath that qualified the mayor-elect E. F. Krebs, and also administered the oath that qualified the two commissioners Messrs. C. A. Dooze and R. T. Williams.

Retiring from the chair Judge Powell expressed the pleasant relations that had existed between he and the two commissioners during the short period since the commission form of city government was adopted, and invited Mayor Krebs to take charge of the office.

A VIRGINIA GIRL

Gained 15 Pounds by Taking Vinol Norfolk, Va.—"I suffered from nervousness, had no appetite and was very thin. Nothing I took seemed to help me until one day a friend told me about Vinol. I have now taken six bottles and have gained fifteen pounds; have a good appetite and can eat anything."—Mattie Denning, Norfolk, Va.

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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.

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According to its commander, the Disturber VI is strong and staunch enough to make a cruise around the world at a high rate of speed. It is to be manned by a crew of fifteen men who will take it east as soon as water transportation opens up through the lakes.

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Hobson Arrives; Gives His Views On Preparedness

Capt. Richard P. Hobson, arrived in Ballinger from San Angelo this afternoon. He spoke to a large crowd at San Angelo yesterday afternoon and will speak here tonight. Capt. Hobson is in good health, good spirit and "full of his subject." He says he is talking preparedness and realizes a "dry America" as one of the big steps towards American preparedness.

There are few, if any men, better prepared to discuss American preparedness, or unpreparedness than Capt. Hobson, and his views on some of the important things along this line are expressed as follows:

"A nation is like a living organism and like every living thing must make adequate provision for self-defense if it is to survive. Collective protection like that which individuals enjoy through civilized government, is more effective in the end and more economical like all cooperative enterprises, but until a government over the nations is finally established that demonstrates its ability to protect the individual nations, these nations must make their own individual provision for protection. The organized defenses of a nation are of two kinds, land forces, based on organizing the male population into armies, and sea forces, based on wealth, by which property instead of men insure protection.

"The great nations of continental Europe, however, with land frontiers, have naturally been compelled to organize their people into armies and their examples have been followed by Japan with its territorial ambitions extending to continental Asia. In this way America finds herself in the midst of an armed world at the very climax of the period of militarism, ourselves unarmed, without organized armies and without a navy adequate to control the sea in the face of the navies of military nations whose armies are ready on short notice to cross the ocean in a few weeks and destroy our ship yards, our principal arsenals and levy ransom and tribute upon nearly half the wealth of the nation without serious resistance on our part.

Must Maintain Biggest Navy
"Such a calamity would plunge America into a long period of preparation, a full generation in length, during which militarism would sink its roots deep into the vitals of the nation, leading to a second bloody war, from which we would emerge as military as the military nations from which we sprang, and our cherished civilization of peace and industrialism would have reverted back to the type of military civilization of Europe, the old civilization of the bayonet, and there would then be no great peace nation left. Militarism would be holding the world in its grasp. If we do not wish to become a military nation with great standing armies, we must maintain the biggest navy in the world to stand between our peaceful shores and the world's great armies. At the present stage of history our fleet in the Atlantic must be maintained superior to the German navy; our fleet in Pacific superior to the Japanese navy and our two fleets combined superior to the British navy. Then we would live in peace and security and our rights would be respected abroad.

"In cases of war abroad as at present, both sides would respect our rights as a neutral and we could pursue our peaceful commerce without danger of being embroiled, while with our own rights of peaceful civilization, secured against the so-called rights of belligerents, of military expediency, based upon the usurpations of might and brute force. As it is in the present war, neither side respects our rights, whether of life or of property. If we insisted upon our rights of property and sent our merchant vessels to neutral ports on the regular routes through the zones of war operations established by the British, their warships, surface or submarine, would not hesitate to sink our ships, and violate our rights of life as they are now violating rights of property. On the other hand,

Germany has violated our rights of life as well as our rights of property. Thus to be unprepared is to cause us to be drawn into the wars of the other continents.

"In control of the seas we would insure without protest from abroad, the effectiveness of the Monroe Doctrine in the Atlantic and the open door policy in the Pacific, ultimately insuring the extension over all of the high seas of the principle of equal opportunity to all nations in the competition for the commerce and wealth of the world. In such a competition the great armaments would become a handicap. Then the military nations would probably join American leadership in developing an international government for the collective protection of the nations. The Hague conference could then evolve itself into an international parliament, the Hague court into an international tribunal and a league or council into an international executive. When at last this international government finally proved able to protect their difficulties by regular recourse to justice, then these individual nations would voluntarily lay aside their unprofitable and unnecessary armaments just as individuals under the development of civil government laid aside their weapons.

"This America's control of the seas is not only our own best means of protection against war, whether direct or indirect, when others are at war, but it is the firm means for the protection of the rights of the weak, the rights of humanity and is the real road leading to justice between nations and ultimately to peace upon earth and the brotherhood of man.

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"If both parents are total abstainers, nine out of ten of their children are normal. If they are both alcoholic, only one out of six is normal. A nation debauched by alcohol must perish. Every civilized government now realizes that real preparedness demands first of all that a nation be sober."

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.

Prayer Meeting Thursday Night.
The mid-week service of First Presbyterian church is changed for this week from Wednesday to Thursday night.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.
"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism, and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes Mrs. S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

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FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT AT HATCHEL

D. F. Eaton, demonstrator for Runnels county, spent a few hours with the citizens of Hatchel Tuesday evening and Mr. Eaton says he was glad to learn that the farmers present at a meeting had decided that they would plant 40 to 50 per cent in feed stuff instead of 60 to 75 per cent of their crops in cotton as was intended first of the year. Mr. Eaton reports a very pleasant and profitable meeting on this occasion and the reception given him shows that these citizens will do their part to co-operate with him in his farm demonstration work.

The farm demonstrator says don't let the high price of cotton at planting time deceive you, feed stuff will also be high, and needed.

Pure Mebane Triumph cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-1f

Dr. Germany of Roseoe, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from San Angelo where he had been under treatment of a specialist the past two weeks.

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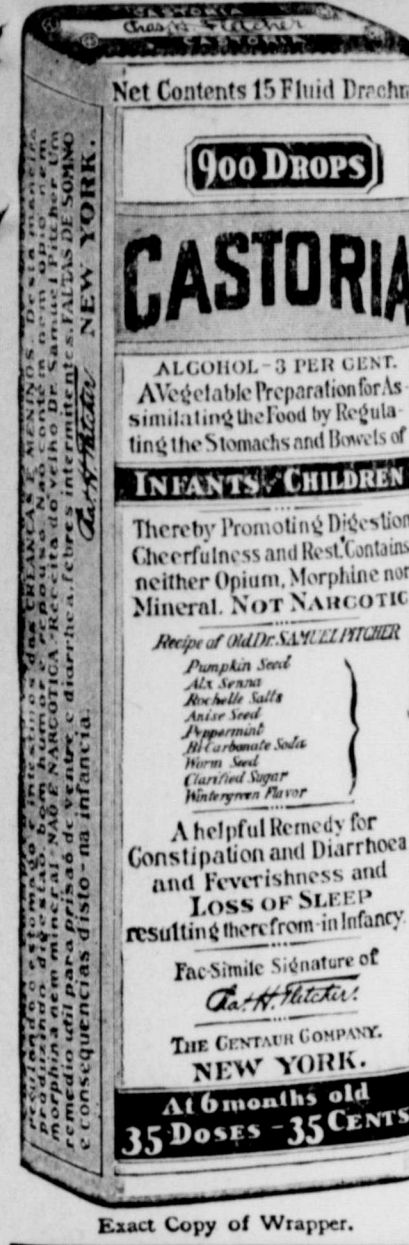
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Chas. H. Fletcher

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Exact Copy of Wrapper.

We are glad to note B. D. Duncan on the streets again Tuesday, after a two weeks seige of la-grippe.

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

Cotton Bailey, the cold drinks dispenser at the Walker Drug Co. left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood to take part in the music at the Elk's reception in that city last night.

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

RETURNS TO BALLINGER.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doose and children came in from Midland Tuesday afternoon, where Mr. Doose has been manager for the firm of Walker-Smith Co., and Mr. Doose informed us that they would make Ballinger home again.

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.

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

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97



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KITCHEN NEEDS

Complete Line of Utensils for Plain and Fancy Cooking.

PASTRY BAGS for decorating cakes, pies and salads. 12 tubes, a set \$2.00.

COOLING RACKS Wire cooling racks for cakes and bread.

MEASURING SPOONS Clustered measuring spoons of aluminum, 3 to set 10c.

WOODEN SPOONS Large wooden mixing spoons 10c

DISH MOPS Good cotton mops for cleaning dishes 10c

PYREX Glass Baking Dishes

The most sightly and sanitary baking dishes, made of fire proof glass. A real marvel, all sizes.

Higginbotham Brothers & Company

Ballinger's Greatest Store

Jake Stubblefield, of Norton and Lottie Farish, of our city, left Wednesday in an auto for Hidalgo county, where they go to look after their cattle for a few weeks.

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.

Arrested For Treason.

McAlester, Okla., April 11.—Three negro miners were arrested at Buck, Oklahoma yesterday, charged with treason. They are charged with having urged their friends to organize to help Germany whip the United States. Their bonds were fixed at \$15,000 each.

Over 1,000,000 Pairs of Shoes Purchased for the U. S. Army. Chicago, April 11.—The govern-

ment has already contracted for more than 1,000,000 pairs of army shoes at prices ranging from \$4.85 to \$5.10 it was stated at one of the leading tanneries here today.

The National Association of Tanners recently offered to co-operate fully with the government in the economical equipment of navy and army with leather products.

COLQUITT WANTS TO ORGANIZE REGIMENT

Dallas, Tex., April 10.—That former Governor O. B. Colquitt of Texas is considering organizing a regiment for service on the fighting line was made known today by the following telegram Mr. Colquitt sent to Senator Sheppard at Washington:

"Hon. Morris Sheppard, Washington, D. C.

"Will the government accept volunteer regiments with officers chosen by the men for service on the fighting line? Ascertain and answer.

"O. B. COLQUITT."

Mr. Colquitt stated that in case he receives a favorable reply he will start to work immediately organizing the men.

"If the government needs my services," he declared, "I am willing to volunteer, but I do not want to be conscripted."

R. J. Vidler, who had been to Gatesville to attend the funeral of Mr. Vandyke, returned to Ballinger Wednesday and will continue his work in building up the Modern Woodmen order in our city.

\$25,000 Bronze Statue For Concho County Boy

Gus Noyes, of Concho county, has just let the contract for the designing of a \$25,000 memorial statue for his son Chas. Who was killed by a horse falling on him a short time ago. The San Antonio Express, of Tuesday, gives the following mention of the great memorial to be planted by the father in honor of his son:

"Pompeo Coppini, formerly of San Antonio, but now of Chicago, arrived in the city yesterday for a brief visit.

Mr. Coppini has just received a commission to design and execute one of the most remarkable memorial statues in the United States, a bronze figure of a young man and a horse.

There are many statues of men and horses in the country, but this particular one will be unique in its location and its treatment.

Instead of being mounted, the young man will be pictured standing beside the horse petting it, and while the statue will be a memorial, there will be no line in it suggesting grief or sorrow. Instead, it will be a statue radiating life and animation.

The statue with its pedestal of Burnet-Llano granite will cost \$25,000 and will require two years to model and cast in bronze.

It will be placed upon a bluff in Concho county, overlooking a wide plateau, and the unusual location for so remarkable a statue will make it noteworthy among examples of American sculpture. Sel-

dom has so costly a memorial been erected anywhere save in a public square, park, or cemetery.

The order for the statue was given Mr. Coppini by Gus Noyes of Melvin, Tex., and the memorial will be for his son, Chas. Noyes, recently killed while at work on his father's ranch. The young man was rounding up cattle when he was thrown against a fence, receiving fatal injuries.

His father, determining to erect a suitable memorial, learned of Mr. Coppini through a mutual friend in San Antonio and the commission followed.

"I am enthusiastic about the statue," said Mr. Coppini yesterday, "because it will give me opportunity to do what I believe will be my best work. The young man whose figure will be reproduced in heroic size was tall and athletic. I will model the figure in cowboy dress, just as he wore it on the ranch. I am sure the complete statue will attract attention in Chicago.

"The site for the statue was selected by Mr. Noyes and purchased especially for it. It overlooks a wide range of country and when the statue is in place it can be seen for many miles."

A short time ago Mr. Coppini obtained a commission for a memorial statue of the late Senator (Clarke of Arkansas, which with his latest commission, will, he expects, keep him at his Chicago studio for the next two years.

U. S. MARSHAL ASKS SHERIFF TO AID HIM

Sheriff J. D. Perkins is in receipt of a letter from the United States Marshall W. J. McDonald at Dallas, in regard to hostile persons and plots in this county. Mr. Perkins is advised that due consideration will be given all mutual proceedings against the peace or lives of United States citizens, but that there will be no premature arrests and people of this section who conduct themselves with propriety will not be molested or harmed.

Citizens are also asked to co-operate with the officers in bringing to light any treasonable actions or sayings hostile to the United States government.

GOOD RAIN AT MAVERICK; SCHOOL TO CLOSE.

J. L. Lee, one of the trustees of the Maverick school was in the city Wednesday and reports that the trustees have decided to close the school after next week. He says the school has been a very successful one under the management of Prof. E. W. Cockrell and Misses Jones and Ten Eyeke, and both scholars and patrons are well pleased with the work done the past term.

Mr. Lee reports a good rain Tuesday night, about one half inch, in fact the most rain they have had the past several months. On account of the good rains, the farmers will at once get busy with their crops and the children will be needed.

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, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

GERMAN VICE CONSUL TO JUAREZ IS INTERNED AT FORT BLISS NOW.

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—Fred erick Reuter, acting German Consul in Juarez was taken into custody at the American end of the international bridge late yesterday, and interned at Fort Bliss. Reuter's home is in El Paso, and he has been going to Juarez daily. He was said to have been warned that he must cease crossing to the American side.

W. L. McAuley and son Ed, of the Maverick country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

TELLS AUTO DRIVERS HOW TO GET IN PARADE

Jno. A. Weeks, in charge of the automobile section of the patriotic parade to be held in the city Friday afternoon, issues the following instructions to auto drivers who intend to be in the parade: "Decorate your car with the American flag or some other material using the red, white and blue. Have your tops down. Further instructions to automobile owners or drivers will be published in The Ledger tomorrow afternoon."

FLOCKING TO COLORS.

New Orleans, La., April 11.—With every unit of the Louisiana national guard over-recruited and requests coming in from various sections from men desirous of enlisting, Adjutant General McCroly today telegraphed the war department asking for authorization to increase the state military organization. He asked permission to raise two new complete infantry regiments; two additional battalions of field artillery, one ambulance corps, one additional troop of cavalry and one battalion of engineers for the army.

Notice From City Authorities

Notice to the traveling public is hereby given that from this date a strict observance of the traffic law will be demanded and enforced, and the city marshal and city attorney have been instructed to arrest and prosecute all offenders. The reckless disregard of certain parties for life and property of others makes this step imperative, and drastic measures will be used if this law is not obeyed. There will be no further notice.

E. F. KREBS, Mayor.
R. T. WILLIAMS,
C. A. DOOSE,
11-3rd Commissioners.

Elmer Marshall of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from an auto trip to Brownwood and reports feed crops up and looking good in that section.

C. W. Harper had business at Ovalo between trains Wednesday.

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.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE, 25c.

CITY COMMISSION RETAINS OFFICERS

The city commission was in session for several hours Tuesday, working out plans for the future of the city. Many important items were discussed and will be acted on later, as full details for handling the city's affairs can not be worked out at one meeting or in one day.

There were no changes in the appointive officers, all those formerly elected being retained, and salaries fixed as follows:

J. R. Lusk, secretary, assessor and collector, salary \$100 per month.

A. K. Doss, city attorney, fees of office.

B. W. Pilcher, chief police, salary \$40 per month.

J. A. Hash, fire truck driver, salary \$65 per month.

J. P. Martindale, fire marshal, salary \$15 per month.

J. Whit Patterson, treasurer, salary \$10 per month.

Frank Huty, scavenger, fees 50 cents straight, new fees to take effect May 1st.

No change was made or suggested in the salary for the mayor and the commissioners, these officers to receive \$30 for mayor and \$5 for regular meeting and \$2 for call meeting for commissioners.

The commission will take steps to enforce the traffic laws more closely, and notice to the public is being drafted and will be published within a few days, and the chief of police has been instructed to enforce the law regardless of who is who, and thereby bring danger of accidents down to the minimum.

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE

Ballinger People Should Act in Time

If you suffer from backache; If you have headaches, dizzy spells;

If the kidney secretions are irregular,

Don't delay—likely your kidneys are sick.

Ballinger people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills.

Here's a Ballinger experience: Mrs. C. E. Nelms, N. North St., Ballinger, says: "I had a lot of trouble with my back and it was so sore and lame at times that I could hardly keep going. I suffered this way for a long time and used plasters and medicines with no good results. I thought the trouble was due to my advanced age. A friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and I started using them. Two boxes made my back strong and I felt better in every way."

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

J. C. Hale and son B. F. Hale of Cohoma, Howard county, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit Dr. F. M. Hale and family a few days.

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.

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JERSEY BULL SERVICE NONA'S Sensational FERN No. 150442

Grand Sired by Golden Fern's Lad, the greatest bull the Island of Jersey ever produced, selling for \$15,000.00; Sired by Nona's Golden Fern No. 73206, won sweepstakes at Denison; first in class Junior Champion, San Antonio; also first in class Sr. Champion and Grand Champion of the State of Texas.

Grand Dammed by an importation of T. S. Cooper, of Tennessee. This cow sold for \$2500 and holds a butter record of 18lbs and 7 ozs. in seven days.

Dammed by Raleigh's Sensational Fern, No. 295041, an exceedingly classy cow with an enviable reputation. This celebrated

JERSEY BULL is now offering for SERVICE

at C. W. Harper's Stable, Ninth Street, Ballinger, Tex.

There is nothing better in the world in the line of china than

Pickard China for wedding presents.

Every piece is a work of art, by artist of note.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. Sole agents for this city.

REFRESHING RAIN COVERS RUNNELS

Practically every place in Runnels county and outside points report more or less rain Wednesday. The report says the rain fell slow and will aid greatly planting of various crops at this time. The rain varied from a quarter of an inch to "good rain," but no place in the county reported less than a half inch. The report is as follows:

Abilene, good rain; Ballinger, Benoit Blackwell, Bradshaw, Ft. Chadbourne Leaday, Maverick, Norton, Pony, Rowena, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Winters report one-half inch; Brady, Brownwood, Offen, Ovalo, good rain; Bronte, Crews, Stacy, Truitt, Wingate, light shower; Concho, Hatchel, three-fourths inch; Menard five-eighths inch.

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.

W. D. Turner and family of the Norton country, motored over to Ballinger Tuesday to look after business affairs and to do some shopping a few hours.

If you have any printing why not let the home company do the work—we will appreciate the order. The Ballinger Printing Company.

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

Queen Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

'THE GREAT SECRET' Featured by Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bane in 2 acts.

Central feature, presents Crane Wilber 'IN THE FOOL'S GAME' In 3 acts

Also 'THE WICKED CITY' With Paddy McGuire, Gene Abbott and Pen Turpin

6000 feet.

Children 10c Adults 15c

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The Name \$12,000 Was Paid For
Get an Eveready 'DAYLO' the light that says "there it is." We have many styles
75c and up
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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.
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